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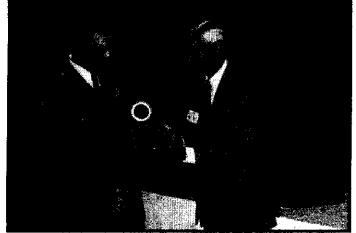
### Volume 3, number 4 236 Participate in Ninth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference

Oklahoma's Ninth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference, held May 8th-10th in Clinton, drew 236 participants from across the nation, state, and local community. Joining the Oklahoma Historical Society, State Historic Preservation Office as this year's cosponsors were the Oklahoma Main Street Program; Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.; the City of Clinton; the Clinton Chamber of Commerce; and the Oklahoma Route 66 Museum.

#### Highlights of the conference included:

- → a sold out tour of Historic Washita County, which visited Cordell, Colony, and Corn; as well as tours of the Veterans Center, which was previously a tuberculosis sanitarium, and of McLain-Rogers Park and the National Guard Armory, both WPA projects.
- ⇒ the opening reception at Clinton's Route 66 Museum, attended by over 90 people.
- → Preservation Oklahoma's annual meeting and luncheon, which sold out with 88 attending.
- ⇒ the well-attended keynote address at the Southwest Playhouse, an adaptive reuse project, at which Route 66 scholar Arthur Krim presented rare images of the highway.
- the annual Awards Banquet, attended by 112 people, including US Congressman Frank Lucas, who addressed the assemblage briefly; presentations of the Historic Interiors Award, the Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation, and the SHPO's Citations of Merit. Special guest speaker James Massey presented a talk entitled: "You Didn't Know the House You Grew Up in is Historic?"
- → a Heritage Tourism Workshop presented by QUIE, Inc. a nationally recognized firm specializing in tourism, economic development, and community revitalization for over 30 years.

The National Trust for Historic Preservation will present the 51st National Preservation Conference in Santa Fe, New Mexico, October 14-19. The theme for this year's conference is: *People and Places: Living in Cultural Landscapes.* This is likely to be the last National Trust conference in this part of the country for some time. For an information brochure, contact Robert K. Erwin at Preservation Oklahoma, Inc. (405) 232-5747, or call the Trust at (800) 944-6847. During the ninth annual Statewide Preservation Conference's May 9 awards banquet, *the Department of the Army and Fort Sill received the 1997 Shirk Memorial Award for Historic Preservation* for their protection of the Old Post Quadrangle, a National Historic Landmark District representing more than 125 years of heritage; planning efforts to foster preservation of several hundred buildings, structures, and sites; rehabilitation of numerous buildings; cultural preservation; agreements with Native American communities; and development of the Fort Sill Museum. The Department of the Army and Fort Sill staff members Towana Spivey and Louis Vogele received special recognition for their dedication to preserving these resources. Fort Sill hosted the sixth annual Statewide Preservation Conference in 1994.



Col. Bonney of Fort Sill receives the Shirk Award from Oklahoma Historical Society president Dr. Marvin Kroeker

The General Services Administration and FKW Architects, Inc., received the Historic Interiors Award for their rehabilitation of the old Tulsa Federal Building on Boulder Avenue in Tulsa. Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer Melvena Heisch hailed the rehabilitation, completed between 1993 and 1996, as "a major effort to reverse alterations made to the former post office and court rooms when they were converted into office space."

#### State Historic Preservation Officer J. Blake Wade also presented Citations of Merit for outstanding historic preservation accomplishments:

Individuals receiving citations were **Brian and Denise DiCentio** of Marlow for rehabilitation of the State National Bank and S. L. Whitaker buildings in Marlow; **Rand Elliott** of Elliott+Associates, Architects for rehabilitation of the Heierding Building at 35 Harrison Avenue, Oklahoma City; Tim Goins for his work on the organization of the Oklahoma Landmarks Inventory following the destruction of the SHPO during the Murrah Building bombing; D. B. and the late Ira Green for rehabilitation of Marlow's historic O'Ouinn House; U.S. **Representative Frank Lucas** of Cheyenne for leading the passage of legislation to authorize the National Park Service to acquire the Washita Battlefield; MaryJo Meacham of Norman for rehabilitation of the Holmberg House in Norman; Mark Ruffin for his rehabilitation of the historic Norton-Johnson Buick Co. building at 113 N.W. 13th Street, Oklahoma City, as the Garage Loft Apartments; Peter Thurmond of Cheyenne for his dedication to identify and protect archaeological resources in western Oklahoma and for his leadership as president of the Oklahoma Anthropological Society; and Leslie and Nick Vandiver of Checotah for preparation of the nomination for the Tabor House for the National Register of Historic Places.



U.S. Representative Frank Lucas is congratulated by State Historic Preservation Officer J. Blake Wade

Organizations receiving citations were the Ardmore Main Street Authority, Chandler Brick Boosters Club, Citizens National Bank and Trust Co. of Okmulgee, the City of Cordell, Downtown Stillwater Main Street, the Oklahoma City Planning Department, the Oklahoma Department of Transportation, Pawhuska Downtown Preservation and Revitalization, and TMS, Sequoia of Stillwater.

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., and Main Street Duncan, Inc., received citations as co-sponsors of the 1996 Statewide Preservation Conference in Duncan.

# \$1.75 Million in Funding available for Historic Housing

The Oklahoma Department of Commerce Main Street and Community Affairs and Development Divisions and the National Cooperative Bank Development Corporation (NCB) announced in May the 1997 Main Street Housing Demonstration Program. The development of this joint demonstration effort is a response to the need for housing development across Oklahoma.

NCB has made \$1,000,000 in loan funds available and the HOME Program is targeting \$750,000 in grants toward this project. Only 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations, and Community Housing Development Organizations (CHDO's) can receive NCB loans and only 501(c)(3) nonprofits, CHDO's, or incorporated towns or cities can receive HOME Program grants. Only 33% of total project costs can be financed through each program.

Target properties include unused hotels, commercial spaces, and multi-family and single-family properties within five blocks of a designated Main Street revitalization area.

Completed applications must be mailed to Oklahoma Main Street by August 30. To request an application or request more information, contact Jim Watters at Oklahoma Main Street: (800) 879-6552, ext. 186.

# 900th Oklahoma Property listed on National Register

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to announce the listing of the 900th property in Oklahoma on the National Register of Historic Places: the Douglas DC-3 Airplane, N-34. This benchmark property is also notable as the only Oklahoma airplane currently on the National Register.

The Douglas DC-3, N-34 was listed on the National Register for its significance in the areas of transportation and military history and for its engineering design. The DC-3 type airplane made a significant contribution to the development of military aviation in World War II and revolutionized the commercial airline industry. The DC-3, N-34 is a rare survivor of this aircraft type. The Douglas Aircraft Company manufactured over 10,000 DC-3s; however, only 410 remain registered in the United States.

Additionally, from 1957 to 1981, the DC-3, N-34 played an important role in the advancement of flight inspection standards, essential to the safety of the airspace system. Although its association with the flight inspection standards occurred within the last fifty years and over 60 DC-3s were modified for this purpose, the DC-3, N-34 is the last of its type still in the Federal Aviation Administration's (FAA) inventory. It is, therefore, a significant link in the FAA history of flight inspection.

For more information on the Douglas DC-3 Airplane, N-34, or the National Register of Historic Places, please contact Cindy Savage at (405) 522-4478.



### Need a Speaker for Your Next Meeting?

Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., can solve your guest speaker woes. Set up a presentation for your local preservation group or civic organization's next meeting. Preservation Oklahoma's staff can tailor the talk to fit your program's time constraints and to address the issues of most concern to your group; it can be as general as an overview of the historic preservation network in Oklahoma, or discussion of a specific topic like the National Register or Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties List. Call (405) 232-5747 for more information.

## Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., announces 1997-98 List of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties

During Preservation Oklahoma, Inc's. annual meeting and luncheon on May 9 in Clinton, the organization's executive director, Robert K. Erwin, presented the 1997-98 list of Oklahoma's Most Endangered Historic Properties. Three new properties, with nine retained from previous lists, bring the 1997-98 total to twelve significant threatened properties. The Most Endangered List is a joint project with the State Historic Preservation Office.

## New Additions to the List

Angie Debo House - Marshall, Logan County (NR/1996) Home of scholar Angie Debo, recognized for the significant statewide contribution to the literature available at the time concerning Oklahoma and its many citizens. Debo's writing served as one of the earliest published records of the history of the tribes located in Oklahoma, particularly the Five Civilized Tribes. The Angie Debo House is the location Debo identified as home throughout her productive years as a writer. Built by her brother, Edwin F. Debo, in 1927, the shotgun style house is in disrepair and in need of a new roof. Many of the original furnishings have been removed and are on display elsewhere.

#### Guthrie Fire Department Hose Tower - Central Station, 111 S. 2nd, Guthrie, Logan County (NR/1974)

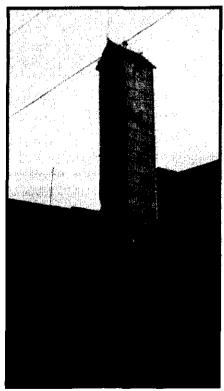


The Angie Debo House in Marshall, Logan County

Indicative of fire department facilities from the early part of

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statehood, this tower was used to hang hoses for drying before the introduction of nylon and other materials that did not require the same kind of treatment. The tower is no longer used by the fire department and is in disrepair. There is concern that it will be demolished.



Guthrie Fire Department Hose Tower

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**Central YMCA Building** - 125 N.W. 5th, Oklahoma City (Eligible) Built in 1948, the downtown Y is probably the best of very few examples in Oklahoma City of the International Style developed by avant-garde European architects in the 1930s and 40s. The eight-story monolithic concrete structure's design incorporates a system of window overhangs and louvers to control natural light and ventilation. The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Building in 1995 caused extensive damage to this significant structure and some current sentiment favors demolishing the building for parking related to the future bombing

## **Removed from the List**

Ambassador Hotel - 1324 South Main Street, Tulsa (No Designation) 14-story hotel built by Pat J. Hurley, FDR's ambassador to China. Current rehabilitation effort shows strong sensitivity to addressing concerns about preserving important architectural elements.

Fort Reno - 3 mi. west, 2 mi. north of El Reno, Canadian County (NR/1970) Construction of buildings at Fort Reno began in 1875. It served as a military post until 1949. Many original buildings remain, most of which are not in use. In 1996, POK arranged a meeting of the Agricultural Research Service, Preservation El Reno, and the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Following this meeting, the USDA announced plans to work with Preservation El Reno in a public-private partnership to begin protecting the resources at the site. Work is underway to rehabilitate one of the historic buildings to house a visitors information center.

#### Removed from List, continued:

#### Neosho River Route 66 Bridge - near Miami in Ottawa County (No Designation)

A through-truss bridge over the Neosho River, considered a significant Route 66 landmark, because its opening in 1937 marked the completion of the last link in the paving of the national highway in Oklahoma and because it was one of the longest single span truss bridges in the state. The Oklahoma Historical Society convinced the Oklahoma Department of Transportation to delay demolition and offered to assume ownership and liability of the bridge if a local organization would maintain it. The deadline passed and no local organization responded to the offer.

#### Washita Battlefield - west of Cheyenne in Roger Mills County (NHL/1966)

One of the most important sites associated with the Indian Wars, where, in the early morning of November 27, 1868, General George A. Custer led his 7th Cavalry in an attack on the winter camp of Chief Black Kettle. In 1996, state officials, working with the National Park Service and Congress, secured designation of the site as a National Park.

### **Retained on the List**

- 101 Ranch twelve miles southwest of Ponca City on State Highway 156 (NHL/1973)
- Beck-Hildebrand Mill two miles north of Highway 412 on Flint Creek, near Colcord, in Delaware Co. (NR/1972)
- Black Middenmound Archaeological Site LT-11 (The McLaughlin Mounds) Red Oak vicinity, Latimer County (NR/1972)
- Centre Theater 415 Couch Drive, Oklahoma City (Eligible)
- Journal Record Building (India Temple Shrine Building) 621 N. Robinson, Oklahoma City (NR/1980)
- Mayo Hotel 115 West 5th, Tulsa (NR/1980)
- Skirvin Hotel One Park Ave., Oklahoma City (NR/1979)
- Tulsa Club Building 115 East 5th at Cincinnati, Tulsa (Eligible)
- Wheelock Academy and Mission east of Millerton, McCurtain County (NHL/1966)

Remember, Preservation Oklahoma, Inc.'s, staff is available to give a slide presentation on Oklahoma's Most Endangered Properties to your group or organization.

### Historic Homeowner Tax Credit not included in Tax Packages

Efforts to secure passage of a historic homeowner tax credit by including it in a major tax bill met with disappointment last month when the Senate Finance Committee reported a tax package that did not include it. The National Trust for Historic Preservation and Preservation Action have worked with local and state preservation organizations for two-and-a-half years to support the Historic Homeownership Assistance Act.

Sponsors of the legislation tried to get the tax credit included in the House Ways and Means Committee Chairman's mark and, when unsuccessful, searched for opportunities to make a change in the tax code to raise revenue in order to offset the revenue loss.

Thanks to preservation advocates in Delaware, Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Roth was reportedly very interested in including the tax credit in his package. However, on the eve of the mark-up, the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation inexplicably issued a new analysis of the Historic Homeowner Tax Credit, finding that the revenue loss to the federal Treasury from the credit would be astronomical. In 1995, Joint Tax estimated the revenue loss at \$239 million over five years. But the last minute re-scoring assessed the revenue loss at \$2 billion. The magnitude of this projected revenue loss effectively killed the bill's chances, despite efforts on the part of Senate sponsors, Senators Chafee and Graham, to have this new, high score explained and reconsidered. In the end, the Senators did not offer an amendment in mark-up, but promised to seek a reassessment of the score from Joint Tax.

The considerable support demonstrated for this bill in Congress -- 78 cosponsors in the House and 16 in the Senate -- is a good foundation for future efforts.

Thanks to all members of the statewide preservation community who responded to the call from Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., and others to contact Oklahoma's federal representatives on behalf of the Historic Homeowners Assistance Act. and the second second states of the second second

### **Calendar of Upcoming Events**

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) is pleased to present its 1997/98 series of special events. Unless otherwise noted, all sessions will be held in the Oklahoma Historical Society Boardroom, Wiley Post Historical Building, 2100 North Lincoln Boulevard, Oklahoma City, with no registration fee required. If you desire to attend any of these events but have a disability and need accommodation, please notify the SHPO at least three (3) days before the event. For more information, call the SHPO staff at (405) 521-6249.

#### September 1997

5 Public Meeting for the SHPO's FY1998 Historic Preservation Fund Grant Application (10:30 a.m.)

#### December 1997

- 3 State and Local Governments as Preservation Partners in Oklahoma: the CLG Program (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 noon)
- 3 Introduction to the Section 106 Review Process (1:30 - 4:30 p.m.)
- 4 The Section 106 Review Process: What Happens When There is an Effect? (9:30 a.m. -4:30 p.m.)
- 5 Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places (9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.)

#### May 1998

7-9 Oklahoma's Tenth Annual Statewide Preservation Conference in Ardmore (Registration Fee)

#### June 1998

The following workshops will be held in the Hartford Building, Conference Room A. 110 South Hartford Avenue, Tulsa.

- 24 Introduction to the Section 106 Review Process (9:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon)
- 24 Determination of Eligibility under Section 106 (1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
- 25 Introduction to the National Register of Historic Places (9:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.)
- 26 Federal Tax Incentives for Rehabilitating Historic Buildings (9:30 a.m. - 12:00 Noon)
- 26 Documenting Historic Properties: the HABS/HAER Programs (1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.)

## SHPO seeks Public Input for FY 1998 Program

The State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) will hold a public meeting at 10:30 a.m., September 5, 1997, in the Oklahoma Historical Society Boardroom (for location, see calendar at left). This meeting will provide information about the statewide preservation program and allow SHPO to receive comments from the public for development of the fiscal year 1998 Historic Preservation Fund (HPF) application.

The SHPO expects to receive approximately \$525,000 from the U.S. Department of the Interior's FY1998 HPF. Ten percent of the amount is reserved for pass-through grants to Oklahoma's Certified Local Governments. Over half of the total HPF grant award will be used for subgrants to carry out historic and archaeological resource survey projects, to prepare National Register nominations, to develop historic contexts, and to assist Certified Local Governments. Your input can help to shape the future of Oklahoma's past. The SHPO would greatly appreciate hearing your ideas and suggestions on its preservation program priorities for the coming federal fiscal year.

Under the National Historic Preservation Act, the SHPO has responsibility for administration of the federal historic preservation program in Oklahoma. In brief, the purpose of the program is to encourage preservation of the state's archaeological and historic resources for the benefit and enjoyment of future generations.

Tomorrow's Legacy: Oklahoma's Statewide Preservation Plan (available from the SHPO at 2704 Villa Prom, Oklahoma City 73107) sets forth the goals and objectives for historic preservation in Oklahoma. The SHPO will base its FY 1998 work program on the State Plan's goals and objectives. The SHPO's specific priorities include continuation of the archaeological and historic resources survey program to document property types underrepresented in the state's inventory and to extend survey coverage to previously unstudied areas, preparation of nominations for the National Register of Historic Places, and provision of public outreach and technical assistance programs.

If you cannot attend the meeting, written comments and suggestions are welcome. Request a "Project Suggestion Form" at (405) 521-6249 and return it completed to the SHPO at the above address by 5:00 p.m., September 5.

## National Register lists Two New Oklahoma Properties

#### by Cynthia Savage

The Lawton High School and the McAllister House are two new additions to the 900 Oklahoma Properties listed on the National Register of Historic Places (see also Douglas DC-3, N-34 story, p. 3).

Lawton High School is located in Lawton, Comanche County. The first part of the school was constructed in 1909-1910, with second and third additions built in 1922-23 and 1939. The school was listed on the National Register for its importance as a public school in the city of Lawton between 1910 and 1946. The school is also significant as an excellent example of the Classical Revival and Modern Movement styles adapted to a secondary educational building. The school is the only secondary school in Comanche County exhibiting the oversized architectural features of the Classical Revival style, including massive ionic order columns and a copper-covered dome. The nomination was prepared by Neysa Clark.

The McAllister House in Seiling, Dewey County, was constructed in 1920. The building is significant as an excellent local example of a stucco Bungalow/Craftsman style house. The house is the only extant example of a textured stucco house in Seiling. The two-story house has seven gables, fifty-two windows, and fourteen rooms. The nomination was prepared by the homeowner, Catherine P. Wilson.

For further information on these properties or the National Register, please contact Cindy Savage at (405) 522-4478.

## **Rosenwald Schools in Oklahoma**

#### by Cynthia Savage

Work continues on preparation of an historic context for the Rosenwald schools in Oklahoma. From 1920 to 1932, the Rosenwald Fund provided limited money to African-American schools throughout the South, including Oklahoma, for the construction of new buildings. Founded by Julius Rosenwald, president of Sears, Roebuck and Co., the fund aided construction of 198 buildings in forty-four Oklahoma counties.

The historic context includes an overview of the Rosenwald Fund school building program and its implementation in Oklahoma. It is anticipated that the context will be finished by this August.

Using information obtained from the Rosenwald Archives at Fisk University and the County Clerks in the forty-four counties with Rosenwald buildings, SHPO staff has also begun work on identifying surviving Rosenwald schools in Oklahoma, with the eventual goal of nominating those extant schools which retain their integrity to the National Register of Historic Places.

For more information on the Rosenwald Schools Historic Context, please contact Cindy Savage at (405) 522-4478.

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Elliott + Associates, Architects, OKC Don and Sally Ferrell, Chandler Oklahoma's Congressional Representative for the sixth district, Frank Lucas has agreed to be a consponsor of the Historic Homeownership Assistance Act when it is reintroduced next year. Preservation Oklahoma, Inc., urges you to contact his office and voice your appreciation of and encouragement for his support of this important historic preservation legislation: (202) 225-5565.

#### ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON A SUCCESS

88 people attended the annual meeting and luncheon, held at the Treasure Inn in Clinton on Friday, May 9.

POK wants to thank former Oklahoma Historical Society board member *Dee Ann Ray*, who provided local coordination for volunteers and sponsors at the Statewide Preservation Conference in Clinton.

Our board of directors met the morning before the annual meeting, enjoying a round trip from Clinton to Custer City aboard the *Farmrail Corporation's* Washita Princess. Joining the board for this excursion were *Jane Jenkins*, new director of the National Trust's Southwest Field Office, and two new board members, *Marva Ellard* of Oklahoma City and *Dan McMahan* of Altus. New officers for the 1997-98 fiscal year are: Marty Newman of Tulsa, president; Michael Hall of Tulsa, vice president; John Mabrey of Okmulgee, treasurer; and Susan Guthrie Dunham of Oklahoma City, secretary. The board renewed its commitment to participation in the National Trust's *Statewides Initiative Program*, calling for volunteers from the membership for its three working committees: board development, membership development, and fundraising.

If you are interested in volunteering for one of these committees, call (405) 232-5747.

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