Geologists Dedicate Building

From all over the Southwest they came to help dedicate the Geology School's Gould Hall and to help kickoff the second half century of Geology Instruction.

Graduates and former students of the Geology School from all sections of the country migrated to Norman last month to be on hand for the first Geology Day Celebration.

Occasion fell on the semi-centennial anniversary of the O.U. School of Geology founded by Dr. Charles N. Gould and was the first of similar programs that are to be held annually. This year it marked the completion of the first units of the new Geology and Mineral Industries Building, named Gould Hall, in honor of the school's founder.

Also here for the dedication was Gould's son, Dr. Don Gould, '28bs, '28geol, Denver, Colorado, and his daughter, Mrs. Lois Gould Bird, '36bs, Brandon, Manitoba, Canada and a sister Mrs. Minnie Gould Hefley, '03ba, Norman.

The dedication was at 2:30 p.m. November 30, following the registration of visitors at 9 a.m. Speakers at the dedication ceremony were Dr. Mell Nash, '19ba, '27ma, chancellor of the State Regents for Higher Education; Ned Shepler, '18, president of the University Regents, and Don Gould.

A tea given by the GGS Club, whose membership includes wives of the geology, geography and geological survey staff members, was held in the afternoon at the home of President and Mrs. G. L. Cross. The dedication dinner was held Friday evening in the Memorial Union Building.

W. B. Heroy, vice president of the Geotechnical Corporation and recognized as one of the country's outstanding geologists, was the dedication dinner speaker.

Completion of the geological units on the South Oval will mark the first time since 1920 that all geology instruction on the campus will be under one roof. Gould Hall has been designed to meet every instructional need. The top floor of the first two completed wings is devoted to mineralogy with divisional classrooms centralized and the second floor is for paleontology. The first floor houses classrooms and offices.

The rooms of the recently dedicated Gould Hall are on the north side, with no direct sunlight in any of them. Instead, glass brick provides reflected light. The north unit, now under construction, is planned for students taking beginning
Discussing the new Geology Building are Mrs. Lucile Couch Paschal, '23fa, Dr. J. B. Umpleby, former geology faculty member, Dallas, and E. A. Paschal, '22geol. The Paschals are from Amarillo.

courses, and the south wing, yet to be completed, will hold the Oklahoma Geological Survey.

The ground work for the dedication was laid in late September of this year when a special committee of alumni of the School of Geology met at the University to discuss the prospects of dedicating the new million dollar building. The highlight of the meeting was that the alumni also made plans to raise $50,000 to purchase laboratory equipment for the Geology School. In the week following the announcement of the campaign, $4,000 was received from geologists around the country and the $50,000 goal was surpassed by the dedication date.

Chairman for the campaign fund was Norman W. Brillhart, '17ba, Madill. Area chairman to push the drive in specified sections were: Willis Storm, '20ba, San Antonio, Texas; Dow Hamm, '22ba, Dallas, Texas; Joe Tompkins, '28bs, Abilene; Charles McGaha, '18, Wichita Falls, Texas; E. L. Howard, '31bs, Tyler, Texas; E. A. Paschal, '22ba, Amarillo, Texas; H. B. Fuqua, '19ba, Fort Worth, Texas; E. C. Moncrief, '21, Wichita, Kansas; Gene Weirich, '22bs, Bartlesville; R. L. Clifton, '25ma, Enid; Wallace Thompson, '20bs, Houston, Texas; W. M. Osborn, '29-'33, Midland, Texas; W. B. Sinclair, '30 Tulsa and Walter Neustadt, Jr., '41ms, Ardmore.

Pictured in the lobby of Gould Hall during the Geology Building’s open house and dedication are a group of distinguished O.U. geologists—J. B. Whisenant, '17ba, Fort Worth; Norman Brillhart, 17ba, Madill, chairman of the Alumni fund raising group; Willis Storm, '20geol, Amarillo; W. Grant Blanchard, '17geol, Tulsa; R. J. Cullen, '24geol, Tulsa, and Wallace Thompson, '20geol, Houston.