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As one who is a native of the west, born of pioneer parents, parents who were not content to dwell amidst the ~~Madness~~ ~~of eastern communities~~, my father journeyed forth from West Virginia in the confidence of his young ~~mother~~ <sup>mother</sup> ~~came with her parents from Tennessee~~. I have witnessed the state develop from the time of '89. I have known its people and watched their progress, was a part of the old west myself having traversed the old Santa Fe trail when it was still one of the main thoroughfares of the west in a covered wagon. Came to see in '89 and witnessed the hardships and trials of the early settlers. Came to know and respect these hardy pioneers of the first days. Said a magnificent empire. All the early day sons ~~of the west~~ laid for a their part, even the keen eyed gambler with his black mustache, his long tailed coat and his gaudy vest served a good turn for he taught men that life was a game of chance. The gun man with his statutes of 45<sup>th</sup> carried in a convenient position, taught those early settlers a lesson: to be self reliant and courageous, endowed them with fortitude for the most trying occasions. I learned there to respect these early day men, their courage, ~~and~~ respect the glorious womanhood of those early days, women who were content to leave kindred and friends, the conveniences and comforts of more civilized life and journey with their husbands, their fathers and ~~mothers~~ <sup>wives</sup>, into the unknown and uncertain environments of the frontiers.

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And so of these we have brought before us tonight to receive ~~commemorative~~ ~~honors~~ hands I could but feel a deep interest and thankfulness that no more than justice is being done in writing their names on our tablets of fame.

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Dr. E. B. England Chaplain

Toast master

Judge G. Guy Lenthig - Wewoka -

Vocal number - Rosewigs - "Ave Maria" Mrs. Farris Norvell  
Mrs A. Frances. Porta - Accompanist - El Reno -

Initiation Ceremony - } An Isle of Fame Mrs Frank Koms  
A Loyal Escort Mrs Helen Gannella Page.

Presentation of Commemorative Diplomas - Wm H. Murray - Governor -

Quartette - "Guard The Flag of Our Republic"  
Words & music - Mrs. Frank Koms -

Miss Helen Moon - Mrs Farris Norvell

Rev. Percy Beck -

Mr. Charley Watson

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Address -

Chas F. Barrett - The Ad General - Editor, Citizen, Soldier  
Roy A Hoffman - The Commanding General. Forty fifth Div.  
U-S-A. Okla City

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Mrs Laura A Glubb. H Friend and her Art gallery -  
Tosh Lee - Okla. University - Norman -

Address -

Gov. Douglas H Johnston - The Indian Government  
Hon Melvin Conish - Atty At Law Mr. Mesler.

Vocal Number -

The Builder  
By Chas. Wakefield Cadman -

Rev. Percy Beck - Miss Helen Moon - Accompanist - El Reno.

Address - Rev. Gregory Gerner - O.S.B. Artist & Collector  
 Hon Charles E. Dierker - Atty At Law - Shawnee.

Ballet } Pierrot Miss Margaret Dearden  
 } Pierrette Miss Lora Watkins -  
 Miss Mary Ann ~~Pool~~ -

Miss Helen Hoove - director - State Central Teachers College

Address -

E. W. Marland - An Oklahoma Builder  
 Walter Hansen -

Address -

Dean B. F. Nihart - teacher -  
 Hon. Albert L. McKill -

Address -

Jos. B. Thoburn - writer, editor & publicist -  
 Hon Chas B. Selby. Atty At Law. Okla city -

Notify all speakers they will have but seven minutes  
 each. All get their biographies & pictures published  
 in Book of Commemorative Memorial volumes of 1900 - 20  
 Speeches need not be long - Fine program -



Mrs. Frank Korn, President  
921 South Hoff Street, El Reno



Judge C. Gay Cutlip  
Wewoka  
Oklahoma -

OKLAHOMA MEMORIAL ASSOCIATION'S

# Program

Huckins Hotel, Oklahoma City

Monday evening, November sixteenth,  
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Oklahoma's Twenty-fourth Birthday

## PATRIOTIC PLEDGE

To foster a love for state history; to revere the memory of those pioneers who blazed the way for our prosperity; to commemorate the lives of the living citizens of Oklahoma who have achieved success in some line of public endeavor worthy of recognition, we dedicate our lives.

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Rosewigs—"Ave Maria".....Mrs. Farris Norvell, El Reno  
Mrs. A. Francis Porta, Accompanist, El Reno  
Initiatory Ceremony { An Isle of Fame } Mrs. Frank Korn  
                          { A Royal Escort }  
                          Pages, Miss Helen Carswell, Miss Daisy Braden  
Presentation of Commemoration Diplomas  
—William H. Murray, Governor  
Quartette—"Guard The Flag Of Our Republic"  
Words and Music by Mrs. Frank (Anna Brosius) Korn  
Miss Helen Moon           Mrs. Farris Norvell  
Rev. Percy Beck           Mr. Paul Spears,  
Mrs. A. Frances Porta, El Reno, Accompanist  
Commemoration Address—  
Complimenting our two Generals  
"Charles F. Barrett, Adj. General, Editor, Citizen, Soldier"  
—Roy A. Hoffman, Commanding General Forty-fifth  
Division, U. S. A., Oklahoma City

Commemoration Address—  
"Mrs. Laura Clubb, A Friend and her Art Gallery"  
—Josh Lee, Oklahoma University, Norman

Commemoration Address—  
"Governor Douglas H. Johnston, The Old Indian Govern-  
ment"  
—Melvin Cornish, Attorney-at-Law, McAlester

Vocal Number—The Builder...by Charles Wakefield Cadman  
Rev. Percy Beck, El Reno  
Miss Helen Moon, El Reno, Accompanist

Commemoration Address—  
"Rev. Gregory Gerrer, O. S. B., Artist and Collector, Saint  
Gregory's Abbey"  
—Charles E. Dierker, Attorney-at-Law, Shawnee

Ballet

Pierrot—Miss Margaret Dearden, } Central State Teachers  
Pierrette—Miss Lora Watkins } College, Edmond  
Miss Mary Ann Tool, Accompanist, Helen Hosse, Director

Commemoration Address—  
"E. W. Marland—An Oklahoma Builder"  
—Walter Harrison, Managing Editor Daily Oklahoman  
and Oklahoma City Times

Commemoration Address—  
"Dean B. F. Nihart—Teacher"  
—Hon. Albert L. Merrill, Attorney-at-Law, Oklahoma  
City *Wm. Darr R. Boyd*

Commemoration Address—  
"Joseph B. Thoburn, Writer, Editor and Publicist"  
—Charles B. Selby, Attorney-at-Law, Oklahoma City

Birthday Cake Committee

Mrs. Horace Hakes

Mrs. Frank Lucas

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I have travelled the old Santa Fe Trail in a covered wagon when it was still one of the main thoroughfares of the West. Born of Pioneer parents who were not content to submit to the humdrum sameness of the more settled communities of the east, my father coming from West Virginia in the confidence of his young manhood to find the freedom and liberty of life among the forests and the plain of the West and my mother coming from Tennessee with her family.

I knew and respected the early settlers of this section of the United States, saw the history of this state in its making and witnessed the thundering thousands sweep into Oklahoma Territory to find homes on the wind swept wastes. Witnessed the hardships, trials and tribulations that were theirs in 1889, 90 and 91. Knew and respected those hard pionners of the first days.

I saw a government formed and the foundation laid upon which to build the superstructure of a great state. All the early day sons contributed their part to the development of the commonwealth. Even the keen eyed gambler, with his black mustache, his long tailed coat and his gaudy vest served a good turn for his taught men that life was a game of chance, after all. The gun man, with his shifty eyes, who carried his law on his hip, and if perchance he possessed a more extensive library, he carried one on either hip. He, too,

contributed his part for he taught men to be courageous, to stand up for their rights, and endowed them with a fortitude and self reliance for the most trying occasions. I learned there to respect those early day men; their courage, rugged honesty of purpose, patience and perserverence and kindness of heart. Learned to love and respect the glorious womanhood of those early days; women who were content to leave kindred and friends, the conveniences and comforts of a more civilized life, and journey with their husbands their fathers and brothers into the unknown and uncertain environments of the frontier.

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Their family doctor was the medicine chest, their smoke house the forest and the plains and their grocery store a little wind swept garden on the plains.

They were not pretty men to look upon, for they were gaunt of form with long leather faces, made so from the inclemencies of the weather to which they were so mercilessly exposed. Their hands were hard and their heads were, too, but their hearts were golden and kindly. They were courageous, patient, perservering, and knowing them as I did, there can be no wonder that the offspring should contribute so materially to the upbuilding of this magnificent commonwealth of Oklahoma; it was inevitable.

And so of those whom we have brought among us to-night to receive commemoration at our hands I could but feel a deep interest and thankfulness that no more than justice is being done in writing their names on the tablets of fame in this state.

There is one among us who has been a citizen of this state from the beginning. A writer, editor, soldier. I knew him first more than thirty five years ago as the editor of a country paper at Earlsboro. He has reached and held high position in the state for many years.

I think his story could be best told by one who is a position to appreciate the worth of the achievements of this man in his chosen line, the commanding general of the forty fifth division of the United States army and so I introduce to you the Honorable Roy A. Hoffman, of Oklahoma City--General Hoffman.

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In the thirteenth, fourteenth and fifteen centuries there lived a family of Medici in the city of Florence, in the Republic of Florence Italy. Members of this family domined most of the crowned heads of continental Europe for more than three hundred and fifty years.

One of the men of this family is called the "Father of the Reniasance" because of his patronage of the arts of painting, sculpture and building. He was a right banker and gave of his time, his efforts and his money to revive the arts of ancient Greece and because of his patronage we have the fine paintings, the magnificent frescoes, the awe inspiring buildings and the marvelous sculpture. One man alone worked ~~xxxx~~ for more than twenty two years upon set of doors for a building in Florence and another took more than a quarter of a century to erect the dome of one of their wonderous churches. He sponsored all this, and so his name has come down to us more exalted than any member of his family

And we have in our midst, to-night, one who has in a more subtle way contributed her part to the letters and art of this state. Her name, too, should be preserved on the records of the state and I know no one who can more aptly tell her story than the Honorable Josh Lee of Norman, so introduce to you Mr. Lee- Mr. Lee.

Something like a hundred years ago a tribe of the American Indian was living in peace and contentment just east of the Mississippi River. The encroachment of the whites, demanding more lands, made it imperative that they move. They were not a warlike people, though fierce in battle when aroused. They had met the early explorers with kindness and good treatment. The Federal government demanded that they move westward and so they came, scattering over the southeastern portion of this state and across the Red river into Texas. They formed their government, adjusted themselves to the new conditions and became good citizens and there is one among us tonight who has contributed in a most distinguished manner to this accomplishment. I know of no man who could best tell the story than one who has served among them and labored for them, the head of the tax commission of this state and a distinguished lawyer of McAlester, Oklahoma, the Honorable Melvin Cornish and I introduce to your Mr. Nornish.

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Vocal number.

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It is said that Rome possess more magnificent specimens of the fine arts than any other city of the world. And when one of our citizens, by talents most remarkable, has been called to the very sanctum-sanctorum of the high priest of his order, been allowed to paint the picture of the Pope of Rome, and that picture to hang on the walls of the Vatican amidst the productions of the old Masters, his distinction in this life has been reached. I will his friend and my friend, the Honorable Charles Dierker, an industrious and distinguished lawyer of Shawnee, to tell you the story of this kindly, good man. Mr. Dierker.

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Pantomime: Early in the eighteenth century the French Stage adopted from the Italian stage the story of the mischievous Pierrot in pantomime. That production has been revived in modern times and tonight we present you Pierrot and his associates in a ballet pantomime. The personnel

Success in this life is gauged by many in different ways but to my mind no greater success may be reached than the realization that one has been a part in a large measure of building a community of the state, making it better, enlarging its scope, contributing to its prosperity, bringing happiness and contentment to its people. We have such a one among us and I know of no one who can better detail the facts than one associated with a great newspaper and daily scanning news, intimately connected with the facts because of his position, and so I introduce to you the Honorable Walter Harrison, managing editor of the Daily Oklahoman and Times- Mr. Harrison.

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Our government is based upon an intelligent vote. Not a vote of spite or envy or prejudice, but a vote of cool judgment. It therefore becomes necessary, if the government is to be maintained, that the young minds of the state of the nation have proper instruction. This is the most important to governmental functions. And we have among us this evening one who has given a life time to the proper inculcations in the young mind of principles of honor and truth, a man who has served with patience amidst the youth of our state lending his assistance that the young mind might be better trained for the arduous duties of this life. One who has served with him and perhaps learned under him should tell the story and so I introduce to you the Honorable Albert L. McRill, Counsellor for the City of Oklahoma City-- Mr. McRill.

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One of the greatest tragedies of the North American Continent occurred soon after Cortez landed on these shores at Vera Cruz, burned his ships behind him, and set out to vanquish an unknown world. In the later capture of the ancient city of Tenochtitlan now the capitol of Mexico, there was discovered immense treasures of written manuscript of the history and story of the amazing Toltecs and Aztecs. Through the fanatic zeal of some of his fellows all these manuscripts and writings were destroyed as sacrilegious. ~~What~~ What interesting data we may have learned from those old manuscripts of our country and its lost history, if preserved. What a humdrum life we would lead had not some kindly patient soul gathered up and preserved the histories of the past. The history that we are so dependent upon for our future guidance, to preserve us from the pitfalls of the past. And there is one among us to-night who has patiently traversed the state, picking here a little and there a little, that the interesting early day history might be preserved. The future will be under deep obligation to him in many ways, but the story can best be told by a distinguished lawyer of this City. Honorable Chas. B. Selby, allow me to introduce Mr. Selby.