

Clem McSpadden

ENDOWED CHAIR IN AGRICULTURAL YOUTH LEADERSHIP



MEMORIES OF CLEM McSPADDEN MAY INCLUDE HIS ROBUST VOICE ANNOUNCING A PROFESSIONAL RODEO OR HIS TIME AS A FORMER STATE AND FEDERAL LAWMAKER. NO MATTER THE “ARENA” IN WHICH HE IS REMEMBERED, CLEM McSPADDEN WAS A WONDERFUL LEADER AND A GREAT HISTORIAN.

The great nephew of Will Rogers, McSpadden was born and resided in the Chelsea, Oklahoma, area. He received his bachelor’s degree in animal husbandry from Oklahoma State University in 1948.

McSpadden was a true Cowboy. He loved roping, particularly steer roping, and had a special fondness for the old ropers like Everett Shaw, Fred Lowery, Ike Rude and Dick Truitt. As a roper, he knew the McEntire family and helped famous country singer Reba McEntire get her start by singing the National Anthem at the National Finals Rodeo.

McEntire was just one of many young people McSpadden encouraged throughout his lifetime. He and his wife, Donna, endowed a scholarship in the Animal Science Department at OSU to assist students with similar interests and show their dedication to tomorrow’s youth.

In July 2008, Oklahoma lost one of its great sons when McSpadden died of cancer at 82. His patriotism and spiritual side are best remembered

in two pieces he wrote titled, “If This Flag Could Talk,” and “The Cowboy’s Prayer.”

The Clem McSpadden Chair in Agricultural Youth Leadership will endow a program within the Animal Science Department to provide a select group of students with leadership and international experience involving state and national government and the agriculture industry.

By making a gift to the McSpadden Chair you can help ensure his legacy never dies and his impact is felt by future industry leaders for years to come.

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