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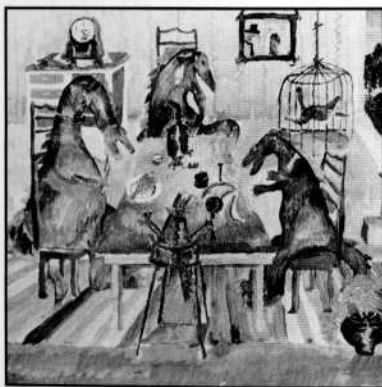
Ward S. Merrick Sr., the Ardmore oilman who became one of OU's staunchest private supporters, is the subject of *Sooner Magazine's* third excerpt from President Emeritus George L. Cross's latest book on the University.

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