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THE BLOOMING OF THE MUMS – For decades the official start of fall on the University of Oklahoma’s Norman campus has been that moment when OU landscapers declare that the chrysanthemum gardens on Van Vleet Oval are in full bloom. Each year’s design is unique, the result of careful planning, planting and nurturing to insure that element appears on cue. The gardens have become a destination point for tourists, football fans, townspeople, as well as the University community. The future of this annual display is guaranteed by the Pitman Family South Oval Gardens Endowment, established by the family of Morris Pitman, a 1932 petroleum engineering graduate, who died in 1999.