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## Betty V. Nelson Mader Scholarship

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Dr. Ernest Mader endowed this scholarship in memory of his wife Betty. Mrs. Mader graduated from PAMC in 1930. This scholarship is to assist an OPSU Elementary Education major since Betty was an elementary teacher during her career. Betty passed away in 2003 and Dr. Mader passed away in 2007.

Dr. Ernest L. Mader, 95, of Manhattan, died Monday morning Feb. 5. He was born on Jan. 20, 1912, in Peaster, Texas, the son of John C. and Cora (Pate) Mader. Dr. Mader received both his bachelors and master's degrees from Oklahoma State University and his PhD degree from the University of Nebraska. He was a professor of agronomy at K-State from 1948 until his retirement in 1982. Prior to his employment at K-State, Ernest taught for three years at Panhandle State University and for seven years at Texas Tech in Lubbock. He spent two years teaching at Sri

Venkatiswara Agricultural College located in Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh Province, India and an additional two years at Central Luzon University in the Philippines where he also developed farming systems for farmers there. In addition to his teaching and research, he served as a consultant to Indonesia in Java, Sumatra, Celebes, Sulawesi and in Africa in Cameroon and Uganda on short-term assignments. Dr. Mader held numerous professional memberships. They included Gamma Sigma Delta, American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, American Society of Range Management, American Association for the Advancement of Science, American Soybean Association, and the Phi Sigma Biological Society. In 1977, he was honored by being named Honorary Farmer of the Year, by the F.F.A. Dr. Mader was a longtime and very active member of the First United Methodist Church. He also was a longtime member of the Manhattan Kiwanis Club where he served as club president in 1980-81. He held numerous offices within Kiwanis and served on various committees. On May 17, 1937, in Goodwell, Okla., he was united in marriage to the former Betty V. Nelson. She preceded him in death on Feb. 10, 2003.