



Pictured is Bill and Louise Hall on their wedding day.

Honoring the Hall Family

Bill Hall's passion for education led to his designation of half of his trust to colleges, creating a legacy for supporting others who pursue careers as inspirational teachers.

His experience in and out of the classroom at Central State left him with fond memories of his first college and instilled a lifelong love of learning.

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The Hall Family

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIP

William Hall was born in Enid, Okla., in March 1917. Billy, as he was called through his twenties, graduated from Edmond High School in 1934. He earned a Bachelor of Science in education at Central State Teachers College in 1938. He was an educator in Waurika before taking several jobs in the government and defense industry during World War II.

After moving to California in 1940, he continued to pursue education, taking classes at the University of California - Berkeley, Humboldt State University and Stanford University to name a few. He received his Master of Arts in Speech Pathology from San Francisco State University.

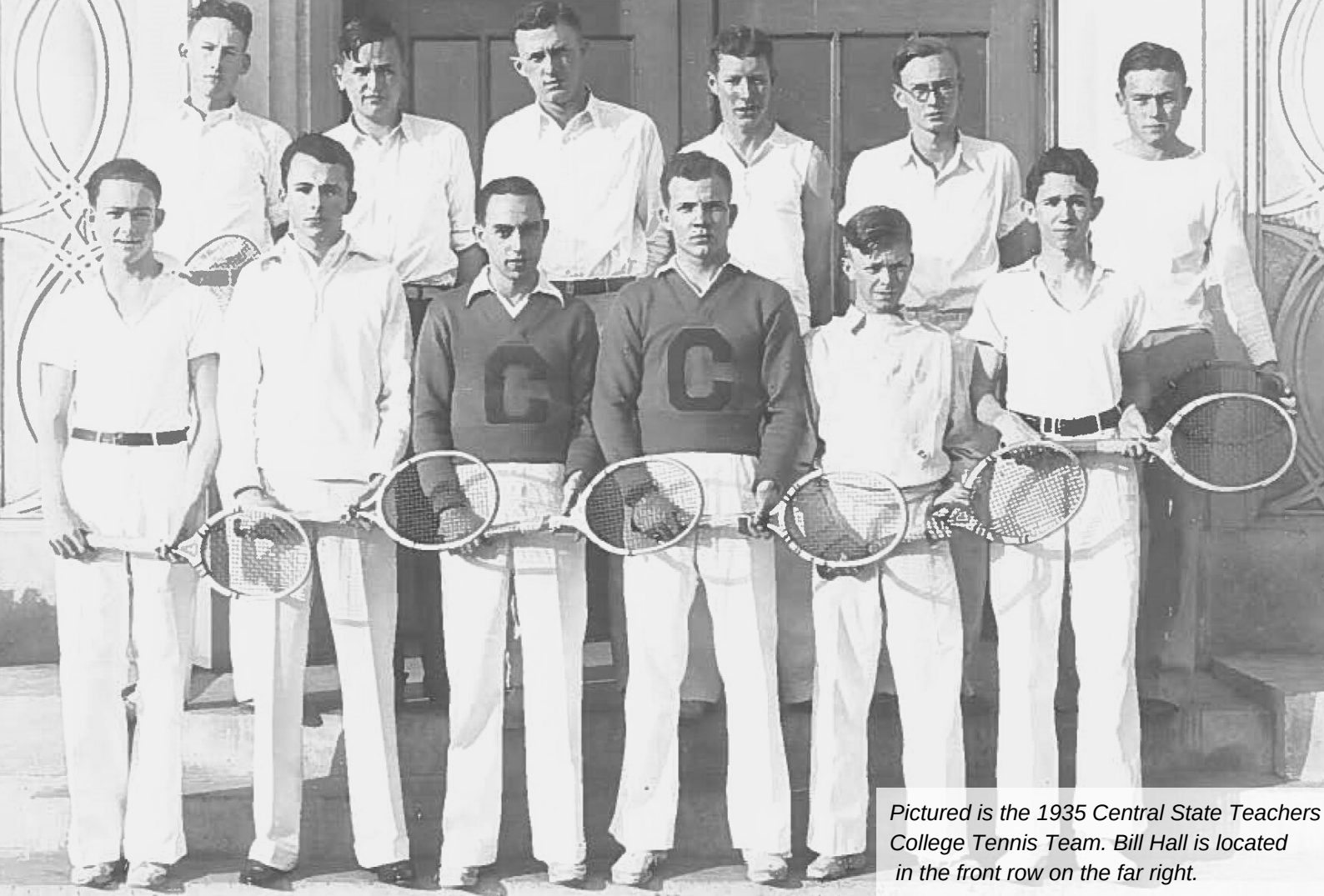
Louise Greenleaf Hall was born on a Massachusetts farm in 1921. She earned a Bachelor of Arts from Boston University and worked for the Harvard Business School. In the late 1940s, Louise was recruited to the Bay Area to manage exports for Magna Engineering.

Bill and Louise met in a church singles group and married in 1953. In 1959, the Halls started an employment agency for teachers in their community through which hundreds of teachers were placed in schools. Later, they also ran Top Copy Center in their community of Palo Alto.

Bill enjoyed sharing stories about his numerous jobs with his and Louise's three children, Dr. Randolph Hall, Dr. Kathryn Hall-Boyer and Mr. Bennet Hall who are continuing Bill's legacy and their family scholarship. Those jobs included teacher, machinist, typist, department store salesman, shoe salesman and speech therapist.

Bill had a lifelong love of tennis, which he developed while playing for the Central State Tennis Team. The team won the state championship while he was captain during his senior year. He and his wife, Louise, traveled the country so he could play in tennis tournaments after their retirement.

Bill passed away in 1998 while Louise passed away in March 2019. Throughout their life, they reflected on fond memories at Central State, which inspired them to create The Hall Family Scholarship.



Pictured is the 1935 Central State Teachers College Tennis Team. Bill Hall is located in the front row on the far right.

Leaving a Legacy

There are two traits that distinguish the singular purpose of the enlightened human spirit: the desire to be remembered by future generations and the desire to serve those one may never see. This sense of purpose distinguishes our alumni like Bill who are committed to making a difference by documenting a planned gift with the UCO Foundation. Bill's legacy will live on through the lives of the students touched by his generosity and foresight in creating The Hall Family Scholarship.

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Scholarship Recipient Criteria

The recipient(s) of The Hall Family Scholarship will be selected by a committee appointed by the Dean of the University of Central Oklahoma College of Education and Professional Studies. Scholarship amounts will be evenly divided between recipients pursuing a non-music education teaching degree and those pursuing a teaching degree focused on music education. The recipient(s) will be selected in the spring for distribution the following fall and spring semesters. Seniors graduating in December are eligible to receive the full scholarship in their last semester.

Criteria will be:

1. Complete application and provide an official transcript
2. Open to undergraduate or graduate students
3. Must be admitted to the Teacher Education Program
4. Minimum 2.75 gpa
5. Preference given to students demonstrating financial need
6. Successful recipients are eligible to reapply

