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The purposes of the Society are the advancement of knowledge about and the preservation of resources related to the history and prehistory of Kansas and the American West, accomplished through educational and cultural programs, the provision of research services, and the protection of historic properties. The Society is governed by a ninety-nine-member board of directors, elected by the membership, and is administered by an executive director and an assistant executive director.

The new Kansas Museum of History features exhibits and educational programs based on the Society's rich artifact collections. It is located near the historic Pottawatomie Baptist Mission west of Topeka, adjacent to Interstate 70. All other Society departments remain at the Center for Historical Research, Memorial Building, across the street from the State Capitol in Topeka.

All persons interested in Kansas history and prehistory are cordially invited to join the Society. Those who would like to provide additional support for the Society's work may want to consider contributions in the form of gifts or bequests. A representative of the Society will be glad to consult with anyone wishing to make such a gift or establish a bequest or an endowment. Address the Executive Director, 120 West Tenth Street, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1291.

**Cover:** The World War II poster displayed on this issue's cover is a reminder of the slogans and images that were at one time a part of our national life. Rationing, scrap drives, and Victory gardens were a part of the home front, and a "window" to that era has been preserved in the Newelletters written by E. Gail Carpenter of Wichita, Kansas. This issue of *Kansas History* presents the third of the four-part "The Newelletters: E. Gail Carpenter Describes Life on the Home Front."

Another Wichita-related subject in this issue is

the American Indian Institute and its founder, Henry Roe Cloud, whose work is detailed in "Henry Roe Cloud, A Winnebago Indian Reformer: His Quest for American Indian Higher Education." Additionally, a topic of great import—taxes—is put into a historical context in "Property Taxation in the Kansas Territory."

The photograph on the back cover illustrates the fourth article in this issue, "The Social Impact of the Transient Grazing Industry: The Thurman Example." Shown is Thurman School, Chase County, circa 1899.

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