

Kansas Historical Notes

Homer Cardwell, Republic, is president of the Republic County Historical Society for 1964. Mrs. Wesley Walenta, Belleville, is first vice-president; A. M. Thompson, Agenda, second vice-president; Madge Dickerhoff, Norway, third vice-president; Mrs. Victor Berggren, Republic, secretary; Anna Baxa, Belleville, treasurer; and Anona Blackburn, Courtland, historian. Mrs. Walenta is also chairman of the publicity and museum committees.

Current officers of the Ness County Historical Society include: Mrs. Rex Clouston, president; Mrs. Grace Beardslee, vice-president; Mrs. Ted Funk, secretary; and Wiley Cranston, treasurer.

August H. Schutte, 89-year-old resident of La Crosse, has pursued a life-long hobby of collecting historical relics. Today, in his home, is said to be one of the finest museums of its kind in the state.

Guy Snedaker was elected president of the Franklin County Historical Society at the society's annual meeting September 29, 1963, in Ottawa. Ben F. Park was named vice-president and Sen. William S. Bowers, secretary. Alma Schweitzer is the treasurer, previously elected. The following board members were chosen: Mrs. Robert Gault, Harold Staadt, Mrs. Bernard Fleming, Wayne Gilliland, Loren Latimer, Bowers, and Snedaker. Park was the retiring president.

Dr. and Mrs. R. G. Henry, Oskaloosa, who have been collecting antiques for many years, arranged the items for display in an old barn and invited the public to view the collection on October 6, 1963. The Old Frontier Museum, as it is called, is now open on specified days and by appointment.

Reno County Historical Society officers for 1964, elected October 7, 1963, in Hutchinson, include: Mrs. V. W. Maupin, president; Don Greever, first vice-president; Mrs. Everett Dunsworth, second vice-president; and Gordon Hermes, treasurer. The society reports a membership of 410.

Board members chosen by the Harvey County Historical Society at a meeting October 9, 1963, in Newton, were: John B. Dickey, Jr., Muriel Schaffer, Mrs. John Reese, Menno E. Schmidt, Mrs. F. P. Arnold, Marcus Vogt, and Herb Alumbaugh. Schmidt is president of the society.

Officers re-elected by the Dickinson County Historical Society at its annual meeting October 10, 1963, in the First Baptist church near Hope, were: B. H. Oesterreich, Woodbine, president; Mrs. Viola Ehram, Enterprise, first vice-president; Lester Green, Abilene, second vice-president; Mrs. Walter Wilkins, Chapman, treasurer; and Marion Seelye, Abilene, historian. Marie Chandler, Enterprise, is the new secretary. The program at the meeting included histories of the schools, cemeteries, and churches of the area, and a history of the Dillon community.

The annual Old Settlers' party, sponsored by the Kiowa County Historical Society, was held in Greensburg, October 10, 1963. Nearly 200 guests from many Kansas counties and several states registered.

Mrs. Raymond Tillotson was named president of the Lane County Historical Society at a meeting in Dighton, October 14, 1963. Other officers are: Glen Paris, vice-president; Mrs. Joe Hanna, secretary; and Mrs. Henry York, treasurer. Loren Hahn was the retiring president.

The Leavenworth County Historical Society met in Leavenworth October 14, 1963, for the annual election of officers. Judge Edward J. Chapman, Jr., was re-elected president; Ed Reilly, Jr., was named first vice-president; J. Biringer Miller, second vice-president; Mrs. R. B. Deffenbaugh, recording secretary; Mrs. Charles Fogarty, corresponding secretary; and Ormand Leavel, Jr., treasurer.

Over 500 persons visited the Harper City Historical Society museum on opening day, October 20, 1963. The museum is located in a church building erected in the village of Runnymede in 1888 and later moved to Harper.

Appointment of Ellis Riegle and Gene Orr to the governing board of the Safari Museum, Chanute, was announced October 26, 1963. Officers of the museum organization are: Dale Fairchild, president; Dr. Richard Good, vice-president; and Riegle, secretary-treasurer.

Ray Schulz, Great Bend, was elected president of the Barton County Historical Society at a meeting October 28, 1963, in Great Bend. Other officers chosen included: Robert Button, Great Bend, first vice-president; Robert Yarmer, Ellinwood, second vice-president; Mrs. R. E. Sullivan, Hoisington, third vice-president; Mrs. Ernest Grossardt, Claflin, fourth vice-president; Mrs. William Wells, Great Bend, secretary; and Mrs. Ray Schulz, Great Bend, treasurer.

Elmer Stump, Lebanon, new president of the Smith County Historical Society, was elected at the annual meeting of the organization October 30, 1963, in Smith Center. Also elected were: Ted Rathert, first vice-president; Emmet Womer, second vice-president; Mrs. Van Venables, secretary; and Mrs. Claude Diehl, treasurer. Lincoln Strong was the retiring president.

The Lindsborg Historical Society, inactive for many years, was reorganized as the Smoky Valley Historical Association at a meeting in Lindsborg, November 5, 1963. Officers of the group are: Amos Glad, president; Abner Lundquist, first vice-president; Alba Malm, second vice-president; Carl Peterson, third vice-president; Mrs. Einer Jaderborg, recording secretary; Leonard Nelson, treasurer; and Mrs. Arthur Runbeck, curator.

Various sites of historical interest in Wilson county, were visited November 17, 1963, by a caravan of 75 persons. The tour, sponsored by the Wilson County Historical Society, started and ended at New Albany.

The seventh annual meeting of the Missouri Valley Conference of Collegiate Teachers of History will be held March 13 and 14, 1964, at Omaha, under the auspices of the University of Omaha. Among the featured speakers will be Prof. Joseph G. Rayback of Pennsylvania State University, and Prof. A. L. Rowse of Oxford University.

A 22-page pamphlet on the history of the Central Congregational church, Topeka, was recently issued as a part of the church's 75th anniversary observance. Dr. Charles M. Sheldon was the first pastor of the church.

The Michigan Civil War Centennial Observance Commission recently published a 144-page booklet entitled *Michigan Women in the Civil War*. One of the contributors was a former Kansan, Mrs. Minnie Millbrook, whose articles have previously appeared in the *Quarterly* and other Western journals.

Two books were published by the Kansas State Historical Society in the Autumn of 1963. *Kansas in Newspapers*, by Nyle H. Miller, Edgar Langsdorf, and Robert W. Richmond, published through the assistance of Robert W. Baughman, Liberal, includes reproductions of nearly 200 newspaper pages which have recorded Kansas' history from the purchase of Louisiana territory in 1803 to the present missile age. The volume was printed by the McCormick-Armstrong Company of Wichita. *Why the West Was*

Wild, by Nyle H. Miller and Joseph W. Snell, was printed by the State Printing Plant, Topeka. The 685-page volume includes the series "Some Notes on Kansas Cowtown Police Officers and Gun Fighters" that appeared in the *Quarterly*, 1960-1962, with additional material and an index.

Courage Is the Price, a 221-page biography of Amelia Earhart, by Muriel Earhart Morrissey, was published in 1963 by the McCormick-Armstrong Company, Wichita.

Trolley Through the Countryside, by Allison Chandler, featuring histories of 15 of Kansas' interurban railroads, was recently published by Sage Books, Denver. The 384-page volume includes over 150 pictures and 17 maps.

Kansas West is the title of a 288-page work by Prof. George L. Anderson, of Lawrence, published in 1963 by Golden West Books, San Marino, Calif. The book is a history of two railroads, the Kansas Pacific and the Denver & Rio Grande.

In 1853 Col. Joseph K. F. Mansfield was ordered to inspect the military department of New Mexico, and the following year the department of the Pacific. His reports, in addition to recording military information, had much to say about social and economic conditions in the areas visited. These reports have recently been published in a 254-page volume entitled *Mansfield on the Condition of the Western Forts, 1853-54*, by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. Robert W. Frazer is editor and author of the introduction.

Cattle Raising on the Plains, 1900-1961, a 323-page work by John T. Schlebecker, was published by the University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln, in 1963. The author deals with such matters as scientific advances, federal aid, increasing population, wars, and depressions, in relation to the cattle industry.

A history of the West in one 608-page volume entitled *The Book of the American West* was published in 1963 by Julian Messner, Inc., New York. Jay Monaghan is editor-in-chief; Clarence P. Hornung, art director; Ramon F. Adams, Natt N. Dodge, Wayne Gard, Dale Morgan, B. A. Botkin, Robert Easton, Oscar Lewis, Don Russell, and Oscar Osburn Winther, authors. The history is illustrated by the work of such artists as Remington, Russell, Catlin, Borein, Bodmer, and Bierstadt.

