

Kansas History as Published in the Press

The settlement and early history of Osborne county was reviewed by Bertha and Blanche Tindal in the *Osborne County Farmer*, Osborne, July 28, 1966. A group of 35 men from Pennsylvania settled in Osborne county in 1871 and in the following year founded the town of Osborne.

Lawrence and Douglas county history is featured in a special 48-page progress edition of the *Lawrence Outlook*, published August 11, 1966.

In its August 29, 1966, issue the *Junction City Union* included a biographical sketch of Frederic Remington, Western artist who lived in Kansas in the 1880's. One of Remington's original paintings, "Mexican Cavalry Moving," was recently placed in the Fort Riley Museum.

"Mapleton as Seen by Its Residents; the History of a Town's Progress," by Mrs. Al Dennis, was the title of a four-column article in the *Fort Scott Tribune*, September 1, 1966. The town was started in 1857 and 1858 as Eldora. The name was changed to Mapleton in 1861.

Historical articles published in recent editions of the *Pittsburg Sun* included: "Early Days of Weir Recalled," by M. L. Laswell, September 4, 1966; "Weir Merchants [Mr. and Mrs. Tom Butler] in Same Building for 66 Years," by Hazel Sellers, September 8; and a biographical sketch of Mrs. Rose Schneider, St. Paul, by Frank Bain, September 18.

"County Takes Name From Mexican and Civil War Hero," by Clarke E. Davis, was published in the *Western Times*, Sharon Springs, September 8, 1966. The article tells of the organization and some of the history of the county named for Gen. W. H. L. Wallace.

A biographical sketch of 88-year-old Fred Garton by Pat Taylor, was printed in the *Norton Daily Telegram*, September 17, 1966. The Garton family came to Norton county in 1879.

Raymond I. Welty's series of historical articles in the *Hays Daily News* in recent months has included the following: "Hancock-Custer Expedition, 1867," September 25, 1966; "Custer Takes Scouting Expedition," October 9; "Custer Beset by Trouble," October 16; "Indian Peace Policy Fails," November 6; "Custer's Winter Washita

Campaign—1868," November 20; "Custer Rounds Up Hostile Indians," December 4; "Old Fort Hays Moved to New Site," December 25; "The New Fort Hays—1867," January 22 and February 12, 1967; and "Most Old Fort [Hays] Buildings Erected Between 1867-69," February 26. Among Kittie Dale's articles in recent issues of the *News* were: "Indian Pueblo Once Stood Near Scott City," October 9, 1966; "Last Kansas Indian Battle at Squaws Den," November 20; "I. P. Olive: Ruthless Range Baron of Smoky Hill," January 1, 1967; and "Tunnel Used by Dalton Brothers in Meade Is Still Escape Route," April 23. "Great Blizzards of Ellis County Recalled," by Fred Oshant and the late Ambrose Staab, was printed in the *News*, January 1; and a story on the Kansas Barb Wire Collectors Association, by Charlotte Norlin, appeared March 5.

Histories of Kansas churches printed in the newspapers in recent months included: Mound City Baptist, Mound City *Republic*, September 29, 1966, and Fort Scott *Weekly Tribune*, October 6; St. Paul Lutheran, Palmer, Linn-Palmer *Record*, September 30; First Baptist of Dickinson County, Hope, Abilene *Reflector Chronicle*, October 12; Solomon Presbyterian, Solomon Valley *Times*, Solomon, October 13, and Abilene *Reflector Chronicle*, October 18; Home-wood Christian, Ottawa *Herald*, October 14; Blue Mound Federated, Mound City *Republic*, October 27; Hunnewell Methodist, South Haven *New Era*, October 27; Riley Presbyterian, Riley *Countian*, Riley, October 27; Mound City Federated, Mound City *Republic*, November 3; Albert Methodist, Western *Kansas Press*, Great Bend, November 9; Clayton Evangelical United Brethren, Jennings *Journal-Selden Advocate*, November 17; Hazelton Methodist, Kiowa *News*, November 17; Wesleyan Methodist, Clay Center, Clay Center *Dispatch*, November 23; Woodruff Evangelical United Brethren, Phillips County *Review*, Phillipsburg, November 24; St. Patrick's Catholic, near Atchison, Atchison *Daily Globe*, December 4; Colby Baptist, Colby *Prairie Drummer*, December 5; Auburn Methodist, Shawnee County *Reporter*, Rossville, December 15; St. Patrick's Catholic, Ogden, Ogden *Sun*, December 22; St. Marys Catholic, Hartford, Hartford *Times*, December 30; Russell Baptist, Russell *Daily News*, February 11, 1967; Sabetha Church of the Brethren, Sabetha *Herald*, February 23; Grand Avenue Methodist, Salina, Salina *Journal*, March 3; Trinity Lutheran, Lawrence, Lawrence *Outlook*, April 13; Manter Methodist, Johnson *Pioneer*, April 20; and Edwardsville Methodist, Kansas City *Kansan*, April 30.

"Isaac McCoy and the Mormons" is the title of an article by Warren A. Jennings in the *Missouri Historical Review*, Columbia,

October, 1966. McCoy, a Baptist missionary to the Indians and government surveyor, came in contact with the Mormon immigrants in western Missouri in the 1830's.

The broadening of State Senator H. B. Kelly's economic and social philosophy in the late 1880's and early 1890's is traced by James C. Malin in "The Money Question: The Education of Senator H. B. Kelly," published in *Mid-America*, Chicago, October, 1966. A reprint of the article has also been issued.

Butler county school histories by Rolla F. Murdick, published in the *Augusta Daily Gazette* recently, were: Floral school, southwest of Augusta, October 6, 1966; and Gordon school, Walnut township, October 7. Other school histories printed in the newspapers recently included: Hamilton county schools, *Syracuse Journal*, November 2; Stanton school, Miami county, where William C. Quantrill once taught, *Ottawa Herald*, December 1; and the State School for the Deaf, Olathe, *Clay Center Dispatch*, January 7, 1967.

"Quantrill Raiders Destroyed Brooklyn," by Beverly Paulson, a story of the destruction of the small Douglas county settlement by Quantrill's guerrillas as they fled following the Lawrence raid, August 21, 1863, was printed in the *Baldwin Ledger*, October 13, 1966.

Clay county history, including the naming of the towns of the county, was featured in a special, 20-page edition of the *Clay Center Dispatch*, published October 13, 1966, in observance of Clay Center's centennial.

Norton's first hotel, a log cabin, was the subject of an article by Mrs. Amy Lathrop in the *Norton Daily Telegram*, October 14, 1966. The article includes considerable early Norton history.

Ninety-six-year-old Mrs. Hattie Cochran Keller, whose parents settled in the vicinity of the present Key West school, Coffey county, in 1860, tells of the family's pioneer experiences in an article published in the *Daily Republican*, Burlington, October 28, 1966.

"First 100 Years of Osawatimie State Hospital," a page-length history of the hospital by Lowell Gish, was published in the *Osawatimie Graphic-News*, November 3, 1966. On November 5, 1866, the first patient entered the hospital, then called the Kansas State Insane Asylum.

Some of its own history is included in the November 17, 1966, issue of the *Ness County News*, Ness City. Judge J. K. Barnard

founded the *News* in 1884, later consolidating it with the *Ness City Times*.

"Historic Johnson County," Elizabeth Barnes' regular column in the *Johnson County Herald*, Overland Park, included the following articles in recent months: "Shawnee Our First County Seat," November 21, 1966; a history of C. H. Hyer and Co., Olathe bootmaking firm, February 27, 1967; and biographical sketches of Elwood and Elmer James Hoge, March 13, the Lee Bell family, April 10, and Albert New family, April 17.

Historical articles in recent issues of the *Marysville Advocate* included the following: "Daring Bank Robbers Broke Jail Here in 1912 From Building To Be Demolished," by Byron E. Guise, November 24, 1966; "Afton School, a Division of Three Districts, Now a Memory With Sale," by Fred Berger, January 26, 1967; "Herkimer Township [Marshall County] Road System Is Pattern for Improved Rural Roads," by William Gleue, February 16; "'Keeping Home Fires Burning' When IWWs Threatened Frankfort in 1917," by Harold Hartman, February 23; "[Marshall County] Courthouse Debt Free Since 1941, Cause of County Seat War in Past," March 16; "LaGrange, Link to Territorial Kansas Postoffice, Stands After 110 Years," March 23; "Marysville Senior [Selmar Reed] First Kansan to Enlist in Navy When World War I Began," by Eulalia T. Guise, March 30; and "First Court Session in [Marshall] County Drew Gun Fire," April 13.

Burlingame's "'Home' for Retired Railroadmen . . .," was described in the December, 1966, number of *The Santa Fe Magazine*, Chicago. The museum was started by Charles "Bud" Goebel, Jr., a retired Santa Fe employee, in 1963.

The legend of Waconda Springs is related in an article by Tom Lovewell in the *Salina Journal*, December 11, 1966. The springs, near Cawker City, will be under the lake formed by the Glen Elder dam. On April 20, 1967, the *Journal* printed an article by Lovewell entitled "It Was a Great Day in Salina 100 Years Ago." The railroad reached the town on that day.

A history of the Citizens State Bank, Moundridge, appeared in the *Moundridge Journal*, December 15, 1966. The bank was established in 1904.

Lucas' "Garden of Eden" was described by Bob Rice in the *Russell Record*, December 26, 1966. The garden, filled with cement trees and statues, the work of Samuel P. Dinsmoor from 1905 to 1932 is now in a state of neglect.