

Kansas Historical Notes

Recently elected officers of the Valley Falls Historical Society are: Dale Irwin, president; Milton Reichart, vice-president; Ben A. Heuertz, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Virginia Reichart, director. Frank Shrimplin was the retiring president.

Current officers of the Chetopa Historical Society are: Berniece Rohmiller, president; John Miles, vice-president; Myra Porter, secretary; Ruth Hanson, treasurer; Arthur Robinson, historian; and Marie Wackerle, Willard Withrow, Betty Withrow, Eugene Teter, and Robinson, directors.

Meeting in Jetmore, September 3, 1971, the Hodgeman County Historical Society reelected the following officers: Leo Dixon, Hanston, president; Logan Meade, vice-president; Frances Pitts, secretary; Gladys B. Wright, treasurer; and W. C. Macy, Frank Love, and Rawleigh Taylor, directors.

Ralph Holdeman was elected president of the Chase County Historical Society at the group's annual meeting September 4, 1971, in the Chase County High School. Other officers named were: Mrs. Pascal Roniger, vice-president; Mrs. Ida Vinson, secretary; Wallace Thurston, treasurer; and Mrs. Charles Schwilling, chief historian. Leonard E. Croy was the retiring president.

Nearly 50 persons attended the 85th annual reunion of the Osage Township Old Settlers of Miami county, held in Fontana, September 16, 1971. Officers elected for 1972 were: Lester Wilson, Fontana, president; Bill Christian, Lane, vice-president; and Mrs. Fred Folks, Fontana, secretary. Walter Martin, Osawatomie, was the retiring president.

Fred Snider, Pittsburg, was elected president of the Crawford County Historical Society at the annual meeting of the society September 20, 1971. S. E. Smith, Girard, was named vice-president; Dr. M. E. Cochran, Pittsburg, secretary; and Mrs. Goldie Kelly, Pittsburg, treasurer. Richard Carr, Pittsburg, was the retiring president.

Ralph Wright was elected president of the newly organized Mulvane Historical Society at a meeting September 21, 1971. Other officers chosen included: George Smysor, first vice-president; Cecil Ferguson, second vice-president; Mrs. Paul Farber, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. Eldon Kelly, assistant secretary-treasurer.

Arvid "Bud" Ewing was chosen president of the Cheyenne County Historical Society at a meeting of the organization September 21, 1971. Dorothy Mast was elected vice-president; Barbara Ewing, secretary; and Manette Henderson, treasurer. Mayzee Schultz had been acting president of the society.

Over 200 persons attended the 39th annual reunion of the Kiowa County Pioneers at Greensburg, October 1, 1971. The Kiowa Historical Society, sponsor of the reunion, held an election of officers with the following results: Jay W. Cope, Mullinville, president; Arthur Barber, Greensburg, and Everett Larkin, Haviland, vice-presidents; Elaine Stringer, Mullinville, secretary; and Sonora Garner, Greensburg, treasurer. Retiring as president and secretary were Weaver Fleener, Greensburg, and Mrs. Benjamin O. Weaver, Mullinville, who have held office 12 and 39 years respectively.

The Graham County Historical Society was organized at a meeting of interested persons in Hill City, October 2, 1971. Margaret Moore was named president; Ben Birney, vice-president; Dr. Allene Mort, secretary; and Christine Griffith, treasurer.

All officers of the Republic County Historical Society were re-elected at a meeting in Belleville, October 4, 1971. They are: Homer Cardwell, Republic, president; Howard Anderson, Belleville, first vice-president; Mrs. Zellah Berggren, Republic, second vice-president; Wm. Hodgins, Belleville, third vice-president; Mrs. Maude Rieke, Belleville, secretary; Mrs. Anna Baxa, Belleville, treasurer; Mrs. Anona Blackburn, Courtland, historian; and Mrs. Homer Cardwell, Republic, publicity chairman.

New officers were installed by the Harvey County Historical Society at a meeting in Newton, October 5, 1971. Mrs. John Olson is the new president; Lawrence Hauck, first vice-president; Mrs. Paul Kliewer, financial secretary; Mrs. Elizabeth Eells, secretary; and Warren Long, president of the board of directors. Arthur Peters was the retiring president.

Organization of the Oketa Historical Society was completed at a meeting in the city hall, October 8, 1971. The following officers were named: Joe Bottiger, president; Robert Young, vice-president; Mrs. Chas. Alves, secretary; Roy Graham, treasurer; and Bill Gastman, Garth Howes, and Dale Mayhew, directors.

Meeting in Kingman, October 21, 1971, the Kingman County Historical Society named the following officers: Charley Shoemake,

president; Bob Hoover, vice-president; Betty Amick, secretary; and Ed Robinson, treasurer. Dale Clayton was the retiring president. Floyd Souders, Cheney, was the principal speaker at the meeting.

S. E. Neff, Wilsey, was named president of the Morris County Historical Society for 1972 at a meeting in Council Grove, October 25, 1971. Howard Shepherd, Council Grove, was elected vice-president; Mrs. L. E. Mahon, White City, secretary; Mrs. Neva Wilkinson, Dwight, treasurer; and Julia Kohler, White City, publicity chairman. R. W. Hunter was the retiring president.

Forrest D. Flipppo, Abilene, was named president of the Dickinson County Historical Society at the annual meeting of the organization October 30, 1971, at the Eisenhower Center in Abilene. Other officers elected were: William Jones, Abilene, vice-president; Mrs. Esther Ramsey, Chapman, secretary; Reilly Neill, Abilene, treasurer; and J. Elbert Frey, Cheever township, Clarence Bennett, Manchester, D. C. Meuli, Herington, and Dee Adams, Abilene, trustees.

Thirty-three historical articles by Elfriede Fischer Rowe, most of which have appeared in the *Lawrence Journal-World*, have recently been published by the World Company, Lawrence, in a 130-page volume entitled *Wonderful Old Lawrence*.

Russell and Russell county observed their 100th anniversaries in 1971 with the publication of a 66-page booklet entitled *Centennial Review of History*.

A 50-page booklet entitled *Little Bear Tracks* was published in June, 1971, in observance of Neodesha's centennial anniversary. The first building was erected in 1869 and the town was incorporated in March, 1871.

Loom of a Century, 1871-1971 is the title of an 80-page booklet on the history of Osborne county, published on the occasion of the county's recent centennial. The first permanent settlement in the county was the Bullock ranch in March, 1870.

Land promotion on the Great Plains designed to overcome the Great American Desert concept was the subject of a study by David M. Emmons entitled *Garden in the Grasslands—Boomer Literature of the Central Great Plains*. The 220-page volume was published in 1971 by the University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln.

From personally following the Santa Fe trail and from a study of journals and records of others who have traveled the trail, Hobert E.

Stocking has written *The Road to Santa Fe*, a 372-page volume published by Hastings House, New York, in 1971.

This Valley of Tears—The Memoirs of J. Seleen in Kansas and Sweden is a recently issued, 120-page, paper-bound volume. It was translated from Swedish by Ruth Billdt and edited by Elizabeth Jaderborg. A native of Sweden, Johan Seleen came to America as a young man where, after ordination, he served as pastor of several Kansas churches.

Kansas farm life in the 1880's and early 1890's is recalled by Bess Allen Donaldson in *Prairie Girl—Memoirs of the Midwest*. The 196-page, paper-bound volume was published by the Mother Bickerdyke Historical Collection, Galesburg, Ill., in 1971.

Albert T. Reid's Sketchbook; Fads, Foibles & Politics: 1896-1908 is the title of the Shawnee County Historical Society's 1971 publication. The 132-page book was compiled by John W. Ripley and Robert W. Richmond. Reid was a Topeka cartoonist and illustrator who became a contributor to national periodicals.

Soldiering in Sioux Country: 1865, the diary of Charles H. Springer, was published in 1971 by the Frontier Heritage Press, San Diego. The 82-page publication was edited by Benjamin Franklin Cooling, III, and illustrated by John W. Hampton.

For more than a century the United States government followed the practice of presenting peace medals to important Indian chiefs and warriors. The story of the designing, production, and use of these medals is told in *Indian Peace Medals in American History* by Francis Paul Prucha. The 186-page illustrated volume was published in 1971 by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison.

J. T. Marshall, a Kansas newspaperman who served as a scout with Col. Nelson A. Miles' command during the Red River war, is the author of letters published recently in a 74-page volume entitled *The Miles Expedition of 1874-1875: An Eyewitness Account of the Red River War*. The letters were edited by Lonnie J. White and the book published by the Encino Press, Austin.

William E. Unrau is the author of *The Kansa Indians, a History of the Wind People, 1673-1873*, a 244-page work published in 1971 by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman.

Cyrus Townsend Brady's *Indian Fights and Fighters*, first published in 1904, has been reissued in 1971 by the University of Nebraska Press, Lincoln. The 423-page, paper-bound volume includes an introduction by James T. King.

Errata, Volume XXXVII

Frontispiece, Spring issue, photo of Archibald Williams is not the judge but his son, Archibald L. Williams.

Page 4, third paragraph, Osborn was appointed marshal by President Lincoln not Judge Delahay.

Page 36, Footnote 10, Thomas Parks was killed by Indians on September 19 (not June 18), 1867.

Page 172, line 15, April 19th, 1858 (not 1885).

Page 191, line 6, The Rev. Lewis (not Louis) Bodwell.

Page 219—under Laver entry, "Costume" (not Custume).

Page 260, Thomas J. Macredie (not Thomas A. Macredie).