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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: In the summer of 1907, Walter “Big Train” Johnson pitched his first game with the Washington Senators; in early summer 1861, two Kansans with prosouthern sympathies raised a company to fight with the Confederacy; in 1943, E. Gail Carpenter reported on Victory gardens and the Sicily invasion; and in 1936, gubernatorial candidates defied the sheltering Kansas summer in a quest for votes.

Baseball, the game of summer, is illustrated on the cover and presented in this issue's article, “Sunflower Stars: Big Leaguers from Kansas,” while the turmoil of the Civil War is featured in “Divided Loyalties in Civil War Kansas.” The Newelleters, written by E. Gail Carpenter during the Second World War, are continued, and an examination of Kansas politics is presented in “Huxman versus West: The Gubernatorial Race of 1936.” The winner, Huxman, is shown in the back cover photograph riding to the 1939 inauguration of his successor, Payne Ratner.
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