Kansas History as Published in the Press

A series of historical notes entitled "Sherman County Firsts" have been published as a frequent feature of The Sherman County Herald, of Goodland, for the past three years. The notes are contributed by D. W. Blackburn.

Cecil Howes, long-time head of the Topeka bureau of the Kansas City (Mo.) Star, has been contributing illustrated articles under the title "The Birth of a State—This Month in Kansas History" to the Kansas Teacher, Topeka, since January, 1942.

The building of the Rock Island railroad through Doniphan county in 1886 was described in a two-column letter from W. F. Horn printed in The Kansas Chief, Troy, September 2, 1943. Another feature of this issue was a page pictorial history of the Troy Kiwanis Club.

A history of the Homemakers club of Frankfort, by Mrs. Stanton Arnold, was published in the Frankfort Daily Index, September 9, 1943. The club was organized September 9, 1923.

United States agriculture as it will relate to changing world alignments was discussed by Dr. James C. Malin of Lawrence in an article "Mobility and History: Reflections on the Agricultural Policies of the United States in Relation to a Mechanized World," in Agricultural History, Washington, D. C., October, 1943.

Historical articles of interest to Kansans by Victor Murdock, which have appeared recently in his column in the Wichita (Evening) Eagle, include: "Growing Use of Salt One of Developments in Wichita's History," November 6, 1943; "First Really Busy Day [Arrival of the Nineteenth Kansas Cavalry] on the Site of Wichita Came in November, 1868," November 12; "That Dance at Kellogg's [November 13, 1868] Opening of Social Era in the City of Wichita," November 15; "When the Open Country Westward of Wichita Was Truly Unknown Land [1868]," November 16; "Episode [Stampede of Hundreds of Horses] on Prairies Southwest of Wichita That Was Most Unusual," November 17; "Some Travel Essentials [Water, Wood and Grass] in the Wichita Area That Have Disappeared," November 18; "Era in Which the Area Beyond the Arkansas River Southwest of Wichita Was Wholly Without a Pioneer's Home," November 19; "Survey of Their Trees on a Thanks-

Early newspapermen in Butler, Sedgwick and Lyon counties were recalled by J. M. Satterthwaite in a column article in his Douglass Tribune, November 26, 1943.

A brief history of the Mitchell mill built on Clarks creek in 1855 was sketched by W. W. Roux in the Junction City Republic, December 2, 1943. One of the mill stones is now in the Manhattan City Park.
The forty-fifth anniversary of John Redmond’s purchase of *The Jeffersonian*, predecessor of *The Daily Republican*, of Burlington, was celebrated at the annual correspondents’ party at Burlington, December 5, 1943, the *Republican* of December 7, reported. The same issue also featured a two and one-half column history of Burlington Lodge No. 66, A. F. & A. M. The lodge was chartered October 21, 1868.

Some old bridges still spanning the streams of southeast Kansas were mentioned by Fred Brinkerhoff in the Pittsburg *Headlight*, December 18, 1943.

A. P. Elder recalled the organization of a good roads association for Kansas in 1904, in the Ottawa *Herald*, December 31, 1943. In Franklin county prizes were awarded for the best dragged roads, and names of the winners of 1907 were printed.

Early Phillips county history was briefly reviewed by Cecil Kingery in *The Phillips County Review*, Phillipsburg, January 6, 1944.

Brief notes on the founding of Augusta, as recalled in a pageant written by Miss Stella B. Haines, were printed in the Augusta *Daily Gazette*, January 20, 1944. The town was named for Augusta, wife of C. N. James. Mr. James was the town’s first settler and first mayor.

William Allen White died on Kansas day, January 29, 1944, at the age of 75. Following his death newspapers and magazines of the nation published biographical information and anecdotes about him. A large portrait was reproduced in the January 29 issue of the Emporia *Gazette*, the newspaper he published for nearly fifty years, and in the same issue and others following, messages of tribute and acknowledgments were printed.

The Gnadenau settlement in Marion county, a typical Mennonite community, was briefly discussed by Cornelius Krahn in an illustrated article in the February, 1944, issue of *The American-German Review*, published by the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation of Philadelphia, Pa. The Gnadenau settlers came from the Crimea in 1874 under the leadership of Jacob A. Wiebe, the article reported.