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A brief history of the Natoma Methodist Church was printed in the Natoma Independent, October 26, 1950. The church was organized in 1879, and a sod schoolhouse four miles north of Natoma was the first meeting place. A homecoming day was observed October 22, 1950, when several former pastors and members returned for a dinner and a special service.

The part played by Arkansas in the fight between the Proslavery and Free-State elements over Kansas in the middle 1850’s was discussed by Granville D. Davis in an article entitled “Arkansas and the Blood of Kansas,” printed in the November, 1950, issue of The Journal of Southern History, Baton Rouge, La.

Maj. S. H. Long’s exploration of the country between the Mississippi river and the Rocky Mountains in 1819 was the subject of Dr. Robert Taft’s editorial in the Transactions of the Kansas Academy of Science, Lawrence, December, 1950. Also in the December number was a list of the enrollment figures of the 22 senior colleges and the 21 junior colleges of Kansas for the autumns of 1949 and 1950. A total of 32,189 students were enrolled in 1950 in the two groups of institutions, 3,980 less than the year before.

A short biographical sketch of the Michael Sutton family was printed in the Dodge City Daily Globe, December 2, 1950. Sutton was a pioneer Dodge City lawyer. On December 8 and 22 the Globe published pictures and information about the Beeson Museum of Dodge City which was recently moved to new quarters. The Boot Hill Museum, where an expansion program is now being completed, was featured in the Globe, January 18, 1951.


Among articles of historical interest to Kansans published recently in the Kansas City (Mo.) Star were: “John Cameron Swayze Rises on the Flood Tide in Television,” by E. B. Garnett, December


A history of the Quinter library by Mrs. Max A. Campbell was published in The Gove County Advocate, Quinter, December 14, 1950. The library was organized in 1932 by representatives of several women’s organizations of Quinter. A library building was completed and opened in 1950.

A short biographical sketch of J. B. Edwards who died recently at 106 years of age, was published in the Hays Daily News, December 21, 1950. Mr. Edwards came to Abilene before 1869. He was one of the group that hired James B. “Wild Bill” Hickok to rid the town of outlaws.

In observance of the 90th anniversary of the admission of Kansas to the Union, To the Stars, published by the Kansas Industrial Development Commission, January, 1951, printed biographical sketches of ten “colorful Kansans.” The ten were: John Brown, Clarinda Irene Nichols, Cyrus K. Holliday, John James Ingalls, Eugene Fitch Ware, Wyatt Earp, Gen. Frederick Funston, Charles
Curtis, Charles M. Sheldon and William Allen White. The sketches were reprinted, one each day, in the Coffeyville *Daily Journal*, beginning February 1, 1951.

An article by Dr. Emory Lindquist, president of Bethany College of Lindsborg, entitled “The Swedes of Linn County, Missouri,” was published in the *Missouri Historical Review*, Jefferson City, Mo., January, 1951.

A biographical sketch of Mrs. Florence Baker Woody, Salina, by Dorethea Smith, appeared in the Salina *Journal*, January 7, 1951. Mrs. Woody came to Kansas with her parents in 1878, and soon after arriving, when she was 17, began teaching school in a dugout near Lincoln.

The history of the community of Dispatch was briefly sketched by Mrs. James Deters, Cawker City, in the Beloit *Daily Call*, January 23, 1951.

A short history of the Scandia *Journal* was published in the issue of January 25, 1951. The *Journal* was founded in the early 1870’s as the Belleville *Republic* by A. B. Wilder.

*The Phillips County Review*, Phillipsburg, published an eight-page historical and progress section January 25, 1951. Among articles on Phillips county history featured in the section were: “Early History of Phillips County Starting in 1872,” “Organization of Local Townships,” “Stage Battle for County Courthouse,” “Irv McDowell Tells of Many Pioneer Events,” “Here the County Records Were Kept” and “Organization of School System.” Additional historical and progress editions are to be printed in the future.

Some of the history of an old burial plot in the Crawford County State Park is told in the Pittsburg *Headlight*, January 26 and 31, 1951. The cemetery is said to have begun in the early days when a group of travelers camped in the area and one of their number, a child, died and was buried there. Until recently the cemetery had been forgotten and had become overgrown with brush.

A brief history of the Indian raids in the Solomon and Republic- can valleys in 1868, by Leo F. Clark, Westfall, was published in the Salina *Journal*, January 28, 1951. During these raids Mrs. James Morgan and a Miss White were taken prisoner by the Indians. They were freed early in 1869 by Gen. George A. Custer.
A 46-page “get acquainted” edition was published by the Concordia Blade-Empire, January 29, 1951. Included were articles on the history of the Concordia schools, churches and other institutions and organizations.

The part played by Capt. D. S. Elliott, then editor of the Coffeyville Journal, in stopping the Dalton raid on the Coffeyville banks October 5, 1892, was the subject of an article in the Journal, February 11, 1951. This is the first in a series of historical articles to be published in the Journal.