Kansas Historical Notes

Officers recently elected by the Russell County Historical Society were: John G. Deines, president; Judge J. C. Ruppenthal and Luther D. Landon, vice-presidents; Merlin Morphy, secretary; A. J. Olson, treasurer, and Mrs. Dora H. Morrison, director.

Dr. Edward Bungardner, Lawrence, was the featured speaker at the September 26, 1951, meeting of the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society of northeast Johnson county. Newly elected officers of the society are: Mrs. James Glenn Bell, president, Mrs. Homer Bair, 1st vice-president; Mrs. David M. Huber, 2d vice-president; Mrs. Tom Davis, recording secretary; Mrs. John Blake, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Chas. Houlehan, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Carbaugh, historian; Mrs. C. L. Curry, curator; Mrs. A. M. Meyers, chaplain, and Mrs. John Barkley, parliamentarian.

A group of 265 Kiowa county pioneers attended the annual Old Settlers Day party in Greensburg October 4, 1951. Purple ribbons were awarded to 81, indicating over 60 years in the county. Officers chosen for the coming year included: Will Sluder, president; C. E. Freeman, 1st vice-president; Robert Parkin, 2d vice-president; Mrs. Benjamin Weaver, secretary, and Mrs. L. V. Keller, treasurer. The Kiowa County Historical Society is going ahead with plans to build a memorial museum in the Big Well park in Greensburg. Several sizable donations have already been received.

Mrs. Mary Ellen Smith Dorsey was elected president of the Clark County Historical Society at the annual meeting and pioneer mixer in Ashland, October 27, 1951. Other officers elected included: Paul Randall, vice-president; Mrs. Charles McCasland and Jerome C. Berryman, honorary vice-presidents; Melville Campbell Harper, recording secretary; Rhea Gross, corresponding secretary; William Moore, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy Berryman Shrewder, historian; Mrs. Bertha McCreery Gabbert, curator, and Myron G. Stevenson, auditor. Speaker at the meeting was Heinie Schmidt of Dodge City, who spoke on the purpose and need of local historical societies.

Nyle Miller, secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, discussed the writing of the four constitutions for Kansas at the annual meeting of the Riley County Historical Association, October 29, 1951. Dr. C. W. McCampbell was elected president of the organi-
zation. Other officers chosen included: Alvin Springer, vice-president; Mrs. Max Wolf, secretary, and Joe Haines, treasurer. Directors elected were Bruce Wilson, Mrs. Eva Knox and Dr. George Filinger. C. A. Kimball was the retiring president.

B. H. Oesterreich, Woodbine, was chosen president of the Dickinson County Historical Society at the October 31, 1951, meeting in Chapman. Other officers elected were: Mrs. Viola Ehram, Enterprise, 1st vice-president, and Mrs. Lawrence Kehler, Solomon, secretary. All were elected for two-year terms of office. Included on the program were papers on the history of Chapman, churches of Chapman and the Dickinson county high school.

The first annual meeting of the Comanche County Historical Society was held in Protection, November 5, 1951. Willis Shattuck, Ashland, pioneer of Clark county, gave an address on "Pioneering, Then and Now." The officers of the society were re-elected. They are: Warren P. Morton, Coldwater, president; Fred Denney, Protection, vice-president; Mrs. Nellie Riner, Protection, recording secretary; Mrs. Lillian Lyon, Coldwater, corresponding secretary, and F. H. Moberly, Wilmore, treasurer.

A dinner meeting of the Wyandotte County Historical Society was held November 6, 1951, with Nyle Miller, secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, as the principal speaker. Officers were elected as follows: Alan W. Farley, president; Stanley B. Richards, 1st vice-president; Grant Harrington, 2d vice-president; Sixten Shogran, secretary, and Harry Hanson, treasurer. Clifford R. Millsap was the retiring president.

Dr. Ernest Mahan was elected president of the Crawford County Historical Society at the annual meeting in Pittsburg November 8, 1951. Other officers chosen were: Prof. L. E. Cuffman, vice-president; Mrs. Mae Stroud, secretary, and Mrs. William Walker, treasurer. Directors elected were: Oscar Anderson, Mrs. Cecil Gregg and Mrs. Viola Holroyd. Ralph Shideler was the retiring president. The Rev. Harold R. Karnes gave an illustrated lecture at the meeting on the building of King Solomon's temple.

The Stevens County Historical Society was organized at a meeting in Hugoton November 15, 1951, under the sponsorship of the Hugoton Woman's Club. Mrs. Ben Parsons was elected president. Edith Thomson was elected vice-president and Margaret Morgan secretary-treasurer. Speakers at the meeting were Nolan McWhirter,
curator of the No-Man's Land Historical Museum, Goodwell, Okla., and Heinie Schmidt, Dodge City.

M. N. Penny was elected president of the Lawrence Historical Society at the annual meeting December 4, 1951. Other officers elected were: Lathrop B. Read, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. L. H. Menger, secretary, and R. B. Stevens, treasurer. Members of the board of directors are: Dolph Simons, Mrs. E. M. Owen, Maud Smelser, Shipman Winter, Jr., and Mrs. Robert Haggart. Principal speaker at the meeting was Nyle Miller, secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, who spoke on early Kansas newspapers and journalism. A permanent historical museum in the city building is planned for Lawrence. Members of a city historical committee, appointed by City Manager James Wigglesworth to gather and preserve historical items, are: Walter Varnum, chairman; R. B. Stevens, secretary, and Mrs. E. M. Owen, Maud Smelser and Arthur B. Weaver.

John S. Dawson was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Shawnee County Historical Society in Topeka December 11, 1951. Trustees elected for three-year terms were: J. Clyde Fink, A. J. Carruth, Jr., J. Glenn Logan, Charlotte McLellan, Mrs. Erwin Keller, T. M. Lillard, Mrs. Harold Cone, Maud Bishop, Helen M. McFarland and Harry Colmery. Homer B. Fink was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Paul B. Sweet. Paul Lovewell presided at the meeting in the absence of T. M. Lillard, president. The trustees met January 22, 1952, and re-elected the officers. They are: T. M. Lillard, president; Paul Lovewell, vice-president; Paul Adams, secretary, and Annie B. Sweet, treasurer. The group considered a proposal that the old city library building be used for a museum after it is vacated by the library.

The 34th annual dinner meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas was held January 28, 1952, with Dr. Franklin D. Murphy, chancellor of the University of Kansas, as the guest speaker. The Senator Capper award for the winner of the collegiate speech contest was presented to William Nulton, Pittsburg. Nyle H. Miller, secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, gave a memorial tribute to the late Sen. Arthur Capper. C. W. Porterfield, Holton, was elected president of the Native Sons, and Mrs. Ray S. Pierson, Burlington, of the Native Daughters. Other officers chosen by the Native Sons were: Maurice Fager, Topeka, vice-president; R. A. Clymer, El Dorado, secretary, and G. Clay Baker, Topeka, treasurer.