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A biographical sketch of B. C. Decker and some of the early history of the Hoxie area were printed in the Hoxie Sentinel, July 31, 1952. Decker brought his family to Kansas in 1878 and homesteaded what is now the Mosier ranch near Hoxie.


Very brief historical notes on St. John's Lutheran church, Lincolnville, appeared in the Herington Advertiser-Times, August 14, 1952. The church was organized August 19, 1877, by the Rev. C. H. Lieker.

Articles of a historical nature appearing recently in the Coffeyville Daily Journal included: reminiscences of Mrs. Clara Thixten, August 17, 1952; the story of the Dalton raid in Coffeyville, from V. V. Masterson's The Katy Railroad and the Last Frontier, October 5; and reminiscences of Mrs. John Wishall, October 26.

Biographical information on the Dexter brothers, Alonzo, John, and Aaron, founders of Clay Center, appeared in an article in the Clay Center Dispatch, August 19, 1952.

On August 26, 1952, the Garden City Daily Telegram, printed an article by Ruby Basye, Coats, on the Cray county county-seat fight between Ingalls and Cimarron.

Featured in the 28-page anniversary edition of the Luray Herald, August 28, 1952, were local historical highlights for each year beginning with 1902. Among other articles was "A History of the Settlement of Luray," by Capt. John Fritts.

Two articles of a historical nature appeared in the Hugoton Hermes, September 4, 1952. One dealt with the establishment of Hugoton in the middle 1880's and the other with the county-seat rivalry between Hugoton and Woodsdale.

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The Wichita *Evening Eagle*'s “See Kansas” series of articles has continued to appear in recent months. Subjects of a few have been: Fort Scott, September 11, 1952; “Bloody” Benders of Parsons, September 25; Cheney, November 13; and WaKeeney, December 18.

A brief history of the first school in the Chanute area was printed in the Chanute *Tribune*, September 19, 1952. The school was established in 1868 in a log cabin.

Appearing in the Topeka *Daily Capital*, September 21, 1952, were historical articles on the Brookville Hotel, Last Chance store in Council Grove, and a biographical sketch of Elizabeth Simerwell Carter and her family by Peggy Greene.

An Indian peace treaty edition, including 64 tabloid pages of local history, was published by *The Barber County Index*, Medicine Lodge, October 2, 1952, in connection with the Indian peace treaty pageant held in Barber county October 10-12. Featured were stories of the treaty between the government and the Indians made in 1867 near present Medicine Lodge. The event is celebrated every five years by an outdoor pageant.

Two recent articles on the history of the Great Bend area were: a biographical sketch of Frank Marque by Mrs. Abbie L. Darr, in the Great Bend *Press*, October 5, 1952, and a brief, illustrated history of the Great Bend schools in the Great Bend *Daily Tribune*, October 30.

The history of the Henderson Mennonite Brethren church was published in the Hillsboro *Journal*, October 9, 1952. Organization of the church in 1877 was directed by Peter Regier, Cornelius Neueldt and Gerhard Toews. Regier became the first minister, and the first building was completed in 1880.

The Clearwater *News*, October 9, 1952, published a column-length history of Clearwater. The first settlers in the area arrived in the late 1860's and early 1870's.

An article by Mrs. May Curtis, written for presentation at the Rush county old settlers' reunion at Rush Center, October 16, 1952, recalling Rush county history of the 1880's and 1890's, was published in *The Rush County News*, La Crosse, November 27, 1952.

The Atchison *Daily Globe* published an 80-page, 75th anniversary edition October 19, 1952. Edgar Watson Howe founded the *Globe* in 1877. The edition is dedicated to the Howe family and the city of Atchison. Included are many historical articles on the town's institutions and industries.
An 88-page special edition of the Hays Daily News was issued October 30, 1952, commemorating the 50th anniversary of the founding of Fort Hays State College. Much of the history of Fort Hays and the city of Hays is included with numerous articles on the college.

A brief account of the last Indian raid through Kansas, in 1878, by Mrs. Ruby Basye, Coats, was published in the Dodge City Daily Globe, November 3, 1952.


Sedgwick's early history was published in the Sedgwick Pantagraph, November 6, 1952. The town was established in June, 1870, and Harvey county was organized in 1872. Brief historical sketches of Sedgwick churches and lodges were printed in the Pantagraph, November 20.

A 50-year history of the Cosmos Club of Russell, by Mrs. H. A. Opdycke, was published in the Russell Record, November 13, 1952.


An anthology of Kansas poetry published in 1894 was discussed by Norma B. Cunningham in “Human Grief and Hope of Heaven Stirred Kansas Poets of 1890’s, Anthology Shows,” printed in the Kansas City (Mo.) Star, December 6, 1952. Articles of historical interest to Kansans appearing in recent issues of the Kansas City (Mo.) Times included: “Texas Cattle Shattered Abilene’s Peace, Made Town Famous 85 Years Ago,” by Charles M. Harger, August 29; “Last of Big Indian Raids Was Costly to Kansas in Death and Destruction,” by Ray Morgan, September 19; “Kansas, Now to Have Archbishop, Saw First Catholic Priest [Father Padilla] 410 Years Ago,” by John J. Doohan, December 9; “Faith in West Lured Horace Greeley to Kansas and Fringe of Civilization,” by Charles Arthur Hawley, December 11; “Century-Old House in a State Park Is Relic of the Pony Express in Kansas,” by E. B. Dykes Beachy, December 30.