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In 1864 a refuge from raiding Indians was built on the Solomon river near Lindsey. An article on this fort by Theo. H. Scheffer, was published in the Minneapolis Messenger, July 7, 1955. Maps of the period called it Fort Solomon but it was known locally as “Fort Podunk.”

Gen. George Custer’s last stand at the battle of Little Big Horn was reviewed by Clyde K. Rodkey in the Manhattan Tribune-News, July 7, 1955.

Greensburg’s Methodist church observed its 70th anniversary July 10, 1955. A history of the church was published in The Kiowa County Signal, Greensburg, July 7. The church site was donated by the town company in June, 1885, and a building was immediately erected. The Rev. C. R. Robinson was the first pastor.

In celebration of the 50th anniversary of the dedication of the first church building, special services were held at the Cleveland (Kan.) Methodist church July 17, 1955. A history of the church was printed in the Kingman Journal, July 12.

Early Abilene and the Chisholm trail were the subjects of an article by Ellery A. Myers in the Dighton Herald, July 13, 1955.

Bethel Methodist church, near Strawn in Coffey county, celebrated its 60th anniversary July 24, 1955. A sketch of its early history was printed in the Daily Republican, Burlington, July 27.

John W. Horner and A. S. Corey brought a printing press to Chetopa in 1868, and the first issue of the Chetopa Advance appeared the first week of 1869. On July 28, 1955, the Advance printed a brief history of Chetopa newspapers by Rael F. Amos.