

Kansas History as Published in the Press

Articles appearing in the July, 1955, issue of the *Bulletin of the Shawnee County Historical Society*, Topeka, included: "History in the Making," a review of Shawnee county events of 1954, by Earl Ives; "The First Days at the Kansas River Mission," by Lena Baxter Schenck; "Quantrell's Massacre," by the Rev. Lewis Bodwell, first published in the *Kansas Telephone*, Manhattan, August, 1883; "Memories of Burning of Topeka High School [May 18, 1935]," by C. C. Nicholson; letters of Calvin Holman from Topeka to his family in New Hampshire in 1869; and the second installment of the "History of Potwin," by Charlotte McLellan.

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.