Kansas Historical Notes

The 82d annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society will be held at Topeka on Tuesday, October 15, 1957.

Gov. George Docking has appointed a Kansas centennial commission to formulate plans for the state's 100th anniversary in 1961. Maurice Fager, Topeka, has been named chairman of the commission. Other members are: Barbara Aldrich, Atchison; Howard Blanchard, Garden City; Fred Brinkerhoff, Pittsburg; Lynn Brodrick, Topeka; H. E. Bruce, Horton; Rolla Clymer, El Dorado; Dr. Elizabeth Cochran, Pittsburg; Leila Elliott, Coffeyville; Mrs. Frank Haucke, Council Grove; John Helm, Jr., Manhattan; Henry Jameson, Abilene; Walter Keith, Coffeyville; Frank W. Kirk, Parsons; Marion Klema, Salina; Mrs. Charles Larkin, Leavenworth; Larry Miller, Topeka; Nyle Miller, Topeka; John Montgomery, Junction City; Jim Reed, Topeka; T. T. Riordan, Solomon; Rev. G. Harold Roberts, Atchison; Sen. Fayette Rowe, Columbus; Homer E. Sokolofsky, Manhattan; Mrs. Alice M. Wade, Coffeyville; Lester Weatherwax, Wichita; and Robert Wells, Garden City.

All officers of the Butler County Historical Society were re-elected at a meeting of the board of trustees in El Dorado January 14, 1957. They include: F. H. Cron, president; Charles E. Heilmann, vice-president; Mrs. R. C. Loomis, secretary; and Clifford W. Stone, treasurer.

Angelo Scott, Iola, was re-elected president of the Allen County Historical Society at a meeting of the board of directors in Iola, February 5, 1957. R. L. Thompson, Jr., was chosen vice-president; Spencer Gard, secretary; and Mary Hanks, treasurer.

Chester C. Heizer was elected president of the Border Queen Museum Association at a meeting of the board February 4, 1957, in Caldwell. Other officers chosen were: Walker Young, first vice-president; Don Stallings, second vice-president; Frederick Thompson, secretary; and Harry Jenista, treasurer. J. E. Turner is resident agent of the organization.

Rolla A. Clymer, editor and publisher of the El Dorado Times and president of the Kansas State Historical Society, was recipient of the William Allen White award for journalistic merit February 11, 1957.

The newly organized Ottawa County Historical Society met in Minneapolis February 16, 1957, adopted a constitution, and named
a board of directors. In addition to the officers, those elected to
the board included: Glen Adee, Rolla Geisen, and Louis Ballou. At
a meeting in Minneapolis April 27 the society heard historical talks
by Mrs. Louis Ballou, Mrs. Bert Bourne, B. E. Ferris, Ray Halber-
stadt, and Mrs. Claud Childs.

The Lyon County Historical Society met in Emporia, March 4,
1957, for its annual business meeting. Officers were elected as
follows: O. W. Mosher, president; Sam Mellinger, first vice-presi-
dent; Fannie E. Williams, second vice-president; Lucile Owen,
secretary; Warren Morris, treasurer; and Lucina Jones, Mrs. F. L.
Gison, and Mabel Edwards, historians.

Dr. Dudley T. Cornish reviewed his book, *The Sable Arm*, the
story of Negro soldiers in the Civil War, at a February 27, 1957,
meeting of the Crawford County Historical Society in Pittsburg.
At a meeting on April 26 Nyle Miller, secretary of the Kansas State
Historical Society, showed and commented on colored slides of
historic places and structures in Kansas. Dr. G. W. Weede is
president of the Crawford county society.

All officers were re-elected at a meeting of the Ford Historical
Society March 8, 1957. They are: Mrs. Walter Umbach, president;
Mrs. Harold Patterson, vice-president; Mrs. Addie Plattner, secre-
tary-treasurer; Kathleen Emrie, historian; and Mrs. W. P. Warner,
custodian.

The Riley County Historical Society opened its museum in new
quarters in the Manhattan city building April 7, 1957. It was re-
ported that 450 persons visited the museum the first three days.

Dr. S. J. Sackett, of Fort Hays Kansas State College, spoke to a
meeting of the Lane County Historical Society in Dighton, April
8, 1957, on Kansas folklore.

Herman M. Quinius was elected president of the Wichita His-
torical Museum Association at a meeting April 11, 1957. Owen
McEwen, retiring president, was named first vice-president. Other
officers elected were: Mrs. Schuyler Jones, Jr., second vice-presi-
dent; Morris Neff, Jr., secretary; Carl Bitting, treasurer; and Mrs.
Frank Slay, curator. Elected to the board of trustees were: Brace
Helfrich, R. T. Aitchison, Bitting, Gene Combs, Bertha Gardner,
Mrs. Harry Overend, Britt Brown, Bruce Petrie, Waldo Toevs, E. L.
Meader, Mrs. Frank Grabendike, and William Quiring. The mu-
seum was opened in its new quarters at 3751 E. Douglas, May 19.
Events included in Chetopa's 100th birthday celebration May 4, 1957, were a parade, a calf show, an Indian dance, and presentation to the city of a plaque by George F. Lisle, honoring his father, Dr. George Lisle, founder of Chetopa.

Fort Larned, established in 1859 as Camp Alert, was opened to the public as a museum and place of historical interest with colorful ceremonies May 19, 1957. Events included a sham battle between cavalrymen and Indians, talks by political and military leaders, including Col. Brice C. W. Custer, grand nephew of Gen. George A. Custer, a parade of military units, unveiling of the dedicatory plaque, and raising of the flag. To handle the maintenance and administration of the museum the Fort Larned Historical Society has been organized. The fort is the property of Robert Frizzle.

Much of the history of printing in Topeka is included in a 64-page booklet recently published as a 75th anniversary souvenir by Topeka Typographical Union No. 121.

"1857—Emporia—1957," by Roger Triplett, was the featured article in Emporia's 76-page historical booklet, published as a part of the city's centennial observance.

A 36-page pamphlet entitled Ottawa-Kansas City Tornado, by Joseph B. Muecke, published by the Central Press, Topeka, presents the story and pictures of the destructive tornado of May 20, 1957.

Through the Years, a 50-page pamphlet by Mrs. Cecil Moore and Joy Fox, edited by Chas. A. Knouse, was published by the Greeley centennial committee in connection with Greeley's recent centennial celebration. The townsite was selected in 1856, settlement and building began the following year.

On August 14, 1886, the Methodist church of Hugoton was organized under the direction of the Rev. A. P. George. The history of this church was recently published in a 10-page pamphlet. The Rev. Charles Brown was the first pastor.

The lives of two chiefs of the Osage Indians, Black Dog and his son, also named Black Dog, are reviewed in Tillie Karns Newman's new 221-page book, The Black Dog Trail, published by the Christopher Publishing House, Boston.
B. Smith Haworth is the author of a recently published 174-page history of Ottawa University entitled *Ottawa University: Its History and Its Spirit*. The first classes were held in 1866, although efforts to start the school had begun several years before. The book was published by the Allen Press, Lawrence.

*Earning the Right to Do Fancywork* is described by the author, Kunigunde Duncan (Mrs. Bliss Isely), as an informal biography of Mrs. Ida Eisenhower. It is a 38-page booklet published by the University of Kansas Press in 1957.