Kansas Historical Notes

Burlington celebrated its 100th anniversary September 28-October 3, 1957. Events during the period included a centennial ball, special religious services, historical pageant, parade, and other appropriate features.

More than 300 persons attended the annual Kiowa county old settler's reunion in Greensburg, October 3, 1957. Mrs. Mernie Ely was chosen president of the group. Other officers are: Mrs. E. E. Davis, vice-president; Mrs. B. O. Weaver, secretary; and Mrs. Jessie Keller, treasurer.

Angelo Scott addressed the annual meeting of the Allen County Historical Society in Iola, October 8, 1957, on the life of Frederick Funston. The following directors were elected during the business session: Lewis Drake, W. C. Caldwell, and Nat Armel, Humboldt; R. L. Thompson and Stanley Harris, Moran; Mrs. Mary Ruth Carpenter, Mary Hankins, Spencer Gard, and Angelo Scott, Iola.

The seventh quinquennial presentation of the Indian peace treaty pageant was held at Medicine Lodge, October 11-13, 1957. The outdoor pageant is presented every five years in observance of the 1867 treaties between the government and Indians made near Medicine Lodge. However, the pageant is scheduled to be given next in 1861, the year of the state's centennial.

Robert Jennison, Healy, was elected president of the Lane County Historical Society at its meeting in Dighton, October 14, 1957. Other officers elected were: Walter Herndon, vice-president; Mrs. Arle Boltz, secretary; Mrs. Dale Jewett, treasurer; and Frank Ycital, A. R. Bentley, and Mrs. W. A. Charles, directors. The featured speaker at the meeting was Lea Maranville, president of the Ness County Historical Society.

Homer D. Cory was named president of the Leavenworth County Historical Society at a meeting in Leavenworth, October 17, 1957. James E. Fussell was elected first vice-president; Mrs. Jesse M. Jones, second vice-president; Mrs. Gorman Hunt, secretary; and Col. Ralph Stewart, treasurer. Re-elected to the board of directors were: E. Bert Collard, Sr., D. R. Anthony, III, Byron Schroeder, Ruth Burgard, Hans Freimuth, George S. Marshall, and J. V. Kelly. Mrs. Jones was the retiring president.
Re-elected for two-year terms at the annual meeting of the Dickinson County Historical Society at Mount Pleasant church, near Abilene, October 17, 1957, were: B. H. Oesterreich, Woodbine, president; Mrs. A. W. Ehrsam, Enterprise, first vice-president; and Mrs. Carl Peterson, Enterprise, secretary. Other officers are: Mrs. Ray Livingston, Abilene, second vice-president; Mrs. Walter Wilkins, Chapman, treasurer; and Marion Seelye, Abilene, historian.

Dr. C. W. McCampbell was the principal speaker at the annual meeting of the Riley County Historical Society October 18, 1957, in Manhattan. Officers elected included: Wm. E. Koch, president; N. D. Harwood, vice-president; Sam Charlson, treasurer; Homer E. Socolofsky, recording secretary; Mrs. C. M. Correll, membership chairman; Mrs. G. B. Harrop, corresponding secretary; Ed Amos, historian; Mrs. C. M. Slagg, curator; Mrs. Max Wolf, publicity secretary; and Mrs. C. B. Knox, James Carey, and Earl Ray, directors. Mrs. Slagg was the retiring president.

Mrs. Yolande M. Smith was installed as the new president of the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society, October 28, 1957. Other new officers are: Mrs. Roy E. Boxmeyer, first vice-president; Mrs. Robert F. Withers, second vice-president; Mrs. Eugene Kottermann, recording secretary; Mrs. W. A. Carr, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John L. Smith, treasurer; Margaret Hopkins, historian; Mrs. E. H. Walmer, curator; Mrs. John Barkley, member-in-waiting; Mrs. G. W. McAbee, chaplain; and Mrs. Percy M. Miller, parliamentarian. Lucile Larsen was the retiring president.

Mrs. Donald Booth was re-elected president of the Comanche County Historical Society at the annual meeting November 6, 1957, in Coldwater. Mrs. George Deewall was elected vice-president; Mrs. Ben Zane, recording secretary; Mrs. Dan Crowe, corresponding secretary; and F. H. Moberley, treasurer.

Tescott's history was featured at the meeting of the Ottawa County Historical Society in Minneapolis, November 9, 1957. At the business session Fred Miller was elected president; Ray Halberstadt, vice-president; Mrs. Myrtle Thompson, secretary; Mrs. Fred Jagger, treasurer; and Mrs. C. G. Headle, reporter. Marshall Constable was the retiring president. At a meeting of the society December 14, the history of the Niles area was presented, and the history of Culver was the feature of the January 11, 1958, gathering.

The annual meeting and pioneer mixer of the Clark County Historical Society was held in Ashland, November 23, 1957, with over 130 persons in attendance. New officers chosen at the business ses-
sion included: Mrs. Venna Vallentine, president; Mrs. Florence Walker, vice-president; Sidney Dorsey, first honorary vice-president; Chester L. Zimmerman, second honorary vice-president; Mrs. Melville C. Harper, recording secretary; Mrs. Kathryn B. Seacat, assistant recording secretary; Rhea Gross, corresponding secretary; Wm. T. Moore, treasurer; Mrs. Dorothy B. Shrewder, historian; Leo Brown, curator; and Willis A. Shattuck, auditor. Dorsey was the retiring president.

The Kearny County Historical Society was organized at a meeting in Lakin, November 25, 1957, and Mrs. Virginia Hicks was elected its first president. Other officers are Mrs. Helen Rardon, vice-president; Mrs. Edith Clements, secretary; Foster Eskeland, treasurer; and Margaret Hurst, historian. Vivian Thomas was appointed custodian at a later meeting.

Tecumseh was the theme of the annual meeting of the Shawnee County Historical Society in Topeka, December 5, 1957. Dr. Giles Theilmann, director of curriculum for the Topeka public schools, was the principal speaker. The following trustees were re-elected for three-year terms: J. Glenn Logan, Maude Bishop, Mrs. Harold Cone, Charles E. Holman, Tom Lillard, Helen McFarland, A. J. Carruth, Jr., J. Clyde Fink, Mrs. Frank J. Kambach, and Leland H. Schenck. The trustees met February 4, 1958, and elected Louis R. Smith, president; Robert H. Kingman, vice-president; Mrs. Cone, secretary; and Mrs. Kambach, treasurer.

Mrs. Harry M. Trowbridge was elected president of the Wyandotte County Historical Society at a meeting of the society January 9, 1958. Other officers chosen included: Harry Hanson, vice-president; Mrs. Hazel Zeller, secretary; Raymond Lees, treasurer; Harry M. Trowbridge, historian and curator; and Mrs. James L. Gille and Henry Gaurt, trustees. Mrs. Clyde Clandon was the retiring president. The society's annual Kansas day dinner was held January 23. Fred Brinkerhoff, Pittsburg editor, was the principal speaker.

Elected to the board of directors of the Old Fort Hays Historical Association, Inc., at a meeting of its sponsoring group, the tourist and convention committee of the Hays Chamber of Commerce, January 24, 1958, were: Paul Ward, Austin Evans, Gene Baird, Clarence Isbell, and Dale Dunn. Bylaws for the association were adopted and plans were made for membership promotion.

Roy L. Bulkley, Topeka, was named president of the Native Sons, and Mrs. Hobart Hoyt, Lyons, president of the Native Daughters at the business meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas
in Topeka, January 28, 1958. Other officers selected by the Native Sons included: Wayne T. Randall, Osage City, vice-president; Dean Yingling, Topeka, secretary; and Floyd R. Souders, Cheney, treasurer. Evelyn Ford, Topeka, was elected vice-president; Mrs. J. C. Tillotson, Norton, secretary; and Mrs. Chester Dunn, Oxford, treasurer, of the Native Daughters. The Rev. Dale Emerson Turner, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church, Lawrence, was the principal speaker at the dinner meeting of the organization. Mrs. Olive Ann Beech, president of the Beech Aircraft Corporation, Wichita, was presented the "Kansan of the Year" award.

"Prominent Women of the Last Quarter of a Century" was the theme of the annual meeting of the Woman's Kansas Day Club in Topeka, January 29, 1958. The president, Mrs. Edna Peterson, Chanute, presided and gave a report of the year's work. Mrs. Lucile Rust, Manhattan, was elected president for the new year. Other officers elected include: Mrs. Harry Chaffee, Topeka, first vice-president; Mrs. Eugene McMillin, Lawrence, second vice-president; Mrs. Paul Wedin, Wichita, recording secretary; Mrs. Claude Stutzman, Kansas City, treasurer; Mrs. J. Raymond Smith, Parsons, historian; Mrs. McDill Boyd, Phillipsburg, auditor; and Mrs. Marion Beatty, Topeka, registrar. District directors are: Mrs. Lawrence Gabel, Topeka, Mrs. L. B. Gloyne, Kansas City; Mrs. Vincent McCune, Chanute; Mrs. Larry Vin Zant, Wichita; Mrs. Clyde Lillard, Great Bend; and Mrs. Rosemary Siebert, Beloit.

Directors elected for two-year terms by the Finney County Historical Society at the tenth annual meeting in Garden City, February 11, 1958, were: Edward E. Bill, John R. Burnside, C. H. Cleaver, A. M. Fleming, Abe Hubert, Clifford R. Hope, Jr., Mary Hope, Lester McCoy, Della Gobleman, Will Renick, and Cecil Wristen. Amy Gillespie was elected to fill an unexpired term. R. G. Brown is president of the society.

Kinsley has a new building—a 34- by 15-foot sod house. Built as a tourist attraction, the "soddy" is the result of the combined efforts of the Kinsley Booster Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and city officials.

A private museum has been opened to the public at the bank building in Scottsville. Items were collected and the display arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Carl Cox as a hobby. A description of the museum and of some of the articles on display, by Cosette McIntosh, appeared in the Beloit Gazette, December 26, 1957.