Kansas Historical Notes

C. F. Kuhlmann was in charge of the program at the September 13, 1958, meeting of the Ottawa County Historical Society in Minneapolis. The history of the Bennington area was featured. An election of officers was held at the October 11 meeting. The officers are: Mrs. Louis Ballou, president; Ray Halberstadt, vice-president; Mrs. Ray Halberstadt, secretary; Mrs. Ethel Jagger, treasurer; Mrs. Zella Heald, reporter; and Louis Ballou, Glenn Adee, and Rolla Geisen, directors. A. R. Miller was the retiring president. The history of the Pipe Creek-Grover community, presented by Mrs. Edith Stilwell, was the topic at the society’s November 8 meeting.

Lee Rich, Junction City, was re-elected president of the Fort Riley Historical Society at the annual meeting September 18, 1958, at the Fort Riley museum. Robert J. Fegan was elected vice-president; Robert K. Weary, secretary; and Warrant Officer Lester J. Whitman, treasurer. Elected to the board of directors were: Rich, Fegan, Weary, Carl H. Deppish, Mrs. J. V. Humphrey, Jr., Edna Rizer, the Rev. Harris Collingwood, George Clark, Mrs. J. W. Wofford, Col. Frank Sackton, and Maj. Thomas Constant. Maj. Raymond Harvey was chosen executive secretary.

An election of officers was held at the September 22, 1958, meeting of the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society in Mission. Mrs. G. W. McAbee was chosen president; Mrs. Robert F. Withers, first vice-president; Mrs. Eugene Kotterman, second vice-president; Mrs. John L. Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. J. Lester Brown, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Edwin G. Provost, treasurer; Mrs. Tom Davis, historian; and Mrs. Joseph E. Lieberman, curator. The officers were installed on October 27.

Dedication of the Decatur County Historical Society’s museum and sod house was one of the featured events of a two-day celebration in Oberlin, September 26 and 27, 1958. Elwood Brooks, Denver bank official, gave the dedicatory address.

Ralph E. Graber was elected president of the Douglas County Old Settlers’ Association at the 59th annual meeting September 27, 1958, in Lawrence. Other new officers are: Mary Clarke, vice-president; Mrs. Ralph Colman, secretary; Helen Clarke, necrologist; and Mrs. Nellie Bigsby, treasurer. Mrs. Lena Owen was the retir-
ing president. Dr. Solon G. Ayers, superintendent of Haskell Institute, addressed the group on "Fallacies About Indians."

Walter Herndon was chosen president of the Lane County Historical Society at a meeting in Dighton October 13, 1958. Other officers are: William Pike, vice-president; Mrs. Arle Boltz, secretary; Mrs. Fred Hyames, treasurer; and F. W. Prose, Dale Jewett, and Mrs. J. E. Mowery, board members. Henry Hall, Garden City, was guest speaker at the gathering.

The Dickinson County Historical Society held its annual meeting at the Alida Evangelical United Brethren church near Chapman, October 16, 1958. During the business session Mrs. Ray Livingston, Abilene, was re-elected second vice-president, and Mrs. Walter Wilkins, Chapman, treasurer. Other officers are: B. H. Oesterreich, Woodbine, president; Mrs. Viola Ehram, Enterprise, first vice-president; Mrs. Ellen Peterson, Enterprise, secretary; and Marion Seelye, Abilene, historian.

Mrs. Sam Cravens was elected president and Roy S. Shupe vice-president of the Clark County Historical Society at the society's annual meeting and pioneer mixer, October 18, 1958, in Ashland. Mrs. John Vallentine is first honorary vice-president, and Sidney Dorsey second honorary vice-president. Mrs. Vallentine was the retiring president.

Members of the new board of directors of the Coffeyville Historical Museum elected at a stockholders meeting October 23, 1958, are: Jack Brooks, Charles Clough, Joe Cramer, William Kistler, J. B. Kloehr, Dale Misch, R. M. Seaton, Lawrence Smith, and Roy Swanson. At a meeting of the board, November 3, Clough was elected president, replacing Seaton who has served since the start of the museum.

Pawnee county's pioneers held their 11th annual reunion in Larned, November 1, 1958, and with members of the Pawnee County Historical Society, dedicated a historical room in the Cummins Memorial Library building in Larned. Displays of historical documents, relics, and pictures will be featured in the room.

Rolla Clymer, El Dorado publisher, spoke at a meeting of the Lyon County Historical Society November 17, 1958, in Emporia. After reviewing the history of the state, Clymer outlined plans for Kansas' centennial observance.
The Comanche County Historical Society celebrated its annual Pioneer Day in Coldwater November 8, 1958. Benjamin O. Weaver, Mullinville, the principal speaker, reviewed early Comanche county history. Officers re-elected at the business session include: Mrs. Donald Booth, president; Mrs. George Deewall, vice-president; Mrs. D. E. Crowe, recording secretary; and Fay Moberley, treasurer.

Organization of the Smith County Historical Society was completed November 22, 1958, in Smith Center with the election of officers. Emmet Womar is the president; W. E. Lee, vice-president; Mrs. Perry Nelson, secretary; and Mrs. Claude Diehl, treasurer. The group plans to collect and organize information on the early history of the county.

The Barber County Historical Society was organized at a meeting in Medicine Lodge, December 14, 1958, with an initial group of 23 charter members. Mrs. Alice MacGregor, Medicine Lodge, was elected president. Other officers are: Mrs. Bertie Parker, Kiowa, Mrs. Mart Roessler, Isabel, and W. Luke Chapin, Medicine Lodge, vice-presidents; I. N. “Jibo” Hewitt, co-ordinator; Mrs. Tonkajo McElveea, secretary; Harry Nixon, treasurer; Mrs. Elizabeth Simpson, corresponding secretary; Art Carruth, III, publicity director; and Mrs. Tom Stranathan, historian. The county commissioners were designated honorary vice-presidents. The society is sponsored by the Medicine Lodge and Kiowa Lions clubs.

Faith of Our Fathers—A Centennial History of the First Congregational Church of Sabatha, Kansas, 1858-1958, is a 118-page booklet recently printed in observance of the church’s centennial. The congregation was organized September 25 and 26, 1858, under the leadership of the Rev. R. D. Parker and the Rev. J. H. Byrd. It was first located at Albany but moved to Sabatha with the rest of Albany in 1870.

Price Raid Through Linn County, Kansas, October 24, 25, 1864, is the title of a recently published 17-page pamphlet by Samuel Tucker. Tucker’s family settled in Linn county in 1876 giving him an opportunity to hear the story of Price’s raid from those who lived through it.