

Kansas Historical Notes

Perce Harvey was elected president of the Shawnee County Historical Society at a meeting of the board of trustees in Topeka, January 8, 1960. Horace Wilkie was chosen vice-president, Mrs. Grace Menninger was re-elected secretary, and Mrs. Frank Kambach, treasurer.

Officers of the recently organized Rush County Historical Society include: Fay O. Jennings, president; H. G. Ficken, Ted Appl, Mrs. Milton Krug, and Jerry Bornholdt, vice-presidents; Robert Hamilton, co-ordinator; W. Bryan Jefferies, secretary; Stanley T. Merrill, treasurer; Mrs. Harry Grass, corresponding secretary; and Dick Ramsey, publicity director.

Temporary officers elected by the newly organized Gray County Historical Society at a meeting in Cimarron, March 7, 1960, were: Francis Hamlin, chairman; Helen Riepl, cochairman; Alice Dillman, secretary; and Merle Dillman, treasurer. The following were elected vice-chairmen from over the county: Helen Rennie, Faye Ward, Lillibelle Egbert, and Edna Nance.

A Barton County Historical Society was formed at a meeting of about 50 persons in Great Bend, March 11, 1960. Ray S. Schulz was chosen temporary president of the society. Assisting in the organization was I. N. "Jibo" Hewitt, special representative of the Kansas Centennial Commission.

Mrs. Walter Umbach was re-elected president of the Ford Historical Society at a meeting in Ford, March 16, 1960. Other officers chosen were: Mrs. Harold Patterson, vice-president; Mrs. Addie Plattner, secretary and treasurer; Mrs. Lyman Emrie, historian; and Mrs. W. P. Warner, custodian.

Officers of the Fort Riley Historical Society, elected at a meeting of the directors at Fort Riley, March 18, 1960, are: Maj. Gen. Theodore W. Parker, honorary president; Robert K. Weary, president; Col. A. E. Forsyth and Lt. Col. Orval Abel, vice-presidents; Lt. Edward J. O'Connell, secretary; and Col. E. B. Skinner, treasurer. M/Sgt. L. E. Downer is curator of the society's museum. Lee Rich was the retiring president.

The Augusta Historical Society met April 1, 1960, and elected the following officers: W. M. Hedrick, president; Maymie Kibbey,

vice-president; Florence Hudson, secretary; and Mrs. Ethel Shriver, treasurer. Stella B. Haines was the retiring president, having served many years.

Leslie A. Powell, Marion, was named president; Al Riffel, Lincolnville, vice-president; and Mrs. O. J. Shields, Lost Springs, secretary-treasurer, of the Marion County Historical Society at an organizational meeting of the directors held in Marion, April 4, 1960. Directors of the society include: J. V. Friesen and Prof. S. L. Loewen, Hillsboro; Mrs. Floyd Rice, Florence; Charles A. Borton, Durham; Ben J. Klaassen, Goessel; F. G. Unruh, Lehigh; Mrs. S. H. Bennett, Peabody; Mrs. Henry Shubert, Ramona; Mrs. Leonard Bezdek, Tampa; Vladimir Urbanek, Pilsen; Charles Brunner, Burns; and Ed Navrat, Marion.

The 34th annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Teachers of History and the Social Sciences was held in El Dorado, April 8, 9, 1960. Speakers and their subjects included: Dr. Preston W. Slosson, Kansas State University, "Dictatorships in Modern Fiction"; Vaclav Mudroch, University of Kansas, "Herbert Butterfield's View of History"; C. Robert Haywood, Southwestern College, "Mercantilism in the Southern Colonies"; Mark Plummer, University of Kansas, "Governor Crawford and the Appointment of a U. S. Senator"; Robert W. Richmond, state archivist, Kansas State Historical Society, "The Lighter Side of Kansas History"; and Rolla Clymer, El Dorado publisher, discussed the work and plans of the Kansas Centennial Commission. New officers elected were: W. Stitt Robinson, University of Kansas, president; Sister Evangeline Thomas, Marymount College, vice-president; and John Zimmerman, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, secretary-treasurer. Edwin J. Walbourn, El Dorado Junior College, was the retiring president.

In 1959 the University of Kansas Press, Lawrence, published a 374-page book entitled *Issues and Conflicts—Studies in Twentieth Century American Diplomacy*. Composed of a group of essays, the volume was edited by Dr. George L. Anderson of the University of Kansas. Among the essays is "The Contriving Brain as the Pivot of History . . ." by Dr. James C. Malin.

The Roguish World of Doctor Brinkley, by Gerald Carson, published recently by Rinehard and Company, is a 280-page biography of Dr. John R. Brinkley, Kansas' medical maverick and three-time candidate for governor.