

Kansas History as Published in the Press

Several letters written by S. G. Crain to his family during the opening of the Cherokee strip in 1893 in which he participated, with an introduction and notes by Hilda Billman, were printed in the *Caldwell Messenger*, August 20, September 7, 14, 1959.

Among brief histories of Kansas churches published recently were: Mt. Orum Baptist church, near Redfield, *Fort Scott Tribune*, October 7, 1959; Alert Evangelical Covenant church, near Leonardville, *Clay Center Dispatch*, October 15; First Presbyterian church, Fort Scott, *Fort Scott Tribune*, October 30; Preston Methodist church, Pratt *Tribune*, December 3; Halstead Presbyterian church, *Halstead Independent*, January 15, 22, 1960; and St. Agnes church, Grainfield, *Grainfield Cap Sheaf*, January 15.

History associated with the Little Town well, on the site of present Oswego, was discussed by Wayne A. O'Connell in an article appearing in the *Oswego Democrat* and the *Oswego Independent*, October 16, 1959. Recently the well curbing was restored, and a bronze tablet, giving a brief history of the spot, has been erected.

Biographical sketches of two senior citizens of Winfield, by Maudine Banks, recently appeared in the *Winfield Daily Courier*: Mrs. Charles Parks in the issue of November 9, 1959, and Mrs. Lottie Abbott, December 1.

The life of 90-year-old Percy L. Miller was reviewed in Elizabeth Barnes' column, "Historic Johnson County," in the *Johnson County Herald*, Overland Park, December 10, 1959.

In December, 1869, Joseph Douglass platted the Butler county town that bears his name, according to a brief history of Douglass by Gladys Sherar, in the *Douglass Tribune*, December 16, 1959. The reminiscences of Mrs. Hattie Nash Adamson, pioneer Douglass resident, were published in the *Tribune*, March 9, 16, 23, 1960.

Mrs. Kate Marshall's reminiscences of life in early Thomas county appeared in the Colby *Free Press-Tribune*, December 24, 1959. On February 25, 1960, the *Free Press-Tribune* began publication of a series of reminiscences by early settlers of the Colby area, including: George H. Kinkel, Mrs. A. J. Allen, John Hubbard, and Mrs. Anna See Kiefer.

Historical articles in recent issues of the *Hays Daily News* included: "Pioneer Justice Administered in Old Stone Barn at Ellis," by Kittie Dale, January 3, 1960; "Buffalo Hunting Relieved Monotony for Hardy Pioneers in Old Hays City," January 10; "Baptist Minister [Rev. A. L. King] and Family Led Tennessee Colonists Here," and "Early Ellis County Settlers Included Not Two, but 26, Separate Colonies," January 24; "Legislator [W. N. Morphy] Foiled [Gen. Philip] Sheridan Attempt to Make Fort Hays Permanent Post," by Mollie Madden, February 14; "Hays Mapped College in '80s but Plans Just Disappeared," February 21; and "March of Time Changes All but Church and Unser Leute [in Hersog]," by Mollie Madden, March 27.

Historical articles in recent issues of the *Jetmore Republican* included: biographical information by Mrs. Annie Mooney on the family of her pioneer grandfather, Daniel Gleason, January 28, 1960; impressions of pioneer life in Hodgeman county as experienced by Jessie Ruff as a child, February 11; "A History of Mould Family," by Dan C. Mould, February 25; and the story of the settlement of Kidderville, in present Hodgeman county, by the late Sam H. Pitts, March 10.

Recent historical articles in the *Independence Daily Reporter* included: "Montgomery County Carved Out of Indian Land in 1869," by Wilma Schweitzer, January 31, 1960; and "Oak Valley Was Once Quite a Town," by Ed Guiling, February 21.

"The Abilene Promoter," an article on Joseph G. McCoy and Abilene when it was a cowtown, by Joe Sanders, was printed in *The Cattleman*, Fort Worth, Tex., February, 1960.

"It's Worth Repeating," Heinie Schmidt's historical column in the *High Plains Journal*, Dodge City, included the following articles in recent months: "Lewis History Identified With Edwards Physician [Dr. Frank G. Meckfessel]," February 18, 25, 1960; a history of the *Kansas Cowboy* of Dodge City, March 3; "Colorado Old Timers [George Glenn, Howard Anderson, R. J. Lamborn] Tell About Open Range Days," March 10; "Hardships, Dangers Recounted in Kansas Blizzards," March 17; and "Biographies [of Alexander H. Swan, William "Bill" Tilghman, James Henry Cook] Show Panorama of Frontier History," April 7.

With the issue of February 25, 1960, the *Belleville Telescope* began printing a series of sketches of Republic county history from A. O. Savage's *History of Republic County*, published in 1883.