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Hosea C. Holdridge’s 35-year career as constable of Caldwell was reviewed in an article published in the Topeka *Capital-Journal*, July 10, and the Caldwell *Messenger*, July 18, 1960.

Beginning July 13, 1960, the *Kiowa County Signal*, Greensburg, has been publishing Dr. Irven L. Corder’s “A History of Kiowa County,” in serial form.

Featured in the August, 1960, number of *Thomas County*. . . *Yesterday and Today*, Colby, was a biographical sketch of Mrs. Emily Thiel Stover who settled in Thomas county in 1887. Other articles included: “Issac Flood Plants Many Trees Here in Early Days,” “Measles Strike in ’99, Claiming Four Member of the Eli Anderson Family Within One Week,” and “History of Levant Centers Around Church, Schools, and Business Places.” Among articles in the September issue were: “J. W. Hutchinson Family Makes Home in Thomas County in 1885,” “Kansas Farmers Union First Organized in Thomas County in 1916,” “L. C. Howard Describes Early Times,” “Clyde Chelf Reminisces About Settlement Years in County; Includes Many Interesting Facts,” and an article on the building of good roads in the area.

Early Lindsborg history and a biographical sketch of W. B. O’Connor, early city marshal of Lindsborg, were included in an article by Anton Peterson, printed in the Lindsborg *News-Record*, August 4, 1960.

One hundred-year-old Mrs. H. M. Halloway, Larned, was the subject of a biographical sketch published in the *Tiller and Toiler*, Larned, August 12, 1960. On September 2 a biographical sketch of Michael Sweeney, Pawnee county pioneer, appeared in the *Tiller and Toiler*.

In 1885 the Rev. C. R. Robinson started the Wellsford Methodist church. A history of the church has been appearing serially in the Haviland *Journal*, beginning August 18, 1960. The early part of the history was written by Mrs. C. E. Anderson in 1935, the remainder by Mrs. Frank Meisel and Mrs. John Powell.

“Ballad of Nicodemus’ Kansas Town’s Theme,” by Kittie Dale, a history of Kansas’ only all-Negro settlement, was published in the Wichita *Eagle Magazine*, August 21, 1960.


On August 25, 1960, the Harper *Advocate* published an eight-page historical supplement under the title Harper *Headache*. The sup-
plement is comprised largely of historical and humorous articles from early issues of Harper newspapers.


A history of Meade, by Lura Smith, appeared in the Meade Globe-Press, September 15, 1960. The town was incorporated in 1885.

On September 18, 1960, the Atchison Daily Globe printed a history of St. Benedict’s church, near Bendena. The church recently celebrated its centennial.

The Weir Spectator on September 22, 1960, printed the first in a series of articles on the history of Weir by Mrs. Ralph O’Malley.

A history of the Marysville Methodist church appeared in the Marshall County News, Marysville, September 22, 1960. The city’s first Methodist services were held in 1857.

Histories of the Hope Methodist church were published in the Hope Dispatch and the Herington Advertiser-Times, September 29, 1960. Although a Sunday school had existed for several years previous, the church was not organized and chartered until 1885.

Early in 1885 the Baptist church of Simpson was organized, according to a history of the church printed in the Beloit Gazette, September 29, 1960.

In observance of the 75th anniversary of the Norwich Methodist church, the Kingman Countian, Kingman, September 29, 1960, published a history of the church.

Histories of Herndon and Ludell, 1902-1909, by Alfaretta Court-right, were published in the Citizen-Patriot, Atwood, September 29, 1960.

William C. Quantrill’s activities in the Kansas-Missouri border area during the Civil War are reviewed by Albert Castel in “The Bloodiest Man in American History,” which appeared in American Heritage, New York, October, 1960. Accompanying the article were the reminiscences of Sophia L. Bissell who was living in Lawrence at the time of Quantrill’s raid there.

“Alfred M. Landon and the Presidential Campaign of 1936,” by Donald R. McCoy, was published in the October, 1960, issue of Mid-America—An Historical Review, Chicago.