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Biographical sketches of Justice William Agnew Johnston and Judge Rilando Forrester Thompson were published in the Minneapolis Messenger, March 2, 1961, having been presented at a meeting of the Ottawa County Historical Society in Minneapolis, February 18, 1961. Johnston and Thompson became law partners in Minneapolis in 1872. Later Johnston became chief justice of the Kansas supreme court and Thompson served as district judge in his home district.

In its issue of March 6, 1961, the Wilson County Citizen, Fredonia, announced the formal opening of the new Wilson county courthouse and printed a history of the county's older courthouses.

Ninety-one years of continuous operation is the record of the Mitchell County Farmers Union Co-op Feed Mill at Beloit. A two-column history of the mill was published in the Beloit Gazette, March 16, 1961.


A discussion of John Brown's Harper's Ferry raid by Dr. Avery Craven appeared in an article entitled "Lee's Dilemma," in The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography, Richmond, April, 1961.

In his presidential address to the Kansas Press Association's annual convention, in Wichita, March 9, 1961, George Clasen reviewed the history of newspaper publishing in Kansas. This talk was printed in the April, 1961, issue of The Kansas Publisher, Topeka.

An article on Luray's early history, by Capt. John Fritts, was reprinted from a 1902 issue of the Luray Herald in the Natoma-Luray Independent, April 6, 1961.

Will Vernon gave a review of Pawnee county history at the April 11, 1961, meeting of the Larned Rotary club. The highlights of his talk appeared in the Tiller and Toiler, Larned, April 12.
Council Grove’s three historic trees, the Council oak, Post Office oak, and Custer’s elm, were the subjects of a historical article in the Council Grove Republican, April 19, 1961.

“Kansas, My Kansas,” a historical and descriptive article by John Bird, a native Kansan, was published in the Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia, April 29, 1961.

In a section entitled “Going Places With Esquire,” Esquire magazine for May, 1961, reviewed some of Kansas’ history and described what the traveler might find in the state during this centennial year.

“Kansas History and Folksong,” by William E. and Mary Koch, comprised the May, 1961, issue of Heritage of Kansas, publication of the English department, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

“Hatchets and Hoopskirts: Women in Kansas History,” is the title of an article by Elizabeth Cochran in the Spring, 1961, issue of The Midwest Quarterly, publication of Kansas State College of Pittsburg.

Continuing the list of Kansas newspapers publishing centennial editions, are the following: Sherman County Herald, Goodland, June 15, 1961; Hutchinson News, June 28; Hays Daily News and Ellis County Farmer, July 6; Dodge City Daily Globe, July 17; Abilene Reflector-Chronicle, August 18; and Florence Bulletin, August 31.