Kansas Historical Notes

Fort Larned was designated a National Historic Landmark by the U. S. Department of the Interior, in February, 1961. Formal dedication ceremonies were held June 18 with Howard W. Baker, regional director, Region Two, National Park Service, and Gov. John Anderson, Jr., among the participants. Other Kansas sites which have been designated National Historic Landmarks include: Hollenberg Pony Express Station, Washington county; Fort Leavenworth; Haskell Institute, Lawrence; and Wagon Bed Springs, Grant county.

Celebrations, including historical pageants, picnics, rodeos, old settlers’ gatherings, parades, etc., in observance of the Kansas centennial, were held in many towns and counties of the state, often times combined with observances of local anniversaries. Among these celebrations were: Pleasanton, May 6, 1961; El Dorado, May 29-June 4; Meade, June 5-10; Junction City, June 10-14; Park, Gove county, July 22; Dighton, July 26-28; Haven, August 2-4; Halstead, August 4; Goodland, August 15; Hugoton, August 20-26; and Mound City, August 23.

Frederick L. Thompson, Jr., was chosen president of the Border Queen Museum, Inc., Caldwell, at a meeting of the board of directors, July 11, 1961. Other officers elected were: Louis V. Rains, first vice-president; Walker Young, second vice-president; Jarry Jenista, third vice-president; Doyle Stiles, secretary; Don Stallings, treasurer; and Dr. J. E. Turner, resident agent.

Dedication ceremonies for the oil well Norman No. 1, near Neodesha, as a state monument, were held July 30, 1961. A replica of the original derrick has been erected over the well, the first commercially successful oil well in Kansas.

Current officers of the Harper City Historical Society include: C. C. Zollars, president; Agnes Nye, vice-president; Audrey Murray, secretary; and Lenor Murray, treasurer. The organization recently purchased an old church building in Harper for a museum.

William Selves, Sr., Cottonwood Falls, was named president of the Chase County Historical Society at the September 9, 1961, meeting of the society in Cottonwood Falls. Other officers include: Paul Wood, vice-president; Mildred Speer, secretary; Clint Baldwin, as-
sistant secretary; and George T. Dawson, treasurer. Charles O. Gaines was the retiring president, having served three years.

Mrs. Izil Polson Long was chosen president of the newly organized Wilson County Historical Society at a meeting September 12, 1961, in Fredonia. Other officers include: Mrs. Giles Creager, vice-president; Mrs. Ben Isenburg, secretary; Mrs. Howard Cantrall, membership secretary; Mrs. Alice Knickerbocker, treasurer; and Mrs. Carl Kuntz, Paul Stephens, Don Walters, and Glenn Beal, directors.

New officers elected by the Hodgeman County Historical Society at a meeting September 16, 1961, in Jetmore, included: Bert Brumfield, president; Earl Pitts, vice-president; Nina Lupfer, secretary; and Frances Pitts, treasurer. J. W. Lang, C. L. Hubbell, and Joe Watson were elected directors.

Mrs. Albert N. Ligon, Pittsburg, was chosen president of the Crawford County Historical Society at a meeting of the society in Pittsburg, September 26, 1961. Also elected were: Robert O. Karr, Girard, vice-president; Mrs. R. P. Emmitt, Pittsburg, secretary; Lora Allen, Pittsburg, corresponding secretary; Flora Holyrod, Pittsburg, treasurer; and F. W. Brinkerhoff, Dr. Ernest Anderson, and Harold O. Taylor, directors. Brinkerhoff, the principal speaker at the meeting, discussed the Kansas centennial. Taylor was the retiring president.

The Franklin County Historical Society elected Ben F. Park president; Franklin P. Baker, vice-president; Mrs. J. E. Harclerode, secretary; and Alma Schweitzer, treasurer, at a meeting in Ottawa, September 28, 1961. F. H. Parks was the retiring president. Edgar Langsdorf, of the Kansas State Historical Society, was the principal speaker at the meeting.

Officers of the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society for 1962 include: Mrs. George W. Cox, Overland Park, president; Mrs. O. N. Eggleson, Merriam, first vice-president; Mrs. Granville Bush, Prairie Village, second vice-president; Mrs. John Cochran, Shawnee, recording secretary; Mrs. Pearl Christ Miller, Merriam, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Roy E. Boxmeyer, Overland Park, treasurer; Mrs. Fred Dear, Overland Park, curator; Mrs. Sarah Lewis, Mission, chaplain; Mrs. Stella A. Smith, Merriam, parliamentarian; Mrs. James Glenn Bell, Merriam, historian; and Mrs. C. D. Cheatum, Merriam, member-in-waiting. Mrs. Tom Davis was the retiring president.
Loren Hahn was elected president of the Lane County Historical Society at a meeting in Dighton, October 2, 1961. Other officers chosen were: Mrs. Raymond Tillotson, vice-president; Mrs. Joe Hanna, secretary; Mrs. Dale Jewett, treasurer; and Robert Jennison, Mrs. H. S. Edmundson, and Raymond Tillotson, directors. A. R. Bentley was the retiring president.

Homer Cardwell was re-elected president of the Republic County Historical Society at the annual meeting of the society October 2, 1961, in Belleville. Other officers chosen include: Gertrude W sentenced, first vice-president; Arch Thompson, second vice-president; Madge Dickerhoff, secretary; Anna Baxa, treasurer; Merle Miller, press and publicity; and Anona Blackburn, historian.

The Norton County Historical Society elected officers at a business meeting October 4, 1961, in Norton. Howard Kuhl is the new president; Helen O'Toole, secretary; and Mrs. Gertrude Heaton, treasurer. Raymond D. Bower was the retiring president.

Current officers of the Kiowa County Historical Society are: W. L. Fleener, president; Chester Fankhouser, first vice-president; A. S. Barnes, second vice-president; Mrs. Benjamin O. Weaver, secretary; and Mrs. L. V. Keller, treasurer. The annual Pioneer Party held by the society in Greensburg, October 12, 1961, was attended by over 200 persons.

A. R. Miller is the new president of the Ottawa County Historical Society, elected at the October 14, 1961, meeting in Minneapolis. Other officers chosen were: Mrs. Thomas Swart, vice-president; Mrs. Ray Halberstadt, secretary; Mrs. Ethel Jagger, treasurer; and Mrs. Zella Heald, reporter.

Re-elected for two-year terms at the annual meeting of the Dickinson County Historical Society October 23, 1961, at Talmage, were: B. H. Oesterreich, Woodbine, president; Mrs. Viola Ehrams, Enterprise, first vice-president; and Elmer Sellins, Chapman, secretary. Among those speaking at the meeting was Edgar Langsdorf of the Kansas State Historical Society.

The Riley County Historical Society elected Homer E. Socolofsky president at its annual meeting October 28, 1961, in Manhattan. Otto Haller was elected vice-president; Ralph L. Parker, secretary; Mrs. C. M. Correll, membership secretary; Sam C. Charleston, treasurer; and Ward C. Griffing, Mrs. Paul G. Brown, and S. M. Ransopher, directors.
At a meeting October 30, 1961, in Ellsworth, the Ellsworth County Historical Society voted to undertake a campaign to raise $15,000 for the purchase and furnishing of the Perry Hodgson home in Ellsworth for a museum. Francis Wilson is president of the society.

Officers of the Osawatomie Historical Society are: Alden O. Weber, president; Chester J. Ward, vice-president; and Alma Mul- lins, secretary-treasurer. A bequest of $3,000 for the society was included in the will of the late Jessie Remington Willis.

Ward H. Butcher, Coldwater, was elected president of the Comanche County Historical Society at the annual meeting, November 4, 1961, in Coldwater. Melvin O. Parcel, Protection, was elected vice-president; Mrs. Grover Sanders, Protection, secretary; and F. H. Moberley, Wilmore, treasurer. D. Jay Overocker was the retiring president.

Sumner county’s observance of the Kansas centennial was climaxed with an 18-scene historical pageant entitled “The Sumner County Story,” presented at Wellington, November 7 and 8, 1961. The Sumner County Historical Society elected officers November 20 in Wellington. Harry Jenista, Caldwell, is the new president. Other officers are: Mrs. Paul Sanders, Belle Plaine, vice-president; Mrs. Charles Medley, Caldwell, secretary; Mrs. Elmer Holt, Wellington, treasurer; Mrs. David Heeney, South Haven, historian; Raymond Cline, Conway Springs, public relations; and Carl Earles, Argonia, Don McAllister, Wellington, Roy Frantz, Conway Springs, Charles Medley, Caldwell, David Heeney, South Haven, Millard Ross, Mulvane, and Paul Sanders, Belle Plaine, directors.

Phillip Cooper was elected president of Safari Museum, Inc., at a meeting of members November 8, 1961, in Chanute. M. L. Morton was named vice-president, and E. E. Rosenthal, secretary-treasurer. In addition to these officers, Dr. James A. Butin, Dale Fairchild, Robert Blunk, and Floyd Neff were elected directors. The organization operates the Osa and Martin Johnson Safari Museum in Chanute.

Committee appointments were made at a meeting of the board of directors of the Clark County Historical Society, November 10, 1961, in Ashland. The committee chairmen include: Roy Shupe, membership; Mrs. Robert Seacat, museum; Chester Zimmerman, historic spots and markers; Mrs. Dan Shattuck, programs; Mrs. Fred Kumberg, photography; Mrs. J. C. Harper, book sales and publicity;
Sidney Dorsey, finance; and Mrs. R. V. Shrewder, historical. Rhea Gross is president of the society.

Robert Hanson, Jamestown, was re-elected president of the Cloud County Historical Society at the society's annual meeting, November 30, 1961, in Concordia. Other officers elected were as follows: George Dutton, vice-president; Mrs. Roy Fahlstrom, membership secretary; Mrs. R. H. Hanson, recording secretary; Ernest Swanson, treasurer; and George Colwell and the Rev. Wilfred Hotaling, board members.

The fifth annual meeting of the Missouri Valley Conference of Collegiate Teachers of History will be held March 23, 24, 1962, at Omaha, Neb., under the auspices of the Department of History of the University of Omaha. Among the featured speakers will be Dr. John B. Wolf of the University of Minnesota, and Dr. George G. Windell of the University of Delaware.

The Shields Methodist church, Lane county, published a nine-page historical pamphlet in observance of its 75th anniversary in May, 1961.

*Kansas Post Offices* is a recently published 256-page book by Robert W. Baughman. Prepared in conjunction with the Kansas Postal History Society and the Kansas State Historical Society, and lithographed by McCormick-Armstrong Co., Wichita, the work includes an alphabetical listing of all Kansas post offices with dates of establishment and subsequent changes, a territorial list, a preterritorial list, a county list with the names of first postmasters, and maps of the region showing the growth, consolidation, and development of counties through the years.

Robert Easton and Mackenzie Brown are the authors of *Lord of Beasts—the Saga of Buffalo Jones*, a 287-page volume published in 1961 by the University of Arizona Press, Tucson.