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Biographical sketches of pioneers in the Lebanon area were featured in a series entitled “Glimpse in the Past,” by Peg Luke, beginning in the Lebanon Times, January 5, 1961.

Joseph F. Carpenter was the author of several articles on the history of Kansas, Osage county, and the Overbrook community, published in the Overbrook Citizen, beginning January 26, 1961.

Articles on the notorious Bender family, published in the Cherryvale Republican recently, included: an account, as told by Floyd Elliott, of the fate of the Bender family, in the issue of February 1, 1961; and “The Notorious Benders,” a three-part article compiled by Mrs. Lewis Rorick, July 5, 12, 19. Another story on the family was printed in the Topeka State Journal, July 20.

Histories of Kansas churches which appeared in the newspapers during the past year included: Beloit Presbyterian, Beloit Gazette, February 2, 1961; Hoyt Methodist, Holton Recorder, February 23; Prairie Home Methodist, Haysville, Haysville Daily News, February 24; Soldier Christian, Holton Recorder, March 9; Dutch Reformed and Rotterdam Christian Reformed of Downs, Downs News, March 10; Meade Methodist, Meade Globe-Press, March 23; Evangelical United Brethren, Concordia, Concordia Kansan and Blade-Empire, May 4; First Methodist, Goodland, Sherman County Herald, Goodland, May 4 and 11; Mayfield Methodist, Clay county, Clay Center Dispatch, May 12; St. Mary’s, Clifton, Clifton News, June 1; Hope Christian, Hope Dispatch, June 5; Luray Methodist, Natoma-Luray Independent, June 8; Overbrook churches, Overbrook Citizen, June 8; Ada Lutheran, near Kackley, Jamestown Optimist, June 15; First Methodist, Emporia, Emporia Times, June 15; Spring Valley Mennonite, near Canton, Canton Pilot, July 13; St. John’s Lutheran, Aliceville, Burlington Daily Republican, July 21; Courtland Methodist, Courtland Journal, August 3; St. John’s Lutheran of Lyons Creek, Dickinson county(?), Herington Advertiser-Times, August 24, and Hope Dispatch, September 7; Zion’s Evangelical Lutheran, Beloit, Beloit Gazette and Call, September 7; First Baptist, Leavenworth, Leavenworth Times, September 8; Stevens Chapel, Rawlins county, Citizen-Patriot, Atwood, September 14 and 21; St. John’s Lutheran, Oberlin, Oberlin Herald, September 28; Enterprise Methodist, Enterprise Journal, October 5; Cottonwood Falls Presbyterian, Chase County Leader-News, Cot-
tonwood Falls, October 11; Fees Memorial Evangelical United Brethren, Greenleaf, Greenleaf Sentinel, November 16; Morganville Methodist, Morganville Tribune, November 30; Saltville Presbyterian, Mitchell county, Beloit Gazette, November 30, and Lincoln Sentinel-Republican, December 7; St. Rose Catholic, Mount Vernon, Kingman Leader-Courier, December 1; Hutchinson Universalist, Hutchinson News, December 2; St. Matthew's Lutheran, Nortonville, Atchison Daily Globe, December 3; Hall Wesleyan Methodist, Ottawa county, Minneapolis Messenger, December 7; and Belle Plaine Methodist, Belle Plaine News, December 7.


Articles of historical interest continue to appear regularly in the Hays Daily News. Among recent ones were: “Hays Only 94 This Centennial Year But Its History Has Been Turbulent,” February 5, 1961; “Hays Had Its Beginning in 1867 With Founding of Town of Rome,” February 19; “U. S. Troops Did Little to Allay Fear of Early

Histories of Rooks county townships were published in the Rooks County Record, Stockton, starting with the issue of February 9, 1961.

Two articles on the history of coal mining in Kansas were printed in the Pittsburg Headlight, February 13, 1961: “Memories of Old Coal Camps Linger on,” by Harold O. Taylor, and “Earliest Mining in Kansas in 1827.”

Brief sketches of pioneer families in the Chapman area appeared in the Chapman Advertiser in recent months. Included were the families of George W. Freeman, February 15, 1961; John Nash, March 16; Simeone Levi Graham, April 20; Thomas Howe, June 29; Michael Howe, July 13; Scott E. Poor, July 20, 27; and George Snyder, August 3.


On February 26, 1961, the Great Bend Daily Tribune printed a history of Fort Hays Kansas State College under the title “FHS History Shows Struggle for Recognition in Kansas.” The college museums are described in an article by Dave Webster in the Tribune, April 9. A history of the museums, by Myrl Walker, was published in the Hays Daily News, April 23.