Kansas History as Published in the Press


Among the histories of Kansas churches published in the newspapers in recent months were: the all-Indian Methodist, Haysville, Haysville News, March 14, 1963; Antioch Wesleyan Methodist, near Miltonvale, Miltonvale Record, March 14; St. Charles Catholic, Troy, Atchison Daily Globe, March 31; First Baptist, Alden, Lyons Daily News, April 5; First Baptist, Leavenworth, Leavenworth Times, May 3; West Side Presbyterian, Wichita, Wichita Evening Eagle-Beacon, May 11; Amana Lutheran, Scandia, Scandia Journal, May 16; Bethany Baptist, Lincoln, Lincoln Sentinel Republican, May 23; St. Patrick’s Catholic, near Chapman, Abilene Reflector-Chronicle, May 26, and Chapman Advertiser, May 30; St. John’s Catholic, Hamilton, Emporia Gazette, May 29; Padonia Methodist, Topeka State Journal, May 29; Lincoln Presbyterian, Lincoln Sentinel Republican, May 30; St. Peter’s Lutheran, Humboldt, Humboldt Union, May 30, and Chanute Tribune, June 1; Seventh Street Methodist, Kansas City, Kansas City Kansasan, June 2; First Baptist, Hope, Hope Dispatch, June 6; Burr Oak Methodist, Burr Oak Herald, June 20; and Le Roy Christian, Le Roy Reporter, June 21.

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Rolling Prairie township and White City, Morris county, were the subjects of a historical article compiled by Mrs. R. H. Bacon and printed in the White City Register, March 14, 1963. The White City townsite was first surveyed in 1871 and the charter granted in 1872.

Lawrence Johnson Aaron’s recollections of his childhood days in Hays were printed in the March 17, 1963, issue of the Hays Daily News. Aaron came to Hays with his family in 1888 when he was two years of age. A biographical sketch of the late Lorenzo Dow Fuller, Negro musician of Stockton, by Mrs. Paul Ballinger, was published in the News, June 2.


Histories of the motion picture theaters of Neodesha, from 1907 to the present, were included in an article by Joe W. Allen, published in the Daily Sun, Neodesha, March 26, 1963. In its April 11 issue the Sun printed Allen’s brief history of the McCartney and Phelon trading post, built in 1867.

Orville W. Mosher’s column, “Museum Notes . . .,” in the Emporia Gazette, included the following articles in recent months: “Liquor Was Biggest Cause of Trouble for the Indians,” March 26, 1963; “All of Downtown Emporia Once Was Owned by Indians,” April 12; and “Anecdotes of ‘Old Normal’ Recalled by House Mother,” May 9.

A history of Four Mile township, Morris county, by Mrs. Fern Greer, was published in the Council Grove Republican, March 27, 1963. On May 7 the Republican printed an article entitled “Council Grove Long a Seat of Government,” which reviewed some of the town’s early history.

John Lundstrom’s family and homestead were the subjects of a story in the March 28, 1963, McPherson County News, McPherson. Lundstrom settled near Lindsborg in 1869. The homestead is now
owned and occupied by a son, Clarence L. Lundstrom. The Mc-
pherson Daily Sentinel, June 1, published a history of an old stone
fort west of Lindsborg, built, probably by Dr. John Rundstrom, for
protection from the Indians. The structure, enlarged and made
into a barn, still stands.

Historical articles published in recent months in the Salina Journal
included: “Salinan [Herschel Logan] Has His Own Historical Mu-
seum,” by Bill Burke, March 31, 1963; “Restored Pioneer Home
Has Unique Heating Plant,” the story of the Pioneer Adobe House
and Museum, Hillsboro, and its grass-burning central heating plant,
by Paule Campbell, May 12; and excerpts from C. O. Wright’s
sketch of Lorraine Elizabeth Wooster in the May, 1963, Kansas
Teacher, Topeka, June 2. Miss Wooster was described as “one of
the ablest and certainly the most colorful of state superintendents
of public instruction.” She served from 1918 to 1922.

“Dramatic Settlement of Lincoln Recalled,” by Ruth Meyer, was
published in the Wichita Sunday Eagle-Beacon, March 31, and the
Lincoln Sentinel-Republican, April 25, 1963. The first settlers ap-
peared in the area in the mid-1860’s soon to become victims of
Indian massacres.

During the spring and summer months of 1963, the Prairie Drum-
ner, Colby, published a series of photographs illustrating the his-
tory of the Colby area.

Kansas folklore was featured in the April, 1963, number of
Western Folklore, Berkeley, Cal. Among the articles were: “Folk-
lore Study in Kansas,” by S. J. Sackett; “Religious Folklore Among
the German-Russians in Ellis County, Kansas,” by John B. Ter-
bovich, O. F. M. Cap.; “Teen-age Folklore From Kansas,” by
Martha Dirks; “Kansas Pioneer Recipes,” by Marjorie Sackett; “So-
Called Tall Tales About Kansas,” by P. J. Wyatt; and “The Legend
of Quivira,” by Sandra Bell.

A history of the Milford water-powered mill was published in the
Junction City Union, April 1, 1963. Located on Madison creek,
near Milford, the mill was built in 1869 and used until 1943. As
the area will soon be covered with the waters of the Milford
reservoir, the mill has been sold to J. E. Markley who reportedly
will reconstruct it in his pioneer project at Seneca.

Recent articles of historical interest in the Pittsburg Headlight
included: “Jesse James Gang Rode Near Cherokee,” April 6, 1963;

Near the Sumner-Cowley county line, north of Highway 166, is the "Garden of Lollik," the Larsen-Hansen family cemetery. Histories of the cemetery were published in the South Haven New Era, April 18, and the Arkansas Daily Traveler, May 29, 1963.


In observance of the 75th anniversary of the founding of the First National bank of Dighton, the Dighton Herald, April 24, 1963, published a history of the bank.

Historical articles on Elkhart and the surrounding area were included in a special 64-page edition of the Elkhart Tri-State News, April 25, 1963, published in observance of the 50th anniversary of Elkhart.


Mrs. John H. Taylor of Chapman, 100 years of age, was the subject of a biographical sketch in the Abilene Reflector-Chronicle, April 27, 1963. She came to Kansas in 1876 and was married to John Taylor in 1884. The May 29 issue of the Reflector-Chronicle included a history of the Abilene cemetery by Henry B. Jameson.