Kansas Historical Notes

The 1962 annual meeting of the Dickinson County Historical Society was held October 23 in Abilene. Officers elected at the business session included: Lester Green, Abilene, second vice-president; and Mrs. Walter Wilkins, Chapman, treasurer. B. H. Oesterreich, Woodbine, is president of the organization.

Nathaniel Armel, Humboldt, was elected president of the Allen County History Society at a meeting of the board of directors in Iola, December 4, 1962. Dave Munson was chosen vice-president; Judge Spencer Gard, Iola, secretary; and Mary Hankins, Iola, treasurer. Judge Gard was the retiring president.

The Harvey County Historical Society, informally organized at Newton two years ago, completed its incorporation in December, 1962. C. G. Hornbaker is the president; Lawrence Hauck, vice-president; W. J. Sage, secretary; and Herbert Alumbaugh, treasurer, of the society.

Officers elected by the Santa Fe Trail Association at its annual meeting December 9, 1962, in Council Grove, were: William Whitecotton, Elkhart, president; Mrs. Helen Pfaff, Hugoton, vice-president; and Elmer Newacheck, Larned, secretary-treasurer. Retiring president was Sen. William Wheatley of New Mexico.

The Cloud County Historical Society held its annual meeting and election of officers December 20, 1962, in Concordia. The new officers are: Ernest W. Powell, president; George Dutton, vice-president; Waneta Philbrick, secretary; Mrs. Ada Hendrickson, membership secretary; Ernest Swanson, treasurer; and Mrs. Wilfred Trembley and Robert Hanson, directors. Hanson was the retiring president.

Officers of the Republic County Historical Society for 1963 include: Homer Cardwell, Republic, president; Mrs. Wesley Valentia, Belleville, first vice-president; Arch Thompson, Agenda, second vice-president; Mrs. Madge Dickerhoff, Norway, third vice-president; Mrs. V. A. Berggren, Republic, secretary; Mrs. Matthew Baxa, Belleville, treasurer; and Mrs. Anona Blackburn, Courtland, historian.

The Argonia and Western Sumner County Historical Society has purchased the former Argonia home of Mrs. Suzanna Medora Salter, first woman mayor in the United States. The society
plans to restore the building as a historical shrine and museum. Mrs. Salter was elected mayor of Argonia in 1887. Officers of the society for 1963 are: Orie Cleous, president; Mrs. Carl Earles, first vice-president; Mrs. Paul Phillipi, second vice-president; Mrs. Grace Handy, secretary; Mrs. J. W. Hart, treasurer; Mrs. Margaret Reest, corresponding secretary; and Harold Walker, Chester Mansfield, and Kenneth Briggs, directors.

Mrs. Vern Maupin was re-elected president of the Reno County Historical Society at the society’s annual meeting early in 1963 in Hutchinson. Other officers are: Everett Dunsworth, first vice-president; Judge John F. Fontron, second vice-president; Mrs. T. J. Whetstone, secretary; Mrs. Edward Moore, treasurer; and Brice Proffitt, membership chairman.

Henry W. Gauert was re-elected president of the Wyandotte County Historical Society at its annual meeting January 10, 1963, in Kansas City. Other officers chosen included: William E. Carson, vice-president; Mrs. Orin L. Moats, secretary; Mrs. Harry M. Trowbridge, treasurer; Harry H. Richardson, historian; and Harry Hanson and Don Ballou, trustees. Construction of a new building for the society’s museum got under way early this year.

Mrs. Henrietta Boyd was chosen president of the Mitchell County Historical Society for a three-year term at the group’s annual meeting January 27, 1963, in Beloit. Alan Houghton was the retiring president. Winners of the society’s essay contest were announced at the meeting. First place went to Cathy Carrico, Beloit, for her essay “The History of St. John’s Parish.”

Frank Peppiatt was re-elected president of the Rice County Historical Society at a meeting in Lyons, January 28, 1963. Other officers chosen were: Mrs. Charles Richards, vice-president; Mrs. John Sayler, secretary; Mrs. Frank Peppiatt, treasurer; and Paul Jones, director.

Dr. Rees H. Hughes, president emeritus of Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg, was named Kansan of the Year at the annual dinner meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas in Topeka, January 28, 1963. Marshall G. Gardiner, Leavenworth, and Mrs. Everett Steerman, Emporia, were elected presidents of the Native Sons and Daughters at the business meeting. Other officers chosen by the Native Sons were: Glenn D. Cogswell, Topeka, vice-president; Sen. Glee Smith, Larned, secretary; and Doral Hawks, Topeka, treasurer. Officers elected by the Native Daughters were: Mrs. J. E. Beyer, Sabetha, vice-president; Mrs.
B. J. Lempenau, Topeka, secretary; and Mrs. Dane Bales, Logan, treasurer. Emery E. Fager, Topeka, and Mrs. Glenn Henry, Oskaloosa, were the retiring presidents.

"Lawyers Through the Years" was the program theme of the 1963 meeting of the Woman’s Kansas Day Club in Topeka, January 29. Material gathered through the year pertaining to this theme was presented to the State Historical Society library. Mrs. Roy S. Gibson, Chanute, was chosen president at the business session. Other officers elected included: Mrs. Paul Wedin, Wichita, first vice-president; Mrs. F. Sharon Foster, Ellsworth, second vice-president; Mrs. Russell Dary, Manhattan, treasurer; Mrs. Thomas H. Finigan, Kansas City, historian; Mrs. Joseph Henkle, Great Bend, auditor; and Mrs. Ray Schirkofskey, Topeka, registrar. New district directors include: Mrs. Percy Converse, Pawnee Rock, first district; Mrs. L. E. Parrish, Topeka, second district; Mrs. Wesley Fry, Lenexa, third district; Mrs. M. A. Koopman, Wichita, fourth district; and Mrs. George Myers, Fredonia, fifth district. Mrs. Frank Huffman, Topeka, was the retiring president.

Officers elected by the Rawlins County Historical Society at a meeting in Atwood, January 30, 1963, were: Mrs. Ruth Hayden, president; Mrs. Dolores Luedke, vice-president; and Mrs. Barbara Creighton, secretary. Mrs. Ivy Yoos is curator of the society’s recently opened museum in Atwood.

M. L. Morton was elected president; Dale Fairchild, vice-president; and Mrs. Joe Lewis, secretary-treasurer, of the Safari Museum, Chanute, at the museum’s annual meeting January 31, 1963. Mrs. Lewis and Mrs. Kenneth Horton were elected to the board of directors. Phillip Cooper was the retiring president. It was reported at the meeting that 15,600 visitors had registered at the museum during 1962.

The Ellsworth County Historical Society re-elected all officers at the annual meeting of the society February 14, 1963, in Ellsworth. They are: Francis Wilson, president; Mrs. Martha Andrews, vice-president; Mrs. Paul Aylward, secretary; and A. H. Barofsky, treasurer.

Officers of the Ford Historical Society were re-elected at a meeting March 8, 1963. They are: Mrs. Walter Umbach, president; Mrs. E. H. Patterson, vice-president; Mrs. Addie Plattner, secretary-treasurer; Mrs. W. P. Warner, custodian and reporter; and Mrs. Lyman Emrie and Mrs. Bill Fowler, historians.
The history of Moundridge is told in pictures in a 40-page pamphlet, *A Pictorial Review—Moundridge, Kansas*, published in observance of the town’s recent diamond anniversary.

*American Firearms and the Changing Frontier*, a 99-page booklet written by the late Waldo E. Rosebush for the Eastern Washington State Historical Society, was published by that society in 1962. The booklet traces the historical and mechanical development of firearms made or used in North America.

A history of Neodesha entitled *Cho o-nee to High Iron*, by Joseph W. Allen, was published in 1962. The 116-page volume covers the period of 1867-1886, “from the wilderness days to the coming of the railroads.”

Agnes Tolbert is the author of a 56-page booklet entitled *The Rock Houses of Minersville*, published in 1963 by Adams Press, Chicago. Histories of the towns of Minersville, Cloud county, and Talmo, Republic county, and of Zion cemetery, Republic county, were included in the booklet.

In 1962 the Champoeg Press, Portland, Ore., published the *California and Overland Diaries of Count Leonetto Cipriani, From 1853 Through 1871*, translated and edited by Ernest Falbo. The 154-page volume is Cipriani’s account of his cattle drive from Missouri to California in 1853, a visit with Brigham Young in Salt Lake City, and the assembling of his home in Belmont, Calif.

*Pioneers of Western Kansas*, a 281-page volume by Myrtle D. Fesler, was published by Carlton Press, New York, in 1962. A history of Rooks, Ellis, Graham, and Trego counties, the account deals with “the white man’s makeshift settlements, rude schoolhouses and primitive churches and with the gradual emergence of law and order, civilization and prosperity.”

As a memento of the centennial of Kansas State University, Manhattan, 192-page volume entitled *Kansas State University—A Pictorial History, 1863-1963*, compiled and edited by Charles C. Howes, was recently published by the university.

Frederick Merk is the author of *Manifest Destiny and Mission in American History*, published in 1963 by Alfred A. Knopf, New York. The 280-page work is a reinterpretation of the doctrine, proclaimed especially in the 1840’s and 1890’s, that the United States was destined to acquire a continental and overseas empire.
Great Gunfighters of the West, a 176-page work by Carl W. Breihan, was recently published by the Naylor Company, San Antonio, Tex. In addition to biographies of a number of well-known gunmen, the book includes descriptions and pictures of some of their weapons.