Kansas Historical Notes

Officers of the Wyandotte County Historical Society for 1966 are: Stanley B. Richards, president; Mrs. Ben E. White, vice-president; Mrs. T. L. Burton, secretary; Mrs. Harry M. Trowbridge, treasurer; and Harry M. Trowbridge, curator of the museum.

Jewell County Historical Society officers for 1966 include: Carl Westin, president; Clayton Hughes, vice-president; Bernice Howard, secretary; Mrs. Bess Kramer, treasurer; and Mrs. Idella Johnson and Clarence Black, curators. Members of the board of directors are: Iden Chilcott; Mrs. Howard Edwards, Mrs. Kenneth Maag, Joe R. Beeler, and Black.

Elbert W. Smith has been named first superintendent of the Fort Larned National Historic Site. A native Kansan, Smith will go to Larned from the National Park Service at Omaha.

The following were recently appointed by Gov. Wm. H. Avery to the Kansas Lewis and Clark Trail committee: Paul Allingham, Atchison; D. R. Anthony, III, Leavenworth; C. C. Calnan, Troy; Alan Farley, Kansas City; Harry A. Hixon, Atchison; Neil Mecaskey, Lawrence; Nyle H. Miller, Topeka; Col. A. E. Schanze, Leavenworth; Donald Shreve, White Cloud; and Harry Trowbridge, Bethel. Hixon is chairman of the committee and Schanze, vice-chairman. A federal Lewis and Clark Trail commission has also been established to advise and coordinate the activities of the state and local agencies in preserving and marking the trail followed by the explorers in 1804-1806.

Results of the election of officers at the annual meeting of the Ottawa County Historical Society, November 13, 1965, in Minneapolis, were: Omar Joyce, president; A. R. Miller, vice-president; Mrs. Ray Halberstadt, secretary; Mrs. Louis Ballou, treasurer; Paul Wilkins, program chairman; Mrs. Bert Bourne, public relations chairman; and Ray Halberstadt, L. M. Ballou, and Louis Geisen, directors. Mrs. Halberstadt later resigned as secretary.

New officers elected by the Sumner County Historical Society at a meeting in Argonia, November 29, 1966, included: Harry Jenista, Caldwell, president; Everly Harsh, Argonia, vice-president; Roy Frantz, Conway Springs, secretary; Ethel Howard, Mulvane, treasurer; and Mary Ellen Heeney, South Haven, historian. Raymond Cline, Conway Springs, was the retiring president.
Steps toward forming a Miami County Historical Society were taken at a meeting of interested citizens in Paola, December 2, 1965. Robert Carey was named temporary chairman of the board of directors, and Mrs. Ethel Hunt, acting treasurer. Others elected to the board included: Harry Meinig, Howard Mannen, Dike Dickerson, Walter Crotchett, Don Everhart, and Donna Hunt. At a February 17, 1966, meeting Mrs. Carey E. Ore was designated secretary.

At a meeting, December 7, 1966, in Concordia, the Cloud County Historical Society elected the following officers: G. B. Kappelman, president; William Dutton, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Hanson, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Russell Alcorn, membership secretary; Austin Huscher, treasurer; and Mrs. Wilfred Trembly and Robert Hanson, directors. George Dutton was the retiring president. Thomas Witty, Kansas State Historical Society archaeologist, spoke to the group.

Mrs. Vern Maupin was reelected president of the Reno County Historical Society at its annual meeting in Hutchinson, January 3, 1966. Other officers named were: William Calbert, first vice-president; Mrs. Edd Hall, second vice-president; Mrs. Frank Valdois, secretary; and Gordon Hermes, treasurer.

Officers of the Butler County Historical Society reelected at the group's annual meeting January 10, 1966, in El Dorado, included: R. A. Clymer, president; Charles E. Heilmann, vice-president; Mrs. Faith M. Loomis, secretary; and Clifford W. Stone, treasurer. Named to the board of trustees in addition to the officers, were: Ralph Grier, Albert Bodecker, Karl Harsh, Merton King, Elwood King, Bert Osborn, Mrs. Albert Stearns, Mrs. Corah Mooney Bullock, Mrs. Ralph Wiley, Mrs. Myra Lockwood Brown, and O. J. Connell, Jr.

Mrs. Tweed W. Ross, Beloit, was elected president of the Mitchell County Historical Society for a three-year term at the society's annual meeting January 16, 1966, in Beloit. Mrs. Earl Boyd was the retiring president.

Officers elected by the Wilson County Historical Society at its annual meeting January 20, 1966, included: Mrs. Austin Cook, president; Mrs. McCager Thompson, Jr., vice-president; Mrs. Ben Isenberg, secretary; Elsie Mae Pinkston, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Alice Knickerbocker, treasurer; Mrs. John Youngmeyer, membership chairman; Mrs. Giles Creager, historian; Paul Stephens and
Don Walters, directors; and Mrs. Morton Fitzmorris, museum director. Mrs. Izil Long was the retiring president.

Ruth Harper was elected president of the Argonia and Western Sumner County Historical Society at a meeting in Argonia, January 20, 1966. Other officers chosen included: Earl Beal, first vice-president; Chester Mansfield, second vice-president; Mrs. Grace Handy, secretary; Margaret Rust, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Jim Hart, treasurer; Mrs. Leo Drouhard and Mrs. Fred Coleman, public relations representatives; and Leo Drouhard and Everly Harsh, directors. Freda Deen was the retiring president.

New directors elected by the Leavenworth County Historical Society at a meeting in Leavenworth January 26, 1966, were: Biringer Miller, Mrs. Frank Carroll, Mrs. Martin Sheldon, Helen Yoakum, Sen. Ed. Reilly, Jr., and Irving Feezor. Edward J. Chapman, Jr., is president of the group. The meeting was addressed by Dr. George L. Anderson, Lawrence, on “Local History: Interesting and Important.”

The Jefferson County Historical Society was formally organized at a meeting in Oskaloosa, January 26, 1966, and the following officers were chosen: William C. Leech, Oskaloosa, president; Mrs. Jack Reichart, Valley Falls, vice-president; Hazel Ahrens, Oskaloosa, recording secretary; Mrs. John S. Voorhees, Oskaloosa, corresponding secretary; Russell Shaw, Lawrence, treasurer; and Mrs. Marion Catren, Valley Falls, and William Grinter, Perry, directors.

Bill Vaughan, Kansas City columnist and humorist, was the principal speaker at the 48th annual banquet of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas in Topeka, January 28, 1966. Two Kansan of the Year awards were made by the organization this year; to Debbie Bryant, the 1966 Miss America, and to Jim Ryun, the nation’s outstanding young distance runner. Mrs. Mamie Boyd, Phillipsburg, was honored as Kansas mother of the year and the oldest native daughter present. Sen. Glee Smith, Larned, president of the Native Sons, and Mrs. Bert Lempenau, Topeka, president of the Native Daughters, presided. Presidents for the coming year are Doral Hawks, Topeka, and Mrs. Dane Bales, Logan.

“Kansas—the Land” was the theme of the 59th annual meeting of the Woman’s Kansas Day Club in Topeka, January 29, 1966. Presiding was Mrs. F. Sharon Foster of Ellsworth, the president. Murray A. Wilson, Salina engineer, was the principal speaker at the luncheon. Material pertaining to the theme gathered through
the year by district historians was presented to the Kansas State Historical Society. Mrs. Roscoe Mendenhall, Emporia, was elected president at the business meeting. Other officers chosen were: Mrs. Russell Dary, Manhattan, first vice-president; Mrs. Joseph Henkle, Great Bend, second vice-president; Mrs. Milton Koopman, Shawnee Mission, recording secretary; Mrs. Doris Schirkofsky, Topeka, treasurer; Mrs. Glenn Henry, Oskaloosa, historian; Constance Achterberg, Salina auditor; and Mrs. Lewis C. McGee, Olathe, registrar. The new district directors are: Mrs. Harold Westerhaus, Ellsworth, first; Mrs. Thad Sandstrom, Topeka, second; Mrs. John Newson, Lawrence, third; Mrs. John Simoni, Wichita, fourth; and Mrs. Earl Sauder, Emporia, fifth.

John Mickey was reelected president of the Rawlins County Historical Society at the group's annual meeting January 30, 1966, in Atwood. Other officers named included: Jim Domsch, vice-president; Jessie Cloe, secretary; Ed Keirns, treasurer; and Lillian Green, Dewey Ratliff, Ruth Hayden, and Anne Fleckenstein, directors.

Parker Parish was reelected president of the Rice County Historical Society at a meeting in Lyons, January 31, 1966. Arthur Harvey was named vice-president; Mrs. John Buller, secretary; Laura Sangster, treasurer; and Irvin Drescher, director.

Mrs. R. W. VanDeventer is the new chairman of the board of trustees of the Chisholm Trail Museum, Wellington, having been elected at a board meeting on February 3, 1966. Elton Hilt is vice-chairman; Mrs. A. C. Hatcher, secretary; and John W. Garland, treasurer. The retiring chairman was Dr. Ward M. Cole.

Leon Sherwood was named president of the newly organized Montgomery County Historical Society at a meeting in Independence, February 4, 1966. Mrs. Clair Dennis was elected vice-president, and Mrs. James Gilmore, temporary secretary. At a meeting February 20, Mrs. C. M. Funston was chosen permanent secretary. First major project of the society is to move the historic D. C. Krone cabin to Independence from the Sycamore valley.

The Hewins Historical Society, Chautauqua county, was organized February 15, 1966, and the following officers were chosen: Raymond Tredway, president; Ruby Harvey, vice-president; Ethel Montgomery, secretary-treasurer; and Esther Leonard, historian. The purpose of the organization is to set up and maintain a museum in the old Hewins Methodist church building.