Kansas Historical Notes

Officers of the Fort Leavenworth Historical Society for the year beginning July 1, 1966, were: Maj. Charles L. McNeill, president; Col. Donald J. Delaney, vice-president; Mrs. Robert D. Danforth, secretary; Mildred C. Cox, treasurer; and Ltc. Robert M. von Schlemmer, program chairman.

Mrs. T. E. Davis, Pittsburg, was elected president of the Crawford County Historical Society at a meeting in Pittsburg, September 27, 1966. Other officers chosen included: Clarence Pate, Walnut, vice-president; Mrs. C. F. Short, Pittsburg, secretary; and Goldie Kelly, Pittsburg, treasurer. W. H. Matthews was the retiring president.

F. A. Warnica, Council Grove, was named president of Families of Pioneers at a meeting in White City, October 1, 1966. Mrs. E. M. Jones is the new secretary-treasurer. The retiring president was Jay Brittain, White City.

Officers of the Republic County Historical Society reelected at a meeting in Belleville, October 3, 1966, were: Homer Cardwell, president; Mrs. Madge Dickerhoof, first vice-president; Mrs. Zella Berggren, second vice-president; Howard Anderson, third vice-president; Mrs. Maude Rieke, secretary; Mrs. Anna Baxa, treasurer; and Mrs. Anona Blackburn, historian.

The Albany Historical Society reelected Albert Ackerman president at a meeting October 18, 1966, at the society's museum near Sabetha. Dan Anderson was named vice-president; Mrs. Lee White, secretary; Mrs. LeRoy Ruse, treasurer; and Elmer Snyder and Anderson, directors.

Rooks county early settlers held their annual gathering October 20, 1966, in Stockton, with 93 in attendance. The president, Mrs. Harvey Carsten, presided at the afternoon program. Officers for the 1966-1967 year are: Mrs. Harmon VanDyke, president; Mrs. Ellsworth Dodrill, vice-president; Mrs. Vincent Hrabe, secretary-treasurer. Next year's meeting will be in Plainville.

Ruts of the Santa Fe trail near Howell, west of Dodge City, have been designated a national historic landmark. Dedication ceremonies were held October 22, 1966, at which a plaque mounted on a stone monument was unveiled. Elbert Smith of the National Park Service was the principal speaker.
Mrs. Florence Richards, Scottsville, was named president of the Mitchell County Historical Society at a meeting in Beloit, October 23, 1966. She replaces Mrs. Tweed Ross who resigned.

B. H. Oesterreich, Woodbine, was reelected president of the Dickinson County Historical Society at the group’s annual meeting October 24, 1966, in Carlton. Also reelected were: Harold Scanlan, Abilene, first vice-president; Lester Green, Abilene, second vice-president; Mrs. Ellen Peterson, Enterprise, secretary; and Mrs. Walter Wilkins, Chapman, treasurer. Newly elected was Stewart Vereckler, Abilene, as historian. The program dealt with the history of the Carlton and Elmo communities.

The annual meeting of the Comanche County Historical Society was held in Coldwater, October 29, 1966. Officers elected during the business session included: Mrs. Neill Jackson, president; Mrs. Will Denney, vice-president; Mrs. Raymond Lohrding, secretary; and F. H. Moberley, treasurer. Marvin Plank was the retiring president.

Officers elected for three-year terms by the Smoky Valley Historical Association at its annual meeting November 6, 1966, in Lindsborg, were: Melvin Anderson and Carl Nelson, vice-presidents; and Leonard Nelson, treasurer. Dr. A. W. Lindquist is president of the group.

George Anderson was named president of the Douglas County Historical Society at its 36th annual meeting November 9, 1966, in Lawrence. Other officers elected included: Ethan Smith, first vice-president; Mrs. Richard B. Stevens, second vice-president; Mrs. Charles D. Stough, secretary; Howard Wiseman, treasurer; and Mr. and Mrs. Dayton Van Tries, Opal Jayne Kennedy, Mrs. Ivan Rowe, Richard M. Raney, Laura Neiswanger, and Lena K. Huddleston, directors. Raney was the retiring president. Featured speaker at the meeting was John W. Ripley, Topeka, whose subject was “America at the Turn of the Century.”

Cherryvale’s museum was officially opened in new quarters on November 20, 1966. Many of the exhibits are from a collection presented to the museum by Clarence E. Evans in memory of his wife, Opal Conduitte Evans. Museum officers are: Charles Thompson, president; Mrs. Violet Baker, secretary; Roy Shaw, treasurer; and Bob Burns, C. W. Mitchell, Howard Gill, and John Littell, board members.

Glenn Nichols, Effingham, was named president of the Atchison County Historical Society at a meeting in Atchison, November 21,
1966. J. Robert Jacobson was elected vice-president; Mrs. Charles Houston, secretary; John Gerardy, treasurer; and the Rev. Angeles Lingenfelser, Mrs. O. P. May, Charles Spencer, and C. Marshall Warner, directors. Warner has been serving as acting president.

Members of the Summer County Historical Society named Raymond Frye, Wellington, president of the society, at a meeting in Belle Plaine, November 28, 1966. Opal Vulgamore, Milton, was elected vice-president; Roy C. Franz, Conway Springs, secretary; Mrs. Everett Howard, Mulvane, treasurer; and Mary Ellen Heeney, South Haven, historian. Harry Jenista, Caldwell, was the retiring president.

Officers were elected by the newly organized Hamilton County Historical Society at a meeting in Syracuse, December 5, 1966. Floyd Edwards was chosen president; T. D. Thompson, vice-president; Mrs. Duane Dikeman, secretary; and O. C. Low, treasurer. A building in Syracuse was recently purchased by the society for a museum.

William Dutton was elected president of the Cloud County Historical Society at a meeting of the members December 15, 1966, in Concordia. Other officers named were: Leo McCarty, vice-president; Mrs. Robert Hanson, secretary; Mrs. Russell Alcorn, membership secretary; Austin Huscher, treasurer; and Robert B. Wilson and Mrs. George Palmer, trustees. G. B. Kappelman was the retiring president.

Mrs. Hildred Armantrout, Scott City, was reelected president of the Scott County Historical Society at a meeting in Scott City, December 20, 1966. Other officers named were: W. A. Dobson, Scott City, first vice-president; Irene Zane, Scott City, second vice-president; Mrs. Fred Smika, Scott City, secretary; Mrs. Earl Lindenmuth, Scott City, treasurer; and Ralph Douglass and Chester Fouquet, directors.

J. Kenneth Thomas is president of the new Shawnee Historical Society in Johnson county. Other officers include: Ralph Hoehn and Gene Garrett, vice-presidents; Elmer Carpenter, secretary; Mrs. Elmer Carpenter, corresponding secretary; and LaVerne Pressler, treasurer.

The current president of the Harvey County Historical Society is John F. Schmidt. The society is engaged in a search for a suitable building in which to hold meetings and to preserve historical items.
Officers of the recently activated Cowley County Historical Society are: Dr. J. C. Witter, president; C. A. Kuhlman, vice-president; Roland Mueller, secretary; and Jerry Newland, treasurer. In addition to the officers, the following are directors: Keith Green, Galen Nickels, Brad Light, Pauline Marten, and Dorothy Bixler. Jack Higgins is executive secretary, and Mrs. W. G. Anderson, honorary president. The society has acquired the abandoned Bryant school, Winfield, for a museum.

The Fort Riley Historical Museum was recently redesignated the Fort Riley U. S. Cavalry Museum. Organized by the Fort Riley Historical Society, the museum was first opened in 1957. Current president of the society is Robert K. Weary, Junction City.

Officers of the Allen County Historical Society are: Floyd Clark, Elsmore, president; Nat Armel, Humboldt, vice-president; Mrs. Stanley E. Toland, Iola, secretary; and W. E. Harlan, Iola, treasurer. Other directors are: Dave Munson, Moran; Lillian Johnson, Humboldt; Spencer A. Card, Iola; R. H. Johnson, Humboldt; and Dwight Howard, Iola. The society maintains two museums in Iola, one in the old jail and the other in the courthouse. Mrs. R. H. Carpenter is director of the museums.

Hodgeman County Historical Society officers for 1967 are: C. L. Hubbell, president; Earl Pitts, vice-president; Frances Pitts, secretary; Gladys B. Wright, treasurer; and Alice Tuttle, Ted Cope-land, and Irvin Hendrickson, directors.

Officers of the Woman’s Kansas Day Club for 1967 are: Mrs. Russell Dary, Manhattan, president; Mrs. Joseph Henkle, Great Bend, first vice-president; Mrs. Doris Schirkofsky, Topeka, second vice-president; Mrs. Loren Holman, Topeka, recording secretary; Mrs. Milton Koopman, Shawnee Mission, treasurer; Constance Achterberg, Salina, historian; Mrs. Glenn Henry, Oskaloosa, auditor; Mrs. John Simoni, Wichita, registrar; and Mrs. Dane Bales, Logan; Mrs. C. M. Slagg, Manhattan, Mrs. A. W. Brecheisen, Garnett; Mrs. Eudora Goetz, Wichita; and Mrs. Albert Siler, Cherryvale, directors. Mrs. Roscoe Mendenhall, Emporia, the outgoing president, presided at all sessions of the annual meeting in Topeka, January 28, 1967. Historical material gathered through the year by the club was turned over to the Kansas State Historical Society.

Ellsworth County Historical Society officers for 1967 include: Francis Wilson, Ellsworth, president; Dwight Yordy, Brookville, vice-president; Mrs. Ed Merydith, Ellsworth, secretary; A. H. Barofsky, Ellsworth, treasurer; and Mrs. Paul Peters, Jr., Lorraine,
George Jelinek, Ellsworth, Fred Curry, Ellsworth, Mrs. Ray Jewell, Kanopolis, Oliver Bircher, Kanopolis, Mrs. Emil Prochaska, Ellsworth, Mrs. Paul Aylward, Ellsworth, and Robert Hulse, Ellsworth, directors.

Howard L. Brown was elected president of the Osawatomie Historical Society at a meeting in the Old Stone church in Osawatomie, January 4, 1967. Other officers are: William H. Hart, vice-president; J. Ruth Anderson, secretary; Olin Church, treasurer; and Harry O. Cavinee and Alden O. Weber, directors. Weber was the retiring president.

Officers elected by the Wyandotte County Historical Society at the group's annual meeting, January 12, 1967, included: N. B. Carr, president; Mrs. Ben White, vice-president; Mrs. Tom Bruton, secretary; Mrs. Harry Trowbridge, treasurer; Mrs. Hildur Ek, historian; and Henry Gauert, John Rohde, and Stanley B. Richards, trustees. Richards was the retiring president. The society's new museum, near Bonner Springs, was opened January 7.

All officers of the Woodson County Historical Society were re-elected at a meeting in Yates Center, January 17, 1967. They are: Ray V. Stoll, president; Maurice Riley, vice-president; Lester A. Harding, secretary; and Elmer F. Krueger, treasurer.

Representatives of several Cheyenne county organizations met in St. Francis, January 19, 1967, and formed the Cheyenne County Historical Society. Mrs. Mayzee Schultz was chosen president, Mrs. Manette Henderson, vice-president, and Mrs. Dorothy Finley, secretary. E. S. Sutton of Benkelman, Neb., spoke to the group and assisted with the organization.

E. J. Rolfs, Jr., Junction City, and Mrs. Clair G. Lindahl, Topeka, were named presidents of the Native Sons and Native Daughters of Kansas respectively at the business session of the group's annual meeting January 27, 1967, in Topeka. Other officers of the Native Sons are: Judge E. Newton Vickers, Topeka, vice-president; Ray Schulz, Great Bend, secretary; and Tom Schwartz, Topeka, treasurer. Mrs. LaVerne Spears, Rossville, was elected vice-president of the Native Daughters; Mrs. Adrian Allen, Topeka, secretary; and Mrs. Arno Windscheffel, Smith Center, treasurer. Doral Hawks, Topeka, and Mrs. Dane Bales, Logan, were the retiring presidents. Former Justice Charles E. Whittaker was the principal speaker at the dinner meeting. Jim Ryun, University of Kansas track star, was named "Kansan of the Year" for the second time. Mrs. Alice Groom, Council Grove, was awarded first place in the pioneer factual story
contest, and Lena Lloyd, Chanute, was winner of the state high school oratorical contest.

The Kansas Association of Teachers of History and Social Science held its 41st annual meeting at Wichita State University on March 3 and 4, 1967. Dr. Robert P. Browder, chairman of the department of history at Kansas State University, Manhattan, addressed an evening meeting on March 3 on the subject, “Russia 1917.” At a luncheon on March 4, Dr. Philip Brooks, director of the Harry S. Truman Library, Independence, Mo., and Dr. John Wickman, director of the Dwight D. Eisenhower Library, Abilene, spoke on “Regional Resources for the Study of the Presidency.” Papers of Kansas interest included: “Park City: How It Lived and Why It Died,” by Sandra S. Wiechert, Kansas State University; “A Populist Survival: Judge Frank Doster in the 1920’s,” by Michael J. Brodhead, University of Kansas, Lawrence; and “Border Frontier: Land Office Tactics of the Missouri River, Fort Scott and Gulf Railroad, 1866-1870,” by Craig Miner, Wichita State University. New officers elected were: Robert W. Richmond, Kansas State Historical Society, president; James Carey, Kansas State University, vice-president; and James Maag, Dodge City Community College, and Leland Lengel, McPherson College, members of the executive council. Edgar Langsdorf, Kansas State Historical Society, continued as secretary-treasurer. William E. Unruh, Wichita State University, was the retiring president.

An Illustrated Life of Doc Holliday is the title of a 64-page pamphlet by Glenn Boyer, published recently by the Reminder Publishing Co., Glenwood Springs, Colo.

Stories and poems, many based on incidents in Kansas life, have been compiled by Leslye Hardman Womer and published in a 64-page pamphlet entitled Lines and Rhymes.

Ranchorama and Louie C. Walbridge, an Illustrated Story of Profile Ranch and the Owner, 1859-1939, by Caroline K. Walbridge, is a 108-page, paper-bound book issued by the Russell Record in 1966. Profile ranch, in Russell county, at one time included over 3,500 acres.


George Bird Grinnell’s When Buffalo Ran has been reprinted by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman, in a 114-page, cloth-bound volume. The book was first published in 1920.