Kansas Historical Notes

Current officers and members of the Cowley County Historical Society board of directors are: G. A. Kuhlman, president; Mrs. Don Carttar, vice-president; Roland M. Mueller, secretary; Bradley Light, treasurer; and Roy David, George McNeish, Helen Johnson, Pauline Marten, and Anna Wakefield, directors.

The Ellis Historical Museum Society was recently organized with the following officers: Darwin Kingsley, chairman; Burgess Bieler, vice-chairman; and Kittie Dale, acting secretary-treasurer.

The Columbus Museum is in a new location, having moved from the city library building to the American Legion park. The museum was first opened in 1966. Mrs. Wilbert Jones, Sr., is currently president of the museum board.

Ira Laidig has been named to head a drive to raise a $100,000 endowment for the Last Indian Raid in Kansas Museum, Oberlin. The campaign was inspired by the receipt of $20,000 from the estate of the late Dr. V. E. Larrick.

Members of the Lane County Historical Society elected the following officers at a meeting in Dighton, October 12, 1970: Louis Ummel, president; Lois Laird, vice-president; Ellen May Stanley, secretary; Selma Schmalzried, treasurer; and Raymond Tillotson, Robert Jennison, and Howard Lang, directors.

Mrs. Nelle Curry Manville, Winchester, was reelected president of the Jefferson County Historical Society at the group’s annual meeting November 17, 1970, in Ozawkie. Other officers named were: William C. Leech, Oskaloosa, vice-president; Mrs. Marguerite Langdon, Oskaloosa, recording secretary; Elmer McAferty, McLouth, treasurer; and Mrs. Verona Wellman McDonald, McLouth, and Homer Thomason, Perry, directors. The principal speaker at the meeting was W. J. Kramer whose topic was the history of Ozawkie, 1854-1885.

St. Patrick’s Coal Creek Historical Society was formed at a meeting November 15, 1970, at the Coal Creek Catholic church. The purpose of the society is to preserve the church building, the oldest in Nemaha county. Society officers are: William Jeanneret,
Onaga, president; John Cline, Havensville, vice-president; and Mrs. Alfred Engelken, Centralia, secretary-treasurer.

Officers of the Martin and Osa Johnson Safari Museum, Chanute, elected at a board meeting November 16, 1970, are: Mrs. Don Abbuehl, president; Dr. James Kenseit, vice-president; Dr. Richard Good, secretary; Bob German, treasurer. Mrs. Anna Lou Mattix is the museum director.

Harry Jenista, Caldwell, was named president of the Sumner County Historical Society at the society's annual meeting November 23, 1970, in Mulvane. Other officers elected were: Elmer Holt, Wellington, vice-president; Mrs. Max Wiley, South Haven, secretary; Mrs. Opal Vulgamore, Milton, treasurer; Mrs. David Heeney, South Haven, historian; Dorothy Dey, Wellington, publicity chairman; Mrs. Grace Handy, Argonia, parliamentarian; Charles Medley, Caldwell, tour director; and Mrs. Vulgamore, Medley, and Max Wiley, directors. Medley was the retiring president.

James W. Paddock was named president of the Douglas County Historical Society at a meeting in Lawrence November 23, 1970. Bret Waller was elected vice-president; Ethan Smith, secretary; Howard Wiseman, treasurer; and Glen Kappelman, Mrs. F. C. Sanders, George Hedrick, Donald McConnell, and Mrs. Everett E. Buhler, directors. Kappelman was the retiring president. Principal speaker at the meeting was Stanley Sohl, director of the Kansas State Historical Society museum.

Ivan Chubb was chosen president of the Baxter Springs Historical Society at its annual meeting held November 30, 1970. Perry Elwood was elected vice-president; Mrs. Ivan Chubb, secretary; and Mrs. W. J. Richards, treasurer. Walter Swalley was the retiring president. The program at the meeting was a history of the Mount Olive Baptist church, presented by Mrs. Carl Boyd, Sr.

W. A. Graves was elected president of the Douglass Historical Society at a meeting November 30, 1970. Harry Robinson was named first vice-president; Emma Furves, second vice-president; Turia Bolington, secretary; Gladys Sherar, treasurer; Edith Engle, reporter; Jean Valentine, historian; Eva Guyot, advisor; and Inez Graves, scrapbook secretary.

William J. Smith who has been acting president of the Lecompton Historical Society, was elected president at a December, 1970,
meeting of the group. Other officers are: Dale Gregg, vice-president; Mrs. Donald Mathe, secretary; and Mrs. Dale Gregg, treasurer.

Members of the Cloud County Historical Society meeting in December, 1970, elected the following officers: Leslie Ward, president; George Frederickson, vice-president; Ethel Henthorne, secretary; Mrs. George Dutton, membership secretary; Austin Huscher, treasurer; and George Dutton and Martin White, directors.

Dwaine Chesnut was elected president of the White Cloud Historical Society at a meeting December 1, 1970. Harold Koelliker was chosen vice-president; Jane Chesnut, secretary; and Lowell Kelley, director. The officers were installed at a meeting January 12, 1971.

Dale Clayton, Murdock, was picked by the board of trustees of the Kingman County Historical Society to serve as the society’s president in 1971. Lucille Orme was named vice-president; Jolene Meade, secretary; and Ed Robinson, treasurer. Bill Bradley, Cunningham, was the retiring president.

Atchison County Historical Society officers for 1971 include the following: the Rev. Roger Rumery, president; William Putthoff, vice-president; Mrs. Carl Pickman, secretary; Mrs. Irene Bird, treasurer; and Arthur Armstrong, William Bodendoerfer, Claude Warner, Mrs. O. P. May, and Mrs. William Roe, board members.

The third annual banquet of the Anderson County Historical Society was held in Garnett, January 6, 1971. At the business session the following officers were elected: Ed Tessler, president; Guy Rogers, vice-president; Mrs. Juanita Kellerman, secretary; and Ella Gerhold, treasurer. Roy Monroe was the retiring president. “Robin Hoods or Robbin’ Hoods,” a talk on the Younger brothers by Wilbur Zink of Appleton City, Mo., was the feature of the program.

Meeting at Four Corners, junction of US highways 75 and 56, January 12, 1971, the Osage County Historical Society reelected O. A. Copple, Osage City, president. Joe Collins, Overbrook, was named vice-president; Joseph F. Carpenter, Overbrook, secretary; and Charles Gobel, Burlingame, treasurer.

Representatives of Rawlins, Thomas, Logan, and Gove counties met in Colby, January 17, 1971, and formed the Hi-Plains Preservation of History Commission. Michael Baughn, Brewster, was elected president; Mrs. Irven Hayden, Jr., Atwood, vice-president;
and Dr. Mason Wolfe, Colby, secretary-treasurer. At a later meeting, in Atwood, January 31, Mrs. Marge Wright, Russell Springs, was elected secretary; Jean Abell, Oakley, treasurer; and Leslie Linville, Colby, publicity chairman. The purpose of the commission is to assist local historical societies and individuals to locate and preserve historic sites in northwest Kansas.

The Wyandotte County Historical Society, meeting January 17, 1971, at the museum in Bonner Springs, reelected N. B. Carr president. Other officers chosen were: Denny M. Smith, vice-president; G. J. Moore, secretary; Mrs. Harry M. Trowbridge, treasurer; Mrs. Ben E. Brown, historian; and Mrs. Glenna Apitz, Paul Jewel, and Joseph Sass, directors.

E. C. Benson was named president of the Miami County Historical Society at a meeting in Paola, January 21, 1971. Other officers elected were: Dike Dickerson, first vice-president; Walter Crotchet, second vice-president; Mrs. Carey E. Ore, secretary; Mrs. Ethel J. Hunt, treasurer; and Don Everhart, Bert Homrighausen, Mrs. Ben Millard, J. O. Allman, Donna Hunt, Robert H. Carey, Howard Mannen, Harry Meinig, Ralph Coler, Bob Reynolds, Sister M. Charles, Benson, Dickerson, Crotchet, and Mrs. Hunt, directors.

On January 25, 1971, the Argonia and Western Sumner County Historical Society, at its 11th annual meeting, named the following officers for two-year terms: Richard Forrest, second vice-president; Mrs. Margaret Rust, corresponding secretary; and Mrs. Jim Hart, treasurer. Orie Cleous was reelected to the board of directors. Mrs. Ruth Harper is president of the society.

An election of officers held by the Rice County Historical Society in Lyons, January 25, 1971, resulted in the following officers for 1971: Arthur Harvey, president; Arthur C. Hodgson, vice-president; Mrs. J. W. Warner, secretary; Maude Long, treasurer; and Parker Parish, director. Walter Pile was the retiring president.

Meeting in the Old Stone church in Osawatomie January 25, 1971, the Osawatomie Historical Society reelected the following officers: Chester Ward, president; Alden O. Weber, vice-president; Howard Brown, secretary; and Olin Church, treasurer. In addition to the officers the following are directors: Hazle Martin, Brice Hecke, and James Shelden.

Meeting in Piqua, January 26, 1971, the Woodson County Historical Society reelected Lester Harding president for a two-year
term. Other officers chosen, also for two-year terms, were: Virgil Winfrey, first vice-president; Arthur Herder, second vice-president; Helen Herring, secretary; and Elmer Krueger, treasurer. Walter Bowers and Mrs. Faye Hibbard were elected directors for six-year terms. The society publishes a quarterly magazine called *In the Beginning*, edited by the president.

Ross Beach, Hays, and Mrs. John Fontron, Topeka, were named presidents of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas at the organization’s annual meeting in Topeka, January 28 and 29, 1971. Other officers elected by the Native Sons were: George Schnellbacher, Topeka, vice-president; Ellis Cave, Dodge City, secretary; and James H. Metzger, Topeka, treasurer. Mrs. G. D. Van Blaricum, Minneola, was elected vice-president of the Native Daughters; Mrs. Robert R. Kruse, Topeka, secretary; and Mrs. Reynolds Shultz, Lawrence, treasurer. Tom Schwartz, Topeka, and Mrs. June Windscheffel, Smith Center, were the retiring presidents. Dwane L. Wallace, Wichita, was presented the Kansan-of-the-Year award at the dinner meeting. The principal speaker was Henry Jameson, Abilene publisher, whose subject was “Blow Your Kansas Horn.”

Austin Phillips was reelected president of the Augusta Historical Society at the organization’s annual meeting January 29, 1971. Burl Allison, Jr., was elected first vice-president; Sue Ruggles, second vice-president; Kay Alley, secretary; and John West, treasurer. Plans for opening the society’s new museum were discussed at the meeting.

Mrs. Milton A. Koopman, Prairie Village, was elected president of the Woman’s Kansas Day Club at the annual meeting of the organization in Topeka, January 29, 1971. Other new officers are: Constance Achtenberg, Salina, president-elect; Mrs. Arthur Ebener, Kansas City, vice-president; Mrs. John Simoni, Wichita, recording secretary; Mrs. Elmer S. Hall, Wichita, treasurer; Mrs. Max Gaither, Topeka, historian; Mrs. Don Beach, Chanute, auditor; and Mrs. M. W. Bennett, Hoisington, registrar. The following were elected district directors: Mrs. James T. Graves, Salina, first district; Mrs. Lloyd Hatfield, Valley Falls, second district; Mrs. Victor Davis, Kansas City, third district; Mrs. Thurman Mayhew, Wichita, fourth district; and Mrs. Charles Hendricks, Emporia, fifth district. Mrs. Loren Hohman, Topeka, was the retiring president. The music of Kansas was the theme for the club’s research and study during the past year.
The Rawlins County Historical Society, meeting in Atwood January 30, 1971, reelected Ed Downing president. Other officers named were: R. J. Lewis, Jr., vice-president; Ruth Hayden, secretary; Anselm Sramek, treasurer; and Marion Frye, Dewey J. Ratcliff, Ada Fae Bell, and Beverly Higley, directors.

At a meeting in Howard, January 31, 1971, the following were elected to the Elk county museum board: Gerald Huntington, moderator; Mrs. Noel Mullendore, secretary; David Brace, legal advisor; Mrs. Virginia Huntington; Mrs. Grace Bell; Mrs. Lavoy Sheel; John Bowser; Mrs. Wanda McClure; Mrs. Amy Rader; and Mrs. Elizabeth Bantz.

Aaron Bailey was reelected president of the Ford County Historical Society at a meeting in Dodge City, February 9, 1971. Fred Swart was chosen vice-president; Mrs. Lola A. Harper, secretary; and Jack Fraley, treasurer.

Meeting at Ulysses, February 13, 1971, the Grant County Historical Society reelected the following officers: Mrs. Roy Bessire, president; Mrs. Ruth Julian, vice-president; Mrs. Fred Maxwell, secretary; and Ray Kepley, board member.

Officers of the Hamilton County Historical Society reelected at a meeting in Syracuse February 18, 1971, included: Glenn Wright, president; Floyd Edwards, vice-president; and Mrs. Harold Bray, secretary. The program at the meeting included a report on the history of Fort Aubrey, 1865-1866, by Mrs. E. W. McNeill.

Francis Wilson was reelected president of the Ellsworth County Historical Society at a meeting in Ellsworth, February 28, 1971. Robert Herzog was named vice-president; Mrs. Martha Andrews, secretary; A. H. Barofsky, treasurer; and Dwight Yordy, Dwayne Hand, Mrs. Paul Aylward, and Helen Silverwood, directors. A paper on Capt. Eugene Millet, given by Wilson, was the feature of the program at the meeting. Millet was active in the cattle drives from Texas to Kansas.

Potwin Christian Church is the title of a 163-page history of the church by Elsie Higdon Smith, published in 1969. The church was organized in 1895 and a building was completed the following year.

A 36-page booklet compiled by Mary Margaret Allard, entitled Holton, Kansas, 1856-1970, was recently published under the sponsorship of the Bookman Club of Holton. The town, started in 1856, was incorporated in 1859.
Four of George Anderson's railroad articles have been reprinted in an 80-page booklet recently issued by Coronado Press, Lawrence, entitled *Four Essays on Railroads in Kansas and Colorado*.

Perry Eberhart and Philip Schmuck are the authors of a new 128-page illustrated volume entitled *The Fourteeners—Colorado's Great Mountains*. Published by Swallow Press, Chicago, the book includes a story and a picture for each of the 53 Colorado mountains over 14,000 feet in altitude.


*Troopers West—Military & Indian Affairs on the American Frontier* is a new 206-page book, edited by Ray Brandes and published by Frontier Heritage Press, San Diego. The volume includes 12 articles by different authors dealing with the military-Indian theme.


Emory Lindquist is the author of a new book entitled *Vision for a Valley—Olof Olsson and the Early History of Lindsborg*. The 138-page volume was published by the Augustana Historical Society, Rock Island, Ill., in 1970. Olsson was a Lutheran pastor who led a group of Swedish immigrants to settle at Lindsborg in 1869.

*Fort Supply, Indian Territory, Frontier Outpost on the Plains* is the title of a new 241-page book by Robert C. Carriker, published by the University of Oklahoma Press, Norman. The fort was
established in present northwestern Oklahoma in 1868 to help counter the Indians’ resistance to the white man’s westward expansion.

Agricultural extension education in the United States from the 1780’s to 1914 is examined by Roy V. Scott in *The Reluctant Farmer—The Rise of Agricultural Extension to 1914*, a 362-page volume published in 1970 by the University of Illinois Press, Urbana.


In 1970 the Pruett Publishing Co., Boulder, Colo., published a 192-page work by Lawrence C. Kelly, entitled *Navajo Roundup—Selected Correspondence of Kit Carson’s Expedition Against the Navajo, 1863-1865*.

*My Love Affair With Life* is the title of Oscar S. Stauffer’s recently published, 171-page autobiography as told to Ruth Zimmer. Born in Hope in 1886, educated at the University of Kansas, Stauffer founded Stauffer Publications, Topeka, which today owns 14 newspapers and several radio and television stations.

From autobiographies, diaries, and correspondence of important figures in American history, and from other sources has been drawn the material for *Chapters From the American Experience*, edited by Frank M. Fahey and Marie L. Fahey. Volume 1, 448 pages, of this work was recently issued by Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N. J.

A 218-page work by Jessie Perry Stratford and Lawrence P. Klintworth, entitled *The Kingdom of Butler, 1857-1970, A History of Butler County, Kansas*, was recently published by the Butler County Historical Society.