Kansas History as Published in the Press

Wellington’s Rotary Club was featured in an eight-page section of the Wellington Daily News, October 19, 1970. The club is observing the golden anniversary of its founding.

Histories of Kansas churches published in the newspapers in recent months included: Baxter Springs United Presbyterian, Baxter Springs Citizen, October 29, 1970; Dennis United Methodist, Parsons Sun, November 5; St. Luke’s Episcopal, Wamego, Wamego Times, November 12; Union chapel, Barber county, Barber County Index, Medicine Lodge, November 12; Eden Mennonite, near Moundridge, Moundridge Journal, November 12; First United Methodist, Abilene, Abilene Reflector-Chronicle, November 25; St. Patrick’s Catholic, Osage City, Journal-Free Press, Osage City, November 25; Milton Baptist, Conway Springs Star, November 26; Frankfort Presbyterian, Marysville Advocate, November 26; Mount Olive Baptist, Baxter Springs, Baxter Springs Citizen, December 3; English Lutheran, Marshall county, Marysville Advocate, December 24; First United Methodist, Concordia, Concordia Blade-Empire, December 30; First Christian, Hutchinson, Hutchinson News, January 31, 1971; St. Mark’s Lutheran, Waterville, Waterville Telegraph, February 4; Grant Avenue Baptist, Chanute, Chanute Tribune, February 13; and First Baptist, El Dorado, El Dorado Times, March 6.


In 1885 the Oakley townsite was acquired by the town company and in 1887 the new town was incorporated, according to a brief history of Oakley published in the Oakley Graphic, November 5, 1970.

David Baker’s story of his experiences as a Union soldier in the Civil War was printed in the Atchison Daily Globe, November
11 and 12, 1970. Baker, a lieutenant from Kansas, was wounded in action and taken prisoner.

Kansas school histories appearing in recent issues of the newspapers included: Mulvane schools, Mulvane News, November 12, 1970; Fairview, Marshall county, Blue Rapids Times, November 26; Union 5, Reno county, Hutchinson News, December 31; and Fawn Creek, Marshall county, Blue Rapids Times, February 18, 1971.

A full page of text and pictures on the blizzard of 1886 was published in the Ulysses News and the Haskell County Monitor-Chief, Sublette, November 12, 1970. In its March 25, 1971, issue the Monitor-Chief published “The Prairies Afire,” a story by Rolland Jacquet describing the settlers’ experiences during prairie fires.

Biographical sketches of the Wilhelm Lohse family and P. R. Pulleine were published in the Marysville Advocate, November 26, 1970. The Lohses arrived in Marshall county in 1870; the 90-year-old Judge Pulleine was born there.


“New Light on the Lost Jewish Colony of Beersheba [Hodgeman county], Kansas, 1882-1886,” an article by Lipman Goldman Feld, was published in the December, 1970, issue of the American Jewish Historical Quarterly, publication of the American Jewish Historical Society, Waltham, Mass.

On December 3, 1970, the Neodesha Daily Sun printed a history of the Neodesha Masonic Lodge which was organized in 1870. Two series of historical articles have been appearing recently in the Sun: the “Centennial Diary,” by various authors, beginning in the February 18, 1970, issue, and Joe W. Allen’s “Centennial Review,” which began February 19.

Quindaro, an early Missouri river town, is the subject of a two-part article by John Sharp, appearing in the Kansas City Kansan, December 4 and 6, 1970. Established in 1857, the town boomed for a few years but by 1863 was all but abandoned.