Why are Martin and Osa Johnson Notable Kansans?

All we could hear at first was the soft rush of the river close at hand and the plaintive cry of the night birds. It was a clear, moonless night. Then suddenly, on the opposite bank of the river, we heard a ghoulish, mirthless laugh . . . that would be a hyena. Then, as our ears became accustomed to the vibrant silence, we picked out the grunt of the wildebeest and the sneeze of the hartebeeste, and then, difficult at first to identify, a low, steady, rumble and a faint vibration in the earth. Antelope, I think,” Martin said.

—Osa Johnson

Osa and Martin Johnson on the Serengeti Plain, Africa.


Johnson Hurt Fatally When Ship Crashed

Chanute Explorer Suffered Concussion—Died Early on Wednesday
Wife Expected to Recover
On Way to California to Fill Lecture Dates on Borneo

Martin Johnson, of this city, internationally famous explorer, died early Wednesday morning from injuries sustained the day before in an airplane crash near Los Angeles. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were enroute to California to give a series of lectures on “Borneo,” the scene of their most recent exploration . . .