Why is Arthur Capper a Notable Kansan?

As Governor Capper signed the ‘Bone Dry Law’ 150 Kansas legislators serenaded him with “How Dry I Am.” This law was described as one of the “most drastic prohibition measures ever enacted ... in any state.”

—Homer Socolofsky

This portion of the song is from “The Near Future” by Irving Berlin.

How dry I am, how dry I am
It’s plain to see just why I am
No alcohol in my highball
And that is why so dry I am

Capper Publications owned several newspapers including the Topeka Daily Capital. The organization also operated WIBW radio and television stations. Reporters flew around the state in the Flying Rooster bringing the news to people in the Topeka area.
The Capper Foundation started with a vision on December 25, 1920.

Within the last few months the most disastrous wave of infantile paralysis [polio] in fifteen years has swept over the country . . . From my own knowledge of what scientific care and skill can do for deformed youngsters I say to them and to their anxious parents: “The crippled child has a better chance now than ever before.”

—Arthur Capper founder of the Easter Seals Capper Foundation