

Kansas History as Published in the Press

Smith county schools were the subject of a historical article in the *Smith County Pioneer*, Smith Center, August 12, 1971. The *Pioneer*, September 23, published a 24-page Smith Center centennial edition.

Early history of Colby and Thomas county began appearing in serial form in the Colby *Free Press-Tribune*, August 19, 1971. The material was written in 1886 and published in a booklet for distribution to prospective settlers.

Rice county history is featured in the 38-page Rice county centennial edition of the Lyons *Daily News*, published August 23, 1971.

"A Walk Down Mainstreet; for 100 Years Washington Avenue Has Been a Busy Place," a history of the business firms on Washington avenue of Wellington, was published in the Wellington *Daily News*, August 23, 1971.

Included in a series of articles by Susan Armstrong published recently by the Hays *Daily News* were: "His [John Beilman's] Life Reveals Pioneering Traditions," August 24, 1971; and "Hays Woman [Sarah Montgomery Crissman] Recalls Visit by Teddy Roosevelt," September 16. The *News*, September 26, printed "The Saga of 'Burnt Tank Station,'" by Kittie Dale.

A biographical sketch of the F. H. Klenke family, by Sister Valeria Klenke, was published in the Spearville *News*, August 26, 1971. The family came to Ford county from Cincinnati in 1878 with other settlers.

"Frontier Days" is a series of historical articles appearing in the Arkansas City *Daily Traveler* in recent months, including: "Geuda Springs Once Ranked Second [in the World] for Its Medicinal Waters," and "Farmer-Preacher Recalls Arkansas City's Early Days," by the Rev. Don Swaim, August 26, 1971; "Area Points of Interest Are Detailed," September 9; "House Built by Widow [Mrs. E. P. Wright] in 1873 Is Still Occupied," and "Actress Elizabeth Taylor Once Was Part of Arkansas City Life," by Jolan Womacks, October 14; and "Recollections of Early-Day History," October 28. The *Traveler's* 1971 Arkalalah edition was published October 26.

Biographical sketches of early families in the Logan area have appeared in the Logan *Republican* in recent months. Included

were: John G. Hill family, August 26, 1971; Herman Kemper family, September 2; John William Watkins family, September 16; Andrew Jackson Bowman family, September 23; Thomas Dye family, October 7; and Godfrey Hofaker family, October 21. An article on the "gold rush" in Phillips county in the 1870's comprised Esther Suhr's column "Yesteryear," in the *Republican*, September 16.

Several articles on the history of Johnson county's courthouses were published in the Olathe *Daily News*, August 31, 1971. The first courthouse was the top floor of a privately owned stone structure erected in 1859. The second courthouse was dedicated in 1892 and the third in 1952.

Santa Fe trail history was the subject of Elizabeth Barnes' column "Historic Johnson County," published in the *Johnson County Herald*, Shawnee Mission, September 1, 1971.

William E. Bain is the author of "On the Golden Spike Trip, Famous Conductor Topekan," in *The Pictorial Times*, Topeka, September 2, 1971, a biographical sketch of David Watson, the conductor on one of the trains involved in ceremonies at the driving of the golden spike May 10, 1869, in Utah. This completed the railroad span of the nation.

In observance of the 100th anniversary of Oxford's founding, the Oxford *Register*, September 2, 1971, published a 22-page centennial edition.

Histories of Kansas churches published in recent issues of the newspapers included: First Lutheran, Clay Center, *Clay Center Dispatch*, September 3, 1971; First Christian, Holton, *Holton Recorder*, September 9; St. John's Lutheran, near Herington, *Herington Advertiser-Times*, September 9; Clearwater Christian, Clearwater *Times*, September 9; First Baptist, Beloit, *Beloit Daily Call*, September 9; Chase Community Presbyterian, Lyons *Daily News*, October 8; St. John's Lutheran, Oberlin, *Oberlin Herald*, October 14; Sedgwick Congregational, Newton *Kansan*, October 16; First United Presbyterian, Newton, *Newton Kansan*, October 16; First United Methodist, Coffeyville, *Coffeyville Journal*, October 17; First Baptist, Arkansas City, *Arkansas City Daily Traveler*, October 21; Our Redeemer Lutheran, Herington, *Herington Advertiser-Times*, October 21; First Baptist, Baxter Springs, *Baxter Springs Citizen*, October 28; and Vermillion United Methodist, *Nemaha County Journal-Leader*, Centralia, October 28.

A three-part history of the "Home of Stone," now the Ford County Historical Society's museum building in Dodge City, by Linda Clark,

was published in the Dodge City *Daily Globe*, September 6, 7, and 8, 1971. Built in 1879 and 1880 by John Mueller, the home was in the Adam Schmidt family from 1890 until turned over to the society a few years ago.

Elisha C. Miller's reminiscences of a cattle drive from Texas to Cedar Vale in 1911 were printed in the Augusta *Daily Gazette*, September 11, 1971. Miller, now 82, participated in the drive as a cowboy.

"Fate Dashes City's Hopes of Being 'Second Chicago,'" by Ned Valentine, was printed in the Clay Center *Dispatch*, September 14, 1971. Clay Center experienced a period of prosperity and expansion which peaked in 1886 but collapsed the following year, bringing the city's dreams down with it.

A. M. Webb is the author of a historical sketch of Elwood township, Barber county, published in the Medicine Lodge *Index*, September 16, 1971. The township was established April 8, 1877.

The Cunningham *Clipper*, September 16, 1971, printed a brief article on its own history. The paper was started August 12, 1886, as the Ninnescah *Herald*.

An article on the McPherson Town Company and the establishment of the town of McPherson appeared in the McPherson *Daily Sentinel*, September 18, 1971. McPherson is preparing to observe its centennial in 1972.

Early Marion county history, as told by Judge John W. Williams at a July 4 gathering in 1876, was published in the *Marion County Record*, Marion, September 23, 1971. Moses Shane is credited with being the first settler in the county, locating at present Florence in 1858.

"Mexican Soldiers Put Grant County in U. S.," by Fern Bessire, was published in the Ulysses *News*, October 14, 1971. A group of Mexican soldiers invited William Becknell, a trader, to Santa Fe, opening up the Southwest for trade, thus altering the course of history.

A 100-page Newton centennial edition was published by the Newton *Kansan*, October 16, 1971. Historical articles include histories of Harvey county towns and townships.