

Kansas History as Published in the Press

Elizabeth Barnes' column "Historic Johnson County" has continued to appear frequently in the *Johnson County Herald*, Overland Park. Articles printed in recent months included: a history of the town of Shawnee, August 9, 1956; biographical sketch of Richard A. Hall, August 16; biographical sketch of Claude J. St. John, August 23; biographical sketch of John Morrow, September 6, 13; a history of the Overland Park State Bank, November 29; and "Fifty Years in Overland Park," December 6, 13.

The Pratt *Daily Tribune* published the third issue of *Pride*, its annual progress edition, August 15, 1956.

Points of historic interest in Kansas are listed and reviewed by John Watson in the *Wichita Beacon*, August 19, 1956. Also published in the *Beacon* recently were: an article on the First Territorial Capitol of Kansas, by Frank Madson, Jr., October 24; and "Kansas Salt Mining Industry Has Historical Past in Kingman Area," by Dee Ridpath, December 23.

Historical articles appearing in the *Pittsburg Headlight* the past several months included: an article on the town of Lane, Franklin county, August 20, 1956; a brief history of Girard, September 29; a sketch of the First Christian church, Pittsburg, October 12; and "Old Landmark [Miller home] Recalls Colorful Miller History in Mulberry," October 29.

Among historical articles of recent date in the *Emporia Gazette* were: "[Plymouth] Community's First House Was Built by John Carter," August 25, 1956; "Emporia Pioneer's [Curtis Heitt] Square Dealing With Indians Once Saved His Life," September 27; articles on the First Christian church, Emporia, October 2, 10; a history of the Verdigris church, near Olpe, October 5; "First Fire Department Was Organized in 1874," October 11; "J. W. Bolton Remembers Grasshoppers and Ducks," October 15; "Lincoln Adair Was First Negro Child Born on Townsite, Probably in 1864," October 19; "Plymouth's Indian Neighbors," by Mrs. S. H. Bennett, October 25, 29; "Area West of Emporia Was First Settled in Year 1855," by Mrs. E. M. Stanton, December 24; and "First Wedding in Emporia Area Was on January 7, 1857," January 7.

Roy F. Nichols reviewed a century's writing about the Kansas-Nebraska act and traced its passage through congress in "The Kan-

sas-Nebraska Act: A Century of Historiography," published in *The Mississippi Valley Historical Review*, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and Lincoln, Neb., September, 1956.

On September 2, 1956, the *Hutchinson News-Herald* published an article entitled "Electric Trolley Debut 50 Years Ago," by Charles Remsberg. "South Hutchinson Remembers Saga of Old Ben Blanchard," by Jim Skinner, appeared in the *News-Herald*, September 23, and on January 6, 1957, Ruby Basye's "Great Stone Churches Stand as Monuments to Pioneers," a history of the Schoenchen community and church, Ellis county, was printed.

Veteran business men featured in the Great Bend *Tribune* in recent months included Jake Bisenius, a druggist in Great Bend for 22 years, September 4, 1956, and Ed McNowen, who operated a meat market in Great Bend for many years, December 23.

Near Canton is the grave of Edward Miller, 18-year-old boy killed by Indians in 1864. The story of Miller's death is told in an article by Ruth Meyer in the *Wichita Eagle*, September 6, 1956. On January 22, 1957, "Elgin, Kan., Once 'Biggest Shipping Point' in World," by Charlotte Offen, appeared in the magazine section of the *Eagle*. Elgin became a cattle-shipping point in the middle 1880's with the coming of the Santa Fe railroad.

A historical article in the *McCune Herald*, September 7, 1956, called attention to the 75th anniversaries of the town and newspaper. The *Times*, started in 1882, is claimed as the *Herald's* earliest ancestor. McCune was incorporated in 1881.

A historical sketch of the First Methodist church of Hugoton appeared in the September 13, 1956, issue of the *Hugoton Hermes*. The Rev. Charles Brown was the first pastor of the church after its organization October 11, 1886.

Some early-day experiences of W. G. Nicholas, born in 1873 at Eureka, are related in the *Western Star*, Coldwater, September 14, 1956. Nicholas engaged in a number of activities in early Kansas, including freighting, well digging, and farming.

Regular publication of historical articles in the *Hays Daily News* has continued with the appearance of the following: "[Town of] Chetola Once Meant Gold in Hays Area," September 16, 1956; "First Old Settlers' Reunion [1894] Received a Few Sharp Digs From Early Editor [George D. Griffith]" and "[Town of] Yocemento Had Its Start in Cement," September 23; "Much of What Was Rome, Kans. Important to Life of Hays City," and "The Great Fire of 1895 De-

stroyed Most of Landmarks of Early Hays," September 30; "Kipple Murder Case in Toulon Rocked Ellis County in 1880's," October 7; "Strong Men Wept at News That General Bull Was Dead," October 21; "New Story About Custer Proves Daring of the Handsome General," November 25; and "Strain of Rebellion Leads Stockton's 'Old Doc' to Take Rocky Road to Osteopathy 50 Years," a biographical sketch of Dr. J. W. McMillen, Sr., by Bernice Brown, December 2.

A history of the Trinity Lutheran church, Atchison, and "Once-Booming Doniphan a Ghost Town," by Charles Spencer, were published in the Atchison *Daily Globe*, September 16, 1956. The *Globe* printed the story of High Prairie school, district No. 3, near Lancaster, in the issue of October 24.

Included among articles by Howard Moore in recent issues of the Abilene *Reflector-Chronicle*, were: "Visit Here Led to Marriage [to Augustus Packard] for Beauty Queen [Alice Belle Tuton]," September 18, 1956; "Enterprise Bars Raided by Carry Nation in 1901," October 3; "Fought Over Site of Early Courthouse," and "Early-Day County Commissioners Had Their Troubles, Too," October 20. On October 10 the *Reflector-Chronicle* printed a history of the Mt. Pleasant Presbyterian church, Dickinson county, which was observing its 75th anniversary.

Articles of historical interest appearing in the *News Chronicle*, Scott City, in recent months included a short sketch of the Scott City & Northern Railway, which has ceased to exist, September 20, 1956, and a history of school district 37 in Scott county, November 29.

Independence history down through the years comprised the 24-page historical section of the Independence *Daily Reporter*, September 23, 1956. The special edition was published in observance of the *Reporter's* 75th anniversary.

Newton's more violent history was reviewed in an article published in the *Newton Kansan*, September 25, 1956. It is pointed out that Newton has a "Boot Hill" cemetery where eight to fourteen gunslingers now rest.

In 1876 Benjamin H. Smith organized the Chetopa Christian church with 25 charter members. An article sketching the history of the church was published in the *Chetopa Advance*, September 27, 1956.

The Highland *Vidette*, September 27, 1956, printed a history of the Zion Methodist church, near Robinson. The congregation was organized in 1881 by the Rev. John Asling.