

## Kansas Historical Notes

Russell N. Smith was elected president of the Stevens County Historical Society at a meeting in Hugoton early this summer. Other officers chosen were: Edith Thomson, vice-president; Margaret Morgan, secretary-treasurer; and Olive Kramer, advisory member.

The Wyandotte County Historical Society's museum at Memorial Hall in Kansas City was opened to the public June 10, 1956. Mrs. Clyde E. Glandon is president of the society, and Harry Trowbridge is museum curator. Another society project is to beautify Huron Indian Cemetery of Kansas City.

Officers who will plan the 1957 Medicine Lodge Indian peace treaty pageant were elected at a meeting of the Medicine Lodge Peace Treaty Association July 9, 1956. They include: W. Luke Chapin, president; Jack Trice, Jr., first vice-president; Arthur L. Slamal, second vice-president; Harvey H. Hayness, third vice-president; John W. MacGregor, secretary; Ralph C. Hall, treasurer; Mrs. Keith S. Simpson, pageant chairman; and C. R. Gordon, L. F. Gilmore, H. Lynn Randels, and Kenneth Kaufman, executive committee. The association also voted into the bylaws, as an additional purpose of the organization, the construction and maintenance of a Barber county historical museum.

Formation of an Arkansas City-Cherokee Strip Museum Association was started July 18, 1956, with a meeting of the museum committee of the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce. The committee voted to ask clubs, lodges, churches and other organizations in the area each to appoint a member to the proposed association.

Shawnee observed its 100th anniversary with a week-long celebration which began August 4, 1956. The program included the appearance of "pony express" riders, a mock bank robbery and chase, a mock hanging, a re-enactment of Quantrill's raid on the town, and a parade.

Haven's fifth annual fair and its 70th anniversary celebration were held August 9, 10, 1956. Elected pioneer king and queen were William Mueller and Mrs. Edith Astle.

The name of the Saline County Historical Museum at Salina has been changed to Smoky Hill Historical Society. In its new quarters the museum is averaging more than 2,000 visitors a month. The official opening ceremony for the museum in its new location was held October 28, 1956.

In observance of its 100th anniversary the First Congregational church of Manhattan recently published a 70-page pamphlet by Charles M. Correll entitled *The Manhattan Congregational Church, 1856-1956*. The church was organized on January 6, 1856, in the cabin home of Dr. and Mrs. Amory Hunting.

A 20-page pamphlet entitled *A History of Trade Unions in Kansas*, by Marc Karson, was published by the Kansas State Federation of Labor in March, 1956.

*First Hand Historical Episodes of Early Coffey County* is the title of a recently published collection of pioneer stories, written by Coffey county pioneers, including George Throckmorton, Judge B. L. Kingsbury, H. A. Fry, and Jane Hunt, which have been published at various times in *The Daily Republican*, Burlington.

During recent years the Bureau of Business Research, University of Kansas, has been preparing reports on Kansas economy. The first volume in a series for southcentral Kansas was published early this year. The title of this 287-page, paper-bound volume is *An Economic History, 1500-1900*, and its author is Richard Sheridan.

Rinehart & Company, Inc., has just published a new edition of Francis Parkman's *The Discovery of the Great West: La Salle*, edited by William R. Taylor.

A 128-page mimeographed book entitled "A History of Paola, Kansas," compiled by Mrs. Berenice Boyd Wallace, recently made its appearance. Paola was incorporated in 1855 by an act of the legislature.

The experiences of many of our grandparents have been graphically set down by Roscoe Fleming in his unusual "poem that is not a poem," entitled *Kansas: "Ad Astra Per Aspera."* The work which originally appeared in the *Denver (Colo.) Post*, is now available in a 23-page booklet for one dollar. It may be obtained from the author, 43 S. Clarkson Street, Denver 9, Colo. Illustrations are by Albert Earl Robinson.

Biographical sketches of 52 pioneer families are included in the 137 pages of *The Prairie Pioneers of Western Kansas and Eastern Colorado*, by John C. and Winona C. Jones, published in 1956 by the Johnson Publishing Co., Boulder, Colo.

Mrs. Lettie Little Pabst's reminiscences of her childhood in Kansas during the "gay nineties," have been published by Vantage Press, New York, in a 153-page volume entitled *Kansas Heritage*.