

Kansas History as Published in the Press

Two articles of interest to Kansans included in the May, 1963, number of *The Journal of Southern History*, Richmond, Va., were: "The Issues in the Congressional Struggle Over the Kansas-Nebraska Bill, 1854," by Robert R. Russel; and "Business 'Neutrality' on the Missouri-Kansas Border: Kansas City, 1854-1857," by A. Theodore Brown.

"Once a Cattle Shipping Center Here," an article on Glen Elder's early history, by Vera Neifert, appeared in the Glen Elder *Sentinel*, May 9, 1963.

A history of Mayetta, by Mrs. Belle Bohannon, was published in the *Jackson County Clipper*, Holton, May 9, 1963. Mrs. Bohannon's grandmother, Elizabeth Rode Lunger, founded the town in 1886, naming it for her deceased daughter, Mary Etta Lunger.

Clingan school, District 38, Atchison county, established in 1869, was the subject of a history printed in the Atchison *Daily Globe*, May 10, 1963. The original building was still used during the 1962-1963 school term.

Mrs. Helen Miller Hatfield, 101-year-old Comanche county resident, came to Kansas when she was eight years old. A biographical sketch of Mrs. Hatfield, by June Masullo, appeared in the Wichita *Sunday Eagle-Beacon*, May 12, 1963.

Histories of the Owens General Store of Vliets appeared in the Marysville *Marshall County News*, May 16, and the *Advocate*, May 30, 1963. The store has been owned and operated by the Owens family for over 50 years.

A brief history of Fort Scott appeared in the *Monitor-Press*, Wellington, May 16; the *Democrat*, Wichita, May 18; and the *Hays Daily News*, May 19, 1963. The fort was erected in 1842, closed in 1853, and reactivated during the Civil War.

Historical articles appearing in recent issues of the *Tiller and Toiler*, Larned, include: "Gem District [Pawnee County] Closes One-Room School Operated Since 1886," May 20, 1963; a biographical sketch of A. H. Moffet and some of the banking history of Garfield and Larned, by Sarah K. Carlson, May 22; and a brief article on the beginning of public education in Pawnee county, June 24.

A history of Acker school, Joint District No. 23, Geary and Dickinson counties, was published in the Junction City *Union*, May 28, 1963. The district was organized in 1872 and dissolved at the end of the school term in 1963. On May 29 the *Union* printed the reminiscences of Mabel Webber Hall concerning the Acker school and community.

Riley cemetery history is reviewed in an article by J. A. Meyer, printed in the *Riley Countian*, Leonardville, May 30, 1963. The first burials in the cemetery were about 1860.

Two articles printed in the *Southwest Daily Times*, Liberal, June 5, 1963, were: "Bad Blood and Civic Pride in Seward County," by Harry E. Chrisman; and "Seward County Seat Fight a Real Wild West Thriller."

The *Johnson County Herald*, Overland Park, June 10, 1963, printed some of the history of the Shawnee Indian Quaker Mission. The mission school was opened in 1837 and operated most of the time until 1869. Elizabeth Barnes' column, "Historic Johnson County," continues to appear regularly in the *Herald*.

In its June 13, 1963, issue the *Courtland Journal* printed a history of the Swedish-American State Bank of Courtland. The bank was established in 1913 with H. C. Rubert as the organizer and first cashier.

Byron E. Guise described the wire collection of Roy Lewis, Home City, and explained the part played by wire, especially barbed wire, in the history of Kansas and the West, in an article printed in the *Marysville Advocate*, June 13, 1963.

Gold mining operations in the Smoky river valley west of Lindsborg in 1901 were reviewed in an article in the *McPherson Daily Sentinel*, June 15, and the *Marquette Tribune*, June 27, 1963. All the mine produced was pyrite or "fool's gold."

In an article urging Kansans to learn more about their state, the *Miami Republican*, Paola, June 27, 1963, listed and briefly described many of the natural and man-made features and resources of Kansas.

Among articles in the *Independence Daily Reporter's* 102-page Progress edition, June 30, 1963, were: a history of the public library, by Paul Bocquin; an article on the early history of Independence, by Marion S. Boner; a history of the Independence churches, by Wilma Schweitzer; and a history of the Ladies Library and Art Association, by Georgia High.

The Wichita *Eagle-Beacon*, June 30, 1963, published a special "Kansas" edition of 174 pages, telling the story of Kansas as it is today in text, pictures, and advertising.

"Early-Day Events in Shaping an Empire," Simon E. Matson's historical column in the St. Francis *Herald*, started in 1956, continues to appear regularly.

Histories of Anthony churches and public library were included in a special 18-page edition of the Anthony *Republican*, July 11, 1963, commemorating Anthony's 85th anniversary.

On the occasion of moving into a new plant, the El Dorado *Times*, July 17, 1963, published a 40-page special edition. A history of the *Times* was one of the features of the edition. The *Walnut Valley Times*, established in 1870, and the El Dorado *Republican*, established in 1883, merged in 1919 to form the present *Times*.

Stories of the life and career of Amelia Earhart were featured in a special 40-page edition of the Atchison *Daily Globe*, July 21, 1963. A new airmail postage stamp honoring Miss Earhart was issued with appropriate ceremonies, July 24, in Atchison.