

Kansas Historical Notes

Current officers of the Phillips County Historical Society are: Don Lumpkin, president; Cecil Kingery, vice-president; and Leonard Holben, secretary-treasurer. The society's chief project is the Fort Bissel museum which it built and maintains with the assistance of the Phillipsburg Chamber of Commerce.

The Butterfield Trail Historical Association was recently formed principally for the purpose of preserving the old Logan county courthouse at Russell Springs. Officers of the group include Raymond Major, Russell Springs, president; Mrs. Earl Artley, Russell Springs, secretary; and Leonard Koons, Winona, treasurer.

Recently elected officers of the Border Queen Museum, Caldwell, include: J. E. Turner, president; Harry Jenista, vice-president; Dwight Young, secretary; Don Stallings, treasurer; and Doyle Stiles and Lewis Rains, director.

Homer Cardwell was reelected president of the Republic County Historical Society at a meeting October 5, 1964, in Belleville. Other officers named were: Mrs. Madge Dickerhoof, first vice-president; Mrs. Zella Berggren, second vice-president; Mrs. Gertrude Walenta, third vice-president; Mrs. Maude Ricke, secretary; Mrs. Anna Baxa, treasurer, and Mrs. Anona Blackburn, historian.

Mrs. Raymond Armantrout was named president of the Scott County Historical Society at a meeting of the society October 8, 1964, in Scott City. Mrs. Henry Parkinson was elected vice-president; Mrs. E. G. Hueftle, secretary; and Mrs. Robert Deragowski, treasurer. The organization's directors include: Fawn Rose, James W. Wallace, Chester Fouquet, John A. Boyer, Mrs. Clarence Dickhut, and Mrs. Don Christy.

Kiowa county's annual Old Settlers' reunion was held October 8, 1964, in Greensburg. The program consisted of a memorial service for members who had died during the year, musical numbers and readings, and the awarding of certificates in several categories.

The Lane County Historical Society met October 11, 1964, in Dighton, and reelected the following officers: Mrs. Raymond Tillotson, president; Glen Paris, vice-president; Mrs. Joe Hanna, secretary; and Mrs. H. H. York, treasurer. Robert Jennison, L. I. Richardson, and Raymond Tillotson were elected directors.

All officers of the Smoky Valley Historical Association were reelected at the group's annual meeting October 12, 1964, in Linds-

borg. They include: Amos Glad, president; Abner Lundquist, first vice-president; Carl Peterson, second vice-president; Alba Malm, third vice-president; Mrs. Einar Jaderborg, secretary; Leonard Nelson, treasurer; and Mrs. Arthur Runbeck, curator. Thomas Witty, state archaeologist, was the principal speaker at the meeting.

Mrs. Ray Horton, Plainville, was elected president of the Rooks County Pioneer Association at the business session of the annual meeting of the group October 13, 1964, in Stockton. Mrs. Harvey Carsten, Stockton, was named vice-president, and Mrs. Vincent Hrabe, Plainville, secretary-treasurer. Mrs. Leigh Muir, Stockton, was the retiring president.

The annual meeting of the Dickinson County Historical Society was held in Herington, October 22, 1964. At the business session Lester Green, Abilene, was reelected second vice-president, and Mrs. Walter Wilkins, Chapman, treasurer. B. H. Oesterreich, Woodbine, is president of the society. Subjects discussed at the meeting included old settlers, the Rock Island railroad, and Herington schools and churches.

On October 25, 1964, an estimated 5,000 persons attended ceremonies at the Mine Creek battlefield site near Pleasanton, held in observance of the centennial of the Civil War battle at that point. F. W. Brinkerhoff, Pittsburg, chairman of the Kansas Civil War Centennial Commission, presided at the gathering, and Dr. James I. Robertson, Jr., executive director of the national Civil War Centennial Commission, was the principal speaker. Also participating were Gov. John Anderson, Jr., of Kansas, and Gov. John Dalton of Missouri. The Robertson address is published elsewhere in this issue.

Ceremonies dedicating the El Quartejejo pueblo, Scott county, as a registered national historic landmark, were held October 25, 1964. The program included a two-hour pageant depicting the history of El Quartejejo and the area. The pueblo was built in the 17th century by Indians from the Southwest.

Officers elected by the Sumner County Historical Society at a meeting November 30, 1964, in Oxford, include: Raymond Cline, Conway Springs, president; Charles Medley, Caldwell, vice-president; Gwendoline Sanders, Belle Plaine, secretary; Lela Wimp, Argonia, treasurer; Mary Ellen Heeney, South Haven, historian; and Freda Deen, Argonia, Elmer Blasdel, Belle Plaine, and James Robbins, Oxford, directors. David Heeney, South Haven, was the retiring president.

George Dutton was reelected president of the Cloud County Historical Society at the group's annual meeting, December 3, 1964, in Concordia. G. B. Kappelman was chosen vice-president; Waneta Philbrick, recording secretary; Mrs. Russell Alcorn, membership chairman; and the Rev. Wilfred Hotaling and Leo Paulsen, directors.

John Ripley was the principal speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Shawnee County Historical Society, December 4, 1964, in Topeka. Trustees of the society met December 14 and named the following officers: Herbert A. Binger, president; Beryl R. Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Benjamin Franklin, secretary; and Henry B. Alberg, treasurer. New trustees are: Ben Abels, C. V. Cochran, Frank Ellenberger, Mrs. Frank Kambach, Mrs. T. A. Lee, Harry R. Logan, Bessie Moore, Ralph Button, Horace T. Wilkie, and Mrs. Willard Greene. David M. Neiswanger was the retiring president.

J. J. Moxley, Council Grove, was named president of the Morris County Historical Society at the annual meeting of the society December 6, 1964, in Council Grove. Warner Harris was elected vice-president; Warren Gilman, secretary; Mrs. Alvin Lowe, recording secretary; and Mrs. R. A. Oleen, treasurer. R. W. Hunter, White City, was the retiring president.

The first house built on the present townsite of Jetmore has been donated to Hodgeman county for a museum by Mrs. Margaret Raser. Called the Haun Museum in honor of Mrs. Raser's parents, it will be operated by the Hodgeman County Historical Society.

Sketches of Topeka Postmasters and Post Offices, a 26-page booklet compiled by Evelyn W. Kingman, was published in 1964 by the Topeka Stamp Club.

More than 475 historic forts of the United States are included in the newly published, 178-page volume, *A Guide to the Military Posts of the United States*, by Francis Paul Prucha. The work, published by the State Historical Society of Wisconsin, Madison, includes maps and pictures, and basic information on the posts.

Our Indian Heritage—Profiles of 12 Great Leaders, is the title of a 228-page work by C. Fayne Porter, published by the Chilton Company, Philadelphia and New York, in 1964. Biographical sketches of the following Indians are included: Hiawatha, Pope, Little Turtle, Sequoyah, Seathl, Petalasharo, Osceola, Little Crow, Captain Jack, Chief Joseph, Wovoka, and Ishi, their lives representing four centuries of Indian history and many facets of Indian life.