

Kansas Historical Notes

The Wabaunsee County Historical Society was reorganized January 23, 1932, in a meeting at Alma. Officers elected were: Wm. Pringle, president; Dr. H. J. Wertzberger, vice president and curator; O. W. Little, secretary-treasurer.

The first observance of a "Kansas Week" leading up to and following Kansas Day was introduced at Chanute January 25 to 30, 1932. It was intended to emphasize traditions, institutions and natural assets of the state. Under the direction of the late Esther Clark Hill the Chanute library prepared special Kansas displays for its bulletin board. The Chanute *Tribune* published during the week a series of articles by well-known Kansans. On Monday, a letter from Gov. Harry H. Woodring introduced the event. Tuesday, Carl P. Bolmar, artist, sketched the history of art in the state. Kansas flowers, as discussed by William C. Stevens, were featured on Wednesday. Thursday, Kansas newspaper history was reviewed by George A. Root. "A Kansas Chamber of Truth and Beauty" was advocated by William Allen White in the fifth article. And, in the sixth, Kirke Mechem, secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, wrote of the activities of the Society in preserving historical material.

Washburn College, Topeka, observed its sixty-seventh anniversary February 8, 1932. A special Founder's Day program was held, with Justice John S. Dawson, president of the Kansas State Historical Society, as the principal speaker.

Members of the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society were entertained at the Chatham hotel, Kansas City, Mo., February 13, by Mrs. Edna Anderson and Mrs. Cora E. Fuller, daughters of Rev. Thomas Johnson, founder of the Methodist Shawnee Mission. Kirke Mechem, secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, was a speaker.

The First Baptist church of Topeka celebrated its seventy-fifth anniversary the week of March 1-6, 1932. The church was organized March 1, 1857, with six charter members: Jesse Stone, Sarah E. Miller, Charles A. Bliss, Joseph C. Miller, William Jordan and Christopher Fitzgerald. The reading of the church history was featured Thursday night.