

## Kansas Historical Notes

The seventy-fifth annual meeting of the Kansas State Historical Society will be held in the rooms of the Society in the Memorial building at Topeka on October 17, 1950.

Lea Maranville of Ness City is president of the Ness County Historical Society for 1950. Other officers include: Mrs. Mildred Venard, vice-president; Mrs. Ada Young, treasurer, and Mrs. Audra Hays, secretary.

Dr. Orville Watson Mosher, Jr., of Emporia, was recently elected president of the Lyon County Historical Society, succeeding Ed J. Lewis.

The board of directors of the Russell County Historical Society voted at a meeting March 25, 1950, to inaugurate plans for placing markers on historic sites in the county. It was also decided to revive the annual get-together for old settlers during the county 4-H fair week. Mrs. Lizzie A. Opdycke was elected chairman of the board and Merlin Morphy, resident agent.

Dr. G. G. Anderson was re-elected president of the Wichita Historical Museum Association at a meeting March 30, 1950. Other officers elected were: R. M. Sutton, first vice-president; Bertha Gardner, second vice-president; Carl E. Bitting, secretary, and Dr. H. C. Holmes, treasurer.

All officers of the Finney County Historical Association were re-elected at a meeting of the board of directors April 11, 1950. They are: Gus Norton, president; Mrs. A. F. Smith, first vice-president; Frederick Finnup, second vice-president; Mrs. Josephine Cowgill, third vice-president; Mrs. Ella Condra, secretary; Mrs. Eva B. Sharer, treasurer; Ralph T. Kersey, historian; Mrs. Emma Weeks White, custodian of relics, and P. A. Burtis, business manager.

The Council Grove Historical Society was organized at a meeting April 19, 1950. Mayor E. T. Jacobs was elected president; Jack Lawrence, secretary, and Hale White, treasurer. The immediate purpose of the new society, to raise funds for "surgery" on the historic Council oak, was accomplished at an Old Trail celebration at Council Grove, May 3. Proposals for a museum in Council Grove are now being studied.

C. R. Millsap was chosen president, and Mrs. Hazel Zeller, secretary, of the Wyandotte County Historical Society at a business meeting April 21, 1950. Other officers are: Grant W. Harrington, first vice-president; Allen W. Farley, second vice-president, and Phil Gibson, treasurer. The group decided to meet four times a year, each meeting covering some important event in Wyandotte county history. The landing of Lewis and Clark at the upper point of the Kansas river was the subject discussed at a meeting June 26.

Fifty-three persons attended the semiannual dinner meeting of the Crawford County Historical Society in Pittsburg, April 27, 1950. After the dinner, Dr. Ernest Mahan, of Pittsburg State Teachers College, addressed the group on modern European history. Dr. H. M. Grandle, president of the society, presided.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Teachers of History and Related Fields was held in the Memorial building, Topeka, April 28 and 29, 1950. Speakers and their subjects were: "The Influence of the Catholic Church on American Trade Unionism, 1900-1918," Marc Karson, Washburn Municipal University; "Publius Ventidius—Forgotten Roman Military Hero," James E. Seaver, University of Kansas; "The Attitude of the State Department Toward Japan, 1940-1941," Ernest B. Bader, Washburn Municipal University; "Kansas Presidential Vote by Counties, 1864-1948," Robert P. Marple, Fort Hays Kansas State College; "Some Aspects of Discipline in the United States Army in the Plains Indian Wars," Neil B. Thompson, Kansas State College; "The Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railroad Company," Joseph A. Parsons, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, and "British Nationalization of the Coal and Steel Industries: A Comparative Study," Charles Barnes, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg. At the luncheon Charles B. Realey, University of Kansas, addressed the group on "A British Program for African Development." Officers were elected as follows: George L. Anderson, University of Kansas, president; Francis R. Flournoy, College of Emporia, vice-president, and Ruth Friedrich, Washburn Municipal University, secretary-treasurer. C. Stewart Boertman, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, was the retiring president. Directors of the association are: Mr. Boertman; Alvin Proctor, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia; Charles Onion, Fort Hays Kansas State College, and the Rev. Peter Beckman, St. Benedict's Abbey, Atchison.