

Kansas Historical Notes

The 77th 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 21, 1952.

The annual meeting of the Kansas Association of Teachers of History and Related Fields was held at the Memorial building, Topeka, May 2 and 3, 1952. Speakers and their subjects were: "Was Moscovite Russia Imperialist? The Catholic Orthodox Struggle and Its Effect Upon Historical Interpretation," O. P. Backus, University of Kansas, Lawrence; "James A. Farley, Master Politician," Russell Windes, Jr., Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg; "Apportionment in the Kansas House of Representatives," C. S. Boertman, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia; "The Influence of the German Element in the United States," Leonard Baak, College of Emporia; "The Convoy Controversy—1917," V. R. East-erling, Kansas State College, Manhattan; "The Objectives of the Course in the History of Civilization," John W. Heaton, Baker University, Baldwin, and "The Objectives of the General Social Science Course," Verne S. Sweedlun, Kansas State College. George L. Anderson, University of Kansas, addressed the group at the luncheon session on "History Versus the Social Sciences." Officers elected were: Elizabeth Cochrane, Kansas State Teachers College, Pittsburg, president; Charles Onion, Fort Hays Kansas State College, Hays, vice-president, and Ernest B. Bader, Washburn University, Topeka, secretary-treasurer. F. R. Flournoy, College of Emporia, was the retiring president.

Tribute was paid to W. W. Graves, St. Paul editor and historian, by a gathering of state and church officials, Indian chiefs, editors and friends in St. Paul, May 31, 1952. The Most Rev. Mark K. Carroll, bishop of the Wichita diocese of the Catholic Church, was the principal speaker, and Fred Brinkerhoff, Pittsburg, served as toastmaster. Graves published the *St. Paul Journal* for over 50 years and is the author of more than a dozen books and pamphlets. His latest book, the second volume of his *History of Neosho County*, recently published, marks the end of his writing career.

Directors elected by the Scott County Historical Society at a meeting in Scott City, June 3, 1952, were: John A. Boyer, Gene Henderson, Earl Van Antwerp, Harold Kirk, Tom Sherry, S. W.

Filson, Mrs. C. W. Dickhut, Matilda Freed and Elmer Epperson. Nyle Miller, secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society, was the principal speaker at the meeting.

Mrs. E. G. Peterson was re-elected president of the Edwards County Historical Society at the annual meeting in Kinsley, June 3, 1952. Other officers elected were: Lavina Trotter, first vice-president; Harry Offerle, second vice-president; Mrs. Leonard Miller, third vice-president; Mrs. Myrtle Richardson, historian; H. J. Draut, secretary; John Newlin, treasurer; Beulah Moletor, custodian, and Mrs. Hazel Buxton, publicity.

The First Military Escort on the Santa Fe Trail—1829 is the title of a recently published 222-page book by Otis E. Young, based on the reports of Maj. Bennet Riley and Lt. Philip St. George Cooke. "This work attempts to show not only the actual day-by-day occurrences on the Santa Fe trail in the year 1829, but also to relate those events which led to the demand for such an escort, and an outline of the national developments which had their inception in this event."

A 105-page illustrated booklet entitled *Kansas-Missouri Floods of June-July 1951* was recently published by the Weather Bureau, U. S. Department of Commerce. Compiled under the direction of F. W. Reichelderfer, chief, U. S. Weather Bureau, the booklet is a record of the basic hydrometeorological data of the flood.