

## Kansas History as Published in the Press

Historical articles of interest to Kansans in recent issues of the Kansas City (Mo.) *Star* included: " 'Dirtiest' Phase of Civil War Was in Missouri-Kansas Border Strife," a review of Jay Monaghan's *Civil War on the Western Border*, by W. W. Baker, July 28, 1955; "In Memory of Veteran Kansas Cattleman [James Francis Perkins] Days of the Long Trail Remain Vivid," by Myra Lockwood Brown, September 15; and a short article on the history of Troy, October 23. Articles in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times* were: "Mount Oread Professor Adds Fourteen Years to His Notable History of K. U.," a review of Dr. Robert Taft's *The Years on Mount Oread*, by Theodore M. O'Leary, July 26; and "Leadership of John P. St. John Recalled on 75th Anniversary of Kansas Dry Law," by Jonathan M. Dow, November 2.

Mrs. Ora Elliott, Reading, was the first white child born in the upper Marais des Cygnes valley, according to a biographical sketch in the *Journal-Free Press*, Osage City, August 3, 1955. She was born in 1869, a short time after her parents had left their home in Illinois and settled in Kansas.

The *Kinsley Mercury* reviewed its own history in the issue of August 4, 1955. The paper was started August 18, 1883, by George Flick.

A history of the Fort Dodge home for veterans, their dependents and survivors, was published by the *Kiowa News*, August 4, 1955. In 1889 an act of congress provided for turning part of the Fort Dodge reservation over to Kansas if the state would establish a soldiers' home on it. The first admission was in 1890.

Atwood's *Citizen-Patriot* published a 64-page diamond jubilee edition August 11, 1955. Articles in the edition included: "Saga of a Kansas Pioneer," an autobiographical sketch by Fred Robertson; "A History of Rawlins County," by I. W. Hayden, Jr.; "A History of the Newspapers of Atwood and Rawlins County"; "A History of Rawlins County Farm Bureau and Other Related Farm Organizations," by Mrs. Virgil F. Morton; "An Early Day History of Atwood," by Alfaretta Courtright; histories of the Atwood and Rawlins county churches; "A History of Lake Atwood"; "History of Schools in Rawlins County," by Mollie McBride; and "Tom Finley Recalls Frontier Range War, Other Incidents." The original townsite of Atwood was chosen in 1879 and called Kelso. In 1880 the town was moved to the present location and the name changed to Atwood.