

Kansas Historical Notes

A Civil War-period cannon for the Fort Scott museum was recently obtained through Rep. Errett P. Scrivner and Secretary of the Army Wilber M. Brucker. Another project under way in the city is the rebuilding of the Fort Blair blockhouse.

Coffeyville dedicated the Dalton Defenders Memorial November 5, 1955. The monument is over seven feet high with a stone inset depicting a typical frontiersman and bearing an inscription dedicating the memorial to the men who defended Coffeyville during the Dalton raid October 5, 1892.

Karl Miller, Dodge City, was the featured speaker at the annual meeting of the Comanche County Historical Society in Coldwater, November 5, 1955. New officers elected include: Mrs. Nell Riner, Protection, president; Frank Todd, Coldwater, vice-president; Mrs. Ben Zane, Protection, secretary; and Mrs. Faye Moberly, Wilmore, treasurer.

One hundred and fifty persons attended the annual pioneer mixer of the Clark County Historical Society in Ashland, November 19, 1955. Officers elected for the coming year were: Chester Zimmerman, president; Sidney Dorsey, vice-president; Mrs. Virgil Broadie, first honorary vice-president; Paul Randall, second honorary vice-president; Mrs. J. C. Harper, secretary; Mrs. Wm. Nunemacher, assistant secretary; Rhea Gross, corresponding secretary; Wm. T. Moore, treasurer; Mrs. R. V. Shrewder, historian; Mrs. H. B. Gabbert, curator; and George M. Pike, auditor.

O. W. Mosher was re-elected president of the Lyon County Historical Society at a meeting in Emporia, November 21, 1955. R. Wilford Riegle was elected first vice-president; Duane Drawbaugh, second vice-president; Lucile Owen, secretary; and A. H. Thomas, treasurer.

"Pioneer Medicine in Kansas" was the theme of the 49th annual meeting of the Woman's Kansas Day Club in Topeka, January 27, 1956. The president, Mrs. J. L. Jenson, Colby, presided at the meeting, and Dr. Edward H. Hashinger, University of Kansas Medical Center, talked on pioneer doctors and medicine. Mrs. Emerson Hazlett, Topeka, was elected president at the business session. Other new officers chosen include: Mrs. Edna Peterson, Chanute,

first vice-president; Mrs. Lucile Rust, Manhattan, second vice-president; Mrs. Paul Wedin, Wichita, secretary; Mrs. Steadman Ball, Atchison, treasurer; Mrs. C. W. Spencer, Sedan, registrar; Mrs. Edward Isern, Ellinwood, historian; and Mrs. Lloyd Graves, Caney, auditor. District directors named were: Mrs. Walter M. Knoop, Topeka, first district; Mrs. Loleta Troup, Kansas City, second district; Mrs. V. N. L. Sherwood, Independence, third district; Mrs. Larry E. VanZant, Wichita, fourth district; Mrs. W. H. Vernon, Larned, fifth district; and Mrs. Donna Lewis, Colby, sixth district.

Jim Reed, Topeka, was elected president of the Native Sons, and Mrs. J. B. McKay, El Dorado, was chosen to head the Native Daughters, at the annual meeting of the Native Sons and Daughters of Kansas in Topeka, January 27, 1956. Other new officers of the Native Sons include: Cleo Norris, Dodge City, vice-president; Charles N. McCarter, Wichita, secretary; and Roy L. Bulkley, Topeka, treasurer. Other officers elected by the Native Daughters were: Mrs. George Marshall, Basehor, vice-president; Mrs. Hobart Hoyt, Lyons, secretary; and Evelyn Ford, Topeka, treasurer. Virg Hill, publisher of the Fairbury (Neb.) *News*, was principal speaker at the meeting. Winner of the Native Sons and Daughters oratorical contest was Joan M. Sherar of the University of Kansas, Lawrence. Second place went to Betty Orr, Sterling College, and third place to John McComb, Kansas State College, Manhattan.

Mrs. Cleve Stoskopf, Ulysses, was the featured speaker at the annual membership meeting of the Finney County Historical Society in Garden City, February 14, 1956. The following directors were elected: E. E. Bill, Mrs. Josephine Cowgill, Amy Gillespie, Della Gobleman, W. S. Renick, Mrs. Eva Sharer, Abe Hubert, John R. Burnside, Cliff R. Hope, Jr., Bob Wells, Mrs. Cecil Wristen, and Gleason Brown.

Ralph Harrison was re-elected president of the Bourbon County Historical Society at the society's annual meeting in Fort Scott, March 20, 1956. Harold Calhoun was named vice-president, and Mrs. J. R. Prichard, secretary-treasurer.

A 44-page history of Grace Episcopal church of Hutchinson was recently published in observance of the church's 75th anniversary. Material for the pamphlet, which is entitled *Grace Episcopal Church*, was gathered chiefly by Mrs. Virginia McArthur. The first Episcopal services in Hutchinson were conducted June 25, 1879, by the Rt. Rev. Thomas Vail.

