

Kansas History as Published in the Press

Gen. George Custer's 7th cavalry regiment was the subject of an article by Mendell Beougher in the *Gove County Republican-Gazette*, Gove, August 11, 1955.

Continuing its series on Olathe churches, the *Johnson County Democrat*, Olathe, published a history of the First Presbyterian church August 25, 1955, and one on the Reformed Presbyterian (Covenanter) church, by Dr. Frank L. Stewart, October 6. Both congregations were organized in 1865.

Articles by Thomas S. Howell in the *Emporia Daily Gazette* in recent months included: "Burlingame Road Northeast From Emporia Was Used by the Pioneers," August 31, 1955, and "[Lyon County and Emporia] Voted Half Million in Bonds for Rail Construction [Between 1865 and 1870]."

A biographical sketch of Maj. Gen. Frederick Funston, by Fayette Rowe, appeared in the *Columbus Advocate*, September 6, 1955, the *Coffeyville Daily Journal*, October 5 and the *Oswego Democrat*, November 4. The Funston home in Allen county was recently given to the state for a historical museum. Another recent story by Rowe, concerning the hanging of John R. Guthrie near Fort Scott in 1860, was published in the *Columbus Advocate*, November 3, the *Chetopa Advance*, November 24, and the *Oswego Independent*, December 2. Guthrie, a school teacher, was lynched when mistaken for a horse thief. Local legend says that all his executioners "died with their boots on," as predicted by Guthrie just before he died.

Early Ellsworth county settlers were featured in recent issues of the *Ellsworth Messenger*. Included were: Winfield Scott Faris, September 15, 1955; Charles Robinson, September 29; Lewis H. Westerman, October 13; D. B. Long, November 3; and Alexander Boileau, November 10.

The first installment of a "History of Greenwood County, Kansas," by Jean Reser, began September 15, 1955, in the *Eureka Herald*. First settlers arrived in the county in 1856 and 1857.

The early history of Fort Belmont and vicinity, by Mrs. Jo Newman, began appearing serially in the *Toronto Republican*, September 29, 1955. The fort, built about 1857, was in Woodson county.