

## Kansas History as Published in the Press

"Dan D. Casement: Viking on a Sea of Grass," by James C. Carey, constituted the December, 1959, number of *The Trail Guide*, Independence, Mo., published by the Kansas City Posse of the Westerners.

Prairie Printers, Inc., Colby, in co-operation with the Thomas County Historical Society, began publication of a monthly magazine entitled *Thomas County, Yesterday and Today*, in January, 1960. The 20 to 24-page issues feature articles and pictures on Thomas county history.

"Out of the West," a series of reminiscences by Cliff Ling, began in the *Cawker City Ledger*, January 21, 1960.

Special editions featuring information on businesses, schools, churches, and other phases of community life, have recently been published by the following newspapers: *Newton Kansan*, 52-page progress edition, February 10, 1960; *Winfield Daily Courier*, 112-page achievement edition, February 22; *Coffeyville Daily Journal*, 124-page progress edition, February 28; and the *Caney Chronicle*, 36-page progress edition, March 3.

Publication, in serial form, of "A History of Morrill and Surrounding Community" began in *The Northwest Brown Countian*, Morrill, February 17, 1960. The history, much of which was written by a Morrill high school English class of 1934, was compiled by the Woman's Literary Club of Morrill.

Coffeyville history taken from the town's first ordinance book appeared in the *Coffeyville Journal*, February 28, 1960. According to this record Coffeyville became a third-class city in 1872. On March 27 the *Journal* printed an article by Tillie Karns Newman on Montgomery county courthouses. The first, a log building, was erected in 1869.

Among the many Kansas and Missouri newspapers featuring histories of the Pony Express on the occasion of the centennial of its start were: *Holyrood Gazette*, March 2, 1960; *St. Joseph (Mo.) News-Press*, March 7; *Horton Headlight*, March 24, 31; *Emporia Gazette*, March 28; and the *Kansas Chief*, Troy, March 31.

A history of Fort Scott and stories of women spies operating from the fort during the Civil War, by Harold O. Taylor, appeared in the Pittsburg *Headlight*, March 14, 1960. A history of the Pittsburg Public Library was printed in the *Headlight*, April 4.

Said to be the oldest federated club in Kansas, the Ladies' Reading Club of Junction City recently observed its 85th anniversary. A history of the club by Mona E. Kessinger appeared in the Junction City *Republic*, March 17, 1960. The Junction City *Weekly Union* printed a history of the club March 31.

O. W. Mosher's column, "Museum Notes," in the *Emporia Gazette*, included a sketch of the George W. Newman family of Emporia, in the issues of March 23 and 29, 1960.

LaGrand Stone, one of Smith county's earliest pioneers, was the subject of an article by Mrs. Martin Wiersma in the *Downs News*, March 31, 1960.

With the issue of March 31, 1960, the *Nemaha County Journal-Leader*, Centralia, began publication of a series entitled "History of Methodism in Centralia," by Joyce DeBord.

Among historical articles of interest to Kansans in recent issues of the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times* were: "Bible Ruled Man [Alexander Majors] Who Ran Pony Express," by Martha Swearingen, April 1, 1960; "Raiders and Redskins in His Memories," a review of James Francis Riley's *Recollections*, by John T. Alexander, May 18; and "Kansan Called 'Red' at a Vital Helm," a biographical sketch of Rear Adm. Howard A. Yeager, director of antisubmarine warfare, by John R. Cauley, May 25.

Marvin Swanson reviewed the O. K. Corral gun fight of October, 1881, in Tombstone, Ariz., involving the Earp brothers and "Doc" Holliday, and a group led by "Ike" Clanton, in an article published in the *Hays Daily News*, April 10, 1960. On May 8 the *News* printed an article by Swanson entitled "A Century of Unusual People [Mennonites] Behind Kansas Wheat Empire."

Using material from its files of a century ago, the Leavenworth *Times* recently started publication of a 100-year-ago column.

On November 18, 1892, the Concordia Public Library was opened with 56 books on the shelves. A history of the library, prepared by Mrs. Ross E. Weaver, was printed in the *Concordia Kansan*, April 14, 1960.