

## Kansas History as Published in the Press

Wallace E. Emmons published a history of the U. S. dragoons in the area of present Kansas, 1833-1850's, in his *Enterprise-Chronicle*, Burlingame, February 23, 1961. The article was printed in the *Wichita Eagle Magazine*, February 26.

Biographical sketches of Justice William Agnew Johnston and Judge Rilando Forrester Thompson were published in the *Minneapolis Messenger*, March 2, 1961, having been presented at a meeting of the Ottawa County Historical Society in Minneapolis, February 18, 1961. Johnston and Thompson became law partners in Minneapolis in 1872. Later Johnston became chief justice of the Kansas supreme court and Thompson served as district judge in his home district.

In its issue of March 6, 1961, the *Wilson County Citizen*, Fredonia, announced the formal opening of the new Wilson county courthouse and printed a history of the county's older courthouses.

Ninety-one years of continuous operation is the record of the Mitchell County Farmers Union Co-op Feed Mill at Beloit. A two-column history of the mill was published in the *Beloit Gazette*, March 16, 1961.

The *Marysville Advocate*, March 30, 1961, published a history of the Hollenberg Pony Express station in Washington county, by Gordon S. Hohn.

A discussion of John Brown's Harper's Ferry raid by Dr. Avery Craven appeared in an article entitled "Lee's Dilemma," in *The Virginia Magazine of History and Biography*, Richmond, April, 1961.

In his presidential address to the Kansas Press Association's annual convention, in Wichita, March 9, 1961, George Clasen reviewed the history of newspaper publishing in Kansas. This talk was printed in the April, 1961, issue of *The Kansas Publisher*, Topeka.

An article on Luray's early history, by Capt. John Fritts, was reprinted from a 1902 issue of the *Luray Herald* in the *Natoma-Luray Independent*, April 6, 1961.

Will Vernon gave a review of Pawnee county history at the April 11, 1961, meeting of the Larned Rotary club. The highlights of his talk appeared in the *Tiller and Toiler*, Larned, April 12.

Council Grove's three historic trees, the Council oak, Post Office oak, and Custer's elm, were the subjects of a historical article in the Council Grove *Republican*, April 19, 1961.

"Kansas, My Kansas," a historical and descriptive article by John Bird, a native Kansan, was published in the *Saturday Evening Post*, Philadelphia, April 29, 1961.

In a section entitled "Going Places With Esquire," *Esquire* magazine for May, 1961, reviewed some of Kansas' history and described what the traveler might find in the state during this centennial year.

"Kansas History and Folksong," by William E. and Mary Koch, comprised the May, 1961, issue of *Heritage of Kansas*, publication of the English department, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia.

"Hatchets and Hoopskirts: Women in Kansas History," is the title of an article by Elizabeth Cochran in the Spring, 1961, issue of *The Midwest Quarterly*, publication of Kansas State College of Pittsburg.

Continuing the list of Kansas newspapers publishing centennial editions, are the following: *Sherman County Herald*, Goodland, June 15, 1961; *Hutchinson News*, June 28; *Hays Daily News* and *Ellis County Farmer*, July 6; *Dodge City Daily Globe*, July 17; *Abilene Reflector-Chronicle*, August 18; and *Florence Bulletin*, August 31.

Historical articles in great number have appeared in Kansas newspapers this centennial year. In addition to those mentioned in above paragraphs, the following were among articles published: a history of the *South Kansas Tribune*, published at Independence from 1871 to 1942, by Wilma Schweitzer, *Independence Reporter*, March 5, 1961; "The Early Days of Kansas," by Elizabeth W. Gibson, *Western Kansas World*, WaKeeney, April 13; "Hunt Finds Grave of Doc Holliday," *Dodge City Daily Globe*, April 21; "Johnson County's Namesake [Rev. Thomas Johnson] Wanted Slavery in Kansas," *The Scout*, Prairie Village, May 4; "Jeff Durfey Saw Herd of Buffalo Drink Solomon River Dry in 1872," *Osborne County Farmer*, Osborne, May 4; "Famed Slavery Skirmish [Battle of Black Jack, June 2, 1856] Is Recalled," by Mrs. Nora Cleland, *Journal-World*, Lawrence, June 2; "First Hand Report of Events During War Between the States," letters of Robert Mechlin of Arkansas, written during the Civil War period, *Johnson County Herald*, Overland Park, June 8; "Ravanna Ruins Mark Ghost Town," by Wayne

M. Campbell, *Garden City Telegram*, June 28; history of Kansas and the Axtell community, *Axtell Standard*, July 6; "Counties Claim Historic Names," *News Chronicle*, Scott City, July 13; a history of Lily School, District 52, Woodson county, *Yates Center News*, July 13; "Indians and Climate Opposed First Settlers [in Solomon valley]," by Darrel Miller, *Downs News*, July 20; a history of Castleton, by E. Lawson May, *Hutchinson News*, July 23; "Coronado, Lewis and Clark, and Many Others Are Found in Kansas History," by Larry Cole, *Osborne County Farmer*, Osborne, August 10; "Western Kansas' Own Gay '90s Gold Rush Faded Fast," by Kittie Dale, *Hutchinson News*, August 13; and "History of N. C. K. Free Fair Goes Back 72 Years," *Belleville Telescope*, August 17.