

Kansas History as Published in the Press

With the issue of June 27, 1963, the *Jefferson County Mirror-Times*, Perry, began publishing a series by Judith Taggart on the history of the Delaware river valley entitled "And Then Came the Dam." The title refers to the Perry dam soon to be built. The history begins with the building of a mill in 1834 on the river to grind corn for the Indians.

Beginning in the issue of July 10, 1963, the Council Grove *Republican* printed a series of articles, compiled by Mrs. J. H. Comp, on the history of Highland township, Morris county.

The Westerners Brand Book, New York, 1963 (v. 10, no. 3), published an account of Joseph McCoy, Abilene cattle trader of the 1860's, which had appeared in many of the newspapers of 1867. The article was contributed to the *Brand Book*, with an introduction, by Minnie Dubbs Millbrook, a former Kansan now of Detroit, Mich.

An article entitled "Kansas Newspaper Items Relating to the Red River War of 1874-1875," edited by Lonnie J. White, was published in the *Panhandle-Plains Historical Review*, Canyon, Tex., for 1963.

Histories of Kansas churches appearing in the newspapers in recent months, in addition to those mentioned elsewhere in these notes, included: St. Monica Catholic, Waterville, *Frankfort Index*, July 11, *Hanover News*, July 12, and *Blue Rapids Times*, July 18, 1963; Seventh Day Baptist, Nortonville, *Atchison Daily Globe*, August 1; Rush Center Methodist, *Rush County News*, La Crosse, August 22; St. Peter's Catholic, Mercier, *Hiawatha Daily World*, August 28, *Everest World*, August 29, *Brown County World*, Hiawatha, September 6, and *Atchison Daily Globe*, September 15; Pleasant Grove Evangelical United Brethren, near Haven, *Haven Journal*, and *Burton Graphic*, September 5; Czech United Presbyterian, near Blue Rapids, *Blue Rapids Times*, and *Waterville Telegraph*, September 12; First Mennonite, Garden township, Harvey county, *Hesston Record* and *Moundridge Journal*, September 12; Horton Christian, *Horton Headlight*, September 12; Padonia Methodist, *Hiawatha Daily World*, September 18; Ellis Congregational, *Ellis Review*, September 26; St. Paul's Episcopal, Coffeyville, and Elm Christian, near Edna, *Coffeyville Daily Journal*, September 27;

Ada Lutheran, Kackley, *Concordia Blade-Empire*, October 8, *Courtland Journal*, *Scandia Journal*, and *Belleville Telescope*, October 10; Maple City Community church, *Arkansas City Daily Traveler*, October 11; First Methodist, Salina, *Salina Journal*, October 20; First Christian, Conway Springs, *Conway Springs Star*, October 31; Salem Methodist, near Bushton, *Bushton News*, November 7; Havenhill Christian, Butler county, *Butler County News*, El Dorado, November 7; First Congregational, Council Grove, *Council Grove Republican*, November 13 and 15; New Jerusalem church, Pawnee Rock, *Great Bend Tribune*, November 20; Evangelical United Brethren, Alexander, *Great Bend Tribune*, November 24; Greensburg Methodist, *Kiowa County Signal*, Greensburg, November 27; Grace Methodist, Winfield, *Winfield Courier*, November 27; First Baptist, Eskridge, *Eskridge Independent*, November 28; Fairview United Church of Christ, *Fairview Enterprise*, December 12; South Haven Methodist, *South Haven New Era*, January 23, 1964; Chetopa Methodist, *Chetopa Advance*, February 13; First Baptist, Norton, *Norton Daily Telegram*, February 14; and St. Peter and Paul Catholic, Cawker City, *Cawker City Ledger*, March 5.

Osawatomie's Old Stone church, first dedicated 102 years ago, was rededicated as an all-faiths chapel, July 14, 1963. Restoration of the building was made possible by a bequest of \$20,000 in the will of the late Mrs. Jessie Willis, granddaughter of the founder of the church, the Rev. Samuel L. Adair. Some of the history of the church and the story of the restoration are told in an article by Dorothy Bishop in the *Kansas City (Mo.) Star*, July 7, and the *Osawatomie Graphic-News*, July 11, 1963.

Historical articles published in the *Wichita Sunday Eagle-Beacon* in recent months included: "Jail [in Iola] Now Being Used to Preserve Former Role in Old West History," by R. William Conrad, July 14, 1963; "From Stunning Loss to Amazing Victory," the story of the Eighth Kansas volunteers at Missionary Ridge in Tennessee, by Bob Tonsing, Sr., November 24; and "Cosmopolitan Pioneers," a study of settlements in the state where foreign languages were spoken and foreign customs observed, by Ruth Meyer, January 29 and February 2, 1964. The *Wichita Beacon*, October 17, printed "Wichita Woman [Mrs. Thomas Cussen] Last of [Wichita] Tribe Residing Here," by Marvin Barnes.