

Kansas History as Published in the Press

Elizabeth Barnes' column, "Historic Johnson County," continues to appear regularly in the *Johnson County Herald*, Overland Park. A history of the Hickory Grove school was featured in the November and December, 1965, issues.

Historical articles by Paul Bocquin in the *Independence Daily Reporter* in recent months included: "Hard Work, Sense of Humor Keep Smithy [C. O. Seever of Howard] Happy 63 Years," November 28, 1965; "Restore [Dr. O. D. Sharpe] Mansion," December 12; and "Tribune [Printing Co.] Oldest Firm in City," March 3, 1966.

A history of the Santa Fe hospital in Ottawa, by Lois Smith, appeared in the *Ottawa Herald*, November 29, 1965. On March 5, 1966, the *Herald* printed a biographical sketch of 100-year-old Mrs. Effie Morrison, and on March 11 a story on Ottawa University's Charlton Cottage, recently razed.

Joseph W. Snell's article, "Painted Ladies of the Cowtown Frontier," comprised the December, 1965, issue of *The Trail Guide*, publication of the Kansas City, Mo., Posse of the Westerners.

Histories of Kansas churches printed recently in the newspapers included the following: Towanda Methodist, *El Dorado Times*, December 2, 1965, and *Butler County News*, El Dorado, December 9; Tisdale Methodist, Cowley county, *Winfield Daily Courier*, December 6; Cedar Point Methodist, *Chase County Leader-News*, Cottonwood Falls, December 8, and *Florence Bulletin*, December 9; Mound City Federated, *Mound City Republic*, February 3, 1966; Bethel Church of the Nazarene, near Johnson, *Johnson Pioneer*, February 10; Camp Creek Evangelical United Brethren, near Atchison, *Atchison Daily Globe*, February 27; and Ottawa First Methodist, *Ottawa Herald*, March 5, and *Ottawa Times*, March 10.

Marking the 80th anniversary of the blizzard of 1886, the *Spearville News*, December 30, 1965, printed a story of that storm. In its January 6, 1966, issue the *News* published a biographical sketch of Mrs. C. E. McKee, Sr., by Kate Krumrey. Now 82, Mrs. McKee came to Kansas in 1884 with her parents, the Herman Diers, from Nebraska.

"The Battle of Beecher Island: The Scouts Hold Fast on the Arickaree," by Lonnie J. White, was printed in the *Journal of the West*, Los Angeles, January, 1966.