

Kansas History as Published in the Press

"My Father Was the Most Wretchedly Unhappy Man I Ever Knew," is the title of an article by Gene A. Howe in *The Saturday Evening Post*, Philadelphia, Pa., October 25, 1941. The author relates many striking characteristics of his father, Ed Howe, "Sage of Potato Hill," and former publisher of the Atchison *Daily Globe*.

Historical subjects discussed by Victor Murdock in the Wichita (Evening) *Eagle* in recent months included the following: "Report of Destitution Which Prevailed Here Among First Community," made to the government, September 18, 1865, by Milo Gookins, U. S. Indian agent, November 5, 1941; "Fire Guard Technique Practised on Prairie in Kansas in Early Day," November 6; "Notable Closing Speech at Historic Council Made by Silver Brooch," on the banks of the Little Arkansas river seventy-six years ago, November 7; "Record of the Proceedings at a Council He [Milo Gookins] Called With the Indian Chiefs in the Fall of 1864 on the Banks of the Little Arkansas," November 10; Wichita-Presidio, Tex., railroad, in a series of articles, November 18-25; "Terrible Sufferings of the Indians Who Retreated From the Territory to Kansas at Outbreak of Civil War," November 26; "General Riley's Experiment in Employing Oxen Early in Army Transport Here," November 27; "Hectic Hour in Wichita Over a Showing of Gas Early in December, 1887," December 1; "Outline of an Incident [Confederate raid into Lyon county, May, 1863] Emerging From Memory of William Allen White," December 3; "Capture of a Herd [of cattle stolen off Indian reservations] and Its Drivers in 1865 by Captain Dyhernfurth Was Beginning of End of a Most Amazing Traffic," December 5; "Familiar Figures of Speech Which Originated in the Horse and Buggy Days Survived Them and Are Still Going Strong," December 6; "Signs City Once Used As Gentle Hint to Guests to Keep the Peace Here," December 26; "Wichita's First Attempt to Vote Fire Engine Bonds Was Badly Snowed Under," December 27; "First Mayor of Wichita Vetoed an Appropriation for July Fourth Blowout," December 29; "Two Thousand Dollars Young Wichita Paid Towards [Texas] Cattle Trade," December 31; "Erection of Pest House [in Wichita, 1873] That Followed a Fear of Small Pox Scourge," January 1, 1942; "Early Boost City Gave to Milling Industry With a Thousand Dollars," January 2; "Something About Eucheas, Friends of the

Wichitas, and Their Persistence," January 5; "Hint of Mid-Continent [oil field] in a Public Document Back in October, 1865," January 9; "Details of Trail Cattle That Late Mr. [Sam P.] Ridings Set Down for Historians," January 10; "There Was Drama A-Plenty at the Notable Drawing for Farms at El Reno [Okla.]," January 12; "Trip [to Ft. Smith] Made by Members of the [Wichita] Indian Tribe Here to Refute the Accusation That They Had Been Disloyal to the United States," January 13; "When City Considered Manufacture of Silk As Possible Industry," January 15; "Suggestion of Wichita as Good Shipping Point Was From Indians to Agent," January 20; "Message Received Here a Very Long Time Ago [1865] Brought Word of Peace [with the Indians]," January 22; "What Happened When Cattlemen Were Ordered Out of the Cheyenne and Arapahoe Reservation in 1885 by Grover Cleveland," January 23; "Feature of the Treaty with the Cheyennes and Arapahoes Made Here Seventy-Six Years Ago Last Fall," January 30. Among other historical articles in the Wichita (Evening) *Eagle* were: "St. Francis Hospital Equal to Complete Village Under Roof," November 23, 1941, and "Battery 'F' First Local Unit Organized in War—Col. Bruce Griffith Enlisted Artillery Force in May, 1917, for Conflict With Germany," December 14.

Cecil Howes, head of the Topeka bureau of the Kansas City (Mo.) *Star*, reported on the following Kansas historical subjects in the *Star* late in 1941 and early in 1942: "How Some Kansas Counties Got Their Names," November 21, 1941; "History of Thanksgiving Day in Kansas," November 24; denied that territorial Kansas was settled by New Englanders, December 2; "How Some Kansas Towns Got Their Names," December 8; "For Whom Was Sherman County Named?" December 12; "Some of the History Relating to Kansas Journalism," December 24; "A Further Review of the History of Kansas Counties," December 26; "A Woman's Part in the Early Annals of Kansas," about the myth that in 1856 Mrs. Charles Robinson concealed 1,188 pages of evidence in her clothing when the governor was arrested, January 1, 1942; "How Towns and Post-offices Got Mixed Together," January 9; "The Cottonwood, the State Tree of Kansas," January 16; "It's Hit-and-Miss With Names of Cities and Counties in Kansas," January 20; "Developments of the Kansas Traveling Library," January 30.

On January 2, 1942, the Inman *Review* published a souvenir edition celebrating its fiftieth anniversary. Included among the feature articles was a history of the paper with brief sketches of its editors.