

## Kansas History as Published in the Press

Kansas historical articles in the Kansas City (Mo.) *Times* in recent months include: "Action in Port of Kansas City Marks Coast Guard's 153d Anniversary Today," August 4, 1943; "Kansas Remembers Dave Leahy's Feats in Lost Art of the Newspaper Hoax," by Paul I. Wellman, October 11; "Monument Recalls Pioneer Scouts Who Once Lived in Old Westport," by J. P. G., November 17; "Death Valley Pioneers From Illinois Were First To Use Name 'Jayhawker,'" by Paul I. Wellman, November 27, and "Humboldt, Kas., Is Accustomed to Lt. Col. J. B. Crawford in News," December 14.

The history of the Lorraine Union School of Ellsworth county, as told by the late H. L. Steinberg, was published in the *Ellsworth Messenger*, September 9, 1943. The first term of the consolidated school opened in 1898 in a new four-room school building.

Articles of historical interest to Kansans in recent issues of the Kansas City (Mo.) *Star* were: "The Olathe Naval Air Base Is a Year Old," October 3, 1943; "Food Is Too Rich [At War Prison Camps in Kansas]," by Cecil Howes, October 20; "Flying Is Supreme Interest Of a WASP [Mrs. June Ellington Gorrill of Centerville] From Kansas Farm," by Malvina Stephenson, and "K. State's New 'Prexy' [Milton Stover] Eisenhower Sees Big Job Ahead For His Grads After War," by E. B. Garnett, November 7; "Fairfax Rounds Out Its Development As Center of a Great Naval Command," November 20; "'Perfect Team' of Generals [Lt. Gen. George C. Kenney and Kansas-born Maj. Gen. Ennis C. Whitehead] Commands Yank Fliers in Southwest Pacific," by Edward R. Schaufler, November 21; "A File of Faded Clippings Recalls the Aristocrat [Col. Ike Busby] of Tramp Printers," November 24; "A Mortgaged Kansas Farm Made Two Chapters in Oil History [the Carrie Oswald Well, First in the Fairport Field]," by Leota Motz, December 5; "Three Brigadier Generals [Frank N. Roberts of Oskaloosa, T. B. Wilson of Williamstown, and Julius Holmes of Lawrence] Add to the Kaw River's Fame," December 12, and "Making Bombs and Building Ships, Harry Darby Takes Up the Fight He Saw Left Unfinished in 1918," by Paul I. Wellman, December 26.

The *Ellsworth Messenger* of October 7, 1943, devoted a half-page to a review of the history of the First Presbyterian Church of Ellsworth. The church was organized January 19, 1873, with the

Rev. Levi Sternberg as pastor. Charter members and ministers since 1873 were named in the article.

Some of the experiences and reflections of Dr. A. A. Krugg, long-time Coffeyville physician and surgeon, have been recorded in an eighty-four page booklet, *Facts and Fancies*, recently published by C. C. Drake and printed by the Coffeyville *Journal*.

Articles of interest to Kansas history hobbyists in *The Kansas Magazine*, Manhattan, for 1944, include: A story of Garfield county, "The County That Never Was," by Nelson Antrim Crawford; "Idavale," Capt. Eugene Bartlett Millett's ranch in Ellsworth county, by Floyd Benjamin Streeter; "Dave Leahy, 1858-1943," by Henry Ware Allen; "Early Day Cold Storage," by Maude McFadin, and a story of war prison camps in Kansas, "Prisoners at Work," by Cecil Howes.

Biographical data and pictures of all Clark county citizens serving in World War II are being sought by the Clark County Historical Society. A questionnaire which the society has prepared for families of service people was printed in *The Clark County Clipper*, Ashland, February 17 and 24, 1944. In the "Historical Society Notes," a column appearing regularly in the *Clipper* under the sponsorship of the society and Mrs. R. V. (Dorothy Berryman) Shrewder, historian, the following articles have been featured in recent months: "The Lucas Family," by Minnie (Lucas) Roberts, February 10, and "Bradford Robbins Grimes," by Daisy (Ferguson) Grimes, in the issues dated from April 13 through May 25.

The *Kansas Library Bulletin*, issued by the Kansas Traveling Libraries Commission of Topeka, March-June, 1944, devoted its entire thirty-eight pages to a study "Kansas Public Library Statistics, 1942-1943."

Christian Madsen's life was reviewed by Sheriff Lon Ford of Clark county in a four-column article in *The Clark County Clipper*, Ashland, March 9, 1944, entitled: "The Passing of One of the Southwest's Most Famous Peace Officers and Soldiers."

The history of the Alta mill, on the Little Arkansas river sixteen miles northwest of Newton, was reviewed in the *Mennonite Weekly Review*, Newton, March 9, 1944. The mill dates from 1878 when a brush dam and race were constructed.

Charles L. Rose, editor of the *Almena Plaindealer* for nearly twenty-five years, sketched the paper's history in its issue of March 16, 1944. Dr. W. Taylor founded the paper on February 2, 1888.

Titles and dates of publication of several historical articles prepared by H. Martin Glenn for his *Ellinwood Leader* are: "Captain John R. Ellinwood a Forgotten Man in Town Which Bears His Name," March 16, 1944; "First Issue of Ellinwood's First Newspaper Is Lost [Ellinwood *Express* of April 6, 1878]," March 23; "Ellinwood Incorporated Sixty-Six Years Ago," April 13, and "Early Day [Barton County] Editors Held Bitter Debates," April 20.

Fort Scott's newspaper history was briefly reviewed in the *Fort Scott Tribune*, April 21, 1944.

"[Gen. George Miller] Sternberg and the Fort Harker Cholera Epidemic of 1867," was the title of an article by Dr. Jerome M. Schneck of Topeka in the May, 1944, issue of *The Journal of the Kansas Medical Society*, Topeka. Sternberg was physician at the fort during the epidemic.

The history of the airplane industry in Wichita was briefly reviewed by Charles E. Jones in *Downtown Wichita*, May 6, 1944.

Sixty years of Olathe history were recalled by *The Johnson County Democrat*, Olathe, May 11, 1944, in an article entitled: "Sale of [Sam J.] Kelly Building Brings Memories of Early Days."

A list of cemeteries and burial plots of Ellsworth county, as compiled by Mrs. Gertrude Kunkle and the Smoky Hill chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Ellsworth, was printed in the *Ellsworth Reporter*, May 25, 1944. The chapter sent a copy of the list and records copied from tombstones to the Kansas State Historical Society.

Kinsley's Congregational-Christian Church held special ceremonies May 21, 1944, celebrating the seventieth anniversary of its founding. The history of the church was reviewed in detail in a four-column article in the *Kinsley Mercury*, May 25.

A history of the Grinnell Methodist Church, by J. E. Broah, was printed in the *Grinnell Recorder-Leader*, June 1, 1944. The first Sunday School in the community was established in 1888.