

## Kansas Historical Notes

Fred D. Warren, former editor of the *Appeal to Reason*, Girard, was the speaker at a meeting of the Crawford County Historical Society in Girard, June 11, 1951. A quiz program and singing were other features. Ralph Shideler is president of the society.

On June 24, 1951, members of the National Railway Historical Society, Kansas City, visited the museum and other points of historical interest in Fort Scott, and listened to a talk by Ralph Richards on Fort Scott history.

Moses Grinter, first permanent white settler in Wyandotte county, was the subject of talks by Clint Hammer and Judge William H. McCamish at a dinner meeting, July 2, 1951, of the Wyandotte County Historical Society in the Grinter home, built in 1857.

Frank "Chief" Haucke of Council Grove was the speaker at the 1951 annual Fourth of July dinner of the Lyon County Historical Society in Emporia. Mr. Haucke spoke on the Santa Fe trail and the historical importance of Council Grove. At the annual business meeting, September 17, Orville Watson Mosher II, was elected president of the society. Other officers elected were: Catherine H. Jones, first vice-president; Albert Thomas, second vice-president; Mrs. C. A. Moore, secretary; Warren Morris, treasurer, and Mabel H. Edwards and Charles Caldwell, new historians; Mrs. F. L. Gilson and Lucina Jones were re-elected historians.

Mrs. H. C. Campbell was elected president of the Pawnee County Historical Society at a meeting in the courthouse, Larned, July 6, 1951. A. H. Lupfer, president of the society since its organization in 1923, was named president emeritus. Other officers elected included: Charles Peterson, first vice-president; Mrs. Alice McNamara, second vice-president; Mrs. C. E. Grove, secretary; Mrs. Leslie E. Wallace, treasurer; Mrs. R. V. Phinney, custodian, and Mrs. A. N. Wedge and H. C. (Hal) Evans, directors. Re-elected to the board of directors were: Mrs. George W. Bindley, John Sweeny, Harry Hunsley and H. L. Reed.

A meeting of the Douglass Historical Society was held August 9, 1951, at the completion of the first year of the society's existence. All officers were retained for another year. They are: Mrs. Elmer Sherar, president; J. M. Guyot, vice-president; Mrs. Inez Graves, secretary; Mrs. Daisy Lamb, historian, and Mrs. Viola Dennett, reporter.

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George Miller, Cottonwood Falls, was elected president of the Chase County Historical Society at the annual meeting September 8, 1951. Other officers chosen were: Henry Rogler, Matfield Green, vice-president; George Dawson, Elmdale, treasurer, and Helen Austin, Cottonwood Falls, secretary and chief historian. Appointed to the executive committee were: Ida Vinson, Clint Baldwin, Lizzie Worth, Howel Jones, Minnie Norton, T. R. Wells and Claude Hawkins. The society is now engaged in preparing the third volume of *Chase County Historical Sketches*.

Paul B. Winter was elected president of the Old Settlers' Association of Douglas county at the annual meeting in Lawrence, September 15, 1951. Other officers are: Vanroy Miller, vice-president; I. F. Eberhart, secretary; Mrs. I. F. Eberhart, assistant secretary and necrologist; Mrs. Guy Bigsby, treasurer, and Mrs. R. E. Love, historian. The guest speaker at the gathering was the Rev. Dale E. Turner, pastor of the Plymouth Congregational church.

Nyle H. Miller, assistant secretary of the State Historical Society, was the guest speaker at the Jackson county Old Settlers' picnic in Holton, September 20, 1951. R. E. Singer was chosen president of the group for the coming year. Other officers are: A. E. Venneberg, vice-president; Mabel Epling, secretary, and John A. Pomeroy, treasurer. The Rev. Travis Siever was the retiring president.

Officers recently elected by the Shawnee Mission Indian Historical Society are: Mrs. James Glenn Bell, president; Mrs. Homer Bair, first vice-president; Mrs. David Huber, second vice-president; Mrs. Fred Carter, recording secretary; Mrs. John Blake, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Chas. Houlehan, treasurer; Mrs. Kenneth Carbaugh, historian, and Mrs. C. L. Curry, curator.

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A 145-page narrative by Roderick Cameron dealing with the arrival in Kansas of the Cameron family and their pioneer life on the plains, was recently published under the title *Pioneer Days in Kansas*. The Camerons came to northwest Kansas in 1878 from Minnesota.

The growth and the commercial and political development of the American colonies between 1664 and 1765 is the subject of *Liberty and Property*, by R. V. Coleman, a native Kansan, recently published by Charles Scribner's Sons. This volume continues the story of early America begun in Coleman's *The First Frontier*, published three years before.

*Travels in Search of the Elephant: the Wanderings of Alfred S. Waugh, Artist, in Louisiana, Missouri, and Santa Fe, in 1845-1846* is the title of a 153-page volume edited and annotated by John Francis McDermott and published by the Missouri Historical Society, St. Louis. All available portions of Waugh's own account of his travels are published in this work.