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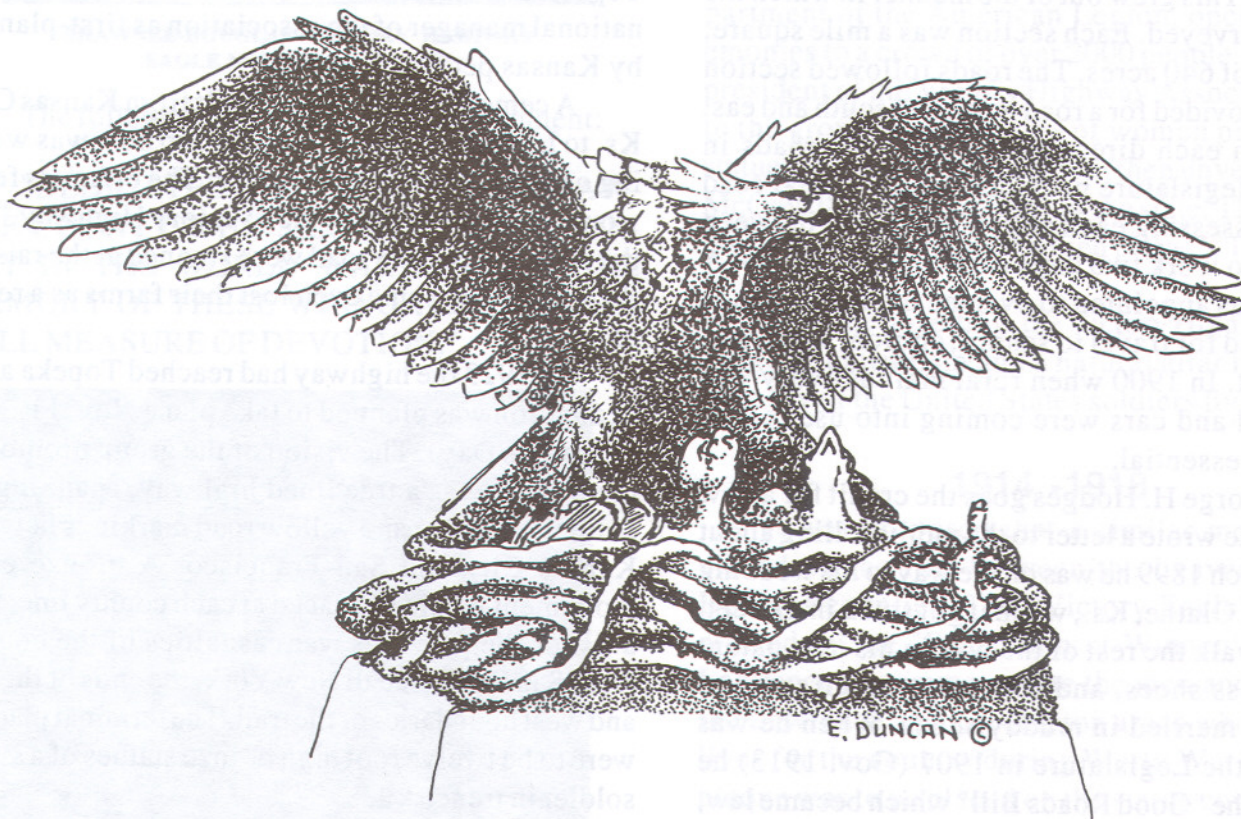


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THE VICTORY HIGHWAY

The Oregon Trail was the basis for travel in the 1840's to the 1860's across an area then known as the Kansas-Nebraska Territory to the west to both California and Oregon territories. They had been of great interest for some years, but the transients to that area traveled mostly by sea-either by sailing to the Isthmus of Panama, then walking across to the western coast and taking a boat from there up to the two territories, or sailed around South America and up the western coast.

The United States was impressed with the lucrative beaver trapping there. The beaver hides were used primarily for hats and coats, and in some parts of the world they were considered a sign of affluence. The trappers would come back to Missouri and tell of the beautiful farmland they had seen in the west, and soon many farmers were heading that way. When gold was discovered in California in 1849, traffic to the west greatly increased, most of it starting in Westport, Mo., what is now Kansas City, Mo., they crossed the Missouri River, then went west on a trail that led across the Kansas and Nebraska Territory.

In 1858 when Kansas and Nebraska became separated territories, several army forts were set up to protect the pioneers who were traveling there, and which soon became an important service. Many of the transients were so pleased with the Kansas land that they saw, they went no further. When the western migration increased, the ruts that the conestoga wagons had made became deeper and some are visible today 140 years later, as that part of the trail was not plowed. Kansas became the "Gateway to the West".

At the onset, the roads were mere dirt trails, winding between hills and streams, but as the state became populated some of the old trails were plowed up and a state checkerboard system of roads took their place. This grew out of the manner in which the land was surveyed. Each section was a mile square, consisting of 640 acres. The roads followed section lines and provided for a road north and south and east and west in each direction. To keep the roads in shape, the legislature provided for an annual road repair by assessing each able-bodied man between 21 and 45 to work two days each year (poll tax). A manager was appointed to oversee the work. Roads were needed for travel to school, church, town, and county seat. In 1900 when rural mail delivery was established and cars were coming into use, better roads were essential.

To George H. Hodges goes the credit for a new road law. He wrote a letter to the public telling about how in March 1899 he was on the way to his wedding in a hack in Olathe, Ks., when it got stuck in a street, he had to walk the rest of the way in his new patent leather dress shoes, and was very embarrassed to have to be married in muddy shoes. When he was elected to the Legislature in 1907 (Gov. 1913) he presented the "Good Roads Bill" which became law.

It provided for the construction of hard surface roads, cement or ballast, the expense to be born partly by the county, the township and the "benefit districts" - areas that adjoined the road being built. In 1917 Congress voted to encourage such highways that would be linked to a national system so that a motorist could drive across the entire country, not just locally, but that the state had to spend a similar amount.

A Ben Blow was associated with the California State Automobile Association in 1920 and he and the association urged that a good transcontinental highway be encouraged across the United States. In

1921, George Stanfield of Topeka drove to California and dropped into Blow's office, he wanted some road marking done in Kansas and told them that he admired what California had accomplished in that field. He also told them about the Kansas projected paving westward from Kansas City, Kansas along the so called Golden Belt and Union Pacific Highways. As a result Blow was sent to Topeka to investigate the program. He also coupled the proposed highway with the thought of a national transcontinental highway as an idea of a memorial to the men and women who served their country during World War I with "Victory Highway" to be the name of the new route when completed. He suggested it to the organization in Topeka that was sponsoring it. Blow was selected as national manager of the association as first-planned by Kansas people.

A cement road had been built from Kansas City, Ks. to Lawrence, Ks., and the group now was working on one from there to Topeka. The officials felt it would be a fine start for the "Victory Highway," but the people along the road were stunned at the raise in their taxes and some even lost their farms as a result of it.

By 1923 the highway had reached Topeka and a dedication was planned to take place Nov. 11, 1923 (Veterans Day). The vision of the group promoting the project was a tree lined highway, spanning the nation, with blue and yellow road markings between Kansas City and San Francisco. A bronze eagle monument would be placed at each county line, with a list of the previous war casualties of the county, from San Francisco to New York, the ends of the east and west boundaries of the trail. The terminal markers were to be twelve foot high bronze statues of a single soldier in trench kit.

On the county boundaries, markers were to be provided by the efforts of the women of the counties and each was to be a bronze eagle poised above a nest with outstretched wings in an attitude of hovering over its eaglets, designated to signify the protection this country gives to its people. The first one was cast by Dr. F. F. Roberts of Minnesota and Dr. Widmer of Missouri.

As planned, a half mile of the highway east of Topeka was planted with oak trees by the forestry division April 8, 1923 with the hope that they would ultimately be planted along the highway from New York to California.



SHAWNEE-DOUGLAS VICTORY HIGHWAY
EAGLE NOW AT GAGE PARK

The following message is on this monument:

"DEDICATED TO THOSE FROM SHAWNEE COUNTY WHO SERVED THEIR COUNTRY IN THE WORLD WAR, AND TO THE MEMORY OF THESE WHO GAVE THE LAST FULL MEASURE OF DEVOTION."



DOUGLAS-LEAVENWORTH VICTORY EAGLE MONUMENT
IS NOW ON KANSAS UNIVERSITY CAMPUS

REFERENCES:

TOPEKA STATE CAPITAL, TOPEKA, KS.
1923: 3-7; 4-16; 5-23; 10-1; 10-3; 11-1; 11-7; 11-8; 11-12 & 13; 12-30.
1924: 3-8
1928: 2-19
1929: 5-23; 5-25; 5-27
DARY, DAVID, LAWRENCE, DOUGLAS COUNTY, KANSAS,
ALLEN BOOKS, LAWRENCE, KS.
1982: PAGES 12-13
SWEARINGER, TOM-RECORDS IN THE MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY.
KANSAS CITY TIMES: APR. 6, 1919

After the statue was obtained, it was presented to Senator Arthur Capper who accepted it for the people of Kansas. Then it was placed on the pedestal that had been constructed for it. A plan for its dedication was to take place on Armistice day on the Victory highway, about 9 miles east of Topeka or 1 mile west of Big Springs on the Douglas & Shawnee county line, at 2:30 p.m., Nov. 11, 1923. A plaque with the name of 96 Shawnee County soldiers who lost their lives was to be attached to the monument.

The program consisted of four bands to furnish the music. The program opened with all singing "America", and a group of soldiers presenting the flag. Frank McFarland, Commander of the Kansas Department of the American Legion, opened the ceremonies to a crowd of over 2000 people. H. A. West, president of the Victory Highway Association spoke to the group. A committee of women presented the statue to Gov. Davis which was then unveiled by Mrs. McCoy, the "War Mother" of the state. The Trumpeters from Ft. Leavenworth then played "Taps".

With the unveiling, the Victory Highway became a path of patriotism and a natural altar raised to the memory of the United States soldiers living or dead.

1914 -1918

It was proposed that a similar monument be placed on the line between the Leavenworth and Douglas counties. The "Victory Eagle" was to be erected by the "Federation of Women's Clubs" of Lawrence to commemorate the men and women of the Lawrence and Leecompton areas who gave their lives for the country during World War I. A bronze plaque was to be placed on the statue containing the names of those soldiers.

The dedication service took place May 26, 1929 at the Douglas-Leavenworth line north of the Mud Creek bridge, The program consisted of:

- 2-2:30 p.m. Music by F.A.U. Bank
- America - Song by everyone
- Unveiling - Dr. E. K. Ebright
- Presentation - Mrs. L. H. Menger
- Unveiling - Mrs. Mattie Crook & Mrs. Weibel
- Acceptance - R. C. Rankin & Frank H. McFarland
- Address - Ernest A. Ryan
- Salute - Firing Squad (Haskell) • Taps - Indian Buglers

The Following Names Appear On The Monument:

DOUGLAS-LEAVENWORTH VICTORY EAGLE

ADJUTANT GENERAL: KS. CASUALTIES IN THE WORLD WAR

This book is in the archives of the Kansas Historical Society

Name	Rank	Died	Home
Adamson, Paul D.	Musn 3 cl	9/28/18	Lawrence
Anderson, Lionel	1st Lt.	2/18/19	Lawrence
Beach, Mark	1st Lt.	2/15/18	Clinton
Beaton, Lloyd O.	2nd Lt.	8/30/18	Baldwin
Birch, Albert E.	2nd Lt.	11/11/18	Lawrence
Brown, Max L.	pvt.	1/25/18	Lawrence
Campbell, Francis	pvt. 1st cls	9/30/18	Lawrence
Charlton, John W.	sgt. 1st cls	9/29/18	Lawrence
Cone, Charles L.	2nd Lt.	7/6/18	Lawrence
Courtney, William	pvt.	6/18/18	Lawrence
Crowder, Frank	Bnd. sgt.	5/9/18	Lawrence
Deck, Frederick H.	pvt.	10/9/18	Lawrence
Dorsey, Eli F.	1st Lt.	10/3/18	Lawrence
Eder, George	Bugler	10/3/18	Eudora
Eggert, William	pvt.	10/16/18	Lawrence
Hunter, Isaac	pvt.	9/24/18	Lawrence
Jones, Kelly W.		10/7/18	Lawrence
Kearnes, Thomas W.	pvt. 1st cls	8/27/18	Lawrence
Kennedy, Thomas H	pvt. 1st cls	1/17/19	Lawrence
Lawson, Paul S.	pvt.	10/22/18	Eudora
Lefmann, Clarence E.	pvt.	10/11/18	Eudora
McCurtain, Zack T.	pvt.	3/25/18	Lawrence
Meashintuby, Eastman	sgt.	9/23/18	Lawrence
Mitchell, William G.	2nd Lt.	11/5/17	Lawrence
North, John	2nd Lt.	4/13/19	Lawrence
Otis, Glenn A.	corp.	4/5/18	Lawrence
Pickens, Fred	pvt. 1st cls	10/5/18	Lecmpton
Price, Wilson C.	sgt.	9/26/18	Lawrence
Rocklund, Theodore	pvt 1st cls	3/2/19	Lawrence
Tucker, Oliver C.	pvt.	10/12/18	Lawrence
Weibel, Ernest E.	capt.	4/12/18	Lawrence
Wood, Everett	pvt. 1st cls	11/17/18	Lawrence
Ziesenis, Harry C.	1st Lt.	2/12/19	Lawrence

1980

One day in 1980 as Tom Swerington was going to Kansas University, he saw the "Kansas Department of Transportation" truck and it had the bronze Mother eagle and nest from the monument of Douglas-Leavenworth border in its truck. He followed them into their department and asked them what they were going to do with it, that he would like to see it set up at Kansas University and was told to contact the state office of the Kansas Transportation in Topeka. They said that vandals had been trying to steal it, but it was more than they could handle and it fell down into a ditch. It was left there until they came along. The plaque was gone and never found.

Kansas University received permission to erect it on the campus. They were given a rock fence near Perry, Ks. with which a base was built. The eagle was placed on it and a new plaque was donated by the Thomas C. Ryther family. It was re-dedicated in 1980. It is located between the Museum of Natural History and the Student Union buildings.

Philip S. Hemingway, director of the K.U.

Museums and Natural History, spoke at the dedication on the Dyche Hall Lawn. The message on the plaque of 1980:

"The Victory Eagle"

"Erected on the 'Victory Highway', U. S. 40, at the Leavenworth-Douglas County line as a memorial to those from Douglas County who died in World War I.

Relocated to this site in 1980, cast under the direction of Dr. Thomas F. Roberts and Dr. Otto Widman. Plaque donated by the Thomas C. Ryther family."

As the roads improved and cars and trucks became more numerous, the United States Government decided the roads had to have numbers instead of names and as a result "Victory Highway" was called Highway 40, and so remains, but respect for our soldiers still is rampant and is spread over all the wars. The Revolutionary War, Civil War, Mexican War, World Wars I & II, Korean War, and any war that was ever fought was honored by the Victory Highway even though it is now called "Highway 40".

The Shawnee county eagle statue was also threatened by vandalism and so it was put into storage and later in 1980 erected at the entrance to the Gage Park under direction of Thomas F. Roberts and Dr. Otto Wilman.

As we understand today, there were only three Victory eagle monuments erected in Kansas. They are located in Topeka, Lawrence and Wamego

LIBERTY MEMORIAL HIGH SCHOOL

In April, 1919, the old Lawrence High School was so very much in need of repair, that the students thought this was the time to get a new high school building and to build it in memory of the students that were killed in World War I. They also honored their students that had participated in the war with this inscription across the top of their auditorium:

"All that they had they gave. They gave in sure and simple faith. There can no knowledge reach their grave to make them grudge their death. Save only, if they understood that, after all was done, we the redeemed denied their blood and mocked the gains it won."

Rudyard Kipling

The new school to be called "Liberty Memorial High School" was built at 1400 Massachusetts St. Today it is Central Junior High. Names of the students who were killed in World War I are listed on bronze plaques on either side of the auditorium.

Listed on the plaques:

Mark Beach	Max Brown
Theodore Rocklund	Lt. Eli F. Dorsey
Oliver Cromwell Tucker	Corp. Ralph Ellis
Lt. Charles L. Cone	Lt. Albert E. Birch
John Tupper	Ross Rummel
Aretus McClure	Lt. Harry C. Ziesenis
Thomas Homer Kennedy	Clark W. McCulloch
Corp. Clen A. Otis	Corp. Everett Demerritt
Sgt. John Wilfred Charlton	Lt. Herbert Jones

By Sara Walter and Iona Spencer

LECOMPTON DRAFT REGISTRATIONS 1917

TAKEN FROM THE "LECOMPTON SUN", SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 1917.

70 REGISTERED

Thursday, draft registration day brought an even 70 to answer their country's call. All white, and all American born but two Mexicans. Two sent their registration cards from a distance; Harry David CLARK from Aurora, MO., and Arthur L. GIBBENS from Melaurin, Miss. Leonard TIMMONS mailed his card from Denver but it failed to reach here.

The number of different ages registering were: 18, 6; 19, 9; 20, 3; 33, 5; 34, 4; 35, 2; 36, 2; 37, 6; 38, 5; 39, 3; 40, 3; 41, 3; 42, 5; 43, 5; 44, 6; 45, 3.

W. Bert JELLISON and son, Opie, were the only father and son to register.

The names of registrants:

Orville Clarence McCALL	Ross L. ILIFF
William Perry COOK	Paul Brannen WINTER
George Zebulen WHIPPL	Opie James JELLISON
John Everett MATNEY	Marion Arthur CLARKE
Arthur SCHWEITZBERGER	Amos JAMES
Harry David CLARKE	Chas. Frederick BROWN
Chas. Austin MATHEWS	Bruce Evans HOAD
George LaFayette GLENN	John Millard TAYLOR
William Irwin COLLINS	A. L. GIBBENS
Chas. Austin WELLS	Newton Garfield SWALLOW
Elmer SHIRLEY	Charles Leslie KUHN
Amaziah Howard SAIELIS(?)	Earnest Gilbert ARNETT
Nathan MORRISS	William Arthur MARTIN
George Henry WAHLENMAIER	Alf MIKESELL
Herbert Conwell COLE	Robert Marshall GRAY
Fred Hill MOORE	Mike SHELLEY
Thomas Frederick CUMMINGS	Harvey Moore GLENN
William Washington MORRISS	John Francis CUMMINGS
John Franklin HOOD	Charles Allen MIGLARIO
Frank FITZPATRICK	Ira Allen KETTERING
William Francis SULZEN	Chas. W. SPANGLER

Joe Darryl McCALL	William Frederick GRAUEL
John Steven MIGLARIO	Thomas TARR
William Bert JELLISON	Henry Lee GOFF
Herman I. BANKS	Manford Edmund BRISBIN
Fred Henry NACE	Albert Sylvester McRAE
Oscar Monroe WINTERS	George Miles BAHNMAIER
Samuel S. DARK	Francisco MARDES
Al LUNDY	Odion BERSERRA
Calvin Henry MAUST	Charles Baker WINTER
Fred Christian SMITH	Henry Albert ARNETT
James Harvey BURNS	Luther Martin WESHERT
James Francis McGINNIS	Charles Ross HARRINGTON
George Edward McCLANAHAN	Fred Jacob CARLSON
Harley Clement ARMSTRONG	Guy Hedgeman McCLANAHA

LECOMPTON MILITARY MEN

The following men served in either the Army or Navy during World War I. This information was taken from the Adjutant General Selective Service of Kansas at the Kansas Historical Research Center in Topeka.

NAME	CAMP
Thomas H Anderson	Ft. Riley
John Lyman Banks	Funston
Wm. O. Bidinger	Cody, N.M.
Chas. H. Brisbin	
Herman M. Brokman	Ft. Riley
Arthur G. Brokman	Ft. Riley
Frank G. Cole	
Wm. Alec Coffman	Funston
Howard N. Day	
Earl E. Dower (Dowler)	
Lloyd Deskin	
Richard W. Dummer	
H. Harley Edmonds	
Charles F. Fix	
Albert O. French	
Harvey M. Glenn	Ks. Univ.
Roy K. Gress	
Jack Hill	KSAC
Clifford Hoffman	
James A. Hoffman	
John S. Holloway	Ks. Univ.
Wm. Gerald Holloway	
Claude I. Hood	
John E. Houk	Ft. Riley
Everett J. Huey	
Carey C. Kerr	
Charles C. Kreider	Funston
Karl M. Kreider	Funston
John S. McCall	Funston
Fred A. McClanahan	
Emery D. Morris	Funston
Henry P. Riley	
Herman B. Shellhorn	KSAC
James C. Schroyer	Funston
Elmer R. Shirley	Ks. Univ.
Leonard A. Slaughter	Funston
Clarence H. Smith	
Willie Smith	

(continued)

(Military men, continued)

Harold Stadler	Ft. Riley
Geo. C. Tucker	
George Tupper	Funston
Englebert J. Walter	Ft. Riley
John A. Walter	
Theodore F. Walter	Funston
John W. Watts	
M. Shipman Winter	KSAC
Russell C. Worley	Aberdeen, MD.
Gustave O. Wulfkuhle	Funston
Albert G. Wulfkuhle	Ft. Riley
Harry O. Wulfkuhle	
Wm. Amos Wymer	Ft. Riley
Fred K. Pickens	

Some men spent time in what was called student Army Training Camp, while attending college.
KSAC-Ds. State Agriculture College
Ks. Univ. - Kansas University

Other names of military men listed in the Lecompton SUN, not listed on the Adjutant General Records.

W. H. East	Minnie Scott, Nurse
Clarence Morris	Corbett Carter
Louis Schott	George Criss
Harry Fleenor	Richard Criss
Chas. Hetrick	Harry Givens
Geo. Bahmaier	Charles Hogue
Duncan Morris	Nell Kuhn, Nurse
Thomas Hartup	W. C. Hoad
Paul Tupper	H. L. Chambers
Frank Tupper	Richard LaHue
Ray Cree	Howard Morris (Navy)
Dick Richards (Navy)	Phil Sehon (Navy)
LePort Spangler	John Tupper
Julian M. Caldwell	Clarence Morris
Mac Watts	

If we have missed some names, please let us know.

A big thank you to the following who have donated items to the museum:

- Pictures by Phyllis Martin.
- Chair from the Rowena Hotel by Roberta McClanahan.
- 1942 basketball picture by Bob Fisher.
- Piano recital picture by Frances Sanford.
- Graduation class of 1944 book by Iona Spencer.
- Unique scoop by Ralph Davis.
- World War II medals of Harold Hudson by his children.
- Flowers of Holy Land by Arloene Simmons.
- The Symphony of Life by Bruce Hoad Sr.
- Historic territory bonds and papers by Madalyn and Charles Scott.

THANK YOU • CONTINUED

- Family pictures by Christine Andis Brown.
- Handkerchief box which belonged to Elizabeth Bahnmaier.
- Small hand gun used in 1856 by George Bahnmaier by Joe Bahnmaier.
- Navy suit from World War II which belonged to Raymond Rothwell.
- A saddle over 100 years old which belonged to T. J. W. Tarr by William O. Powell.
- Lecompton High School news articles and artifacts by Joyce Bahnmaier.
- A picture by Marian Clark Hyatt.
- Paper clippings by Helen Henry.
- Christmas ornaments for the tree by Ruth and Randy Reed.
- A tape of a program about Lecompton on channel 6 by Muriel Manness.
- Unique walnut table and smoking cabinet by Lavina Hanna.
- Walnut board from the Rowena Hotel by Hazel Taylor Dyer
- McClanahan photos by Bill Cree.

Margaret Wulfkuhle Program Chairperson announces the following programs:

- Sept. 8th, Sara Tucker will talk about Sod House Living on the Frontier.
- Oct. 13, Rev. and Mrs. Gel Sampson will talk about the Philippines.
- Nov. 10, Bruce Beresford will discuss his experiences as a W.W. II photographer.
- Dec. 4, Annual Christmas Vespers.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Life Members;
James F. McClanahan
Elmer Fred Smith
Dorothy Ann Wulfkuhle
Dorothy Webster (Murphy)
Arthur G. McPherson
Joseph H. Hoage

Alumni Banquet

The 74th Annual Lecompton Alumni Banquet was held Saturday, May 28th with 191 in attendance. Wilma Glenn Tibbs, class of 1926, and Robert Gray, class of 1931, were the oldest male and female graduates in attendance.

Next year's reunion will be the 75th and plans are to invite as many former teachers as can be located to attend.

Thanks to the following who helped in some way to make this event possible:

Greg & Carol Howard; Sam & Laurie Smith; Jeff & Terrie Goodrick; Roy Harding; Nancy Howard; Bob Christman; Bob Morris; Stewart Morris; J. H. Vestal; Paul Bahnmaier and Ed Keating.

Out of staters in attendance were:

Doris Fleming Belden, Texas; Mae Norwood, Nebraska; Elmer Zeeb, Missouri; Barbara Roberts Carver, Arkansas; Robert Gray, Oklahoma; Don Baughman, California; Margaret Ewing Robards, California; Walt & Donna Confer, Nebraska; Ann Shields Dunaway, Florida; Ralph Hildenbrand, Michigan; Donna Hildenbrand Levings, Iowa; Peggy Forrester Sanford, Texas; Helen Shaffer Burton, Oklahoma; Russell Foree, Nebraska; Dale Foree, Arizona; Carolyn Mathew Stewart, Connecticut.

It has been learned that Eldon Mrstik, a history teacher and assistant coach from the 1957-1962 era, plans to attend next year's event.

• OBITUARIES •

Clyde Anno

Clyde Anno, Tecumseh, died May 17, 1994. He was born Dec. 13, 1916, in Tecumseh, the son of Claude and Elsie M. Beary Anno. He was a farmer and carpenter. He married Irene Winsor on Feb. 24, 1941. She survives. Other survivors include a son, Delbert; two daughters, Doris Auten and Dorothy Conaway; three sisters, Emra Rutledge, Ida Hall-Smith and Emma Wilson. Burial was Emmanuel Cemetery Berryton.

Raymond Thomas Nichols

Raymond Thomas Nichols, Stull, died April 22, 1994. He was born Sept. 22, 1921, near Stull, the son of Elmer and Sophia Ursula Brecheisen Nichols. He attended Kansas State University. He was a farmer and worked for Brink Real Estate. He was active in many farm related organizations. He married Catherine Baile on Oct. 6, 1946. She survives. Other Survivors include a son, David and a daughter, Virginia; two sisters, Delma Parks and Doris Danley. Burial was in Stull.

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- \$50 Individual Life or Memorial Membership
- Other Contribution \$ _____

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Amos G. Geelan

Amos G. Geelan of Topeka died June 2, 1994. He was born Sept. 4, 1900 near Big Springs, the son of William and Mame Schott Geelan. He was employed in the office of the Santa Fe Railroad for 48 years. He married Eva May of Sept. 29, 1929. Survivors include a son, Lowell. He graduated from Lecompton High School and was active in several organizations.

Mary H. Anderson

Mary H. Anderson of Manhattan, died May 27, 1994. She was born Aug. 15, 1908 in Scranton, the daughter of Michael Alexander and Helen O'Brien Anderson. She was an Educator in Manhattan and was active in business and professional organizations. Survivors include two sisters, Teresa Giffin and Edna Lombard, two brothers, William and Leo. Burial was in St. Peters Cemetery, Big Springs.

Grace Elizabeth Blake Hiebert

Grace Elizabeth Blake Hiebert of Topeka died Feb. 25, 1994. She was born July 18, 1910 in Minneapolis, Miss., the daughter of Henry Seavey and Grace Elizabeth Riebeth Blake. She graduated from the University of Texas. She was a member of several professional organizations. She married Homer Hiebert on Aug. 29, 1935. Survivors include two daughters, Grace Beam and Sue Wester; three sons, Dr. John, Henry and David; a brother, David; and a sister, Alice Lee Blake. Burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery.

Helen M. Gulley

Helen M. Gulley of Topeka, died May 7, 1994. She was born Oct. 19, 1918 in Greenwood Valley, the daughter of Herb and Beulah Melon Wymer. She graduated from Lawrence Business College and worked for a plumbers union. She married Elmer Gulley on Sept. 12, 1942. He survives. Other survivors include a step daughter, Maxine Buchanan; a sister, Fern Leonard and a half sister, Darlene Daudet.

Frank C. Cozad

Frank C. Cozad of Topeka died May 14, 1994. He was born April 8, 1913 at Muscotah, the son of Clyde and Lenora May Heatherington Cozad. He was a farmer, employed in a California ship yard and a salesman for J. C. Penney's. He belonged to several organizations. He married Vivian Clark, she died and he married Jean E. Curfman. She survives. Other survivors include two sons, Jim and Clyde; a step daughter, Connie Farmer. Burial was in Holton.

Ann Lasswell

Ann Lasswell of Emmett died July 21, 1994. She was born July 2, 1927 at Tecumseh, the daughter of Charles and Corina Harris Vausbinder. She married Francis E. Lasswell on Dec. 16, 1950. He survives. Other survivors include a son, Scott; a daughter, Terri; two brothers, Charles and John. She was a member of the Emmett United Methodist Church. Burial was at St. Clere.

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