

## SOCIETY'S BRIEF

**Home Coming 1990 - A Total Success** - The Nicodemus Historical Society's 2nd Annual Bar-B-Q was so successful, that after serving over 200 bar-b-que beef sandwiches only beer, soda, and chips could be served.

**New Members** - During the celebration we sold over 12 new memberships. **Welcome New Members.** We also sold books, posters, Vol. 1 of the Historic News Review, raffle tickets on the quilt drawing, and took orders for stationary.

**Quilt Winner** - Valeria Thomas of Plainville won the homemade quilt donated by Charlesetta Bates. Thanks you Charlesetta and congratulations Valeria. Some people bought over twenty tickets trying to secure a good chance at winning the quilt.

**1990 Homecoming Video** - TWill be made available as soon as it is edited and copies made. We promise to keep you abreast.

**250 Plus Registered** - Over two hundred and fifty people visited us in our new offices in the Priscilla Arts Club building adjacent to the township Hall. We encouraged all to come in and sign the register, however we know that many did not. We appreciated all who did. We estimated over 700 people attended this years celebration throughout the week end.

**Open House** - Thursday evening we held our Open House, serving home made cookies by Pearlana Moore and punch donated by Charlesetta Bates. We registered over 50 people during the coarse of the evening. We appreciated all who came out to support our Open House.

**Planning for 1991** - We want to secure the success of next year's Home Coming Celebration so we are encouraging all with suggestions, comments, or constructive criticism to pass it on to us, so that we can begin planning for next year.

**Year Round Events Planned** - We are trying to resurrect some of the old traditional events that were celebrated in years past. Help us by participating, donating your time, monetary items, or suggestions. We want all to come out and have a good time. Be sure to tell your friends and relatives of our upcoming events and plan to attend. We will be planning a special event for the upcoming Holiday seasons, so if you think that you might want to come home for it, then keep yourself posted to our calendar of events that we hope to maintain throughout the upcoming issues.

**Edward P. McCabe Portrait** - Through the continuing efforts of Sonny Scroggins of Topeka and a letter of recommendation to Governor Hayden from the Nicodemus Historical Society, we successfully encouraged the State to include a portrait of Edward P. McCabe - MacCabe was Kansas State Auditor 1883 and first Black elected state office. Most importantly McCabe holds significance to us as being a founding father of Nicodemus, Kansas. An upcoming ceremony to induct his portrait into the gallery in Governor Hayden's office will signify an important mild stone in recent history for not only Kansans, but for Blacks of Kansas and Nicodemus descendents.