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This black and white photograph shows composer Dan Kelley of the song "Home on the Range". Kelley a carpenter by trade was also a musician and composer for the Harlan Brother orchestra. His musical talents and the beautiful verses from the poem "My Western Home" by Dr. Brewster Highley, set to music one of the most popular songs ever written. On June 30, 1947, "Home on the Range" was officially recognized as the state song of Kansas.

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