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PROGRAM

President John E. King, Presiding

- 9:30 a.m. All-school Convocation, Albert Taylor Hall
Presentation of 1962 Master Teachers
Address by Dr. J. R. Rackley,
Vice-President, Pennsylvania State University
- 2:30 p.m. Open Forum for Teacher Education Students
Panel including the Master Teachers, Dr. Rackley,
and Robert E. McAdoo, Moderator
Butcher Children's School
- 3:30 p.m. Reception for Master Teachers
Students, faculty, and visitors are invited guests of
the Student National Education Association and
Kappa Delta Pi, Butcher Children's School
- 6:30 p.m. Master Teacher Award Dinner
Colonial Ballroom, Student Union Building
Special Music, Men's Chorale, directed by
Richard Kamprath
Presentation of Awards by Rees H. Hughes,
President-emeritus, Kansas State College, Pittsburg

The Master Teacher Awards

Established by Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, in 1954, the Kansas Master Teacher Awards are presented annually to seven teachers who have served the profession long and well and who typify the good qualities of the vast corps of earnest and conscientious teachers. Candidates for the Awards are suggested by local teacher associations. A committee reviews all nominations and selects seven teachers to receive the Awards.

The Selection Committee for 1962 was composed of Mrs. R. W. Scoville, President of the Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers; Mrs. Randall C. Hill, President, Kansas Division, American Association of University Women; F. L. Schlagle, Superintendent of Schools in Kansas City, Kansas; Adel Throckmorton, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, and C. O. Wright, Executive Secretary of the Kansas State Teachers Association.

A committee of faculty members at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, is in charge of local arrangements. This committee includes Dr. Kathryn Whitten, Dr. Nathan P. Budd, Dr. Howard Bellows, Dr. Everett Rich, and Dr. Alex A. Daughtry. Miss Helen Bishop is in charge of the Award dinner and the Department of Art plans and provides dinner decorations.

Owen R. McNeil

Owen R. McNeil, who has been a junior high principal and teacher in Peabody for the past eighteen years, began teaching in the rural schools of Cloud and Ottawa counties. There he taught eight years, except for one year in the Armed Forces of World War I. Before going to Peabody he was a principal and teacher at Oak Hill and Delphos. By attending summer sessions and night classes Mr. McNeil completed the work for both the bachelor's and master's degrees at Kansas State Teachers College.

Mr. McNeil is a member of the National Elementary School Principals and the Kansas Elementary Principals Associations, Kansas State Teachers Association, the National Education Association, Phi Delta Kappa and other professional organizations. He was a charter member of the Delphos Lions Club, which he served as president; member of the Delphos Presbyterian Church, where he was an ordained elder; and the American Legion. He has been president of the Peabody Kiwanis Club, and in 1957 was Lieutenant-Governor of Division 5 of the Kansas District of Kiwanis International. He has been a delegate to two international conventions. For fourteen years he has been a scoutmaster.



William D. Wolfe

William D. Wolfe, superintendent of the Lawrence schools, graduated from the Sumner County High School, took the bachelor's degree at the College of Emporia in 1917 and the master's degree at the University of Kansas. He has attended summer sessions at both Harvard and Yale. Mr. Wolfe first taught at White City. Two years later he became a school administrator. He was first superintendent at Viola, then principal and later superintendent at Hiawatha. From 1929 to 1949 he was superintendent at Atchison; since 1949 he has been in his present position.

Mr. Wolfe is a member of many organizations. He belongs to Rotary, of which he has been district governor, the Presbyterian Church, the American Legion, the Kansas Children's Service League, the Kansas Council for Children and Youth.

His honors include an honorary doctor's degree from the College of Emporia, the Silver Beaver award in scouting, the presidency of the Kansas State Teachers Association, the presidency of the Council of Administration, the presidency for the Kansas Society for Exceptional Children, membership on the executive board of the Kansas P. T. A., membership on the executive board of the Kansas Association of School Administrators, and consultant for the National Youth Administration.



Miss Ella C. Shearer

A native of Iowa, Ella C. Shearer attended a rural school and graduated from Ransom High School in Ness County. She then taught five years before entering Fort Hays State College, one year in a rural school and four years in a consolidated school at Arnold. She completed work for the B. S. degree at Fort Hays State College; after teaching a year in the Hays public schools, she moved to Beloit where she has been kindergarten teacher for the past thirty-four years.

Miss Shearer has been active in many education organizations on local, state, and national levels. She is now serving on the Committee of Classroom Teachers. She is a charter member of the Alpha Pi chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma. Miss Shearer is as well known for church work as for public school service; for seventeen years she has taught the nursery class in her church.

Miss Shearer's hobbies are travel and Spanish. She has traveled in forty-eight states and Canada. When the local library organized a class in Spanish, Miss Shearer was asked to teach it. She did—for fourteen years.



Dr. William A. Black

Hundreds of Kansas educators have had their preparation under the guidance of Dr. William A. Black, for the past fifteen years Head of the Department of Education and Psychology at Kansas State College, Pittsburg.

"Bill" Black received both the bachelor's and master's degrees from Kansas State Teachers College and the doctorate from the University of Colorado. He taught at Blue Mound High School, was superintendent at Uniontown, then taught at Fort Scott Junior College. He was an instructor at the University of Colorado for one year, then president of the Pueblo Junior College for three years. For two years he was director of Junior Colleges and Curriculum at Washington State College before he took his present position at Pittsburg.

Dr. Black is a member of many professional organizations and is listed in *Who's Who in America*. His community service embraces numerous offices in the American Legion, President of the Pueblo Civic Symphony, membership on the Pueblo Hospital Board, chairman of the Crawford County Committee on Mental Health, superintendent of Sunday schools for a quarter of a century.



Miss Marie Therkelsen

Marie Therkelsen, Montgomery County Superintendent of Schools, was born in Brenstrem, Denmark. At the age of four, she and her parents and one brother and one sister migrated to Illinois. Later the family moved to Cherryvale, Kansas, where she began teaching in the rural schools of Montgomery County after high school graduation. During the summers she attended Kansas State College, Pittsburg, where she completed the work for the bachelor's degree. She taught sixteen years in the rural schools before going to Independence; there she taught the primary grades for six years before her election in 1950 to the county superintendency.

Miss Therkelsen is a member of many professional organizations, including the Kansas Reading Circle Committee and the William Allen White Committee, two organizations which bring the best in books to the elementary and high school students of Kansas. She is a member of the Independence Christian Church and a board member of the local Red Cross chapter. She belongs to the Chamber of Commerce, American Association of University Women, the Book Reviewer's Club and UNESCO.



Miss Nellie McGuinn

All Nellie McGuinn's achievements seem minor alongside her long teaching career at the Lowell school in Kansas City, Kansas. She has taught there for the past forty-eight years. Nor does it come as a surprise, in light of this long tenure, to learn that she is the community historian. She is secretary of the Wyandotte County Historical Society; and within the past year she has written the history of Kansas City, Kansas, which has been published by the board of education for use in grades six, seven, and eight. She is now compiling a history of the Kansas City school system.

Miss McGuinn took a teacher's training course after graduating from high school. She took her bachelor's degree from the State Teachers College, Warrensburg, Missouri, and has done graduate work at several universities.

For many years Miss McGuinn wrote a parody for the annual meeting of the local elementary teachers. She has been co-editor of the Kansas City, Kansas, *Teachers Bulletin* and as a member of the American Association of the University Women's Writer's Club, she has won several awards. In 1952 she was awarded a prize by the *Instructors Magazine* for a travel article, "Following Pioneer Trails."



Dr. Eunice McGill

Eunice McGill, Head of the Department of Education, Sterling College, graduated from Monmouth, Ill., High School and Monmouth College. She took the master's degree from the University of Chicago, attended the University of California, and completed the work of the Doctor of Education degree at the University of Kansas.

Dr. McGill has ranged widely in her teaching. She first taught in the rural schools of Illinois, then English and Latin at Kirkwood, Ill., then English for five years in the San Antonio, Tex., High School. For three years she was an elementary principal in San Antonio, before taking off eighteen years to rear a family. When she returned to teaching, it was at a Long Island, New York, junior high school. She then taught high school English at Sterling for two years, going to her present position in Sterling College in 1947.

Dr. McGill is president of the Six College Conference and a past president of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development. She belongs to the Daughters of the American Revolution, American Association of University Women, Women's Association of the United Presbyterian Church, and similar organizations. In 1953 Monmouth College bestowed on her the honorary degree of Doctor of Literature.



Master Teachers of Former Years

1954

Laura M. Beichley, Ulysses
Harry H. Brown, Peabody
Lucy Headrick, Winfield
Ira Laidig, Oberlin
Edith Ellen Means, Princeton
Violet Randolph, Atchison
Grace E. Stewart, Salina

1955

Redicia Engholm, Topeka
Edna Mason Golladay, Wichita
Gaye Iden, Arkansas City
Gussie Mootz, Dodge City
Elsie Olson, Marysville
M. F. Stark, Hiawatha
John Twente, Lawrence

1956

Florence K. Belding, Iola
Jane M. Carroll, Pittsburg
Clifford H. Dresher, McPherson
John E. Humphreys, Ashland
Mamie D. Mellinger, Emporia
Katie Puls, Attica
Audrey Smith, Goodland

1957

Teresa McDonald Coffey, Axtell
Maud Ellsworth, Lawrence
Una Funk, Council Grove
Mildred P. Parker, Hutchinson
Clyde U. Phillips, Hays
Ruth Flory Sexton, Howard
Katherine A. Tucker, Topeka

1958

Mildred Cunningham, Parsons
Myrrl Houck, El Dorado
Julian A. Johnson, Buhler
Edward D. Kroesch, Hoisington
Minnie M. Miller, Emporia
Elsie N. Parrish, Concordia
Maude Thompson, Marion

1959

Henrietta A. Courtwright,
Arkansas City
Nettie May Davis, Winchester
Paul R. Dick, Oakley
Ethlyn Hamlin, Fort Scott
Robert H. Pool, Larned
D. Ruth Thompson, Sterling
Jane Townsend, Girard

1960

Eula Bridger, Kansas City
Mary Louise Gritten, Bird City
Lena Carl, Holcomb
Owen E. Hodgson, Salina
Opal Jayne Kennedy, Lawrence
Pauline Shockey, Wellington
Blanch Smith, Pittsburg

1961

Reba Anderson, Hutchinson
George D. Caldwell, Iola
Lydia Haag, Holton
Larry Ling, Liberal
Dorothy McPherson, Coffeyville
Jane E. Roether, Junction City
Ruth Socolofsky, Manhattan