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The Master Teachers 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 and school faculties. A committee reviews all nominations and selects seven teachers to receive the Awards.

The Selection Committee for 1965 was composed of Mrs. Quentin Nelson, President of the Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers; Mrs. Robert Herzog, President, Kansas Division, American Association of University Women; F. L. Schlagle, Superintendent-Emeritus, 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. Robert McAdoo, Mr. Tom Ladwig, Dr. Everett Rich, and Dr. Alex A. Daughtry. Miss Helen Bishop is in charge of the Award dinner.

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PROGRAM

President John E. King, Presiding

- 9:30 a.m. All-college Convocation, Albert Taylor Hall
Presentation of 1965 Master Teachers
Address by Dr. Edward C. Pomeroy
Executive Secretary, American Association of
Colleges for Teacher Education
Washington, D. C.
- 2:30 p.m. Open Forum for Teacher Education Students
Panel including the Master Teachers, Dr. Pomeroy,
and Robert E. McAdoo, Moderator
Butcher Children's School
- 3:30 p.m. Reception for Master Teachers
Students, faculty, and visitors are guests of
the Student National Education Association
Butcher Children's School
- 6:30 p.m. Master Teacher Award Dinner
Colonial Ballroom, Student Union Building
Special Music, K. S. T. C. Men's Chorale, directed by
Charles Schaefer
Presentation of Awards by Dr. M. C. Cunningham,
President, Fort Hays Kansas State
College, Hays, Kansas

Miss Rebecca L. Bloodworth

Miss Rebecca L. Bloodworth, daughter of Mrs. Mary B. Bloodworth and the late Reverend D. W. Bloodworth, was born in Bethpage, Tennessee, the third oldest of four children. She spent her early life in Chattanooga, where she was graduated from high school. She then attended the Atlanta University preparatory school for one year, later receiving her A. B. from the same institution. She received her M.A. in English from Columbia University; and has done further graduate work in the language arts at the University of Chicago, University of Minnesota, New York University, University of Missouri at Kansas City, and University of Kansas. Before coming to Kansas City, Miss Bloodworth taught for three years at Florida A. & M. College in Tallahassee, Florida.

For the past thirty-eight years Miss Bloodworth has been a teacher of English in the Kansas City, Kansas, high schools, where, says her superintendent, she "has performed an outstanding service as a teacher and leader of young people." Miss Bloodworth has been a member of the Kansas State Teachers Association since she came to Kansas, is a life member of the National Education Association, and a member of several associations—local, state, and national—directly related to her teaching field. Aside from her professional interests, she is a member of the Y. W. C. A., the N. A. A. C. P., the Alpha Kappa Alpha social sorority, the First Baptist Church, and the Insurance Board



Mr. Bryce H. Gleckler

Bryce H. Gleckler, son of a Methodist minister, moved so often during his youth that he could scarcely call any town his home. He was graduated from the Hutchinson High School in 1926 and Southwestern College in 1930, where he received the A. B. degree. Later he did additional work at Fort Hays Kansas State College, the University of Colorado, and Denver University. He secured his A. M. in 1962 by attending Colorado State College during summer terms.

Mr. Gleckler began his teaching career in the Dodge City High School in 1930. For many years now he has been a member of the Dodge City Junior College faculty, where he teaches social science and where he, for one year, was acting dean.

Mr. Gleckler is currently a vice president of the Kansas State Teachers Association. Earlier he served this organization as a delegate to the Zone Schools, the Representative Assemblies, and the Delegate Assemblies. For two years he was a member of the KSTA Tenure Committee and for another two years he was a member of the KSTA Board of Directors. Aside from his professional interests, he is a member of the Methodist Church, where he sings in the choir, serves on the church board, and teaches a Sunday school class. For four years he was a member of the Junior Red Cross Board and for many years he has been a Red Cross Safety Chairman. Though active in professional, civic, and religious organizations he has served his community first and last as a classroom teacher. The classroom is his first love and his students, their parents, and his colleagues all proclaim him a Master Teacher.



Miss Mabel Lacey

Mabel Lacey was born on a farm near Gorham in 1893; and now seventy-two years later she is teaching English in the Gorham Rural High School. In between these two dates are forty-three years of teaching, all within a 25-mile radius of her farm home where she still lives. By attending summer schools, extension classes, and doing correspondence work, she completed the requirements for entering college, mostly at Fort Hays Kansas State College where she received her B. S. degree in 1935. In 1940 she received a Master's degree from Colorado State College of Education. Later, she attended the University of Minnesota and Emory University. After having taught in and around Russell for a quarter of a century, she became a member of the English Department at Fort Hays in 1946, where she taught until she reached the retirement age set by the Kansas State Board of Regents. During World War II she taught soldiers at Fort Hays, for seven years she taught developmental reading to more than a thousand students, and at one time she taught English to the foreign students.

Miss Lacey is a member of many organizations—professional, social, and honorary. In 1936 she began attending the National Council of Teachers of English meetings, she thinks she has been a member of the KSTA for the past forty-five years, and knows she has been a member of the NEA since 1945.

During much of her teaching she has commuted from her farm, and thirty-five years passed before she was forced to miss school because of health or weather.



Miss Hazel Lee Simmons

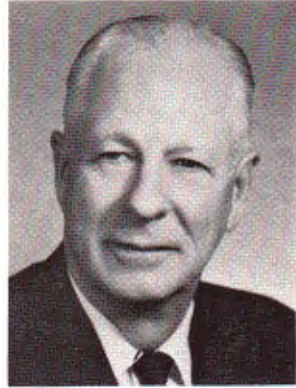
During the past twenty-eight of her forty-two years of teaching, Hazel Lee Simmons has taught in the Cordley Grade School in Lawrence, a school named in the honor of a famous Kansas pioneer minister but also one where, under Miss Simmons, several well-known Kansans began their rise to fame. Among her students have been Ralph Houck, manager of the New York Yankees; Jerry Brownlee, City Manager of Fort Worth; Dolph Simons, Jr., publisher of the Lawrence Daily Journal World; and Robert F. Ellsworth, Kansas representative to Congress. Miss Simmons, following her graduation from Ottawa High School, taught a rural school for three years before entering the University of Kansas where she worked her way and obtained the A. B. degree in 1926. After one year of teaching in the Harper High School, she began teaching in the Lawrence system where she has taught continuously, except for time off for additional study, until the present. She holds a Master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University, and has done additional work at the University of California at both Los Angeles and Berkeley, the University of Colorado, and Michigan State University.

Miss Simmons is a member of numerous professional organizations on the local, state and national level, but her activities in these groups have been strongly accented by her interest in elementary education. She has served on an advisory committee and as a discussion leader at the National Elementary Principals Association meeting, as president of the State Elementary Principals Association, and as a discussion leader of the Department of Elementary School Principals of the National Education Association. She is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, Altrusa, the Knife and Fork Club, American Association of University Women, and the Presbyterian Church.



Mr. Floyd C. Smith

Floyd C. Smith, a native Kansan, was born on a farm near Bronson and attended an elementary school south of Bronson. He graduated from Fort Scott High School in 1919. In 1924 he entered Kansas State College of Pittsburg, where he was graduated in 1927 with a B. S. degree. While attending college, he received a letter in basketball. Upon completion of his B. S. degree, he accepted a position with the Iola schools, teaching industrial arts and coaching basketball. During summers he completed work for a Master of Science degree from Kansas State College of Pittsburg, which he obtained in 1933. In 1937 he became principal of the Iola High School, a position he has held for the past twenty-eight years. In 1947, he became dean of Iola Junior College and has held the dual role of principal-dean since then.



Mr. Smith has served his community, his state, and his nation in a multitude of professional ways. For the past thirty-eight years he has been a member of the Iola City Teachers Association, the Kansas State Teachers Association, and the National Education Association. For the past twenty-eight years he has been a member of the Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals and the National Association of Secondary School Principals. He is the only man to have held the presidency of KASSP for two years. For six years he served on the state committee of the North Central Association and was, also, a chairman of a committee at its annual meeting. For seven years he was a member of the Board of Control of the Kansas State High School Activities Association, serving as the Board's president for three years. He is also a member of the Kansas Advisory Council on Teacher Education. His chief interests apart from professional organizations are the Methodist Church, the Rotary Club, the Masonic Lodge, and the Iola Chamber of Commerce.

Miss Dorothy L. Vaughn

Dorothy L. Vaughn, a native of Ohio, has spent most of her life in Kansas. After graduating from the Neodesha High School, she attended the University of Kansas for five years where she majored in Botany and where, for the last three of these years, she had an assistantship in the Botany Department. Following her graduation she taught at Fall River, Elk City, and Belpre before going to Neodesha, where she has taught for the past thirty years. She has done graduate work at the University of Kansas, Kansas State College of Pittsburg, and Colorado College.



Miss Vaughn's professional activities have been varied and notable. She was one of fourteen persons from the high schools and colleges of Kansas who planned the administration of the National Defense Education Act for the schools of the state; she has served on the advisory board of *The Science Teacher*; she was one of thirty science teachers to participate in a six-weeks' conference in Duluth under the auspices of American Geological Institute at the University of Minnesota; she has presented many papers before state and national organizations and she has contributed articles to professional magazines representing her special interests. Like all master teachers, she is proud of her students' success. One was a Summerfield scholar at the University of Kansas and one was a winner of the Westinghouse Talent Research and three others received honorable mention in the same contest. In 1958 she was instrumental in organizing a science seminar under the sponsorship of the Joe Berg Foundation of Chicago.

She is a member of the National Association of Biology Teachers, the American Association for the Advancement of Science, the National Science Teachers Association, and the Kansas Academy of Science. She is also a member of the Neosho Teachers Association, the Kansas State Teachers Association and the National Teachers Association.

Mrs Ethel Yantis

Mrs. Ethel Yantis, Superintendent of Public Instruction in Elk County, was born on a farm near Howard, the eldest of five children. She was graduated from the Howard High School, where she took a normal training course; and the following year, in 1922, she taught a small rural school for a monthly salary of \$70. At the end of the school year, she married her high school sweetheart, and they moved to a farm south and west of Howard, thinking that her teaching days had ended. But a neighboring district persuaded her to teach its school the following term; and except for an eight-year period, from 1935 to 1943, in which her two children were born, she has been in some kind of educational work continuously. Her return to teaching in 1943 was motivated by the war-time shortage of teachers, and for Mrs. Yantis teaching meant additional study. In 1959, at the age of 55 she received an A.B. from Southwestern College after thirteen years of residence and extension work at the Coffeyville Junior College, Friends University, Kansas State Teachers College of Emporia, Pittsburg State College, University of Kansas, and Southwestern.

Mrs. Yantis, like her great grandfather before her who was the first County Superintendent of Elk County, has been an educational pioneer in her home county. After her election to the office of County Superintendent, she established health services for the Elk County schools, a Parent-Teachers Association in every school, a county-wide testing program, speech therapy for all the schools, and a counseling program. At the same time she has been active in educational work on the state-wide level and has held many offices and has been a member of many committees.



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
Myrril 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

1962

William A. Black, Pittsburg
Eunice McGill, Sterling
Nellie McGuinn, Kansas City
Owen R. McNeil, Peabody
Ella C. Shearer, Beloit
Marie Therkelsen, Independence
William D. Wolfe, Lawrence

1963

May Gruver, Augusta
Alta Hendrickson, Oakley
Walter M. Ostenberg, Salina
Pearl Peterie, Kinsley
Phebe Scott, Derby
Martha Steele, Goodland
Charles E. Strange, Wichita

1964

Dan Foster, LaCrosse
Mary Hunholz, Manhattan
Erdman Johnson, Turner
Loma Mack, Madison
Bernadine Sitts, Garden City
Lillie Elizabeth Studt, Kansas City
Dewey E. Wolgast, Marysville