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EMPORIA, KANSAS

The Master Teacher Award

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 1968 was composed of Dr. Wilbur T. Billington, President of the Kansas Association of School Boards; Mrs. Verne Converse, President of the Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers; Murle M. Hayden, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Miss Deana McClure, President of the Kansas Division of the American Association of University Women; Dr. Melvin Neely, Executive Secretary of the Kansas State Teachers Association; F. L. Schlagle, Superintendent-emeritus, Kansas City, Kansas; C. O. Wright, Secretary-emeritus of the Kansas State Teachers Association.

A committee of faculty members at Kansas State Teachers College is in charge of local arrangements. This committee includes Dr. Kathryn Whitten, Dr. Nathan P. Budd, Dr. Robert McAdoo, Larry Meredith, Dr. Truman Hayes, Dr. Everett Rich, and Dr. Alex Daughtry.

The committee is grateful for the cooperation of the Endowment Association, the Student NEA-KSTA, the Department of Music, the Department of Art, the Department of Speech, the Instructional Media Center, the Special Events Office, and the Campus Dining Service in connection with the Master Teacher Award project.

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PROGRAM

- 9:30 a.m. Convocation, College Theatre.
Presentation of 1968 Master Teachers by
John E. Visser, President, Kansas State Teachers College
Address by Lawrence A. Davis, President,
A. M. and N. College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
- 2:30 p.m. Open Forum for Teacher Education Students, Butcher
Children's School
Panel including the Master Teachers with
Dr. Truman Hayes, K. S. T. C., Moderator
- 3:20 p.m. Reception for Master Teachers, Butcher Children's School
Students, faculty, and visitors are guests of the Student
NEA-KSTA
- 6:30 p.m. Master Teacher Award Dinner, Colonial Ballroom, Student
Union Building
Toastmaster, Alex A. Daughtry, K. S. T. C.
Special Music, K. S. T. C. Men's Chorale, directed by
Charles Schaefer
Address by James E. Doty, President, Baker University
Presentation of Awards to Master Teachers,
President Visser, President Doty, and President Davis



Arley A. Bryant

When the Cloud County Junior College moves to its new campus next fall, much of the credit for the establishment and growth of the college will go to Arley A. Bryant, its Dean. Although the college and the campus will be relatively new to Concordia, Arley Bryant is not. He has worked in the Concordia schools since 1947, first as a social studies teacher and later as a counselor. He served as Director of Admissions and Registration at CCJC since its inception in 1965.

Mr. Bryant's career in teaching began in the rural schools of Ray County, Missouri. He taught on less-than-degree certificates until he graduated from Northwest Missouri State College in 1941. After a stint in the Army, he entered the University of Kansas as a graduate student, receiving the master's degree in 1947.

In the fall of that year, he moved to Concordia.

Although he is known primarily for his work in education, Arley Bryant has not restricted his activities. He is president of the Concordia Chamber of Commerce and the Concordia Knife and Fork Club. He is a deacon in his church and a Sunday school teacher. He has been a member of the KSTA Board of Directors and vice-president of the Salina fall convention section.



Mrs. Lottie Carver

A transplanted Texan, Mrs. Lottie Carver has been teaching the fifth grade at Mulvane elementary school since 1952. During that time, she has endeared herself to pupils and parents. The high regard in which she is held results primarily from her skill as a teacher, but it is based also on her many contributions to civic and professional activities.

Mrs. Carver graduated from high school in Texas, attended several colleges there, and taught on non-degree certificates in that state. She completed requirements for a bachelor's degree at Southwestern College, Winfield, in 1956.

Her out-of-school activities have been many and varied, ranging from serving on the Mulvane library board to assisting her son manage a summer baseball team. Her husband, Floyd Carver, was largely responsible for the development of a Little League baseball program in Mulvane.

Mrs. Carver helped by keeping records, carrying on correspondence, ordering supplies — everything but umpiring.

Mrs. Carver has two children, a son who is a Methodist minister in Wichita and a daughter who is a housewife in California. Three grandchildren benefit from her attention and affection.

In supporting the nomination for a Master Teacher Award, a colleague wrote of Mrs. Carver: "She is, without a doubt, one of the most unselfish, helpful, understanding, generous, and inspiring personalities that I have had the pleasure of knowing during my twenty-seven years in the teaching profession."



Miss Alice Ham

Teaching Latin to junior high school pupils would not ordinarily be regarded as a way to win friends and influence people, but Alice Ham has made it work. Since 1940, she has been teaching Latin in junior high schools in Hutchinson; during that time, she has established a reputation as a superior instructor and an outstanding member of the community.

Miss Ham received a bachelor's degree from Baker University in 1929. She holds a master's degree from Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. She taught for three years in McLouth and seven years in Corning before accepting a position in Hutchinson.

Travel and church work have been Miss Ham's chief interests, aside from her teaching. She has visited every state in the union and many countries in Europe and South America.

She has been involved in nearly all of the activities of the Trinity Methodist Church in Hutchinson.

Miss Ham has more than carried her share of responsibility in the Hutchinson local teachers' association. She has served on several committees at both state and local levels.

A key factor in the decision of the Selection Committee to name Alice Ham as a Master Teacher for 1968 was the written testimony of many former students. Words such as patience, understanding, consideration, sense of humor, and concern ran through the many letters which were written in support of her nomination.



Mrs. Hazel Miller

Just a month after her 17th birthday, Hazel Bailey Miller started teaching a rural school near Mound Valley, Kansas. She enjoyed it—too much, in fact! She found it easy to dismiss school to attend ball games and other activities with her pupils. Her “strong-willed and outraged” grandmother, with whom she lived, made her resign at the close of the semester.

She tried again, with better results, in 1923, and taught in rural schools near Parsons for three years. Then she went west to Pratt county, returning to Lyon county in 1938 after her marriage to Frank Miller. She has been active in educational work in the county since that time. Since 1954, she has been a teacher in the William Allen White elementary school, where her assignment is to the fourth grade.

Mrs. Miller holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia. She served a term as county superintendent of schools and was elected to a second term, but resigned after the election to take a teaching position in Emporia.

Work in professional organizations has occupied much of her time. She has been a vice-president of the KSTA, president of the Lyon county local association, and vice-president of the county superintendents group.

A colleague said of her recently: “Hazel Miller is a busy woman. She likes it that way. Her involvement benefits others, too, for she is well-known and well-respected for the stands she has taken and defended in behalf of teachers.”



Mrs. Irma Minden

As is true with so many master teachers, Irma Minden started her professional career as a teacher in a rural school. This was before she had earned a bachelor's degree from Southwest State College at Springfield, Mo. The degree enabled her to obtain a teaching position in the high school at Amsterdam, Mo. In 1947 she moved to the high school at Spring Hill, Kansas, and in 1950, to her present position as office education instructor at Paola.

Mrs. Minden received the master's degree from the Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, in 1961. Although she is highly regarded as a teacher, she has contributed to her profession and to her community in many other ways. She has been president of her local teachers association, and she is currently a member of the state TEPS Commission. She

sponsors the Paola Future Teachers group. She is active in the First Lutheran Church of Paola, as a Sunday school teacher and member of the choir.

Her principal said that Mrs. Minden "organizes her classes and teaches her students in such a manner that employers from the surrounding area are pleased to hire girls from her business classes. She is an inspiration to young teachers who come here to do supervised teaching, and she is always willing to give her time in helping them get started on the right foot."



Miss Gladys Peterson

Gladys Peterson has dedicated her life to teaching and to helping others to prepare to teach. For the past nineteen years, she has been a member of the Education faculty at Bethany College, Lindsborg, which was her alma mater.

After receiving a degree from Bethany in 1931, Miss Peterson taught rural schools in her home county, McPherson. Then she took an assignment to teach "normal training" and Latin at Republic high school. This led to her interest in teacher education, which culminated in an appointment at Bethany in 1949.

Miss Peterson earned the master's degree at the University of Nebraska in the field of educational psychology. She has done considerable graduate work at other universities through the years.

Although her primary concern has been with the young people who have gone through the teacher education program at Bethany, Miss Peterson has found time to participate in many professional organizations. She has been president of the Kansas Association for Student Teaching. In 1967, Bethany College recognized her contribution through the years by giving her the Alumni Award of Merit.

In Lindsborg, Miss Peterson is known for her culinary skill. An invitation to dinner with Gladys and her brother, Carl, is highly prized.



Mrs. Doris Stith

A \$60 salary differential — \$60 a year, that is — brought Doris Wright Stith to a teaching position in Kansas from her home in Nebraska in 1936. After three years in Blue Rapids and two in Council Grove, she accepted a position in Bonner Springs, where she now teaches English and Latin.

During the twenty-seven years that Mrs. Stith has been on the faculty at Bonner Springs, she has contributed to the community in many ways other than as a superior teacher. The fact that there is a public library in Bonner Springs is due partly to her energy and persistence. She worked as an unpaid librarian for two summers and conducted a door-to-door campaign to raise money for a new set of encyclopedias to replace the 1897 set then in use.

Mrs. Stith has been active in professional organizations. She served as president of the Bonner Springs local and is currently chairman of the TEPS commission. Her out-of-school interests range from amateur theatrics to the local garden club.

A graduate of Kearney State Teachers College, Nebraska, Mrs. Stith has done graduate work at a number of colleges and universities. Her husband, Dr. Rex Stith, is a chiropractor. They have one son.

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

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

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

1960

Eula Bridger, Kansas City
Mary Louise Gritten, Bird City
Lena Carl, Garden City
Owen E. Hodgson, Salina
Opal Jayne Kennedy, Lawrence
Pauline Shockey, Derby
Blanch Smith, Pittsburg
C. O. Wright, Topeka

1962

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

1964

Dan Foster, LaCrosse
Mary Hunholz, Manhattan
Erdman Johnson, Turner
Lorna Mack, Madison
Bernadine Sitts, Garden City
Lillie Elizabeth Stritt, Glasco
Dewey E. Wolgast, Marysville

1966

Eva M. Chalfant, El Dorado
Louis A. Coppoc, Belpre
Helen Glaser, Coffeyville
Evelyn Harper, Atchison
Maurice Little, Goodland
Ione Ramey, Olathe
Wesley E. Simpson, Salina

1955

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

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

1959

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

1961

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

1963

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

1965

Rebecca L. Bloodworth, Kansas City
Bryce H. Gleckler, Dodge City
Mabel Lacey, Gorham
Hazel Lee Simmons, Lawrence
Floyd C. Smith, Iola
Dorothy L. Vaughn, Independence
Ethel Yantis, Howard

1967

John W. Breukelman, Emporia
Lois Hogue, Pratt
Perva M. Hughes, Pittsburg
Winifred Jennings, Shawnee
Jean Jones, Topeka
Florence Miller, Iola
Cecil E. Smith, Pittsburg
Adel F. Throckmorton, Wichita