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KANSAS MASTER TEACHER AWARD

Wednesday, April 12, 1978

EMPORIA STATE UNIVERSITY

Emporia, Kansas

The Master Teacher Awards

Established in 1954 by Emporia State University (then Kansas State Teachers College), the Kansas Master Teacher awards are presented annually to 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 nominated by local teacher associations and school faculties. A committee reviews all nominations and selects the teachers to receive the awards.

The 1978 selection committee included: *Marjory Sharp*, state president of the Kansas-National Education Association (K-NEA); *Alberta Byrum*, state president of the Kansas Division of American Association of University Women from Norton; *Warren Bell*, director of state and federal program administration, Kansas State Department of Education; *James Taylor* and *Karen Christiansen*, student K-NEA members from Kansas State University; *Dr. Melvin Neely*, past-executive secretary of K-NEA; *Karleen O'Brien*, Kansas Association of School Boards from Emporia; and *Sandy Lahr*, Kansas Congress of Parents and Teachers from Emporia.

A committee of faculty members at E-State is in charge of local arrangements. This committee includes: *Dr. John Visser*, *Dr. James Meyer*, *Dr. Truman Hayes*, *Dr. J. W. Brinkman*, *Dr. Joe Weigand*, *Dr. Virginia Moxley*, *Paul Kincaid*, and chairperson *Dr. Daryl Berry*.

The committee is grateful for the cooperation of the *Endowment Association*, *Alumni Association*, *Butcher Children's Laboratory School*, *Kappa Delta Pi*, *department of art*, *department of music*, *conferences and special events office*, *Memorial Union dining service*, and *office of information services* in connection with the Master Teacher award program.

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PROGRAM

4:00 p.m.

Reception for Master Teachers
Flint Hills Room, Memorial Union
Students, faculty and visitors are guests of Kappa Delta Pi

5:00 p.m.

"Memories of Yesteryear"
Visit to one-room rural school building, E-State campus

6:30 p.m.

Master Teacher Award Dinner
Social Lecture Hall, Memorial Union

Decorations by Butcher Children's Laboratory School first and second grades, Glenda Bingman, art supervisor
Invocation, Men's Chorale
Special Music, Men's Chorale, Directed by Kenneth Hart
Toastmaster, Dr. Daryl E. Berry, Emporia State University
Address by Dr. Gerald W. Tomanek, President of Fort Hays State University

Presentation of Awards to Master Teachers by E-State President John Visser and Dean Truman Hayes, E-State School of Education and Psychology

DENNIS L. ARY

Topeka



Dennis L. Ary, a Dodge City native, is biology instructor at Washburn Rural High School in Topeka. He was nominated for the Master Teacher award by the Auburn-Washburn National Education Association.

Ary joined the faculty at Washburn Rural in 1964. During summer 1969, he taught science at Capital City High School in Topeka. From 1975-77, he was department of science dean for U.S.D. #437, Topeka.

Receiving the Master Teacher award adds to an award-winning year for Ary. He has already been named 1977-78 Auburn-Washburn School District Teacher of the Year, 1977-78 Auburn-Washburn N.E.A. Teacher of the Year, and was a finalist for the 1978 Kansas Teacher of the Year award.

Ary received his associate of arts degree in 1962 from Dodge City Community College, and both his bachelor of science degree in 1964 and master of science degree in 1971 from Emporia State. Ary was graduated from Greensburg High School in 1960.

Ary is active in many professional and civic organizations, including: Auburn-Washburn NEA; Kansas-National Education Association; National Education Association; Kansas Association of Biology Teachers; National Association of Biology Teachers; Kansas Association of Teachers of Science; and the Wanamaker PTA.

"Mr. Ary has taught at Washburn Rural for the past 13 years," wrote a colleague, "and is recognized by the staff, students, and community as an outstanding biology teacher. Students who are not scheduled into Mr. Ary's classes often feel cheated, yet he cannot be assigned all the students."

"Mr. Ary has helped my 16-year-old son so much since he started to high school," wrote one parent. "Besides being an excellent teacher, he is such a good example for teenagers."

ERMA LANG DOW



Eureka

Erma Lang Dow, a Greensburg native, has been third grade teacher at the Random and Midwest Schools in Eureka for nine years. She was nominated by the Eureka U.S.D. #389 Teacher Association.

Prior to joining the faculty in Eureka's Random and Midwest Schools, Dow taught at schools in Greenwood County, Mulberry School in Eureka, and at Piedmont School. She is concluding her 46th year of teaching.

Dow received her three-year state teaching certificate in 1932, life teaching certificate in 1936, and B.S.E. degree in 1967 all from Emporia State University. She completed her B.S.E. degree work by extension, Saturday, and evening classes, beginning the program in 1953.

In addition, Dow has taken six hours of extension work at Pittsburg State University and one hour at Wichita State University.

Over the years, Dow has had a national science grant five semesters. She also received a scholarship from Home National Bank for a summer economics class.

Dow is active in many professional, civic and religious organizations, including: Upper Fall River Mission Society; American Association of University Women; National Education Association; Kansas-National Education Association; Christian Congregational Church; Delta Kappa Gamma; mother advisor for Rainbow Girls; U.S.D. #389 Teachers Association; and County Teachers Association.

"As an elementary teacher," one colleague wrote of Dow, "her calm attitude and patience has enabled her to be highly effective in guiding and encouraging less able students. At the same time, she has an unusual ability to communicate with parents and involve them with their youngsters in the school program."

"All four of my children were fortunate to have her (Dow) for a teacher," wrote one parent, "and she instilled in them a love for reading that remains with them today."

HAROLD HARDY

Pittsburg



Harold Hardy, a Moran native, is principal of Pittsburg High School. He was nominated by the Pittsburg Education Association.

Hardy has been principal at Pittsburg High since 1973. Prior to 1973, he was principal at Pittsburg High and Roosevelt Junior High 1970-73, and principal of Lakeside Elementary and Junior High in Pittsburg. He has been principal and teacher at Forest Park and Westside Elementary Schools in Pittsburg, and teacher at three other elementary schools.

While serving in the U.S. Infantry during World War II, Hardy was awarded the Bronze Star medal for meritorious service, Gold Conduct medal, and was an expert rifleman.

Hardy received his associate of arts degree in 1937 from Iola Community College. He received his B.S.E. degree in 1947 and his M.S.E. degree in 1948 both from Pittsburg State University. He has also done post-graduate work at Pittsburg State, Emporia State University, University of Colorado, and University of Kansas.

During his career, Hardy has served as president for the Kansas Association of Elementary Principals, Sunflower Kiwanis Club of Pittsburg, and the Pittsburg Education Association.

Hardy's professional, civic and religious organization list includes: United School Administrators, Kansas Association of Secondary School Principals, First United Methodist Church, and the Sunflower Kiwanis Club.

There is one quotation that Hardy has tried to live his life by: "What you are is God's gift to you; what you make of yourself is your gift to God."

"He brought to our school system outstanding ability and dedication as a teacher and administrator," one colleague wrote about Hardy. "His accomplishments were not confined to the narrow 'classroom and building' concepts so often found in persons who think only of their 'jobs'."

ROBERT R. NOBLE

Pittsburg



Dr. Robert R. Noble, an Oakville, Ia., native, is professor of sociology at Pittsburg State University. He was nominated by the Pittsburg State University-Kansas Higher Education Association.

He joined the Pittsburg State faculty in 1950. Since 1976, he has also been adjunct professor of administration of justice for Wichita State University. Prior to joining the Pittsburg State faculty, Noble was teaching assistant and instructor of sociology at the University of Nebraska.

Noble, a Yarmouth (Ia.) High School graduate, received his B.A. degree cum laude in 1942 from Coe College in Cedar Rapids, Ia. He then served in the U.S. Air Force 1942-45, receiving a Letter of Commendation and the Bronze Star medal.

Following his stint in the Air Force, Noble returned to school. He received his M.A. degree in 1948 and his Ph.D. degree in 1950 both from the University of Nebraska. He has done additional graduate study at the University of Wisconsin.

During his career, Noble has been named to the Midwest edition of *Who's Who in America*, *Who's Who in Child Development Professionals*, *Outstanding Educators of America*, *Community Leaders and Noteworthy Americans*, and *Bibliographie Internationals*.

Noble is active in many professional, civic, and religious organizations, including: National Education Association; American Sociological Association; National Council on Children; Kansas Council on Crime and Delinquency; National Council on Family Relations; American Correctional Association; Kiwanis; and United Methodist Church.

"Dr. Noble is first of all a scholar-teacher," wrote one colleague, "who through the years has won the highest respect of his students in the classroom. His teaching has exemplified deep commitment to scholarship, to the welfare of students both educationally and personally, and to unexcelled skill in the classroom and in advisement and counseling."

MILTON SENTI

Pratt



Milton Senti, an Alida native, is guidance counselor and English teacher at Pratt High School. He was nominated for the Master Teacher award by the Pratt Education Association.

Senti has been a teacher and guidance counselor in Pratt for 35 years. Since 1938, Senti has been absent from Pratt only four years while he served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He taught two years at Marion High School before going to Pratt.

A Chapman Rural High School graduate, Senti attended Baker University one year. He then attended Emporia State University, receiving his B.S. degree in 1936. He received his M.S. degree in 1941 from the University of Kansas, and has done additional graduate study at Denver University and Fort Hays State University.

During his career, Senti has held numerous positions in his church, local teachers association, and state teachers association. Two of these key positions have been president of the Pratt Education Association and president of the Kansas State Teachers Association.

Senti is involved with many professional, civic and religious organizations, including: Kansas-National Education Association; National Education Association; Kansas Association for Teachers of English; American Personnel and Guidance Association; Pratt County Association for Mental Health; Kansas Council on Crime and Delinquency; Community Concert Association; Pratt Historical Society; and United Methodist Church.

"I first knew Milton as a sophomore in his English class," wrote one former student who is now a Pratt community leader. "He was the kind of teacher who made a student want to do his best. His inspiration gave me a start in a life-long love affair with literature and the English language. In the days before counselors as we know them today, Milton was instrumental in setting up parent-student encounters to discuss things that were important to us. His dedication to the young people with whom he works is the best measure of his qualifications for this award."

PATRICIA J. TEEL

Columbus



Patricia J. Teel, a Laurel, Miss., native, teaches English and French at Columbus Unified High School as well as English at Labette Community College in Parsons. She was nominated for the award by the U.S.D. #493 Teachers Association.

She began teaching at Columbus High in 1962, joining the faculty at Labette Community College in 1977. Teel has also taught at Fort Scott Community College, Central School in Columbus, Magee High School in Mississippi, and Marydell High School in Mississippi.

Teel, a Shady Grove (Laurel, Miss.) High School graduate, attended the Mississippi Women's College (today William Carey College) in Hattiesburg 1937-40. She received her B.A. degree in 1941 from the University of Southern Mississippi and has completed 29 graduate hours at Pittsburg State University.

During her career, Teel has served on the North Central Evaluation team for several southeast Kansas schools, as Kansas-National Education Association English Roundtable chairperson at the state convention, counselor at American Legion Auxiliary Girls State, on the first negotiations team for U.S.D. #493 Teachers Association, as sponsor of the high school pep club, and as sponsor of the National Honor Society.

Teel is active in many professional, civic, and religious organizations, including: National Education Association; Kansas-National Education Association; PEO Sisterhood; Shakespeare Club; American Legion Auxiliary; and United Lutheran Church.

"In my opinion," wrote one colleague, "Mrs. Teel is one of the finest teachers that I have ever had the opportunity to have on my staff. She had a good rapport with teachers, students, and parents. Additionally, she was a teacher who was constantly attempting to improve her teaching skills. She kept abreast with the innovations in her teaching fields through attendance at workshops, meetings, additional graduate hours, etc."

EUGENE WILTFONG

Norton



Eugene Wiltfong, a Dellvale native, is principal of Eisenhower Elementary School in Norton. He was nominated for the Master Teacher award by the Norton Teachers Association.

Wiltfong has been principal at Eisenhower Elementary School since 1960. From 1966-70, he was assistant superintendent of Norton Unified Schools. Prior to that, he taught in Norton schools, at Lenora Grade School, and at the Norton County Rural School.

From 1944-46, Wiltfong served in the U.S. Army in World War II. He received a good conduct medal and other citations during those years.

A Lenora High School graduate, Wiltfong received his B.S.E. degree in 1960 and his M.S. degree in 1963 both from Fort Hays State University. He has additional college credits from Dodge City Community College, Kansas State University, and the University of Kansas.

Wiltfong was a 1967 nominee for the Master Teacher of Norton County Teachers Association. He also received the 25-year Teacher Service award in 1973 from the University of Kansas.

Wiltfong is active in several professional, civic, and religious organizations, including: Kansas Elementary Principals Association; United School Administrators of Kansas; Norton County Saddle Club; and United Methodist Church of Norton.

"In my opinion," wrote one colleague, "Gene Wiltfong is not only an excellent principal, but a very fine person. He is loyal, cooperative, and dedicated to education and the pupils he serves. He has a very fine rapport with the pupils, their parents, and his teachers. Mr. Wiltfong is willing to give the time and effort that is necessary to be an effective and exceptional educator."

One elementary student simply wrote: "He helps us."

The Master Teacher Award

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, K.U.

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, KU
Una Funk, Council Grove
Mildred P. Parker, Hutchinson
Clyde U. Phillips, Hays, FHSU
Ruth Flory Sexton, Howard
Katherine A. Tucker, Topeka

1958

Mildred Cunningham, Parsons
Myrri Houck, El Dorado
Julian A. Johnson, Buhler
Edward D. Kroesch, Hoisington
Minnie M. Miller, Emporia, ESU
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
*C. O. Wright, Topeka, KSTA

1961

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

1962

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

* Special Additional Award

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, Glasco
Dewey E. Wolgast, Marysville

1965

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

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

1967

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

1968

Arley A. Bryant, Concordia
Lottie Carver, Mulvane
Alice Ham, Hutchinson
Hazel Miller, Emporia
Irma Minden, Paola
Gladys Peterson, Newton, Bethel College
Doris Stith, Bonner Springs

*Special Additional Award

1969

*Alex Daughtry, Emporia, ESU
Kelso Deer, Hoisington
Marguerite Hackney, Iola
Joe W. Ostenberg, McPherson
Theodore Palmquist, Turner
Maxine Sebelius, Northern Valley
Joy Wigginton, El Dorado
Lonnie Wood, Independence

1970

Ralph Dennis, Olathe
John England, Pittsburg
Gladys Kaump, Dodge City
Thomas Kelley, Hutchinson, Community College
Lois Patton, Great Bend
Albert Riedel, Hays
Mary Ellen Sissman, Eureka

1971

Kenneth Anderson, Lawrence, KU
Earl Bevan, Pittsburg
Helen Case, El Dorado
Carl Clinesmith, Fort Scott
Herman Grundy, Kansas City
Betty Jackson, Colby
Margaret Jagger, Minneapolis
*F. L. Schlagle, Kansas City

1972

Joseph L. Bournonville, Pittsburg
Robert Burnett, Colby
Gerald Goacher, Topeka
*F. Floyd Herr, Topeka, State Dept. of Education
Carl A. James, Emporia
Catherine Johannsen, Kansas City
Margaret Parker, Pittsburg, PSU
Leona Velen, Manhattan

1973

Mildred Barber, Concordia
Elton W. Cline, Pittsburg, PSU
Marie Hieger, El Dorado
Anna Hurty, Hutchinson
Rachel Leist, Fort Scott
Allen L. Unruh, Ottawa
Marjorie Vienx, Atwood

1974

Wanda Franzen, Emporia
Arlene Garrett, Hugoton
Ruben Grose, Hutchinson
Louis Hayward, Eureka
Clyde Johnson, Leavenworth
Esther Overman, Columbus
Norris Sayre, Ensign

1975

Vernon Hastert, Ulysses
J. Paul Jewell, Kansas City
Betty Dutton, Alta Vista
Iram Teichgraeber, Chapman
Marion Klema, Salina
Ernest Nelson, Pittsburg
Rozella Swisher, Kansas City

1976

Charlotte Doyle, Manhattan
Harry Hart, Emporia
Glennis Lindsey, Hutchinson
*James A. McCain, Manhattan, President-KSU
Frances Raines, Winfield
Richard L. Roahen, Emporia, ESU
Darlene Theno, Basehor
Eleanor White, Dodge City

1977

Jean Curl, Kansas City
Fred Deyoe, Dodge City
*William Edwards, Emporia, ESU
Joan Hanna, Winfield
Shirley Longfellow, El Dorado
Martha McReynolds, Burlington
Gene Russell, Galena
Dan Tewell, Pittsburg

*Special Additional Award

