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## Alumni Notes

Ruth Owens, 1942, married Collins Huff of Liberty, Mo., on October 25. They will make their home in Liberty.

Mrs. Wilma Epperson Krone, 1946, is teaching commerce in the Center Consolidated Public School R-5, Center, Missouri.

Dorothy Hansbrough Flanagan, 1939, has assumed the duties of third grade teacher in the Lemo school at Lewistown, Missouri.

Miss Ruby McElhaney, 1952, married Lloyd Morey of Cicero, New York, on June 28. They will reside in Kirksville where Mr. Morey is a student at KCOS.

Charles F. Magruder, 1953, married Ilene Judd of Milan, Mo. They will live in Rantoul, Ill. where Mr. Magruder will attend a weather observer school at Chanute Air Force Base.

John Barkley, 1937, son of Mr. and Mrs. Pearl Wonderly of Brashear, Mo., has been appointed associate minister of the Metropolitan Methodist Church in Detroit, Michigan.

Richard Johnson, 1950, son of Mr. John M. Johnson, Kirksville, has pledged Theta Tau, professional engineering fraternity on the campus of the Missouri School of Mines, Rolla, Mo.

Edward F. Williams, 1940, is attending George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville, Tenn., as a graduate student. He is now assistant professor of music at Tennessee Polytechnic Institute.

Melba Woolf Fairbanks, 1938, has been named American Red Cross field representative for the state of Missouri. Mrs. Fairbanks has been a member of the Red Cross national staff since 1943.

Guy Curtright, 1934, former Chicago White Sox outfielder, was named chairman of the Department of Athletics, Physical Education and Health, at the new North Chicago High School on February 8. In addition to his B. S. degree from the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College he holds a Master's degree in Physical Education from the University of Missouri.

## Cover Picture

Ronald Bailey of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, and Martha Whirritt, Pulaski, Iowa, 1954 winners of the Regents Award photographed with Mr. Sherod Collins, assistant professor of speech, who coaches debate at the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. An article by President Ryle concerning the Regents Awards appears on page 6.

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# WESTERN COLLEGE, LABELLE, MO.

## 1880-1893

by

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**AUTHOR'S NOTE:** In the compilation of this material the author is deeply indebted to Miss Lulu MacWilliams, 912 Clark St., Canton, Mo., for her able assistance in sending clippings and pictures. Miss MacWilliams was a graduate of Western College and for many years served as Principal of the Elementary Schools of LaBelle, Mo.

The Northeast Missouri State Teachers College District, embracing twenty-five counties of Northeast Missouri, was fortunate in the number of able private institutions of learning which early stimulated cultural interest in higher education. From the old First District Normal School, now the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, teachers went out to these academies carrying with them patterns of culture and of instruction which endure to the present time. As a result of the influence of these able instructors many students from these academies were stimulated to attend the old First District Normal School and to return to these private schools to teach.

Nowhere is this stream of cultural interaction more evident than in the case of the Western Academy of LaBelle, Missouri, which existed from the time of its organization in 1880 to the time of its mergence with the public school system of LaBelle.

In the year of 1880 a stock company, composed of citizens of LaBelle, Missouri, in Lewis County, erected a large frame building designed for use as an academy in that city. The cost of the building was fourteen hundred and sixty dollars. This school was non-denominational and was described as a "mixed" school in the report to the State Superintendent of Public Instruction in 1884. Evidently the word "mixed" was an early term designating the school as a coeducational institution.

In October of the year of 1880 the first term of school of the institution was opened under the principalship of Professor Henry Rickards. He had a lady teacher as his assistant in the lower grade levels. In 1883 Henry Rickards sold his interest in the school to Dr. William Breckenridge Anderson. Dr. Anderson continued to operate the institution until the closing year of its history in 1893 with the exception of one year.

Professor Henry Rickards moved to Florida following the sale of Western Academy. During the last year of his principalship in 1883, he was assisted

William Breckenridge Anderson was a native of Kentucky, having been born in Verona, Boone County, Kentucky in 1857. His ancestors came to America during the religious wars in Europe following the Reformation. In 1854 William Anderson's father moved from Kentucky to a farm near Edina, Missouri, which he had secured under a government land grant. William B. Anderson was educated at the Old Normal No. 1 at Kirksville, Mo., from which he was graduated in the classical course in 1881. He then studied languages and mathematics at the University of Missouri. In 1879 he became a teacher and was principal of the Knox City High

by Miss Millie Ammerman in the grades. In 1881-82 Miss Emma Guipe had charge of the private music lessons offered by the school. In 1882 Miss Millie Kennedy became the music instructor at Western Academy.



FACULTY OF WESTERN COLLEGE IN 1889



WESTERN COLLEGE BUILDING

School. In 1883 he received his Master of Science degree from Missouri University and purchased Western Academy at LaBelle, Mo.

On June 8, 1882, he married Miss Missouri A. Lyon, who was a graduate of Oaklawn College at Novelty, Missouri, and of the Kirksville Normal School.

The *History of Lewis County* published in 1887 summarizes Professor Anderson's work as follows:

"The Professor is one of the leading educators of this section. In politics he is a Democrat, and is a Presbyterian, while his wife belongs to the Methodist Episcopal Church. Prof. Anderson is an original investigator in mathematics and languages. He has collected many literary curiosities, and has developed several principles in mathematics."

When William Breckenridge Anderson became principal of LaBelle Academy in 1883, the school had an enrollment of sixty-five students. Ten years later when he resigned, the enrollment was well over the two hundred mark. This attests to the constant zeal and enthusiasm of this early educator. Mrs. Anderson served as the assistant principal. Mrs. Millie Hawkins of Edina, Missouri, was the teacher of music. By 1885 the faculty had expanded to six teachers and the curriculum embraced the usual subjects of the classical curriculum of the old academies. In 1887 the faculty and the respective subjects taught by each included the following:

W. B. Anderson, Professor of Moral

and Mental Philosophy, Languages and Mathematics.

Missouri Lyon Anderson, Teacher of Elocution and Literature and Assistant in Mathematics.

Della Wildman, Teacher of History, Grammar and Geography.

Mrs. Emma Davis, Teacher of Vocal and Instrumental Music.

Dr. W. S. D. Johnson, Lecturer on Philosophy.

Christan Madsen, Librarian.



WESTERN COLLEGE GRADUATES OF THE CLASS OF 1889

First Row: George McWilliams, Mildred B. Buford, Jodie B. Gregory, Laura Nichols, Lee Diffendaffer, Allie Holmes.

Second Row: John Graves, Annie Towles, Wesley M. McMurphy, Hattie Meriwether, Ed St. John, Martha Owen.

From old programs of the Academy furnished to the author by Miss MacWilliams, it is evident that LaBelle Academy had the usual Greek Literary Societies of the early academies.

One program is that of the Twelfth Annual Entertainment of the Philolethian Society given May 23, 1893 in Western College Chapel. The program was divided into four sections. The first contained the declamations, recitations, personations, and orations, evidently of the Declamation classes. The second part was devoted to a drill entitled *The Path of Life* with the characters of Pilgrim, Wealth, Religion, Beauty, Fame, and Worldly Pleasure being involved. This was the production of the Mental and Moral Philosophy classes. The third section was devoted to musical numbers, while the conclusion of the program was devoted to a drama entitled *Gyp, the Heiress*.

Another program given May 20, 1890, was that of the Demosthenonian Society entitled "*Beyond the Alps Our Italy*." Similar divisions of the program are evident as in the case of the Philolethian Society.

In the programs of the Commencement Exercises of Western College on May 22, 1890, one section was given by the graduates of the Normal Class and the second section was given by the Elementary Normal Class. Evidently the Normal Class consisted of

those teachers of specialized secondary school subjects, while the members of the Elementary Normal Class were prepared for grade school teaching. In the 1892 program of the Commencement exercises, one section was devoted to the *Two Years' Class*. The second section was devoted to the graduation activities of the *Three Years' Class*. Evidently the Normal Department distinguished between the length of time spent in the training of the two groups.

If catalogues were published advertising this school, none could be found. But evidently able teachers were attracted to its corridors. One picture of Western College, dated 1889, shows W. P. Nason, Acting President of the First District Normal, Kirksville, Mo. from 1881-1882, as Vice-President of Western College at LaBelle, Mo. Nason Hall on the campus of the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College bears Dr. Nason's name. Also George F. Nason's picture appears on the same photograph. He was the son of W. P. Nason and evidently taught with his father at Western College. So much interesting history in the early educational chapters of Northeast Missouri is lost in obscurity.

The tabular picture shown below of Western College reveals some interesting features characteristic of so many of these early private academies.

One of the most striking features is the low salary schedule paid the instructors. If all shared and shared alike, classroom teachers and administrators at no time received a salary of over \$800 per year. In the closing year it had been reduced to \$200 per year for each instructor. Even considering the low cost of living of the times, it is small wonder that teachers lived in abject penury. How great must have been their burning zeal to guide the footsteps of youth to the better way of life for these early educators to

have served their communities at such meager salaries. With no provisions for retirement or for old age, it is small wonder that many cultured and refined educators ended their days as wards of the county in the miserable "poorhouses" of the time.

Another interesting feature to be noted is the variation of volumes in the library. In the year 1889, a total of 1000 volumes is listed. By 1890 this had decreased to 500. Did librarians of that time also find students careless with the books of the institution? Or were these merely inaccurate estimates for a hastily compiled report?

Following the time of the principalship of Dr. Anderson, two teachers from Kentucky, James W. McGarvey and F. O. Norton, maintained a private college in the Western College building at LaBelle for several years. Apparently there was difficulty in the maintenance of the school for these gentlemen were followed by W. T. Maury and his two half-brothers, Robert O. and Thomas A. Bingford. The latter group was able to maintain the school only one year. Then it was closed, apparently about 1896 or 1897.

In 1900 the School District of LaBelle purchased the old college building and brought Dr. W. B. Anderson back from St. Louis to become superintendent of their free public school. A clipping from the LaBelle paper has this to say concerning the plans for the new high school, as stated in the catalogue.

"Our highest aim shall be to cultivate a love for industry, of honest work in some useful and honest field. We shall strive to build characters, true, noble, and grand. We shall endeavor to inspire our pupils with a strong desire to do something worthy of an immortal being."

This article on the LaBelle public schools states that it is expected that graduates of the LaBelle High School

"will be able to articulate (sic) into the State University without examination." The tuition is stated to be "\$20 per year, about one-half that of the small academies and colleges."

Miss Lulu MacWilliams, formerly principal of the grade school and a teacher at LaBelle for forty years, stated that the old building burned in 1912 and was not replaced. The new High School building was constructed about one block north of the original site of Western College.

Thus ended the day of another academy of the Western frontier fringe. In the onrush of free public education the training of the "classes" gave way in true democratic fashion to the free, tax-supported public school for the training of the masses. The influence of Western College is still evident in the high quality of education maintained by citizens of LaBelle in their public schools. The large number of sons and daughters, who attend college from that vicinity, are evidence of the fact that the lamp of learning lighted by Western College was not extinguished by the passing of that institution.

### ALUMNI NOTES

Norma Stevens, 1951, has been employed to teach music in the high school at Bellflower, Missouri.

Clyde Burch, 1949, married Marilyn Leathers of Callao, Missouri, December 27. The couple will reside at Kansas City, Mo.

Gertrude Hosey, 1910, retired as a member of the educational department at Central Missouri State College at Warrensburg, where she now resides.

Robert Rhoades, 1952, married Patricia Ruby of Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, November 21. He is a chemist for the Glidden Paint Company in Chicago, Ill.

Opal B. O'Briant, 1935, of Columbia, has joined the Agriculture Extension Service staff and has been assigned to Pettis County as home demonstration agent.

Rowe Shultheiss, 1948, married Dixie Jo White of Clark, Missouri, December 6. He is employed as assistant manager of the MFA Grain and Feed Company in Kansas City.

Harry Gallatin, 1949, KSTC cage star from 1946-48, has been named to the East's National Basketball Association All-Star team for the second straight time. Gallatin plays forward for the New York Knickerbockers, currently leading the eastern division.

#### WESTERN ACADEMY, LABELLE, MO.

1880-1893

Year	Principal	Number of Teachers	Amount Paid Teachers	Number of Pupils	Cost of Tuition	Buildings and Apparatus Value	Volumes in Library
1884	W. B. Anderson	4	\$3,500	116	\$30	\$6,000	.....
1885	W. B. Anderson	6	4,000	126	30	5,000	.....
1886	H. Coon	4	2,800	150	60	5,500	.....
1887	W. B. Anderson	5	4,000	117	30	5,050	1000
1888	W. B. Anderson	7	3,000	130	30	5,030	1000
1889	W. B. Anderson	6	4,500	150	30	5,100	1000
1890	W. B. Anderson	7	4,500	200	30	7,000	500
1891	W. B. Anderson	6	.....	110	30	6,300	500
1892	W. B. Anderson	6	2,000	146	30	5,300	800
1893	W. B. Anderson	6	1,200	150	30	6,000	500

\*Compiled from the reports of the State Superintendent of Schools for the years 1884-1893, inclusive.

# REGENTS AWARDS IN DEBATE

by

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One of the oldest student activities on the campus of this Teachers College is debate, an activity that is even older than our athletic program. We have to go as far back as the administration of Joseph Baldwin, our college's first president, to find the start of debating. From Baldwin's day to the present the students of this college have practiced and enjoyed the art of debating. For eighty-seven years our debate teams have been winning honor for themselves and credit for the college.

At a meeting of the Board of Regents on October 22, 1923, a resolution was passed providing for Regents Medals to be given each year to the best debating team. The motion setting up the Regents Medals is as follows:

It was ordered by the Board that the sum of \$50.00 (fifty dollars) per year be appropriated for the purpose of purchasing two medals to be known as Regents Medals to be given annually to the two students of the college constituting the best debating team, such medals to be presented as part of the commencement exercises each year; and that the giving of such Regents Medal for proficiency in debating be a permanent custom of the college.

So far as it is known today, the late Dr. W. H. Zeigel, then Dean of the college, was the first to propose the above resolution. It was sponsored in the Board of Regents by J. A. Coolsey of Kirksville and C. W. Green of Brookfield.

The first contest for the Regents Medals was held April 16, 1924, in the auditorium of the Ophelia Parrish Junior High School. The question debated, was, "Resolved, that the United States should enter the permanent court of International Justice."

The winning team was composed of Miss Pauline Dingle<sup>1</sup> and Mr. William Zeigel.<sup>2</sup> Miss Dingle and Mr. Zeigel represented the negative side of the question. The judges were Dean F. W. Condit of the American School of Osteopathy, Dean Arthur D. Becker of the Andrew Taylor Still College of Osteopathy and Surgery, and Dr. Eugene Fair, who later became president of the college. These judges gave Miss Dingle and Mr. Zeigel a unanimous decision in a hard fought contest.

<sup>1</sup>Miss Dingle, Dr. Pauline Knobbs, is at present Acting Dean of Women at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College.

<sup>2</sup>Dr. William Zeigel is now a member of the faculty of Eastern Illinois State College at Charleston, Illinois.

From that historic day in April, 1924, until the present such debates have been an annual affair on our campus with the exception of the year of 1953, when there was no contest. Regents Award winners are not eligible to participate in the contests thereafter. The original plan was to present the winners with medals, but the policy was later changed to give each member of the winning team an award of twenty-five dollars.

It is interesting to examine the sixty names of winners of the Regents Debate Awards. These names constitute a list of distinguished students and alumni of our college, men and women who have been outstandingly successful in the various activities of life they have entered. This college is proud to have two from the list of winners on the present faculty, Dr. Pauline Dingle Knobbs, Acting Dean of Women, and Mr. Sherod Collins, Debate Coach and member of our speech faculty. I doubt if there is a more valuable educational experience for a college student than participation in debating.

The list of winners is as follows:

1924—Pauline Dingle, William Zeigel, Jr.

1925—R. R. Morrow, Fred Epker.

1926—Campbell Loe, Fred Jones.

1927—Nova Demoney, Eugene Church.

1928—Forrest Neale, Gordon King.

1929—Dorothy McClure, Byron Cosby, Jr.

1930—Joe Love, Sherod Collins.

1931—James Collins, Eddie Morgan.

1932—Charles R. Rinehart, William Moore.

1933—Twila Freeman, Van Courtney.

1934—Lois Shaner, Charles Cornwell.

1935—Crystal Loughhead, Maurine Poage.

1936—Paul Schwada, Milo Hall.

1937—Tom Motley, Clifton Cornwell.

1938—Willard Wagner, Nadine Parvin.

1939—Francis Hedrick, Roland Koenig.

1940—Lundy Allen, Joe Henry Graves.

1941—Amy Ayers, Mary Johnson

1942—Isabel Weaver, Ted Malinckrodt.

1943—Robert Rothschild, Carl Fisher.

1944—Darlene Horn, Marjorie Osborn.

1945—Judy LaFrenz, Barbara Primm.

1946—Dorothy Klocke, Merrill Salisbury.

1947—William Shinn, Stephen Shinn.

1948—Evelyn Phillips, Nancy Hanks.

1949—Paul Andereck, Royal Miller.

1950—Fred Hanes, Bruce Normile.

1951—Walter H. Ryle IV, Burleigh Arnold.

1952—Bertha Bell McClasky, Stanley Grimm.

1953—No Contest.

1954—Martha Whirritt, Ronald Bailey.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Dr. Paul A. Wood, 1931, is taking a three-year residency at Doctors Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

Morton Reno, 1948, married Mildred Davis, 1950, of Brookfield, Missouri, November 26. They teach in the Ethel school system.

Harold Ledbetter, 1953, married Marilyn Hays of Nind, Missouri, on December 13. He is now with the army at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

Joyce Price, 1952, is the new girls' physical education teacher at Hardin Junior High at Mexico, Missouri. Mrs. Price began her duties on December 1.

F. H. Burnham, 1945, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar H. Burnham, of Ethel, Missouri, has been elected assistant cashier of the St. Louis County National Bank, Clayton, Missouri.

William D. Scarce, 1951, is a recent graduate from the training school of the Missouri State Highway Patrol. He is now stationed in the Moberly zone, covering Randolph, Chariton and Monroe counties.

Dr. John S. Rinehart, 1934, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Rinehart, Kirksville, has been assigned by the U. S. Navy as a teacher at Cambridge University in experimental work under way there. He is to remain in England for a year and a half.

# MARY MARGARET CAROTHERS, 1901-1954

by

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Mary Margaret Carothers, senior assistant personnel director of the Detroit Public Schools from 1928 to 1953, died in Kirksville February 5, 1954, and was laid to rest in Forest Cemetery beside her mother. Memorial services were held February 7 at the First Methodist Church in Kirksville and at the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church in Detroit on February 21. At each place the respective churches were filled by her friends.

Margaret Carothers was born into a school-teacher family. Her father, now retired from the assistant postmastership at Kirksville, was graduated from the Normal School in 1896, and taught for three years. Her mother, Mabel Barrett Carothers, attended the Normal School at Kirksville and was a teacher for five years. Later she served for nine years on the Kirksville School Board.

Margaret was born August 21, 1901, the oldest of five children. Her sisters and brother all attended the Teachers College. The brother, Barrett Carothers, spent one year at the Teachers College, then went to the University of Illinois where he was graduated in electrical engineering. Margaret was graduated from the College in 1924; her sister, now Mrs. Carol Meyers of Affton, Missouri, was graduated in 1925. Another sister, Doris, now of Dallas, Texas, finished in 1926, and her youngest sister, now Mrs. Kenneth Creamer of Baroda, Michigan, graduated in 1940.

Margaret finished Kirksville High School in 1919. She entered K. S. T. C. on a part-time basis, serving also as secretary to the superintendent of Kirksville schools, the late Charles Banks. After a year or two she transferred to a part-time secretaryship with President John R. Kirk, continuing in his office until 1923. In 1923-24 she attended college full time and finished the work for her degree.

She became a charter member of Tau Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi in 1923, and also the twenty-first member of Alpha Chapter in Pi Omega Pi, honor society in business education.

In 1924-25, Miss Carothers taught business courses in Chillicothe High School. In 1925-26 she was in charge of the department of business education at the Teachers College while the head was on leave doing graduate work.

In 1926, Miss Carothers accepted a position in the Detroit High School of Commerce as a teacher of shorthand

and office appliances. After two years she was made girls' counselor for this school, but after three months she left this position to go into personnel work with the Board of Education where she remained for twenty-five years. There are four thousand nonteaching employees in the Detroit school system who were the concern of her office. The mass of cards, telegrams, flowers, and gifts to the American Cancer Society made in her name, were a tribute to the great success of her career.

Much of Margaret's outside activities centered around the Jefferson Avenue Presbyterian Church which she joined soon after going to Detroit. She was for many years superintendent of the high school department of the Sunday-school; she was president of the business women's group of the church; a member of the church society, Alpha Theta; and she served on the church's pulpit committee.

Memberships which Margaret held besides those connected with her church work were in the N. E. A., the Michigan Education Association, the Detroit Teachers' Association, the National Civil Service League and Assembly, the Woman's Committee of the Detroit Community Fund, the Detroit Social Workers' Club, the Eastern Star, the D. A. R., and the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. In the March, 1954, bulletin of this League was the following tribute: "Mary Margaret Carothers, an ardent champion of the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man; one of those friends who was always 'an ever-present help in time of trouble.'" The bulletin concluded by quoting Tagore: "When you take your leave, I see God's footsteps on the floor."

Margaret was told after an exploratory operation in September that her condition was incurable. With never a tear, but with a smile for every one, she came to the home of her father in Kirksville—a home to which she had hoped to retire and which she had partly furnished with the expectation

of retiring this coming summer after thirty years of school teaching and administration. She moved her church membership back to the Methodist Church in Kirksville which she had joined at the age of eight.

Margaret's father, Manville Carothers, has assembled a book of the many expressions of sympathy and the tributes paid to Margaret at the time of her passing. One of great understanding came from Miss Blanche Emery of St. Teresa Home, in Silverton, Cincinnati, Ohio. She wrote: "I have known Mary Margaret since the days in which I was a faculty member at the Kirksville Teachers College. For years she has been one of the Kirksvilleites that assembled for a get-together when I was able to come to Detroit. She was capable, pleasant, with a warm heart that joyously and hospitably welcomed me into the old circle of K. S. T. C."

## RAYMOND E. SEITZ DIES

Word has been received here of the death of Raymond E. Seitz, well-known Missouri school man and graduate of the Teachers College, at his home in Laredo, Missouri, Tuesday night, January 26, 1954. He was 77 years of age.

Mr. Seitz was a son of E. B. Seitz, a member of the faculty of the old Normal School from 1880 to 1884, and was principal of the Normandy High School, near St. Louis, for many years. His brother, the late Enoch Seitz, was prominent in school work in Missouri and Illinois for many years. Mr. Seitz had retired several years ago and moved to Laredo.

The Alumni records show that Mr. Seitz received a Bachelor of Scientific Didactics degree in 1898 and a B.S. in Education degree in 1930.

Elizabeth Roy, 1949, has been employed to teach the second grade in the North school at Littleton, Colorado. For the past two years she has taught in the American Dependents' school in Fontainebleau, France.

Jerry Burgener, 1953, married Carol Koch of Brookfield, Missouri, on February 3. He recently was graduated from the naval officers training school at Newport, R. I. He will go to Washington, D. C., for further training with the Navy.

## FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Robert Rodney and Mr. Michel Ramon of the Language and Literature Division attended the meeting of the Modern Language Association in Chicago December 28-30. Dr. Rodney also attended the American Studies Association held in conjunction with the Language Association.

Dr. Gilbert C. Kohlenberg, Associate Professor of English History, attended a conference on the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe sponsored by the University of Illinois and the National Committee for a Free Europe at Robert Allerton Park January 9 and 10.

President Walter H. Ryle made a visitation at Kansas State College in Manhattan for the American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education January 12-14.

Dr. Pauline Knobbs, Dean of Women, has been appointed to the steering

committee of the Citizens Commission for the Improvement of Missouri's Mental Institutions.

President Walter H. Ryle and Dr. John Agnew, Dr. Hamilton Easton, Dr. Gilbert Kohlenberg, Dr. Richard Sullivan and Dr. Ruth Towne, all of the Social Science Division attended the annual meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago December 28-30. Dr. Sullivan read a paper before one of the sections.

An article entitled "Band on Tour" by Dr. Leon Karel and Mr. Paul Strub of the Music Department was published in the January issue of the *Educational Music Magazine*.

Dr. C. H. Allen, Head of the Division of Personnel Service, spent January 16 in Chicago at a meeting of the executive committee of the North Central Association workshop program where plans were made for the sev-

enth annual workshop to be held at the University of Minnesota this summer.

Dr. Ralph House, Professor of Remedial Reading, gave two lectures before the Southwest Reading Conference for Colleges and Universities sponsored by Texas Christian University at Fort Worth in December.

Dr. Wray Rieger and Dr. Albert Kline of the Division of Science and Mathematics attended the monthly meeting of the Canton, Missouri, section of the American Chemical Society of Quincy, Illinois, January 21.

Dr. Lucy Simmons, Head of the Division of Social Science, spoke to the AntiRust Club in Macon January 4 and the Sojourners Club of Kirksville January 9.

Dr. Glenn Leslie, Professor of Elementary Education, was the author of an article which appeared in the January issue of the *Journal of Osteopathy*. The article, "Problems Related to Graduate Teaching," was first presented as a paper before the



## BULLDOG CAGERS HAVE SUCCESSFUL SEASON . . .

Coach Boyd King's KSTC basketball team finished second in the MIAA Conference with a record of 7 wins and 3 losses compared to first place Springfield's 8 wins and 2 losses. The Bulldogs' overall record for the season was 16 won and 4 lost in non-conference as well as conference play.

Willard Sims, senior from East St. Louis, Illinois, was named to the All-Conference first team, while Jack Beck, junior from Edina, Missouri, made the second team.



**KSTC BASKETBALL SQUAD 1954**

FIRST Row (left to right): Elwood Sapp, Dave Conyers, Bob Donovan, Willard Sims, Stanley Coy, Nelson Reed, Chuck Merritt, Sydney Ross.

SECOND Row: Stephen Horn, Jerry Dingle, Wallace Turpin, Bob Schnatmeier, Roy Blackford, Jimmy Rash, Dick Hackman, Bill Hayes, Bob Hayes, Bill Ronan, Mgr.

THIRD Row: Coach Boyd King, Dr. K. Speak, Trainer; Ben Pitney, Don Sylvara, Bob Stephens, George Pohlkamp, Bill Hopkins, Dick Sharp, Don Parsons, Wesley Sanders, Jack Beck, Coach Kenneth Gardner. Absent: Eldon Seaboldt, Bill Ausmus.

Clinical Conference of the Osteopathic Cranial Association held at the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery, January 5-9, 1953.

Dr. Pauline Knobbs, Dean of Women, spoke to the presidents and past presidents of the General Assembly of the Greater Kansas City Commission Service Organization on the "Modern Trends in Education" February 26. February 27 she talked on "Crying Needs in Missouri's Educational System" before the presidents of the Second District of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs.

## TWO NEW FACULTY MEMBERS

Mr. Pete Nicoletti took over the duties of the Head of the Division of Business Service at the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College on January 1, 1954. Prior to accepting this new post he was Superintendent of the Milan Reorganized School District, which position he had held since 1947. He has had varied teaching experiences in the rural and grade schools of Missouri. Mr. Nicoletti received his B. S. in Education degree from Southwest Missouri State College, Springfield, and the Master of Arts degree in Secondary School Administration from the University of Missouri. He is a member of the Baptist Church, Phi Delta Kappa, American Association of School Administrators, and the Masonic Order.

Dr. Bing-Kun Shao also became associated with the College faculty on January 1, as an instructor in economics. He is replacing Mr. James H. Maloon who is on a year's leave of absence completing work on his doctorate at the University of Indiana. Dr. Shao holds the A. B. degree from the National Peiping University, the M. S. degree from Oregon State College, and the Ph. D. degree from the University of Wisconsin.

## APPEAR ON TELEVISION PROGRAM

Miss Hanne Langkilde of Denmark, the Teachers College scholarship student of the Missouri Federated Women's Clubs, and Dr. Pauline Knobbs, dean of women, were in Kansas City, January 19 and 20, 1954. They were the guests of Mrs. Virginia Oliver, vice president of the Missouri Federation of Women's Clubs. These Kirksville representatives appeared on several programs. On Tuesday, Miss

Langkilde was interviewed by Ann Hayes on her radio and television show. Hanne answered questions in regard to student life in Denmark and her impressions of this country. Dr. Knobbs was also on the television program and pictures were shown of scenes on the campus at the Northeast

Missouri State Teachers College. Dr. Knobbs talked to the members of the Atheneum Club on the role which federated women's clubs may fulfill in the educational field. The Atheneum Club is the largest federated women's club in Missouri, with over 700 members.

## DR. BLACK WRITES NEW TEXTBOOK

The *Nemoscope* Staff wishes to congratulate Dr. John D. Black of the Division of Science and Mathematics upon the publication of his new textbook entitled, *Biological Conservation*. Dr. Black holds the professorial rank of Professor of Zoology which position he has filled since he became associated with this college in the summer of 1948.

This attractive college textbook of over three hundred pages, which has just been made available, is published by Blakiston Company, Inc., New York. It is written in a well-organized and interesting style and its excellent mechanical make-up with splendid type display for chapter and topical headings adds much to its value for textbook purposes. Its well chosen chapter references, clear-cut pictures and graphs as well as its annotated bibliography and film directory make the book unusually resourceful both for teaching and related study uses.

*Biological Conservation* according to the author deals primarily with so-called *wildlife* but the term is not used in the restricted sense usually employed. The study of conservation as treated here is also concerned with nongame, aquatic, and invertebrate forms in relationship to proper environmental and life history backgrounds. A satisfactory analysis of biological conservation should also take into account the social as well as the physical implications. It is believed that this new book prepared by Dr. Black is unique in its biological treatment and that it will prove to be a distinct contribution as a textbook for college courses in biological conservation.

Price Lee Jones, 1951, married Mary Fay Rehkop, of Milan, Missouri, on January 2. He has been teaching on an Indian reservation at Chilocco, Oklahoma, and is being transferred to Carson City, Nevada.



DR. BLACK READING THE PROOF OF HIS NEW BOOK

## TWO STUDIES BY HISTORY PROFESSOR ARE PUBLISHED

Dr. Richard E. Sullivan, Professor of Early European History, has recently completed two studies dealing with missionary activity in Europe during the period from about 600 to 900, an age when large numbers of Germanic and Slavic peoples were converted to Christianity. The first study, entitled, "The Carolingian Missionary and the Pagan," was published in the October, 1953, issue of *Speculum*, the official journal of the Medieval Academy of America. The second, entitled "A Comparative Study of Eastern and Western Missionary Methods" was read as a part of the program of the American Historical Association at its annual meeting held in Chicago on December 28-30, 1953. The same paper in expanded form appeared in the March issue of *Church History*, published by the McCormick Theological Seminary in Chicago.

The first paper attempted to describe the methods used by missionaries of the period between 690 and 900 to persuade pagans to give up their ancient religions and accept Christianity. It demonstrated that the missionaries used several modes of attack on the pagans. They sought to teach the pagans what Christianity was as a religion, relying chiefly on the preaching of sermons as a means of putting their ideas across, although they often tried to gather together small groups of pagan youths for formal schooling in monasteries built in pagan lands. They tried by dramatic means to demonstrate to the pagans how powerless pagan gods were and how strong the Christian God was. The Christian missionaries made powerful use of the superiority of Christian civilization over pagan civilization, trying to show the pagans that they could enjoy a more bountiful life if they would worship the true God. Christian missionaries also tried to bring political pressure to bear on pagans, seeking to persuade Christian princes to use warfare, diplomacy, and promises of political favoritism on pagans, and especially pagan leaders, in order to compel or persuade them to become Christians. And the missionaries tried to win converts by the exercise of their Christian virtues. The period covered in this study saw a great number of new converts won, and thus offers one of the great periods in Christian expansion.

The second study by Dr. Sullivan

tried to compare the methods used in western Europe with those used by the Greek church. His study showed several differences. In eastern Europe the Greek church, attempting to convert the Slavic world, depended much more heavily upon the Greek emperor to persuade pagans to give up their old religion. The Greek emperors used political resources to win over pagan rulers, who then undertook the responsibility of converting their own people. The individual Greek missionary usually went into a pagan society that was ready to accept him and his religion. He did not, like the western missionary, have to persuade the pagans. He could devote his time to teaching the fine points of Christian theology to a receptive audience. His burden was never so great as was that of the western missionary, who got no such help from western rulers, since the western rulers were much weaker than the Greek emperor.

Dr. Sullivan suggested that the difference in the way the Germanic people of the West and the Slavic people of the East were converted more than a thousand years ago had a tremendous influence on the development of the two parts of Europe. In the East religion was always much more directly connected with the state and dependent on the state. Eastern Christianity has tended to have a more theological and intellectual bent than in the West. By contrast, Christianity in the West has played a more independent role. The church in the West tended to resist and remain independent of the state. It concerned itself more broadly with all kinds of problems and not so exclusively with strictly religious affairs. Especially did it develop a tradition of emphasis on moral improvement and social consciousness on the part of organized churches.

### DIES AT WARRENSBURG

A clipping dated February 2, tells of the unexpected death of Mr. Fred W. Urban of Warrensburg, Missouri. Mr. Urban graduated from the Normal School, Kirksville in 1900 with a Bachelor of Science in Didactics degree. At the time of his retirement in 1948 he was head of the department of mathematics at Central Missouri State College where he had been a member of the faculty since 1906.

## GRADUATE COLUMN

Leo Barnes, M.A., 1953, is employed as principal at Mendon, Missouri.

John Kenneth Hedeman, M.A., 1953, is elementary principal at Weldon Spring, Missouri.

Richard Burl Abernethy, M.A., 1953, is teaching commerce in the high school at Fremont, Iowa.

Mrs. Eutopia Octavia Bailey, M.A., 1953, is teaching English in the high school at La Plata, Missouri.

Loyal Elgie Scott, M.A., 1953, is teaching commerce in the Brighton High School, Brighton, Illinois.

Mrs. Lola Straw Kennedy, M.A., 1953, teaches commerce at Moberly Junior College, Moberly, Missouri.

Mrs. Helen McKenzie Starbuck, M.A., 1953, is an elementary teacher in the Port Arthur schools, Port Arthur, Texas.

Kenneth J. Smith, M.A., 1953, is assistant principal and instructor in science in the Kirksville High School, Kirksville, Missouri.

Herbert M. Campbell, M.A., 1953, is teaching English, dramatics, and journalism, in the Queen City High School, Queen City, Missouri.

Harold William Cleveland, M.A., 1953, is music teacher at Eagleville, Missouri. Mr. Cleveland has been hired to teach music and direct the band at the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College, beginning with the summer of 1954 and continuing through the academic year 1954-55. Mr. Cleveland will take the place of Mr. Paul Strub, who has been granted a leave of absence to do graduate work.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Lola Dunn, 1953, married William E. Coons of Smithville, Missouri, December 26. She is an instructor of music in the high school at Smithville.

John J. Millin, 1952, of La Plata, Missouri, has been accepted for admission to the September class at Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery.

Donna L. Lamb, 1953, married Roy Lee Fischer of San Antonio, Texas, December 26. They will reside in Dallas, Texas, after his graduation at KCOS in May.

Mary Frances Johnson, 1951, married Gail Novinger of La Plata, Missouri, on December 20. At present she is an instructor of commerce in the Macon High School.



## WITH THE COLORS

Tommy Hanson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Hanson of Kirksville, has enlisted in the Marines. Before enlisting he attended KSTC.

Pvt. Charles B. Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Adams of Kirksville, has joined the Far East Command Signal Service Battalion in Tokyo. Adams is a former student at the Teachers College.

1st Lt. Donald Scriven, 1950, arrived in San Francisco on December 3 from Korea where he has been with the field artillery serving as a forward observer and as S3 in charge of fire direction. He plans to continue his work with the Fox Theaters in Kansas City.

Lt. Col. James K. Terry, 1938, son of Mrs. C. L. Terry, Kirksville, recently returned after thirteen months in Korea, where he was a battalion commander with the 7th Infantry division. After February 1, Terry will begin his studies at the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk, Va.

James E. Wayman, storekeeper second class of the U. S. Navy, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Wayman of Greentop, Mo., is stationed on the U.S.S. San Pablo. He was a junior at KSTC when he enlisted in the Navy in 1951.

Sgt. 1-c George L. Kelso, 1951, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie E. Kelso of Ethel, received a certificate naming him honor graduate of his basic training unit, Company E, 86th Regiment, Camp Funston, Ft. Riley, Kansas.

Jack Christian of Paris, has enlisted as an air cadet and will be stationed at Lackland Air Force Base in Texas.

Cpl. Donald Harvey, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Harvey of Bethel, recently took part in the dedication of the 19th Engineer Combat Groups "Chapel of the Valley" in Korea. Prior to entering the service he attended KSTC.

Sgt. Charles L. Tudor, USMC, 1951, son of Mrs. Berneice Tudor, of Queen City, received his discharge on January 31. He was in the administrative department of personnel in the marines.

Lt. Col. J. M. Flesch of Seneca, Missouri, has received orders to report to the 47th Infantry Division at Camp Rucker, Alabama. Lt. Col. Flesch has received four battle stars in World

War II and three in the Korean War. He also received the Purple Heart, the Combat Infantry Badge with Star, and the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster. He has attended the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College.

Donald Murphy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Murphy, Oakwood, Missouri, is now stationed at Camp Chaffee, Arkansas. He completed requirements for a degree at the end of the Fall quarter.

Other KSTC alumni stationed at Camp Chaffee are Alyn Burroughs, 1952, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. V. Burroughs, St. Louis, Mo.; La Verne Dabney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burt Dabney, Bloomfield, Iowa; Ivan McIntosh, 1953, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. McIntosh, Callao, Mo.; and Dale Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Noble Brown of Macon, Missouri.

Donald Maxey, USMC, 1953, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Maxey, Moberly, has received his commission as second lieutenant in the Marines at the officers candidate school in Quantico, Virginia. Glen Cafer, 1953, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra Cafer, Wright City, Mo., is also at Quantico, Va., while Bill North, 1953, son of Mrs. Lillie North, Wyaconda, Mo., is located at Fort Holabird, Baltimore, Md. An article in the Teachers College *Index*, February 17, 1954, told of the three former classmates meeting on a crowded street corner in Washington, D. C., one Saturday night.

### ALUMNI NOTES

Mary Wells Morse, 1938, is a counselor at Michigan State College, East Lansing, Michigan, where she has completed the course work for the doctoral degree.

Betty Howerton, 1950, married Hollis Adams, of Old Hickory, Tennessee, on January 2. They will reside in Old Hickory where he is part owner of a service station there.

Prof. Arthur Lee, 1896, passed away at his home in Clinton, Missouri, at the age of 78. He was regarded by many as the first citizen of Clinton because of his outstanding contribution to the education and welfare of the youth of the community.

Niota Hounsom, 1931, former resident of Kirksville, 80 years old, died at the Masonic Home in St. Louis, on January 23.

Mayme McElwee, 1953, married Raymond Abell of Monroe City, Missouri, on December 21. She plans to continue her teaching at the Spalding school.

Jerry Young, 1952, married Averill Goodrich, of Winter Park, Florida, on October 10. They will reside in Kirksville while Mr. Young is completing his Master's Degree.

### "LOST ALUMNI"

Listed below are a number of alumni of the Teachers College, who have become "lost" so far as the Alumni Office is concerned. Mail addressed to these persons at their last known address has been returned marked "undeliverable."

If you have information concerning any of these alumni will you please communicate with the Alumni Office.

—EDITOR

#### Class of 1928

Lucile A. Whitehead  
Grady Humphrey  
Mae Hofreither  
J. C. Branaman  
Arthur Gibb  
Raymond Kroggel  
Thomas Moore  
B. Earl Lett  
Lorena Card  
Rebecca Elsea  
Hazel Griffith  
Marian K. White  
Eva Wilson Cook  
Ruth Miller Steele  
Alta Minor Porter  
Ethel S. Wright  
Mabel Christie Paynter  
Mabel Minor Willcott  
Annie Norris O'Michael  
Catherine Fleming McGinnis  
Eleanor Bowling Ryman  
Lurena Brillhart Stevens

#### Class of 1903

A. Tilden Powell  
Gertrude Heller  
George Dance  
Clara Blackwell  
Sarah Thomas Hamilton  
Charles Heryford  
Allen I. Keyte  
N. Mable Owen  
Leona Brown Thorpe  
Susie Salling Meadors  
Rolla Varnon Markland  
Lelah Poppewell

