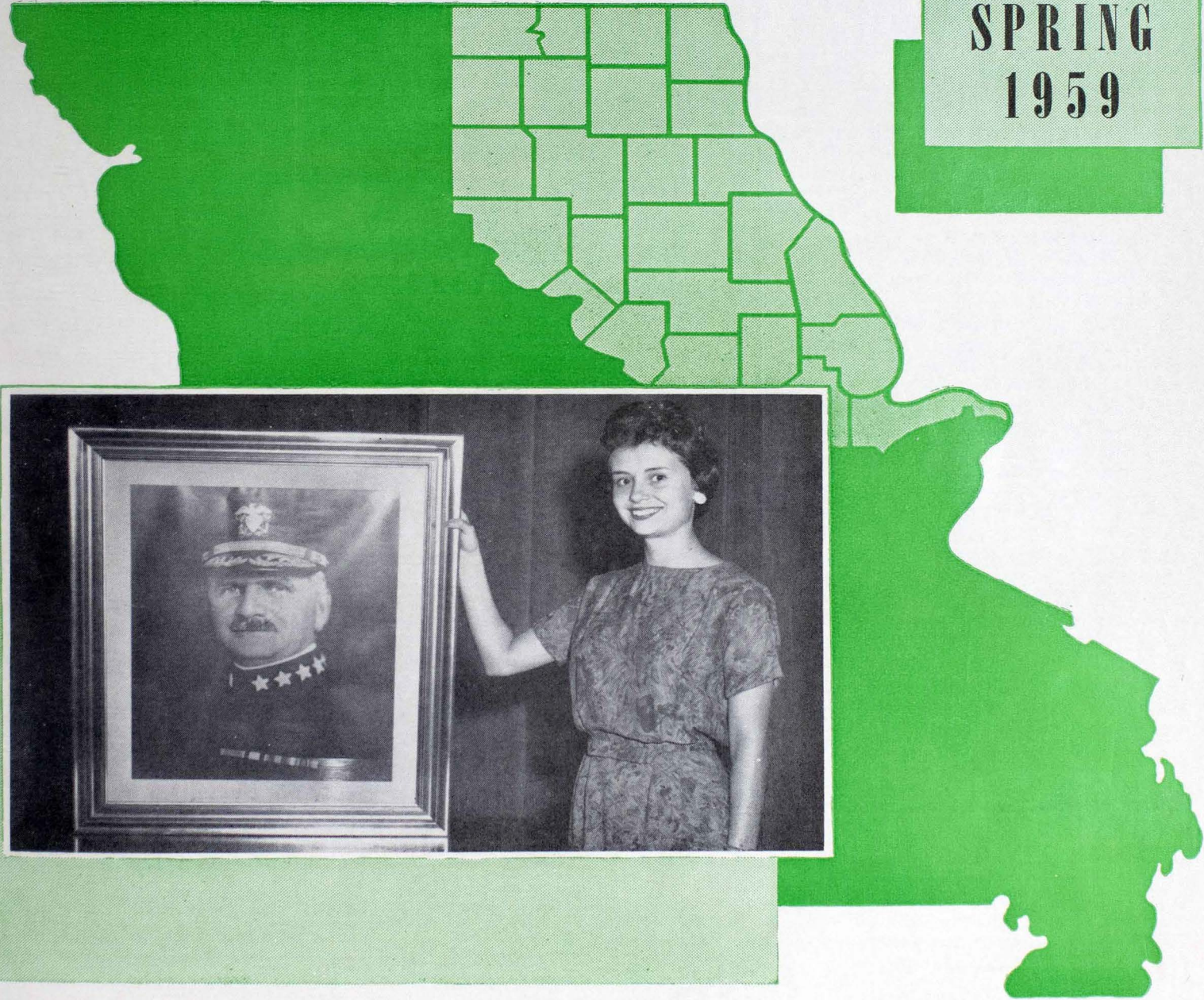


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## President's Corner

Our first auditorium was a part of "old" Baldwin Hall, built in 1871-72. This building was destroyed by fire January 28, 1924.

Following the fire the auditorium-gymnasium on the second floor of the Kirk Building was used as the College auditorium. It has been used for that purpose for more than three decades.

The completion of the College Auditorium is the realization of a dream long held by the College. Immediately after the disastrous fire of 1924 plans were set in motion for the purpose of securing funds to build an auditorium. When plans were being developed for the building of "new" Baldwin Hall, an auditorium was included. Lack of funds prevented the building of the auditorium at that time. From 1938 repeated requests were made to the Legislature for an appropriation for an auditorium. The requested funds were appropriated twice by the General Assembly but were later vetoed by the governor.

On January 24, 1956, the people of Missouri approved a bond issue for \$75,000,000 from which the General Assembly appropriated \$975,000 for the erection of an auditorium on our campus. The plans for the Auditorium were originally drawn by A. J. Pearce of Bonsack and Pearce, architects. For twenty years these plans had been under development.

As soon as funds for the Auditorium were released from the \$75,000,000 Bond Issue, the College was ready to commence work. Bids for the new Auditorium were opened on September 27, 1956, and work was commenced on April 23, 1957, and the building was ready for use on April 26, 1959.

Many people have worked long hours in creating an atmosphere of culture and beauty in the Auditorium. It is one of the best equipped auditoriums in our State.

WALTER H. RYLE, President.

## Alumni Marriages

Wayne Martin, 1956, and JoAnn M. Correll, Teachers College sophomore, were married April 21 in the Kirksville Baptist Church. He has nearly completed requirements for the Master's degree and is sports editor of the *Kirksville Daily Express*.

Madge Slaughter, 1952, was married to Kermit A. Howell Sunday, March 29 at the Queen City Baptist Church. Mrs. Howell is teaching at the Anson Junior High School in Marshalltown, Iowa, and her husband is employed at the Tama Hatchery

and Farm Store in Tama, Iowa, where the couple is residing.

Kenneth Rhodes, 1959, was married to Wanda Rose Callihan on Saturday, March 21 in the First Methodist Church in Kirksville. Mrs. Rhodes is a former Teachers College student and Mr. Rhodes is employed by the Admiral Company in Galesburg, Illinois.

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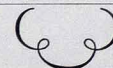
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## Cover Picture

Miss Judy Paradise of Hannibal, author of an article on page 5, poses with the portrait of her fellow townsman, Admiral Robert E. Coontz, which was recently donated to the Teachers College by the War Department and is now hanging in the main corridor of Baldwin Hall.

# Dedication Week for the New College Auditorium

The official opening of the new College Auditorium, a long-awaited event in the history of the State Teachers College, took place during the week of April 26-May 1.

First in a series of programs was the Open House held on Sunday, April 26. Tours of the Auditorium were conducted during the afternoon and evening under the direction of the History and Traditions Committee with members of Cardinal Key, Blue Key, and Student Council as guides. During the tours, the lighting, sound and stage equipment in the Auditorium were constantly demonstrated. Selections were played on the new Hammond organ by Dr. Frederic Kirchberger and Mrs. Norma Holzmeier.

On Monday evening, the Fine Arts Division presented a musical concert featuring Bach's *Chromatic Fantasy and Fugue* played by Dr. Kirchberger; Mozart's *Trio in E Flat Major*, K 498, performed by Mrs. Irene Dailey, piano; Mr. Karl E. Webb, viola; and Fred Young, clarinet; Schumann's "Dichterliebe" *Song Cycle*, presented in a new English translation by Dr. Kirchberger and sung by Dr. Stephen Hobson accompanied by Dr. Kirchberger. The final number of the evening was Dr. Leon Karel's *Sonata for Clarinet and Piano* written in 1958 especially for the performers, Mr. Young and Dr. Kirchberger.

The scene shifted from music to dramatic reading and from the new Auditorium to the newly refinished Little Theatre with Wednesday's program, a "Reading Hour" presented by Dr. Elizabeth Worrell, associate professor of speech. Dr. Worrell read excerpts from "The Liar" by Henry James, "a complex study of the relation, reaction and effect of one man's neurosis on the people around him."

Music again became the attraction as Thursday evening's program featured the organ techniques of Mario Salvador, guest artist. Dr. Salvador, a soloist from St. Louis, played a program consisting of *Trumpet Tune* by Purcell; *Prelude and Fugue in D Major* by Bach; *Minuet* (from *Serenade for Orchestra*) by Brahms; Franck's *Choral in B Minor*; *Scherzo in D* by Reger; *Pedal Concert Study* by Manari; Douglas's *Samarkand*; *Belgian Mother's Song* by Benoit; *Fantasy on a Crusader's Hymn* by Lindemann; *Bourree et Musette* by Karg-Elert; and *Tu es Petrus* by Mulet.

On Friday evening, May 1, the NEMO Singers and Madrigal Singers under the direction of Dr. Stephen Hobson presented a program of choral music in five sections. Part One

featured Bach's Motet, *Jesus, Priceless Treasure*. Part Two made use of works of the Renaissance with Claude le Jeune's *The Return of Maytime*, Gesualdo's *Dolcissima mia vita*, and Morley's *Fire, Fire My Heart*. This section was sung by the Madrigal group. Group Three consisted of *Three Fuquing Tunes* by William Billings, early American composer. Hindemith's *Six Chansons* filled Group Four and Group Five featured Choral Selections from *Carousel* accompanied by Miss Dianthe Truitt, piano.

It was estimated that better than 2,500 persons attended the Open House program series.

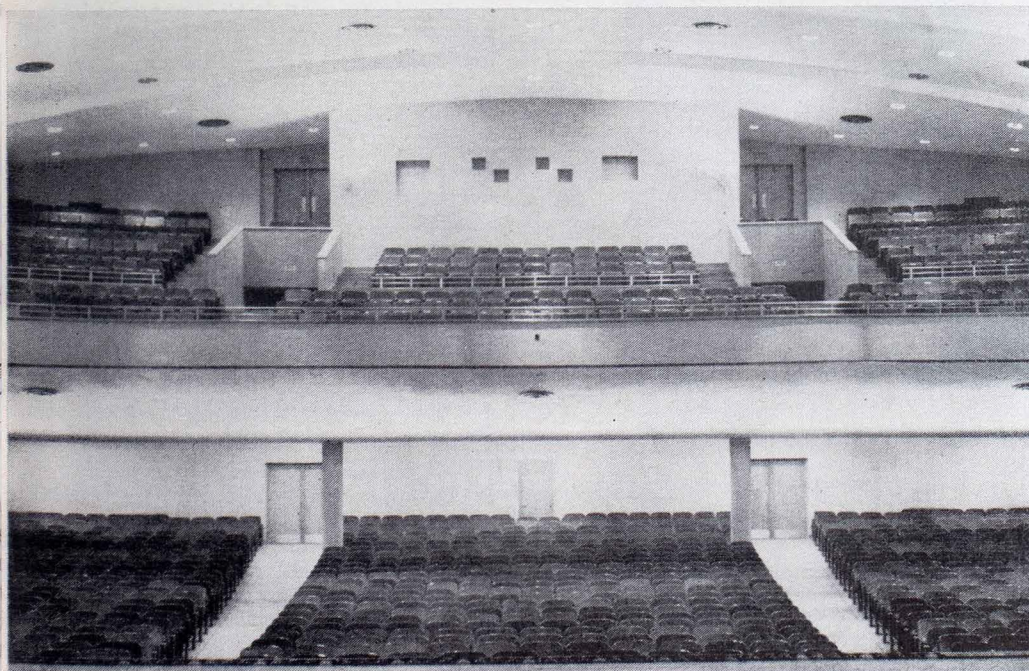
Besides providing for long-needed stage and seating facilities, the new addition to Baldwin Hall adds space for offices, classrooms, and other needs. A series of music practice rooms, offices, library and classrooms as well as additional art department space is to be found on the north side of the new addition. On the south, speech, drama, and language and literature rooms and offices are found. New lounge and rest room space, audio-visual rooms and facilities, and off-stage sound monitoring rooms are also included. Beneath the stage are scene shops, dressing rooms, storage facilities and other space.

Air-conditioning is a much talked about feature of the new Auditorium and its adjoining rooms. With the beginning of the summer session many of the assemblies and film showings will be scheduled for the cool comfort of the new Auditorium.

The Auditorium will seat 1,500 but additional seating capacity may be had by filling the adjacent Little Theatre which is now wired to carry the sound from the larger room. This will add 300 more seats.

Many of the decorative features are of the finest quality. The seats are of the automatic fold type, upholstered in turquoise matching the stage curtains. The Auditorium features an "off-white" ceiling and twilight blue walls trimmed in peach bloom. The walls and pillars are lined with St. Porta rose marble imported from Portugal.

The largest Hammond organ available is installed in the orchestra pit and a nine-foot concert Steinway piano is on stage. In addition, four other seven-foot grands and a Baldwin electronic organ are located in the music section of the new building.



The Beautiful College Auditorium

The Auditorium itself is wired for stereophonic sound.

The drama department will have the finest stage facilities for its play productions. The stage measures 60 feet across and 38 feet in depth. Three sets of curtains are available to change the depth to any desired dimension. There is also a "cyclorama" curtain which may be used as a sky drop. Stage lighting includes five banks of lights one of which is located in the ceiling of the Auditorium. Footlights may be raised when needed and completely hidden while not in use. A "pre-set" light board is located to the right of the stage and all settings can be transferred from it to the central control at the back of the Auditorium for instant control throughout a play.

A cooling unit costing \$84,600 exclusive of duct-work and labor has been built into the new Auditorium. Water is cooled to a 40 degree temperature and circulated through pipes. Two 20-ton air compressors provide the source of the freezing action. All temperature units are controlled by a master panel.

## SUMMER WORKSHOP PROGRAM

Nineteen workshops, clinics or conferences will be held during the summer quarter at the Teachers College. Experts are brought to the campus to augment the work of faculty members, and a concrete problem is attacked by leaders and participants of workshops.

Included in the schedule of workshops is one for school custodians to be held June 1-4, in which custodians of Northeast Missouri school buildings are invited to the campus to hear speakers and see exhibits and demonstrations concerning various phases of custodial work. A workshop in audio-visual education, in which instruction will be given in the use of various kinds of audio-visual equipment and materials will be held from June 15 to June 19. An English language and literature conference with the theme: "Mark Twain" will introduce students and teachers to the Twain memorial year, 125 years after his birth and 50 years after his death. The Mark Twain Conference

will also be held the week of June 15-19.

An English workshop, June 22-25, will help English teachers in elementary and secondary fields to keep up with present methods of teaching English, while the Conference on Guidance, June 22-26, will help counselors, teachers and administrators to work more effectively in assisting elementary and high school students. Two conferences on school administration to be held from June 22-26 and from July 20-24, will be highlighted by discussions led by Dr. Lester O. Litle, superintendent of schools in Quincy, Ill., and Dr. James C. Wright, state commissioner of education in Iowa. There will be a conference on school building facilities, July 6-10, to deal with the pressing need for increased and improved school building facilities. The Division of Social Science will present a workshop in sociology, during the week of July 6-10, which will concentrate on the education of social workers and the implications of social problems for special social science education.

An adult education conference, July 6-11, is designed for all community leaders and will consist of three seminars—organization and administration of adult education, the role of the public school in adult education, and special problems in adult education. Mary Evelyn Thurman, winner of more than 100 first-place awards in baton twirling, will return to the campus again this summer to conduct a baton twirling and marching clinic from July 6 to July 10.

During the week of July 13-17 a workshop in school art, will emphasize the creative approach by means of discussions and participation with various media, such as chalk, crayon, and powder. The Conference on the Teaching of Reading, July 13-17, will feature the theme, "Practice for the Purpose of Aiding an Accurate and Rapid Recognition of the Most Recently Learned Printed Words." Field Problems in Reading, July 14-17, will be a class for students meeting the prerequisites of senior or graduate standing and having two years of teaching experience. The High School Band Camp, July 20-24, will be conducted by Glenn C. Bainum, internationally known band clinician and conductor-emeritus of Northwestern University Bands.

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President Walter H. Ryle opening the first performance in the new College Auditorium

# Robert E. Coontz, Admiral From Hannibal

by

Judith Ann Paradise

Grant is a gentleman and Greeley is a fool,"

while the other side would reply by reversing the names. From the time school opened in September, until the close of the campaign, the boys would sing this refrain. Considering the spirit of young boys, it is not surprising that the day generally ended with at least one fist fight, and it was not an uncommon sight on the streets of Hannibal to see a youngster with blackened eyes and a battered nose.

Another story Coontz relates in his autobiography concerned an incident that occurred in the spring of 1875 when General William T. Sherman delivered an address in Quincy, Illinois. Because he was a member of the city council, Benton Coontz, Robert's father, made the trip to Quincy taking "Bob" with him. Mr. Coontz was seated on the platform among the distinguished guests, while his son occupied a seat near the speaker's dais. At the end of the speech, the chairman announced that General Sherman would pass through the audience to shake hands. As the General stepped

as Mark Twain. In his autobiography, Coontz describes incident after incident and prank after prank equally as mischievous and humorous as the well-known story of "how to white-wash a fence with the least amount of effort!" Coontz was noted throughout his life for having a lively sense of humor and a particular liking for pranks and practical jokes. This side of Coontz is especially evident in his book *True Anecdotes of an Admiral*.

Political struggles were very bitter in Missouri during the 1870's, and Coontz tells of one incident that occurred during the campaign of 1872 when he was attending a private school in Hannibal operated by a Mrs. Hamilton. The students, it seems, were about equally divided according to their political beliefs. One side would sing,

"Grant rides a white horse and Greeley rides a mule,



Dr. Mario Salvador of St. Louis who presented an organ recital April 30

EDITOR'S NOTE: Miss Paradise, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Paradise, Hannibal, is a graduate of the Teachers College, receiving the B.S. in Ed. degree in May, 1959.

It is somewhat of a coincidence that the top offices of both the Army and the Navy during the period following the First World War should be held by Missourians. Born in the small town of Laclede, Missouri, General John J. Pershing gained world-wide fame as commander of the American Forces in France during the war and from 1921-1924 he served as Chief of Staff, United States Army. At this same time, a man from Hannibal, Robert E. Coontz, rose to the rank of Admiral in the United States Navy and from 1923-1925 served as Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet after having been Chief of Naval Operations from 1919 to 1923.

Only fifty-five years old, Admiral Robert E. Coontz was one of the youngest men ever to hold the position of Chief of Naval Operations, the highest office in the Navy. The rise of Coontz was unusually rapid. A little more than a year before he was a Captain, ranking 74th in line of precedence in the naval register. He was made a Rear Admiral in January, 1918.

Coontz was born in 1864 in a brick house which is still standing at the northwest corner of Sixth and Bird Streets in Hannibal in a room which overlooked the busy scene of steamboats passing up and down the Mississippi. A few years later, the family moved one block north on the hill where, Coontz stated, "There was a wonderful view of the river and for many miles to the east across the lowlands of Illinois."

In his autobiography entitled *From the Mississippi to the Sea*, Coontz makes many references to Hannibal, as he paints quite a vivid picture of the early days when Hannibal was considered "one of the greatest emporiums of trade and commerce in the northern Mississippi Valley." The rolling hills of Hannibal, the view of the Mississippi from one of the bluffs overlooking the great river made a lasting impression upon Coontz as a boy, and he often referred to the town as having "the most beautiful scenery in the world."

The boyhood life of Robert Coontz was in many ways as colorful and as interesting as that of his neighbor, Samuel L. Clemens, who later gained world-wide fame for his literary talents

from the platform he walked straight to Bob Coontz's seat with outstretched hand. Recalling the rather frightening tales of his Alabama relatives concerning Sherman's march to the sea in 1864, the boy cried out "Not me!" and quickly turned his back. Needless to say, the elder Coontz and the Hannibal delegation were deeply embarrassed, and Bob Coontz was told he would be permitted "to make no more trips to meet heroes."

One of the first jobs Coontz held in Hannibal was that of a driver for the Hannibal Street Railway Company, one of the first streetcar systems in a town of its size in the midwest. The motive power, it seems, for the Hannibal cars was the faithful Missouri mule, and as a result this was not a very attractive job. Coontz worked as a relief driver sixteen hours a day for which he received twenty dollars a month. After another month, he worked as a regular driver and then was made a conductor entitling him to wear a silver badge which was the envy of his young companions. Shortly after, Coontz was made superintendent of the road, which was quite

an achievement for a lad of fifteen. Much later, George Mahan, an outstanding citizen of Hannibal, wrote:

"Bob" Coontz has faced some big problems, has filled some attractive positions, and has enjoyed high rank in the United States Navy, but no one has ever hinted at influence. This first "job" as a driver of a span of Missouri mules up and down Hannibal's thoroughfares, revealed many of those same traits of character in Robert E. Coontz that have appeared in every position later held by him."

After attending the Hannibal schools, Coontz was sent to Ingleside College in Palmyra to further his education. The college, which no longer exists, was conducted by Mrs. Pamela A. Baird, her husband, sons, daughters, and a son-in-law. Tuition for the entire school year was only fifty-two dollars and fifty cents and pupils were boarded for an additional charge of two dollars a week. Coontz paid the highest board known in Palmyra at that time, three dollars and fifty cents a week.

As his father was a director for the Hannibal and St. Joseph Railroad,

Coontz received an unlimited pass which he used in traveling back and forth from Hannibal to Palmyra. Coontz tells of one experience on a certain winter night when he and a friend decided to utilize their passes and ride to Macon, where they would change cars and return to Palmyra. The boys boarded the train and walked up and down the aisles a few times when suddenly Coontz was greeted by an outstretched arm. Looking down he saw his father who was making an unexpected business trip to Kansas City. He asked the boys what they were doing on the train, but made no further comment. Just to the east of Monroe City the train came to a sudden stop, and young Coontz was told that he must walk back to Palmyra—which he did. Walking through the heavy snow was no pleasant experience, but Coontz followed the railroad tracks and arrived in Palmyra about five o'clock in the morning. No further comments were made concerning the incident, but when it was time to renew the pass, it read, "From Hannibal to Palmyra and return."

After Ingleside College failed financially, Coontz finished his education at Hannibal College, later incorporated into Hannibal-LaGrange College.

At the time that Robert Coontz entered the Naval Academy, each representative in Congress was allowed to make only one appointment every six years. Obtaining such an appointment, therefore, was a rather hard task. There were so many candidates from the Hannibal district in 1881 that it was decided to hold a competitive examination. When the day came for the examination to be held, however, only three boys appeared; two failed the physical examination, and Coontz received the appointment in September.

During this period in the Academy's history, commissions were scarce and only a small percentage of the graduates were guaranteed commissions at the end of six years. An act of Congress in 1882 had greatly cut the number of officers and men, and many of the Navy's ships were to be taken out of operation. As a result, there was only about one promotion granted for each two vacancies that occurred.

In 1885, Coontz was graduated from the academy, standing 28th in a class of 36. He was given the rating "Passed Midshipmen," which he kept for two years. Despite the fact that commissions were hard to obtain, Coontz was named "Ensign" in 1887.

Coontz spent six years in the



The NEMO Singers

Alaskan service. During an assignment to the North Pacific waters in 1890, Coontz married Augusta Cohen of Sitka, Alaska. Three children were born to this marriage, two sons who preceded the Admiral in death, and a daughter, Bertha, who is still living.

In 1896, Coontz was appointed Lieutenant (junior grade); three years later, he received the rank of Commander; and in July, 1912, he was commissioned Captain. During 1910-1911 Coontz was commandant of midshipmen at the United States Naval Academy, then he became governor of Guam where he served for one year with marked distinction.

In July, 1915, Coontz assumed duty as Commandant, Navy Yard, Puget Sound, Washington, where he served until August, 1918, when he became Commander of the Seventh Division, United States Atlantic Fleet and assistant for Naval Operations. At the close of the First World War he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal for exceptionally meritorious service in a duty of great responsibility as Commandant of the Thirteenth Naval District and Commandant of the Bremerton Navy Yard, and also for a time while acting as assistant to the Chief of Naval Operations. Coontz was commissioned Admiral (temporary) from October, 1919, to October of 1925. He was advanced to the permanent rank of Admiral on the Retired List in June of 1930. After four years as the ranking officer in the Navy, Admiral Coontz assumed duty as Commander in Chief of the United States Fleet, 1923-1925.

In addition to his successive promotions in rank in the Navy, Admiral Coontz was singly honored by his government. Along with the Distinguished Service Medal, Admiral Coontz received the Spanish Campaign Medal, Philippine Campaign Medal, Mexican Service Medal, and Victory Medal with the Atlantic Fleet Clasp. He also received the award of Commander of the Legion of Honor from the Government of France. In June of 1926, the University of Missouri conferred upon him an honorary LL.D. degree. Coontz retired from the U.S. Navy on June 11, 1928, after 46 years of active service.

Admiral Coontz visited Hannibal for the last time on October 10, 1934, and was the guest of honor at a banquet given by war veterans and boyhood friends. It was on this occasion that he expressed his wish to be buried in Hannibal, with veterans in charge of the services.

Masonic funeral rites were held in Bremerton, Washington, on January 26, 1935, for Admiral Robert E. Coontz, Ex-Commander of the United States fleet. After this, the body was taken to Hannibal where military honors were conducted by members of the Admiral Robert E. Coontz Post of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. In accordance with the request of the Admiral, representatives of the National Headquarters of V.F.W. went to Hannibal to participate in the final services. On February 1, the body of Admiral Coontz was escorted from the Park Methodist Church, South, for burial in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, which overlooks the Mississippi River. The funeral sermon, delivered by Dr. Robin E. Gould, was carried by amplifiers to buildings near the church for the throngs of people unable to find room inside the church. The light in the Mark Twain memorial lighthouse shone down on the marching column as it wound its way through the streets of Hannibal to the place of burial.

Recently, in November, 1958, a guided missile frigate, the USS COONTZ, was launched at the Puget Sound Naval Shipyard, Bremerton, Washington. The vessel was sponsored by Mrs. Robert J. Coontz, wife of Lieutenant R. J. Coontz, USN, grandson of Admiral Coontz.

The name of Robert E. Coontz has reflected credit and glory on the good name of Hannibal as well as the state of Missouri. Her citizens can justly take great pride in such a record.

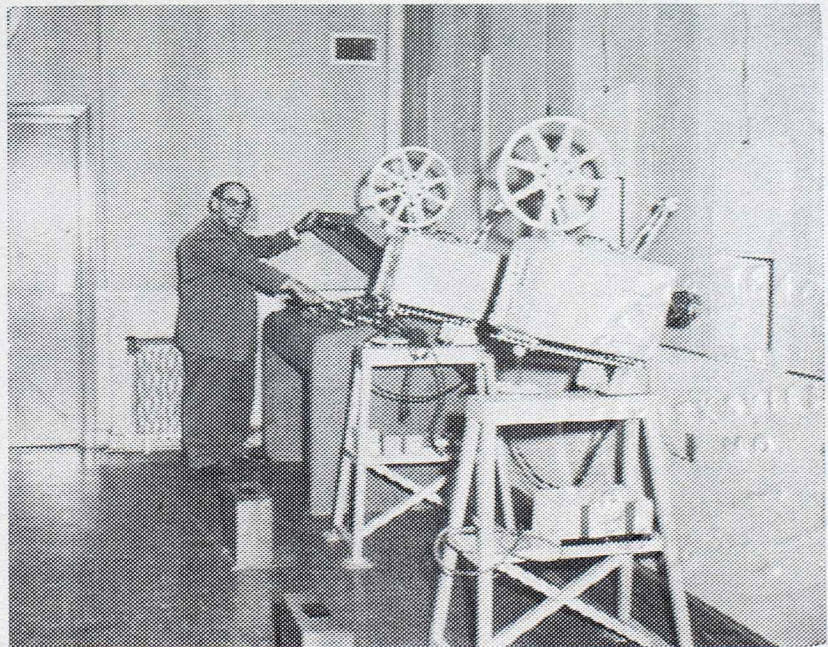
## WORKSHOP PROGRAM

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An elementary school music conference, July 20-24, has been designed to augment the knowledge of music teaching for elementary classroom teachers. The workshop in the education of the Exceptional Child, July 27-31, will offer new materials and methods for teaching the child who deviates from the so-called normal. From July 27-July 31 a driver education seminar will be presented to prepare college graduates as qualified instructors of driver education for the Missouri public schools. A conference on conservation education to be held June 29-July 2 will stress conservation throughout the school curriculum.

In addition to these workshops and conferences the Division of Social Science will present its regular summer class in World Relations which will feature this year problems of modern Africa. Outstanding authorities from various universities and colleges of the Middle West will serve as guest lecturers on different phases of the African situation each Wednesday afternoon at 3:00 throughout the quarter.

William S. Bowles, 1955, has been named head football coach at Centralia High School. Bill has been coaching at St. Charles for the past three years. He is married to the former Geri Orwiler. They have two children.



Mr. Sherod Collins of the speech department displaying some of the technical equipment of the new Auditorium during the Open House on April 26

# First Northeast Missouri Regional Science Fair

## Fair

by

**Maurice Finkel**

**Professor of Science Education and  
Science Fair Director**

On April 24 and 25, the Teachers College sponsored the first science fair ever to be held in this region. Increasingly science fairs are being held throughout the nation beginning with high school fairs on the county level and moving up through regional and state fairs to the National Science Fair held each year in a different location. Much interest has been manifested in these fairs and many sponsors have offered prizes and scholarships in connection with them. In some of the large cities the expenses have run into thousands of dollars, and full time directors, secretaries, and batteries of counselors have been employed.

The primary purpose of the science fair is, of course, to help create interest in science and to supply incentives for students at both the elementary and secondary levels to organize projects demonstrating some basic principle of

science. The public has been amazed at the extremely complex projects developed by some of the youngsters who have both the interest and the intelligence for creative scientific endeavor.

The science fair instituted on the campus in 1959 had only the Teachers College as its sponsor. All funds and personnel were supplied by the school as well as the space to house the exhibits. Prizes in the form of scholarships to the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College were supplied by

President Ryle. Considerable advice on how to run a science fair was received from the directors of the St. Louis and Kansas City fairs and the National Science Fair. In addition, Dr. Wray Rieger, head of the Division of Science and Mathematics, was a source of considerable assistance and counsel throughout the project.

The fair was open to students from the ninth to the twelfth grades in schools of the twenty-five counties of Northeast Missouri. Six prizes were offered: A four-year, three-year and two-year scholarship respectively, to the first, second, and third place winners and three one-year scholarships to the fourth place winners. Criteria by which the awards were made included: (1) Creative ability; (2) Scientific thought; (3) Thoroughness; (4) Skill; (5) Clarity; (6) Dramatic presentation.

Judy Hogge, a senior in Canton High School, won first prize for her exhibit showing rabbit and chicken



Mrs. Irene Dailey, Dr. Frederic Kirchberger, Dr. Stephen G. Hobson, Mr. Karl Webb, and Mr. Fred Young, all members of the Division of Fine Arts, who were presented in a recital in the College Auditorium on April 27

← Dr. Elizabeth Worrell reading from Henry James' "The Liar" in the newly redecorated Little Theatre

embryology. She had spent a year's time preparing the exhibit on rabbits and nine months on the chicken project. Second place also went to a student of Canton High School, Harold Richards, a sophomore, whose exhibit showed the principles involved in rocket testing. Third place winner was Jerry Maddox of Fulton for his exhibit of two dissected rats, one normal and one which had been given morphine. It was entitled "Morphine, Friend or Foe?" The three fourth place awards went to Robert Collins of Canton for his exhibit on recording weather data; Marvin Wolfmeyer, LaGrange High School, for his bright line spectra analysis; and Jim Wharton, Palmyra High School, whose exhibit demonstrated the triode vacuum tube.

The judges of the fair were: Dr. John Greenbank, instructor in mathematics; Dr. Max Freeland, associate professor of chemistry; and Mr. Felix Rothschild, Director of Student Teaching, Secondary level.

Several hundred individuals visited the fair and showed a great interest

in the projects. There were twenty-five exhibits shown. These were the best that the various counties of Northeast Missouri had to offer. It is not intended that the fair held at this institution be used for just any project that a student develops. All such exhibits should be run through a local fair. The result intended is that the regional fairs held on this campus be limited to finalists of local fairs. It is possible that should our fair receive sponsorship from outside organizations, it will, in the future, be able to send its winners to the National Science Fair. This is an expensive project as it involves a good sized entrance fee and in addition all the costs of sending and keeping a student and chaperon. It is expected that the Second Northeast Missouri Regional Science Fair will be held next spring here on this campus. No doubt, it will be bigger and better, but even more important it is hoped the students who have the potential in intelligence and interest to study science will be given the opportunity to express themselves creatively.

## BIRTHS TO ALUMNI

John Spicer, 1953, superintendent of schools of Callao, and his wife are the parents of a daughter born March 6.

Arthur L. Streb, 1956, and Mrs. Streb are the parents of a son born March 15. Mr. Streb is football coach at Central High School in St. Louis. His wife is the former Beverly Altrogge.

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hoffner are the parents of a daughter born Saturday, April 4 in Des Moines, Iowa. Mr. Hoffner is a 1953 graduate and Mrs. Hoffner, the former Dorothy Sanders, also graduated in 1953.

Lt. and Mrs. William Dyer of Ft. Meade, Maryland, are the parents of a son born March 25. Lt. Dyer is a 1955 graduate of the Teachers College, while Mrs. Dyer, the former Wynona Head, graduated in 1956.

Velma Wiss, 1955, a teacher in the third grade at Lincoln School in Keokuk, was recently featured as teacher of the week in the Keokuk, Iowa, *Gate City*.



Mr. Forest Crooks and an assistant demonstrating audio-visual laboratory equipment during the Open House to inaugurate the official opening of the College Auditorium

## ALUMNI NOTES

Mary Ella Hilbert, 1952, is the second grade teacher in Quincy, Illinois. Mrs. Hilbert has a daughter, Ann Louise.

Leland H. Blackman, 1935, is engaged in farming near Powersville. Mr. and Mrs. Blackman reside on the farm that they operate.

Betty Jean Allen, 1958, is completing her first year of teaching at the Jackson Elementary School in Ft. Madison, Iowa. She is teaching the fifth grade.

James V. Jenkins, B.S. in Ed., 1950, and M.A., 1953, is director of elementary education of the Poplar Bluff schools. Mr. Jenkins and his wife and daughter live at 1108 Fairmount.

Jo McKay, 1958, has been appointed Home Economics Agent for Sullivan County with offices in Milan. She has done graduate work in food and nutrition at the University of Missouri.

Shirley Reed Browning, 1957, is a stenographer in Checotah, Oklahoma. Her husband is a senior at Central State College in Edmund. They have one daughter, Roberta Ann.

Don Shippee, 1951, has resigned as band director of the Kirksville public schools to accept a similar position at Hickman Mills. He joined the Kirksville faculty in 1956 and is married and has three children.

Milton A. Probasco, 1952, is director of music of the Waterloo, Illinois, public schools. Mr. and Mrs. Probasco have two daughters.

Earl Poore, 1923, is an insurance agent with offices in Little Rock, Arkansas. He is an agent with Mutual of Omaha Insurance Co. and his address is 719 Main.

Guy Allen Buchanan, 1958, is English and social studies teacher at the Hoech Junior High School in St. Ann. Buchanan was enrolled in graduate work at the Teachers College last summer.

Donald E. Truitt, 1950, has been transferred to the executive development section in the Motorola offices in Chicago. He has been Assistant Director of Personnel at the Motorola Plant in Quincy, Illinois. He is married and has two children.

Major Aven Lee Roberts, 1937, an instructor in physics and trigonometry at Kemper Military Academy in Boonville, has been selected by the National Science Foundation for participation in an eight-week institute at the University of Missouri this summer.

Donna Lamb Fischer, B.S. in Ed., 1953, and M.A., 1957, is the author of a series of reports on the rural extension clinics at the K.C.O.S. which have been published by the *Journal of the American Osteopathic Association*. These articles are based on the thesis

written by Mrs. Fischer as a partial requirement for the Master's Degree. Dr. and Mrs. Fischer now reside in Dallas, Texas, where Mrs. Fischer teaches American history in the Highland Park Senior High School.

Dr. W. A. Jones, the husband of Mary Maxine Stone Jones, 1956, died in a hospital in Corpus Christi, Texas, on February 19. Dr. Jones was a practicing physician in Corpus Christi and is survived by his wife and four children including three daughters and one son.

W. Jack Magruder, 1957, has been selected by the National Science Foundation for nine weeks of research at the Louisiana State University at Baton Rouge. The program begins on June 4 and ends August 8. Jack is a science teacher at the Kirksville Senior High School. His wife, the former Sue Brimer, 1955, and their daughter, Julie Beth, will accompany him.

## ALUMNI DEATHS

Dale Tucker, 1929, died in Jefferson City on March 14. He had been in ill health for about five years. He had been a teacher in Missouri for thirty years.

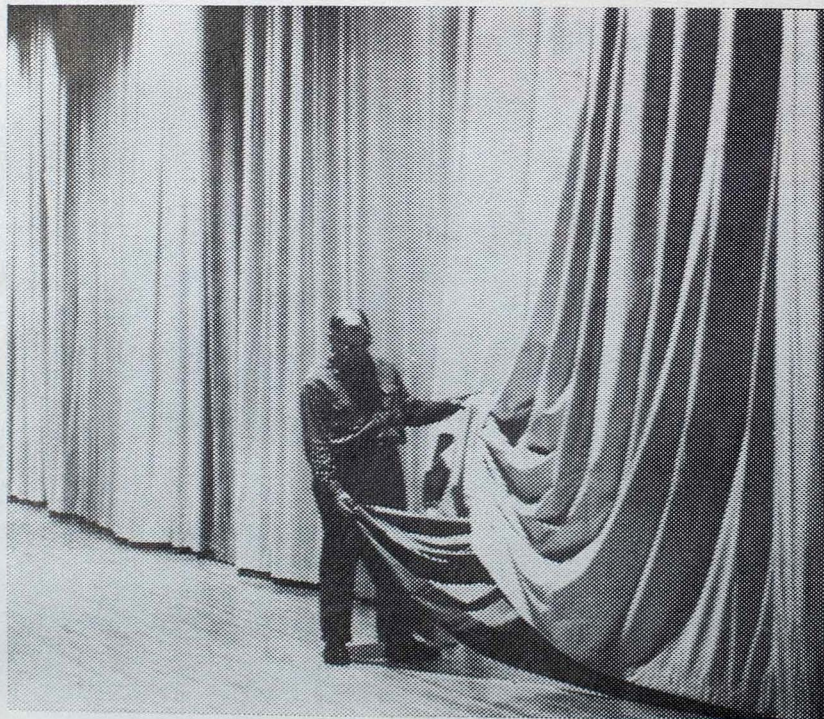
Eva Englehart Douglas, 1928, died in a Washington, D. C., hospital on February 21, after an illness of several weeks. She was survived by her mother and her husband. Funeral services and burial were held in Kirksville.

Ruth L. Shipley, 1927, died Sunday, March 8, in a Kirksville hospital after a short illness. Miss Shipley was a lifelong resident of Sullivan county and had taught English in the Milan High School for a number of years. Interment was near Reger.

Victor Kirk, 1912, the son of the late Dr. and Mrs. John R. Kirk, died February 25, in a St. Louis hospital after a long career as a teacher and coach in the St. Louis area. He was 70 and had retired from teaching last year. Funeral services and interment were held in Kirksville.

Kate Funk Simpson, 1886, died March 31, in a Spokane, Washington, hospital. She was 93 and had lived in Spokane for the past 57 years where her husband was an United States District Attorney at the time of his death in 1937. She was a native of Edina and was a leader in church and civic affairs in Spokane for a number of years.

Dean Songer Brooks, 1924, died in a Kirksville hospital Monday, April 27, after an illness of several months



Stage Curtains in new College Auditorium

Funeral services were held in Kirksville. She is survived by one daughter, Linda, a graduating senior at the Teachers College, and two sons, one of whom is Ellsworth Brooks, Jr., 1950. Her husband, Ellsworth, Sr., 1926, died in November of last year.

## FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Paul Strub, professor of band music, directed a festival for public school bands on April 18 at Dupou, Ill.

Dr. Bing-kun Shao, assistant professor of economics, attended the Midwest Economics Conference, April 16-17, in St. Louis.

Forest L. Crooks, director of audio-visual education, attended the national convention for audio-visual instruction held the first and second week of April in Seattle, Washington.

Dr. Ruth Towne and Walter H. Ryle, IV, of the Division of Social Science, attended the meeting of the Mississippi Valley Historical Association, April 23-25, in Denver, Colorado.

Dr. Gilbert C. Kohlenberg, head of the Division of Social Science, was elected vice-president of the Missouri Council for the Social Studies at an April meeting of the council on the University of Missouri campus.

An article by Dr. Halbert Tate, professor of city school administration, appeared in the March issue of "The Missouri School Board." The article, entitled "Sale of School Serial Bonds," was based on his dissertation concerning serial bonds.

Mrs. Ruth Beal, dean of women, and Dr. Robert Wright, head of the Division of Personnel Service, attended a convention of the American Personnel and Guidance Association the week of March 23 in Cleveland. Mrs. Beal also attended a convention for dean of women while there.

Mrs. Dorothy Pearson, head of the Division of Home Economics, and Miss Marilyn Simmons and Miss Geraldine Gosch of the Division attended the annual meeting of the Missouri Home Economics Association, March 26-28, in St. Louis. Mrs. Pearson is the new president of the Association.

President Walter H. Ryle and nine faculty members attended a meeting of the Northeast Missouri Schoolmasters Club on April 23 in Macon. The faculty members were: Dr. R. L. Terry, Dr. H. B. Tate, Dr. Ivan Miller, Dr. Ralph House, Dr. E. i Mittler, Dr. Paul Strub, Quentin Smith, Adrian Fullerton and Pete Nicolletti.

Dr. James Hood, of the Division of Social Science, attended the Central Renaissance Conference, April 24-25, at Stephens College in Columbia.

Quentin Smith, instructor in mathematics education, attended a meeting of the Missouri Council of Teachers of Mathematics on April 25 at Lindenwood College in St. Charles.

Mrs. Sarah Wimp, health nurse, was on the nominating committee for new officers at an April meeting of the tri-state section of the American College Health Association held in Lincoln, Neb.

Sherod Collins, assistant professor of speech, and two students attended a convention of Pi Kappa Delta, National debate fraternity, held from March 21 to April 4 at Bowling Green University in Bowling Green, Ohio.

Dr. Michel Ramon, associate professor of Spanish, and Dr. Hans Hagemann, associate professor of German, attended an annual meeting of the Central States Modern Language Teachers Association, May 1-2, in St. Louis.

Dr. Dean Rosebery, professor of general science, attended the National Science Teachers meeting the week of March 30 in Atlantic City, New Jersey and a meeting of the Missouri Science Teachers Association, March 28 at the University of Missouri. He presided at the state association meeting.

Dr. John Biggerstaff, college physician, attended the World Congress of Flight, April 12-19, at Las Vegas, Nev. More than 5000 persons from 52 nations were present including such dignitaries as Secretary of Air Force William Douglas, Air Force Chief Curtis Le May and Dr. Edward Teller, father of the atom.

Four faculty members attended a meeting of the Council of General Education, March 21-22, at Drake University in Des Moines, Ia. They were Dr. Maurice Finkel, professor of science education, Dr. Leon Karel, professor of theory, Walter H. Ryle, IV, assistant professor of Western Hemisphere history, and Miss Leona Whittom, instructor in English.

An article by Dr. Elizabeth Worrell, associate professor of speech, appeared in a recent issue of the *Midwest Review* published by Nebraska State Teachers College, Wayne, Nebraska. The article, entitled "Hornet in the Mud," grew out of her research for her doctoral dissertation at Northwestern University which was "A Study of the Short Works of Virginia Woolf."

## SPORTS

The 1958-59 Bulldog athletic teams accomplished a feat unprecedented at the College as they were first in the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association all-sports rating with 13½ points.

Southwest Missouri State College of Cape Girardeau was runnerup with 18½ points. The Bulldogs were third in football and second in basketball. Cindermen at the College were undefeated this spring, winning the conference indoor meet for the first time in the school's history and bringing home the first outdoor conference championship since 1932. Tennis was played on the campus for the first time since World War II, and the College netmen tied for third place in the conference matches. They won five out of seven other matches against strong competition.

Kirksville golfers had a successful season, highlighted by a first-place finish in conference matches. The linksmen took seven out of nine other matches during the season, avenging one of the defeats to Quincy College.

The first cross-country team to compete at K.S.T.C. finished second last fall at the conference race, and won five out of seven dual races.

Hats off to Grid Coach Maurice "Red" Wade, Cage and Golf Coach Boyd King, Track Coach Kenneth Gardner, Tennis Coach Ralph Pink and Cross-Country Team Coach Norman White for jobs well done in leading the Teachers College athletes to a great year.

## MISS ZOLLER DIES

Miss Alma K. Zoller, instructor emeritus in health, died suddenly on April 2 at her home, 207 East Patterson in Kirksville. She retired from the faculty in September after serving at the College since 1929. Miss Zoller was acting head of the Division of Health and Physical Education five times and sponsored Alpha Sigma Alpha sorority for over twenty years. During the First World War she served in the Army Nurses Corps.

## PRESIDENT'S MOTHER DIES

Mrs. Walter H. Ryle, 89, mother of President Walter H. Ryle, died on March 11 at the home of another son, Claude B., after a lengthy illness. She was preceded in death by her husband and parents and had spent her entire life in Yates. A third son, Ivan S., of Salina, Kans., also survives.

