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## President's Corner

During the past twenty years, according to a recent survey of the alumni of our College, one hundred one graduates of the State Teachers College have received the doctoral degree. We have no record of many students who have attended the College at some time but were not granted a baccalaureate degree here and subsequently finished the work for a doctorate.

We feel greatly honored to have such a large number of our alumni receiving the highest degree granted by institutions of higher learning in this country. It should also be borne in mind that this study deals only with the last twenty years. Many alumni of this institution attained the doctor's degree prior to 1937. Likewise, a number of recent alumni are now working toward the doctorate and will soon be added to this number.

Of the one hundred one degrees conferred, thirty-one were granted by the University of Missouri, fourteen by the University of Iowa, seven by the University of Colorado, four by Washington University, and one each by the University of Illinois, the University of Indiana, the University of Minnesota, the University of Southern California, New York University, Iowa State College, and George Peabody College for Teachers. Fifty-five of the alumni who earned the doctorate received the Ph.D. degree, and forty-six took their work in education receiving the Ed.D. degree. Science was the most popular field for the Ph.D. with 19 alumni majoring in some branch of science. Eleven of the Ph.D. degrees were awarded in history.

Twelve alumni of the State Teachers College were granted the doctor's degree in 1951 and nine degrees were earned both in 1940 and in 1953. In 1943 and again in 1950 there were seven degrees granted to our alumni.

As the number of those who receive the master's degree from the College increases, no doubt the number of our alumni who complete the work for the doctoral degree will also increase. The time is not far distant when the master's degree will be a prerequisite for teaching in the better public school systems of our nation. For college teaching the demand for those who have the doctor's degree will increase as the years move forward.

Those who wish to make teaching their life's profession should think seriously about completing the work for the two graduate degrees. We are proud of our number who have reached

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the highest academic goal. We hope their number will increase in the immediate years ahead, for people with doctoral degrees are in great demand not only in the academic world but in many other important fields of human activity.

WALTER H. RYLE, President

## Alumni Notes

Harold F. Way, Jr., 1951, has joined the staff of the University of California's new College of Letters and Science at Riverside as acting instructor in political science. He received his M.A. degree from Oklahoma State University and is working toward the doctorate from Cornell.

Katherine Troester Schulz, 1936, died at her home in Tigerton, Wisconsin, November 5, 1957. She received her master's degree from the University of Iowa and did further graduate work at Columbia University, New York. She taught physical education in the Webster Groves High School for seven years prior to her marriage. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. A. R. Schulz, pastor of the Lutheran Church in Tigerton, and one daughter Carla Kay.

Archie L. Music, 1928, a well-known artist, has published a story-picture book entitled *Jigger Flies First*. Mr. Musick was at one time a member of the Teachers College faculty and now has charge of art training in the Cheyenne Mountain schools.

Paul Koprovia, 1956, is head of the industrial arts department at John Burroughs, a private preparatory school in St. Louis County. Mrs. Koprovia, the former Mary Louise Sangster, 1944, teaches in the Kirkswood elementary schools.

Frederick H. Gottman, 1957, has been appointed to the position of Food and Drug Chemist in the St. Louis laboratory of the Food and Drug Administration. His appointment in the federal career service is under regulations of the United States Civil Service Commission.

## Cover Picture

Judith and Janet Robyn Howell, daughters of Capt. Robert Newland Howell, Jr., view the plaque honoring their father and eight other students of the College who gave their lives in the Korean War as Lt. Col. Robert L. McKinney explains its significance.

# DEDICATION OF KOREAN PLAQUE

A bronze plaque honoring nine students of the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College who lost their lives in the Korean War was dedicated in a special Veteran's Day program November 11. The plaque will be hung in the main reading room in Pickler Library beside those recording the names of students who died in World War I and World War II.

Lt. Col. Robert McKinney, a 1936 graduate of the Teachers College and assistant to the office of the President of the College, who has been on military leave of absence since 1950, gave the dedicatory address entitled "All the Way." Referring to the fact that this was the third tablet dedicated within his lifetime, the speaker asked if there would be others. "Our ability to go all the way will determine the answer to that question," he said.

Col. McKinney emphasized the importance of education if freedom is to win over tyranny. "This college is on freedom's side in the front line of today's struggle. The battle is for the minds of men. Here truth is taught, and truth is the greatest enemy of the dictator, because in time the truth will destroy him. Only by individual and collective willingness to accept and discharge responsibilities and by vigilant and dauntless action on every front can the free world remain free. As we honor today those former students who gave their lives in the cause of freedom, it is fitting that we dedicate ourselves to the preservation of the ideals of our inheritance. May we too be able to go all the way."

The program opened with the entrance of the color guard from the 35th Reconnaissance Company of the Missouri National Guard, and closed with the playing of taps and the firing of the volley by the color guard. The Rev. Robert Bahr, pastor of the Faith Lutheran Church of Kirksville gave the invocation and the College chorus under the direction of Miss Phradie Wells sang two numbers. The plaque was unveiled by Miss Janet Robyn Howell, daughter of Robert Newland Howell, Jr., one of the honored dead. Relatives of the men honored were special guests at the program.

## Nine Students Killed in the Korean War

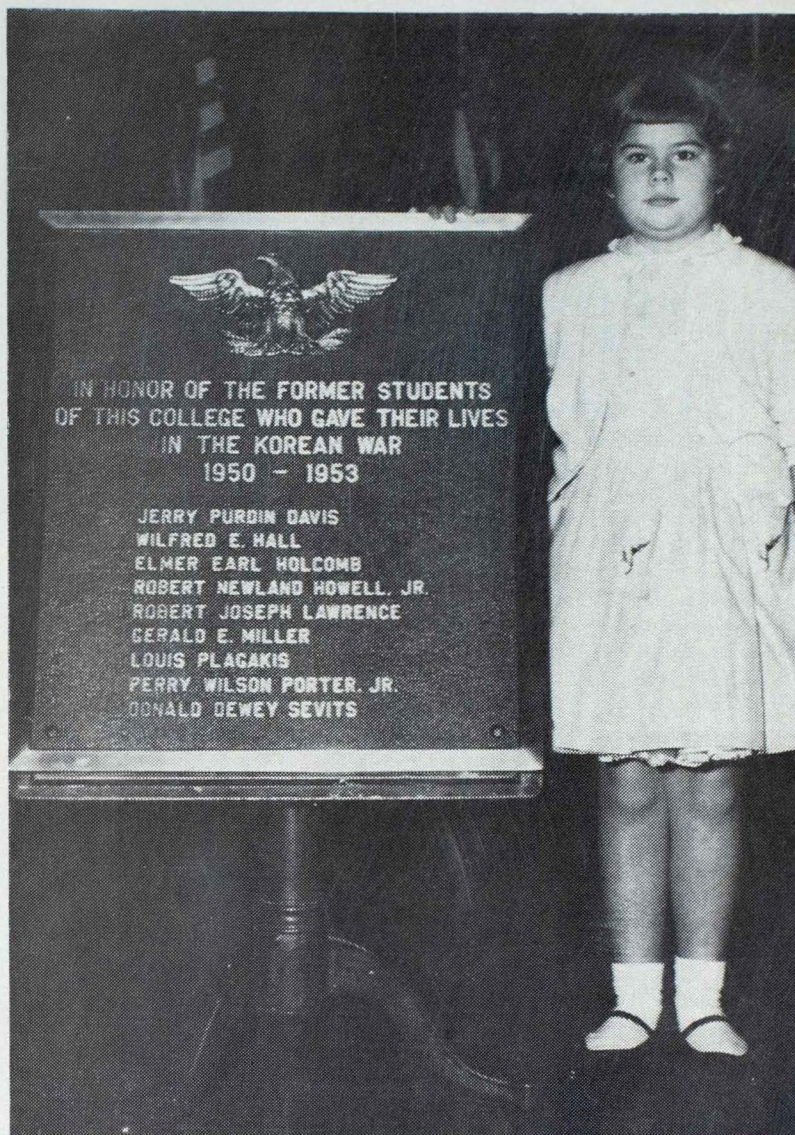
Jerry Purdin Davis was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Nelson Davis, formerly of Kirksville but now residing in La Plata. He enrolled in the College in September of 1949 and served as president of the freshman class that year. He was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma and Alpha Phi Omega and was majoring in business education. He enlisted in the Navy in September of 1950 and was killed April 26, 1952, in the sinking of the destroyer *Hobson* in the North Atlantic.

Wilford E. Hall, son of Mr. and Mrs. Myron Hall of Coffey, Missouri, enrolled in the Teachers College in September of 1949. He was a physical education major and held an athletic scholarship. He entered the United States Army in the spring of 1950 and was killed in action in Korea on November 5, 1952.

Elmer Earl Holcomb was the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Bert L. Holcomb of Hannibal. He enrolled in the College in September, 1950 and was immediately called into service as a sergeant first class in the United States Army. He was killed in action in Korea on May 18, 1951, and was awarded posthumously the silver star for gallantry in action as a result of the delaying rear guard action he fought that day while his comrades withdrew to better positions. He gave his life that they might live. Sgt. Holcomb was married to the former Billie Marjorie Baldwin and is survived by two daughters, Jacqueline and Joan, who now live in Plevna, Missouri.

Robert Newland Howell, Jr., son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Robert Newland Howell of Kirksville, enrolled in the College in September of 1937 and left the campus to enter the Air Corps in 1940. He served in World War II and was discharged with the rank of Captain. He was recalled to duty in 1950 and was killed in action in Korea in August, 1950. He was married to the former Eleanor McKasson and is survived by two daughters, Judith and Janet Robyn, who reside in Kirksville.

Robert Joseph Lawrence was the son of Mrs. Floyd Workman of St. Louis. He enrolled in the Teachers College in September of 1949 and re-



Miss Janet Robyn Fowell as she unveiled the Korean Plaque

Courtesy of the Kirksville Daily Express

ceived the B. S. in Ed. degree in May, 1952. He was a star basketball player and was awarded the Stickler Cup in 1952. He was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. Following his graduation he entered the Army and was stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood. He was killed in an automobile accident near Sullivan, Missouri, January 28, 1953.

Gerald Edwin Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest B. Miller of Brashear, enrolled in the College in September, 1951, on a Regents' Scholarship. He was a business education major. He entered the Army in February of 1951 and was killed in action in Korea in September, 1951. He received the Purple Heart and a number of other citations.

Louis Plagakis, son of Mrs. Christina Plagakis of Quincy, Illinois, enrolled in the College in September, 1949. He was prominent in athletics during the 1949-1950 school year. He entered the Marine Corps on July 17, 1951, and held the rank of corporal at the time of his death. He was killed in action in Korea on October 27, 1952. He was the recipient of a number of citations for gallantry in action.

Perry Wilson Porter, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Perry Wilson Porter of Unionville, Missouri, enrolled in the Teachers College in September, 1942. He majored in business administration and received the B.S. degree in 1949. He was a member of Pi Omega Pi. He served in World War II and rose to the rank of captain in the Marine Corps. He was recalled to active duty in July, 1951, and was reported missing in action in Korea, May 2, 1952. He was ruled dead



Lt. Col. Robert L. McKinney and President Walter H. Ryle on the stage before the opening of the Veteran's Day program at which the Korean Plaque was dedicated.

January 7, 1954. He was married to the former Mary Margaret O'Conner and is survived by one daughter, Pamela, of Kirksville.

Donald Dewey Sevits, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Sevits, Kirksville, entered the College in September, 1951. He was a member of Sigma Tau Gamma. He enlisted in the Army in July of 1952 and was stationed at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina, with an airborne detachment at the time of his death. He was killed in a motorcycle accident at Gainesville, Georgia, on August 13, 1953.

## Cornerstone Laying for Pershing Building

Edward V. Long, lieutenant governor of Missouri, was the principal speaker at the cornerstone laying ceremonies for the Pershing Building, the new health and physical education building, held November 13. Former United States Senator Frank P. Briggs of Macon, Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, A. F. and A. M., was in charge of the cornerstone laying. Due to poor weather conditions all the program with the exception of the actual laying of the cornerstone was held in Kirk Auditorium.

In his address Lt. Gov. Long traced the steps leading up to the \$75,000,000 bond issue, the campaign for its passage, its appropriation and the final release of the appropriated funds. He expressed his admiration for the Teachers College and its leadership in the training of teachers in Missouri and challenged the students to go out to their respective communities and be active citizens and leaders.

Mr. P. M. Marr, president of the Board of Regents, presided at the program, and President Walter H. Ryle introduced the distinguished guests present. Special music was furnished by the College band. The faculty committee in charge of the program included Dr. Wray Rieger, Chairman; Dr. Leon Karel, Dr. Pauline D. Knobbs; Dr. Norman White; Otho Barnett; and C. Hugh Gardner.

Alfred Welch, 1955, is teaching bookkeeping and typing in the Macon High School.



Part of the group of relatives of the honored dead of the Korean War who were special guests of the College at the dedicatory services November 11. Left to right: Perry Wilson Porter of Unionville; Mrs. Mary Margaret Porter Schaefer, Kirksville; Mrs. Porter; Earl Nelson Davis, LaPlata; Mrs. Davis;



the Rev. Bert Holcomb, Hannibal; Mrs. Carl Gottman, Hannibal; Mrs. Holcomb; Mrs. Eleanor Howell Reed, Kirksville.

Pictured at right: Cornerstone Laying Ceremonies of the Pershing Building showing Lt. Gov. Long in the left foreground and Senator Frank P. Briggs, right rear.

# BUILDING PROGRAM UNDERWAY

Alumni who visit the State Teachers College campus in the near future will find many changes in the physical plant. The most extensive building program in the history of the College is now underway. This program includes the construction of five new buildings, as well as the renovation of two old ones.

One of the long-time needs of the College being filled through the construction program is a modern auditorium adjacent to Baldwin Hall. Work which began on the auditorium in April of last year is scheduled for completion in August of 1958. The building will feature the most modern stage and lighting equipment and will have a seating capacity of more than 1400. Included in the new auditorium section will be several classrooms for the fine arts and language and literature divisions, as well as a large room for audio-visual education.

The second major improvement being added to the campus is a new Health and Physical Education Building being constructed just south of the present Grim Hall for women. The

building has been named the Pershing Building, in honor of General John J. Pershing, an alumnus of the College. The brick structure will be approximately 152 feet wide and 270 feet long. It will contain a field house with a permanent hardwood basketball court 114 feet long and 62 feet wide and a seating capacity of several thousand. The field house will also have a 1/10 mile indoor track with a 60 yard straightaway for dashes and pits for high jumping, pole vaulting, and broad jumping. There will be classrooms for men's physical education classes, as well as three teaching areas for physical education. Modern shower and locker facilities will be provided. Sections of the building originally planned but not being included at this time due to a shortage in funds are a wing for women's physical education, an indoor swimming pool, and additional teaching areas. The building will face east and its entrance will be located just west of the present College housing units. It is scheduled to be completed and ready for occupancy by September, 1958.

The third new building, Brewer Hall, a dormitory for men, is being constructed to join the present Blanton and Nason Halls, making a complete U-shaped unit. Including the present Dorm C, which is actually a part of Brewer Hall, the building will house 148 men. It will be an exact duplicate of the present Blanton Hall for women.

The first floor will contain a modern cafeteria and recreation lounge. The second floor will have a large reception lounge, similar to the Blanton Hall Rose Lounge. The third and fourth floors will each have smaller lounges and are expected to be ready for occupancy by the opening of school this fall. The first and second floors will be completed later in September.

The rooms will house two men each and will be laid out in suites with two rooms sharing a bath. The dormitory will be furnished with modern furniture and will be one of the nicest men's dormitories on any College campus. The building is being named in honor of Basil Brewer, a 1901 alumnus of the Teachers College, who wrote the school song, "Old Missou."



Excavation for Brewer Hall, Men's Dormitory Being Constructed Adjacent to Nason Hall

Mr. Brewer is the publisher and owner of a chain of daily newspapers in Massachusetts and on the East Coast.

Another important addition to the campus is the new heat plant being housed in a new building under construction at the rear of the present heat plant. Complete replacement of equipment from new heat lines to all new boilers and coal handling systems is being made. Ten different firms are supplying the mechanical equipment and the new brick building is well underway.

A contract is expected to be signed soon for the construction of the Fair Apartments for married students being named in honor of Dr. Eugene Fair, President of the Teachers College from 1925 to 1937. The one story U-shaped, brick structure will contain 30 furnished apartments, each consisting of a living room, dining area, kitchenette, bedroom and bath. Laundry and parking facilities will also be provided. The apartment building will be located north of the present Missou Hall for men, and will face Patterson Avenue.

Renovation of Laughlin Hall, formerly known as the Old Science Hall, is now underway. The top floor of the building will provide a large lecture room, several classrooms and faculty office space. The second floor of the building will be devoted to adminis-

trative office space, more classrooms and faculty offices. The women's physical education department will remain in the basement until it is possible to add the women's wing to the Pershing Building.

Plans are now being made for turning the present Kirk Building, formerly known as Kirk Auditorium, into a modern student services building. More definite plans are to be announced later by the College administration.

All of these improvements were urgently needed and a continued housing and classroom building program will be necessary if the College is to meet the enrollment increases.

## FACULTY RETIREMENTS

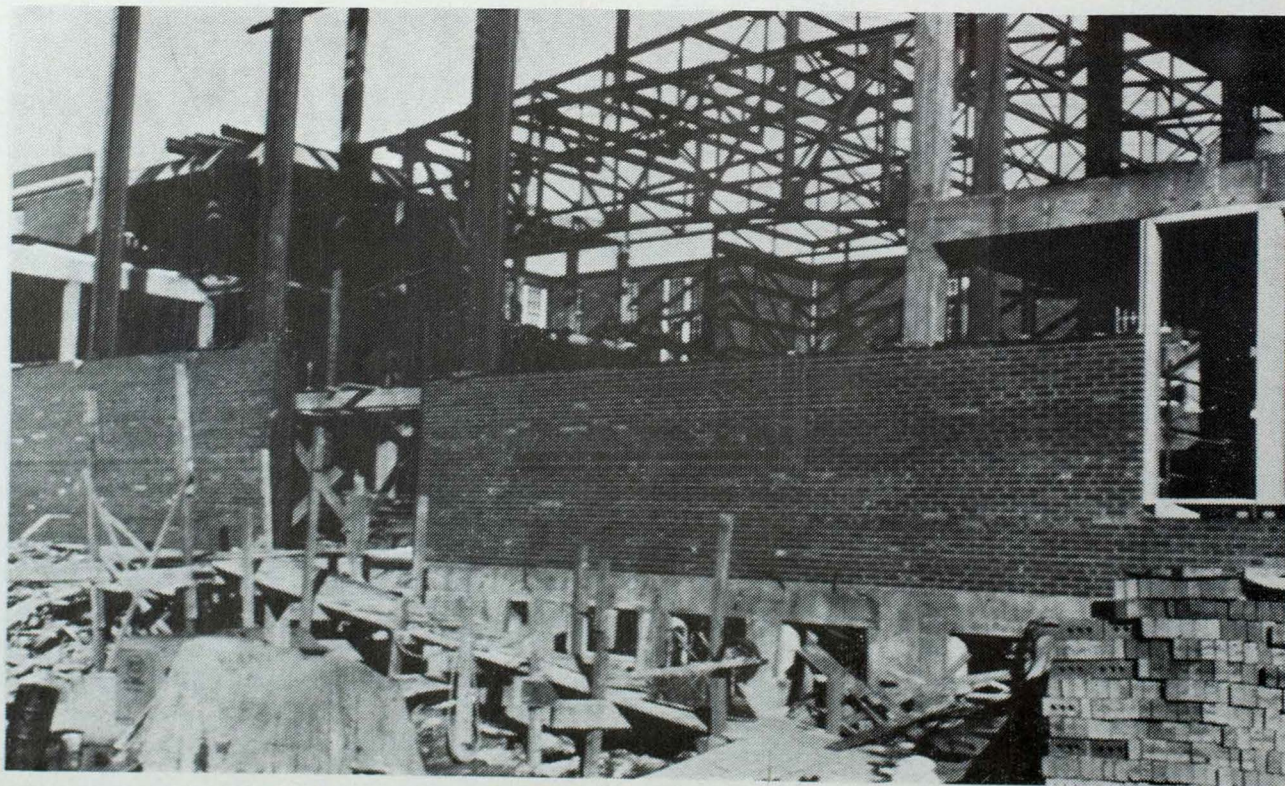
Dr. C. W. Martin, professor of educational administration, and Miss Berenice Beggs, assistant professor of English education, retired at the end of the fall quarter. Miss Beggs came to the campus in 1927 to work in the cooperative library; however, she soon became a member of the Division of Language and Literature teaching courses in children's literature, contemporary literature, and directing student teachers in English.

Miss Beggs is the author of poetry which has appeared in a number of publications and of a large number of

articles on various phases of English education. She has served as associate editor of the *Nemoscope* since it was established and has been a frequent contributor to its pages. She holds the B.S. in Ed. degree from the Teachers College and the M.A. from George Peabody College. She has also studied at the University of Southern California, the University of Missouri, Northwestern University, and Vanderbilt University. Miss Beggs and her sisters, Miss Beulah Beggs and Mrs. Ruth Frye, will make their home in Moberly.

Dr. Martin joined the faculty in 1930. He is the author of some 20 articles which have appeared in various professional journals. His syllabi on the junior high school and extra-curricular activities have been widely used. Dr. Martin is a graduate of Southeast State College at Cape Girardeau and received the master's and doctor's degrees from the University of Missouri. Dr. and Mrs. Martin will continue to live in Kirksville having built a new home at 1414 East Normal Avenue a few years ago.

Mrs. Ester D. Melegrito, M.A., 1957, is teaching in Corregidor College in the Philippine Republic. Eulogio Dizon, M.A., 1948, president of the college and uncle of Mrs. Melegrito, is on leave of absence because of illness.



The New Auditorium and Class Room Addition to Baldwin Hall

# Postwar Period of Instruction at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the seventh of the planned reports of the instructional divisions covering the era since 1945. The preceding studies—Fine Arts, Business Education, Education, Home Economics, Science and Mathematics, and Social Science—have appeared in recent numbers of the *Nemoscope*. Due to lack of space this article will appear in two installments.

## I. Organization

The division of health and physical education is composed of the fields of health, physical education for men, physical education for women, and recreational leadership. With the field of health is associated the college health service and with physical education for men the program of intercollegiate athletics.

## II. Equipment

On November 13, 1957, the cornerstone of Pershing Building was laid, and the cornerstone becomes a milestone in the history of Health and Physical Education teaching in K. S. T. C. The first gymnasiums in the school were the women's gymnasium in the Library Building and the men's gymnasium in Science Hall. With the building of Kirk Auditorium in 1922-

## Health and Physical Education

by

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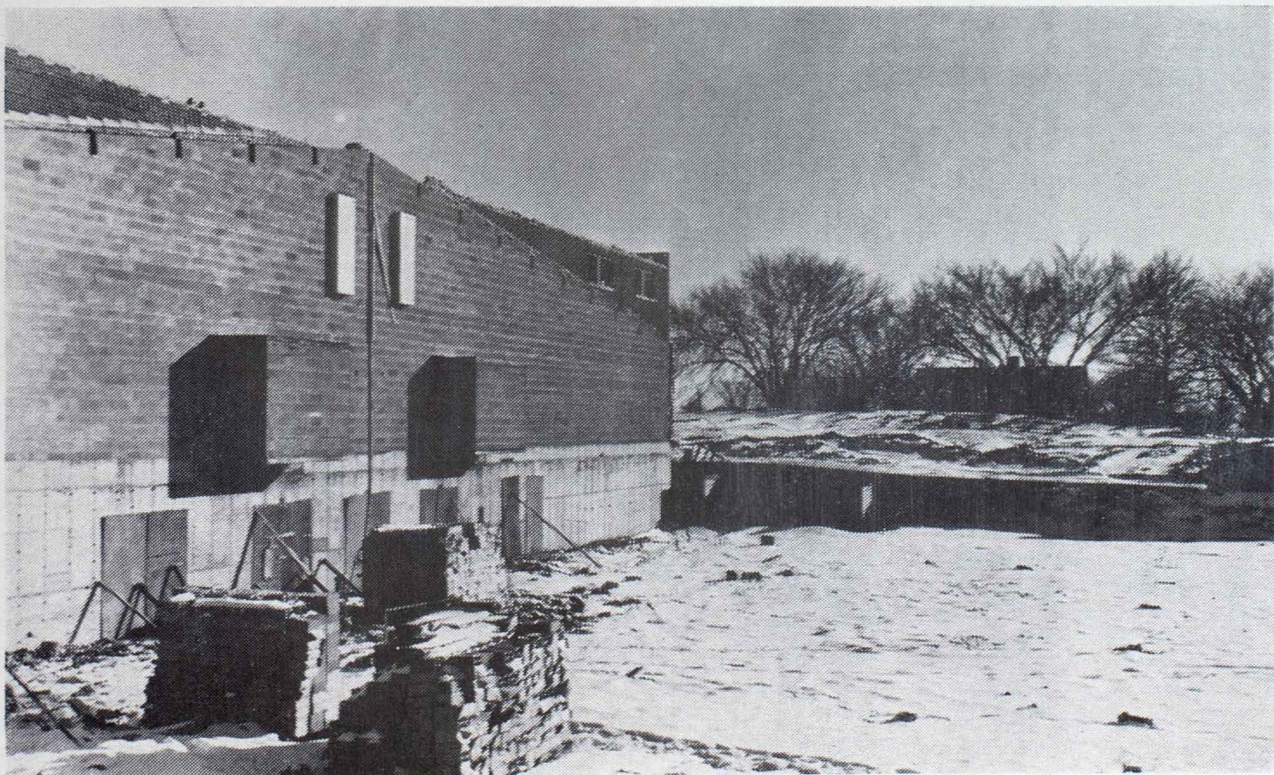
23, the center of men's physical activities was moved to the new building where it has remained to this date, and the gymnasium in Science Hall (now Laughlin Building) became the area for women's physical education. Kirk Auditorium was the center of health activities and the health services of physician and nurse since the inception of that building.

Stokes Stadium, playing field for football, dates from 1929. Floodlights for this field, permitting the playing of games at night, were installed in 1930. The electric scoreboard, which is almost as fascinating

to watch as the games, was installed in 1952. A composition material was installed in 1957 to replace the cinder track around the football field. The improvement is considerable.

A field house with dressing rooms for outdoor sports was built near Stokes Stadium in 1939-40. This one-story brick building contains quarters for training showers, equipment and general care of the teams. In 1952 a small dormitory was added to the field house. It is known as the Bulldog Kennels and houses 35 men. It contains sleeping quarters, a social room, and laundry facilities for the occupants.

It is hard nowadays to believe that intercollegiate basketball was once played in what is now the women's gymnasium, with the goals just 70 feet apart. Its width of 45 feet was not only sufficient for playing of the game but held several rows of spectators on each side. A balcony held still more onlookers. The excitement which attended the playing of basketball in the days of the court in Science Hall was transferred with the game itself to Kirk Auditorium in 1923.



Pershing Building, the New Health and Physical Education Building, Goes Up

But in 1958, that court is too small and the seating is too limited for basketball as it is now played. A

comparison of the old, the present, and the future may show how basketball has grown.

	Laughlin Building Before 1923	Kirk Building 1923-1958	Pershing Building 1958-
Length of Court.....	70'	84'	114'
Width of Court.....	40'	44'	62'
Length Beyond Playing Arena.....	5'	4'	86'
Width Beyond Playing Arena.....	5'	4'	88'
Spectator Permanent Seating.....	0	570	1400
Spectators All Told (Est.).....	250	1200	4000

Kirk Auditorium was built as a combination basketball court, assembly hall, and stock pavilion. The basketball floor was laid in sections which could be moved out so that the area might be used (as it was on several occasions) for live stock and poultry shows. Although most of the big university basketball courts are today of sectional construction, the one in the Kirk Building developed unevennesses. It was replaced with continuous flooring in 1932.

One of the basketball goals has been from the beginning affixed to the balcony at the north end of the court. At the south end the basketball goal was attached to a frame which was pushed to one corner of the room when not in use for basketball. Here it sat to interfere partly with vision and most certainly as an unsightly object even though the occasion might be a recital, a commencement, or a baccalaureate service. About 1935, the somewhat shaky juggernaut was replaced by a permanently installed goal, suspended from the ceiling but guyed by wires and pipes to the stage or the edges of the balcony. This goal may be partially lifted but still remains as a detraction when there is a speaker or a performance on the stage. It may have a little more of vibration than the one at the north, but it is the favorite of home teams because it has more maneuverable space behind it.

The old backboards were of wood; glass ones have been in use since 1947. An electric scoreboard, which counts off the minutes and seconds left to play, has been operating since 1938. Before that time two small boys chalked the score on a blackboard. The blackboard had the advantage of showing the names of the players who were on the court and also showed the number of "personals" charged against each player, unless the boys got to thinking about something other than the game, which they frequently did.

Baseball was an important feature of athletics at Kirksville until 1938. It was played on a comparatively

small field where Baldwin Hall now stands. Since 1945, there have been some small efforts to revive baseball but with no success. No intercollegiate games have been played in the postwar period.

### III. Track and Field

The track and field events have also gone into a period of lessened glory but not into the total eclipse which has overtaken baseball.

In 1947, with Boyd King as coach, Kirksville defeated Culver-Stockton in a dual meet, 95 to 45. Later in a triangular meet with Rolla and Springfield, Kirksville was third. In the M. I. A. A. outdoor meet that year Kirksville was fourth. In 1948, the track meets resulted in:

- Kirksville, 56; University of Missouri, 81.
- Kirksville, 62; Maryville, 74.
- Kirksville, 65; Central College, 70.
- Kirksville, 105; Culver-Stockton, 31.

In the M. I. A. A. indoor meet Kirksville placed fourth; in the outdoor meet Kirksville was third.

The 1949 record:

- Kirksville, 59; Graceland Junior College, 76.
- Kirksville, 52; Central College, 84.
- Kirksville, 105; Chillicothe B. C., 26.

In the M. I. A. A. outdoor meet Kirksville was 6th.

The 1950 record:

- Kirksville, 54; Graceland Junior College, 81.
- Kirksville, 81; Culver-Stockton, 37.
- Kirksville, 35; Central College, 91.

In both the indoor meet and the outdoor meet that year, Kirksville finished sixth (the lowest position).

The 1951 record:

- Kirksville, 75; Culver-Stockton, 60.
- Kirksville, 43; Graceland Junior College, 88.
- Kirksville, 66; Central College, 64.

In the M. I. A. A. indoor meet Kirksville remained sixth.

In 1952, Kenneth Gardner coached track and hung up the following record:

- Kirksville, 67; Graceland Junior College, 69.
- Kirksville, 82; Central College, 44.
- Kirksville, 27; Missouri Valley, 107.

In both the M. I. A. A. indoor meet and the outdoor meet Kirksville finished fifth. Indoor meets have been held at the University of Missouri since 1931. The outdoor meets are held at the participating colleges in turn.

In 1953, things began to look better for Kirksville. The Bulldogs defeated Graceland Junior College for the first time, came in second in the indoor meet and third in the outdoor meet. The scores in the dual meets were:

- Kirksville, 47; Washington University, 83.
- Kirksville, 98; Graceland Junior College, 38.
- Kirksville, 52; Missouri Valley, 82.
- Kirksville, 72; Rolla, 63.
- Kirksville, 88; Maryville, 48.

The year 1954 recorded further success. Dual meet scores were:

- Kirksville, 78; Washington University, 53.
- Kirksville, 83; Graceland, 53.
- Kirksville, 75; Rolla, 61.

In the indoor meet, Kirksville finished second; in the outdoor meet, third.

In the year 1955, dual meet scores were:

- Kirksville, 33; Warrensburg, 103.
- Kirksville, 63; Maryville, 73.
- Kirksville, 56; Washington U., 75.
- Kirksville, 104; Simpson, 31.
- Kirksville, 77; Missouri Valley, 59.
- Kirksville, 64; Rolla, 74.

In the indoor meet, Kirksville was third; in the outdoor meet, sixth.

The results in 1956 were:

- Kirksville, 53; Warrensburg, 81.
- Kirksville, 65; Missouri Valley, 71.
- Kirksville, 77; Washington U., 52.
- Kirksville, 75; Maryville, 59.
- Kirksville, 105; Graceland, 30.
- Kirksville, 72; Rolla, 63.

In the indoor meet, Kirksville finished fourth; in the outdoor meet, second.

In 1957, the season started auspiciously but later results were not so good:

- Kirksville, 69; Missouri Valley, 67.
- Kirksville, 58; Warrensburg, 77.
- Kirksville, 90; Graceland, 46.
- Kirksville, 104; Graceland, 61.
- (Quincy College also had entries in this meet and scored 4 points)
- Kirksville, 88; Maryville, 48.
- Kirksville, 45; Lincoln University, 91.

In the indoor meet held at Columbia early in the season, as have been all the M. I. A. A. meets, Kirksville finished second; in the later outdoor meet Kirksville was sixth.

In 1957, Kirksville entered the Iowa State Teachers Relays at Cedar Falls and expects to be entered there in the future. Some track men have participated in the Drake Relays, and there Martin Rhode established the 100-yard dash record in 1933.

(To Be Continued)

# Twenty Masters' Theses Completed and Approved During 1957

by

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Service

This report represents the sixth in a series giving the titles of theses written by graduate students in the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College. These theses were written in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the Master of Arts degree. They have been carefully typed, bound, catalogued and placed in the college library for reference use.

The writing of a thesis is required of all students majoring in the academic instructional divisions but is optional for those receiving the master's degree in the professional fields of Elementary Education, Elementary School Administration, Secondary School Administration, City School Administration, Teaching of Reading, Teaching of Mentally Retarded Children, and Guidance. In these areas, the passing of a comprehensive written examination in the major and related fields of study may be substituted for the thesis requirement. At the present time the college offers the Master of Arts degree in the following academic areas: Business Education, English Education, Industrial Education, Music Education, Social Science Education, History, and Physical Education. All of these areas have been represented from the beginning of the graduate program in 1947 with the exception of Physical Education which began offering graduate work during the summer quarter, 1953, and Industrial Education with the beginning of the winter quarter, 1956-57.

Up to the present time, the one hundred twenty-seven theses which have been written and officially approved are distributed among the specialized areas as follows: Business Education, 37; History, 25; Physical Education, 23; Music Education, 20; Social Science Education, 15; English Education, 6; City School Administration, 1. The twenty theses listed below were completed by students who were awarded the Master of Arts degree at the May and August Convocations, 1957:

"A Comparison of Techniques of Football's Center, Guard and Tackle as Revealed in Coaching Literature," George Peter Anastasoff, M.A., 1957, Physical Education.

"A Survey of Interscholastic Football Scouting Methods Used by Selected Missouri High School Coaches," Earl Henry Baker, M.A., 1957, Physical Education.

"A Study of Bookkeeping Practices

in Selected Independent Business Establishments in Kirksville, Missouri," Geraldine Bondurant Bartlett, M.A., 1957, Business Education.

"Lloyd George's War Cabinet, 1916-1918," Richard Edward Boyer, M.A., 1957, History.

"An Annotated Computation of Motivating Devices in Teaching Secretarial Practice (Omitting Shorthand and Typing)," Olen Gene Bradshaw, M.A., 1957, Business Education.

"Arrangement, Suite for B-Flat Cornet (Telemann)," Charlotte Ann Brown, M.A., 1957, Music Education.

"Problems in the Teaching of Percussion Instruments," Irwin Brick, M.A., 1957, Music Education.

"The Historical Development and Operation of the Rural Extension Clinic Program of the Kirksville College of Osteopathy and Surgery," Donna Lamb Fischer, M.A., 1957, Social Science Education.

"A Survey of Injuries Sustained by the St. Louis McKinley High School Football and Basketball Teams in the 1956-57 Seasons," James LeRoy Glore, M.A., 1957, Physical Education.

"Langston Hughes: A Versatile Spokesman for the Negro Race," Eloise Hamilton Hill, M.A., 1957, English Education.

"The History of Lead Mining in Southeastern Missouri," Eugene LeRoy James, M.A., 1957, Social Science Education.

"The Origin, Development, and Decline of the Office of Sheriff in the State of Missouri," Pressly Alvin Laird, M.A., 1957, Social Science Education.

"A Suggested Program for Majors in Men's Physical Education at Northeast Missouri State Teachers College," Donald Hayes Maxey, M.A., 1957, Physical Education.

"An annotated Compilation of Aids, Devices, and Enrichment Materials for the Instruction of Economics in the Secondary School," Bertha Belle McClaskey, M.A., 1957, Business Education.

"A Survey of the Socio-Economic Offering of American Technical Secondary Schools With a Critical Analysis of their Usability in Philippine Secondary Schools," Gregorio Guerrero Melegrito, M.A., 1957, Social Science Education.

"An Evaluation of the Audio-Visual Aids for Health, Physical Education, Recreation with a Study of their Use in Ninety-Six AAA Missouri Secondary Schools," Frank Arthur Melvin, M.A. 1957, Physical Education.

"A Guide to Public Relations in Physical Education," Merrill James Rogers, M.A., 1957, Physical Education.

"A Survey of Opinions of Athletic Trainers Concerning the Anatomy, Etiology, Prognosis, Prevention and Treatment of Acrolema (Shin Splints)" James Wesley Sanders, M.A., 1957, Physical Education.

"Selected Debussy Preludes Arranged for Augmented Woodwind Ensemble," Richard Arlington Wall, M.A., 1957, Music Education.

"Coleridge's Criticism of His Contemporaries," Fumiko Yano, M.A., 1957, English Education.

## BREWER RECEIVES AWARD

Basil Brewer, 1901, publisher of the New Bedford (Massachusetts) *Standard Times*, recently received the English-Speaking Union's Better-Understanding Award for his efforts to improve British-American relations. The award was presented by William V. Griffin, retiring president of the English-Speaking Union, in a ceremony at the organization's New York office. In honoring the New Bedford publisher, Griffin lauded his newspaper's "consistent and enlightened editorial policies of British-American affairs." Mr. Brewer was one of the founders of the English-Speaking Union's Southeastern Massachusetts branch. He formerly served as a member of the organization's national board of directors. The publisher received a personal letter from Sir Anthony Eden following his resignation as prime minister thanking Mr. Brewer for his editorial support of Great Britain in the Suez crisis in the fall of 1956.

Will R. Adams, 1907, died October 30 in Ontario, California, where he had operated a hardware store for 35 years. He is survived by his wife, the former Opal Markey, 1907.

## ALUMNI NOTES

Jerry Harp, 1957, is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood for his basic training as a member of the Military Police.

Martha Pat Burk, 1928, is merchandise manager for a seven-state area of the Girl Scouts of America with headquarters in St. Louis.

Virginia Minor Mott, B.S. in Ed., 1951, M.A., 1957, is teaching in the Macon School System this year where she is the Special Education Instructor.

Dr. William Starr, 1931, is assistant professor of romance languages at Northwestern University. He and his wife have two sons Jerry, a journalism student at Northwestern, and Jeff.

DeWayne Wellborn, 1956, and Mrs. Wellborn, the former LaVerne Dudeck, 1955, are the parents of a son born October 20, 1957, in Lexington, Kentucky where they make their home.

Dr. Alpha Mayfield, 1927, of the music department of Hannibal-La-Grange College, is the author of an article entitled "Suggestions for Encouraging Creativity in Music" which appeared in the October, 1957, issue of *Missouri Music Notes*.

James W. Hoemann, 1957, is working in the production scheduling department of McDonnell Aircraft Corporation in St. Louis. His wife, the former Carol Chapman, 1957, is teaching home economics in Riverview Gardens Junior High School in St. Louis County.

Norma LaVoo Kneeland, B.S. in Ed., 1951, and M.A., 1956, has been accepted as a member of the St. Louis Philharmonic Orchestra. Mrs. Kneeland teaches at Florissant. Her husband, James Robert Kneeland, B.S. in Ed., 1952, and M.A., 1956, is music director in the high school in Ferguson.

Dr. James Neal Primm, 1940, has been appointed dean of Hiram (Ohio) College and assumed his duties February 1. He has been a member of the faculty of the University of Missouri since 1947. His rank at the time of his resignation was associate professor of history. He also served as director of the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection.

Mrs. Mabel McHendry Thames, 1904, died at her home in St. Joseph, January 21, 1958. She held the M.A. degree from the University of Missouri and had done graduate work at the University of Colorado and Columbia University. She taught in St. Joseph high schools and later at the St. Joseph Junior College. She was also active in club and civic affairs in St. Joseph.

Porter Garth, 1939, entered the University of Illinois February 3 where he will study architecture. He has farmed in Adair County for a number of years.

Richard A. Stelplugh, 1954, has been employed as resident manager of the office of Harden, Cummins, and Moss, certified public accountants, which was recently opened in Macon.

Richard Watkins, 1954, and his wife, the former Shirley Truitt, 1953, are the parents of twin daughters born October 24, 1957. They have two other children, a boy and a girl. Mr. Watkins coaches in the high school in Lohrville, Iowa.

Katherine Harrington Swaney, 1933, died at her home in Kirksville, October 19, 1957, at the age of 87. She had been in ill health for several months. Mrs. Swaney had done graduate work at Columbia University and served as librarian in the Kirksville Senior High School a good many years ago.

Clifton Cornwell, Jr., 1941, has accepted a position as assistant professor of speech in the East St. Louis division of Southern Illinois University, beginning his duties February 3, 1958. Mr. Cornwell holds the master's degree from the University of Missouri and was on the staff there some years ago.

Burleigh Arnold, 1952, probate and magistrate judge of Schuyler County, is teaching a course in business law at the Teachers College during the winter quarter. He received his LL.B. degree from the University of Missouri in 1955. He and his wife, the former Mary Brookhart, 1952, are the parents of two children. They live in Lancaster.

Lt. Col. James Kyle Terry, 1938, has been awarded the Commendation Ribbon with medal pendant for his service as a member of the faculty of the U. S. Army Command Management School, Ft. Belvoir, Virginia. He was cited for his part in developing the case method of instruction, an innovation in academic circles introduced into the Army educational system for the first time at Ft. Belvoir.

Raymond L. Brunner, 1954, died in Louisville, Kentucky, January 19, 1958, at the age of 25. Death was caused by Hodgkin's disease. Mr. Brunner was a volunteer for the foreign mission field under the Southern Baptist Convention and was attending the Southern Baptist Seminary at Louisville preparing for an assignment to a foreign field. He is survived by his wife the former, Maxine Cowell, 1953, and one son.

Johanna Zeigel, 1948, has spent the past two and one-half years in Germany as recreation supervisor for the All-American Services Club in Berlin.

Ray Mach, 1955, and his wife, the former Shirley Wares, are the parents of a daughter born November 2, 1957, their second child. Mr. Mach is coach at the Marshall High School.

Telesforo Boquiren, M.A., 1956, has been named city supervisor of the Baguio City Public Schools in the Philippine Republic. He has been serving as district supervisor for Luna, Apayao, since his graduation from the Teachers College.

William Traylor, 1951, is appearing in the Broadway production of Noel Coward's "Nude with Violin" which opened at the Belasco Theatre, November 14. He plays the part of a reporter from *Life* magazine who enters the house of the late Paul Sorodin to get a scoop.

H. Waldo Wasson, 1939, director of the speech and hearing clinic at Southwestern Louisiana Institute, has been awarded advanced certification by the American Speech and Hearing Association. This is the highest academic rating awarded to members of the association.

Robert P. Ewing, 1948, has been appointed vice president of Bankers Life and Casualty Company of Chicago. He has been with the company since January, 1949, and has served as marketing director since May, 1956. As vice president he will continue to co-ordinate marketing activities.

Theodore Andrew Fishback, B.S. in Ed., 1950 and M.A., 1953, was killed in an automobile collision December 14. He was an instructor in industrial arts in the Hannibal schools. His brother Robert Christian Fishback, 1953, was also killed in the same accident. He was employed by the Universal Atlas Cement Company in Hannibal. Their father, Reuben Fishback, was a third victim of the head-on collision which took the lives of four persons.

Dr. John Rinehart, 1934, assistant director of the Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory and professor of astro-physics at Harvard University, has warned the nation that it is lagging far behind Russia in the field of scientific education and technology. Dr. Rinehart sighted and photographed Sputnik II and was interviewed on television news programs and by the international news agencies in relation to satellite problems. He also was one of four scientists who launched three meteors at the Hollo-

nan Air Force Base, New Mexico, on October 16, reputed to be the first macroscopic pieces of matter launched by man into interplanetary space.

Margaret Florea Rolston, 1932, was elected regional governor for the states of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas in the Women's Council of the National Association of Real Estate Boards at the national convention held in Chicago November 2-7. Mrs. Rolston has been serving as president of the Missouri Chapter of Women's Council.

## FACULTY NEWS

President Walter H. Ryle was honored November 15, 1957, at the annual meeting of the Missouri Recreation Association held in Jefferson City. President Ryle was presented a plaque in appreciation of his services as president of the organization from 1953 through 1957. He has served as a member of the board of directors since 1950 and was again elected to the board at the November meeting.

Karl E. Webb, head of the Division of Fine Arts, and Dr. Paul Strub, professor of music, attended the Midwest National Band Clinic held in Chicago, December 20-22.

Dr. Eli Mittler, head of the Division of Extension Services attended a national conference of the Adult Education Association November 13-15.

Dr. Paul Strub, professor of band music, was elected president of the Missouri Music Educators Association at the annual convention held in St. Joseph January 8-10.

President Walter H. Ryle attended a regional meeting of the National Committee on Teacher Education and Professional Standards held in New Orleans January 13 and 14. Dr. Ryle served as a group chairman at one of the conference divisions.

Dr. Gilbert C. Kohlenberg, head of the Division of Social Science, Dr. David March, professor of history, and Mr. Warren Weston, assistant professor of political science, attended a meeting of Missouri Political Science teachers in Columbia, December 6. The meeting was sponsored by the Citizenship Clearing House, a Ford Foundation grant.

Dr. Georgia Clifton, assistant professor of English, attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Teachers of English in Minneapolis, November 27-30, and served as a member on a panel which discussed the topic "Improving Our Professional World."

## ALUMNI MARRIAGES

Lt. Gale Owen Jones, 1953, was married to Kathryn Elizabeth Harger in late October. He is stationed at Ellington Air Force Base, Houston, Texas.

John Douglas Lawrence, 1956, and Eddie Jo Johns were married October 12, 1957, in Shelbina. The couple are living at 624 Walnut St., Leavenworth, Kansas.

Rita Ross, 1957 and Delbert Crafton were married November 28, 1957, in Kirksville. Mr. Crafton is coaching at Elmer and working on his master's degree at the Teachers College.

Judy Hassall, 1957, was married to Dean Gould, 1956, on December 28, 1957, in Webster Groves. Mr. Gould is teaching science and mathematics in the high school at Pattonville while his bride is elementary physical education director.

Andrew L. Jorgensen, 1952, was married to Mary Hunt of Tracy, California, on December 17, 1957. He is a physicist at the University of California Radiation Laboratory. They will reside at 1933 Olivina Street, Livermore, California.

## REUNION OF ALUMNI OF TWENTY YEARS AGO

On August 2, 1957, a group of alumni and former students of the Northeast Missouri State Teachers College held a reunion near Atlanta, Missouri, at the country home of Mr. and Mrs. Quincy Harrington and their daughter Miss Fern Harrington. Eight of the nine women in attendance with their families had lived in the home of Mrs. Vesa Brassfield, 308 East Randolph while attending the College in the summer of 1937. At the end of the summer they started a round robin letter which for twenty years has been carrying the news of the activities of each of these women.

Fern Harrington, 1937, received the degree of Master of Religious Education from the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas. She is a teacher of religious education in the Chinese language division of the Philippine Baptist Theological Seminary, Baguio, Philippine Republic. She is the author of a children's book about the Philippines to be published in 1958 under the title *Carlos and the Green Car*.

Ruby Brassfield, 1937, daughter of Mrs. Brassfield, is now the wife of Dr. Robert Vick of Duncan, Oklahoma,

and they have one daughter, Linda. She received the master in education degree from West Texas State College in 1955 and teaches the fourth grade in the Duncan schools. Mrs. Brassfield now makes her home with her daughter in Duncan.

Marjorie McKinney, 1937, is now Mrs. Glenn Norton of Macon and the mother of three boys. She received the M.A. degree from the Teachers College in 1956 and is now director of guidance in the Macon public schools.

Mary Lee, 1939, taught five years before becoming Mrs. George Swenson of King City. She is the mother of six children and finds her time well occupied with housework and the family chauffeuring.

Maxine Lee Helms, 1939, has a son Orvyle Helms, Jr. She teaches English, speech, and dramatics at the Linneus High School and has done graduate work at the University of New Mexico.

Marie Behymer, 1939, received a Master of Education degree from the University of Missouri in 1946 and has done graduate work in library science at the University of Michigan. At the present time she is a high school librarian at Alton, Illinois.

Alice F. Behymer attended K.S.T.C. from 1936 to 1938 and graduated from St. Luke's Hospital School of Nursing in 1942. She served in the U.S. Army Nurses Corps from 1942 to 1946. In 1948 she received a B.S. degree in nursing education from Teachers College of Columbia University. From 1948 to 1953 she was an instructor in psychiatric nursing, at Boston University, and in 1953 she joined the Boston Veterans Administration Hospital. She received an M.A. degree from Teachers College, Columbia University in 1957 and now holds a Career Teacher Fellowship there.

Cecile Henry, who attended the Teachers College in 1937 and 1938, is now Mrs. Joe Krieghouser of Edina. When she is not assisting her husband in the grocery store or aiding her two daughters with their problems, she finds time for her favorite hobby, fishing.

In addition to the former roomers at 308 East Randolph there was one guest present at the reunion who is also an alumnus of the State Teachers College. Beatrice Collins, 1936, is now married to Lewis M. Collins and lives in Fayette where she teaches mathematics in the high school. She received an M.E. degree from the University of Missouri in 1948.

