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## Memorial Speech For Prexy Is Main Highlight of Meet

Incumbent G. A. Selke  
Addresses Delegates At  
Atlantic City Annual Affair

One of the highlights of the 25th annual meeting of the American Association of Teachers Colleges held in Atlantic City, N. J., Feb. 21 and 22 was an address the first morning in memory of the late W. A. Brandenburg, who was president of the association at the time of his death, by President George A. Selke, State Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minn.

President Selke began the address which was given before the general assembly of delegates, with an introduction in which he stated that at the beginning of Time it was decided that succession rather than chance should prevail as a factor in the scheme of things. His address follows:

"A year ago the American Association of Teachers Colleges honored by the selection of William A. Brandenburg as its president. The men who knew him best rejoiced most when the announcement of his election was made. All of us were proud to have such a stalwart champion of teacher education at the head of this organization and were confident of the leadership which he was to give.

"Among our ranks no other person was so eminently fitted for the responsibilities of the position. For over a quarter of a century, President Brandenburg had directed the destinies of a member college with such wisdom and skill that it had

become a mighty force, recognized nationally for the excellent opportunities to the youth who attended. Genial and kindly, blessed with a broad understanding and a ready humor, people naturally turned to him for help in the solution of their problems. They felt with an abiding friendship for the man who gave so generously of his time and counsel. His boundless energy and apparently limitless vitality permitted him to assume a heavy load of professional and civic responsibilities for his community, the state and the nation. He was always a hard worker and never shirked his duty.

"From the first, he had served on various permanent and special committees. On a number of occasions he had been delegated as a special emissary to unsnarl some of the tangled situations in which selfish interests too frequently involve education. At such times his courage, poise, and integrity stood him in good stead and from such diplomatic conflicts he invariably won the battle for education. Always ready to serve, asking and seeking nothing for himself, his sterling qualities of character and personality won the respect, the admiration and the regard of all who knew him. Such was the person to whom we entrusted the affairs of our association when we met in 1940 at St. Louis.

"This morning we defer our deliberations for a few moments to pay a greatly merited tribute to the memory of our friend and associate, our recent leader, President Brandenburg. (At this point President Selke briefly summarized President Brandenburg's life, then continued:)

"Successful as William A. Brandenburg was as a superintendent of city schools, that portion of his career was really but a prelude and an apprenticeship to his remarkable success as a college president. To understand President Brandenburg and to appreciate his achievements, it is necessary to go to the campus of the Kansas State College at Pittsburg. That is the scene of the trials that tested his resourcefulness, his industry, his courage, and his faith in the same cause of education."