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Tributes Are Heard At Alumni Reunions

Nearly 600 Attend
Dinners in 6 Cities

The six alumni reunion luncheons and dinners held November 1 in the various cities where teachers' conventions took place became memorial occasions dedicated to President Brandenburg in view of his death the preceding Tuesday.

Two large photographs of the President were set on the speaker's tables in each reunion. All the programs were eulogies of his work and character and recountings of memories in regard to him.

Numerous alumni expressed appreciation for their opportunity to have part in some memorial occasion. A total attendance of 573, considerably larger than usual, showed the same thing. At Parsons and Wichita many had to be turned away.

One hundred forty-one attended the dinner at the Hotel Lassen in Wichita. The program consisted of the invocation by Miss Florence Walker; a talk, "The Man, President Brandenburg," by Dr. J. Ralph Wells; a solo, "If All Those Fond Memories of K. S. T. C.," by Joe Campbell; "We Had Our President Brandenburg," written by Miss Eulalia Roseberry and read by Miss Irma Gene Nevins, toastmistress; a talk, "I Remember," by Miss Anna Burdette; "President—A Man of Toil," by Mrs. Hallie Bennington; "To Prexy," by Dean Jennie C. Walker; tributes of alumni, faculty and students, Miss Josephine Walker. Dean Walker, Dr. Wells, and Miss Nevins were in charge of arrangements for the dinner.

Dr. C. B. Pyle gave the tribute to "Prexy" at the dinner at Parsons, which 271 attended. Dean G. W. Trout was toastmaster and gave the benediction. Registrar L. A. Guthridge made the invocation; the gathering sang "If all Those Fond Memories of K. S. T. C.," led by Miss Gabriella Campbell and accompanied by Miss Betty Dorsey. Miss Odella Nation, Dr. J. A. Glaze, and Miss Annie Marriott assisted Miss Lula McPherson as chairman of dinner arrangements.

In Garden City, Robley Guy, an alumnus, was toastmaster at a luncheon which had an attendance of 25. In Salina Prof. J. A. G. Shirk was toastmaster at a luncheon and paid tribute to President Brandenburg. Dr. Jacob Uhrich, chairman, made a memorial talk. Miss Thelma J. Carnagey and Professor Shirk were in charge.

At Hays 25 persons at the reunion heard President C. E. Rarick of Fort Hays State College pay tribute to President Brandenburg, with whom he had cooperated for many years. Superintendent C. U. Phillips of Hays, a K. S. T. C. alumnus, spoke also. Prof. J. C. Straley, chairman, gave a short talk and read the message of the committee. A silent period of tribute to President Brandenburg concluded the meeting.

The Topeka dinner brought together 90 alumni and a few faculty members. C. M. Miller, an alumnus and state director of vocational education, spoke on the career of President Brandenburg. Prof. J. U. Massey pronounced the invocation, and there were greetings from Prof. R. W. Hart and Miss May Hare, who had assisted Ralph Dellinger of the Topeka schools in the dinner plans. Music was furnished by the Topeka high school.

President Brandenburg was an active leader throughout his life in the National Educational Association. He was a leading spirit of the American Association of Teachers Colleges from the time of its organization and was president of that association at the time of his death.

No college faculty ever had a more sincere friend who was constantly interested in its welfare and well-being. No student body ever had a president who devoted as much time, energy and thought, and was so concerned with each and every student. He was heartbroken when they failed. He rejoiced and was glad when they succeeded. He was a loyal friend who gave too much to the cause of humanity and his friends.

He was an outstanding American, patriotic, loyal to his country, giving of his time and energy that its interests might be promoted. A man loved, respected, revered by all who knew him.—Dr. O. P. Dellinger, Acting President.

Resolutions of Sympathy

Mrs. W. A. Brandenburg and Family:

Whereas the death of President W. A. Brandenburg has brought us as faculty members, students, and alumni to a realization of the loss of so great and good a man, and

Whereas the field of education has suffered with us in this loss—yet our feeling of loss can not be comparable to that which you as wife, children, and other immediate relatives sustain;

Therefore, Be it resolved that we hereby convey to you and your family and immediate relatives our profoundest sympathy and share with you the loss which has come to all of us.

(Signed)

Dean G. W. Trout
Eulalia Roseberry
O. F. Grubbs
J. A. G. Shirk
Jack Overman
Bob Briley
L. A. Guthridge