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Inauguration Was Eight Months Late

But Many Officials Came To Greet the First President

Although President Brandenburg officially took up the duties of his office August 1, 1913, he was not inducted into that office with due ceremonies until the following March 27. The inauguration was a gala occasion for the College and Pittsburg.

The inauguration began at 10 o'clock the morning of March 27 with the formal installation of the new President. Dr. L. D. Harvey, president of Stout Institute, made an address and then President Brandenburg delivered his own inaugural address. At noon there was a luncheon for the guests and that night the annual commemoration banquet took place.

The auditorium on the fourth floor of Russ Hall was filled with students and alumni and friends of the "Normal" and upon the platform were seated the faculty, Governor George H. Hodges, members of the State Board of Administration, and visiting educators.

The Normal Glee Club opened the program and Rev. L. M. Potts gave the invocation. The choir then sang the Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah. On behalf of the board of administration Mrs. Cora G. Lewis presented President Brandenburg with a giant bronzed steel key, "The Key to the Normal."

In his address President Brandenburg dealt with what he considered the function of a teacher training institution. This address he occasionally referred to in later years to show that the standards he then set up for the College had not been forgotten.

E. T. Hackney of the board of administration presided and introduced Governor Hodges, who spoke briefly. After the address by the new President, Miss Vivian Nation sang a solo, "The Sea," with Miss Helen Gibson, now Mrs. Charles DuBois, as accompanist.

A group of prominent educators brought their congratulations at an afternoon session. These included Chancellor Frank Strong of the University of Kansas, President H. J. Waters of the State Agriculture College, President T. W. Butcher of the Emporia Normal, President W. A. Lewis of the Hays Normal, W. D. Ross, state superintendent of public instruction, Supt. F. P. Smith of the Lawrence schools, President W. N. Mason of Baker University, Supt. G. S. Risdon of Independence, Supt. A. A. Hughart of Coffeyville, and Supt. E. T. Armstrong of Pittsburg. Captain W. J. Watson spoke for the citizens of Pittsburg, Miss Hattie Campbell, now Mrs. S. L. Householder, spoke on behalf of the alumni, R. E. Williams on behalf of the students, Prof. G. W. Trout for the faculty. Prof. J. A. G. Shirk read greetings and messages from absent friends.