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# Tributes to W. A. Brandenburg

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TRIBUTE TO BRANDENBURG.

Dean C. B. Pyle Speaks Today in College Assembly.

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Dr. C. B. Pyle, head of the department of psychology and philosophy, who was recently appointed acting dean of the graduate school and acting dean of the College, gave a tribute to the late President W. A. Brandenburg in College assembly this morning.

The assembly, in charge of Dr. O. P. Dellinger, acting president, included music by the College orchestra, directed by Walter McCray, and a number by Claude Newcomb, tenor, "If All Those Fond Memories of K. S. T. C."

Dr. Pyle led devotions and then spoke informally of the president's life and relationships with faculty members and others. He stressed the spirit of friendliness and idea of brotherhood which he spread among his associates. He told of outings and other recreational meetings of the president and faculty members, saying that these were among the most pleasant experiences of his life.

"I like to think of him in strong manhood and utmost vigor," Dr. Pyle said, "as a man among men. I like to think of him in his devotion to his work, his tolerance, determination. He was guided by great ideals."

Dr. Pyle said that the statement of George Eliot, "We live in the hearts of those we leave behind," is very true in the case of President Brandenburg.

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TRIBUTES TO W. A. B.

The late President Brandenburg of the College was almost as well known in other cities in southeastern Kansas as in his home town. His frequent visits through the years to other cities on various missions gave him a large circle of acquaintances in every city. He retained the friends he made and was continuously enlarging the circle. Editorial comment from two of the cities, Chanute and Parsons, on the passing of Dr. Brandenburg is being given here.

The Chanute Tribune said:

Kansas lost a capable educator and institutional executive in the death of William A. Brandenburg, president of the Kansas State Teachers College at Pittsburg, where he labored in the vineyard with Kansas young people for 27 years.

The school itself is the best monument to Brandenburg's memory . . . it was a small, inconsequential institution in 1913 when Brandenburg first became associated with it. Today it is one of the state's outstanding schools, largely due to the president's personal enthusiasm and his congenial disposition which won recognition from state legislatures from whence came the funds.

"The best politician I ever knew," a close personal friend of Brandenburg said of him when he learned of his death, and this friend meant it as a genuine compliment. He might have said "diplomat" because Brandenburg had the rare ability to handle and work with people, to convince them of the soundness of his arguments and the logic of his reasoning.

Kansas and the Pittsburg school will go a long time before they will find a man capable of filling Brandenburg's shoes because they were large, actually as well as figuratively.

The Parsons Sun Said:

Kansas lost one of its most valuable citizens in the death of President W. A. Brandenburg of the Pittsburg Teachers College.

For many years Dr. Brandenburg was one of the state's tireless boosters. He has spoken many times in most eastern Kansas communities and had thousands of personal friends in the state. He taught in the grade schools, high schools and later was superintendent of one of the largest high schools in Iowa. Then he came back to Kansas to be the head of the Pittsburg Teachers College.

Dr. Brandenburg was active in educational and civic affairs, a prime mover in the old Southeast Kansas, Inc., believed agriculture to be one of the state's greatest assets and devoted much time to the promotion of better farming. He has been head of Mirza Shrine. Because he was so active in affairs touching so many people he will be greatly missed in southeastern Kansas.

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Tuesday, Oct. 29, a man died.

That death ended more than a man's life. It ended an era, a period in the life of the College.

The College was his foster child, and as such he protected it, and watched it grow.

Words can mean so much and so little. There are some emotions no language except that of mutual understanding, can express. It is to that medium we must resort to describe our feelings upon the loss of the man who had become the most familiar figure on our campus. Chapel, football games, night entertainment—he was there all the time. It was taken for granted; he attended, not through a sense of duty, but of enjoyment. It was his place. It still is. No man can fill that place, nor ever will. The good a man does will live after him. His name, his college and his spirit are as much a part of this campus as the buildings he planned and lived to see constructed.