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DR. BRANDENBURG OF K. S. T. C.
PASSED AWAY TUESDAY A. M.

Builder of Kansas State Teachers
College and Leader in His
Profession

Anna Record
Oct 31, 1940

Dr. W. A. Brandenburg, 71, president of the Kansas State Teachers College in Pittsburg, died at 1:45 o'clock in St. Mary's hospital in St. Louis Tuesday morning.

Dr. Brandenburg was taken to St. Louis several weeks ago for treatment and for a time seemed to be recovering and was taken to the home of his daughter, Mrs. H. K. Leedham of Webster Groves, near St. Louis. He was returned to the hospital last Thursday when his condition became worse, and died Tuesday morning. Originally he was treated for colitis but complications in the form of kidney disease and influenza set in, causing his death.

When Dr. Brandenburg came to the Pittsburg college in 1913 there were only two buildings on the campus. The school's growth was steady and ten additional buildings have been constructed during his tenure.

Funeral rites were held Thursday afternoon in the College auditorium. Burial will be in Highland Park cemetery in Pittsburg.

Oct 31, 1940
DR. W. A. BRANDENBURG DIES

Dr. William A. Brandenburg, president of Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg for more than 27 years, died in a hospital in St. Louis early Tuesday morning after an illness of about a month. He was 71 years old.

Howard Press
Although Dr. Brandenburg had been in declining health for several months he did not go to St. Louis for medical treatment until late in September after he had seen the college off to a good start for the new year. He had spent part of the time there in the home of a daughter, Mrs. Harry K. Leedham.

Besides Mrs. Leedham, surviving relatives include Mrs. Brandenburg; two daughters, Mrs. Helen Carner of Gallup, N. M., and Mrs. Amy Halliday of Pittsburg; two sons, Harold Brandenburg, vice principal of the Columbus high school, and William A. Brandenburg, Jr., dean of the faculty at William Woods College, Fulton, Mo.; a sister, Dr. Amy L. Brandenburg of Arlington, Iowa. Another son, F. Merrill Brandenburg, was fatally injured in a motor car accident last fall in California.

Pittsburg Sun
Nov. 1, 1940
Memories of W. A. B.

The first time we ever saw him was in the pulpit of our church, where his brother was at that time the pastor. We thought him one of the kindest men we ever saw.

The best first-hand report we ever had of him was the first time Mother returned from studying at the summer session at the Normal, as she brushed up on certain subjects so that she might teach in our school system when teachers were "scarce" during the World War.

She was thrilled by the return to school after a 15-year start on rearing a family. She glowed as she told us of him, and of the man who temporarily takes his place, from whom she was taking one of her courses.

But, despite our more than two years of attendance at the College, we remember him best for telephone calls to The Sun during the past few years, calls usually placed near or after midnight.

It was "Prexy" calling to learn the results of this or that athletic event, and we would not want to put his record in jeopardy, but we rather believe he must have liked track and field events best of all. It was the point—his calling far into the night hours about athletics—which proved conclusively for us that he was one of the best balanced men we ever knew.

His record on other points of building an institution of learning shows plainly enough, and needs no emphasis from us.

In emphasizing our own point in this case, we hasten also to add that the president of the College followed losers as closely as winners, and we never announced a result of any kind to him in which he could not find something to express his satisfaction about.

We shall greatly miss the kind voice of Dr. W. A. Brandenburg.—M. P.