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**PRESIDENT BRANDENBURG**

President W. A. Brandenburg of Kansas State Teachers College died this week.

Perhaps one of the finest tributes ever paid this outstanding educator, school builder, and loyal Pittsburgan was the one paid him two years ago by C. M. Harger, then chairman of the State Board of Regents, at the celebration here commemorating his twenty-five years as president of the little prairie school that grew up. Mr. Harger said:

"In this quarter century Dr. Brandenburg has been largely responsible for the high place the school occupies in the educational system of Kansas and of the West. For more than half that time I have been on the Board of Regents and have been impressed by his ability as an executive and as an educator. Always he has worked in harmony with the Board and ever he has been jealous of the interests of his school. He has sought to secure for it every good thing, every added benefit that would enhance the opportunity of the students under his care. With tact, a large measure of diplomacy—which is needed in any administrator—and a determination to advance the institution's progress he has been one of the outstanding leaders of Kansas."

Dr. Brandenburg led a full and eventful life. He will be missed by a host of friends and admirers. He has earned his rest — and Kansas State Teachers College today stands, and will continue to stand, as a living monument to his indefatigable energy, executive ability, and wise leadership.

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~~Oct 31, 1940~~  
**DEATH TAKES**  
**BRANDENBURG**

*Funeral Services For*  
*Veteran College Head*  
*Thurs. Afternoon*

Pittsburg lost one of its outstanding citizens this week in the death of Dr. W. A. Brandenburg, 71, president of Kansas State Teachers College for the past 27 years.

Funeral services were to be held at 2:30 o'clock Thursday afternoon in the College auditorium, with burial in Highland Park cemetery.

Dr. Brandenburg died early Tuesday morning in St. Mary's hospital in St. Louis. His death, it was said, was due to complications in the form of kidney disease and influenza which set in following earlier treatment for colitis.

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 Carney of Gallup, N. M., and Mrs. Amy Halliday of Pittsburg; two sons, Harold Brandenburg, vice-principal of the Colum-

bus high school, and William A. Brandenburg, Jr., dean of the faculty at William Woods college, Fulton, Mo.; a sister, Dr. Amy



W. A. BRANDENBURG

L. Brandenburg Rennie of Los Angeles; and a brother, A. W. Brandenburg of Arlington, Iowa. Another son, F. Merrill Brandenburg, was fatally injured in a motor car accident last fall in California.

Dr. Brandenburg was born on an Iowa farm and attended the schools of that state. He received his bachelor's and master's degrees at Drake university where he was honored with the Phi Beta Kappa key.

Monmouth college awarded him the LL.D. degree in 1925. After nine years of superintendency of schools in Iowa he served three and one half years as superintendent of the Oklahoma City schools. He was appointed president of the State Teachers College here in 1913. The College

has enjoyed an extraordinary growth under his leadership. When he came to Pittsburg the College had only two buildings. Now it has 15.

President Brandenburg was a Mason and Shriner and a member of the Christian church. He served in 1938 as president of the Kansas State Teachers Association and was, at the time of his death, president of the American Association of Teachers Colleges in which he had been influential since its organization. He was also a member of the state board of education.