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Family Tradition Spurs President

**Dr. Brandenburg Upholds Reputation
of Achievement in Career of
Educational Work**

We are by nature a group of curious people. In a friendly way we are eager to know about the personal life of a man who has achieved; especially is this true when this man has served his nation with distinction as an educational leader and has been president of a leading teachers college for twenty-five years.

President William A. Brandenburg has been a most unusual man. From his sturdy ancestors he inherited a strong physical body which has aided him tremendously in carrying out his exacting duties as president of Kansas State Teachers College. In the Brandenburg family there was a tradition of worthwhile achievement. The sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Brandenburg each found and filled a niche in this world. Dr. G. C. Brandenburg was until his death the head of the education department at Purdue University. Dr. W. E. Brandenburg, who recently passed away was pastor of the Christian Church in Kansas City, Kansas. Dr. Laura E. Brandenburg, who died several years ago, Dr. Amy L. Brandenburg Rennie, now living in Los Angeles, and Mr. A. W. Brandenburg of Arlington, Iowa, are the other members of the F. M. Brandenburg family besides the President.

Coupled with this tradition, W. A. Brandenburg had a strong determination for a career ahead of him. The combining of these two qualities has made him a man of vision, of courage, and of determination, and one who has shown rare discrimination and who is humble about his abilities.

President Brandenburg was born in Iowa and attended the schools of that state. He received his Ph. B. and M. A. degrees at Drake University where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Monmouth College, Illinois, conferred the LL.D. degree upon him in 1925.

On June 22, 1893, he married Alta A. Penfield. They have six children, all of whom are living and all of whom are graduates of this institution. Lola Ethel, now Mrs. Harry K. Leedham of St. Louis, received her bachelor's degree here in 1915 and her master's degree from Teachers College, Columbia University. Amy Altano, wife of Dr. Glenn Haliday of Pittsburg, received her bachelor's degree in 1919. Merrill Frances, who is now teaching at Oroville, California, received his bachelor's degree here in 1921, and his master's degree

from Iowa University in 1932. Harold P., now vice-principal at the Cherokee County Community High School at Columbus, Kansas, received his bachelor's degree in 1924 and his master's degree in 1932 from K. S. T. C. Helen D., now Mrs. E. L. Carney of Gallup, New Mexico, received her bachelor's degree in 1929. William A., Jr., who is teaching in Tulsa, Oklahoma, received his bachelor's degree in 1930 and his master's degree in 1931; he plans to complete the work for his doctor's degree at Boulder, Colorado, this summer.

For a number of years Dr. Brandenburg has actively participated in the teaching profession, either as a classroom teacher or as an administrator. From 1901-1905 he was the superintendent of the Capital Park City Schools (a subdivision of the Des Moines Public Schools), from 1905-1910 he was superintendent of the Mason City (Iowa) Public Schools; and from 1910 until his election as president of this institution he was the superintendent of the Oklahoma City Public Schools. Since 1913 he has served K. S. T. C. loyally as its president, giving of his time and his effort to aid students in every way he could.

Distinguished in any gathering, President Brandenburg has been a familiar figure in the educational circles of Kansas and of the United State. He has been a member of the State Board of Education for seventeen years; he served the first thirteen years by virtue of being president of the state institution, but the last four years he has been appointed

by the governor. He is a member of the School book Commission of Kansas and is president of the Schoolmaster's club of Kansas. Last December he was elected the president of the Kansas State Teachers Association and it is his privilege to guide the destinies of this association during the year 1938.

Dr. Brandenburg has come into national prominence by his membership on the executive committee of the North Central Association of colleges and secondary schools from 1935-1937, and by serving for five years as a member of the committee on accrediting and classification of the American Association of Teachers Colleges.

He has also been active in community affairs. For the past twenty years he has served as director of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce, and in the year 1927 he was president of that organization. For many years he has had charge of the seventeenth degree of Scottish Rite Masonry: during the year 1928, he served as potentate of the Mirza Shrine in Pittsburg.

Alumni, faculty, students, and friends of the institution consider W. A. Brandenburg as the virtual creator of Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg because his leadership has built the institution into one of national proportion.