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ALUMNI OF K. S. T. C. FETE BRANDENBURG

MORE THAN 100 ATTENDED
BANQUET FOR HIM LAST
NIGHT AT DALE HERE

Pittsburg College President Scans
25 Years He Has Headed School
and Attributes Success to
Help from Associates

More than 100 alumni of Kansas State Teachers college, Pittsburg, gathered at Hotel Dale here last night for a dinner honoring Dr. Walter A. Brandenburg on his twenty-fifth anniversary as president of K. S. T. C.

Dr. Brandenburg spoke on "Who Did It?" He quoted Ralph Waldo Emerson, who said "an institution is but the shadow of a man," but



Dr. W. A. Brandenburg

Dr. Brandenburg took the modest stand that success of an institution was, rather, a result of untiring efforts of many persons who support the traditions of the institution.

Mr. Brandenburg discussed at length his picture of the college over the last twenty-five years as he saw it, and not as others see it, and placed himself as the least responsible. "I am far more concerned with the years that lie ahead for your alma mater," he said.

"Your alma mater, he continued, "is the lengthening shadow of an army of men and women, and it must ever continue to be so, if it is to continue to grow in greatness and influence. Many of the faculty have already done their work towards this goal, but their immortal influence is ever reaching out.

"Then I see in this picture the grand men and women of Kansas, who have given their assistance and words of sympathetic encouragement. Their part of this picture, as I see it, will never be forgotten.

Credit Due to Many

"Credit must be given to the great student bodies that have been so co-operative, thoughtful and kind. In the twenty-five years that I have worked with you, 97,100 students have enrolled in your alma mater. Degrees have been conferred upon 4,401 of these, 5,875 have been awarded life diplomas and more than 12,000 have received teaching credentials. To the alumni also must go much credit for the life of this great institution I have been privileged to serve.

"One of the ambitions of your president and the faculty of the college through these years has been a determination to build first a college that would be a real college, with high scholastic standing. Social efficiency also cannot be stressed too much, along with economy in education. We must be stalwart and never over-content.

Where opportunity calls we must be ever ready to accept it, filling the measure beyond expectation."

Varied Program Given

Miss Eulalia Roseberry, a professor for many years in the college, introduced President Brandenburg. Miss Roseberry also gave an address on "The Power of Leadership," complimenting Dr. Brandenburg on his work in behalf of the college. She also gave a history of the institution and its growth in the last twenty-five years.

The entire program was broadcast over KGGF and also it was a part of the ceremonies held by fifty other alumni groups in Kansas and in other states, assembled to honor President Brandenburg.

An address of welcome was given by Miss Dorothy McPherson, Coffeyville grade school supervisor. Other numbers on the program were several vocal solos by Miss Lola Stewart of Pittsburg with Eugenia Johnson of Pittsburg as piano accompanist; dinner music by the Coffeyville junior college orchestra and group singing led by Robert Myers of the junior college faculty. The meeting was adjourned for an informal get-together.

Superintendent K. W. McFarland of the Coffeyville schools was the speaker at a "student day" program at K. S. T. C., Pittsburg, this morning. The climax of the

Brandenburg silver anniversary activities will be reached at Pittsburg tomorrow.

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PRESIDENT BRANDENBURG

W. A. Brandenburg came to Pittsburg in 1913 to assume the presidency of a young state school that had only a few years that were full of trouble behind it. It happened that it was not the past toward which the new leader was looking, however, when he accepted the place the Kansas officials offered to him. Naturally, he was interested in knowing about the start of what now is the College but which had been an unwanted branch of another state institution. He noted what had been accomplished under handicaps. But what the school was to do in the years ahead was the thing of vital importance to the new executive. Full of confidence in the future of the school, President Brandenburg took charge and plunged into his work.

Today, after a quarter of a century, President Brandenburg can look out across the stretch of time which includes momentous years of war and of peace and note high achievements recorded. A magnificent campus covered with fine structures, a large faculty, a big student body almost the year around and thousands of graduates occupying places in many lines of activity are in the picture that gives the story of the progress of the College in these years. It would not be accurate to say that the success that has been recorded was the work of President Brandenburg. He would be the first to repudiate any appraisal that did not give full credit to the loyal and earnest and capable faculty members, some of whom have worked through all the Brandenburg presidency. But it was the president who has furnished the leadership for the faculty and whose hand has guided the management of the institution. If he has furnished inspiration for the faculty, he also has drawn inspiration from the faculty. When the new executive arrived in Pittsburg, he found a very small number of professors but in the group were men and women whose lives had been linked, for better or for worse, to the institution. They were courageous persons, not afraid of a fight for their right and somewhat experienced in that sort of thing. They were loyal to the school, to the idea behind it and to the community that spoke for a populous section and for a people entitled to the