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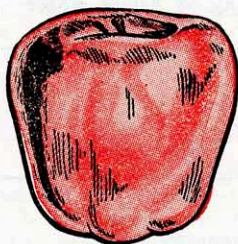
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KANSAS STATE TEACHERS COLLEGE  
PITTSBURG, KANSAS

# APPLE DAY PAGEANT

BRANDENBURG FIELD  
WEDNESDAY, JULY 15, 1953  
8:15 P.M.



*Fiftieth Anniversary*

Pageant, "Song of Apple Day".....Lena Martin-Smith  
Class of 1903  
Queen Alma Mater..... Jo Ann Barr  
1952-53 Outstanding Woman Senior  
Uncle Sam.....Gerald Gifford  
1952-53 Outstanding Man Senior

"Lest We Forget" — "We Carry On"

# Song of Apple Day Pageant

## E P I S O D E S

Episode I..... The Dream

- A. Hail to Our College
- B. Song of Apple Day (Verse Story)
- C. Dance of Dreams
- D. Pageant 1800-1850 with symbolic Dance

Episode II..... Apple Day

- A. Song of Apple Day (Verse Story)
- B. Dance of Apple Day
- C. Pageantry: Crowning of Almer Mater

Episode III..... Appreciation

- A. Song of Tribute
- B. Honors Dance
- Pageantry: Honor Gifts

Episode IV..... Pledge of Future

- A. We carry On
- B. Finale: Pledge Pageantry

## PAGEANTRY PERSONNEL

### Groups:

- College Students—Music, Apple Girls
- College High Students—Apple Dancers
- Horace Mann Laboratory School—Dream Fairy
- Soloist—Sherril Hobson (sixth grade), Dream Fairies (Kindergarten), Poneers (Sixth Grade), Robe Bearers (Kindergarten), Crown Bearer (Kindergarten).

### Special Characters:

- Attendants—Mary Ann Butler, Cynthia Zimmerman
- France—Barbara Gudgen
- Nebraska—Donna Needham
- Kansas—Bernita Golden
- Indian Dancer—Loren Robinson, Drummer—Mrs. Loren Robinson
- Trumpeters—Gene Seifert, Bob Hinds

Quartet—Viola Cowden, Martha Crowley, Robert Trimble, Martin Wagner

## SONG OF APPLE DAY POEM

Gerald Hutton, Reader

(1)

This is the song of Alma Mater Day,  
A story of a century: The way  
A college institution came to be  
Here, with children in reality  
Around the world; a past as clear  
As any amongst free men; a story dear.  
The deeds of men live first  
In Dreams!

(2)

Our home of Louisiana Purchase, then  
A territory named for Kanza men,  
Became a state with land. This acreage  
Where Alma Mater stands, used to assuage  
A homeless Indian tribe of Cherokees.  
But they preferred the cash. Far from the seas  
Which beat on shores of east and west,  
Traveling white men sought with longing and with zest,  
Homes. Bits of land in Kansas. Peopled soon  
By pioneers, whose cattle grazed on prairie boon,  
Here, a trail, a military road  
Became our Broadway.

(3)

On this abode  
Of ours, this campus, sod was turned by Ox;  
With our great brick-laid structures of today.  
Wind whistled through cornfields: a paradox  
These walls exist because a Dreamer came this way,  
A teacher, sent his dream into the heart  
Of Public Servants. A school apart  
From other schools came into being then,  
To grow and quicken acres here again  
Into a college harvest.

All hail a founder,  
A man of dreams and deeds, named R. S. Russ!  
To his great zeal to bring a victory  
To College dream and persuade men to see  
Our need . . . he sat, a weary man, in sacred pew  
Of legislators. For this rule, of which he knew  
Not, he paid a fine, a barrel of apples, red,  
But **WON THE VOTE**. When all was said  
The apple seemed a symbol of success  
And meant a campus home,

Each year that students pass  
Commemoration Day, we pause to eat  
An apple, to remember those who turned defeat  
And won.

A glorious way  
of honoring our founders . . . Apple Day!

(4)

Here on an old cornfield arose Russ Hall  
With eighty rooms to house, enthrall

And bind into a unit student band.  
 Faculty came to lend a guiding hand;  
 They labored, sang and builded well hereon  
 A campus Apple Day begun; and Alma Mater won!  
 The builders names included students loyal,  
 And tireless endeavors; persons royal,  
 Teachers, friends, neighbors, lawmakers came  
 Along our campus way to build our name.  
 Some journeyed on, to other work, to fame,  
 To other words.

They left behind, a tower  
 We now adore, Remember them, this hour.  
 For Founder Russ, and others living yet,—  
 Who saw the dream take form, do not forget  
 Their service. For those of faculty  
 Who set the silver stake of campus years,  
 Take heed. For those beyond the earthly veil  
 We name a few and light a candle pale,  
 To shine for all the multitudes who gave  
 A share!

(5)

Yet,—brave  
 And noble memories must show a way  
 To point again our highest aims, today!  
 Come leaders, chosen by our college throngs:  
 Accept a light; accept a symbol, which belongs  
 To Apple Day! By this, we honor once again,  
 Our Alma Mater founders  
 And pledge to carry on!

#### PLEDGE VERSE—ALMA MATER SONG

Let her worthy sons and daughters  
 For our College proudly stand,  
 Shielding zealously her honor  
 In one brave unbroken band;  
 Let them hold aloft her banner  
 With a stout and steady arm,  
 Rallying her children round it  
 From the city, town, and farm.

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 Frank German—Apples  
 Claude Newcomb—School Song  
 Edwina Fowler, Helen Kriegsman—"We Carry On" march  
 John Lance, Charlie Morgan, Jack Overman, Markwood  
 Holmes—Properties and March to the Apples.