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President B.
 facilities that were proposed. On this foundation of human service, fidelity, faith, enthusiasm, determination and ability, President Brandenburg began his work as leader and associate of the faculty members. Today, clustered around him at the College ceremonies are surviving members of that sincere group that welcomed him with high hopes in 1913. With them are 100 or more other faculty associates, many of them now veterans themselves, who were to follow the president to the College. To have been the leader of such a group would give any man distinction. To have had the loyal cooperation of these men and women is an honor for which any man should be keenly grateful.

It is not only as president of the College that President Brandenburg is receiving attention this week. Citizens of Pittsburg have joined in the celebration. They would do that in recognition of the services of President Brandenburg at the College. What he has done there has been of a value to Pittsburg that cannot be estimated. Pittsburg as a community would owe to the president the tributes that are being paid if he never had set his foot off the campus in Pittsburg. But Pittsburg can join in the anniversary celebration on another account. President Brandenburg of the College has been Active Citizen Brandenburg of Pittsburg—and of Kansas. Always, from the day he first became a resident of Pittsburg, he has been interested in affairs of the city and of the state. In civic matters, from the start of his quarter of a century here, President Brandenburg has

participated in public activities, carrying whatever burden was assigned to him. In numerous capacities, some involving leadership and direction and others hard work in the ranks, President Brandenburg has met the continuing challenges of citizenship in Pittsburg.

Outstanding educational executive and active, useful citizen of Pittsburg and Kansas—President Brandenburg.

TRIBUTES FOR BRANDENBURG

COLLEGE HEAD HONORED AT SILVER JUBILEE PROGRAM TODAY.

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MANY LEADERS, EDUCATORS ATTEND CELEBRATION TODAY

GOVERNOR HUXMAN PRAISES RECORD: "EDUCATION MOST IMPORTANT."

Three Former Governors, Regent, and Representatives From Most Kansas Schools Take Part; Alumni Day Tomorrow.

Tribute to Dr. W. A. Brandenburg upon the completion of 25 years in the presidency of Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg came from many persons of high rank, leading public officials and educators, in a special visitors' day program this morning in College assembly, climax of a week's observance of the Brandenburg silver anniversary.

Governor Walter A. Huxman delivered the principal address, and among those bringing greetings were three former governors of the state, Jonathan M. Davis, who served from 1923 to 1925; Ben S. Paulen, 1925 to 1929 and Clyde M. Reed, 1929 to 1931. Dean G. W. Trout of the College presided, and the large auditorium was nearly filled with students and townspeople.

Governor Huxman discussed "Safeguards of Our Democracy." Telling of the frightful slaughter by the dogs of war in some countries today, the strife and the hate that exists elsewhere, the governor said:

Real Responsibility.

"How fortunate we are that we live in a country such as ours! How much we owe to those great men who conceived and formed the ideals on which our country is founded! What a responsibility it is to be true to these ideals!

"We are living under a democratic form of government. We are masters of our own fate, and not ruled by a dictator. If we would have these things continue and endure and remain our heritage, there are certain things we must not forget.

"No civilization can endure unless the people have a proper conception of their relation to a Supreme Being. This universe is not an accident. It is all a part of a great plan and we have a part in it. No man or woman ever gained greatness unless he had a conception of the golden rule and the fundamental teachings of Jesus Christ. We are fortunate that we are living in a Christian nation.

"No democracy can endure unless freedom of speech and press is protected. We can differ, criticize each other and express our opinions freely. This is necessary if we are to have a democratic form of government.

Education Important.

"No nation or individual can be free unless it has the right outlook mentally. Therein comes the work education. No nation can advance beyond the intelligence of its citizens.

"Let us resolve that we are going to have the best educational system that we can have. There is one purpose to all of our efforts, and that is to make ourselves and our citizens better than they were before.

"The Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg is immortal. It will never cease to exist. Its ideals have shaped the destiny of our state, its influence has been felt and will continue to go on as long as there is a state of Kansas. Pittsburg and the state can well be proud of the College. It is one of the real gems of our educational institutions.

"When the time comes for us to lay down our public service there is little financial remuneration that goes with it. The public servant can take with him the satisfaction that he has been a factor in the development of something really worthwhile.

Praises Great Work.

"And to President Brandenburg, who has done a great work here, the richest heritage that he can ever have, when he finally lays down his work, is to look back and realize that he has had a part in bringing about a vital institution.

"I hope to come back for a golden anniversary, 25 years from now. And I hope President Brandenburg and all the other good people associated with him are still here to have a part in it."

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First greetings from the visitors were brought by Fred M. Harris of Ottawa, representing the board of regents. He expressed the appreciation of the board for the fine work which has been carried on by President Brandenburg here.

Ex-Governor Davis discussed governmental problems of the day, told of the immense amount that has been spent for relief in the last few years, and stated that it is a big problem that must be analyzed and worked out. He said he has the utmost faith in the American people to meet the problems as they come. He spoke highly of President Brandenburg's work and his associations with the Pittsburg educator.

Friend of College.

In making his talk, Ex-Governor Paulen commented that he hesitated to inject politics into the occasion but observed that "if Jonathan wasn't so far gone there would be hopes for him to vote the Republican ticket sometime."

"When the College here needed appropriations during my term as governor, I was always willing to give the best I had. Some said a was 'friendly' to Pittsburg. Perhaps I was. At any rate I did the institution no harm during my regime. The remarkable growth of this institution in the past 25 years and the maintenance of high standards doesn't seem possible. And I don't believe it would have been possible without the able guidance and vision of Dr. Brandenburg."

Arriving late, Ex-Governor Reed explained that he had been mixed up on the starting hour of the program. "I couldn't conceive," he said, "of a program beginning at 9:30 o'clock and continuing into the noon hour. I underestimated what you can do with a ready made audience."

Congratulates "Prexy."

"It is a pleasure and a privilege to be a small part of this celebration and pay tribute to the man who, more than any other one man has been responsible for the building of this great institution."

W. T. Markham, state superintendent of public instruction, brought greetings and congratulations to President Brandenburg for his fine accomplishments at the College. "So long as we have such institutions as this to fortify the home and the church, our democracy is safe."

The secretary of the Kansas State Teachers Association, F. L. Pinet, told a story which brought out the quotation, "After me cometh the builder. Tell him I

too have known," and concluded that in the case of President Brandenburg and the College it would be appropriate to say, "After you cometh the builder. I hope that he will know that you too, have known." President Brandenburg is head of the state teachers association at the present time.

Greetings From Hays.

Dr. C. E. Rarick, president of the Fort Hays State College of Hays, called attention to the influence of the College under the fine direction of President Brandenburg, which has been felt throughout the state. He said the president had been a great inspiration and help to him and his college.

From Kansas State College of Manhattan came Dr. George Gemmell to bring greetings.

Miss Evelyn Butler, dean of the school of music at Baker University, a graduate of the College, brought greetings from Baker University and its president.

Dr. V. F. Schwalm, president of McPherson College, stated that in President Brandenburg the state has found a man with a rugged sense of justice and equality.

From Other Colleges.

Greetings were brought from Wichita University by Dr. Earl K. Hillbrand, dean. Dr. Hillbrand said he had been trying to imagine how President Brandenburg must feel by now, and said he probably felt as one of his colleagues once felt on a similar occasion. He said he felt like a pancake which had been covered with syrup and was about to be eaten.

Dr. Albert H. King of Kansas Wesleyan University brought congratulations from his faculty, and Dr. Arthur G. Sellen, dean of Washburn University, said that his institution holds Dr. Brandenburg in high regard for his great work. Dr. H. A. Kelsey of Sterling College praised the work of President Brandenburg.

Superintendent F. L. Schlagle of the Kansas City, Kas., schools praised President Brandenburg for his kindness, sympathy and understanding, as well as his great work in building the institution in enrollment, equipment and educational standards.

John A. Fenimore, president of the Chamber of Commerce, told of the work of President Brandenburg as a public-spirited citizen and in serving the chamber through eighteen years.

Others Send Greetings.

Dean Trout read greetings from former Kansas governors, George

Hodges, Arthur Capper, Henry J. Allen, Harry Woodring and Alf M. Landon, who were unable to accept invitations to be present.

Prof. O. F. Grubbs of the history department presented Dr. Brandenburg with a portfolio of letters from many alumni and other friends, congratulating him upon the anniversary.

In accepting the letters, President Brandenburg said that in the 25 years he had had a sweet and wonderful fellowship with thousands of the best people on earth. He denied responsibility for the growth and development of the College and pointed to the "noble" men and women with whom he has been associated. "The school has been built with their spirit, together with the help of the good citizens and legislators. They have all cast their lots in this work."

Share Limelight.

He called special attention to the men and women who have been on the faculty of the institution as long or longer than himself. He read the list and asked them to stand. It included Miss Eulalia Roseberry, Dr. O. P. Dellinger, Prof. J. A. G. Shirk, Miss Odella Nation, Prof. A. H. Whitesitt, Dean Trout, Miss Margaret Coventry and Miss Belle Provorse.

He said he deeply regretted that Prof. D. M. Bowen, another long time member of the faculty, was unable to be here on account of illness.

"Now, I want you to look at the face of another who has done so much for us in the 25 years." He displayed a painting of Dr. J. A. Yates, head of the department of biology until his death about four years ago.

Among others introduced from the stage by Dean Trout were M. G. Vincent, former state senator; State Representative W. H. Ryan, Postmaster R. E. Mangrum, Lieutenant Governor W. M. Lindsay and State Representative Leonard T. Jent.

Music on Program.

Greetings were read from President Andrew B. Martin of Ottawa University and President Thomas Butcher of Emporia Teachers College.

The program opened with the overture, "Pique Dame," (Suppe), played by Walter McCray's festival orchestra. Dr. J. H. Hutchman, pastor of the United Presbyterian church, gave the invocation. Prof. Claude Newcomb was soloist and was assisted by the men's choral club and the Polymnia club in the number "If All Those Fond Memories of K. S. T. C.," the words of which were written by Miss Provorse with orchestration by Mr. McCray and Emile Michaux. Rev. Phillip Schmidt, pastor of St. John's Lutheran church and mayor of the city, gave the benediction.

A Chamber of Commerce dinner was given in the Collegiate room of the Hotel Besse at noon today with out-of-town speakers and others as guests. Principals and superintendents dined at the College cafeteria annex.

Speakers at a 7 o'clock dinner tonight in the College cafeteria will be Dr. L. A. Pettinger, president of Ball State Teachers College, Muncie, Ind., and F. W. Brinkerhoff, Dr. Dellinger will be toastmaster and the invocation will be by Dean Trout.

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Dr. Pettinger's subject will be, "An Institution, the Lengthened Shadow of an Individual." President of the American Association of Teachers Colleges and a member of the executive council of the North Central Association, Dr. Pettinger is known throughout the United States as a speaker and educator and for his terms of distinctive service in the lower house of the Indiana general assembly as well.

As an educator Dr. Pettinger has spent years of active service in the teaching profession and has been head of Ball State Teachers College since 1927.

He was graduated from the University of Indiana in 1907 with a bachelor of arts degree and the following year received his master of arts degree from the same institution. He holds honorary degrees of Ll. D and Litt. D. from several colleges and universities.

Alumni Day Tomorrow.

Tomorrow will be known as alumni day. Each department of the College will hold reunions of former students. There will be a concert at 3 p. m. in College auditorium of an orchestra and glee clubs of alumni members. The popular men's quartet made up of Clair Mills, Robert Myers, Warren Edmondson and Oscar Stover, will furnish part of the entertainment. President Brandenburg will speak.

At 7 o'clock tomorrow night there will be a dinner in the College cafeteria, at which C. M. Miller, director of vocational education of the state, will be toastmaster, and C. M. Harger, chairman of the board of regents, will speak.

Miss Jennie Walker will give the invocation and a pageant, "Endearing Young Charms," with Mrs. Lena Martin Smith, member of the 1913 graduating class, as author and Miss Irma Gene Nevins, head of the department of physical education for women, as director. The dinner program will be followed by a dance in the College gymnasium, final event of the week's observance.

Kansas State Teachers College is truly proud of the support it has received since its beginning from the merchants and citizens of Pittsburg. Without this support no institution could survive to perform the service to the community that K. S. T. C. has for Pittsburg.

Since the beginning of President W. A. Brandenburg's career in Pittsburg the city has been anxious to aid in the great achievements accomplished during the President's administration here. It is just, therefore, that we attribute to the merchants of Pittsburg their share in the successful harvest of civic pride that is taken in our College.

Each year merchants aid in the athletic program by promoting the sale of citizen's activity tickets. In the construction of Brandenburg stadium the town played a prominent part by donations which enabled the stadium to be built. In all programs sponsored by the college is found this support.

The merchants shown on these pages are noteworthy examples of those who have been prominent in promoting college activities.

Again we salute these firms. They are the wind in the sails of our ship—may they never cease.

The Collegio

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