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SALUTE TO COLLEGE AND BRANDENBURG BY EDITOR IN KINSLEY

A bit of remembering has been done by Mrs. Cora G. Lewis, editor of the Kinsley (Kas.) Graphic, as the silver jubilee for President W. A. Brandenburg of the College is held. In a letter to Miss Irma Gene Nevins, chairman of the publicity committee, the editor, member of the board of administration when Brandenburg was selected to head the College, jotted down her comments. She wrote:

"Remembering:
"Almost a quarter of a century ago, the Kansas board of administration decided to make an independent teachers college of the Pittsburg branch of the Emporia Normal School. Serving a great territory and at some distance from the parent school, it seemed a bad policy to make a sort of 'step-child' of an education institution.

To Train Teachers.
"The dominant idea behind the establishment of the Pittsburg school, then called a normal school, was training teachers for vocational work needed in a new industrial age. With new ways of living, new ideals of education were demanded.

"When the time came to make an independent school of the Pittsburg normal, no member of the board of administration had anyone to promote—just a desire to find the best possible president for the new school.

"A search was made among educators in the country, and Dr. W. A. Brandenburg was chosen to lead this teachers' training school into

the coming years.
"The school has grown in education ideals, in its own vision of service, in educational ranking, in numbers and in the hearts of Kansas people.

"That is all that needs to be said about the choice of the then new president of what later became Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg.

Came as Stranger.
"President Brandenburg came to

the state a stranger, but he quickly became a citizen of Kansas in every sense of the word.

"He became an educational leader, familiar with needs of the teachers who were to lead schools forward and upward, and loyal to the spirit of our people.

"Under his leadership and guidance and devotion he has built a great teachers college out of what was called a branch normal school when he became president.

"I salute this educational leader after his long service to Kansas, and I wish him happiness in further service."

BRANDENBURG ACTIVE IN CIVIC AS WELL AS IN SCHOOL AFFAIRS

The 25 years that President W. A. Brandenburg has served in his present capacity at the College have been busy ones. Not only has he gained a reputation as one of the state's leading educators but his activity in many other civic capacities has increased his prominence.

Dr. Brandenburg is a member of Phi Beta Kappa. He was granted an LL. D. from Monmouth College at Monmouth, Ill., in 1925. He took his first degree at Drake University, Des Moines.

He was superintendent of the Capital Park schools at Des Moines from 1900 to 1905, going from there to the Mason City, Ia., schools and taking over the Oklahoma City superintendency in 1910. He came to the College in 1913.

Noted as Speaker.
The many appearances of Dr. Brandenburg on platforms all over the country have earned him a reputation as an outstanding speaker and lecturer. He has addressed many conventions and organizations all over the United States.

President Brandenburg has been a member of the state board of education for the past seventeen years. Thirteen of those years were served by virtue of his office at the College. Following legislative enactment and reorganization of the board in 1933, he was appointed by

the governor to serve on the new organization.

Active in Masonry, "Prexy" served as illustrious potentate of Mirza Temple of the Shrine during 1928. He has had charge of the seventeenth degree Scottish Rite Masonry for many years.

Active in C. of C.
In 1927, he served as president of the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce. He is a director of the organization at present and has served in that capacity for twelve years. For several years, he was a director of the state chamber of commerce and served as director of Southeast Kansas, Incorporated. He is a member of the state textbook commission and is president of the Schoolmasters Club of Kansas.

For five years, the president served as a member of the committee on accrediting and classification of the American Association of Teachers Colleges. He inspected several teachers colleges and was asked to present the graduate status in the teachers colleges to the American Association of Teachers Colleges. He was requested to appoint the present committee now charged with special investigation of graduate study.

Dr. Brandenburg was a member of the executive committee of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools from 1935 and 1937. He was elected president of the Kansas State Teachers Association for 1938.