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The Bill which created the Kansas State Teachers College, then to be known as the State Manual Training Normal School, was passed by the 1903 legislature, however the Bill carried with it no appropriation for buildings or even a site for the new institution.

In 1905 the legislature made an appropriation of \$10,000 with which to purchase a site for the new institution, but still no appropriation was made for buildings. Each biennium a small appropriation had been made for the operation of the school which was housed in buildings furnished gratis by the city of Pittsburg.

In 1907 the legislature made the first appropriation for buildings - an appropriation of \$150,000 with which to erect an administration building in which would be housed the entire institution including even the heating plant. In 1909 the building was completed, and the State Manual Training Normal School moved into its first permanent home.

The first faculty for the year 1903-04 consisted of 5 members, and the total enrollment for that year was 143 different students. The faculty at present numbers 130.

From one building opened in 1909 the institution now has 14 beautiful up to date structures. From a meager equipment of shops, laboratories and library, the institution now has most splendid and extensive laboratories and shop equipment. From an enrollment the first year of 143 the college had an enrollment for the year 1931-32 of 4,361 different students.

The first degrees were conferred upon a class of 13 in 1913. In 1932 the following degrees were issued:

Master of Science Degree - - - - -	45
Bachelor of Arts Degree - - - - -	17
Bachelor of Science Degree - - - - -	266

The legislature of 1923 changed the name of the institution from the State Manual Training Normal School to the Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg, Kansas.

The Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg has membership, without deficiencies or conditions, in the college and university section of the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools. It is also fully accredited as a teachers college, without deficiencies or conditions, in the American Association of Teachers Colleges.

Graduates of the institution are now receiving attractive fellowships in many of the largest and best universities in America.

The function of the Kansas State Teachers College of Pittsburg is primarily the preparation of teachers for every field of instruction in rural and elementary schools, junior and senior high schools, and colleges.

While the College has from its beginning stressed the importance of the practical arts in education, such as industrial arts, commercial art, and home economics, there has been at all times an equal recognition of the importance and the necessity of the academic and professional subjects, such as biology, chemistry and physics, education, English, foreign languages, geography, geology, history and social science, mathematics, music, art, and psychology and philosophy. It has strongly held that in the teaching of the academic subjects the student should be afforded opportunity for the most practical application of that which he studies.

We hold that the teachers college of today must be first a real college, and secondly a real teachers college - a real college wherein all subjects taught are as full and rich in content from the purely scholastic viewpoint as is necessary to make them of the highest collegiate level. In addition to this, it must be a real teachers college in that it must promote progress in the field of educational investigation and must endeavor at all times to professionalize the content matter which is taught; a college in which opportunity is afforded for supervised teaching, and the putting into practice of much that is taught.