

**Wheeling Hall of Fame Induction  
October 26, 1986**

# Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

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PHILANTHROPY — Stuart Bloch, Mrs. Douglas McKay, Clark Morton.

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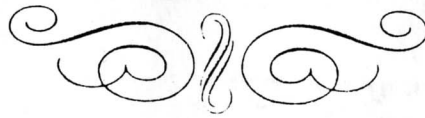
EIGHTH WARD

John W. Carenbauer

NINTH WARD

Thomas Baller

(Members of City Council in 1977 when the Hall of Fame Board was created by city ordinance but no longer members of the body include William H. Muegge, Gerald Binder, John E. Fahey (mayor), Edmund Berardinelli, William H. McNeil Jr., and William H. Hastings Sr.)



# **WHEELING HALL OF FAME**

## **(Class of 1985 — Induction, Oct. 26, 1986)**

### **Business and Industry**

Dr. William S. Fulton and Andrew J. Sweeney

### **Public Service**

Dr. Jacob Schwinn and James S. White

### **Religion and Education**

Noah Linsly and Mary Louise Butler Reed

### **Sports**

Leland S. Devore and Michael J. Valan



## **Program**

Invocation .....	Rev. George Kurtz, Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church.
“The Star Spangled Banner” .....	Young Patriots of Wheeling Park High School, directed by Leslie Garrett, with accompaniment by Paula Sacco and Kim Bryant.
Toastmaster .....	Harry L. Buch Chairman of Wheeling Hall of Fame Board.
Vocal musical selection .....	Young Patriots
Official welcome from City of Wheeling .....	Mayor Stella Koerner
Induction of Honorees in the Wheeling Hall of Fame .....	By Hall of Fame Board Members.
Response .....	James S. White
Closing remarks .....	Toastmaster Harry L. Buch

(At banquet's end, the audience is invited to view the Hall of Fame Plaques in the Concourse of the Wheeling Civic Center.)

(Dinner prepared by Wheeling Civic Center Staff)



## Leland S. Devore

Leland S. Devore was Wheeling's first All-American football player.

A graduate of Wheeling High School, where he was an outstanding sports figure, Devore achieved stature as the finest athlete of his era at the United States Military Academy at West Point, N.Y. He went on from that milestone achievement to enjoy a long and distinguished career in the service of his nation.

A 6 ft. 4, 225-pound tackle, Devore made Walter Camp's All-American first team in 1911 in recognition of his outstanding performance on behalf of the Army team.

Camp, then recognized as the "official" All-American selector and the originator of such mythical teams, also selected Devore on his third team in 1912 — a year when the Wheelingite was captain of the Cadet squad.

Devore was on the All-American squad at the same time as Jim Thorpe, the all-time great from Carlisle Indian School, which was one of Army's opponents. Devore also played against Knute Rockne, of Notre Dame.

The Wheeling native not only was a stellar tackle at Army, where he played five seasons, but also drop-kicked extra points. He was also the heavyweight boxing champion at the academy, the silver medalist in

heavyweight wrestling, and lettered in both baseball and basketball.

Devore, whose first station after being commissioned as a lieutenant was in the infantry at Fort McPherson, Ga., assisted in coaching the Georgia Tech team while in Georgia.

Devore accompanied Gen. John J. Pershing on the Pancho Villa expedition into Mexico in 1916. That was the first tactical move of the U.S. Army in which motorized transport trucks and cars were used and the Wheeling man was selected as the first motor transport officer in the army.

During World War I, he was an infantry officer in France. He was wounded and received the Purple Heart.

In 1920, he was ordered to Hawaii as a staff officer for the commanding general and while there took up football again as a member of an Army team, though past his playing prime.

Upon two occasions, Devore was stationed at West Virginia University as commandant of the cadets for the ROTC unit there. He was in Morgantown from 1922 to '26 and again from '35 to '39 and on both occasions served as a volunteer member of the football staff.

As a major, Devore served in Wheeling from 1930 to '34 as commander of all reserve army activities in West Virginia and Ohio.

He died in Washington, D.C., while still on active duty as a Lieutenant Colonel in 1939.

Leland Swarts Devore was born in Wheeling in 1889, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Devore, who resided on Wheeling Island.

After making a name for himself at Wheeling High and then gaining national fame while at West Point, he returned to Wheeling after graduation and married Genevieve Welty, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John S. Welty.

Leland and Genevieve Devore had one son, Leland S. Devore Jr., who was born in 1914 at 96th Twelfth St., Wheeling, and who also became an army officer. Genevieve Devore died in 1957.



## Dr. William S. Fulton

A man of strength, foresight and high spirits, Dr. William Stuart Fulton lived in Wheeling and practiced medicine in the city for upwards of 40 years. He was an outstanding physician and surgeon but his greatest contribution was doubtlessly the establishment of Wheeling Clinic.

The original plot of ground purchased by Dr. Fulton was an area 60 feet by 60 feet at Sixteenth and Eoff Sts. The so-called "Old Building" was completed and opened on July 1, 1924, at a cost of \$180,412, all of which was financed by loans and capital advanced by Dr. Fulton.

In the clinic, Dr. Fulton gathered around him young men, trained as specialists, and gave them a free hand to practice their professions. He inspired them to special efforts, he provided them with means of investigation and study, and developed a medical center rare for a city the size of Wheeling. In developing Wheeling Clinic, he contributed his means, his strength and long hours of continuous work.

In the beginning years, office hours at the clinic were from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., six days a week, with evening hours from 7 to 9 p.m. and with Sunday hours from 1 to 4 p.m.

Since there were relatively few surgeons in the smaller towns in the surrounding area who did major surgery, clinic surgeons were constantly called to operate in hospitals as far away as East Liverpool on the north,

Parkersburg on the south, Cambridge on the west, and Washington, Waynesburg, Morgantown and Philippi on the east. Frequently, they did surgery at night "on the road" after completing their day's work in Wheeling.

Dr. Fulton's professional efforts were not confined to the clinic. He was a member of the staff at Wheeling Hospital and Ohio Valley General Hospital and a consulting member of the staff of Reynolds Memorial Hospital. He served on the West Virginia Board of Health, was president of the W.Va. Medical Association in 1937, and was a governor of the American College of Surgeons. To every branch of his professional work, he gave enthusiastic leadership.

Dr. Fulton was born in St. Clairsville, Ohio, on Feb. 3, 1873, the son of Walker and Ellen Fulton. He was graduated from medical school at Ohio State University in 1899. He married Martha McElhenney Clarke, daughter of A.J. Clarke, a lawyer in Wheeling, and three children — Clarke, Martha, and Nancy — were born of that union. One of those children, Nancy Fulton Bloch, wife of Thomas M. Bloch of Wheeling, survives.

Public spirited, Fulton was a prime supporter of many civic movements for the betterment of Wheeling and for the state of West Virginia. It was said of him that "he played hard, he worked hard, and poured out lavishly the strength, which might have sustained his life for many years to come, had he been more careful and more thoughtful of his own personal welfare."

When Dr. Fulton died in Wheeling on May 30, 1938, a lengthy newspaper editorial eulogized the clinic founder. The concluding paragraph of that editorial said, "It is given to a few men to lead the life of abundant usefulness and activity that Dr. Fulton lived. He was, indeed, a rare character and we will not soon look upon his like again."

Today Wheeling Clinic is in the midst of a \$2,250,000 expansion program. This is the fourth expansion since Dr. Fulton built the original building. In addition, the clinic operates satellites in Wellsburg, Martins Ferry, New Martinsville, Glen Dale and St. Clairsville. There are 50 physicians on the staff.

# Noah Linsly



Noah Linsly, a Connecticut Yankee who traveled to West Virginia to practice law, died in 1814 but his name still lives, thanks to the school which his money made possible.

Perhaps the epitaph on his tombstone in Mt. Wood Cemetery describes him best — “A Friend of Youth and a Benefactor of Mankind.”

He came as a stranger to Wheeling in 1799 — just four years after the community received its charter from the state of Virginia — but in the brief span he spent in the community, he established himself as one of its leading citizens. He served as a member of council, prosecuting attorney, and mayor. When he succumbed on March 25, 1814, at the age of 41, his will provided that all of his property, with the exception of a gift of \$3,000 to the Yale University Library, be used “for the use, benefit and advantage of a Lancastrian School” in Wheeling.

In his will, Noah Linsly made a bequest of two farms he owned in Ohio County to Noah Zane and Samuel Sprigg as trustees to found a school for boys on the Lancastrian principle, whereby older boys are trained and in turn serve as tutors to younger boys.

With the money from the sale of the farms, a lot was purchased extending from Market St. to Chapline St. along Alley 11. It is the property now oc-

cupied by the Victoria Theatre Building and that of the Bache brokerage firm.

Later, the school, Linsly Institute, moved to a building on the northwest corner of Fifteenth and Eoff Sts., where later was located the first capitol building of the state of West Virginia.

About 1928, Linsly moved to Thedah Place and just a few years ago was transplanted to its fourth home, located between Leatherwood and Knox Lanes.

The act of incorporation was passed by the assembly of Virginia on Nov. 29, 1814. By this act, the management of the school was placed in the hands of a Board of Trustees, which was to be a self-perpetuating body, empowered to hold and administer the property of the institution, to make laws for its government and to choose the teachers.

The son of Josiah and Rachel Linsly, Noah Linsly was born at Branford, Conn., on Jan. 26, 1774. He was a graduate of Litchfield Law School and received his B.A. from Yale in 1791.

In 1803, he was invited to the office of tutor at Williams College, then recently incorporated. That appointment was undoubtedly due to the impression he had made upon Williams President Ebenezer Fitch, who had been on the faculty at Yale but left in 1791 for the academy which grew into Williams College.

After a year at Williams, Linsly became an instructor at Yale. His success and his scholarship were recognized in 1795 when both Williams and Yale conferred on him the degree of Master of Arts.

In 1797, Linsly moved to Morgantown, W.Va., and entered the practice of law. Two years later, he settled in Wheeling. That was indeed a fortunate day for Wheeling as he tried to give his adopted city the noblest secular benefaction that can be conferred — the benefaction of learning.



## Mary Louise Butler Reed

When Mary Louise Butler Reed headed the International Order of King's Daughters and Sons, she was known as "the great missionary president."

She served as president of the International Order from 1918 to 1924 and during that period the medical wing of Isabella Thoburn College in Lucknow, India, was built and the name of the order placed in six Oriental colleges. In 1922, the order took its place on the Near East Foundation and members all over the world contributed to save thousands of starving children.

Mrs. Reed established a reputation as a leading spirit in the founding and development of organizations of human helpfulness, or religious, civic, patriotic and cultural service during her lifetime in Wheeling.

Born as Louise Butler in 1861, she became known nationally and internationally for her philanthropic work but she was also extremely active in her home community. The wife of a prominent Wheeling physician, Dr. Robert J. Reed, she established the King's Daughters Nursery in the city and was a leader in the founding of the local Young Women's Christian Association. She served the Wheeling YWCA as president for 10 years. It was during her administration that the current YWCA building was erected at Eleventh and Chapline Sts.

A member of the First Presbyterian Church of Wheeling, Mrs. Reed was the leader of the Home Mission Circle of the church for 25 years. Her father was a deacon in the church, her husband was a senior elder, and her mother was also an influential leader.

Mrs. Reed — a personable, intelligent woman with a talent for organization and leadership and with a devotion to service — touched the lives of many. She served in local and state office with the King's Daughters, in addition to being president of the state branch and recording secretary and finally president of the International Order.

Her influence was found in the establishment of scholarships at Tusculum College in Tennessee and at the Chautauqua Institution in Jamestown, N.Y.

Her deep patriotism found expression in serving the societies which strive to preserve the heritage of the nation's founders. She was honorary vice-president general of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and also held office in the Colonial Dames, Daughters of 1812.

Mrs. Reed died on June 11, 1939. She and her husband had one son, Dr. Robert J. Reed Jr., who died in 1967. Her grandson, Dr. Robert J. Reed III, is a Wheeling surgeon.

At the time of Mrs. Reed's death, Betsy Bodkin, president of the West Virginia Branch of the King's Daughters, said in tribute, "Her brilliant mind, lovable nature, charming personality and sincere conviction of right won for her universal admiration, esteem and love. Words are futile that try to tell the story of her broad sympathies, her sensitiveness to beauty, her eager championship of worthy causes, her supreme faith in God. Mrs. Reed had many and varied interests but they all centered in the general purpose of human welfare and conserving values for the good of all."



## Dr. Jacob Schwinn

Born in Switzerland and educated in Europe, Dr. Jacob Schwinn arrived in the United States in 1884, at the age of 28.

He headed for the Midwest and practiced both in Chicago and in Des Moines, Ia. However, it was the good fortune of the city of Wheeling and the Ohio Valley that Schwinn had, while studying at Bern, Switzerland, become a roommate and friend of Dr. Gregory Ackermann.

It was Dr. Ackermann who persuaded Schwinn to come to Wheeling. In fact, Dr. Ackermann brought him to the community to be his assistant.

In time, Dr. Schwinn established himself as a surgeon of brilliant skill. Still, it was more than his ability and understanding of surgical techniques that brought him to the forefront. His humanitarian principles and his sympathetic understanding made him a friend and counselor, as well as medical adviser, to hundreds of patients.

Dr. Schwinn was considered the dean of the staff of Ohio Valley General Hospital and was head of the research department. He was on the surgical staff of both OVGH and Wheeling Hospital and also was associated with the staff of their predecessor, the old City Hospital, established in 1892. Prior to that, operations were often performed by Dr. Schwinn in his own home.

The youngest of 10 children, Schwinn was born in Switzerland on Dec. 10, 1854. His father and most of his elder brothers engaged in farming but it was his mother's wish that he should follow the profession of medicine. The family farm was near Schaffhausen, where he received his elementary and preparatory education.

His medical studies took him to the Universities of Heidelberg, Zurich, Wurzburg, Berlin and Bern. It was necessary at that time for a medical student to attend a number of medical schools because few universities in Europe offered a complete medical curriculum. Schwinn received his medical degree at Bern, where he studied under a famed surgeon, Dr. Kocher.

Dr. Schwinn was noted for his charity work. When the Wheeling Rotary Club, in cooperation with other civic groups, undertook to assist crippled children, he placed his services at their disposal and carried on the work for many years.

In 1938, at the age of 83, while given only a local anesthetic, Dr. Schwinn supervised his own operation for a strangulated hernia — an event so unusual that it made news wires and was circulated throughout the country.

Schwinn was the father of six children, all now deceased except a daughter, Rose Schwinn Plummer, who is confined to Peterson Hospital. Six grandchildren survive and four of them reside in Wheeling.

The revered doctor suffered a stroke on Christmas Eve of 1941 and died on the morning of Dec. 26, at age 87.

Six years earlier, the Jacob Schwinn Study Club had been organized in his honor by his fellow doctors. It remains active today.



# Andrew J. Sweeney

He served as mayor of Wheeling longer than any other man but Andrew J. Sweeney's greatest claim to fame was in the fact that he brought electricity to the city.

By the time Thomas Edison's experiments with the incandescent light bulb bore fruition, arc lighting was already an accepted technology in the United States, as a result of the pioneering inventions of Charles F. Brush.

In the summer of 1876, Mayor Sweeney, a prominent Wheeling businessman, was selected by President Ulysses S. Grant as a commissioner for West Virginia to the Philadelphia Exposition. Earlier, he had been appointed a commissioner to the Vienna Exposition in 1873 and subsequently was picked as one of the representatives of his nation at the Paris Exposition in 1878.

While in Paris, Sweeney saw electric arc lighting in actual service on the city streets. He returned to Wheeling with enthusiasm for this form of illumination and when Brush Electric Co., of Cleveland, formed a local lighting company, Sweeney was named as its president. However, after receiving permission from city council to use the streets and alleys of Wheeling to convey electricity, some of the shareholders in Brush Electric

Light Co. of Wheeling became apprehensive and eventually the company was dissolved without ever becoming operational.

However, Sweeney — a man of innovation and foresight — refused to give up. He rekindled the enterprise with the help of his son, John, and W.P. Hix, superintendent of the Sweeney & Son Machine Shop at 12 Twelfth St., where their new organization, the Wheeling Electrical Co., set up its first generating plant.

On Sept. 13, 1882, just nine days after Edison lighted lower Manhattan, Sweeney provided electric lighting in actual service for the first time in four business establishments in Wheeling. The cost was 75 cents per night for each light, with the charge including installation of the lamps.

Born in Pittsburgh, Jan. 1, 1829, the son of Irish immigrants, Sweeney was brought to Wheeling by his father, Thomas, a year later. The elder Sweeney acquired the properties of North Wheeling Manufacturing Co. and as A.J. Sweeney grew up, he worked in the family business, which produced engines, mill machinery, foundry castings and steamboats. He took over control of the enterprise in 1875.

Sweeney was first appointed mayor in 1855 and served until 1881. In addition to being head of municipal government, he served as a colonel of the militia during the Civil War.

Mayor Sweeney was one of the incorporators and a director of the Citizens Railway Co. and was instrumental in organizing the paid fire department and the fire alarm telegraph system.

Sweeney fathered 13 children. He was married in 1848 to Mary H. Moore and they had four children before she died at age 30. In 1861, he married Marie E. Hanna, of Washington, Pa., by whom he had nine children.

Sweeney died in his North Main St. home on the night of Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1893. He remained head of Wheeling Electrical Co. until his death.





## Michael J. Valan

Michael J. Valan made many contributions to the betterment of his community, particularly in providing entertainment for the sports fans of Wheeling and the entire Ohio Valley.

Born in Pittsburgh in 1910, but a resident of Wheeling since 1919 until his death in August of this year, Mike Valan made his money as a painting contractor. He spent much of that money on sports ventures.

A half-pint second baseman on the baseball team at West Virginia University, from where he was graduated in 1933, Valan had a life-long love affair with sports. He played sandlot baseball with some of the valley's best teams of his day. After World War II, he and his business partner, Nick Mansuetto, sponsored a baseball club, the Valan Contractors.

Valan and Mansuetto obtained a franchise in the All-American Basketball Association in 1948 and launched the Wheeling Puritans, who a year later became the Wheeling Blues. The Blues won three league championships as they competed against teams from cities in Pennsylvania, Ohio and Maryland. The Harlem Globetrotters, Toledo Jeeps, Detroit Eagles, and New York Rens came here for exhibitions.

A decade later, Valan was instrumental in bringing minor league professional football to Wheeling. He was a founder of the Wheeling Ironmen and served as president of the club during the entire lifetime of the franchise, from 1962 through 1969.

The Ironmen won championships in the United Football League in 1962 and '63. They drew a paid crowd of 11,206 to Wheeling Stadium in 1963 for a game with the Cleveland Bulldogs. Fans streamed through the gates in impressive numbers on Sunday nights in the '60's.

However, player salaries and other expenses kept escalating, especially after the Ironmen entered the Continental Football League, which had franchises in such cities as Toronto, Montreal, Orlando, Providence, etc.

Because of the efforts of Valan and other members of the organization, Ohio Valley fans saw many players who were to advance to either the National or American Football League. Two ex-Ironmen, Bob Brown and Andy Rice, went from Wheeling to the Green Bay Packers and Kansas City Chiefs, respectively, and played in the first Super Bowl — a year after they were playing on the Island.

Wheeling proved a way station for many athletes who needed only more experience to make the big time. Sam Wyche, coach of the Cincinnati Bengals, is an Ironmen alumnus. So is Tom Keane, who was the team's first head coach and who subsequently spent 21 years as an assistant coach in the NFL.

Ultimately, the increasing cost of operations brought the financial demise of the Ironmen but not before Valan had also served as president of the CFL. There were many investors in the franchise but no person gave more financially or in time and energy than Mike Valan — high strung, volatile, benevolent, and a human dynamo in behalf of any cause which he took to his heart.

Valan was a president of the Wheeling Auditorium Board and a member of the board of Oglebay Institute. He served two years as president of Wheeling Fraternal Order of Police Associates.

He was twice bereaved — by the death of his first wife, Katherine, in the mid-'50s and in 1985 by the death of his wife, Irene. He had two sons, John, who now heads the family business, and Michael, who is in medical school at West Virginia University, and is also survived by a sister, Betty Karras.



## James S. White

A servant of the people, regardless of race or creed.

A man who has accomplished so much worthwhile with sincerity, care, consideration, courage, and keen insight into the human condition and its foibles.

That is James S. "Doc" White, nominated for the Wheeling Hall of Fame in the area of public service on the basis of a lifetime of devotion to the betterment of his community and its citizenry.

"Doc" White, born in Roanoke, Va., in 1901, is the oldest practicing pharmacist in West Virginia but his formula for improving the lot of his fellow man came not from any special prescription in a chemistry book nor a medical journal. It came from his heart.

His family moved from Roanoke to Pittsburgh in 1903 and he grew up in that city. He was graduated from Peabody High School and in 1922 received his degree from the University of Pittsburgh College of Pharmacy cum laude.

White migrated to Wheeling and became an associate of the late J.H. Davis at the Northside Pharmacy. He moved to Steubenville in 1924 and operated a drug store in that Ohio city until 1928 when he returned to Wheeling and became a partner at the Northside Pharmacy.

"Doc" has been a member of the Ohio Pharmaceutical Association for 40 years. He is a registered pharmacist in Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia and still works part time.

He has been a member of the Simpson Methodist Church for over 50 years and treasurer of the church for 47 years.

Some of his most significant work has been done as a member of the Wheeling Housing Authority, which he served for over 22 years and helped to secure for his community hundreds of units of public housing and millions of federal dollars.

"Doc" White's involvement with so much that is good has set an example for all and has certainly contributed to the betterment of race relations in the city where he is held in such esteem.

Back in the days when Lincoln High School and Blessed Martin High School were in operation, prior to the integration of the local schools in 1955, White presented cash awards to students of those schools and encouraged them to pursue higher education.

His efforts have been recognized by many organizations and he has plaques and citations galore. In 1970, he was cited by the Charleston Gazette for a Black Honor Roll in West Virginia. He also received commendation from the City of Wheeling, Lincoln High School, the Black Student Council at Wheeling College, the Ohio-Marshall Pharmaceutical Association, Clay School, Horizons Unlimited, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, and the Wheeling Housing Authority.

"Doc" White lost his beloved wife, Geneva, who shared in his hopes and aspirations and in his devotion to people, on Sunday, Sept. 14. He had no children of their own. However, many children of several generations owe a debt of gratitude to "Doc" for making their path in life a bit smoother and more pleasant.

# 1984 Inductees



**ELLSWORTH MILTON  
STATLER  
(1863 - 1928)  
(Business and Industry)**

From bellboy at McLure House, he rose to fame as inventive owner-developer of Statler Hotel chain, which set standards for comfort and cleanliness. Virtually without formal education, he became business giant, multimillionaire and greatest hotel man of his era. Established Statler Foundation for scholarships in hotel management.



**JOHANN LUDWIG STIFEL  
(1807 - 1881)  
(Business and Industry)**

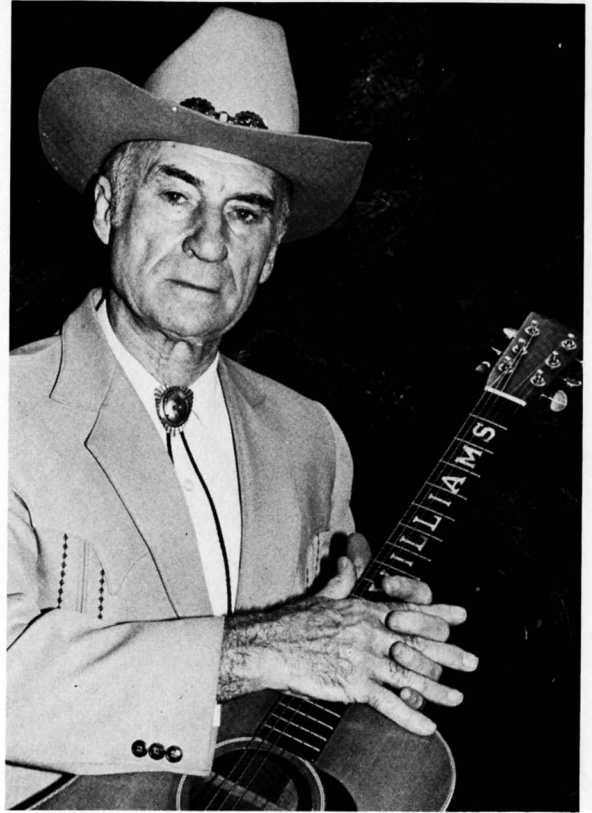
Native of Germany who emigrated to the United States and opened small clothing and dyeing establishment in log cabin in Wheeling in 1835. This led to erection of factory with daily capacity of miles of cotton goods. J. L. Stifel & Sons was first plant in nation to print yard-wide indigo blue calico, shipped throughout the world.

# 1984 Inductees



**REBECCA HARDING DAVIS**  
(1831 - 1910)  
(Music and Fine Arts)

Pioneer in literary realism. She described plight of immigrant industrial workers in "Life In The Iron Mills", published in Atlantic Monthly in 1861. Her novels were social commentary as she wrote on racism, political corruption and human rights. Became associate editor of New York Tribune. Mother of celebrated journalist Richard Harding Davis.



**"DOC" WILLIAMS**  
(1914 - )  
(Music and Fine Arts)

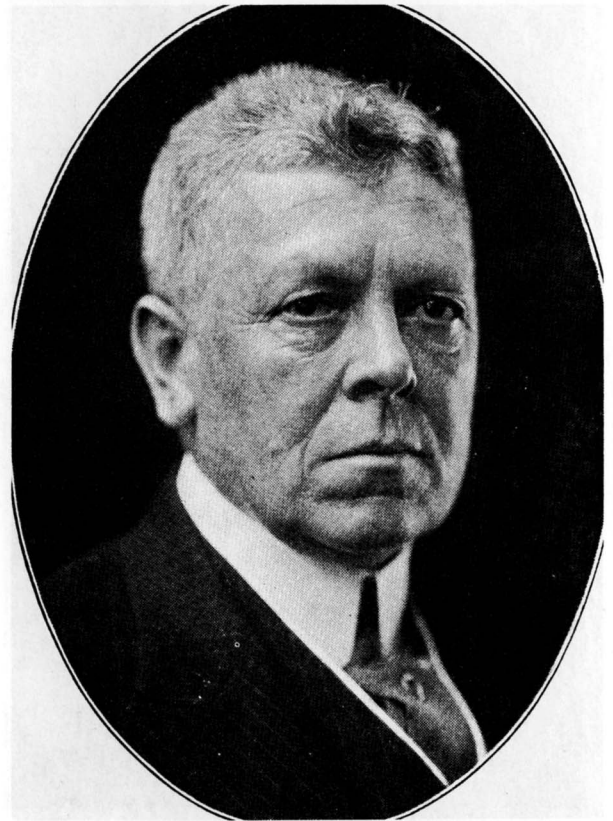
Born Andrew John Smik in Cleveland, he became known to legions of country music fans as "Doc" Williams. Composer, stage and recording artist who made Wheeling his home when he joined WWVA Jamboree in 1927. He and his wife, "Chickie", and his Border Riders have entertained from coast to coast and in Canada and England.

# 1984 Inductees



**OTTO SCHENK**  
(1863 - 1933)  
(Philanthropy)

Businessman and civic leader who obtained for his city an option to buy land on which Wheeling Park is located. Spearheaded drive to raise funds to complete financing of park in 1924. President of F. Schenk & Sons, meat packing concern. Original member and chairman of Wheeling Park Commission whose generosity contributed to development of the city's park commission.



**WILBUR E. STONE**  
(1863 - 1938)  
(Philanthropy)

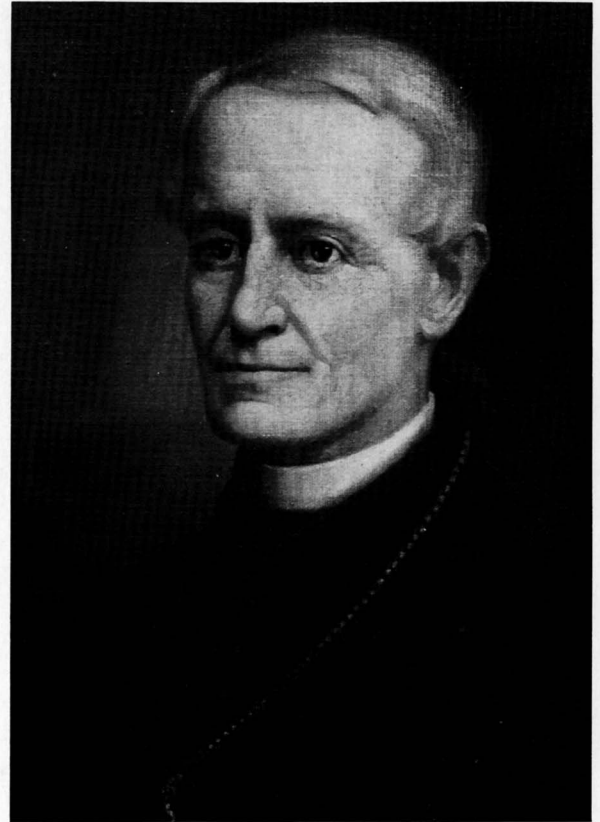
Civic leader and public benefactor. His philanthropy took many channels. Contributed \$100,000 to establish Wheeling Park in 1924 and financed swimming pool at park in 1936. Moving spirit in founding of Ohio Valley Industrial Corp. He was president of Stone & Thomas, which became state's largest department store chain.

# 1984 Inductees



**JUDITH A. HERNDON**  
**(1941 - 1980)**  
**(Public Service)**

Wheeling attorney whose career in public office — four years as a member of West Virginia House of Delegates and six as state senator — was cut short by death at age 39. Leader for tax reform, sunset legislation, sexual assault legislation and effort to curb powers of bureaucratic government agencies.



**REV. RICHARD V. WHELAN**  
**(1809 - 1874)**  
**(Religion and Education)**

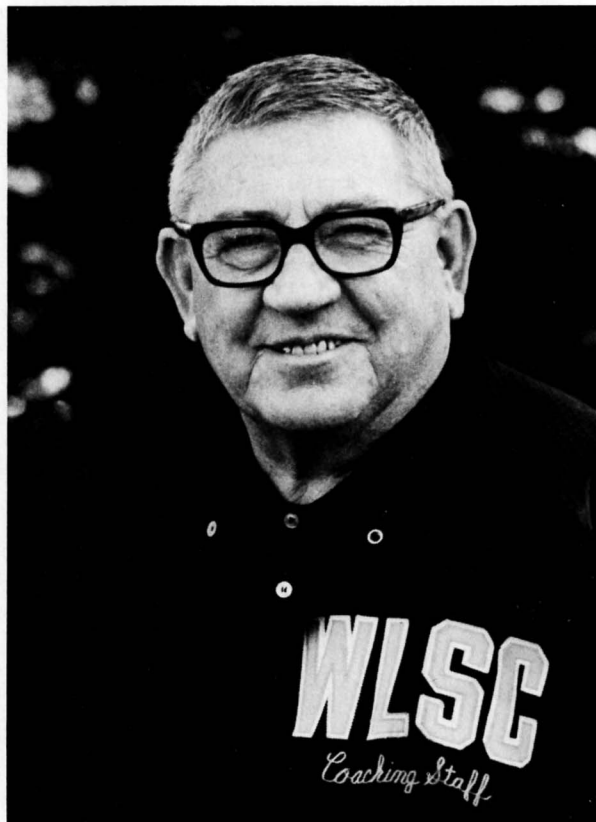
First bishop of Diocese of Wheeling, he was prime energizer, founder and frontier developer of Catholic Church in West Virginia. This native of Baltimore guided growth of church through Civil War and creation of new state. Responsible for extensive building program in diocese. In 24 years, diocese grew from four to 48 churches. Also developed schools and orphanages and Wheeling Hospital.

# 1984 Inductees



**ROBERT E. "BOB" BIERY**  
(1901 - )  
(Sports)

First West Virginia native to become a golf professional. Built Crispin Center Course at Oglebay Park and Wheeling Park course. Also contributed to construction of courses at Belmont Hills, Wheeling and Moundsville Country Clubs and Vine Cliff. First employee of Wheeling Park Commission. Served as president of state PGA.



**ROBERT "BOB" ROE**  
(1908 - 1984)  
(Sports)

Football coach for 44 years — 11 at Warwood, 24 at Wheeling High and nine at West Liberty State College. Ex-Warwood and Bethany College athlete, he produced undefeated team at West Liberty in 1970. His 1970-71 teams were in NAIA playoffs as West Va. Conference champions. His 1946 track team at Wheeling won state championship.



# 1982 Inductees



**SAMUEL S. BLOCH**  
1850 — 1937

**(Business and Industry)**

President and co-founder of the Bloch Brothers Tobacco Co., producer of a new form of chewing tobacco, "Mail Pouch". For many years, his company was the largest manufacturer of this type of product. He was a generous supporter of community projects and charities.



**HERSCHEL C. OGDEN**  
1869 — 1943

**(Business and Industry)**

Built largest, most influential newspaper group in West Virginia. Began career as reporter on Wheeling Register, then founded Wheeling News in 1890. Managed his newspapers with courage and creativity. As crusading publisher, he campaigned successfully for tax reform, worker protection and humanitarian legislation. Deeply committed to general welfare of communities served.



**ELEANOR GLASS CALDWELL**  
1887 — 1979

**(Music and Fine Arts)**

Founder of Wheeling Symphony Society in 1929, she established trust fund in 1952 to assure its continuation. She was an accomplished musician who played in the symphony and served in many capacities, including librarian. She was also dedicated to other cultural activities and made generous contributions.

# 1982 Inductees



**HARRY C. HOLBERT SR.**  
**1918 — 1982**  
**(Music and Fine Arts)**

Talented artist who inspired others, both with his own work and his teaching. World War II combat veteran who studied art in New York and Paris, he served as art director for Oglebay Institute. Later founded Art School of Wheeling. Was art director of WTRF-TV, where his "Uncle Harry Show" taught children to appreciate art.



**GEORGE R. LAUGHLIN**  
**1862 — 1936**  
**(Philanthropy)**

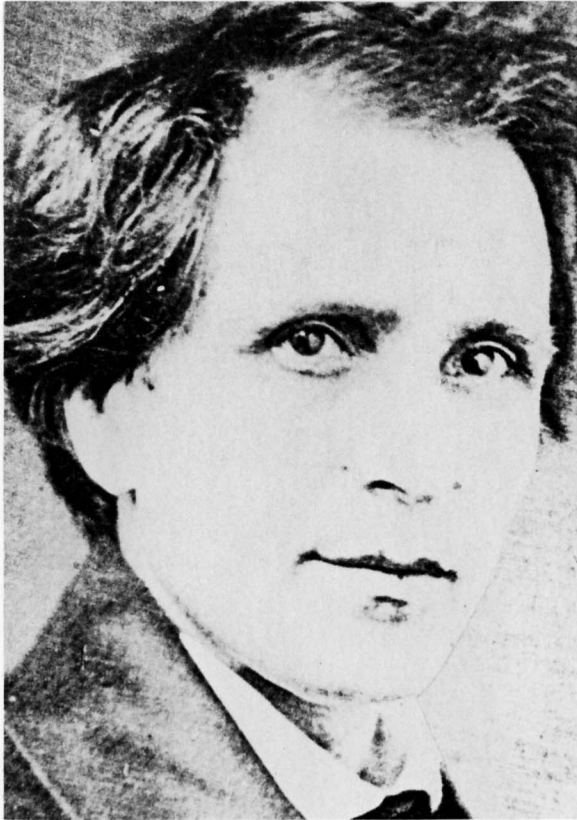
Established Laughlin Plan for interest-free loans to aid deserving individuals in purchase of homes. Donated Laughlin Chapel to community. President of Cleveland Manufacturing Co. and Cleveland-Canton Spring Co., he was also member of W. Va. House of Delegates. After serving as president of Wheeling Intelligencer Co., he published Wheeling Telegraph from 1914 to 1929.



**MARGARET McCLUSKEY**  
**SCHIFFLER**  
**1895 — 1976**  
**(Philanthropy)**

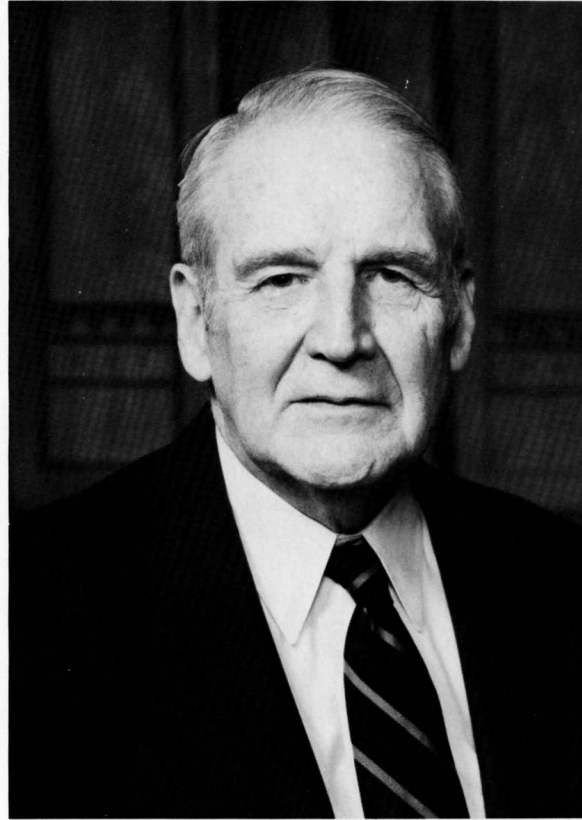
At time when women executives were rare, she advanced from office clerk to secretary-treasurer of Centre Foundry. Amassed personal fortune by own efforts. The wife of former Congressman Andrew Schiffler, she was largest contributor to Wheeling Hospital. Also made bequests for education of Catholic priests and scholarship fund at Central Catholic High School.

# 1982 Inductees



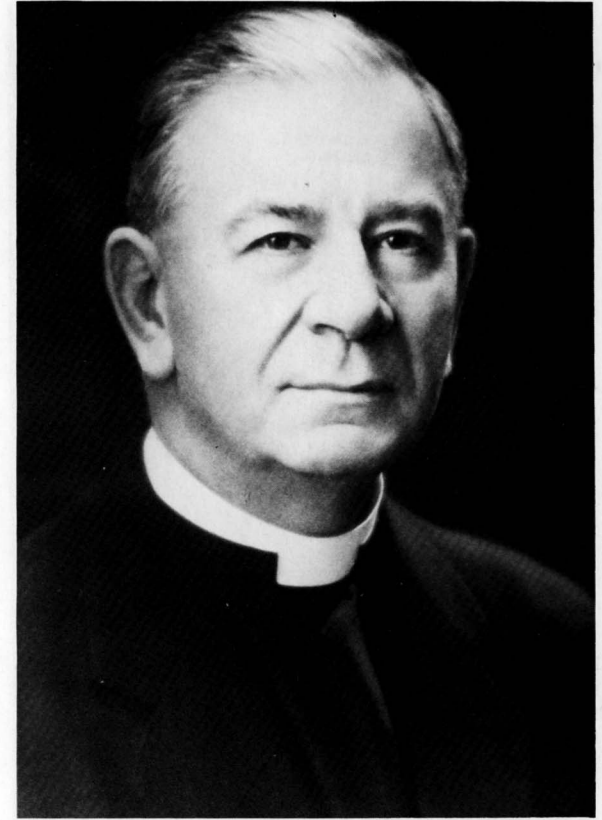
**DR. SIMON P. HULIHEN**  
1810 — 1857  
(Public Service)

Father of oral surgery and a founder of Wheeling Hospital. First doctor to confine practice to surgery of mouth, nose and throat. Much of modern technique in dealing with hare-lip, cleft palate and fractured jaw developed from his discoveries. Invented dental and surgical instruments. Great physician and humanitarian.



**GEORGE H. SEIBERT JR.**  
1913 — 1986  
(Public Service)

Served 24 years as member of House of Delegates, West Virginia Legislature. Minority leader for 18 years, all-time record for state. West Virginia University law graduate and naval veteran of World War II, he was municipal judge and active in many avenues of service to his university, state and city.



**RT. REV. ROBERT E. L. STRIDER, D.D.**  
1887 — 1969  
(Religion and Education)

Third bishop of Episcopal Church in West Virginia, with many years of dedicated service to God and his fellowman. Became priest at St. Matthews Episcopal Church in 1915, was named Bishop Coadjutor in 1923 and became Bishop of Diocese in 1939. Widely acclaimed as scholarly preacher.

# 1982 Inductees



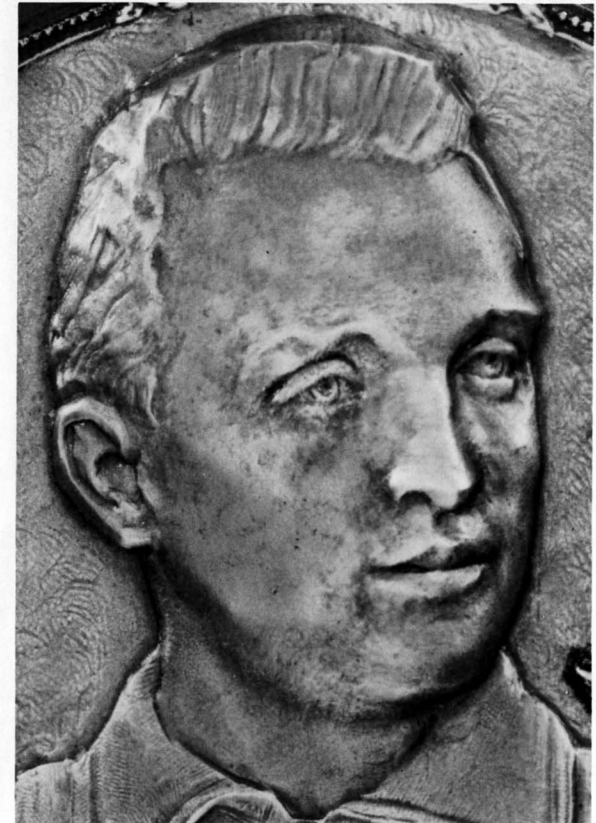
**DR. ROBERT E. L. STRIDER II**  
1917 —  
(Religion and Education)

Distinguished educator, he was president of Colby College from 1960 until retirement in 1979. Then was named president emeritus. Leader in college and university affairs in New England and the Episcopal Church. Graduate of Harvard and recipient of 10 honorary degrees. Began teaching career at Connecticut College. Naval veteran of World War II.



**V. EVERETT BRINKMAN**  
1902 — 1972  
(Sports)

Coached Wheeling High to five state basketball championships — 1936, '38, '40, '43, '50. In career at Union High and Wheeling, he logged basketball record of 405 victories against 193 losses. Also coached four football teams — two at Union (1928 and '31) and two at Wheeling (1934-'37) — which laid claim to state titles. Star athlete at Wheeling High and W. Va. Wesleyan.



**JESSE CAIL BURKETT**  
1868 — 1953  
(Sports)

First W. Va. native elected to National Baseball Hall of Fame. Batting champion of National League three times, with major league average of .342 for 16 seasons. One of three men ever to hit over .400 three times. Played with New York Giants, Cleveland Spiders, St. Louis Browns and Boston Red Sox. Later managed in minor leagues.

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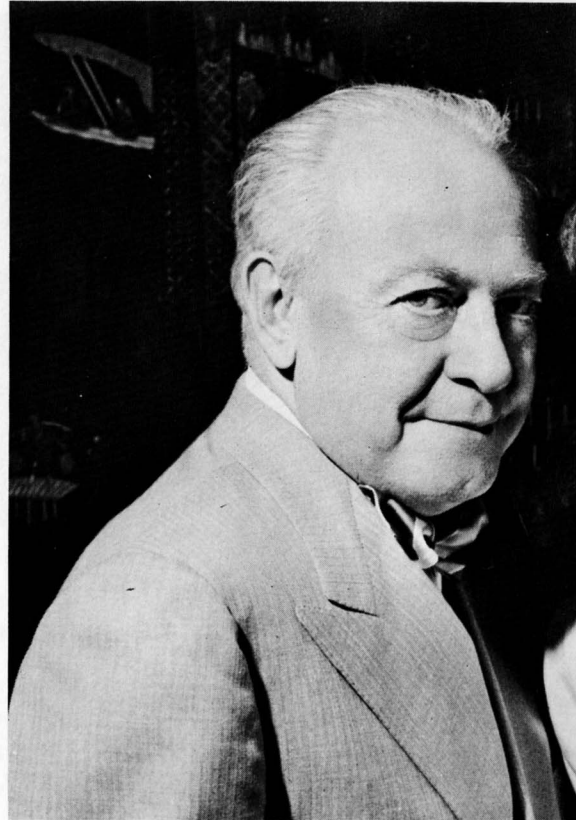


**ALEXANDER GLASS**

1858 — 1941

**(Business and Industry)**

Founder of Wheeling Corrugating Company in 1890 and Wheeling Steel Corporation in 1920. For half a century, a leader in the steel industry and in the banking and business community. During his years, the Upper Ohio Valley became a major producer of ingots and finished steel products.



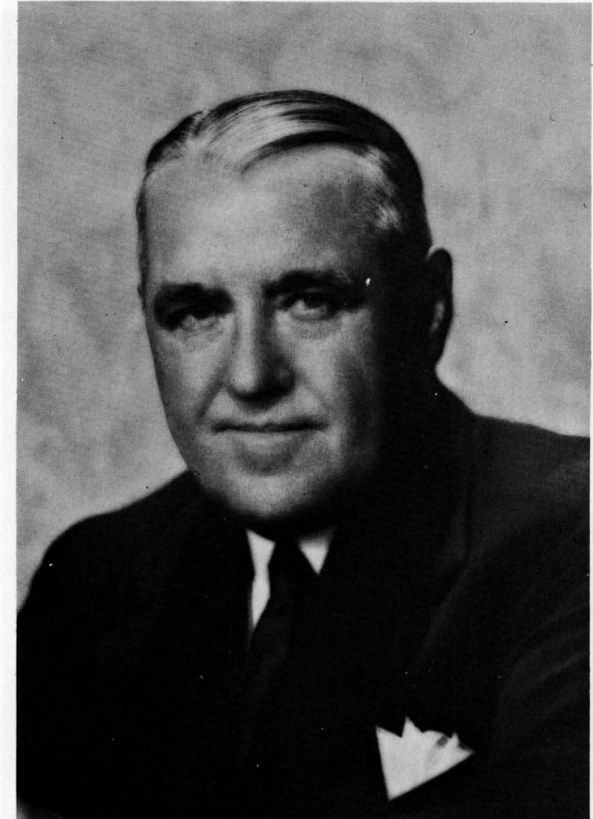
**JAMES HOWARD**

**KINDELBERGER**

1895 — 1962

**(Business and Industry)**

Engineer and designer of military and civilian aircraft. President of North American Aviation Corporation. Pioneer in nuclear reactors, guided missiles and rockets. Member of the Aviation Hall of Fame and the International Aerospace Hall of Fame.



**WILLIAM E. WEISS**

1879 — 1942

**(Business and Industry)**

As a young pharmacist, he started to manufacture a single drug product for the local market. By the early 1930's his Sterling Drug Company was the world's largest manufacturer of proprietary remedies, with plants world wide. Also a founder of American Home Products.

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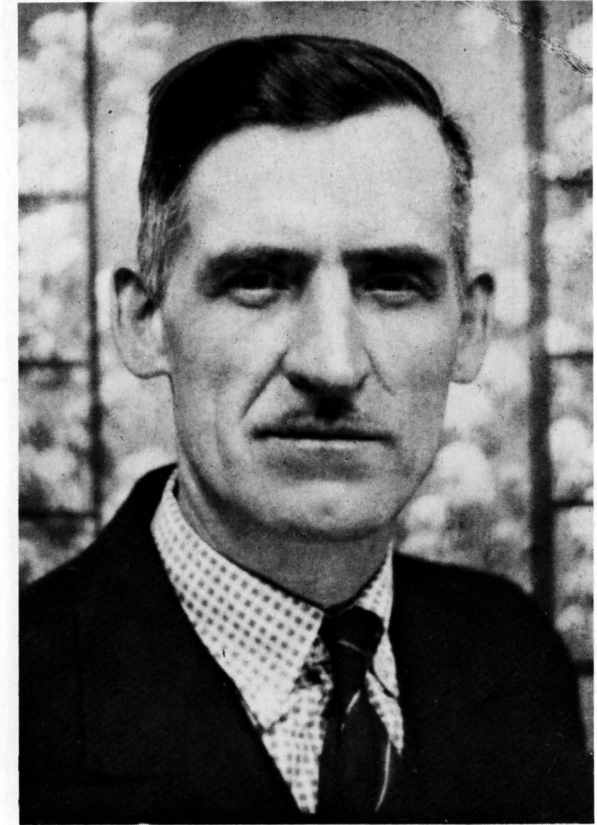
**GEORGE J. KOSSUTH**  
1886 — 1960  
(Music and Fine Arts)

Internationally renowned photographer whose camera captured the character of some of the world's great personalities. Talents encompassed many fields, including music and the theater. Helped establish first broadcasting studio of Radio Station WWVA and the Little Theater of Wheeling.



**ELEANOR STEBER**  
1916 —

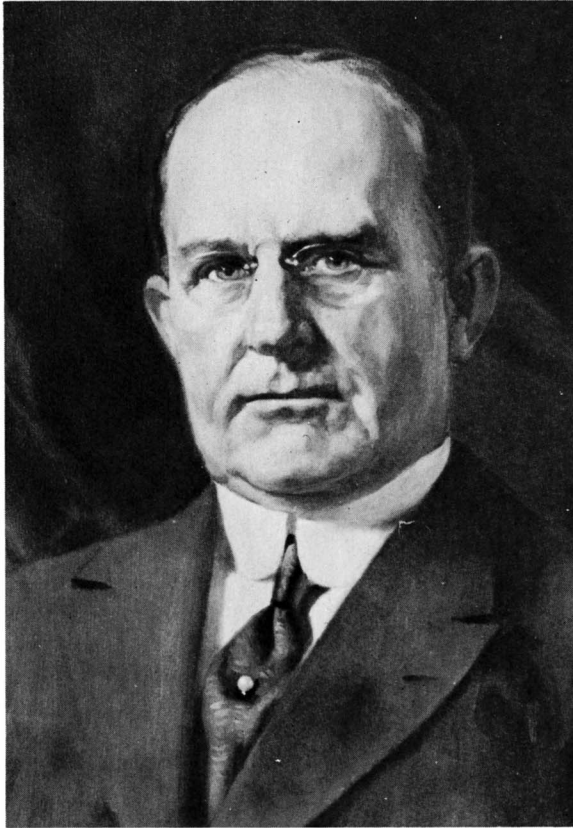
Internationally acclaimed Metropolitan Opera diva whose performances extended to the opera houses of Europe and Asia. Appeared in 50 different leading operatic roles and was heard in more premieres at the Metropolitan Opera than any other artist. Made significant contributions to training of young artists.



**PATRICK J. SULLIVAN**  
1894 — 1967  
(Music and Fine Arts)

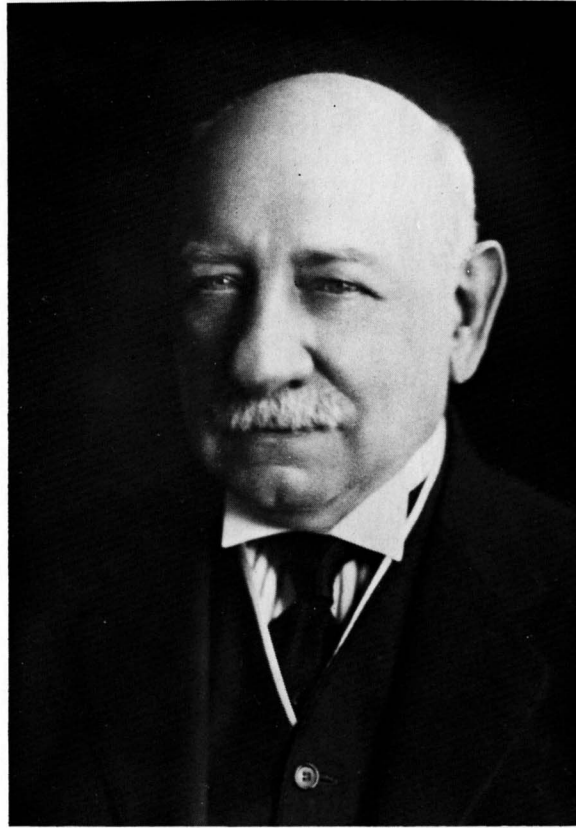
One of the outstanding primitive painters of the 20th century. Lived in and worked in Wheeling most of his life. Two of his works in the Museum of Modern Art in New York are "A-Hunting He Would Go" and "The Fourth Dimension". His paintings, "The Mansion Museum" and "The Trinity" have been displayed at the Oglebay Mansion Museum.

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**EARL W. OGLEBAY**  
1849 — 1926  
(Philanthropy)

Leader of the iron ore industry and founder of an important center for scientific research. At age 28, he became youngest bank president in United States. He gave the city of Wheeling his beautiful country home, Waddington Farm, which became Oglebay Park.



**GEORGE E. STIFEL**  
1849 — 1931  
(Philanthropy)

Department store owner and concerned citizen, he was intensely interested in education of young people. He left an endowment fund to provide annual cash awards to top-ranking students in the fifth to twelfth grades of Wheeling public schools, as well as scholarships for nurses.



**CLARA M. WELTY**  
1879 — 1960  
(Philanthropy)

In her lifetime, a generous contributor to local and national charities, with a special concern for the aged. At her death, she left a permanent trust which made possible the construction and operation of Welty Memorial Home. Later, the trust made possible the establishment of the Good Shepherd Nursing Home.

# 1980 Inductees



**ARCHIBALD W. CAMPBELL**  
1843 — 1902  
(Public Service)

Crusading editor of the Wheeling Intelligencer. Campaigned vigorously in behalf of free expression of ideas without political censorship. Was major influence in creating West Virginia statehood. Spoke out against slavery and was prominent figure in nomination of Abraham Lincoln for president.



**WILBUR S. JONES**  
1909 — 1977  
(Public Service)

Department store executive who was a constructive leader in many community development projects. Long time chairman of the Wheeling Parks Commission. Hospitals, parks and schools and the industrial and business community benefited from his dedication and expertise. Army colonel in World War II.



**WALTER P. REUTHER**  
1907 — 1970  
(Public Service)

Strong and vigorous president of the United Automobile Workers for a quarter of a century, he achieved such bargaining breakthroughs as flexible, long-term contracts and cost-of-living escalators. An architect for the AFL-CIO and a champion of the young, the black and the poor.



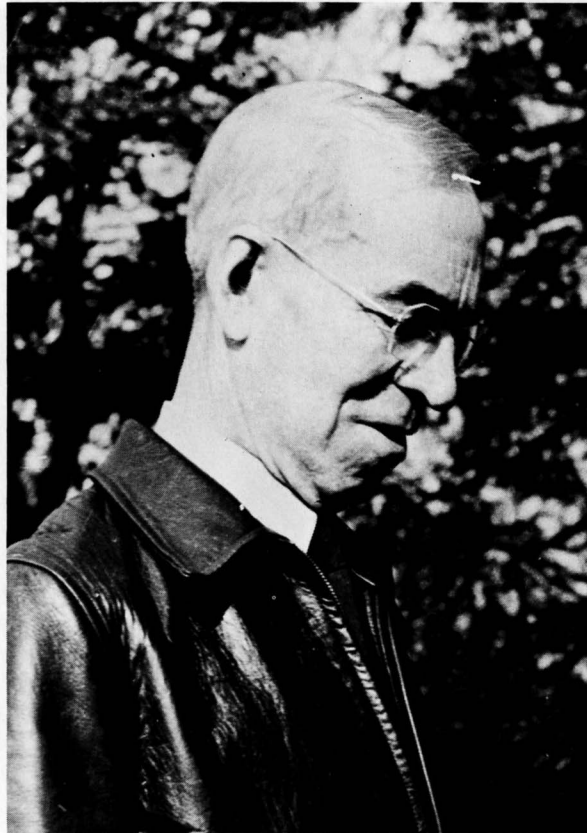
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**LEVERING C. BONAR**  
1896 — 1978

**(Religion and Education)**

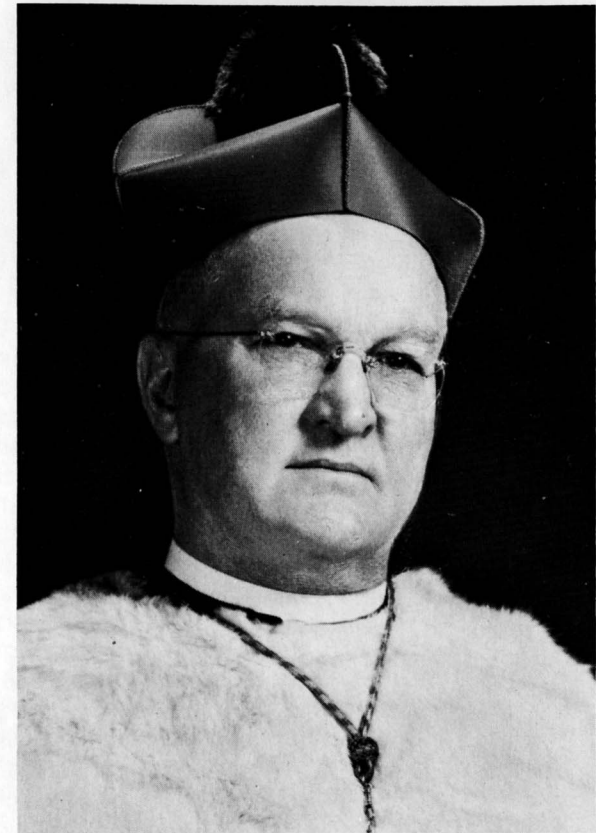
Area educator for 54 years. Was teacher, principal, assistant superintendent, and county superintendent in Ohio County schools. A key figure in planning and developing public school system of Ohio County. Began teaching career in one-room school.



**ALONZO B. BROOKS**  
1873 — 1944

**(Religion and Education)**

First naturalist at Oglebay Park. Through his genius and innovative planning, he created the education nature study programs at Oglebay and interested countless children and adults in the wonders of nature. Established the Oglebay Nature Leaders Training School. Authorized nature reports for the W.Va. Geological Survey. Organized Ohio County Historical Society in 1929.



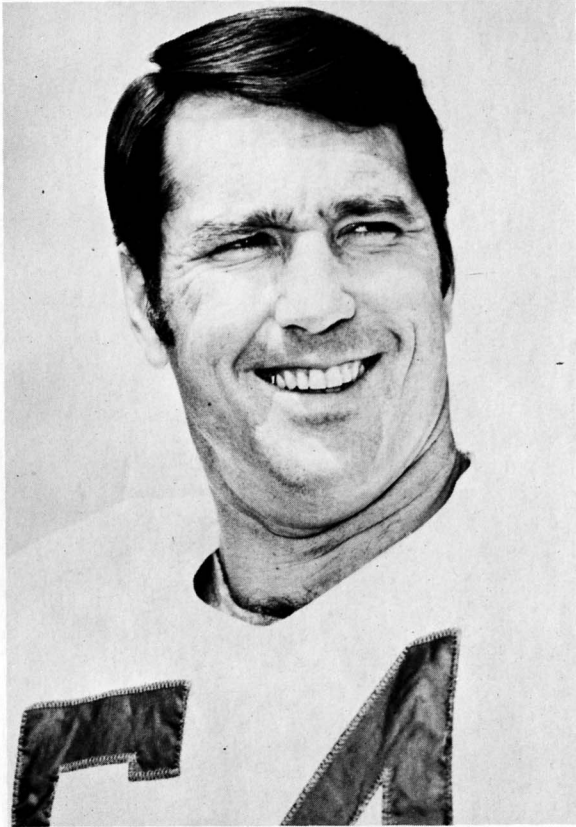
**MOST REV. JOHN J. SWINT,  
D.D.**

**1879 — 1962**

**(Religion and Education)**

Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling for 40 years. Leader in education and religion. Directed an expansive building program of churches, schools and hospitals. Founder of Wheeling College. Named Archbishop by Pope Pius XII in 1954 on his fiftieth anniversary as a priest.

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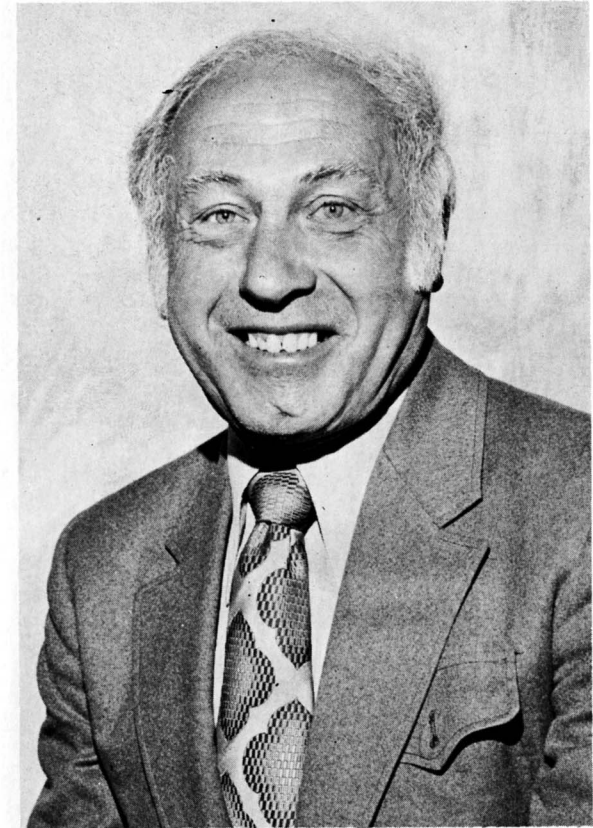
**CHARLES "CHUCK" HOWLEY**  
1936 —  
(Sports)

Professional football great. Most valuable player of Super Bowl V and a star in Dallas Cowboys' victory in Super Bowl VI. All-state at Warwood High, All-American at West Virginia University. No. 1 draft choice of the Chicago Bears in 1958. Played linebacker at Dallas from 1961 through '72. All-pro six times. Performed in six Pro Bowl games.



**MARY E. "FRITZI"  
STIFEL QUARRIER**  
1904 — 1967  
(Sports)

Won 10 West Virginia State women's amateur golf championships. Competed at national and international level. A contestant in the U.S. Amateur 10 times, she reached the semi-finals in 1935. She was a finalist in the Canadian Amateur in 1927. She won the Mason-Dixon Amateur in 1934. Also accomplished musician. First woman named to the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.



**JULE RIVLIN**  
1917 —  
(Sports)

College and professional basketball star and coach. Most valuable player in the World Pro tournament at Chicago in 1947 while coaching the Toledo Jeeps. Began athletic career at Triadelphia High School. He led Marshall College to two Buckeye Conference titles and set school record with 530 points in one season. Later coached Marshall to Mid-American Conference crown.

# HALL OF FAME BOARD

During the early planning stages for the Wheeling Civic Center one of the members of the committee suggested that a "Hall of Fame" should be included in the Center to give recognition to former residents and present residents who had attained considerable distinction in some specific field and thus brought honor to their home city.

The City Council studied the matter and solicited suggestions for guidelines and procedures.

On February 8, 1977, Council passed an ordinance (No. 6179) creating the Hall of Fame Board. In July, 1977, the Mayor, with the approval of Council, appointed 18 citizens to serve on the Board with designated terms of two, four, and six years. The Board also includes a representative of City Council and the chairman of the Civic Center Board as an ex-officio member.

The membership of the Board has changed as new appointments have been made by the Mayor and council from time to time but several of the first appointees to the Board are still serving.

The Board set up specific procedures for the selection of nominees and proceeded to select the first 18 persons to be named to the Hall of Fame. Those considered had to have achieved distinction in one of six categories and had to have lived in Wheeling for at least 15 years. Three persons were named in each of the six categories.

These 18 persons were inducted into the Hall of Fame at a formal ceremony and dinner on April 13, 1980. The Hall of Fame Board later selected 12 additional persons to be honored and these persons were inducted on May 23, 1982. Ten more were in-

ducted on May 20, 1984. Now eight additional inductees have been chosen.

The preamble from the Ordinance establishing the Hall of Fame Board reads as follows:

A Hall of Fame to honor Wheeling citizens and former citizens for outstanding accomplishments in all walks of life shall be established in the halls of the Wheeling Civic Center. While outstanding public services were rendered by our founding fathers and early citizens, these worthy deeds are recognized by historical publications and appropriately honored in other halls, museums and memorials. Therefore, honorees in the Wheeling Hall of Fame shall be selected on the basis of accomplishments after 1863 (now 1836). For purposes of selection and designation, the human endeavors of the honorees shall be divided into the following six major categories: (1) Music and Fine Arts, (2) Business and Industry, (3) Education and Religion, (4) Sports and Athletics, (5) Public Service, and (6) Philanthropy.

The first officers of the Board were:

Forrest H. Kirkpatrick, Chairman  
James J. Haranzo, Vice Chairman  
Sister Anne Regina O'Leary, Secretary and Treasurer  
(Charles L. Ihlenfeld, succeeded Dr. Kirkpatrick as chairman. Current Chairman is Harry L. Buch.  
Sister Anne Regina O'Leary continues as Secretary and Treasurer.)