



Wheeling Hall of Fame Induction
October 21, 1990



WHEELING HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony

(October 21, 1990)

Business and Industry

Mifflin M. Marsh

Public Service

Chester R. Hubbard

Religion and Education

Most Rev. Joseph H. Hodges, D.D.

Philanthropy

Phyllis A. Beneke

Sports

S. James Foti and Russell B. Goodwin



Program

“The Star Spangled Banner”

Invocation Rev. Charles E. McCallister,
Vicar General of the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Master of Ceremonies Dr. Forrest H. Kirkpatrick,
Chairman of Wheeling Hall of Fame Board.

Official Welcome from City of Wheeling Mayor Thomas J. Baller

Induction of Honorees in the Wheeling Hall of Fame By Hall of Fame Board Members.

Response S. James Foti

Closing Remarks Dr. Forrest H. Kirkpatrick

(At program's end, a buffet, prepared by the Wheeling Civic Center staff, will be served for all in attendance)

Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS — Harriet Ballard, Bunny Donley, and Wesley J. Wagner.

BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY — James Haranzo, James Carney, and William Thalman.

PUBLIC SERVICE — Harry L. Buch, William J. Ihlenfeld, and Dr. Richard J. Jacobs.

RELIGION AND EDUCATION — Virginia Lynch, Sister Anne Regina O'Leary, and Dr. Forrest H. Kirkpatrick.

SPORTS — A. E. Hennen Jr., Michael F. Pockl and Bill Van Horne.

PHILANTHROPY — Stuart Bloch, R. Clark Morton and James Squibb Jr.

CITY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE — Clyde A. Thomas.

A. E. Hennen — Chairman of Induction and Reception.

Members of Wheeling City Council

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Phyllis A. Beneke

Phyllis A. Beneke dedicated most of her life to the education of the youth of Ohio County.

So interested, so devoted, so concerned was she that, in death, she is continuing to serve the young people through the generosity and foresight evident in her will.

She was nominated for induction into the Wheeling Hall of Fame in the category of philanthropy, thanks largely to her decision to establish a permanent trust fund to provide scholarships for Wheeling Park High School students.

However, in her character were other traits which marked her as a woman of vision who was gifted with the ability and drive to inspire fellow educators and the students to whom she felt so responsible.

Phyllis Beneke died in September of 1988. In her will, she stipulated that proceeds from half of an estate of \$2.436 million would go toward scholarships for Park High students and that proceeds from the other half would benefit individuals who had meant much to her. Once those beneficiaries pass away, the entire estate will be dedicated to the scholarship fund.

The first scholarships were awarded in June of this year and offered a total of \$75,000, split among 43 students, with the largest award being a four-year scholarship worth \$25,000. Two three-year scholarships — one for \$15,000 and the other for \$9,750 — were also awarded, along with one-year grants in various amounts from \$500 to \$2,500.

Miss Beneke's generosity had been evident down through the years. In 1966, she donated three stained glass windows to Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon. She regularly contributed to other educational organizations and charities and in her last will gave an extensive collection of Royal Doulton, Royal Copenhagen, and Hummel figurines (and plates) to the Oglebay Mansion Museum.

Born in Wheeling on February 3, 1929, Miss Beneke was a graduate of Triadelphia High School. She obtained her bachelor's degree at Ohio Wesleyan University and her master's from the University of Pittsburgh and did advance study at the University of North Carolina and West Virginia University.

She taught in the schools at New Castle, Pa., for four years (1951-55) before becoming dean of girls at Triadelphia High for an entire decade. Subsequently, she was assistant principal at Triadelphia High, Warwood High, and Wheeling High. She was principal at Wheeling High from 1973 through '76 and was the last principal at that school. Named assistant principal of Wheeling Park High when that school opened, she was promoted to principal in 1983.

During her first year as principal of the state's second largest high school, Wheeling Park was chosen as a National School of Excellence.

Phyllis Beneke was named the outstanding principal in the state in 1984 and received a Chamber of Commerce Award as "outstanding woman in the Ohio Valley" in 1986.

Fellow educators and former students offer impressive testimony to her performance in a leadership role in the schools. As Sue Seibert Farnsworth — attorney, friend and former student of Miss Beneke — said, "She truly exemplified the best of educators, the wisest of individuals and the most generous of philanthropists. This valley and this state will long benefit from her generosity."



S. James "Jim" Foti

A basketball coach for 38 years and a football coach for 20 years, Jim Foti can look back on a record of distinction.

Now 80 years old and retired from coaching but still residing in Warwood, where he piloted the high school basketball teams for 27 seasons, the fiery half pint of a coach has compiled a record staggering in quantity and luminous in quality.

The Jamestown, N.Y., native, who has called the Ohio Valley "home" ever since coming to Wheeling to coach football and basketball at Central Catholic High in 1942, gave coaches past and present something to shoot at with 466 varsity high school basketball victories. That total has been surpassed in the area by only one coach, Dick Potts, of River High at Hannibal, Ohio.

Foti was an old hand at state tournaments. His Warwood teams won 11 sectionals and seven regionals and thus appeared in the West Virginia state tournament seven times. Moreover, in his six years at Central, his basketball teams won five state Catholic championships and compiled an over-all mark of 177 victories against 28 defeats. His powerful 1943 football team at Central also engaged in

post-season action as its 9-1 record earned a berth in the Steel Bowl at Steubenville, where it lost a thriller to Rochester, Pa., 25-19.

At Warwood, the little general experienced 14 winning basketball seasons and three campaigns in which his Vikings won 20 or more games. His 1967 aggregation captured the West Virginia Class AA crown at Morgantown and his '75 team was runnerup to Northfork.

Foti, who retired in 1976 after taking the Vikings to the state tourney in Warwood's last year of existence as a high school, holds the distinction of coaching championship teams in three divisions of the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference. He also coached West Virginia teams in Ohio Valley all-star basketball and football games. In 1947-48, he piloted the professional Wheeling Puritans, forerunners to the Wheeling Blues.

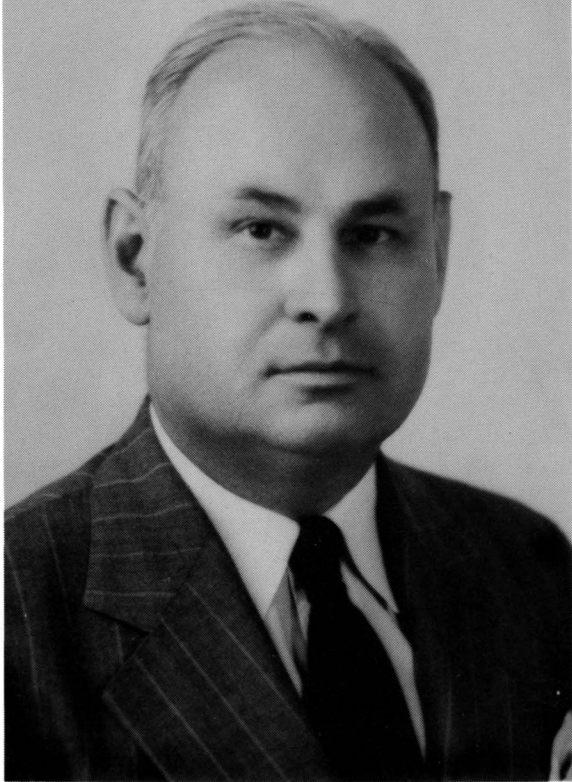
Foti had two tours of duty at Wheeling Central. After coaching there from '42 through the basketball season of '44, he moved across the river to Bellaire High, where he coached for two years. Then he returned to Central to pilot the Maroon Knights through 1949.

When he went to Warwood, he was head basketball coach and line coach in football and one of the all-time greats of the gridiron, Chuck Howley, came under his tutelage. He became head football coach in '57 and directed the Viking gridders for 10 years. His overall record in the fall sport was 90-106-3 but Warwood often played a schedule in which it was overmatched.

Foti won an OVAC basketball championship with his '43 Central team. His '44 club bowed by only a point in the Eastern Catholic championships at Newport, R.I. His '62 Warwood team and his '67 state champs were OVAC titlists.

A stellar high school athlete at Jamestown, Foti played football, basketball and hockey at John Carroll University. At 5-6, 160 pounds, he was a watch-charm guard in football and basketball. Yet, in the late '60s, he was selected as a member of the Blue Streaks' all-time football team.

After graduation from college in '38, he served at John Carroll for a year as a freshman coach before being hired at Erie, Pa., Prep, where in two seasons his basketball teams won 26 and lost eight. Then he came to Wheeling.



Russell B. Goodwin

Russell B. Goodwin was a member of Wheeling City Council for 16 years (1935-51), was mayor of the city from 1943 to 1947 and practiced law in the community for nearly a half-century.

However, despite his distinguished career as an attorney and public servant, it is in the field of sports that he won the recognition which brings about his induction into the Wheeling Hall of Fame.

Deservedly so because Russ Goodwin was a remarkable football player at Washington & Jefferson College when the small Western Pennsylvania institution was competing with the giants of the collegiate game and later earned a national reputation as a football official.

Born in Wheeling on Jan. 5, 1893, Russ Goodwin was educated in the city schools. He attended Wheeling High School, where he was a four-sports standout, although standing only 5 ft. 9 and weighing 145 pounds. He was captain and quarterback on the football team, forward in basketball, pitcher-outfielder in baseball and a sprinter and pole vaulter in track.

He went on to Washington & Jefferson and starred on some of its greatest football teams.

During the three years (1912, '13, and '14) that he was the quarterback for the Presidents, they posted a record of 28 victories against four defeats and a tie. Moreover, they defeated the University of Pittsburgh three straight times.

The tie and three of the Wash-Jeff losses came in 1912. The tie was with the famed Carlisle Indians, led by the storied Jim Thorpe.

In 1913, Wash-Jeff—with Goodwin calling signals, doing the punting, much of the passing and returning punts—not only went undefeated but led the nation in scoring with 347 points to the opposition's 13. Yale played the Presidents to a tie at New Haven but West Virginia University, Pitt, and Penn State were among the victims. Goodwin caught a pass for the only touchdown in the victory over Penn State.

In 1914, Coach Bob Folwell's Presidents defeated Yale, 13-7, with Goodwin throwing passes for both W. & J. touchdowns. The only loss sustained by the Presidents that year was to Harvard, 10-9.

Goodwin was also captain of the W. & J. basketball team and a pitcher on the baseball team. As a pitcher, he had the distinction of hurling a three-hitter against Michigan but unfortunately all three hits were home runs by the great George Sisler.

Upon graduation from college, the Wheeling native became head coach at Franklin College in New Athens, Ohio, but served only one year in that capacity before enrolling at Washington & Lee Law School. While attending law school, he helped the coaching staff at W. & L. and began a football officiating career that was to continue for almost 30 years. He also played some professional football with the Massillon Tigers.

Establishing his law practice in 1919, he branched out in officiating and did some coaching at Linsly Institute. Eventually, he began to work football in the Big Ten and Ivy League. He twice officiated the Army-Navy game, worked in all three of the consecutive scoreless ties between Pitt and Fordham, officiated in the Rose Bowl game (Pitt vs. Washington) in 1937 and in the Cotton Bowl (Texas A. & M. vs. Fordham) in 1941.

During the 1920s, Goodwin developed into an excellent tennis player and became an Ohio Valley champion.



Bishop Hodges

“Bishop Hodges was a man of vision, a wise leader, a deeply prayerful person, a man of dauntless courage, a servant of Christ ever ready to reach out in loving service to others. He knew West Virginia so well. Its history, culture, mountains and valleys were in his heart, in his very blood and at the core of his vision and plans.”

—Sister Anne Regina O’Leary, SSJ.

That was one of the many eloquent tributes to The Most Rev. Joseph H. Hodges at the time of his death in January of 1985.

Bishop Hodges, served for nearly 25 years as the spiritual leader of West Virginia’s 107,000 Roman Catholics. Under his leadership, the Diocese of Wheeling, which had included 27 of the state’s counties, was expanded to include all 55 counties and became the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston.

Born on Oct. 8, 1911, at Harpers Ferry, he was a graduate of St. Joseph’s High School at Martinsburg and the seminary at St. Charles College at Catonsville, Md. He subsequently attended the North American College in Rome for six years and was ordained a priest in Rome in 1935.

Father Hodges served his faith in various capacities in the state of Virginia and was rewarded for his outstanding work in 1952 when Pope Pius XII named him as auxiliary bishop of Richmond. He then served as pastor of Richmond’s St. Peter’s parish until May of 1961, when Pope John XXIII appointed him coadjutor bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling. Following the death of Archbishop John J. Swint, who is a member of the Wheeling Hall of Fame, Bishop Hodges became bishop of the diocese on Nov. 23, 1962.

A participant in the historic Second Vatican Council from 1962 through ’65, he became a strong influence not only in expanding the diocese but in the building of hospitals and schools.

Bishop Hodges was chairman of the board of directors at Wheeling Hospital and in 1984 the hospital’s continuous care center was dedicated in his name.

His concern for the sick, aged, and disabled resulted in his receiving doctorate degrees from Wheeling Jesuit College and West Virginia Wesleyan. He was presented the Award of Merit for Distinguished Service in the cause of ecumenical christianity by the West Virginia Council of Churches in 1975. Later he was to sponsor the first Lutheran-Roman Catholic and Presbyterian-Roman Catholic dialogues in West Virginia.

In 1976, he established Samaritan House in Wheeling as an emergency shelter for boys. He also established a department of special religious education in Wheeling in 1978 and in ’80 initiated a women’s counseling and referral center in the city. The next year, he built the Pope Paul VI Pastoral Center in Wheeling and in 1982, the Center for Behavioral Counseling and Ministry opened its doors.

Two years later, the Madonna House in Wheeling was opened for unwed mothers and the Rural Life and Retreat Center at Huttonsville was renamed the Bishop Hodges Pastoral Center.

In 1984, Bishop Hodges received the first annual CALC Peace Award, presented on behalf of the National Council of Catholic Bishops and Clergy and Concerned Laity in recognition of the bishop’s 1983 peace pastoral.

When stricken with cancer in 1984, Bishop Hodges made no attempt to conceal his disease from press and public but established an example of courage with his gallant fight against its ravages.



Chester R. Hubbard

Chester R. Hubbard was skilled in the art of “gentle persuasion.”

As a member of the minority party in the West Virginia House of Delegates for eight years and the State Senate for 12 years, he was well aware that calm reason garnered more votes than table-pounding or bombastic rhetoric.

Even if the loud-mouth approach were effective, it would not have been employed by Hubbard, who enjoyed a distinguished career in state politics and was also a community leader in the city of Wheeling. It wasn't his style.

A Wheeling native who was graduated from Lafayette College at Easton, Pa., and obtained his law degree from West Virginia University. Chester Hubbard practiced law for more than half a century. He was a determined, resolute man and quietly efficient.

He earned a reputation as one of the state's most influential legislators. He was named by his fellow Republicans as senate minority leader in his last term of office (1971-75).

A sensitive individual with wide interests, he was a stalwart supporter of legislation upgrading the state's public education system and had a role in the formation of the West Virginia Board of Regents. He led the fight to bring the liquor-by-the-drink issue to public vote, contributed to the improving of the strip mining law

and to Black Lung legislation, and was on the committee that authorized the pact with Pennsylvania which made the Wheeling Watershed Commission possible.

Chester Hubbard served his country in the Air Force during World War II and became a first lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Department.

On the home front, he was a thoroughly involved citizen, serving as president of such diverse organizations as the Wheeling Symphony Society, Wheeling Country Day School, Wheeling Council of Social Agencies, and the Children & Family Service Association.

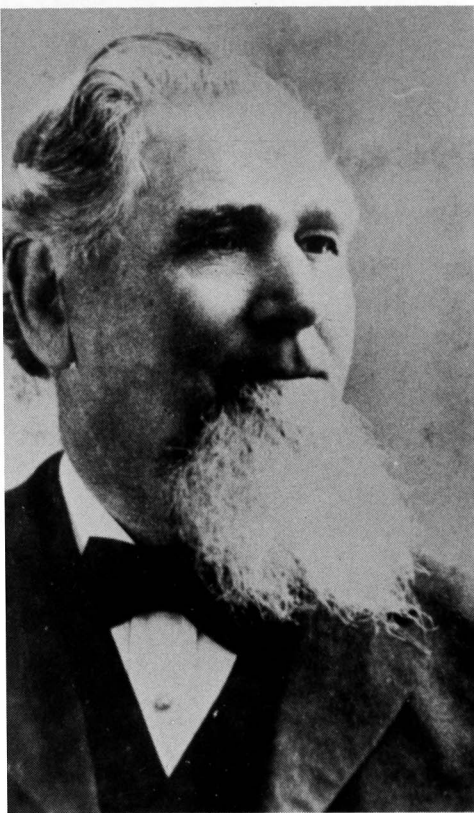
He was also on the board of Ohio Valley Medical Center, Blue Shield, Woodsdale Children's Home, Iroquois Boy Scout Council, the Urban Renewal Authority, Seeing Hand Society, Ohio County Wildlife League, Oglebay Institute, Ohio County Mental Health Association, and the Community Chest Inc.

Hubbard, who with his wife Joan were parents of four daughters, was honored for his two decades of legislative service when he retired from the West Virginia State Senate in 1975.

A resolution cited his “great contributions to the people of West Virginia” and noted his “mild and unobstrusive manner” and those well-known powers of “gentle persuasion.”

The resolution noted that as minority leader, he had not polarized the Senate but had helped move legislation “above party lines.”

When he retired from the Senate, Hubbard noted that he had “work to do” back home. That he did. He continued to practice law in Wheeling, where he died in May 18, 1984.



Mifflin M. Marsh

Stogie-making was once so prominent on the Wheeling business scene that the city's baseball team in the Middle-Atlantic League in the late '20s was known as the "Wheeling Stogies."

The word "stogie" itself is defined by Webster's Dictionary as "a long, thin, inexpensive cigar."

The long-popular smoke drew its name from the Conestoga Wagons which followed the National Rd. (now Route 40) through Wheeling back in the days when Mifflin M. Marsh was plying his trade.

Marsh, the stogie maker, was the founder of what is now Wheeling's oldest active manufacturing enterprise.

Marsh, who died on Jan. 13, 1901, at his Wheeling Island home, started out as a one-man business operation and developed his organization into a long-thriving firm that has managed to survive for 150 years.

Still in business is M. Marsh & Son at its five-story brick factory building between North Main and North Market Sts., just south of the Fort Henry Bridge. However, the payroll has dropped from its peak of 600 employees in the 1940s to the neighborhood of 50.

A native of Smithfield, Ohio, Marsh was born on May 28, 1818, as one of nine children in the family of William and Ann Naylor Marsh. He hand-rolled his first stogies and peddled them in a market basket carried over his arm.

Among his early customers were the crews and passengers of steamboats which traveled the Ohio River and docked at the Wheeling Wharf and also the drivers of those Conestoga Wagons, who distributed them to friends and neighbors.

Marsh's first factory was located on Water St., between 12th and 14th Sts., but he later moved to a location on Twelfth St. between Main and Water.

After the Civil War, the popularity of the stogie boomed and there were nearly 100 factories in business in Wheeling alone. Soon Wheeling-made brands were being enjoyed from coast to coast and overseas.

However, of those many companies, only M. Marsh & Son is still on the scene today and its products remain a tradition for many smokers.

Marsh moved part of his business to its present location in 1908 to meet the demands of a popular, growing organization.

By 1920, all of the operations were centered at the present plant.

Marsh became one of his adopted city's esteemed citizens and one of his sons, William, not only became prominent in the company but was also a member of Wheeling City Council for two terms.

An era ended in 1988 when M. Marsh & Son was the object of a friendly takeover by a Cincinnati firm.

But the traditional business of stogie-making proceeds at the long-time Wheeling location and the familiar Marsh Wheeling Stogie boxes are still being shipped around the world.

1986 Inductees

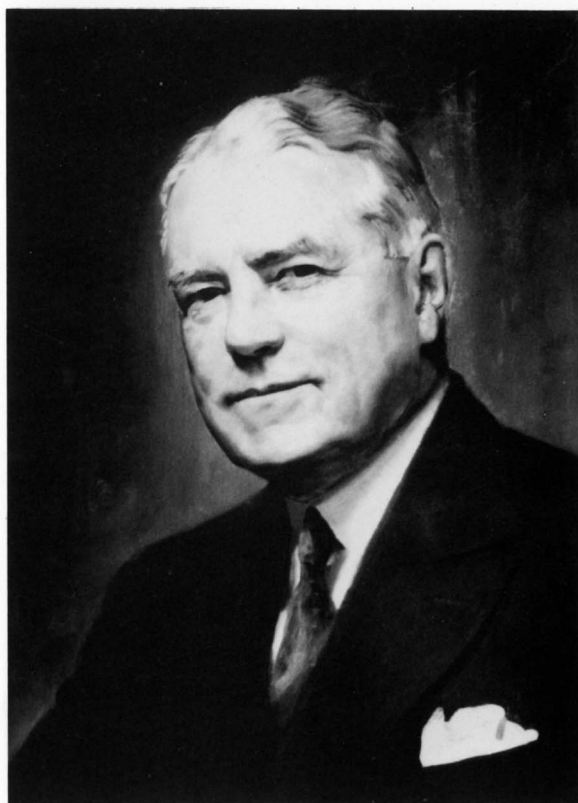


ANDREW J. SWEENEY

1829 — 1893

(Business and Industry)

Industrialist and nine-term mayor of Wheeling, he was credited with bringing electricity to the city. Appointed by President U.S. Grant to a commission attending the Paris Exposition in 1878, he became enthralled with an electric light demonstration there. Was a founder of the Wheeling Electric Co., which produced lighting for its first customer on Sept. 15, 1881.



DR. WILLIAM S. FULTON

1873 — 1938

(Business and Industry)

Established Wheeling Clinic in 1924. Ohio State University graduate who was a physician and surgeon in Wheeling for 40 years. He financed the building of the clinic and motivated a staff of specialists who had a free hand to practice their professions. President of the West Virginia Medical Association in 1937.

1986 Inductees



JAMES S. WHITE
1901 — 1988
(Public Service)

A quiet servant of the people, regardless of race or creed. A pharmacist for over 60 years, this University of Pittsburgh graduate worked tirelessly to better living conditions and race relationships in his city and state. A member of the Wheeling Housing Authority for over 20 years, he helped secure hundreds of units of housing and millions of federal dollars for the city.



DR. JACOB SCHWINN
1854 — 1941
(Public Service)

Physician, surgeon, and humanitarian who ministered to the needs of the people in the Wheeling area for 55 years. Born in Switzerland and educated in Europe, he came to Wheeling in 1886. Dean of the staff of Ohio Valley General Hospital and head of the research department, he was known for his work with crippled children.

1986 Inductees



MARY L. BUTLER REED

1861 — 1939

(Religion and Education)

President of International Order of King's Daughters and Sons from 1919 to 1924, she inspired ambitious effort in behalf of Union Christian Colleges in the Orient. Her devotion to child welfare resulted in the establishment of the King's Daughters Nursery in Wheeling. She was a leading spirit in the founding of the Wheeling YWCA and served as its president for 10 years.



NOAH LINSLY

1774 — 1814

(Religion and Education)

Benefactor of youth whose will provided means for establishment of school which became Linsly Institute. Taught at Williams College and Yale University before coming to West Virginia to practice law. Served as city council member, prosecuting attorney, and mayor of Wheeling. Bequeathed two farms he owned to found school for boys.

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MICHAEL J. VALAN
1910 — 1986
(Sports)

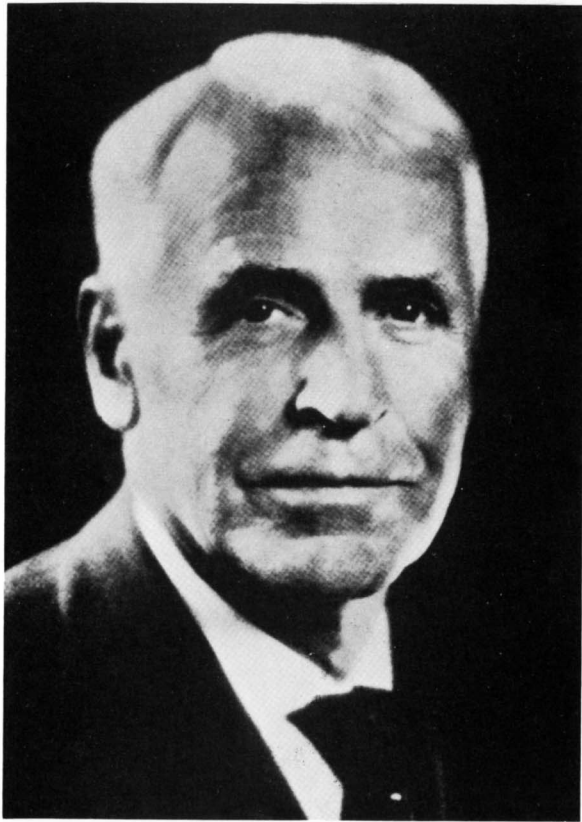
Sports enthusiast who provided entertainment for thousands of Ohio Valley fans. Co-owner of Wheeling Blues professional basketball teams, which won three All-American Conference championships in the '50s. One of the founders of the Wheeling Ironmen football team and president of the club, which won United Football League championships in '62 and '63.



LELAND S. DEVORE
1889 — 1939
(Sports)

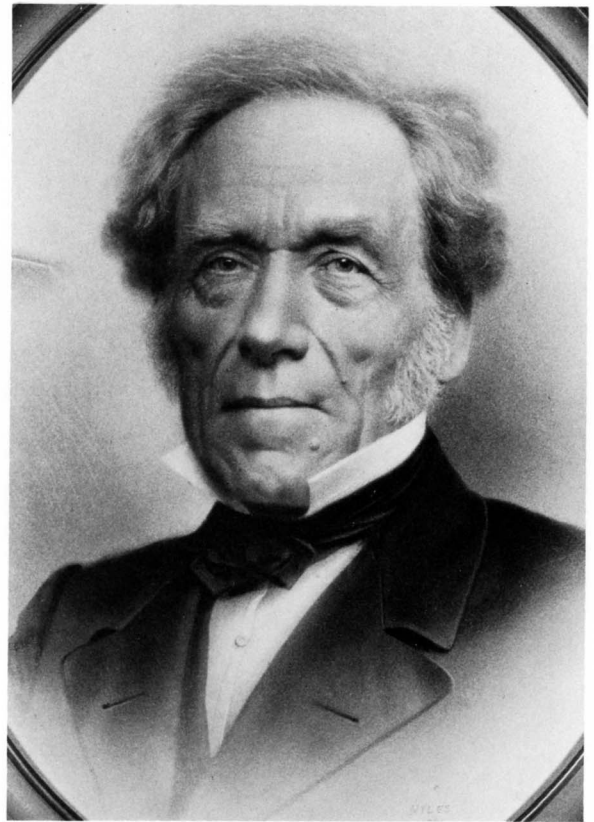
Became Wheeling's first All-American football player at tackle at U.S. Military Academy in 1911. Captained Army team in senior year. A four-sport participant, he was academy's heavyweight boxing champion. Accompanied Gen. John Pershing on Pancho Villa expedition into Mexico in 1916 as the army's first motor transport officer. Wounded in France in World War I.

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)**

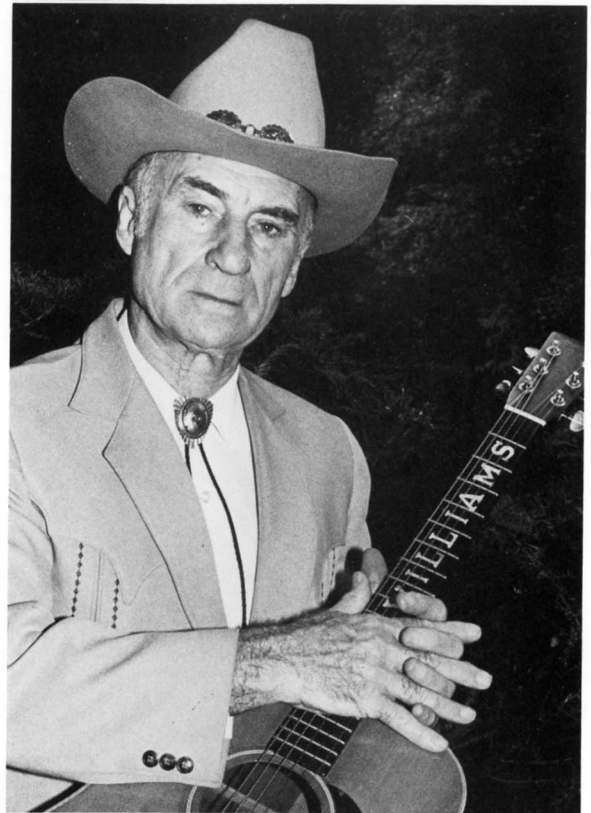
Native of Germany who emigrated to the United States and opened small clothing and dyeing establishment in log cabin in Wheeling in 1835. This led to erection of factory with daily capacity of miles of cotton goods. J. L. Stifel & Sons was first plant in nation to print yard-wide indigo blue calico,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

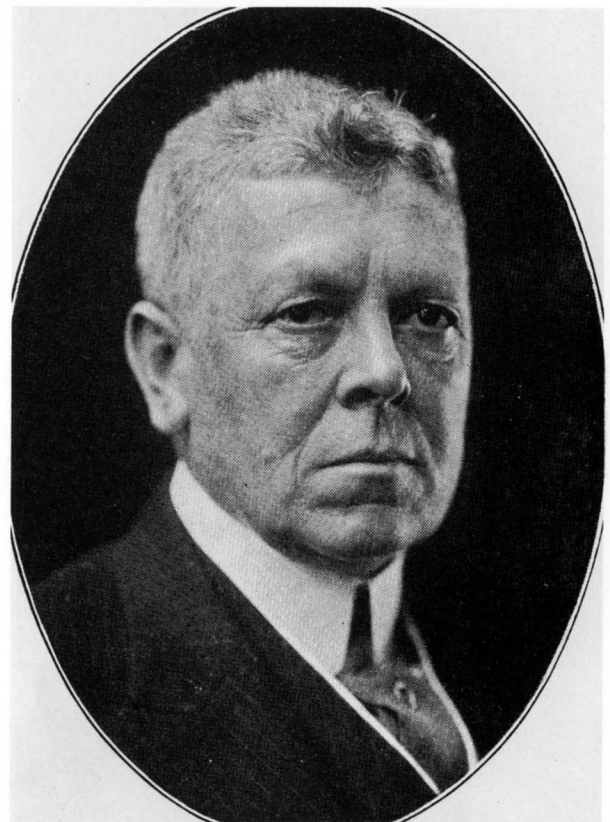
Born Andrew John Smik in Cleveland, he became known to legions of country music fans as "Doc" Williams. Composer, stage and recording artist who made Wheeling his home when he joined WWVA Jamboree in 1927. He and his wife, "Chickie", and his Border Riders have entertained from coast to coast and in Canada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

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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)

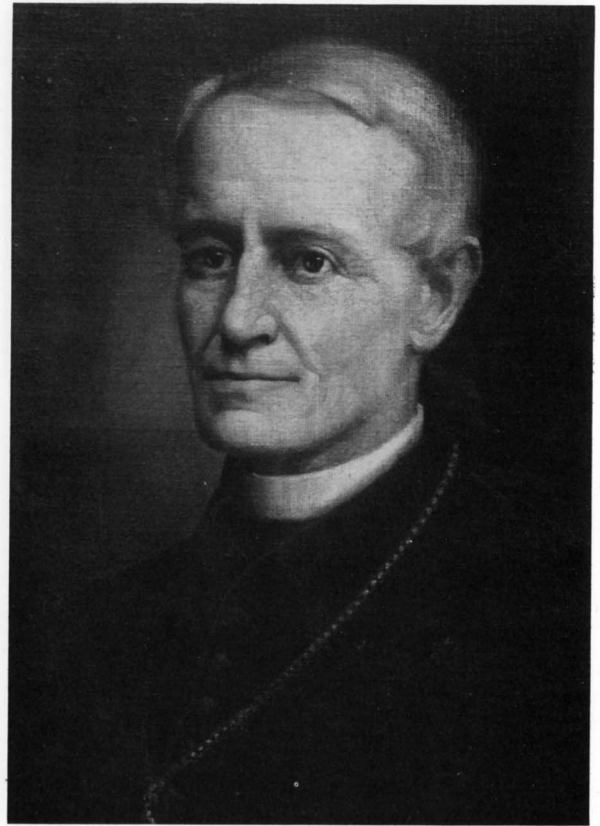
Civic leader and public benefactor. His philanthropy took many channels. Contributed \$100,000 to establish Wheeling Park in 1924 and financed swimming pool at park in 1936. Moving spirit in founding of Ohio Valley Industrial Corp. He was president of Stone & Thomas, which became state's largest department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

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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)

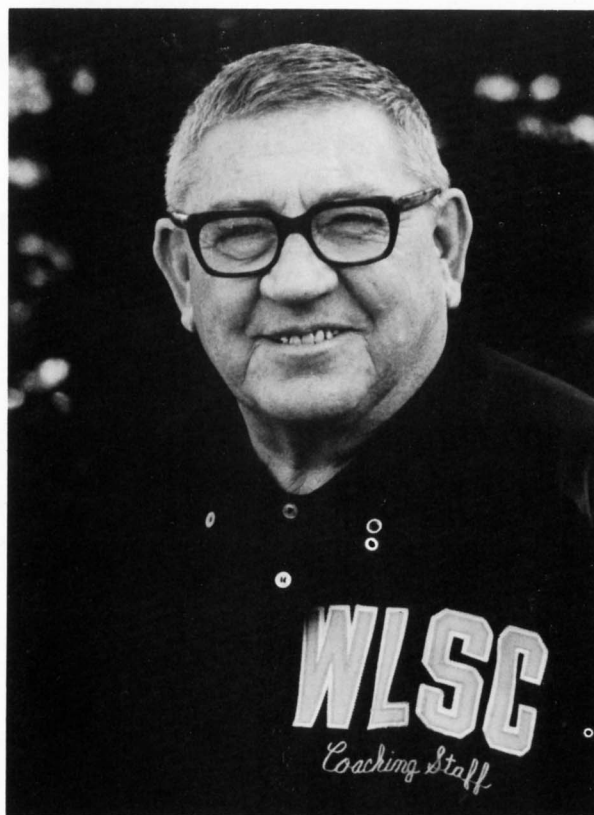
First bishop of Diocese of Wheeling, he was prime energizer, founder and frontier developer of Catholic Church in West Virginia. This native of Baltimore guided growth of church through Civil War and creation of new state. Responsible for extensive building program in diocese. In 24 years, diocese grew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

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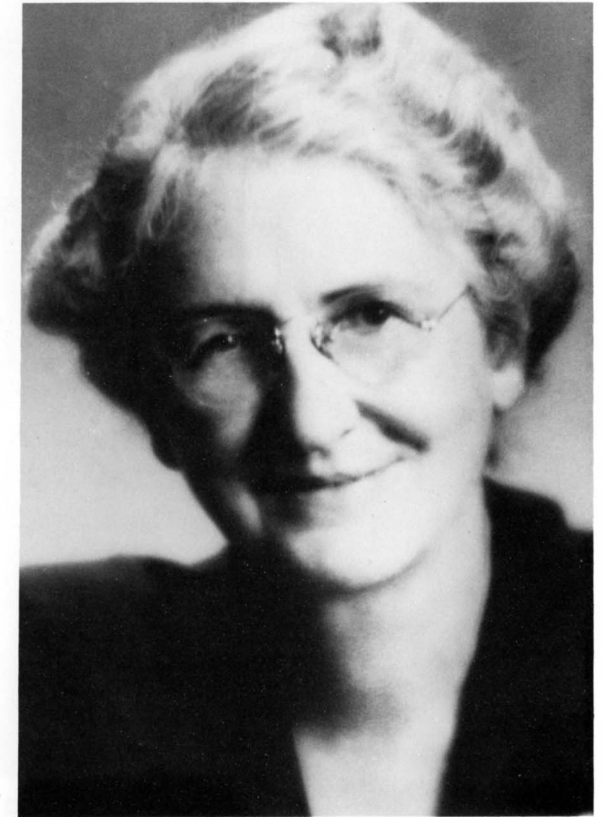
SAMUEL S. BLOCH
1850 — 1937
(Business and Industry)

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)

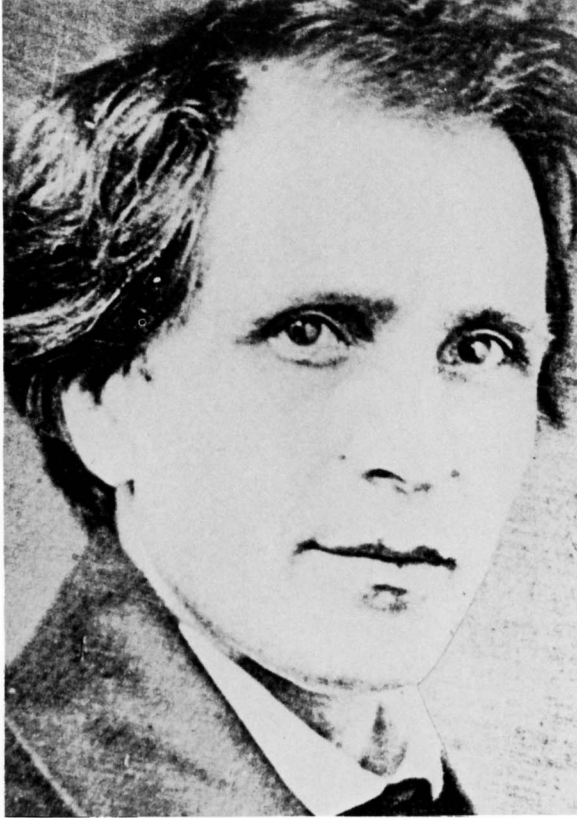
Established Laughlin Plan for interest-free loans to aid deserving individuals in purchase of homes. Donated Laughlin Chapel to community. President of Cleveland Manufacturing Co. and Cleveland-Canton Spring Co., he was also member of W. Va. House of Delegates. After serving as president of Wheeling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



MARGARET McCLUSKEY
SCHIFFLER
1895 — 1976
(Philanthropy)

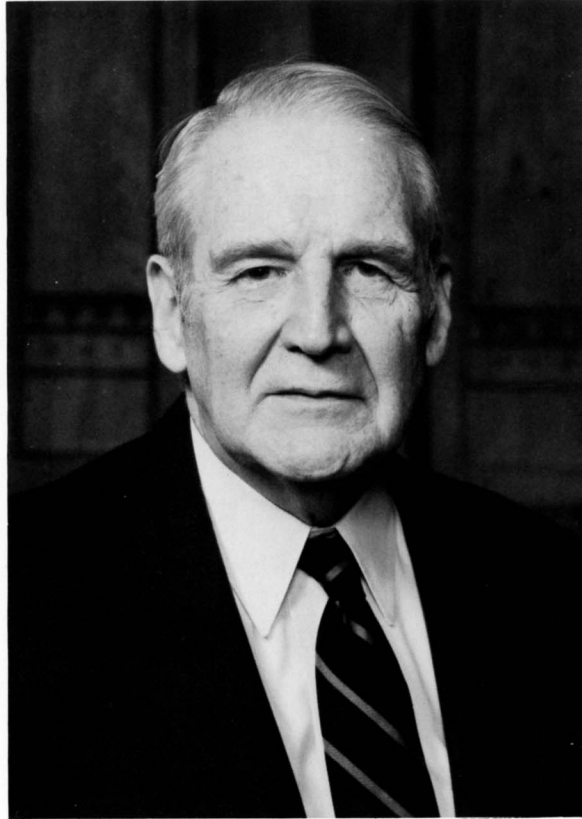
At time when women executives were rare, she advanced from office clerk to secretary-treasurer of Centre Foundry. Amassed personal fortune by own efforts. The wife of former Congressman Andrew Schiffler, she was largest contributor to Wheeling Hospital. Also made bequests for education of Catholic priests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

1982 Inductees



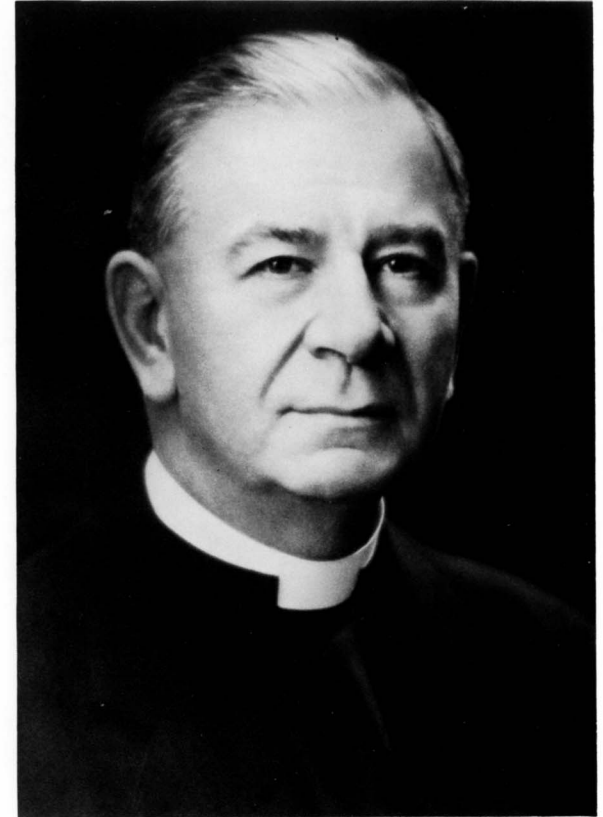
DR. SIMON P. HULIHEN
1810 — 1857
(Public Service)

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)

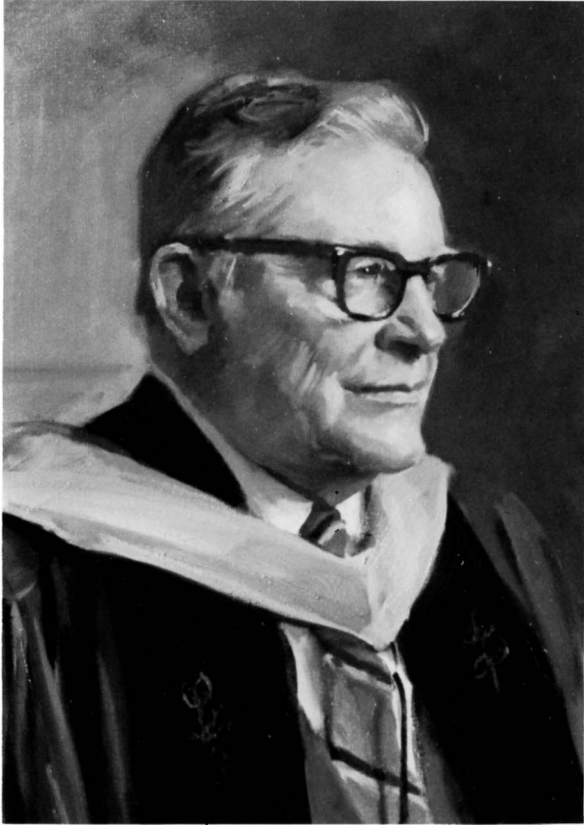
Served 24 years as member of House of Delegates, West Virginia Legislature. Minority leader for 18 years, all-time record for state. West Virginia University law graduate and naval veteran of World War II, he was municipal judge and active in many avenues of service to his university, state and city.



**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



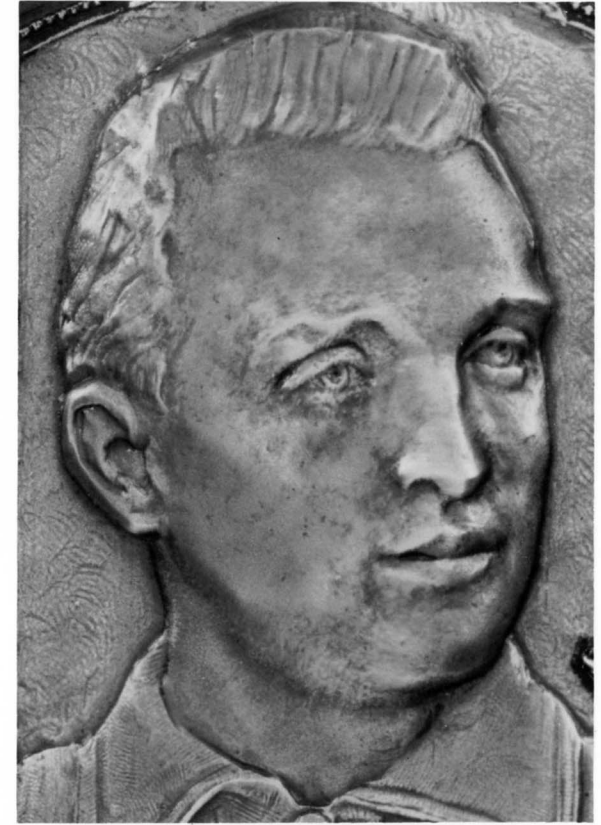
DR. ROBERT E. L. STRIDER II
1917 —
(Religion and Education)

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
KINDEBERGER**
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.

1980 Inductees



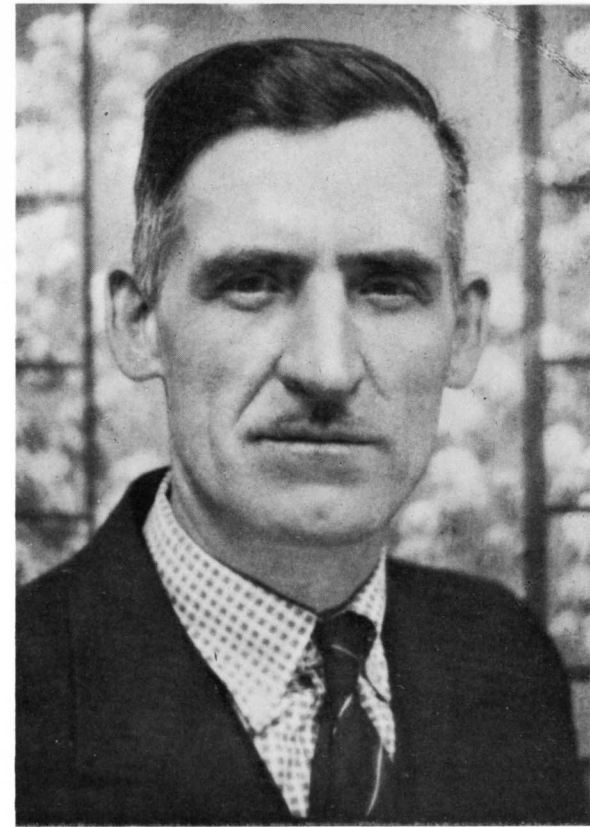
GEORGE J. KOSSUTH
1886 — 1960
(Music and Fine Arts)

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 — 1990
(Music and Fine Arts)

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)

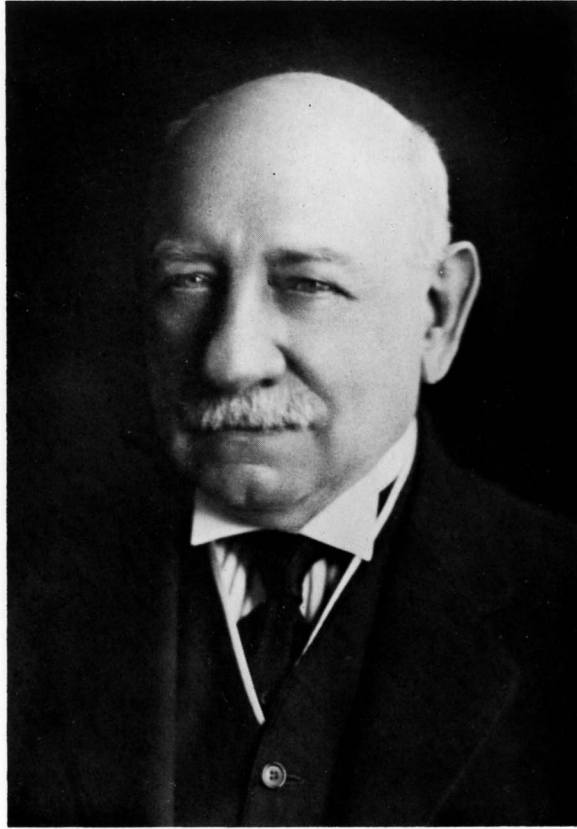
One of the outstanding primitive painters of the 20th century. Lived in and worked in Wheeling most of his life. Two of his works in the Museum of Modern Art in New York are "A-Hunting He Would Go" and "The Fourth Dimension". His paintings, "The Mansion Museum" and "The Trinity" have been displayed at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

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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)

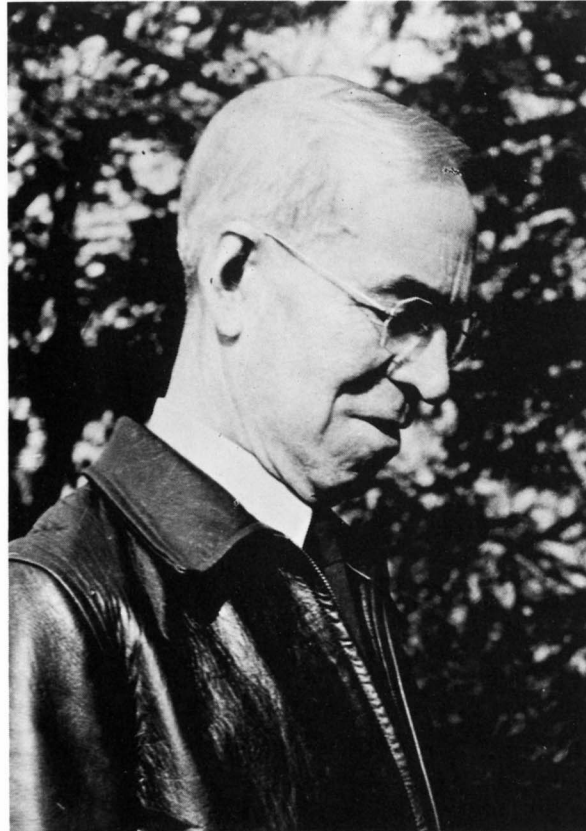
Strong and vigorous president of the United Automobile Workers for a quarter of a century, he achieved such bargaining breakthroughs as flexible, long-term contracts and cost-of-living escalators. An architect for the AFL-CIO and a champion of the young, the black and the poor.

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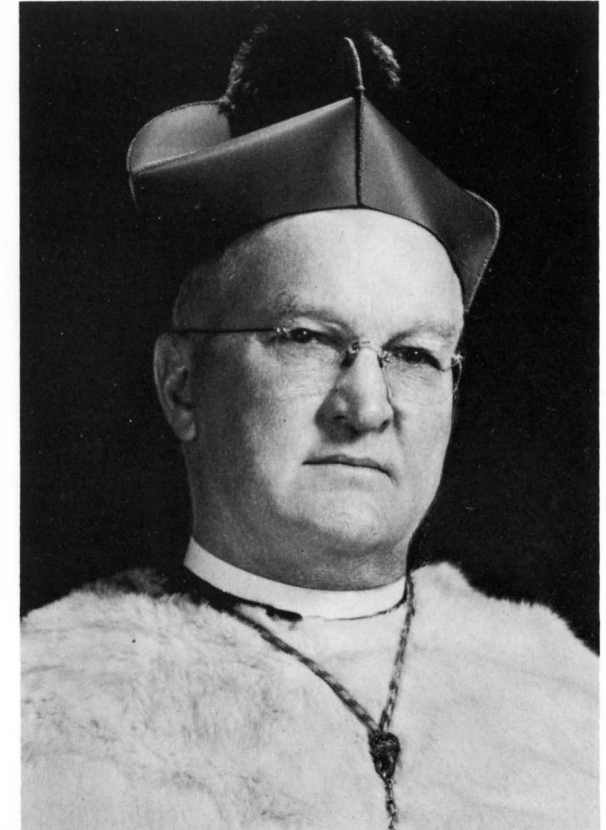
LEVERING C. BONAR
1896 — 1978
(Religion and Education)

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)

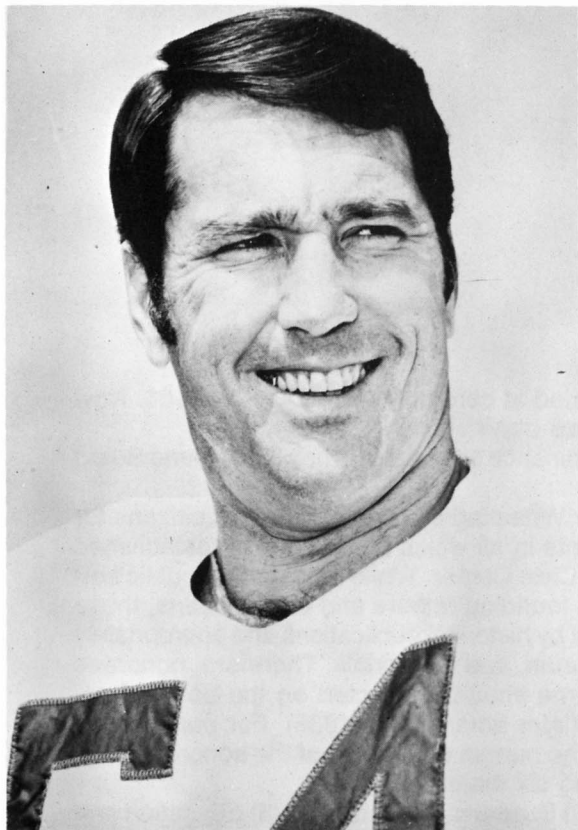
First naturalist at Oglebay Park. Through his genius and innovative planning, he created the education nature study programs at Oglebay and interested countless children and adults in the wonders of nature. Established the Oglebay Nature Leaders Training School. Authorized nature reports for the W.Va.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



MOST REV. JOHN J. SWINT,
D.D.
1879 — 1962
(Religion and Education)

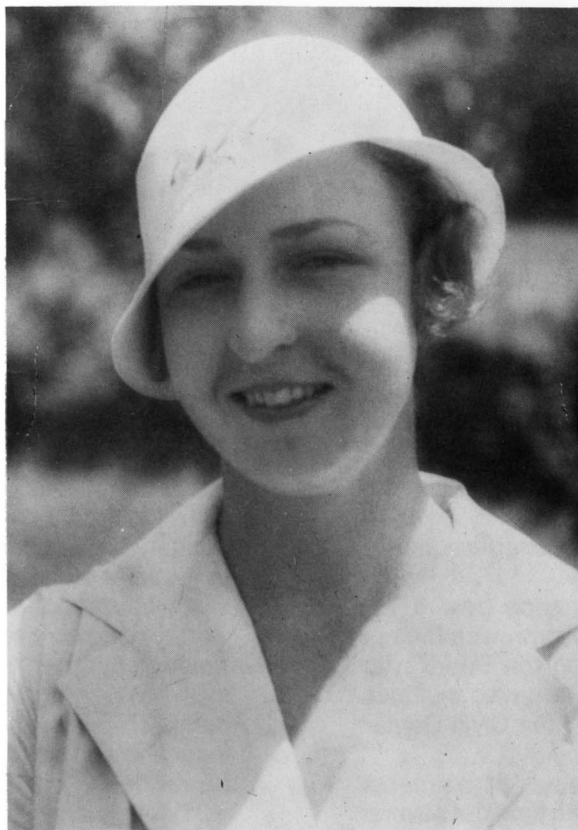
Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling for 40 years. Leader in education and religion. Directed an expansive building program of churches, schools and hospitals. Founder of Wheeling College. Named Archbishop by Pope Pius XII in 1954 on his fiftieth anniversary as a priest.

1980 Inductees



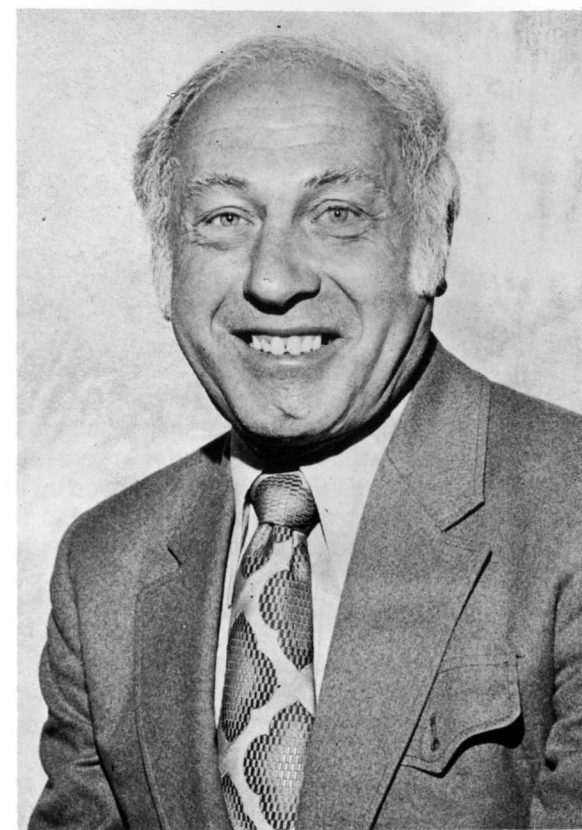
CHARLES "CHUCK" HOWLEY
1936 —
(Sports)

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 3, 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 inducted on May 20, 1984,

and eight were officially added at ceremonies on Oct. 26, 1986. Now six 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, museum, and memorials. Therefore, honorees in the Wheeling Hall of Fame shall be selected on the basis of accomplishments after 1863 (later amended to 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; and Sister Anne Regina O'Leary, Secretary and Treasurer.

(The late Charles L. Ihlenfeld succeeded Dr. Kirkpatrick at chairman and was, in turn, succeeded by Harry L. Buch. Dr. Kirkpatrick was elected last year to succeed Buch, who was then selected as successor to Sister Anne Regina O'Leary as Secretary and Treasurer.)