



Wheeling Hall of Fame Induction
November 29, 1992

Wheeling Hall of Fame Board

MUSIC AND FINE ARTS — Wesley J. Wagner, Bunny Donley and Peter Holloway Jr.

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

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

RELIGION AND EDUCATION — Sister Anne Regina O'Leary, Virginia Lynch, and Michael F. Pockl.

SPORTS — A.E. Hennen Jr., James Seibert, and Bill Van Horne.

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

CITY COUNCIL'S REPRESENTATIVE — Stella Koerner.

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Wheeling City Council

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WHEELING HALL OF FAME

Induction Ceremony (November 29, 1992)

Business and Industry
Howard W. Long

Public Service
Charles L. Ihlenfeld

Music and Fine Arts
Budd Hopkins

Religion and Education
Dr. Forrest H. Kirkpatrick

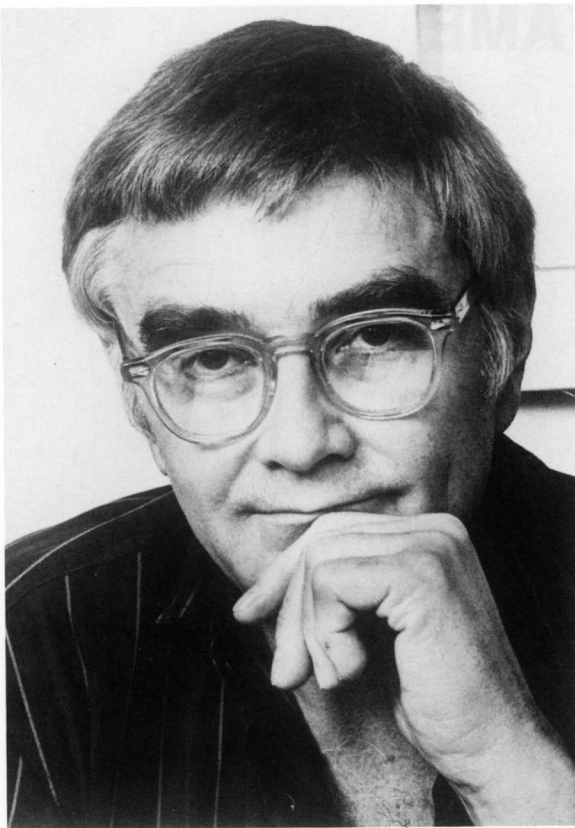
Sports
Bernard "Bernie" Mehen



Program

"The Star Spangled Banner"

Invocation	The Most Rev. Bernard W. Schmitt Bishop of the Diocese of Wheeling/Charleston
Master of Ceremonies	James J. Haranzo, Chairman of Hall of Fame Board
Official Welcome from City of Wheeling	Mayor John W. "Jack" Lipphardt
Induction of Honorees in the Wheeling Hall of Fame	By Hall of Fame Board Members
Response	By Hall of Fame Inductees
Closing Remarks	James J. Haranzo



Budd Hopkins

"My paintings and sculptures, at first glance, may appear to be purely aesthetic; closer up, they are not. They hold a feeling of tentativeness, combined with a sense of arrival." — Budd Hopkins.

Wheeling native Budd Hopkins has established an international reputation as an artist and sculptor.

His work is on display in many of the most prestigious art galleries and museums, not only in the United States but in Europe as well. He has won wide acclaim in the field of abstract art.

Recently, he has also been recognized for his research into the matter of UFOs and one of his books, "The Intruders", printed by Random House, was on the New York Times best-seller list and was the basis for a television show on CBS.

Born in 1931, he is a graduate of Linsly Military Institute (now Linsly School) in 1949 and Oberlin College in 1953. He first displayed artistic abilities when, as a child recovering from a long-term illness, he began to create sculptures of ships out of modeling clay. But it wasn't until he arrived at Oberlin that he made a serious study of art.

He settled in New York after obtaining his degree and has had a residence there ever since. He and his wife, April Kingsley, and their daughter, Grace, divide their time between their home at Cape Cod, Mass., and that in New York City.

In his work, he travels widely. He has exhibited in England, Finland, Italy and Switzerland.

In 1963, Hopkins was selected by the Columbia Broadcasting System as one of the 15 painters featured in the network's first television special on American art. In 1958, Art News picked him as one of 12 Americans for exhibition in Spoleto, Italy, in the "Festival of Two Worlds."

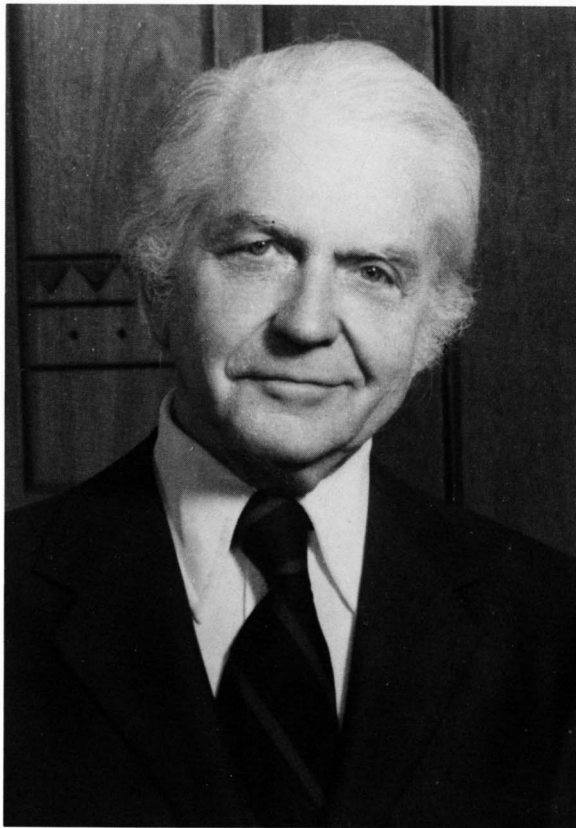
His brilliance has won him a number of fellowships and awards. In 1972, the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council awarded him its Commission Prize. In 1976, he received the John Simon Guggenheim Fellowship for Painting and in '79 he received a fellowship from the National Endowment of the Arts. He also won a special project grant from the New York State Council on the Arts in 1982.

Hopkins' work has appeared in many exhibitions across the country and he is represented in many important private and corporate collections around the nation.

His art has been featured in the Metropolitan Museum of Art, Museum of Modern Art, Bronx Museum of Art, Brooklyn Museum, Whitney Museum, Corcoran Gallery, Guggenheim Museum, Queens Museum in New York, and the Public Library of New York.

Across the United States, it has been seen in the Smithsonian Institution and the Library of Congress in Washington, D.C.; the Philadelphia Museum of Art, the Houston Museum of Fine Arts, and the San Francisco Museum, among others.

Universities and colleges which have shown Hopkins paintings and sculpture include his alma mater, Oberlin; Princeton, Yale, Denison, Drew, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, DePauw, Williams, Brandeis, Middlebury, North Carolina, Michigan State, Reed, Bradford, Connecticut, Alabama, Bennington, and the City College of New York.



Charles L. Ihlenfeld

A Wheeling native, Charles L. Ihlenfeld served his community with an energy and passion sparked by his love for the city and its people.

He was mayor of the city and also served as Ohio County prosecuting attorney. A man of courtly grace, quiet-spoken and modest, he was nevertheless a strong force in many facets of community life.

A product of old Wheeling High School, Ihlenfeld graduated from West Virginia University in 1930 and from its College of Law in 1933. He practiced law for 56 years.

His public service encompassed city, county, state and federal jurisdictions. He became Ohio County prosecuting attorney in 1940, after four years as assistant prosecutor. He was re-elected as prosecutor in 1944 while serving in the U.S. Army in World War II. His campaign that year was conducted by his wife, Maxine.

A member of Wheeling City Council from 1960 through 1967, he served as mayor from 1964 to '67. He was proud of the fact that the Market Plaza was completed while he was mayor and that two new city parking garages were established. Moreover, extensive improvements were done to the city water system when he was in the mayor's chair.

Charlie Ihlenfeld, a leader of foresight and dedication, also was chairman of the Wheeling Creek Watershed Commission and worked vigorously on that project.

He was the first United States magistrate for the Northern District of West Virginia, embracing four counties in the Northern Panhandle. He served in that capacity for eight years before retiring from the post.

A charter member of the Wheeling Hall of Fame Board, he was the second man to serve as its chairman.

He was a member of numerous service and community organizations and was once chairman of the Ohio County Democratic Executive Committee and president of the West Virginia Young Democrats.

He also served as chairman of the West Liberty State College Foundation Inc. He belonged to numerous Masonic organizations and was past master of Nelson Lodge 30 AF & AM and was also a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason.

Ihlenfeld, who died in September of 1989, was inducted posthumously into the St. George Tucker Brooke Society at the West Virginia University College of Law in ceremonies on Nov. 16, 1990.

While he was nominated for induction into the Wheeling Hall of Fame by the committee on public service, he might well have also been considered by the committee on philanthropy. In his will, he left bequests to West Virginia University and to other interests, including his church, Zion Evangelical Lutheran of Bethlehem.

Moreover, after the death of his wife in 1984, he arranged for a gift to Oglebay Park to provide financing for a two-part expansion and renovation of the public dining area at Wilson Lodge.

Ihlenfeld had planned that gift as a memorial to his wife but after his death, the couple's sons, William Ihlenfeld and Dr. Charles Ihlenfeld II, requested that the dining room be dedicated to both their parents.

Income from the Charles L. Ihlenfeld Fund at WVU finances an annual series of lectures presented by the WVU College of Law.



Dr. Forrest H. Kirkpatrick

Dr. Forrest H. Kirkpatrick has been widely recognized and admired as a distinguished educator, industrialist, and community leader.

He has certainly earned the niche reserved for him in the Wheeling Hall of Fame in the field of education but would have been equally qualified if he had been nominated for his accomplishments in industry or in public service.

He is truly an Ohio Valley citizen extraordinaire.

Possessed of a brilliant mind, an unflagging devotion to the welfare of his fellow man, and an incisive wit, he has been called upon to use his talents in behalf of city, state, and nation. He has been a special consultant to the State Department, the Department of Labor, the War Manpower Commission, the Post Office Department and the Civil Service Commission.

His name has become synonymous with that of Bethany College, his alma mater (Class of 1927) and a school which he served as dean and professor for 25 years. He has both his master's degree and his doctorate from Columbia University, where he was a President's Scholar, and has also done graduate work in English—at the University of London, University of Cambridge and the University of Oxford.

In later years, he served for a decade as part-time visiting professor at West Virginia University. He has also been on the teaching staff at New York University, Columbia, the University of Pittsburgh and the University of Wisconsin for summer terms.

A first-class teacher and inquisitive scholar, Dr. Kirkpatrick has also exhibited the ability to develop and mobilize ideas and manpower resources in industrial or community situations. He has also served with distinction on the home front and can take satisfaction in

being the original chairman of the Wheeling Hall of Fame Board, as well as working on the boards of many area institutions.

Dr. Kirkpatrick served on the Board of Governors of West Virginia University for 12 years, on the West Virginia Commission on Higher Education for 10 years; on the State Commission of the States for eight years and the Centennial Commission for four years. He also served on the U.S. Armed Forces education committee after World War II. In the 1930s, he was a member of the American Youth Commission advisory staff of the American Council on Education.

In industry, Dr. Kirkpatrick was an executive with Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation for over two decades. He saw service as a vice-president and a member of the board. Prior to that tenure, he was associated with the Radio Corporation of America as general manager of personnel administration and later as an educational consultant.

During his steel industry years (1952-1975), he was chairman of the education committee of the American Iron and Steel Institute and spent two terms on the board of directors and as chairman of the education committee of the National Association of Manufacturers. For 10 years, he was an officer and director of the West Virginia Manufacturers Association.

He is a charter member of the Industrial Relations Research Association and a life member of the Academy of Political Science.

After his retirement from industry, he returned to Bethany as an adjunct professor. Ordained as a minister back in 1929, he has long served the Bethany Memorial Church as an elder and trustee.

Born on Sept. 4, 1905, in Galion, O., his childhood and school years were spent in Shelby, O.

However, Wheeling has become his adopted home community and he has been an exemplary representative of the city — in far away places and on significant assignments.



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Howard W. Long

Howard W. Long made the American dream come true.

A one-time grocery store delivery boy and former sheet metal construction worker, he combined enterprise, ambition, and know-how to become an international business success.

From very modest means, he has rocketed to giant stature in the vegetable processing industry and has established an ever-growing business which has spread from the United States to France, the United Kingdom, Holland, South America, Israel and Spain.

Born in Piedmont, O., on Sept. 4, 1934, Howard Long was educated in the Ohio County Schools and was graduated from McKinley Vocational High School in 1952. He was in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve for six years (1953-59). He was employed as a sheet metal construction worker for 12 years and first found himself in a management role as part-owner of a construction company.

His career really took off after he founded Coronet Foods Inc., in Wheeling in 1965. He launched his business "with three employees and no customers" but his drive and the service which he established quickly attracted attention. Soon, Coronet was a leader in the vegetable processing field. It now supplies the food service industry along the entire Eastern seaboard.

As Coronet broadened its horizons, Long broadened his own. Not only did Coronet expand but the ambitious owner invested elsewhere. In 1983, he founded KGM Harvesting Co., which is now a leading California grower and supplier of iceberg lettuce and other vegetables.

Premium Fresh Co., of Salinas, Calif., was purchased in 1990 and became Coronet Foods Inc., Western Division.

Obviously, Long was especially busy in '90. In anticipation of the lifting of trade barriers in the European Common Market, he purchased J.H. Waterfall Co. of Methwold, England, and also founded Harison Harvesting Co. in London.

Harison Harvesting coordinates the growing and distribution of lettuce for McDonald's restaurants in Western Europe, with winter lettuce grown in Israel and Spain and summer crops coming from the United Kingdom, France and Holland.

Howard Long International Ltd. and Langlais were established as customers for Harison Harvesting under the visionary owner's master plan.

Long also has considerable business interests in Florida and now has a residence in Longboat Key. But he also maintains a home in Wheeling and holds membership in the First Baptist Church of Wheeling.

His entire chain of companies is now operating under the banner of the Howard Long Group, which includes more than 1,600 employees.

Listed in Who's Who in Finance and Industry, the McKinley Vocational graduate owns a number of patents on vegetable packaging machinery.

Despite his nearly world-wide interests, he has maintained a loyalty to Wheeling and the Ohio Valley. He has emphasized, "It all started in Wheeling; that is where we have our roots."

On a supervised wellness program since suffering a coronary 12 years ago, Long has an intense interest in physical fitness and that has helped to inspire a generous gift to his community — a \$1 million presentation to Wheeling Hospital for a wellness and rehabilitation center, which has been named in his honor.



Bernard "Bernie" Mehen

"As a ball-handler, Bernie Mehen was ahead of his time. He was a marvel. He could fake players right out of their shoes. There just wasn't anything he couldn't do with the basketball. He and his brother, Dick, were the greatest players I ever coached." — Everett Brinkman, a member of the Wheeling Hall of Fame and the West Virginia Sports Hall of Fame.

Bernard "Bernie" Mehen is a legendary figure in the history of basketball at old Wheeling High School. He played on two state championship teams — in 1936 and '38 — and was outstanding as a scorer, rebounder and ball-handler.

During his high school career, the Wheeling High teams, coached by Everett Brinkman, won a total of 65 games and lost only four. In his senior year, when he was joined by his "kid" brother, Dick, then a sophomore, in the lineup, the Gold and Blue went 24-0.

Those state champion teams were also titlists in the old Ohio Valley Athletic Association, something of a forerunner to the now thriving OVAC. The '38 team established a record for victory margin in the championship game by trouncing Grafton, 68-41, in the final. All-stater Bernie Mehen scored 493 points that season.

The eldest of the Mehen brothers tallied 1,193 points during his high school career but scores, in general, were not as high then as they are today. Play was stopped for a center jump after every goal through '37.

Both of the Mehen brothers, who were natives of Wheeling, went on to play at the University of Tennessee and in professional ranks.

At Tennessee, the slender 6-3 Bernie Mehen received considerable All-American recognition, in addition to making the All-Southeastern Conference team. In 1941, he led Coach John Mauer's Volunteers to the SEC championship with a 36-33 victory over the famed Adolph Rupp's favored Kentucky Wildcats in the finals of the conference tourney at Louisville, Ky.

The 1942 season was Bernie Mehen's last as a Tennessee star and he performed so brilliantly that when the Knoxville Journal later established an all-time University of Tennessee squad, he was picked as one of the five men on the Early Era (1933-63) team.

Brother Dick Mehen followed Bernie to Tennessee but his career there was interrupted by service in the air force in World War II. Bernie was a second lieutenant in the infantry during the war and saw action in France, Belgium and Holland before his left heel was shattered by an artillery shell at Aachen, Germany.

Sent back to Camp Blanding, Fla., Mehen was convalescing slowly but one day decided to take his cane and limp over to the post gymnasium. The first trip was extremely painful but he persevered. Eventually, he was able to join the Blanding team, even though he could not leap off his left foot at all.

The Wheeling native improved so much that the owner of the Youngstown Bears of the old American Basketball League offered him a contract. He tried and succeeded. Unfortunately, the franchise didn't.

Subsequently, Bernie returned to Wheeling and played with the Center Wheeling Merchants, where Wheeling and West Virginia Sports Hall of Famer Jule Rivlin was among his teammates. When Rivlin was made player-coach of the Toledo Jeeps of the National Basketball League, he sent for the Mehen brothers. Bernie's ball-handling made him an immediate hit.

Bernie and his wife, Lucille, started raising a family and when the franchise was moved to Waterloo, Ia., Bernie decided to concentrate on his job as an appliance salesman at a Toledo store.

1990 Inductees



PHYLLIS A. BENEKE
1929 — 1988
(Philanthropy)

She established a permanent trust fund, with a principal amount in excess of \$2,500,000 to provide scholarships for Wheeling Park High School students. An educator in Ohio County schools for 33 years, she was the last principal of Wheeling High School. She was named the outstanding principal in the state in 1984 while at Wheeling Park High.



S. JAMES FOTI
1910 —
(Sports)

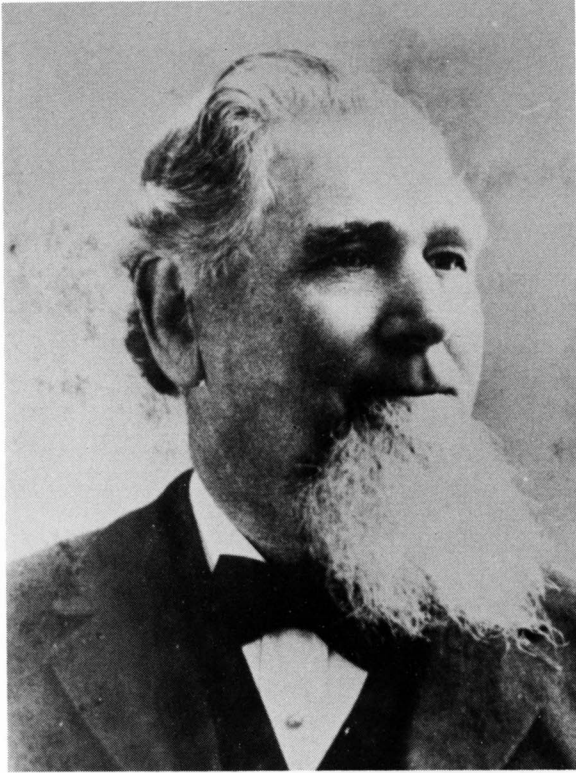
A basketball coach for 38 years and a football coach for over 20 years. A Jamestown, N.Y., native and John Carroll University three-sports star, he posted 466 varsity basketball victories, all but 26 at valley schools — Wheeling Central, Bellaire and Warwood. He piloted Warwood to the state tournament seven times and won the state Class AA title in 1967. His Central teams won six state Catholic championships. Coached teams to OVAC titles in three divisions of the conference.



RUSSELL B. GOODWIN
1893 — 1968
(Sports)

Four-sports star at Wheeling High and three-sports standout at Washington & Jefferson College. Quarterback on Wash-Jeff football teams that compiled 28-4-2 record. Played professionally with the Massillon Tigers. Officiated football for 30 years. Officiated the Army-Navy game and in the Rose Bowl and Cotton Bowl. He was an attorney who served on Wheeling City Council (1935-51) and was mayor of the city (1943-47).

1990 Inductees



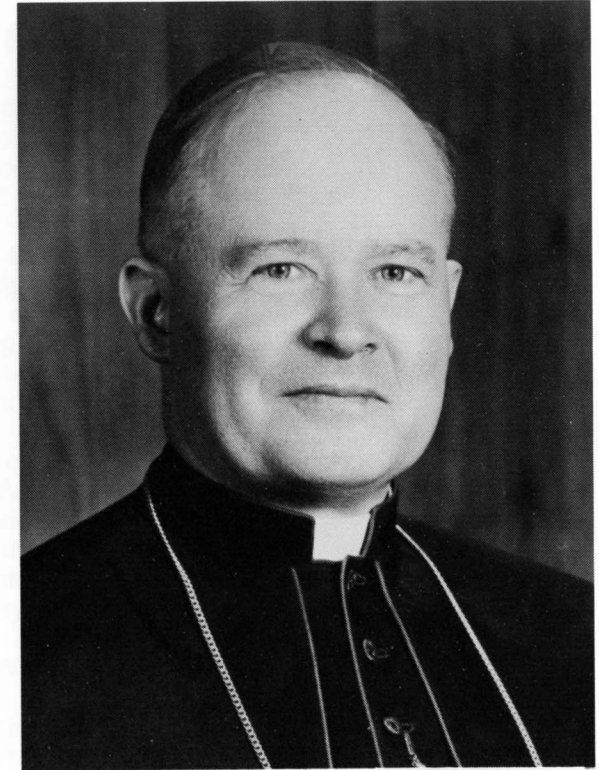
MIFFLIN M. MARSH
1818 — 1901
(Business and Industry)

Founder of what became Wheeling's oldest manufacturing enterprise, M. Marsh & Son. He began operations as a one-man business, hand-rolling his own stogies, and developed a long-thriving firm which, at its peak, employed over 600. His Marsh Wheeling Stogies became known around much of the world.



CHESTER R. HUBBARD
1905 — 1984
(Public Service)

An attorney for 52 years, he served four terms in the West Virginia House of Delegates and three terms in the State Senate. Minority leader of the senate and champion of progressive legislation. A World War II veteran of the air force, he was a graduate of Lafayette College and the West Virginia University Law School. He was active in many facets of state and community service.



**MOST REV. JOSEPH
H. HODGES, D.D.**
1911 — 1985
(Religion and Education)

Bishop of the Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston for 23 years. Under his leadership, the diocese expanded from 27 to 55 counties. He was active in building hospitals and schools. He made possible the building of the continuous care center at Wheeling Hospital — a center that now bears his name. He was a leader in implementation of the Second Vatican Council Resolves, in the areas of ecumenism, spirituality, and social service.

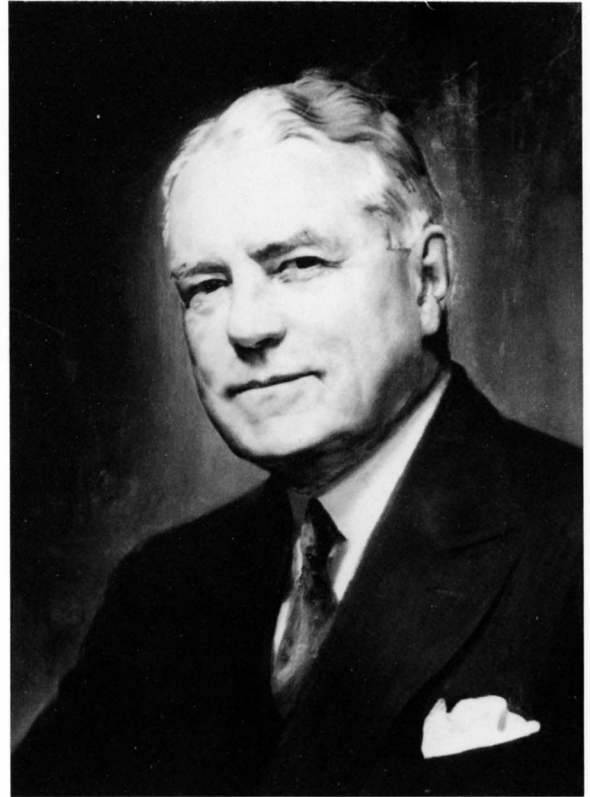
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ANDREW J. SWEENEY
1829 — 1893

(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.

1986 Inductees



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)

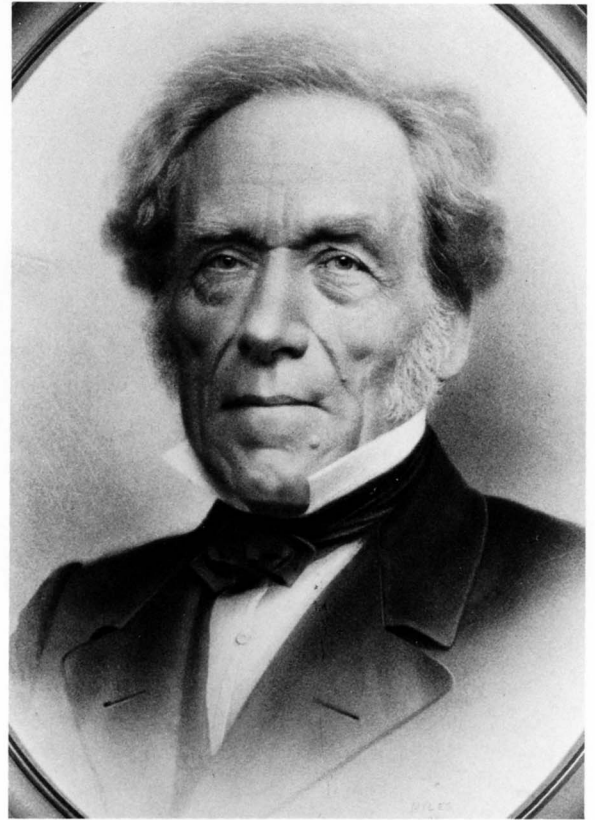
Became Wheeling's first All-American football player at tackle at U.S. Military Academy in 1911. Captained Army team in senior year. A four-sport participant, he was academy's heavyweight boxing champion. Accompanied Gen. John Pershing on Pancho Villa expedition into Mexico in 1916 as the army's first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

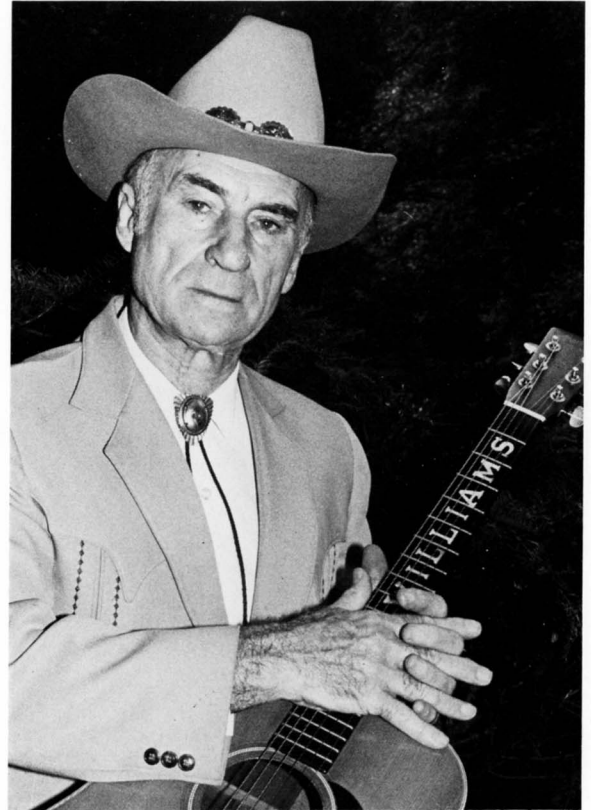
Native of Germany who emigrated to the United States and opened small clothing and dyeing establishment in log cabin in Wheeling in 1835. This led to erection of factory with daily capacity of miles of cotton goods. J. L. Stifel & Sons was first plant in nation to print yard-wide indigo blue calico,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

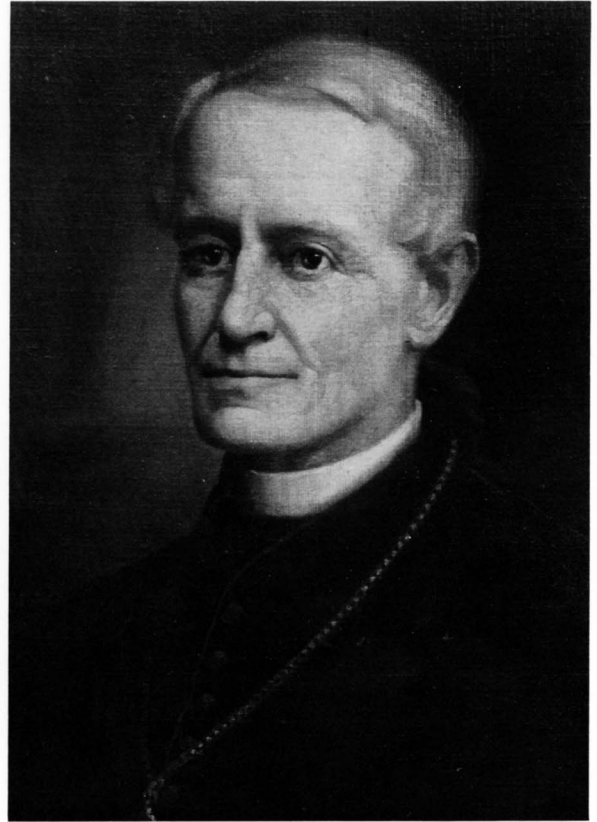
Civic leader and public benefactor. His philanthropy took many channels. Contributed \$100,000 to establish Wheeling Park in 1924 and financed swimming pool at park in 1936. Moving spirit in founding of Ohio Valley Industrial Corp. He was president of Stone & Thomas, which became state's largest department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

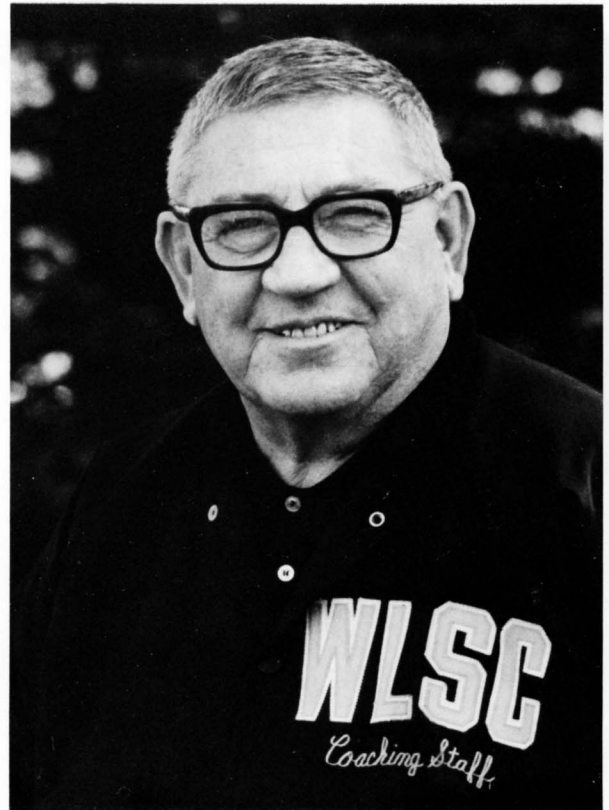
First bishop of Diocese of Wheeling, he was prime energizer, founder and frontier developer of Catholic Church in West Virginia. This native of Baltimore guided growth of church through Civil War and creation of new state. Responsible for extensive building program in diocese. In 24 years, diocese grew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

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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)

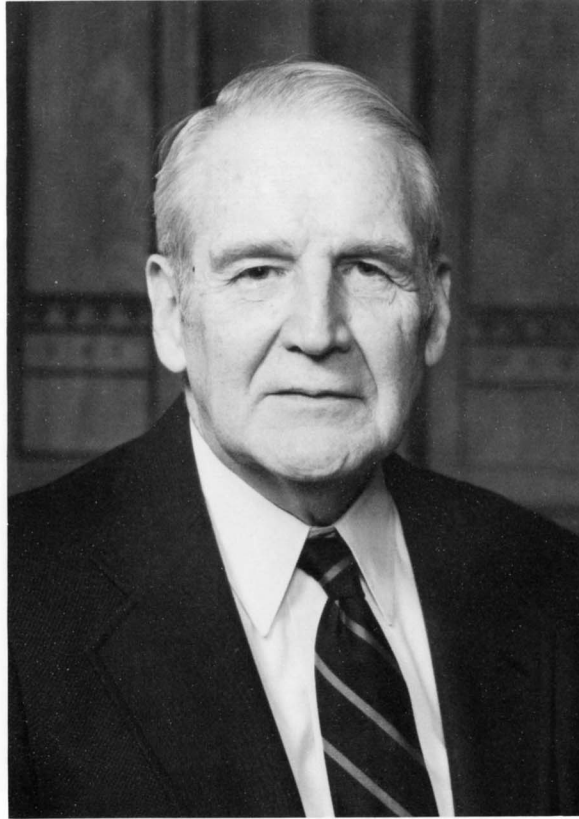
At time when women executives were rare, she advanced from office clerk to secretary-treasurer of Centre Foundry. Amassed personal fortune by own efforts. The wife of former Congressman Andrew Schiffler, she was largest contributor to Wheeling Hospital. Also made bequests for education of Catholic priests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

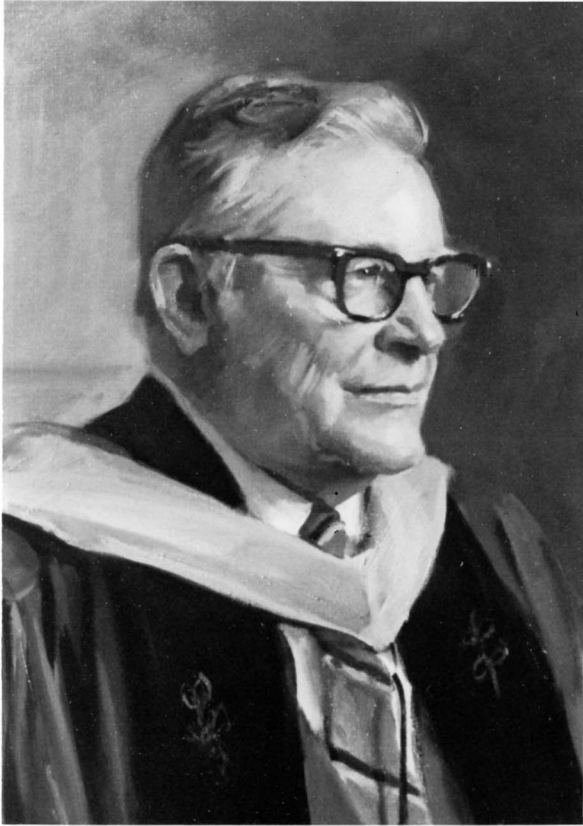
Served 24 years as member of House of Delegates, West Virginia Legislature. Minority leader for 18 years, all-time record for state. West Virginia University law graduate and naval veteran of World War II, he was municipal judge and active in many avenues of service to his university, state and city.



**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



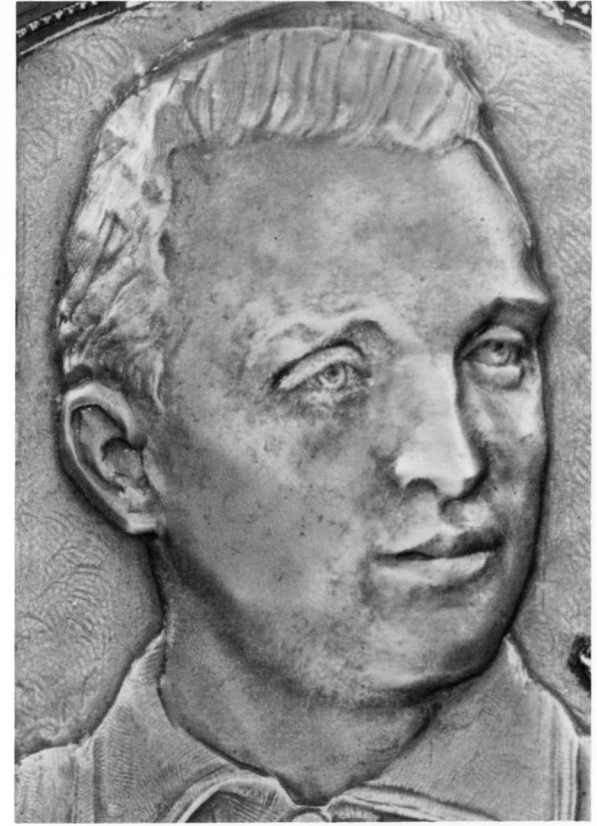
DR. ROBERT E. L. STRIDER II
1917 —
(Religion and Education)

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.

1980 Inductees



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.



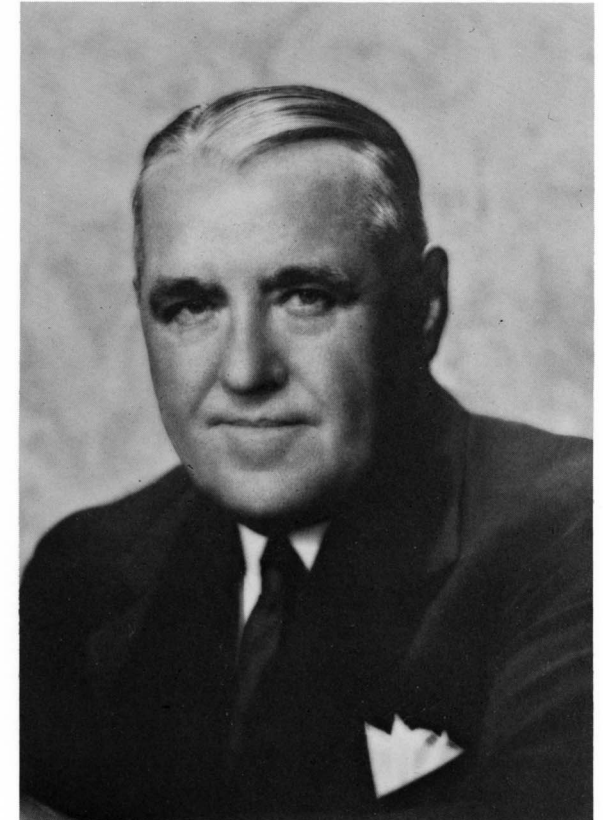
JAMES HOWARD

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



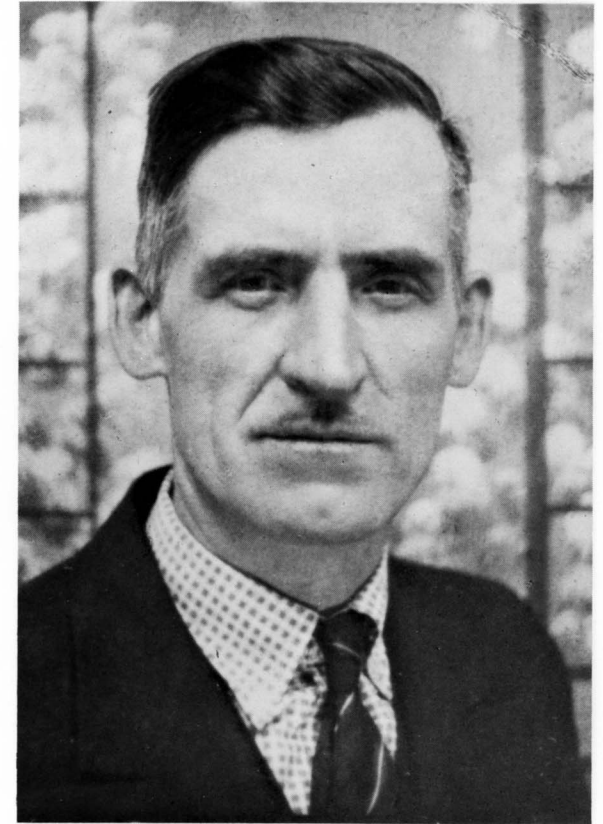
GEORGE J. KOSSUTH
1886 — 1960
(Music and Fine Arts)

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)

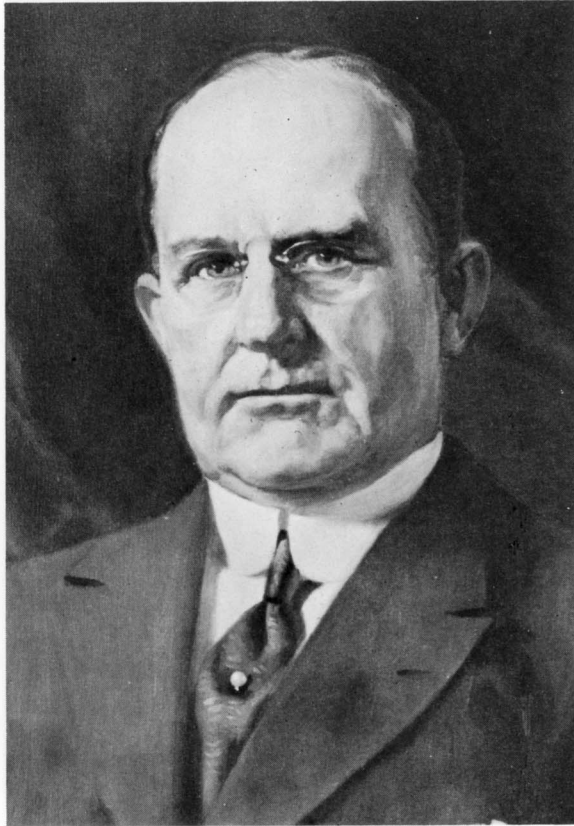
Internationally acclaimed Metropolitan Opera diva whose performances extended to the opera houses of Europe and Asia. Appeared in 50 different leading operatic roles and was heard in more premieres at the Metropolitan Opera than any other artist. Made significant contributions to training of young artists.



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

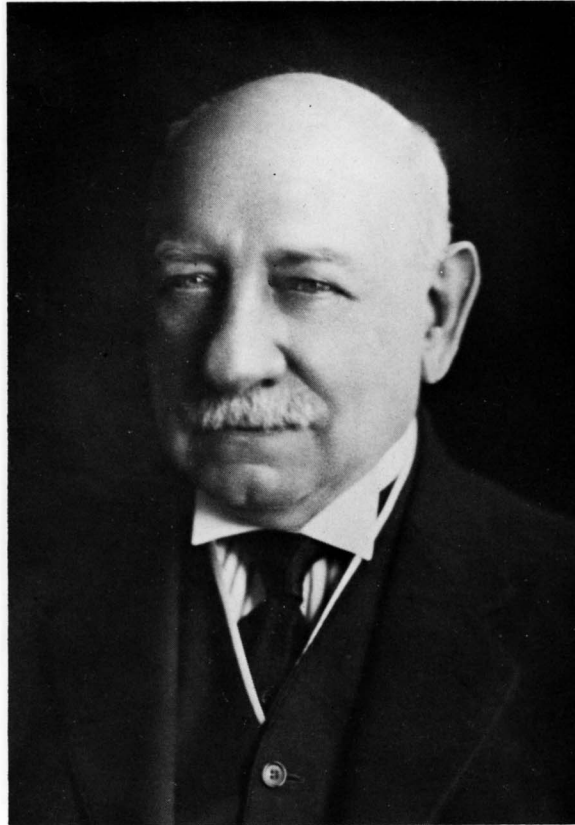
One of the outstanding primitive painters of the 20th century. Lived in and worked in Wheeling most of his life. Two of his works in the Museum of Modern Art in New York are "A-Hunting He Would Go" and "The Fourth Dimension". His paintings, "The Mansion Museum" and "The Trinity" have been displayed at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

1980 Inductees



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)

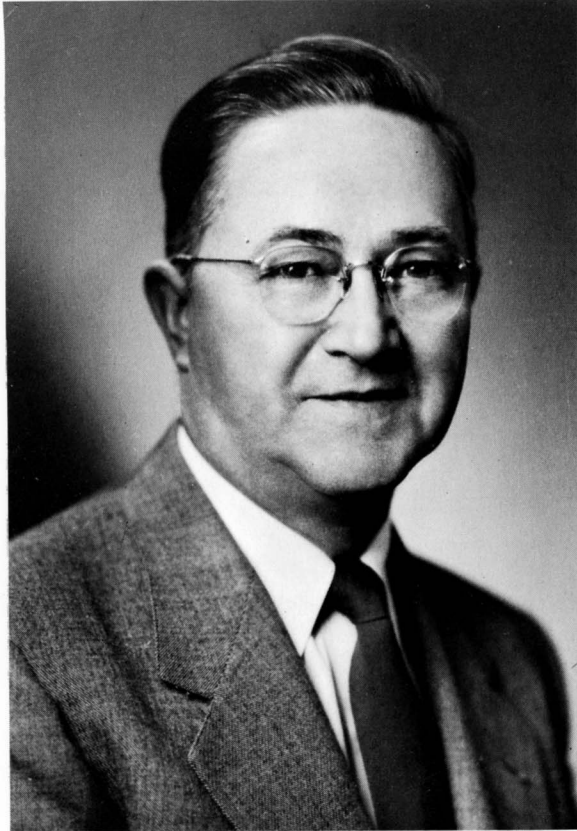
Department store executive who was a constructive leader in many community development projects. Long time chairman of the Wheeling Parks Commission. Hospitals, parks and schools and the industrial and business community benefited from his dedication and expertise. Army colonel in World War II.



WALTER P. REUTHER
1907 — 1970
(Public Service)

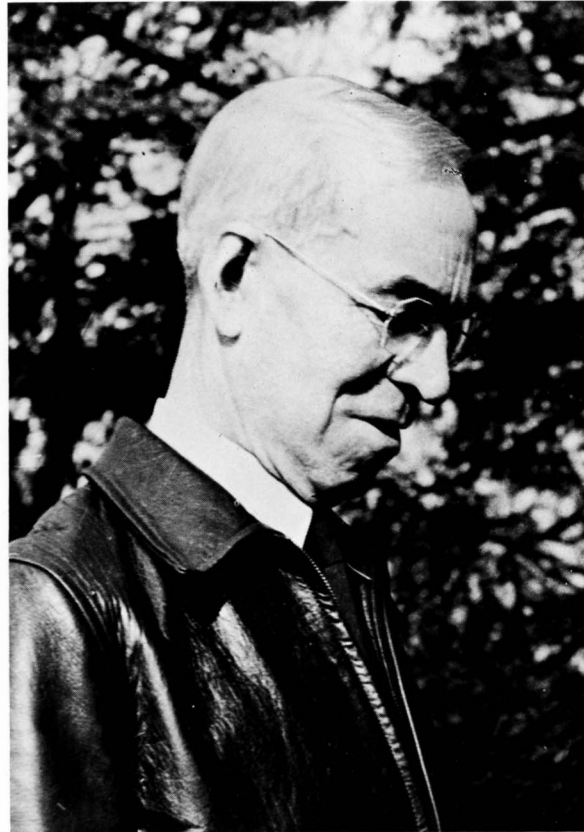
Strong and vigorous president of the United Automobile Workers for a quarter of a century, he achieved such bargaining breakthroughs as flexible, long-term contracts and cost-of-living escalators. An architect for the AFL-CIO and a champion of the young, the black and the poor.

1980 Inductees



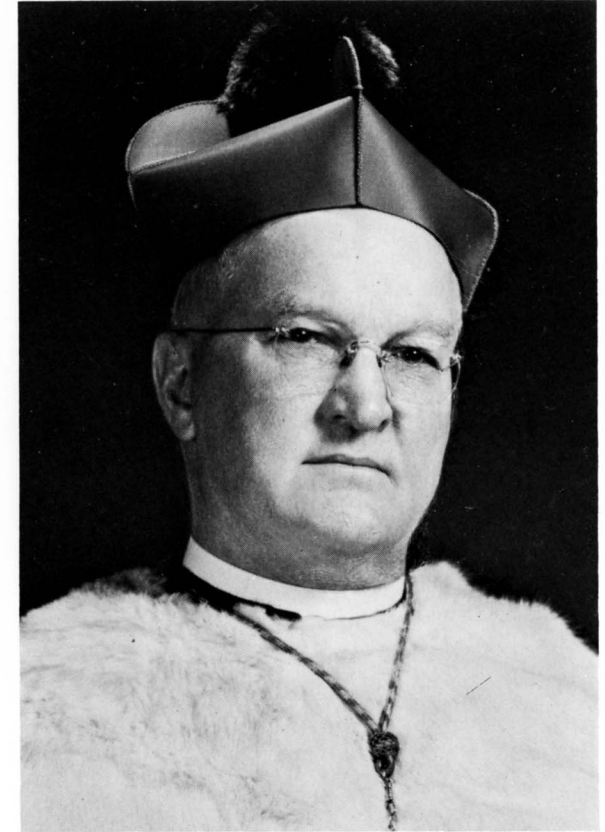
LEVERING C. BONAR
1896 — 1978
(Religion and Education)

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)

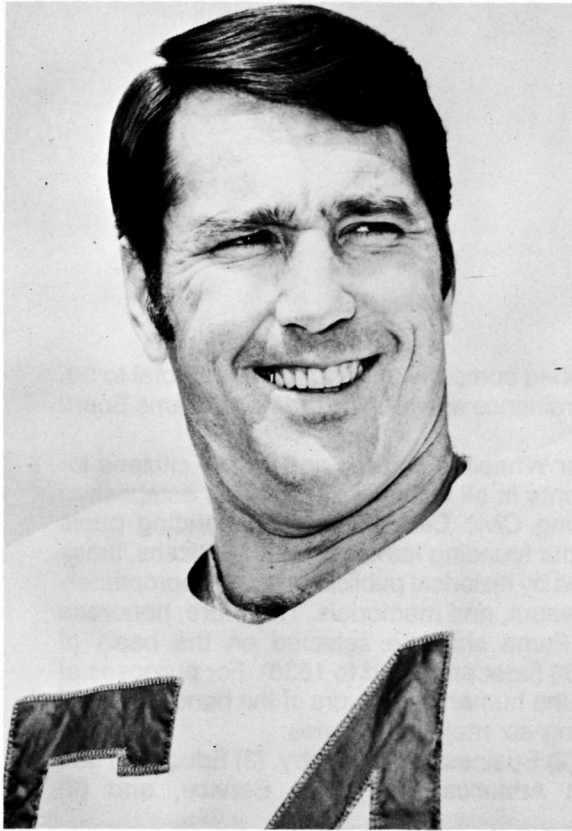
First naturalist at Oglebay Park. Through his genius and innovative planning, he created the education nature study programs at Oglebay and interested countless children and adults in the wonders of nature. Established the Oglebay Nature Leaders Training School. Authorized nature reports for the W.Va.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



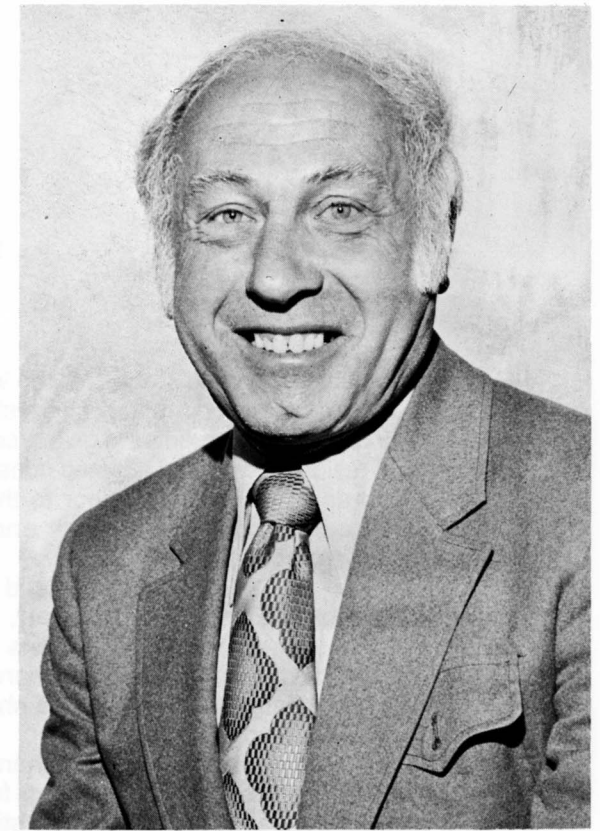
CHARLES "CHUCK" HOWLEY
1936 —
(Sports)

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; eight were officially added at ceremonies on Oct. 26, 1986; and six inductees were enshrined on Oct. 21, 1990. Now five more are being

ushered into this distinguished company to bring the grand total to 59.

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 as chairman and was, in turn, succeeded by Harry L. Buch. Dr. Kirkpatrick was subsequently elected to succeed Buch, who was then selected as successor to Sister Anne Regina O'Leary as Secretary and Treasurer. With the retirement from the board of Dr. Kirkpatrick, James Haranzo was elected chairman in 1990. James Seibert was named secretary-treasurer.)