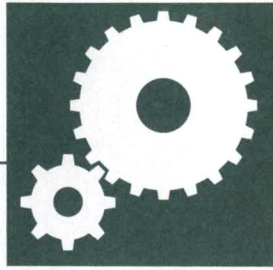
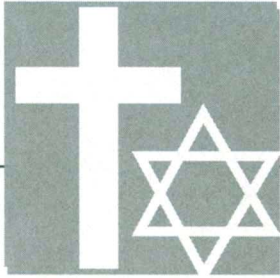


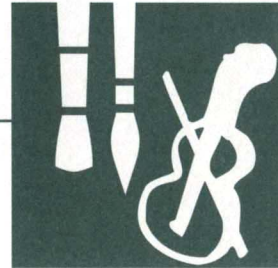


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Program

"The Star Spangled Banner"

Invocation - Mayor John W. "Jack" Lipphardt, Methodist Minister
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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
Responses - By Hall of Fame Inductees
Closing Remarks - James Seibert



Dominic Agostino - *Business, Industry and Profession*

One wonders if the Madison Avenue pastry chef ever thought he one day would head up a multi-million-dollar corporation with 1,200 employees.

For that is what happened in the life of Dominic V. Agostino, founder, president and chairman of the board of Aladdin Food Management Services Inc. of Wheeling.

Born on Oct. 16, 1931, in Brooklyn, N.Y., Agostino is a graduate of the Culinary Institute of America in New Haven, Conn. He worked as a pastry chef for Stark Restaurant on Madison Avenue in New York City and for various country clubs and hotels and then spent 20 years with ARA Services Corp. of Philadelphia.

At ARA, he worked in a variety of jobs, including assistant unit manager, unit manager, 11 years as district manager for West Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C., and two years as operations analyst to the area president of the company. As district manager, the sales volume he handled was \$21 million. As area operations analyst, the sales volume rose to \$235 million.

Agostino, who moved to Wheeling in 1966, created and incorporated Aladdin on June 14, 1978. In the two decades of company operations since Aladdin's founding, Agostino's company has achieved growth of more than \$30 million in sales. The company has grown from one college account in 1978 to over 50 accounts today.

Bethany College was that first contract Agostino took after starting Aladdin. The school was experiencing financial pressures at the time and needed to make significant cuts in its budget. Food service, which represented 10 percent of the school's overall budget, was a prime candidate for review. Aladdin got the contract and, according to the college treasurer, "greatly improved the quality of our food service program and increased student satisfaction while saving us (the college) money their first year of operation."

Similar results have occurred as Aladdin's services have been expanded to include not only colleges, but also business and industry, hospitals, school districts, conference centers, senior citizen programs, a private gourmet restaurant, country clubs and environmental services as well.

With corporate headquarters at 21 Armory Drive in Wheeling, Aladdin Food Management Services Inc. presently operates in 10 states and employs 1,200 full- and part-time workers. Aladdin employs 200-225 workers in the Wheeling area alone.

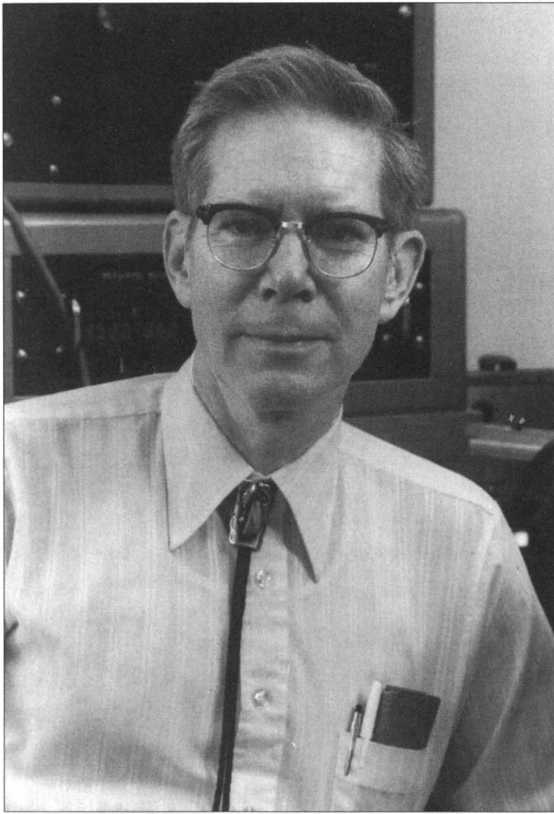
Honors Agostino has won along the way include the first annual Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Center for Business and Entrepreneurial Management of Saint Mary's College, Winona, Minn., the West Virginia Area, Entrepreneur of the Year in the category of service in June 1996; and induction into the Entrepreneur of the Year Institute on the Campus of the University of North Carolina.

In all, Agostino has had 39 years of manual and administrative food service experience and about 25 percent of that time has been spent in operations, budgeting, supervising, surveying and developing systems for more effective and efficient ways in marketing and servicing school lunch programs.

Agostino has served on the National Restaurant Association Board of Directors and on the governor's charity food bank advisory committee for the state of West Virginia. He has researched and designed standards of production and menu designs for microwave cooking in health care institutions; designed and provided on-site planning and consultation for the first solar energy kitchen in the United States; and served and continues to serve as a professional consultant to schools, colleges, restaurants, nursing homes and hospitals.

Agostino's management philosophy is one that believes programs must be tailored specifically to each client, as each has different objectives, problems and needs that require different solutions. Another part of his philosophy is that service is people: the quality of employee performance determines the quality of an organization's success.

His company also charges no unnecessary overhead. Using zero-based budgeting, the company plans every year from the ground up, a procedure that Agostino said gives employees the decision-making flexibility they need.



Harlan J. Smith - *Business, Industry and Profession*

You have to wonder if the priest who donated a 6-inch reflecting telescope for use by the Wheeling public in 1935 had any idea of the incredible impact his gift would have on a boy who would go on to become one of America's leading astronomers of the 20th century.

Born on Aug. 25, 1924, Harlan J. Smith was the son of Paul and Anna McGregor Smith of Wheeling Island. He graduated from Wheeling High School in 1942, the same year he was first runner-up in the first Westinghouse National Science Talent Search. After some college in Ohio, Smith joined the U.S. Army Air Corps in February 1943, serving until the end of World War II.

In summer 1946, he went to Harvard University where he earned his bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees in astronomy, spending one year away from Cambridge, Mass., setting up a field station in New Mexico for the Harvard Meteor Project.

While writing his doctoral dissertation, he landed a teaching post at Yale University in 1953. He remained in New Haven, Conn., until 1963 when he accepted the challenge of becoming both the first Texas-based director of the University of Texas at Austin's remote McDonald Observatory in the Davis Mountains of west Texas and chairman of the university's small astronomy department. Under his leadership, the McDonald Observatory grew to become an international scientific attraction and he built the university's astronomy department into the largest in the nation.

In the area of pure scientific research, Smith made his mark by discovering the optical variability, and thus small size, of quasars; studying the influence of solar wind on radio emissions from Jupiter; and discovering the existence of a class of variable stars known as dwarf Cepheids, or Delta Scuti stars. He served on numerous national, scientific committees of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, the National Science Foundation and the National Research Council. From 1966 to 1970, Smith served on the National Academy of Sciences ad hoc Committee on the Large Space Telescope, a project that eventually resulted in the Hubble Space Telescope.

Among the first astronomers to realize the importance of ground-based observations in the planning and support of space missions, he convinced NASA to fund the McDonald Observatory's gigantic 107-inch reflector telescope for that purpose. NASA still supports planetary research on that telescope, which the University of Texas dedicated in July 1995 as the Harlan J. Smith Telescope. The University of Texas also established an endowment in Smith's name at the McDonald Observatory and honored him with creation of a professorship in astronomy named for him.

Smith helped create "StarDate," a two-minute syndicated daily radio broadcast about planetary happenings, heard weekly by 10 million people in the United States and Canada. During his years teaching at Yale, he also wrote and produced the award-winning "Story of the Universe" educational film series and became active in national astronomical affairs as the co editor; of *Astronomical Journal* and as acting secretary of the American Astronomical Society.

He retired from the McDonald Observatory in 1989, focusing his remaining years on teaching and on space. Smith died at age 67 on Oct. 17, 1991, after a battle with cancer.

Three months before his death, Smith received the prestigious NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal, the space organization's highest civilian award, given only to individuals like author James Michener, author/astronomer Carl Sagan and teacher/astronaut Christa McAuliffe, "who have made extraordinary contributions to the accomplishments of NASA's mission."

The citation for Smith's NASA Distinguished Public Service Medal reads: "For a lifetime of service to the astronomy and space communities, students and public through teaching, research, public speaking and leadership of advisory and oversight groups."



Leon "Chu" Berry - *Music and Fine Arts*

"It might have been," said the poet, are the saddest of words. In a way, that is part of the story of Leon "Chu" Berry, a Wheeling native who during his short life became the jazz world's dominant tenor saxophone player.

Had Berry's life not been cut short when he died at age 33 as the result of an automobile accident, he probably could have become the most significant jazz saxophonist of the 20th century.

But what he did achieve was enough. Dan Morgenstern, director of the Institute of Jazz Studies at Rutgers University, says of Berry, "Considering the brevity of 'Chu's' life, and that his recording career spans a mere decade, it is remarkable that his name continues to loom large in the annals of jazz. Had he lived, there is no doubt that he would be ensconced in the jazz pantheon alongside Coleman Hawkins and Lester Young. He was that good."

Even today, Branford Marsalis, James Carter and other leading young exponents of the tenor saxophone mention "Chu" prominently among their musical ancestors.

"Chu" Berry was born in Wheeling on Sept. 13, 1908, the son of Brown Berry and Maggie Glasgow Berry. He died on Oct. 31, 1941, near Conneaut Lake, Ohio, as the result of injuries he received in an accident three days earlier while a passenger in an auto taking members of the Cab Calloway Band to Canada for a job.

Born into a relatively well-to-do family that included a "very musical" half sister who played piano in a jazz trio that rehearsed in the Berry home, "Chu's" love of music and the saxophone was born.

Inspired by Coleman Hawkins (who he heard on tour to take up the saxophone, he played the alto instrument while at Lincoln High School in Wheeling and at West Virginia State College in Charleston. After playing with his sister for high school dances, Berry's first band experience occurred in a 15-piece group in Wheeling and a college band in Charleston.

In summer 1928, Berry returned to the Ohio Valley after a year in college and joined the "swingiest jazz band around," Perry's Broadway Buddies, a fixture at the old state fairgrounds on Wheeling Island and at the old Henry Clay Tavern beyond West Alexander.

In 1929, he received his first nationally important professional engagement when he joined the Sammy Stewart band in Columbus and Chicago.

Within a few months, he made his first foray into New York and its jazz scene.

He switched from alto sax to tenor sax after he joined the Stewart band and met and performed with tenor saxophonist Cecil Scott's band.

Among the major groups with which he played were the bands of Benny Carter, Teddy Hill, Fletcher Henderson (to whom he contributed his song, "Christopher Columbus,") and ultimately Cab Calloway. He performed as sideman or on recordings with many of the best known artists of the era from Bessie Smith to Count Basie.

The magazine *Metronome* named Berry to its All-Star Band for 1937 and again in 1938. With Berry as 4th tenor sax player, the leaders of this mythical band were no less than Tommy Dorsey and Benny Goodman. In addition to Berry, members included Jimmy Dorsey on lead sax, Goodman on clarinet, Harry James on lead trumpet, Bunny Berigan on hot trumpet, Tom Dorsey on lead trombone, Jack Teagarden on hot trombone, Teddy Wilson on piano, Bob Haggart on bass, Gene Krupa on drums and Ella Fitzgerald as "girl singer."

As a member of Cab Calloway's Cotton Club Orchestra, Berry also was chosen as the tenor saxophonist for the *Colliers Weekly* All-American Dance Orchestra as selected by Paul Whiteman, "the dean of American music."

According to "The New Grove Dictionary of Jazz," Berry was "strongly influenced by Coleman Hawkins, but soon developed his own distinctive style ... His sound was less voluptuous than Hawkins' and its melodic imagination not as fertile, but he was the older man's equal in harmonic sophistication and his superior when it came to swing and drive. Berry excelled at performing in fast tempos, where his remarkable breath control, unerring sense of time, and even, strong tone production stood him in good stead."

Despite his short life, Berry managed to secure for himself the ultimate accolade of being regarded as a musician's musician. When Berry died, Calloway said it was "like losing a brother."

Berry's own inspiration, Coleman Hawkins, said of him, "'Chu' was about the best."



Henry Stifel Schrader - *Philanthropy*

Henry Stifel Schrader was a man of intelligence, wit and generosity.

Generous with his time and money during his lifetime, his bequests benefiting several local organizations make him one of the leading philanthropists in Wheeling's history.

Schrader's bequest to Oglebay Institute is the largest single gift the institute has received in its 68-year history, according to Dr. Frederick A. Lambert, president. The bulk of the bequest, now valued at \$4.2 million, will be used to finance construction of a new environmental education center at Oglebay Park to replace the aging nature center building; conversion of the garage at the Stifel Fine Arts Center on National Road in Wheeling into a state-of-the-art dance studio and art studio; and purchase of equipment for Towngate Theatre. The rest will go into the Oglebay Institute endowment fund to help pay for maintenance of existing programs and facilities and development of new programs. In recognition of his bequest and of his life-long support of Oglebay Institute, the new facility at Oglebay is being named the Henry Stifel Schrader Environmental Education Center.

Schrader was born in Wheeling on Sept. 18, 1909, the son of Louis E. and Alberta Prince Schrader. He died on Aug. 8, 1996.

After graduating from public schools in Wheeling, Schrader attended West Virginia University where he earned his bachelor's degree in 1931 and his law degree in 1934. He took further post-graduate courses at New York University and Harvard Law School.

A bachelor, Schrader began his practice of law in Wheeling in 1934. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II and then returned to law practice in Wheeling. In 1989, he retired as senior partner in the Wheeling law firm of Schrader, Byrd, Companion and Gurley.

Schrader was a member and past president of the Ohio County Bar Association and a member of the West Virginia State Bar and the American Bar Association.

That he was willing during his lifetime to give freely of his time and efforts to further the aims of Wheeling area religious, public and charitable organizations is evident. A member of Wheeling's St. Matthew's Episcopal Church where he served as trustee and vestryman, Schrader also was a trustee of the Episcopal Diocese of West Virginia. He was a member of the Wheeling Traffic Commission, Wheeling Smoke Abatement Commission and the Wheeling Fire Department Civil Service Commission. He was a founding member and director of the Tri-State Tax Institute and a member and past president of the Altenheim Home, the

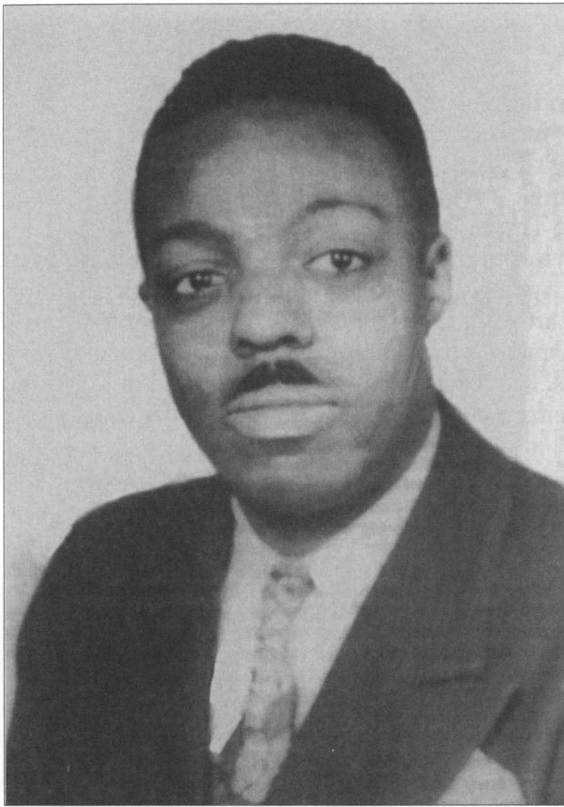
Wheeling Rotary Club and the Fort Henry Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association

By his actions during his lifetime and by the provisions of his Last Will and Testament, Schrader made it clear that his favorite charity and the principal object of his bounty was Oglebay Institute. A member of Oglebay Institute for almost 60 years until his death in 1996, he served on its board of trustees for 17 years, seven of which he served as chairman of the board.

Schrader's other major bequest was to Wheeling Jesuit University, which used the funds - now valued at \$1.2 million - to undertake a massive renovation project to the college's Troy Theater in Swint Hall. The new theater represents the first permanent home for performing arts on the WJU campus.

Attorney Schrader also remembered his church and his alma mater with bequests, leaving close to \$500,000 to the trustees of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church of Wheeling and \$250,000 to the West Virginia University Foundation for the benefit of the WVU College of Law. Seven other specific charitable bequests Schrader made also benefited local non-profit agencies.

"Henry Stifel Schrader was a model attorney and friend who was universally revered for his quiet wisdom, deep Christian faith and resolute integrity," the Rev. Thomas S. Acker, S.J., Wheeling Jesuit president, said of Schrader. "He loved deeply the Episcopal church, his friends, world travel and his chosen profession of law. In every endeavor, he excelled in service and loyalty."



Phillip Nathaniel Reed - Religion and Education

Starting out as a young educator, Phillip Nathaniel Reed might very well have envisioned, as the pinnacle of his career, one day serving as principal of his own alma mater.

But time and fate and his talents had even more in store for Reed. A prominent black teacher and principal in Wheeling for 35 years, Reed is considered to be the educator who steered Ohio County's public schools successfully through integration. Later, he was the educator who introduced Ohio County's public schools to the concept of maintaining a guidance department.

Reed was born July 16, 1914, in Luray, Va., the son of the Rev. John H. Reed and Cornelia Johnson Reed. He attended and graduated from the Lincoln Grade and High School in Wheeling and then attended and graduated from the segregated institution of Bluefield State College with specialities in English and social studies.

Returning to Wheeling, Reed became a substitute teacher at Lincoln during the 1939-40 school year. The following year, he became the upper elementary teacher for Dunbar School, the black grade school for Triadelphia. In 1943, he became Dunbar's teaching principal. In 1947, he was appointed principal of his alma mater, Lincoln School, succeeding John Henry Rainbow, who had been Lincoln's principal for 33 years.

In 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court struck down the separate but equal interpretation of the Constitution and Ohio County Schools made the decision to proceed immediately with implementation of the ruling.

According to a tribute written by Dr H. Lawrence Jones, current superintendent of Ohio County Schools, Reed "presided over the integration of his beloved Lincoln School into Wheeling's public schools and then continued to provide the county leadership and guidance in race relations through the racially turbulent 1960s and early 1970s. He provided the youth and adults of both black and white races of the community with a model of intelligence and reasoned maturity during the county's transition from a racially segregated to a fully integrated society."

When total racial integration came in 1958, desegregation applied to the staff as well as the students.

Subsequent to the closing of Lincoln as a black school and its reopening as an alternative and special education institution, Reed was appointed teaching principal at Washington Grade School in North Wheeling.

"This change became for him a new challenge as he directed an all-white faculty in a school with an almost all-white student body. But working diligently with the parents of the local PTA, he successfully disabused many of the parents of their fear and actively involved them in the ongoing desegregation process. His commitment to the principles of equality and democracy became apparent when he instituted self-government techniques in his classroom and taught the students the basics of self-determination," Jones wrote of Reed.

In 1960, when President John Kennedy promoted appropriations to support creation of counseling programs in the public schools, Reed saw an opportunity to do formally what he had been doing informally for many years -counseling students and their parents. He was appointed director of guidance for Ohio County Schools and completed his graduate work at the University of Pittsburgh and Columbia University in the new profession of counseling.

As director of guidance, Reed's goals were to have a trained counselor in each school, to institute a comprehensive student record-keeping procedure, to create a testing program for grades 1-12 and to provide for individual and group counseling services for students. Upon his retirement, each of his goals has been realized except for provision for counseling services for all the elementary schools.

Principalship of Ohio County's summer school was another task Reed enjoyed immensely in part because an average of 40 students each year graduated from high school because of the availability of the summer credit program.

The committee to develop the drug education policy of the school board was headed by Reed. He also served on the Northern Panhandle Employment of the Handicapped Committee and was invited to the White House by President Richard Nixon in recognition of his work on that committee.

A bachelor, Reed retired on June 30, 1975, planning to indulge his lifelong goal of traveling. However, less than a month after he retired, he died at his home on July 24, 1975, having lived what Jones described as "a life of service, erudition, compassion and dignity."

John Reger - Sports and Athletics



John Reger is the hero of a “rags to riches” sports story.

The NFL great was born at Wheeling on Sept. 11, 1931, the second of the seven children of Katherine and Casper Reger of East Wheeling where he attended Cathedral Grade School before going to Linsly Military Institute in Wheeling.

Under 6 feet tall and weighing only 125 pounds, Reger nevertheless proved he had the heart and determination of someone twice his size. Throughout his playing days at Linsly, he made his presence known to all those trying to stop him. Despite all the odds, the bruising fullback and linebacker was named captain of the All-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference team in 1949 and also was an All-Valley and All-City performer. His senior year team with the Linsly cadets lost only one game, 20-19, to Triadelphia in one of the most memorable high school games played during that era at Wheeling Island Stadium.

After such a spectacular high school career, it was no surprise when Reger won a football scholarship at the University of Pittsburgh. His 1950 freshman gridiron squad at Pitt went undefeated. However, after playing only three varsity games, Reger injured his knee, ending his college playing career. He left Pitt after the season and did not return to college.

He had married his high school sweetheart, Janice, in 1950 and they lived and worked in Wheeling for several years. In 1955, while Reger was working at a Wheeling gasoline station, his Linsly coach, Etz Rine, called the Pittsburgh Steelers and told them he had “a real old-fashioned fullback and an old-fashioned linebacker down here” in Wheeling. The Steelers agreed to give Reger a tryout. At the time, he had not played football in five years

Even in those days, it wasn’t often that a player with little or no collegiate experience made good in football’s pro ranks. It was the chance of a lifetime for Reger and he made good on it. Through his tenacity, he got better and better and by the time his inaugural season began, Reger was a starter and on his way to gridiron stardom,

He not only performed well enough to earn a roster spot for the Steelers as a linebacker, but he developed into one of the best of his day. Quick, strong, hard-hitting and durable, Reger was selected as the Steelers’ Most Valuable Player in 1959, the season for which he also earned his first trip to the Pro Bowl. He played in the Pro Bowl three times as a Steeler: in 1960, 1961 and 1962.

Reger played nine years for the Steelers and, interestingly, a near tragedy for him resulted in an important change for the NFL. “It was in my last year with the Steelers” during a game against the Philadelphia Eagles at Franklin Field, Reger recalled. “I was hit in the head and somehow had a spasm in my throat and it cut off my air. If there hadn’t been oxygen in the ambulance they sent for, I would have died. Ever since then, every NFL team has had to have oxygen on the sidelines.”

Just prior to his 10th season in the pros, Reger was placed on waivers by then-Coach Buddy Parker following a 42-7 loss to the Cleveland Browns in an exhibition game. The angry Parker dropped six “older” Steelers, including Reger and Tom “the Bomb” Tracy. Both Reger and Steeler receiving star Preston Carpenter were picked up by the Washington Redskins .

Reger had played two years with the Redskins when he settled in Hollywood, Fla., where he had started a landscaping business serving south Florida. However, then-first year Redskins Coach Otto Graham asked him “to come back one more year,” which he did. Reger finished his 12-year NFL career with Washington after the 1966 season.

Reger continued in the landscaping business until 1971 when he moved to Tampa, Fla., and opened a restaurant, “Damn Shanty,” which he operated in downtown Tampa for 15 years, retiring in 1986.

Reger was inducted in 1993 into the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Hall of Fame and was chosen in 1970 as a member of The Intelligencer All-Time, All-Valley football roster.

Now a widower, Reger said family, friends, golf and wonderful memories from a professional football career that almost eluded him are the major focus of his life in Tampa,



Ethel Clare Elikan - *Public Service*

Shy in many ways, Ethel Clare Elikan never shrank from an opportunity to work for her special friends: the visually handicapped of the Ohio Valley.

The longtime executive director of the Seeing Hand Association Inc. of Wheeling was born in Wheeling on Nov. 11, 1911, the daughter of Moses and Clara Heither Elikan. She was a graduate of Triadelphia High School and received her teaching certificate from the University of Pennsylvania.

After teaching kindergarten for several years, Elikan served with the American Red Cross during World War II. Returning home, she became a caseworker for the local Red Cross chapter in Wheeling. Later, she became associated with the Florence Crittenton Home and taught braille to the blind.

Elikan was a volunteer caseworker in the early years of the Seeing Hand Association, then known as the Ohio County Association for the Blind, which was founded in 1935 by Mrs. Henry Russell. The agency's activities were first held at the YMCA and later at the American Legion post on Chapline Street.

The Seeing Hand Association was chartered by the state of West Virginia on Dec. 21, 1948. In 1949, the association moved to 737 Market St. and Elikan was appointed by the board as its full-time executive director. Over the next 50 years, she was a tireless worker for the visually handicapped of the Upper Ohio Valley.

Elikan organized classes for cooking, sewing and typing and taught braille at the homes of the blind, at the center and even at the state penitentiary. In 1951, she opened the Seeing Hand Workshop, which is still actively operating today, providing employment, income and therapy to the blind. Elikan, in effect, became a local employment agency for the blind, finding jobs for many blind persons throughout the state as well as at her center and also assisting the blind in obtaining employment at vending stands. An active board member of the State Department of Vocational Rehabilitation and its social services program, she maintained a close contact with the Romney School for the Blind and Deaf and was responsible for many

local handicapped children being sent to that institution for training and education.

Elikan organized numerous activities for the blind: the Cheerful Blind Bowlers teams, which still bowl weekly and have participated in national blind bowling tournaments, winning first place at least four times; a nationally-recognized summer vacation camp for the blind of all income levels; outings for local visually-handicapped persons to baseball games, the symphony, Broadway shows and various bus trips; and much-praised Christmas parties for blind adults and Easter egg hunts for children with sight problems. Her efforts helped many local residents obtain guide dogs from the Seeing Eye Guide Dogs organization in Morristown, N.J.

The Seeing Hand Association was one of the early Community Chest agencies in Wheeling but with a significant reduction in funding by the United Way, it was necessary for Elikan to work overtime to secure funds to maintain the activities of the Seeing Hand Association and its workshop for the blind.

Elikan semi-retired as executive director at age 86 in 1997. She died Feb. 2, 1998.

The board of directors of the Seeing Hand Association recently purchased a building, formerly occupied by the Unemployment Compensation Commission, for its operation and workshop in North Wheeling. This new building has been named the Elikan Center.

More recently, a friend who respected and was inspired by the work accomplished by Elikan on behalf of the blind, left \$1 million in trust to the Seeing Hand Association. The income from this trust goes to the organization for its general purposes, which means the agency will be able to meet its annual expenses and continue the programs instituted for the blind by Elikan. These funds were obtained without formal solicitations and in recognition of Elikan's labors on behalf of the visually handicapped, according to Seeing Hand board members, who note that Elikan indirectly has now provided for the future of the Seeing Hand organization to which she dedicated so much of her life.

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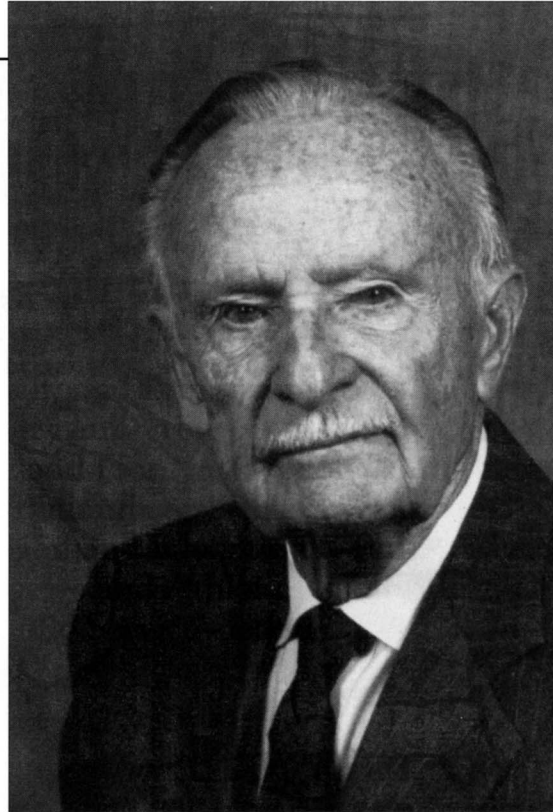


SALLY CARROLL

1926 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

West Virginia Woman's Amateur Golf Champion seven times, runnerup six times. This Wheeling school teacher advanced to fourth round of British Amateur in 1964 and was second low amateur in U.S. Open twice. Chairman of USGA national girl' tourney for 10 years, she won Card Wather Award in 1984 for her contributions to junior golf.

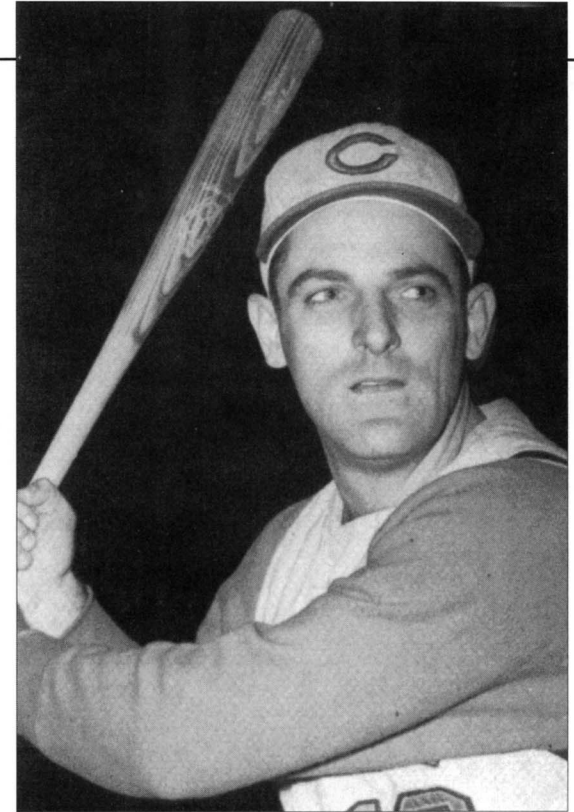


ELLIS R. DUNGAN

1909 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

His adventures in film making took this internationally know cinematographer all the way to India, where he spent 15 years and became one of that countries celebrated producers and directors. In Hollywood, he filmed jungle adventure stories for theatre and television. He formed his own company to produce industrial and educational and promotional films.



GENE FREESE

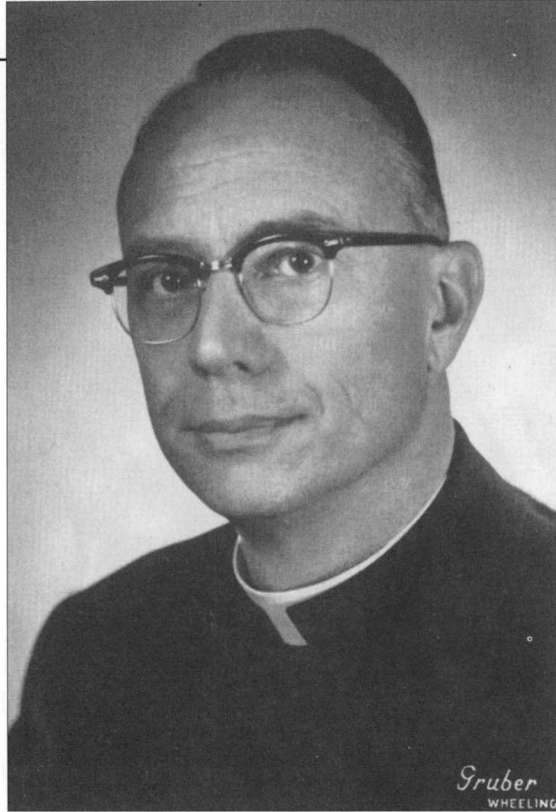
1934 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

West Liberty State College star who played 12 seasons in baseballs major leagues. Third baseman with Pittsburgh Pirates, St. Louis Cardinals, Philadelphia Philllies, Chicago White Sox, Houston Astros and Cincinnatia Reds. In 1959, he led Phils with 23 homers, five as pinch hitter. Key player in Red's pennate drive in '61, with 87 RBI's and 26 homers. Played against Yankees in '61 World Series.

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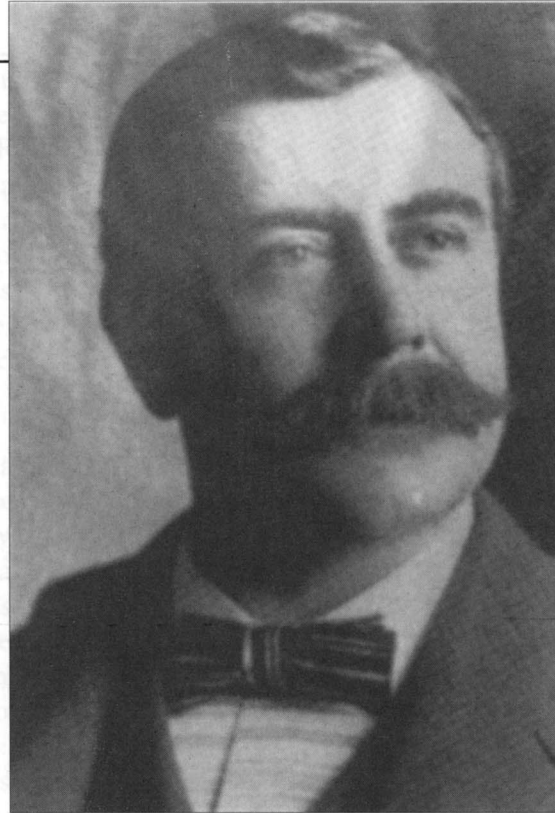


**REV. FATHER CLIFFORD
M. LEWIS, S.J**

1911 - 1983

(RELIGION AND EDUCATION)

Educator, Author, lecturer and research analyst, he was among the founders of Wheeling Jesuit College (University) and was assistant to College president. He played an instrumental role in restoration of West Virginia Independence Hall and designation of Suspension Bridge as a national historical landmark. He was the first Jesuit priest to take up residence in Wheeling.

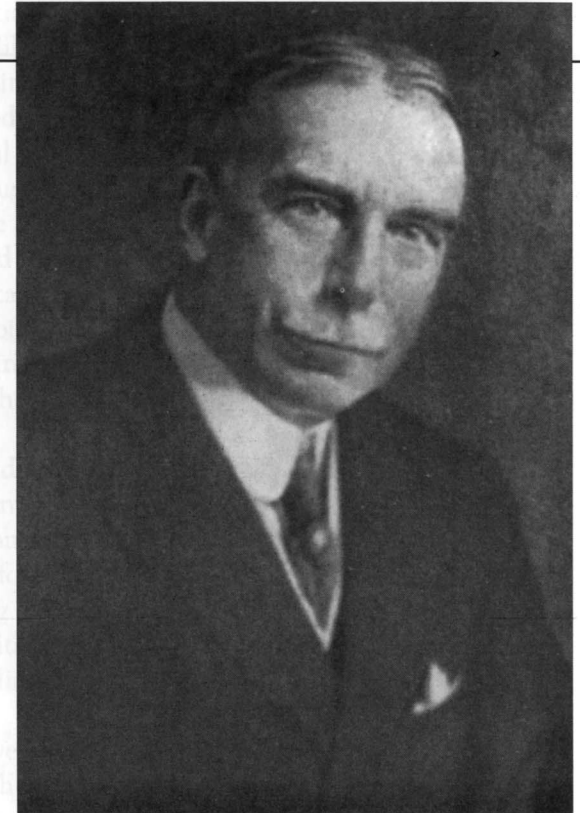


HARRY C. NORTHWOOD

1860 - 1919

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

A native of England, he became a pillar of Wheeling's industrial growth when he established one of the nation's premier glass tableware plants in the city in 1901. This great artisan revived glassmaking designs and techniques from his past and broke new ground with innovative patterns and decorating treatments.



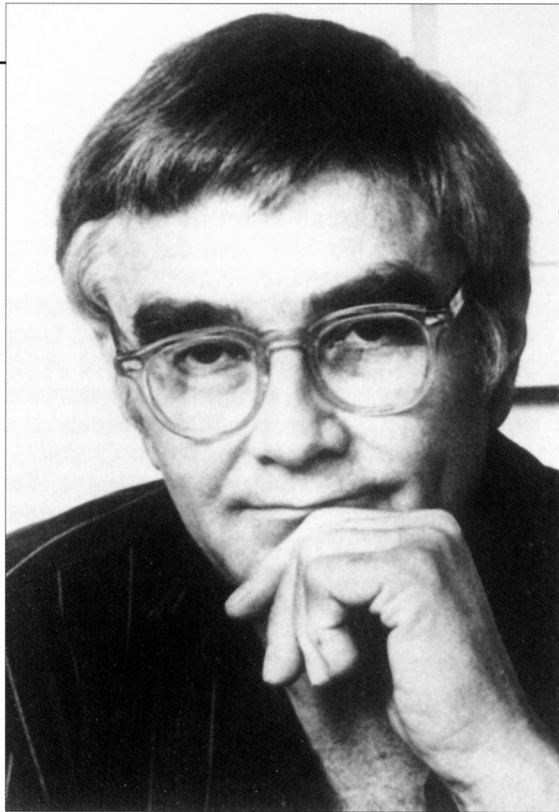
B. WALKER PETERSON

1851 - 1925

(PHILANTHROPY)

A bank president and corporate builder whose financial acumen enabled him to amass a fortune - much of which he used to better the city of Wheeling and lives of some of its people His philanthropy helped establish OVGH, Wheeling Park and the Ohio County Public Library.

1992 INDUCTEES

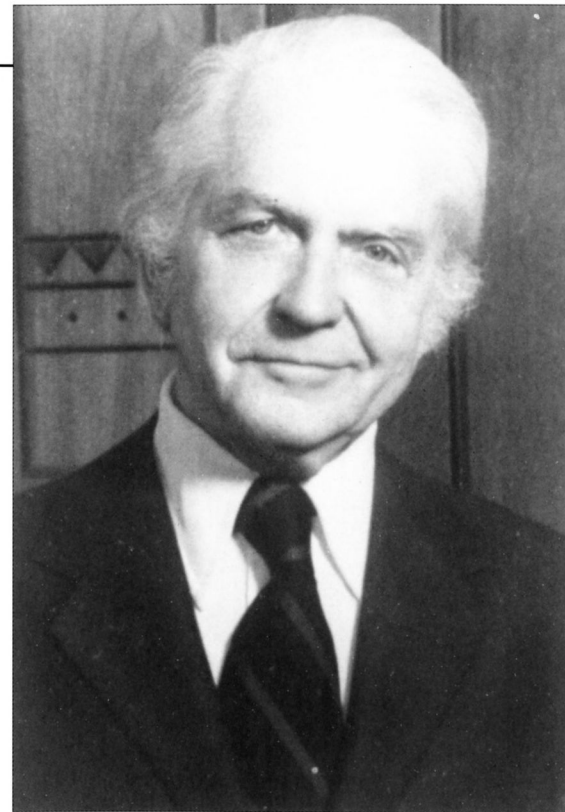


BUDD HOPKINS

1931 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Internationally renowned abstract artist and sculptor. His works have been displayed in leading art museums of the United States and Europe and he has received many prestigious awards. An Oberlin College graduate, he has also been recognized for his writings on UFOs. His book, "The Intruders", was a best-seller.



CHARLES L. IHLENFELD

1908 - 1989

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

A practicing attorney for 56 years, he was a distinguished public servant. He served Wheeling with foresight and dedication as a councilman and mayor. He was also Ohio County prosecuting attorney, chairman of the Wheeling Creek Watershed Commission and United States magistrate. He was generous in his philanthropy to his community and church.

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1992 INDUCTEES



DR. FORREST H. KIRKPATRICK

1905 - 1998

(RELIGION AND EDUCATION)

Esteemed educator, industrialist and community leader. Member of the faculty at Bethany College, as professor and dean, for 25 years. Officer and director of Wheeling-Pittsburgh Steel Corporation. A board member of numerous corporations, his expertise was sought by international, national, state and local educational, business, industrial and civic organizations.



HOWARD LONG

1934 -

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

From modest means, he rocketed to giant stature in the vegetable processing industry. He founded Coronet Foods, Inc., in Wheeling and began a career that saw his business expand to encompass much of the world. Made a \$1,000,000 donation to Wheeling Hospital for the Wellness Center.



BERNARD MEHEN

1918 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

All-time Ohio Valley basketball great, he was the top scorer on Wheeling High's state champion powerhouses of 1936 and 1938. Received All-American recognition at the University of Tennessee, where he led the 1941 team to the Southeastern conference title. Wounded in World War II, he nevertheless played professionally with the Youngstown Bears and Toledo Jeeps.

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.

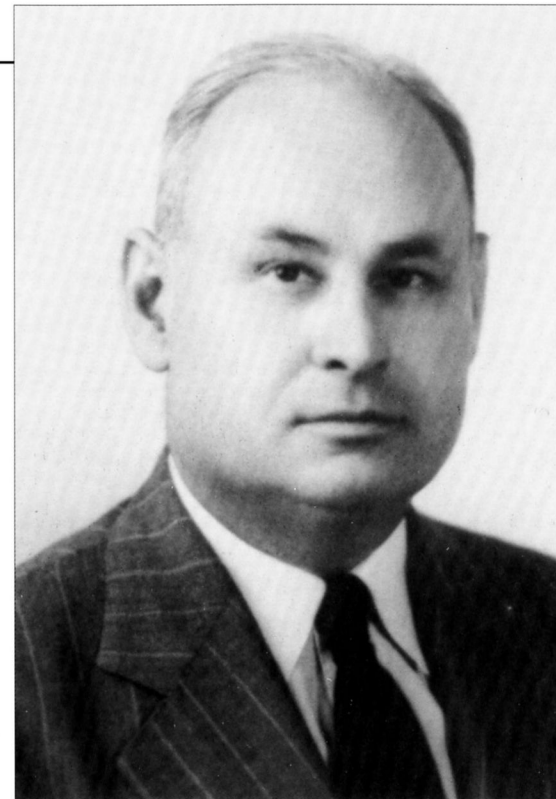


S. JAMES FOTI

1910 - 2004

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

A basketball coach for 38 years and a football coach for over 20 years. 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 AND ATHLETICS)

Four-sports star at Wheeling High and three-sports standout at Washington & Jefferson College. Quarterback on W. & J. 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

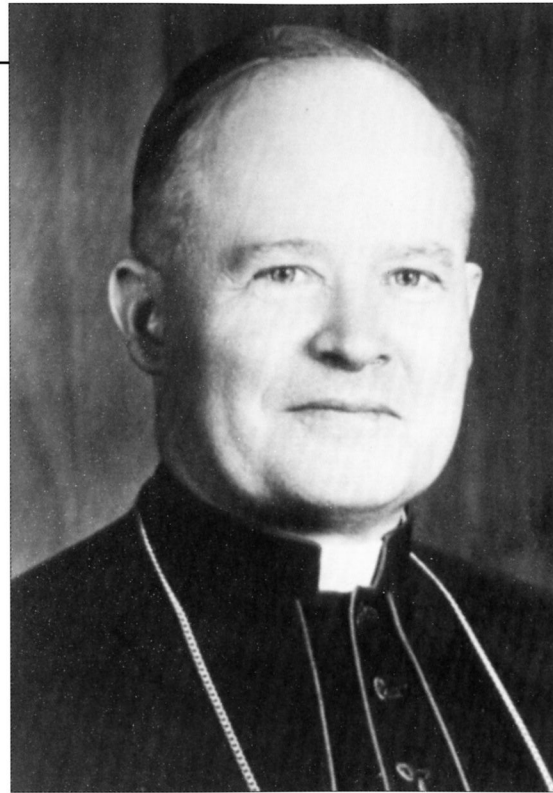


CHESTER R. HUBBARD

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.

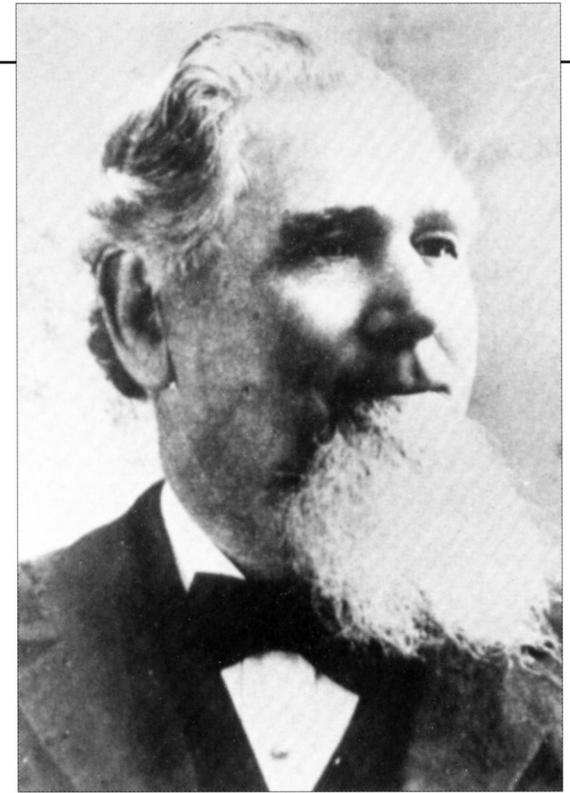


MOST REV. JOSEPH H. HODGES, D.D.

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.



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.

1986 INDUCTEES



LELAND S. DEVORE

1889 - 1939

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Became Wheeling's first All-American football player as 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.

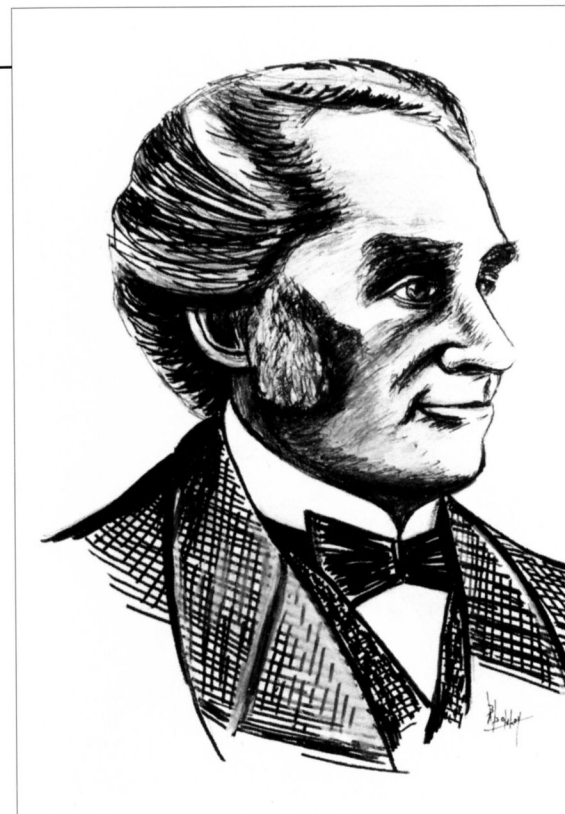


DR. WILLIAM S. FULTON

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.



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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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.



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



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.

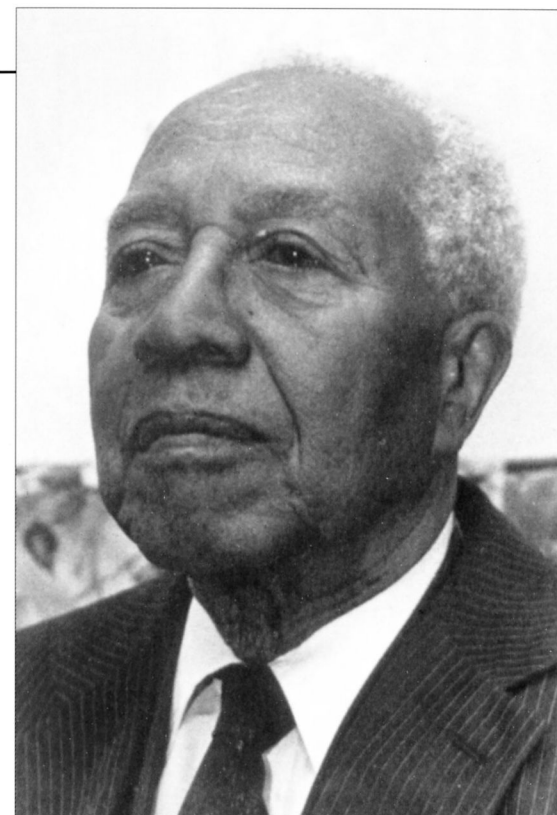


MICHAEL J. VALAN

1910 - 1986

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Sports enthusiast who provided entertainment for thousands of Ohio Valley fans. Co-owner of Wheeling Blues professional basketball team, 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.



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.

1984 INDUCTEES

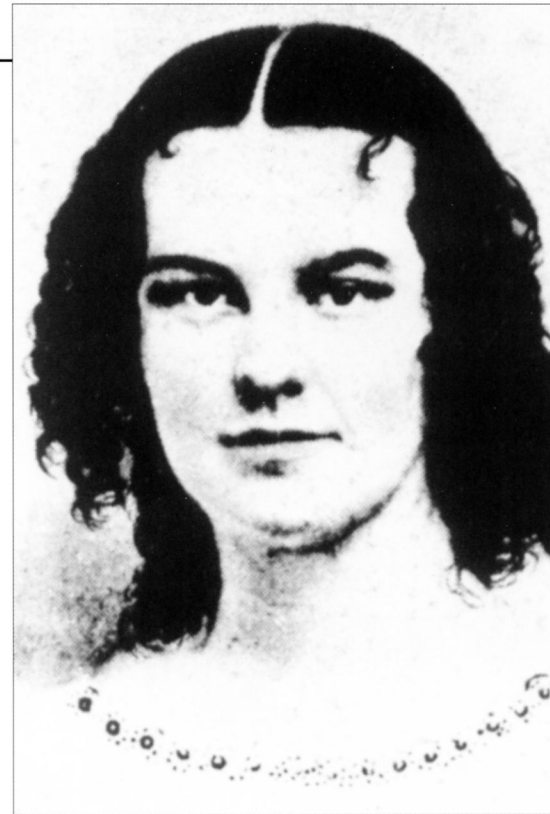


ROBERT E. "BOB" BIERY

1901 - 1991

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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 in Belmont Hills, Wheeling and Moundsville Country Clubs and Vine Cliff. First employee of Wheeling Park Commission. Served as president of state PGA.



REBECCA HARDING DAVIS

1831 - 1910

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Pioneer in literary realism. She described plight of 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.

1984 INDUCTEES



JUDITH A. HERNDON
1941 - 1980

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

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



ROBERT "BOB" ROE
1908 - 1984

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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 an undefeated team at West Liberty in 1970. His 1970-71 teams were in NAIA playoffs as West Virginia Conference champions. His 1946 track team at Wheeling High won state championship.



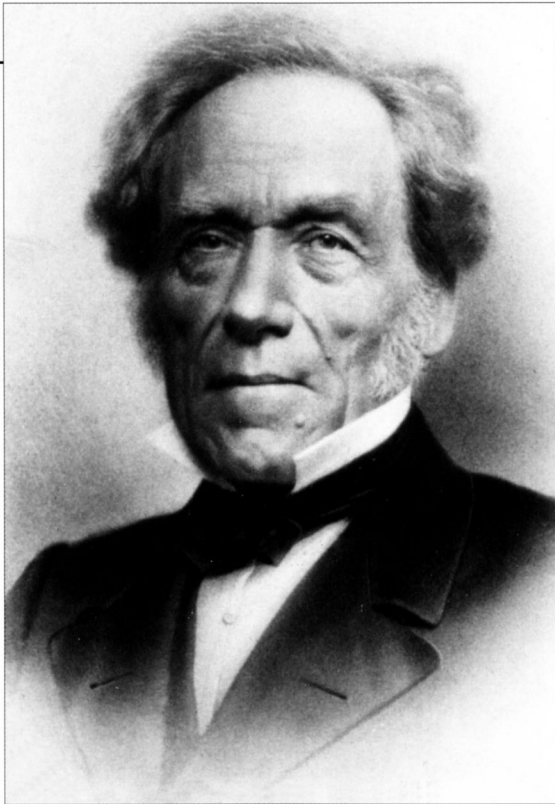
OTTO SCHENK
1863 - 1933

(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 city's park system.

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1984 INDUCTEES

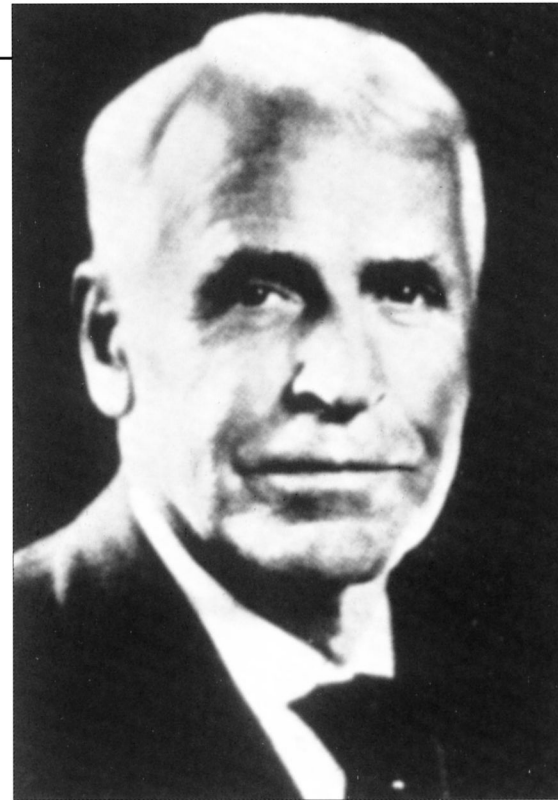


JOHANN LUDWIG STIFEL

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.



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.

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1984 INDUCTEES

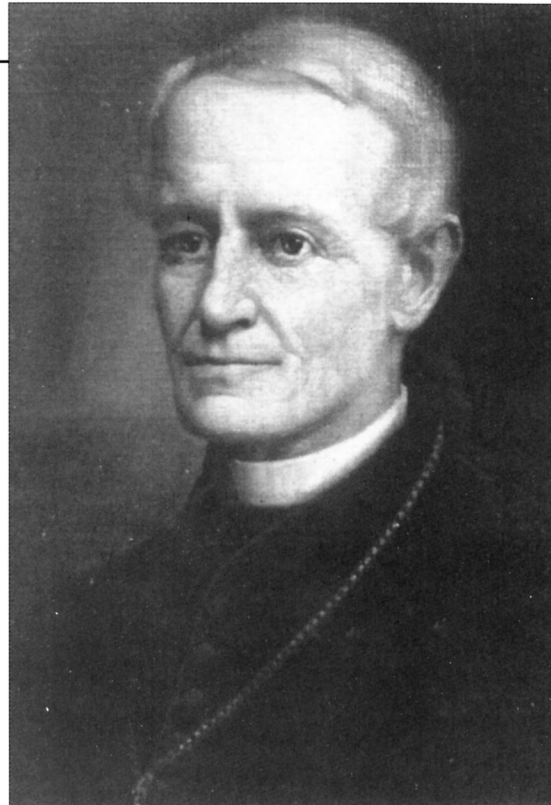


WILBUR E. STONE

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.

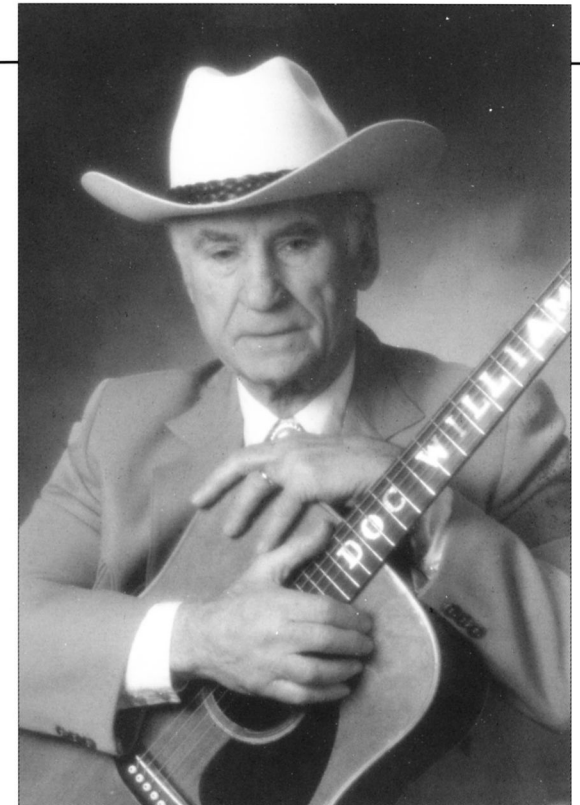


REV. RICHARD V. WHELAN

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 4 to 48 churches. Also developed schools and orphanages and Wheeling Hospital.



DOC WILLIAMS

1914 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Born Andrew John Smik in Cleveland Ohio, 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 The WWVA Jamboree in 1937. He and his wife, Chickie, and his band, The Border Riders, have entertained from coast to coast and in Canada and England.

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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.

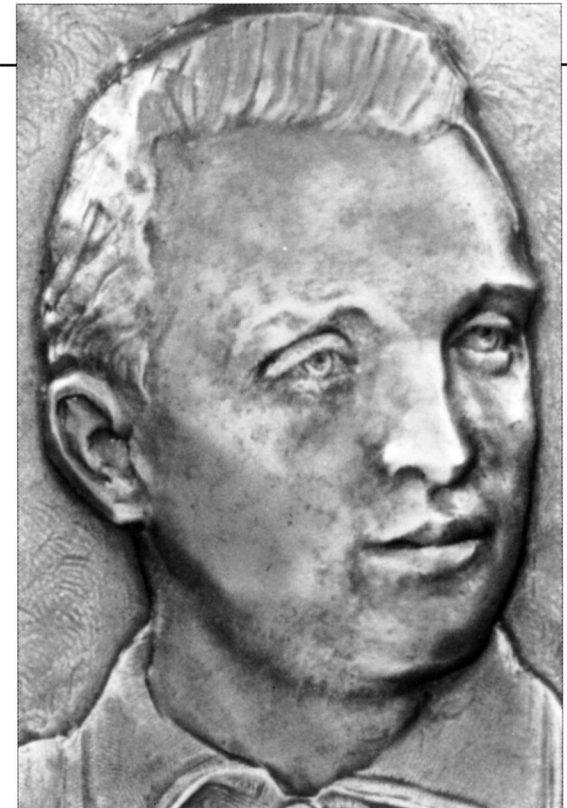


V. EVERETT BRINKMAN

1902 - 1972

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Coached Wheeling High to five state basketball championships – 1936, '38, '40, '43, '50. In career at Union High and Wheeling High, he logged basketball record of 405 victories against 193 losses. He 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 WV Wesleyan.



JESSE CAIL BURKETT

1868 - 1953

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

First WV 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.

1982 INDUCTEES



ELEANOR GLASS CALDWELL

1887 - 1979

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Founder of Wheeling Symphony Society in 1929, she established trust fund in 1952 to ensure 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.

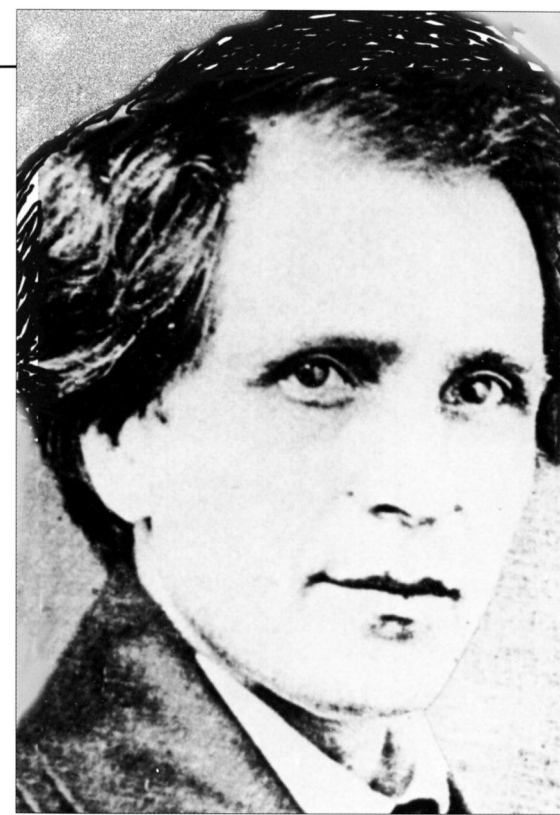


HARRY C. HOLBERT SR.

1918 - 1982

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Talented artist who inspired others, both with his 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 for WTRF-TV, where his "Uncle Harry Show" taught children to appreciate art.



DR. SIMON P. HULLIHEN

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.

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1982 INDUCTEES



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 WV House of Delegates. After serving as president of Wheeling Intelligencer Co., he published Wheeling Telegraph from 1914-1929.



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.



**MARGARET McCLUSKEY
SCHIFFLER**

1895 - 1976

(PHILANTHROPY)

At a 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 the largest contributor to Wheeling Hospital. Also made bequests for education of Catholic priests and scholarship fund at Central Catholic High School.

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤

1982 INDUCTEES



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.

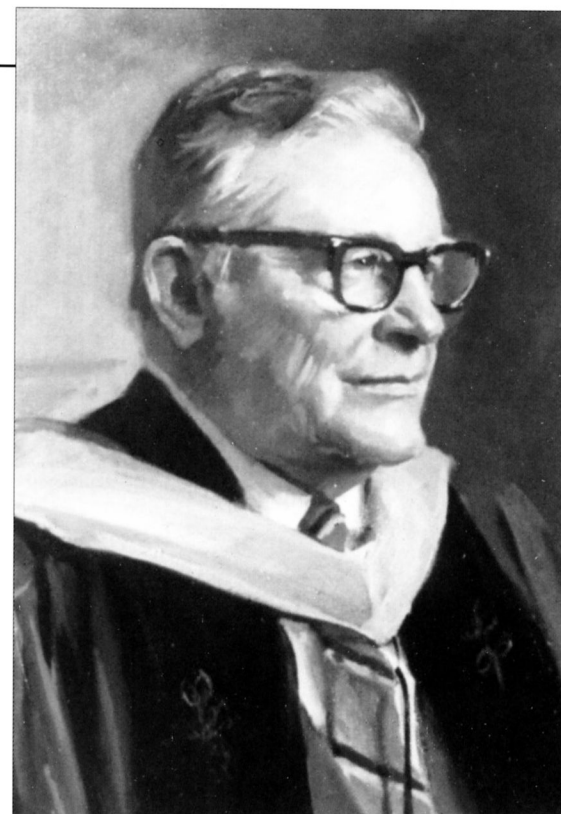


RT. REV. ROBERT E. L. STRIDER, D.D.

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 of Diocese in 1939. Widely acclaimed as scholarly preacher.



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.

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1980 INDUCTEES

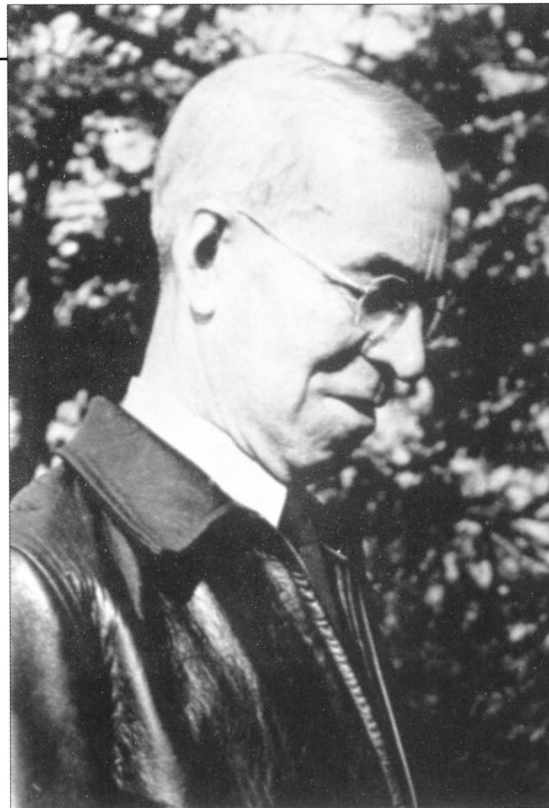


LEVERING C. BONAR

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. He began his teaching career in a 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 WV Geological Survey. Organized Ohio County Historical Society in 1929.



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. He was a major influence in creating West Virginia statehood. He spoke out against slavery and was a prominent figure in nomination of Abraham Lincoln for president.

1980 INDUCTEES

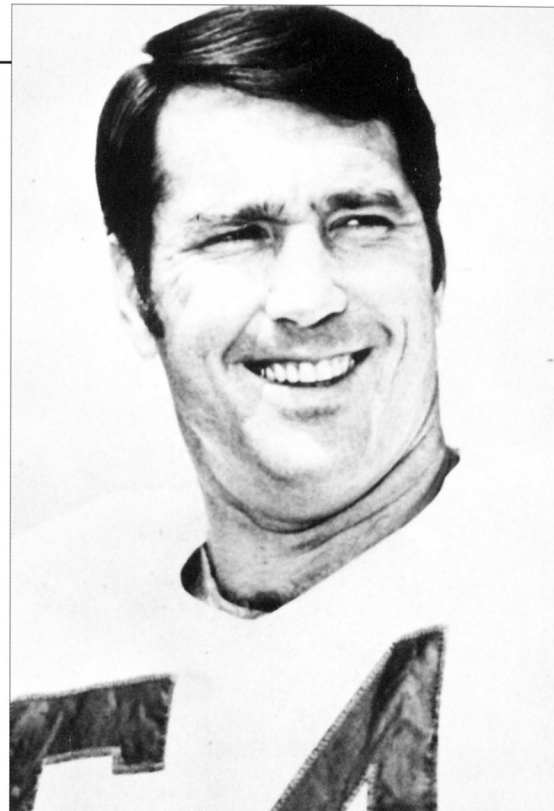


ALEXANDER GLASS

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.

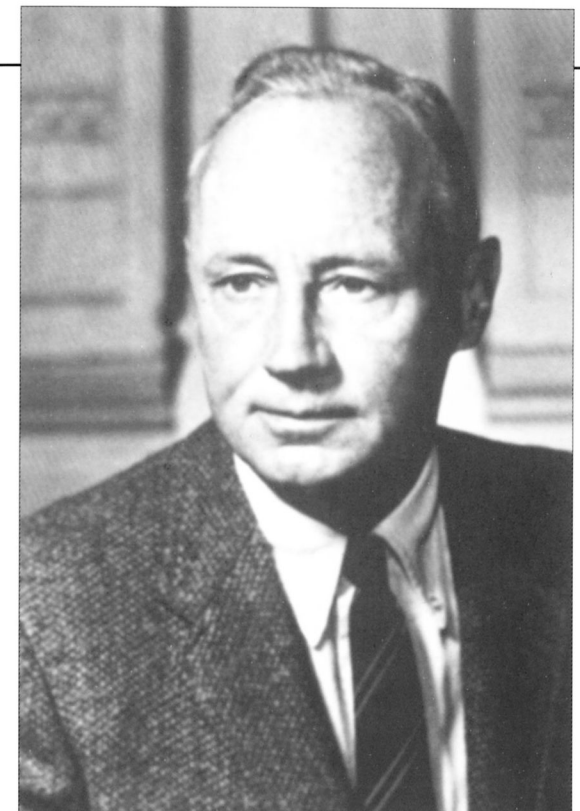


CHARLES "CHUCK" HOWLEY

1936 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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.



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.

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1980 INDUCTEES



**JAMES HOWARD
KINDELBERGER**

1895 - 1962

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

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

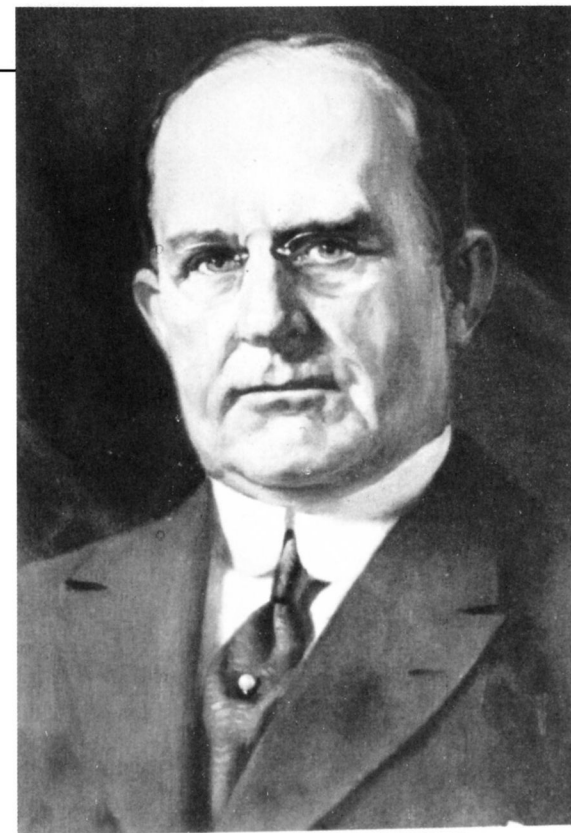


GEORGE J. KOSSUTH

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 theater. Helped establish first broadcast studio of Radio Station WWVA and the Little Theater of Wheeling.



EARL W. OGLEBAY

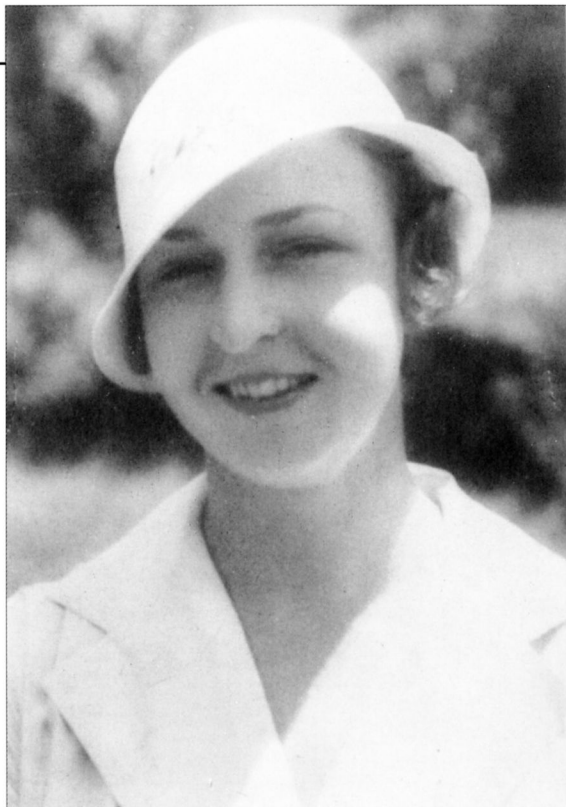
1849 - 1926

(PHILANTHROPY)

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

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1980 INDUCTEES



**MARY E. "FRITZI" STIFEL
QUARRIER**

1904 - 1967

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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.



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.



JULE RIVLIN

1917 - 2002

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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 two Mid American Conference crowns.

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1980 INDUCTEES



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.

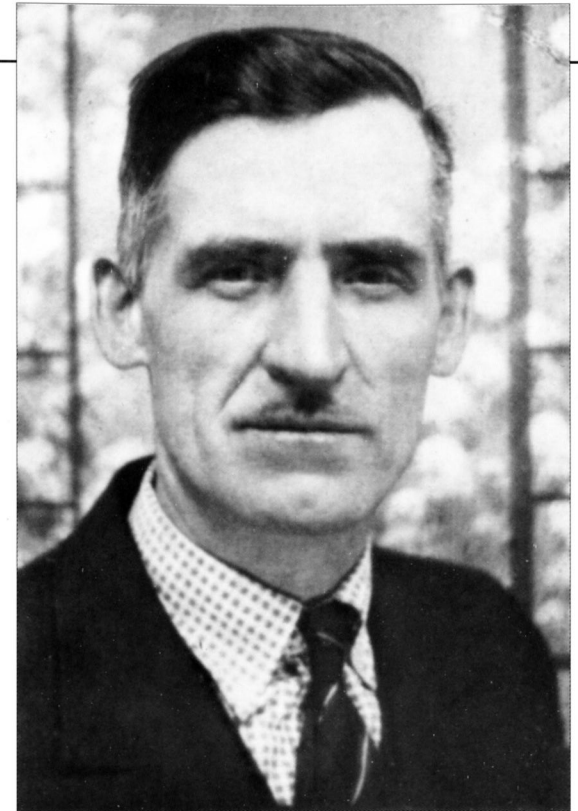


GEORGE E. STIFEL

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.



PATRICK J. SULLIVAN

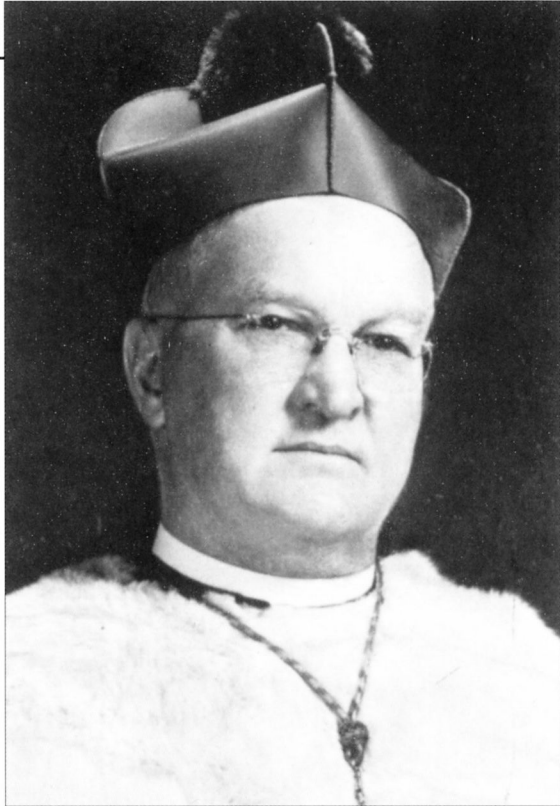
1894 - 1967

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

One of the outstanding primitive painters of the 20th century. Lived 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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1980 INDUCTEES



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.



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.



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.

Wheeling 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. Of the original appointees three are still serving, Sister Anne Regina O'Leary, R. Clark Morton and James J. Haranzo.

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 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; six inductees were enshrined on Oct. 21, 1990, and five more were ushered into this distinguished company on Nov. 29, 1992, six persons were inducted on Nov. 20, 1994 and this years class of seven brings the grand total to 72.

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

"A Hall of Fame to honor Wheeling citizens and former citizens for outstanding accomplishments in all walks of life shall be established in the halls of the Wheeling Civic Center while outstanding public services were rendered by our founding fathers and early citizens, these worthy deeds are recognized by historical publications and appropriately honored in other halls, museums, and memorials. Therefore, honorees in the Wheeling Hall of Fame shall be selected on the basis of accomplishments after 1863 (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:

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| (1) Music and Fine Arts | (4) Sports and Athletics |
| (2) Business and Industry* | (5) Public Service |
| (3) Education and Religion | (6) Philanthropy |

** became Business, Industry and Professions in 1996.*

The first officers of the Board were: Forrest H. Kirkpatrick, Chairman; James J. Haranzo, Vice Chairman; and Sister Anne Regina O'Leary, Secretary 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- Treasurer. With the retirement from the board of Dr. Kirkpatrick, James Haranzo was elected chairman in 1990. James Seibert was named Secretary-Treasurer.

In January 1996, James Seibert was elected chairman. James Haranzo was elected Secretary-Treasurer.