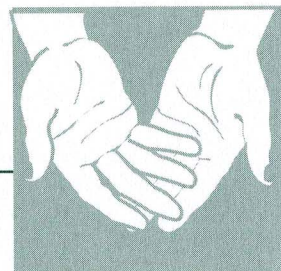
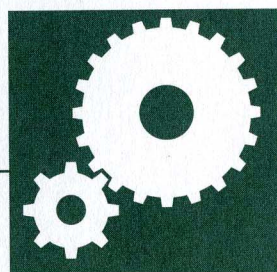
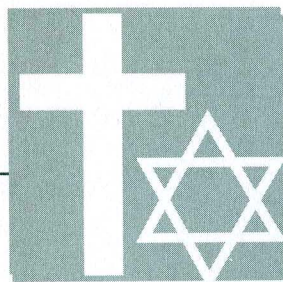


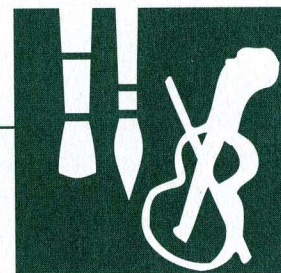


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Philanthropy - Helen B. Gaither
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Program

"The Star Spangled Banner"

Invocation - Rev. Mark E. Seitz, Rector of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church
Master of Ceremonies - S. J. "Dick" Dlesk, Chairman, Wheeling Hall of Fame Board
Official Welcome from City of Wheeling - Mayor Nick Sparachane
Induction of Honorees into the Wheeling Hall of Fame - By Hall of Fame Board Members
Responses - By Hall of Fame Inductees or their representatives
Closing Remarks - S. J. "Dick" Dlesk



Helen B. Gaither - *Philanthropy*

Kind, loyal, gracious, but shy during her lifetime, Helen Brown Gaither made her most dramatic impact on several local organizations with the bequests she made to them from her estate of over \$3.7 million.

A life member of Oglebay Institute, about one-half of her estate went to that organization for the benefit of the Stifel Fine Arts Center. Gaither hoped her bequest would be used for fine arts programming and the institute dedicated the money to the Stifel's exhibit season, which each year is now named the Helen B. Gaither Exhibition Season. The ongoing season customarily involves nine to 12 exhibits at the Hart Galleries at Stifel Fine Arts Center.

A quarter of Gaither's estate was bequeathed to Ohio Valley Medical Center for its various programs.

The remainder of the estate was evenly divided between the Ohio County Public Library and St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, both in Wheeling. The library placed the bequest in its endowment trust where it is used primarily for educational purposes, especially purchase of library materials. St. Matthew's used its funds from Gaither for its music program.

The honoree was born on Nov. 19, 1900, in Baltimore, Md., the daughter of Lucy Brown Gaither and Walter Thomas Gaither. She was never married and spent most of her life in her family home at 17 Walnut Ave. in Wheeling's Woodsdale neighborhood. She died on June 14, 1996. She is survived by several cousins. An only child whose father died before Helen was born, she lived with her mother and her mother's sisters and attended Miss Bertha's School in Wheeling and then was educated in New York where an aunt was a physician. Gaither may have earned a teaching certificate and an offer of a teaching post, but she never was employed as a teacher, according to a family friend. She was, however, a respected educator in the field she loved most, the breeding of Gaidoune Scottish Terriers.

Gaither was well-known among breeders of Scottish terrier dogs around the country for her national champions. The shelves in her home were laden with silver trophies and ribbons her Scotties had won at national shows. She also conducted a grooming business for dogs at her home, and worked very closely with Dr. Nancy Caldwell Lenfesty at the Silver Ho Kennels.

Gaither was a long-time member of St. Matthew's Episcopal Church and was a member of Oglebay Institute from 1937 until her death in 1996.

Her kindness reportedly was extended to everyone she befriended. "Whenever there were sick friends and neighbors, you would find Helen in the kitchen, cooking and packaging food that she would deliver to those in need," a friend recalled. She was famous for her home-made Christmas cookies and chocolate Scotties that she would decorate with colorful paper, wrap and send over the holidays.

Another friend described Gaither as "a very humble, dignified, independent, free spirited, generous, witty and loyal individual, who thought of herself as being just ordinary."

"Helen was kind, but she was very, very shy," neighbor and family friend Rosemary Front recalled. "It's a shame that she didn't allow people to get to know her. She was a really neat lady. She also was one of the smartest people I ever knew. She read The New York Times and The Wall Street Journal every day as well as the News-Register and The Intelligencer from here in Wheeling," Front said "Her dogs were everything to her. I think she got interested in the Scottie dogs after she ordered one from England."



Harry C. Hamm - *Public Service*

Harry Hamm had a way with words.

The words of his editorials and columns championed causes as diverse as quality education and health care, flood protection, crime control, bridge construction, public housing, public swimming pools, air pollution control, historic preservation, good government and family values. Yet his words –and actions – as an individual advocate for Wheeling most dramatically demonstrate his public service. He used his clout not to advance his own fortunes but to secure millions in federal, state and foundation funding for local parks, colleges, hospitals, cultural institutions and public improvements. No less than Sen. Robert C. Byrd has said of him, “In the greatest tradition of journalism, Harry Hamm unselfishly treated his newspaper post as a tool for the betterment of West Virginia and the Northern Panhandle area.”

Hamm’s support of the Wheeling Park Commission was legendary, and he is credited with generating nearly \$20 million in funding for Oglebay and Wheeling Park projects. In 1981, the park commission recognized his support by naming the new Harry C. Hamm Clubhouse at the Speidel Golf Course in his honor, one of the rare times the commission dedicated a facility to an individual for his personal service.

As a member of the board of Wheeling College/Wheeling Jesuit University, he opened channels of communication with federal officials that led to millions in funding for the school. Wheeling Jesuit presented him with its highest award, the Ignatian Award, in May 1990 in recognition of his many years of public service to the community, and particularly for the WHEELING 2000 economic revitalization plan he had written. In 1987, as he neared the traditional retirement age, authoring the ambitious, original concept plan he called WHEELING 2000 was truly a labor of love undertaken by Hamm. His plan for preserving and showcasing the community’s traditions and treasures was his vision for Wheeling’s future.

Hamm helped direct funds to area projects as a member of the boards of the West Virginia Economic Development Authority and Benedum Foundation of Pittsburgh. He assisted with preparation of the state’s first urban renewal project and served as chairman of the Wheeling Urban Renewal Authority.

Throughout the years, Hamm sat on the boards of directors of a wide array of Wheeling organizations, including Oglebay Institute, Security National Bank & Trust, Wheeling Hospital, the Good Zoo, the West Virginia Independence Hall Foundation and his alma mater, Wheeling Central Catholic High School. He served on the West Virginia advisory boards for United Press International and the Associated Press and was president of the board of the West Virginia Press Association. In 1999, he was enshrined posthumously in that organization’s Journalism Hall of Fame on campus at West Virginia University.

Hamm was born May 26, 1923, in Wheeling, a son of the late Harry Lee and Anna Kirchner Hamm. A graduate of the “Dutch Prison” of St. Alphonsus Grade School in Center Wheeling where he grew up, he and his wife of 44 years, Mary Haddox Hamm, had a “House of Children” populated by five daughters and seven sons. Their grandchildren today number 24. Hamm lived in Wheeling almost all of his life. During World War II, he served in the U.S. Army three years, two of them in the European Theater of Operations, and was awarded the Oak Leaf Cluster and Purple Heart. He died on Oct. 25, 1991, a retired 50-year employee of The Ogden Newspapers Inc. He became Wheeling News-Register city editor in 1948, managing editor in 1951 and editor in January 1957.

For the half of the 20th century when he worked as a newspaperman, Harry Hamm’s story was the story of Wheeling and his words were the day-to-day history of his hometown. Whether they were words to battle against organized crime or to persuade someone to fund a worthy public improvement project or support a local charity, his words created his legacy of public service. Virtually everyone from the man on Capitol Hill to the man on the street looked to him and the newspaper he guided for the definitive word about Wheeling’s people, issues, concerns and hopes.



Marilyn Hughey Phillis - *Music and Fine Arts*

Marilyn Hughey Phillis is unique among the 80 people enshrined in the Wheeling Hall of Fame.

Many spent their early years in Wheeling and then moved on to achieve national fame. Most, both Wheeling natives and imports to the city, spent their young adulthoods, middle years and senior years in Wheeling achieving their personal form of greatness.

Phillis already had raised a family and completed at least one career before moving to Wheeling in 1984 at an age when some retirement organizations would have granted her membership.

Considered one of the most important watercolor artists in the country, Phillis is an elected member of several state and national art organizations, including the prestigious American Watercolor Society and the National Watercolor Society. She served on the AWS Board of Directors from 1991 to 1993 and has served as the AWS newsletter editor from 1992 to the present.

She worked four years on what would become her best-selling book, "Watermedia Techniques for Releasing the Creative Spirit," published in 1992.

A resident of Stamm Circle since moving to Wheeling in 1984 when her late husband, Richard Phillis, accepted a position as trust officer at WesBanco, she is well-known and in great demand nationally as a teacher, exhibit juror and seminar and workshop leader. Although her career takes her around the country, her teaching has benefited students at Oglebay Institute and Wheeling Jesuit University.

Art has been part of her life since her childhood, but her college training was in science and she was initially employed as an analytical chemist. However, painting continued to intrigue her and soon became her principal avocation. Interestingly, her background in science is fundamental to her work. Creativity is another core value in her process and one that she tries to instill in her students. She has presented a number of workshops, articles and lectures on the subject. Another area of interest is the connection between art and healing.

As a young woman, Phillis earned her bachelor of science degree in bacteriology and chemistry from The Ohio State University after spending her first year of college at Kent State University in her hometown of Kent, Ohio. She had private art lessons throughout grade school and high school and

every elective hour in college was taken in art. When she and her husband moved to Toledo, she went back to school at the Toledo Museum of Art School of Design. She also worked 14 years as curator of the Little Gallery at Greene Street United Methodist Church in Piqua, Ohio.

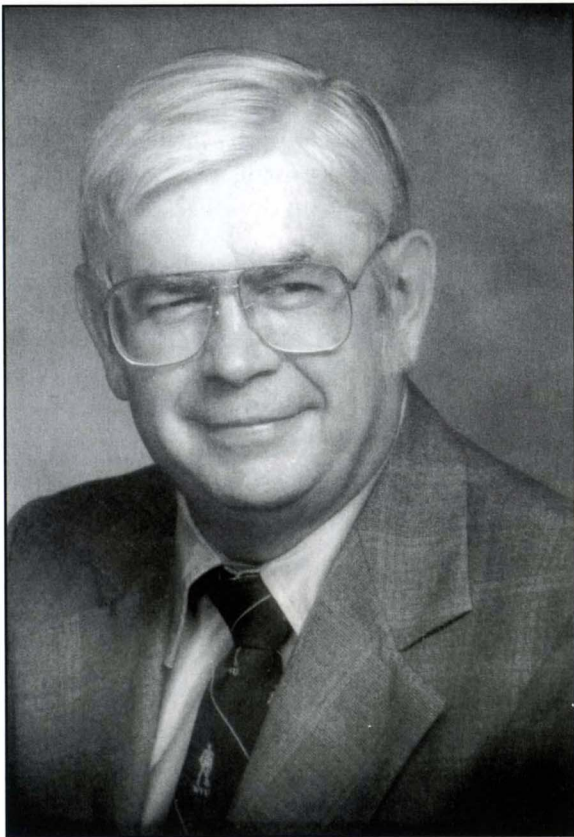
Phillis was national vice president of the Society of Layerists in Multi-Media from 1990 to 1993 and is a past president of both the Ohio Watercolor Society and Southern Watercolor Society. While serving as president of the Ohio Watercolor Society from 1990 to 1996, she was founder and organizer of national biennial creativity seminars, which continue as a highlight of her teaching career and are routinely attended by over 200 people from 25 states, Canada and Mexico.

She was designated as Master Artist, Mixed Media, by American Artist Magazine in 1996, in its special publication, "Learning from Today's Art Masters." She has won numerous art awards and her work is in museum, corporate and private collections nationally and worldwide. She also is in the Class of 2000 for the Kent City Schools Hall of Fame in her hometown.

Phillis was born in 1927 at Kent. Her family includes a daughter in Chicago, two sons in New England, eight grandchildren and a brother who lives in South Carolina.

In Wheeling, Phillis is a member of Vance Memorial Presbyterian Church, Leaf Twig at Ohio Valley Medical Center and the Artworks in Old-Town cooperative. An avid reader, she tries to get a set amount of walking for exercise done each day.

Phillis works a minimum of eight hours a day, often seven days a week, on her art doing most of her painting - and the paperwork involved in her career - in her studio in her Wheeling home. From there, Marilyn Hughey Phillis has had an extraordinary influence nationally in the field of visual arts, not only as a renowned watercolor artist, but also as a gifted teacher and noted author.



Carl Richard Huss - *Business, Industry and Professions*

His toys are rather like bookends to the life of Wheeling Hall of Fame honoree Carl Richard Huss.

As a boy in South Wheeling, he always seemed to be building or playing with model airplanes. At his funeral, a friend eulogized that Huss had few peers when it came to teaching, helping and “demonstrating to kids of all ages” all there was to know about airplanes. “He spent many happy hours making beautiful wooden airplane models for Toys for Tots; kids all over Houston who never knew Carl have the wonderful model planes he built for them,” the friend said.

In between his tinkering with toy airplanes, Huss had a distinguished 44-year career as an aeronautical engineer. For 21 of those years, he was a member of the NASA Space Task Force Group, which became known as the Manned Space Craft Center when it was transferred from Langley Field, Va., to Houston, Texas, in 1962.

Huss was the original retro-fire officer in the Mercury program, making him responsible for all abort and retro-fire planning. It was his calculations that made possible the pinpoint landings of Gordon Cooper, John Glenn and other early astronauts.

In the 20 years that followed his Mercury assignments, Huss continued his work in the NASA Mission Planning and Analysis Division for the successful accomplishment of the Apollo Lunar Landing Missions, Skylab (Space Lab), Apollo-Soyuz and the Space Shuttle program. He retired from the Johnson Space Center as chief of the institutional data systems division in 1982. His career then took him to the private aerospace industry for over a decade, first with McDonnell Douglas Corp. Space Division where he worked on projects like the early planning for the Space Station until 1990 and then with a smaller company, G.B. Tech, until 1993.

After retiring, he served as a docent at the Lone Star Museum in Galveston, volunteered in downtown Houston in the theater district, was a member of the Confederate Air Force and finance officer of its Gulf Coast Wing and was chairman of the executive committee of the Wings Over

Houston air show.

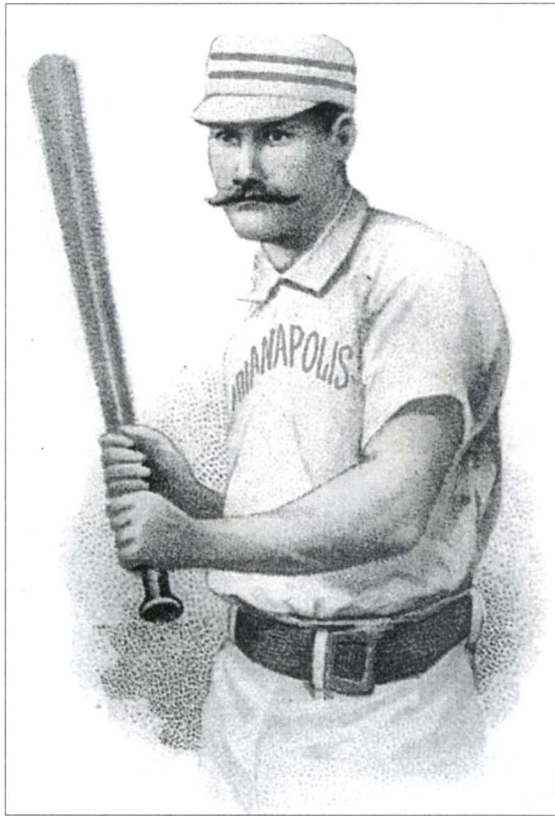
Honors that came his way included being named a Distinguished West Virginian in 1982, receiving the National Aeronautics and Space Administration Outstanding Leadership Medal and being awarded the DeMolay Legion of Honor, the NASA Presidential Medal of Freedom and the International Federation of Aeronautics Paul Fissander Diploma.

Huss was born in Wheeling on July 11, 1925; resided 19 years in Wheeling; attended Warwood and Ritchie elementary schools before attending and graduating from Wheeling High School in 1943; completed an accelerated pre-engineering course at Bethany College; and then went to Parks Air College in East St. Louis, Ill., for three terms before serving from 1944-46 in the Army Air Corps. He remained in the Air Force Reserve until 1953. Huss earned his bachelor's degree in aeronautical engineering from West Virginia University in 1949 and briefly attended graduate school at the University of Virginia.

His first wife, Margaret “Marge” Kuskey, originally of Roney's Point, preceded him in death. A resident of Clear Lake City, Texas, when he died at age 71 on Aug. 8, 1996, in Nashville, Tenn., his survivors included his widow, Shirley, and one son.

He was past president, Association of Computer Machinery; past section chairman, American Institute of Aeronautics & Astronauts; U.S. delegate, International Astronautics Committee of the Federation Aeronautic International; treasurer, Houston Chapter of the NASA Alumni League; and member, National Aeronautics Association, National Aero Club of the United States, American Aviation Historical Society, Air Force Association and the National Association of Retired Federal Employees.

John Wesley Glasscock - *Sports and Athletics*



Imagine being the first Major League Baseball player to use hand signals to let the catcher know what defense the infield would be employing. Or being the shortstop in the duo which first had the second baseman play halfway between first and second bases instead of close to the bag, with the shortstop covering second base on attempted steals and on double play balls hit to the right side of the infield.

If you're John Wesley Pebbly Jack Glasscock, those are two of the major innovations in America's pastime for which you are credited.

Glasscock was the first West Virginian to play Major League Baseball, starring as a shortstop for several teams during a career that began in 1879 with Cleveland.

A .290 hitter in an era when someone was fortunate to hit .260 because of the dominance of pitching, Glasscock lasted 17 years in the National League from 1879 to 1895. In addition to Cleveland, Glasscock played for NL teams in St. Louis, Indianapolis, New York and Washington. In 1884, he jumped midway through the season from Cleveland to the Cincinnati entry in the ill-fated Union League, which folded after that one season.

Regarded as the King of Shortstops during pro baseball's infancy, Glasscock led the National League in fielding throughout his career, setting records in assists, double plays and putouts, all done without the benefit of a glove. He led the league in hitting in 1890 with the New York Giants.

A century after he played, Jack Glasscock was rated by Sports Illustrated magazine in 1984 as one of the three best shortstops of all time, along with legendary Pittsburgh Pirate Honus Wagner and Hall of Famer Luis Aparicio.

Given the nickname of "Pebble Jack" because of his superstitious habit of tossing stones away from his infield position, Glasscock holds a record that will never be broken. In 1889, he pounded out 205 hits when the pitching mound was only 50 feet from home plate. This record will always

stand because the mound is now 60 feet, 6 inches from home plate.

The year after setting that record, Glasscock again led league hitters with a .336 batting average. When he was released during the 1895 season, he stood eighth in hits (2,040) and 10th in stolen bases (334) even though stolen bases were not kept as an official statistic the first eight years of his career.

After retiring from Washington because of an arm injury during the 1895 season, Glasscock came home to Wheeling and led the local team to the Iron and Oil League title.

Pebble Jack also is credited with starting the professional baseball career of Wheeling's Jesse Burkett, who was a distant cousin of his. Burkett was ready to be released from a Scranton, Pa., team because of his attitude, but Glasscock intervened and told the team's owner he would gladly pay the expenses of Burkett receiving a thorough tryout. Burkett went on to hit better than .400 three times in his playing days, one of only three players to do so, and became the first West Virginia native elected to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1947. Burkett was inducted into the Wheeling Hall of Fame in 1982.

Glasscock was born in Wheeling on July 22, 1857. He and his wife, Rhoda, who died in 1925, had two sons, one daughter and five grandchildren. Most of his direct descendants live today in Mansfield, Ohio. Glasscock was elected to the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame in 1998.

After retiring from baseball, Glasscock worked as a contractor and carpenter in Wheeling. He died on Feb. 24, 1947, in the aftermath of a stroke.

A local baseball card collector said a Glasscock card in acceptable condition would be worth about \$250 today while a Glasscock card in pristine condition would be worth at least \$1,000 in today's market.



Sister Anne Regina O'Leary, S.S.J. - Religion and Education

Timing, they say, is everything. For Sister Anne Regina O'Leary, S.S.J., the Lord's timing in placing her among us when He did has, in a way, given her two lifetimes of service. In the first, Margaret Ward O'Leary, who was born on Sept. 14, 1912, one of the two daughters of Daniel P. and Anna Byrne O'Leary of Wheeling's Warwood neighborhood, went to local Catholic schools, graduating from Corpus Christi Grade School and Saint Joseph Academy. Then, at age 20, she joined the order of nuns who had taught her and, as Sister Anne Regina, spent the next 32 years as hundreds of other Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling have spent their lives. She earned both her bachelor's degree in English and her master's degree in English and administration from Catholic University in Washington, D.C., and was a teacher and school administrator in Catholic schools in Wheeling, Weston, Fairmont, Huntington and Clarksburg.

Then came the first days of that second lifetime, the one that has required special courage as she was called to assume positions of leadership that no other woman had ever held. In 1964, she became the first principal of a co-educational Central Catholic High School, overseeing the successful merger of her all-girls alma mater, St. Joseph Academy, with the boys-only CCHS. Her time at Central coincided with the first six of her 16 years on the general council of her congregation, which like all communities of women religious was then just beginning to absorb and respond to the dramatic changes and reforms in the church spawned by the Vatican II ecumenical council.

From 1970 to 1976, Sister served as general superior of the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling and during that time she also was elected the second president of the United States Federation of Sisters of St. Joseph. The federation, which she headed from 1972-74, covered 24 congregations of Sisters with about 14,000 members. As federation president, she was a National Leadership Conference of Women Religious delegate to the International Union of Superiors General in Rome, where she met the pope.

When her term as superior of her order concluded, Sister Anne Regina mastered even larger challenges and tests of her leadership skills. From 1976 to 1992, she served West Virginia's Roman Catholic Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston as the first female Associate Vicar for Religious, as Director of the Office of Women and as Coordinator of Health Affairs. She had become involved nationally in health care issues when she was superior of her congregation, which operates two hospitals in West Virginia, St. Joseph's in Parkersburg and St. Francis in Charleston.

Sister was a member of the National Conference of Vicars for Religious and was an officer in the Eastern Region of the Vicars for Religious National Organization. In health affairs, she was president of the Eastern Region of Diocesan Health Affairs Coordinators. She was appointed by then-Gov. Jay Rockefeller for three years to the first West Virginia Women's Commission.

In 1974, Sister Anne Regina worked with the late Bishop Joseph Hodges to set up the Sisters of St. Joseph of Wheeling Foundation, the official retirement fund of the sisters. She continues to serve as its president and the fund has grown to over \$10 million under her leadership.

Sister Anne Regina has served on numerous boards and, in fact, was a member of the original Wheeling Hall of Fame Board, resigning in 1999. She has served on the Wheeling Hospital board and currently is a member of the Welty Board, which oversees the Good Shepherd Nursing Home and Apartments and The Welty Home. She is a member of the Wheeling Area League of Women Voters and has had articles and poems published in national English teachers' magazines and vocation and poetry publications. Awards bestowed on her have ranged from Distinguished West Virginian to having the Most Rev. Bernard Schmitt present her with the diocese's Bishop's Cross award for outstanding contributions to education.

According to Bishop Schmitt, "in nearly seven decades as a woman religious," Sister Anne Regina "has ministered to the people of God in a long and distinguished career. Her service has been exemplary and springs from her rock-like faith in God, to whom she dedicated her life at the age of 20."



G. Randolph "Randy" Worls - *Public Service*

Randy Worls, chief executive officer of the Oglebay Foundation and the Parks System Trust Fund of Wheeling.

Worls served as CEO of the Wheeling Park Commission for 27 years and during his tenure, dozens of major capital improvements were undertaken, the park commission's operating budget increased from \$4 million to over \$20 million per year, the staff increased from 325 people to over 1,000 employees and the local parks became the nation's premier public park system. He has been involved in acquiring over \$75 million for capital improvements, special programs and endowments for the park commission.

As a founder of the Winter Festival of Lights, he helped create Wheeling's major tourism attraction.

Physical improvements added on his watch range from the arboretum walk system to indoor tennis and riding centers, the waterslide to soccer fields, miniature golf courses to Cascading Waters. The Robert C. Byrd Addition to Wilson Lodge, Sonneborn and Levenson shelters, Harry C. Hamm Clubhouse, Ihlenfeld Dining Room, Bissonnette Gardens, Good Zoo and Benedum Natural Science Theater, Arnold Palmer Design golf course, Carriage House Glass facility, enclosed White Palace with Youth Center and dozens of new and renovated guest cabins became realities while he headed the commission.

Oglebayfest, the West Virginia LPGA Classic from 1974 through 1984, the American Heritage Crafts Festival, the Albert Schenk Salute to Patriotism, the Junior Golf Program at Oglebay and the Access to the Parks program all were started under Worls's leadership.

After six years as a student employee, Worls became a full-time Wheeling Park Commission employee in June 1960, serving as director of activities. In 1966, he became assistant general manager and in 1972 was appointed as the CEO of the Wheeling Park Commission and the Parks System Trust Fund of Wheeling. In 1994, the job of Oglebay Foundation CEO was added to his duties. In spring 1999, Worls was asked to undertake the full-time effort of creating a long-term maintenance endowment fund for the Wheeling parks and took on a full-time position as the CEO of the Oglebay Foundation and the Parks System Trust Fund. He earned a bachelor's degree from the College of Wooster and a master's

in park administration and recreation from West Virginia University. He also graduated from two of the professional continuing education schools conducted annually at Oglebay Park: the Maintenance Management School and the Revenue Sources Management School, which he has continued to serve as an instructor for 30 years. He is a nationally recognized authority on public parks' revenue production and has served numerous organizations, including the U.S. Senate, as a consultant. His many awards have included induction into the WVU School of Physical Education Hall of Fame in 1998.

A regional, state and national leader in the travel and tourism industry, Worls is a member of the Wheeling Convention and Visitors Bureau and served that group as president from 1980 to 1994.

He is a trustee of the prestigious Claude Worthington Benedum Foundation in Pittsburgh, was executive director of the American Institute for Leisure Resources for 12 years and was chairman of the WHEELING 2000 Committee. Born in Wheeling on July 12, 1938, the son of the late George R. and Kate Worls, he and his wife, Betty Booth Worls, have adult twin sons, Brad and Brent, and one granddaughter, Tiffany.

Worls is the first to attribute his successes to the park commissioners for whom he has worked and the benefactors and public-spirited citizens who have been his mentors. He easily gives credit for the wonders of Oglebay and Wheeling Park to others who have worked closely with him, to facilities managers and to the staff members who plant the flowers, prepare the food, do the mailings, direct the traffic, take the tickets, sell the souvenirs, develop the programs, interact with guests and keep the parks sparkling.

Whenever someone from Wheeling starts to brag about the city, the park system invariably is the first local asset cited. Surely the name of Randy Worls belongs on that list of community assets as well.



Ralph Reed Spears - *Business, Industry and Professions*

A little Native American doll among the belongings of Jessie Ferguson Spears supplied the inspiration for the name that made her husband, Ralph Reed Spears, famous for establishing a consumer-accepted jobber brand in the oil industry.

A true entrepreneur, Spears gained national recognition while building his oil distribution empire in South Wheeling. He made his greatest impact in the 1920s with the formation of the Fleet-Wing marketing vehicle for his oil jobbing firm, Spears & Riddle Co. In the early days of the oil industry, most jobbers - middlemen who buy goods in quantity and then sell them to dealers - sold gasoline as an unbranded commodity. Feeling the competition from the larger companies' advertised brands of gasoline, Spears & Riddle Co. decided to give its fuel a brand name and advertise it. The words Fleet-Wing were written on the bottom of his wife's knickknack doll and the Speares thought that was "a beautiful name for something fast," one of their grandsons shared decades later, explaining how the name Fleet-Wing was selected for the first jobber brand of oil products. Service stations all over the Midwest and East operated under the Fleet-Wing banner in its heyday. Very soon after it was established by Spears, Fleet-Wing scooped the entire petroleum industry by pioneering the sale of Ethyl gasoline. Spears was a friend of many of the General Motors associates who were experimenting with anti-knock additives and he assisted them in their experiments. When tetraethyl lead was perfected, he got his reward. Early in 1923, General Motors granted Spears & Riddle the first permission to market the fluid, and when the Ethyl Corp. was organized, Spears & Riddle got the No. 1 Ethyl license. The Spears firm had no refinery, but blended Ethyl fluid into the gasoline it bought from refiners. At one point, the company was marketing 600 to 700 rail cars of gasoline per month, principally to jobbers, with only the tetraethyl lead franchise and a name and without having a refinery or plant of any kind.

Expanding sales kept Spears & Riddle searching for additional gasoline supplies, leading R. Spears to Standard Oil of Ohio's offices in Cleveland in 1928. The end result of this contact was that Sohio bought the Fleet-Wing brand name from Spears & Riddle the next year and started Fleet-Wing Corp., the first subsidiary organized by Sohio. This allowed Sohio to continue selling to jobbers, but to give them a brand name product, as they wanted, that still was separate from the Sohio brand.

Spears was born at Wheeling on July 15, 1859; resided in Wheeling from 1910 to 1943; and operated a business at Wheeling from 1888 until 1934. He died on Sept. 20, 1943.

His professional experience included approximately 60 years of manufacturing, marketing, executive and engineering ability. From 1880 to 1887, Spears mastered the manufacture of axles, skills he learned from his father, who was a pioneer iron founder. He organized a stock company and had the Spears Axle Co. works constructed on the corner of Main, Water and 27th streets starting in the 1880s. He also patented a number of machines.

Ralph Reed and Jessie Spears married in 1884 and had five children, including a son who died in infancy. Spears lived the early part of his life as a resident of Marshall County but spent much of his time at the family business in Wheeling. He was educated in local public schools until he reached age 13. Three of his grandchildren are residents of Wheeling.

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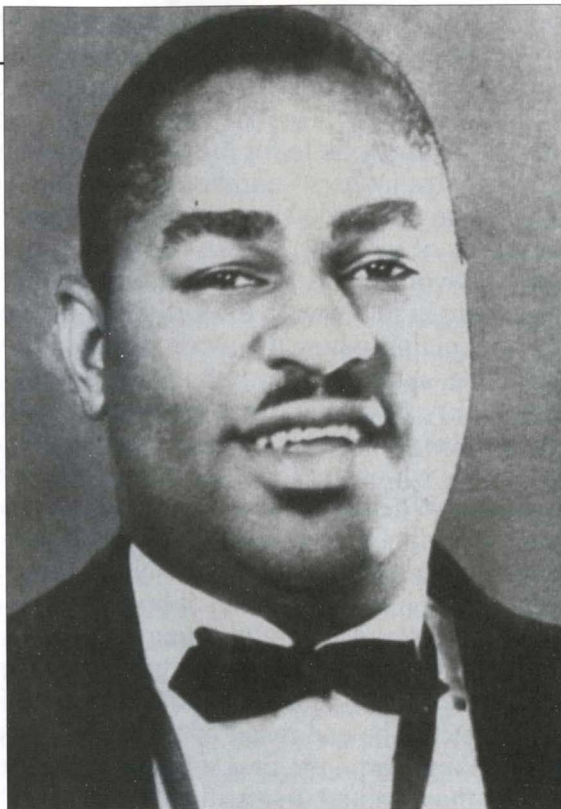


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(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

Founder, president and chairman of the board of Aladdin Food Management Services Inc. of Wheeling. In 1998 Aladdin had achieved growth of more than \$30million in sales and grown from one college to over 50 accounts. Aladdin employs 1,200 full-and part-time workers. About 200 people work in Wheeling.



LEON "CHU" BERRY

1908 - 1941

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Became the jazz world's dominant tenor saxophone player. Performed around Wheeling and Charleston until 1929, joined the Sammy Stewart band in Columbus and Chicago, ending his career with Cab Calloway's band at the Cotton Club in New York. Metronome magazine named him to its All-Star Band of 1937-1938.



ETHEL CLARE ELIKAN

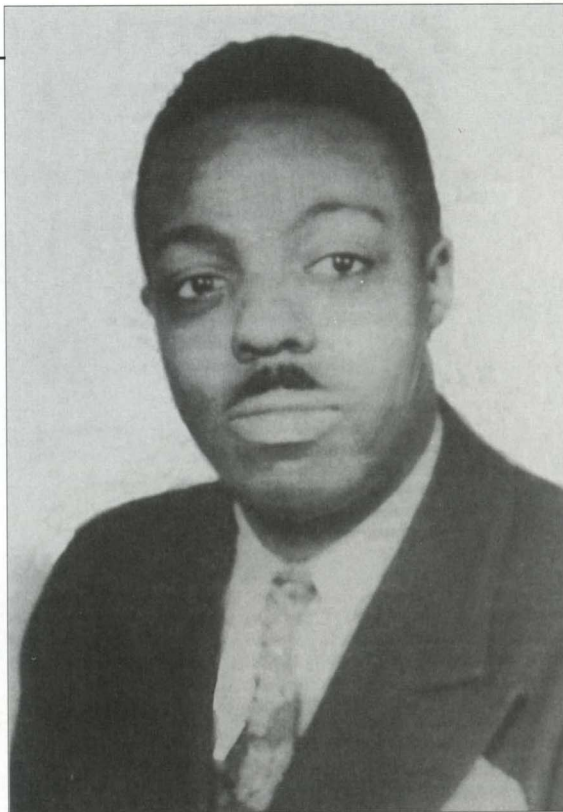
1911 - 1998

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

Worked with the visually handicapped for more than 50 years. Founder of the Seeing Hand Association Inc. of Wheeling. Opened the Seeing Hand Workshop and organized activities for the blind. As executive director, inspired more than \$1 million in donations to the center to maintain the Seeing Hand Workshop.

HALL OF FAME

1998 INDUCTEES

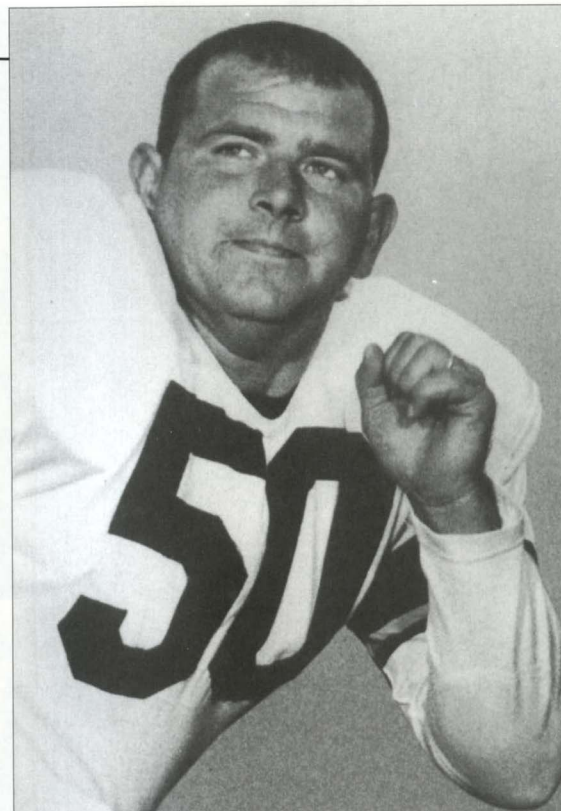


PHILLIP NATHANIAL REED

1914 – 1975

(RELIGION AND EDUCATION)

Prominent African-American educator in Wheeling for 35 years. Served as principal of Lincoln School and steered Ohio County's public schools through integration. First director of guidance for Ohio County Schools. Headed committee to develop the drug education policy of the school board. Served on the Northern Panhandle Employment of the Handicapped Committee.



JOHN REGER

1931 –

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

Landed a spot with the Pittsburgh Steelers after playing only three varsity collegiate games at Pitt. Made the Pro Bowl three times while with the Steelers. Named Steelers most valuable player in 1959. Concluded a 12-year NFL playing career with the Washington Redskins. A fullback and linebacker at Linsly Military Institute, he was captain of the All-Ohio Valley Athletic Conference Team in 1949.

HALL OF FAME

1998 INDUCTEES

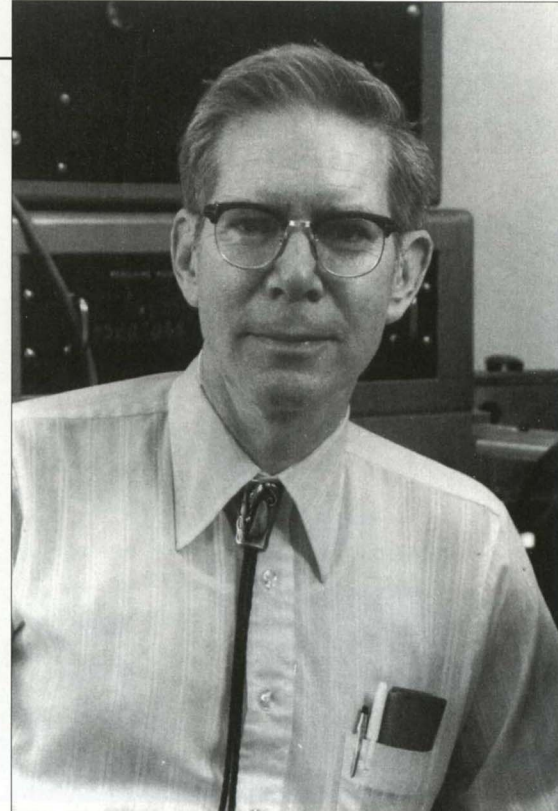


HENRY STIFEL SCHRADER

1909-1996

(PHILANTHROPY)

Lifelong Wheeling resident. Practiced law from 1934-1989. A member of Oglebay Institute from 1937, served 17 years on its board of trustees, seven as chairman. His bequest of \$4.2 million was the largest single gift ever made to the Institute. He left \$1.2 million to Wheeling Jesuit University and made bequests to his church, his law school and other charitable organizations. He served in the U.S. Army during World War II.



DR. HARLAN J. SMITH

1924-1991

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

A leading American astronomer. Was director of the University of Texas McDonald Observatory. Credited with discovering the optical variability of quasars and discovered the existence of dwarf Cepheids class of variable stars. Received NASA's Distinguished Public Service Medal, the highest space civilian award.

HALL OF FAME

1994 INDUCTEES

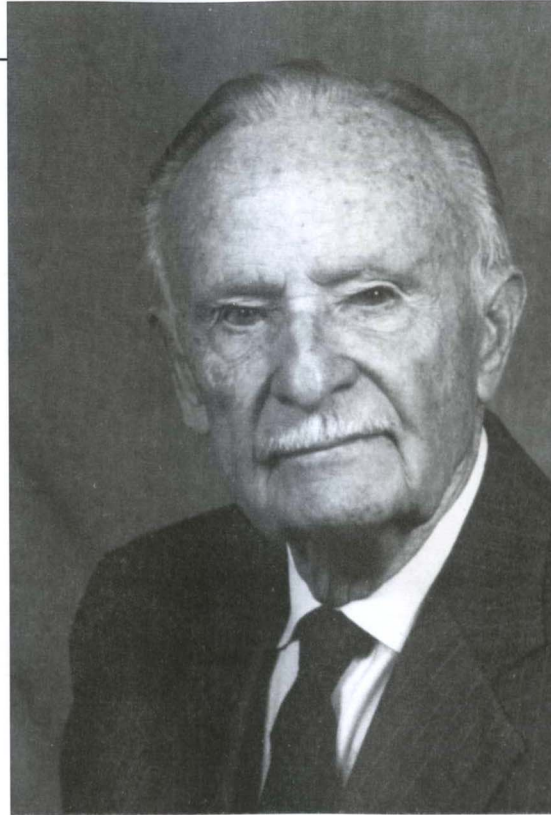


SALLY CARROLL

1926 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

West Virginia Woman's Amateur Golf Champion seven times, runner-up 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 girls' tourney for 10 years, she won Card Wather Award in 1984 for her contributions to junior golf.

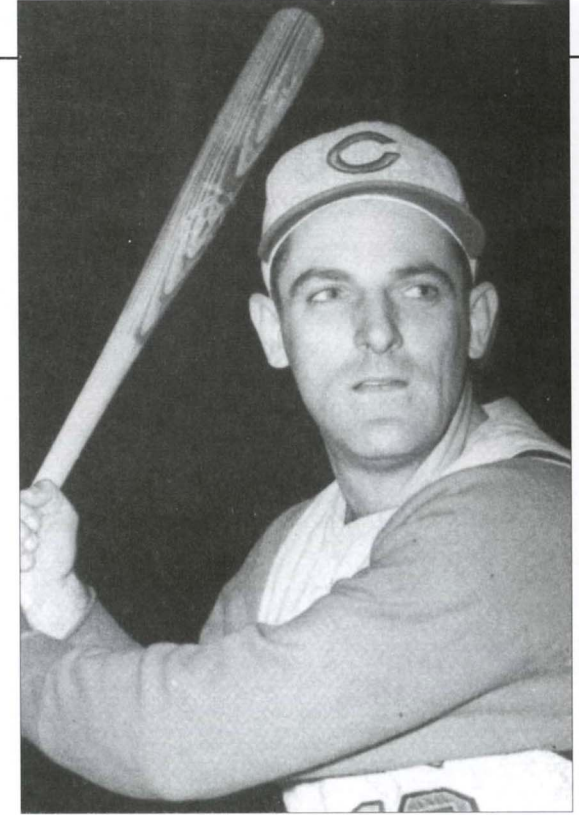


ELLIS R. DUNGAN

1909 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

His adventures in film making took this internationally known cinematographer all the way to India, where he spent 15 years and became one of that country's 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

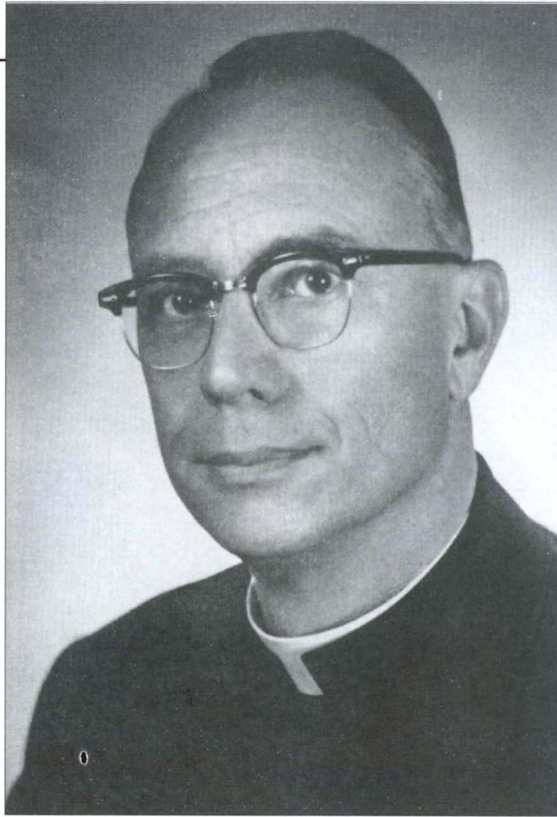
1934 -

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

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

HALL OF FAME

1994 INDUCTEES

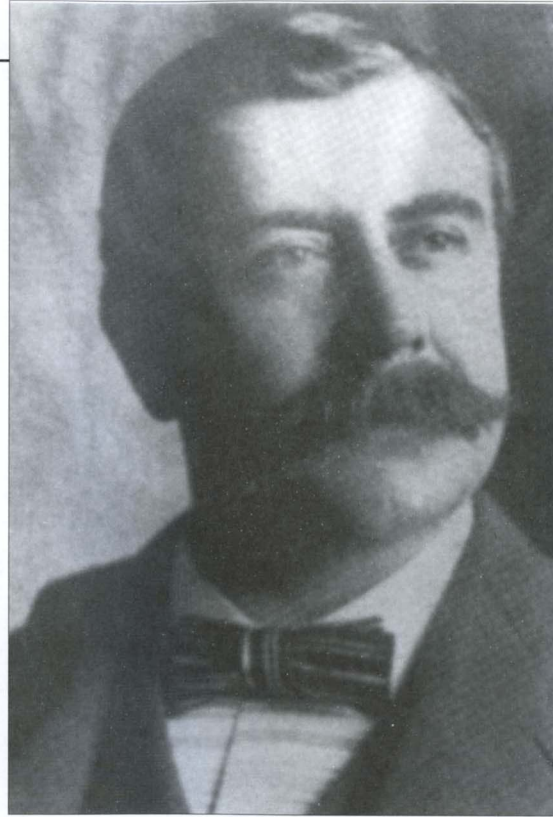


**REV. FATHER CLIFFORD
M. LEWIS, S.J.**

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.



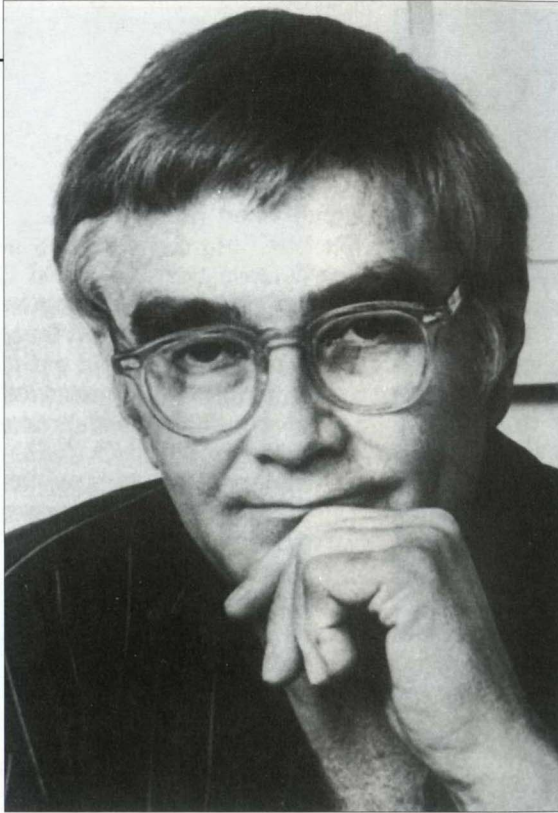
B. WALKER PETERSON

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.

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤
1992 INDUCTEES

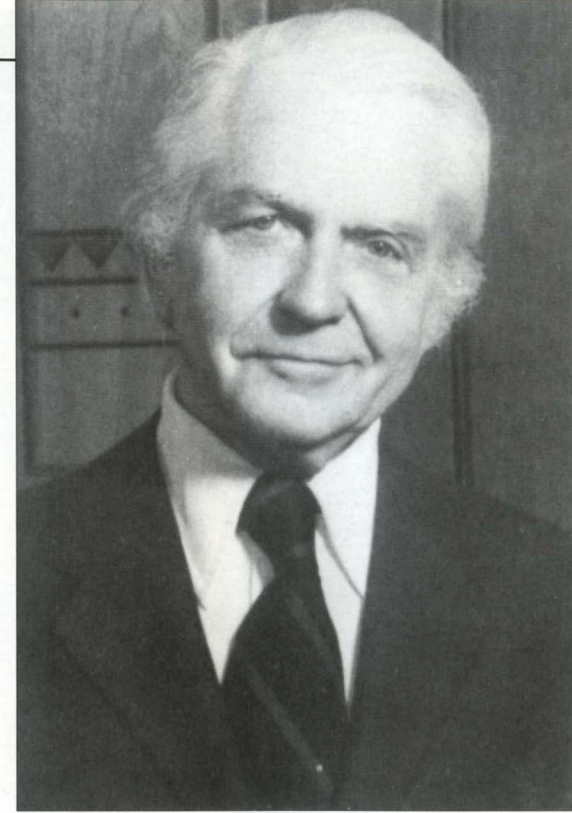


BUDD HOPKINS

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

HALL OF FAME

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 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).

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1990 INDUCTEES

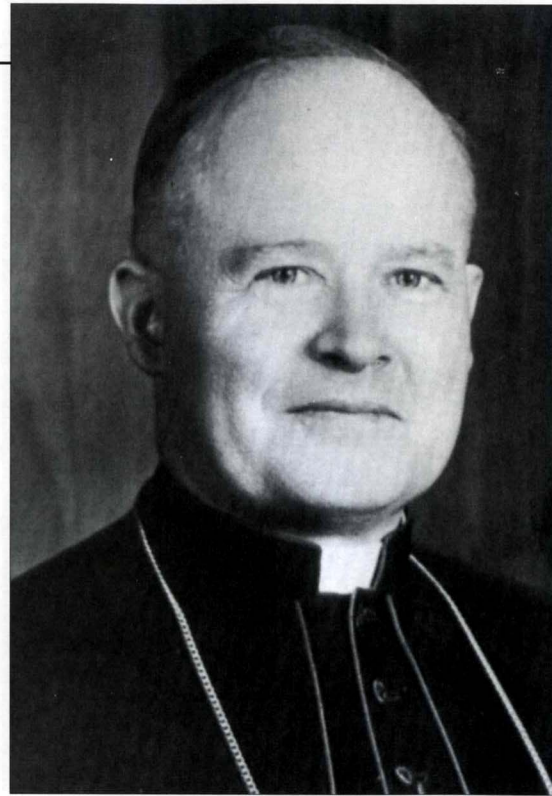


CHESTER R. HUBBARD

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.

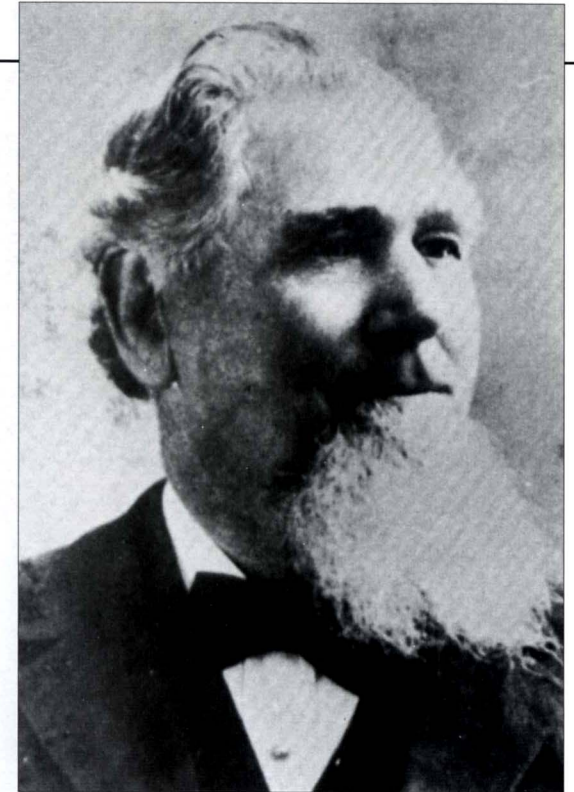


MOST REV. JOSEPH H. HODGES, D.D.

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.



MIFFLON 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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

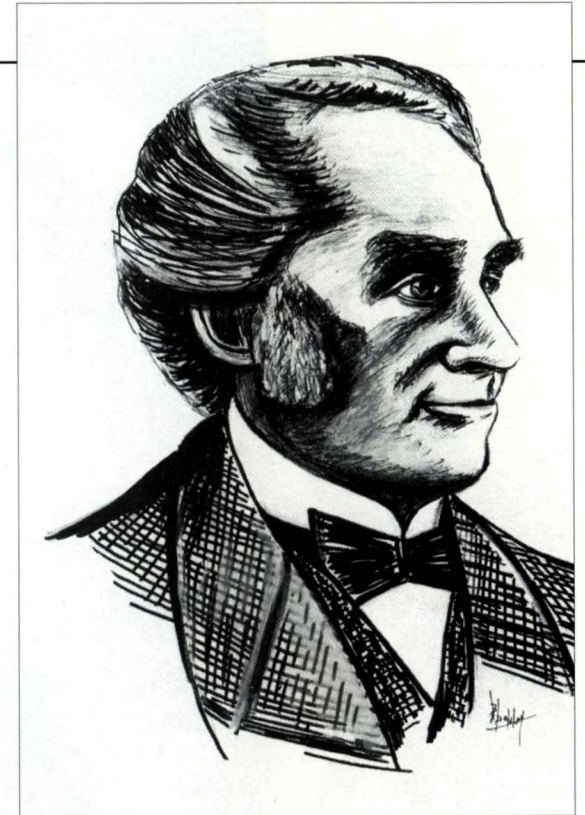


DR. WILLIAM S. FULTON

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.

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

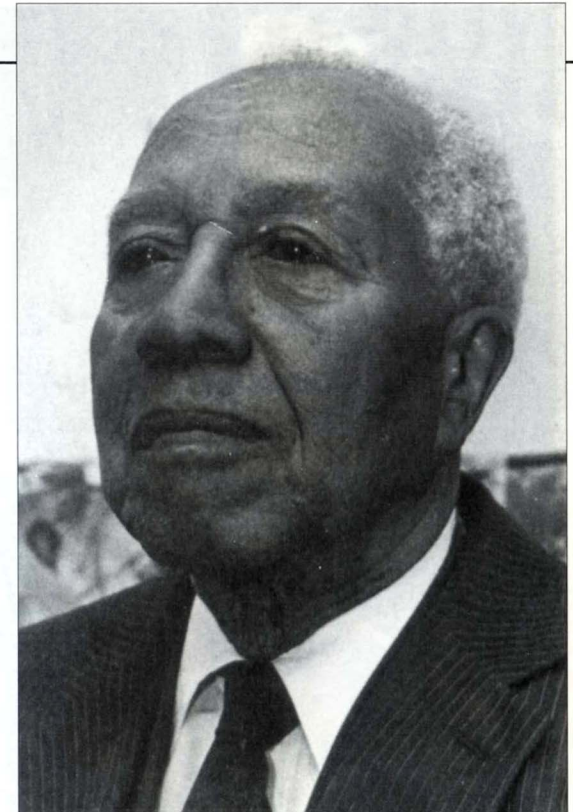


MICHAEL J. VALAN

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

HALL OF FAME

1984 INDUCTEES



JUDITH A. HERNDON
1941-1980

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

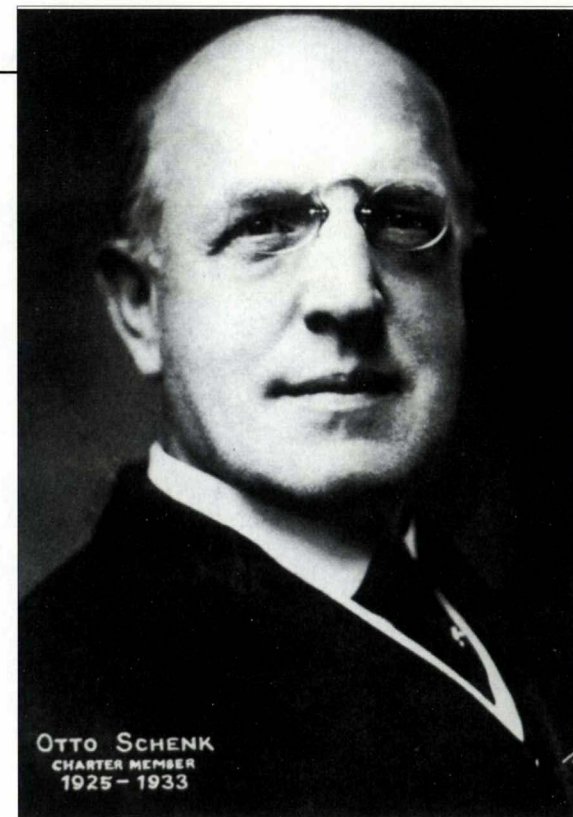
Wheeling attorney whose career in public office - four years as a member of West Virginia House of Delegates and six as state senator - was cut short by death at age 39. Leader for tax reform, sunset legislation, sexual assault legislation and effort to curb powers of bureaucratic government agencies.



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.



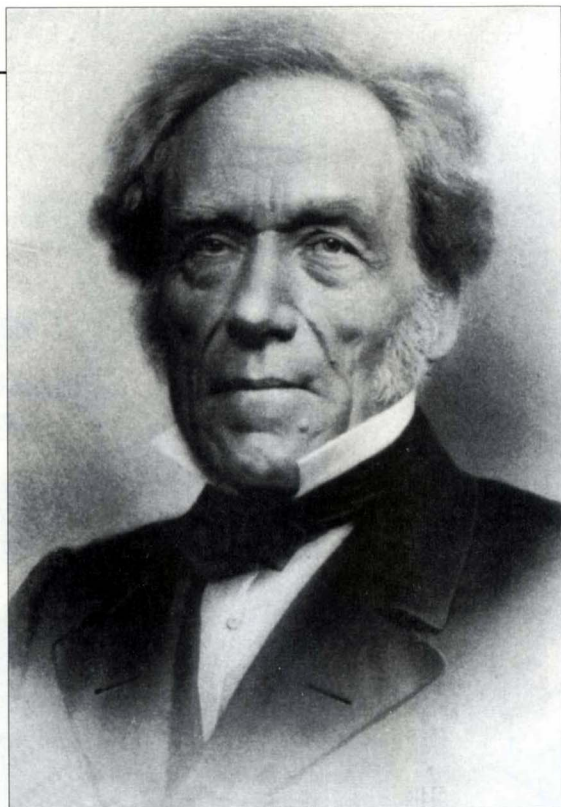
OTTO SCHENK
1863-1933

(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.

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤

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.

HALL OF FAME

1984 INDUCTEES

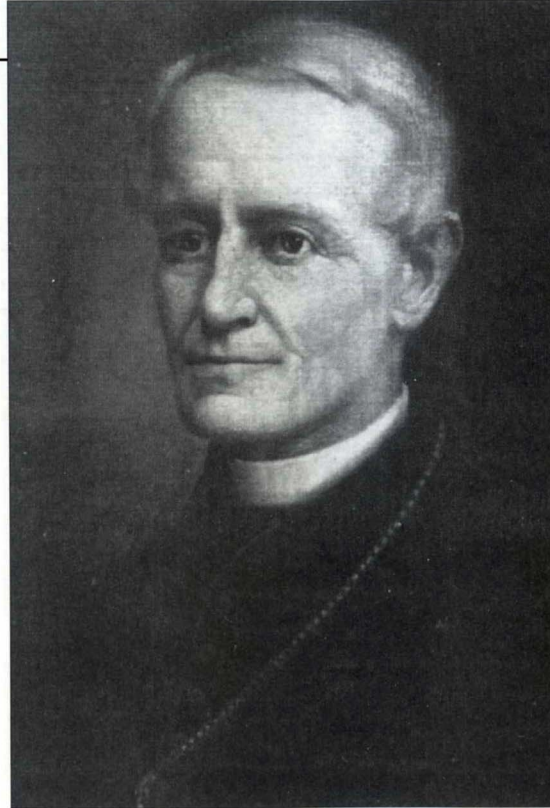


WILBUR E. STONE

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.

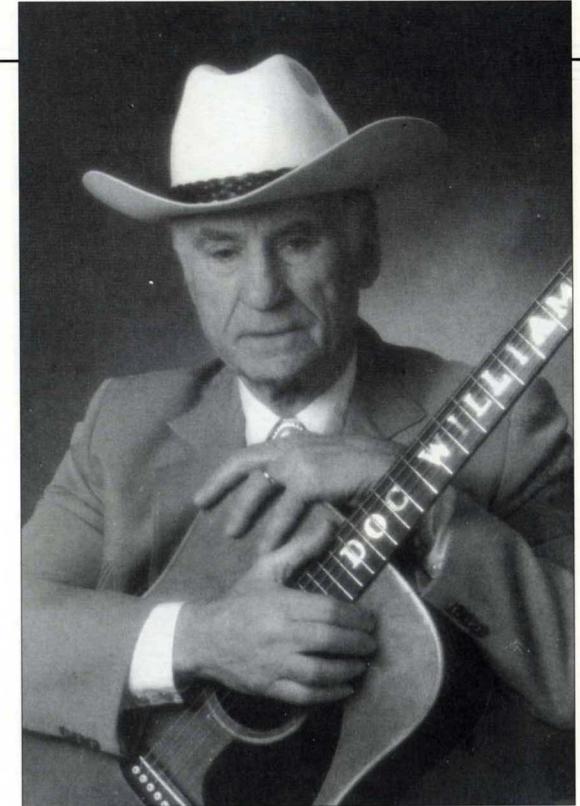


REV. RICHARD V. WHELAN

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

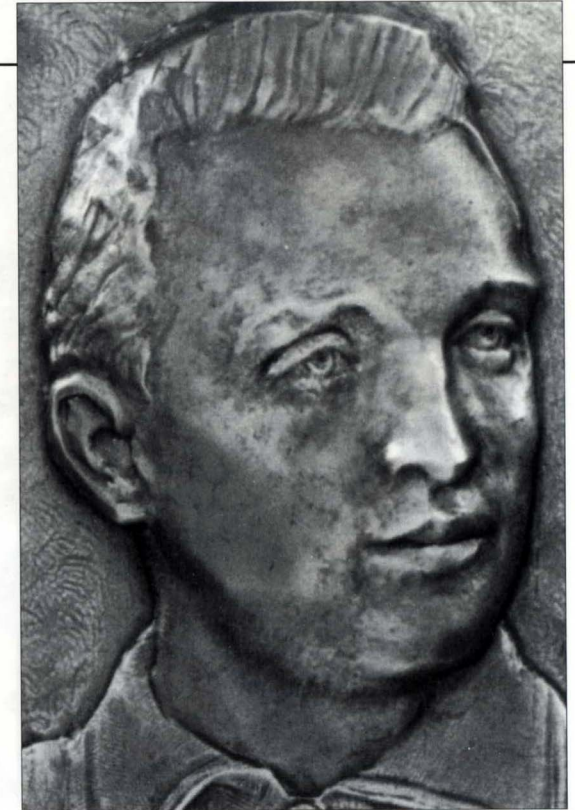


V. EVERETT BRINKMAN

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.

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤

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.

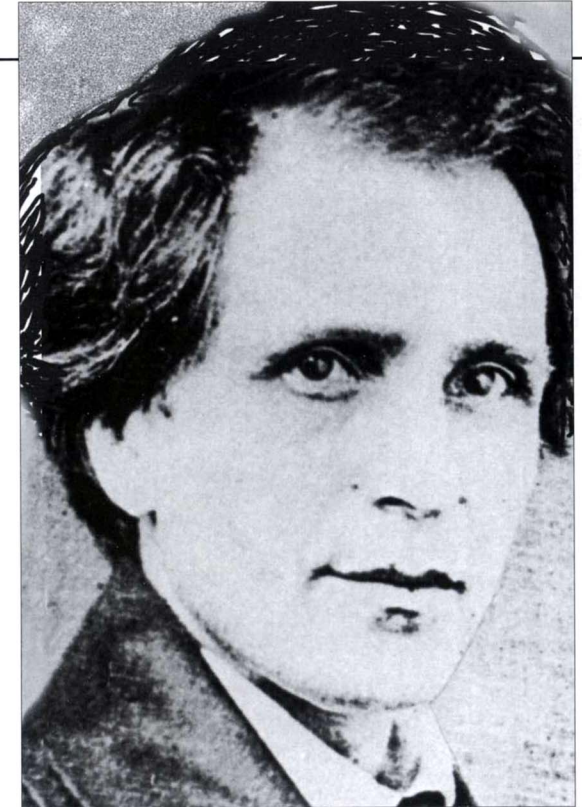


HARRY C. HOLBERT SR.

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. 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.

➤ HALL OF FAME ➤
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**

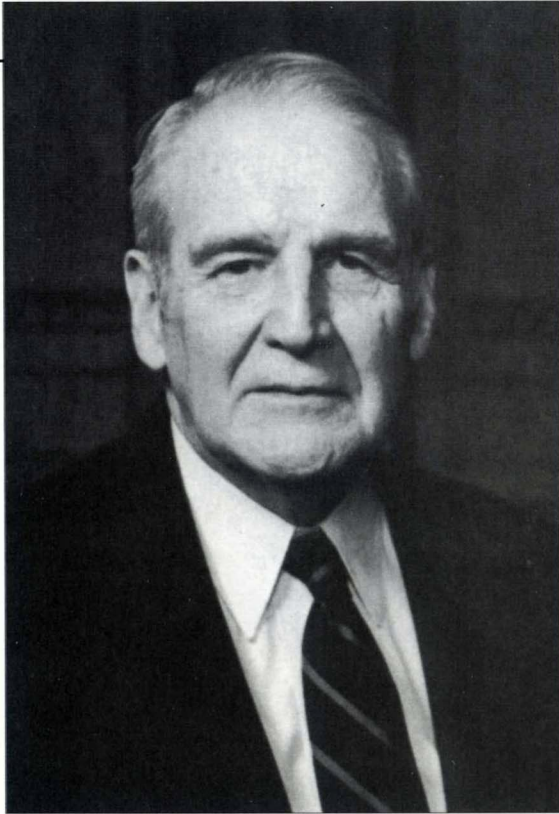
1895-1976

((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.

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1982 INDUCTEES



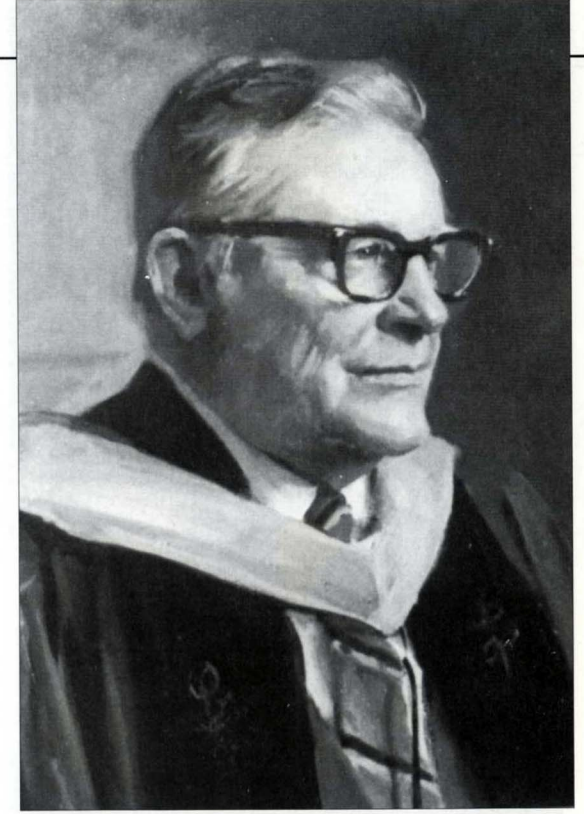
GEORGE H. SEIBERT JR.
1913-1986
(PUBLIC SERVICE)

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.

HALL OF FAME

1980 INDUCTEES

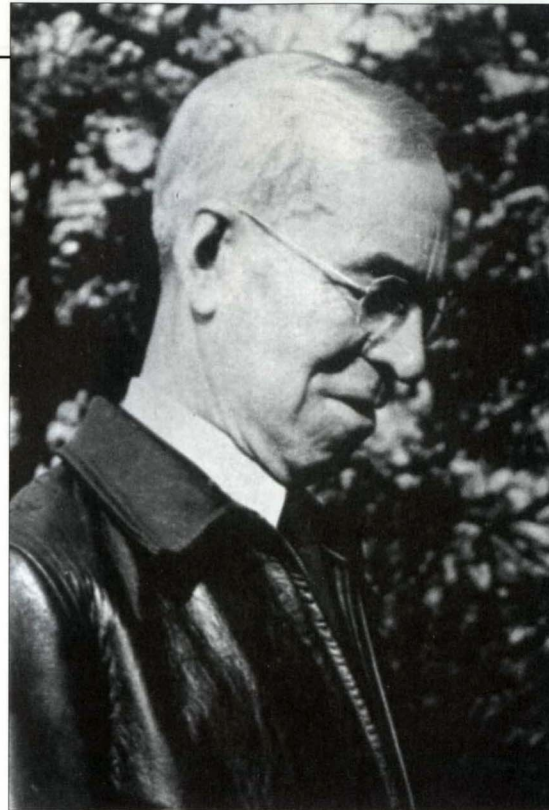


LEVERING C. BONAR

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.

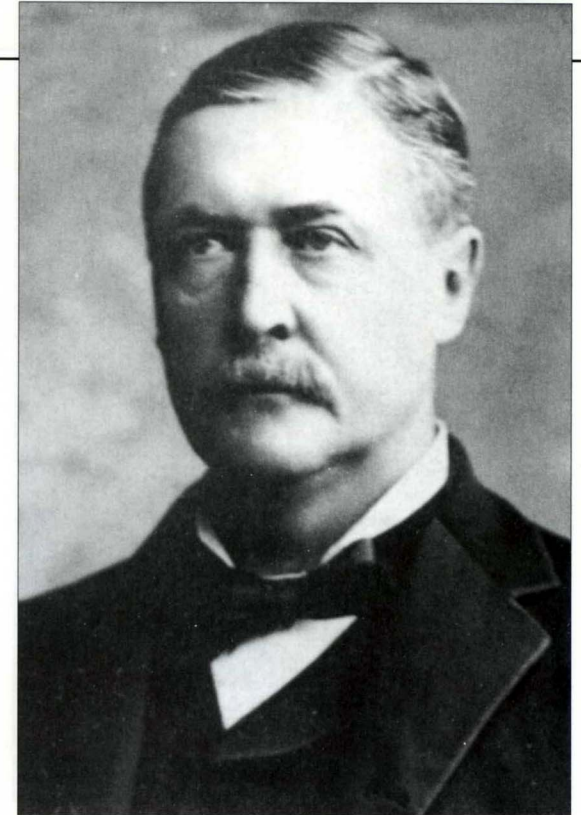


ALONZO B. BROOKS

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.

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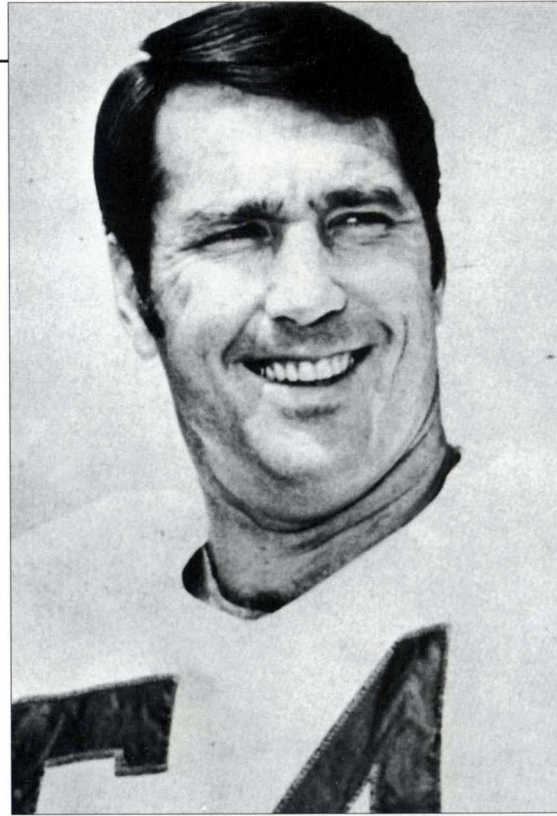


ALEXANDER GLASS

1858 – 1941

(BUSINESS AND INDUSTRY)

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

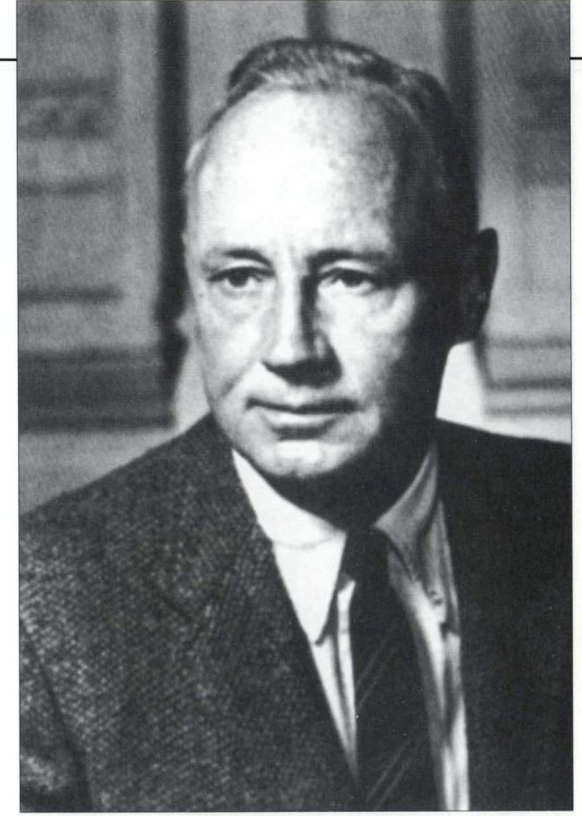


CHARLES "CHUCK" HOWLEY

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.

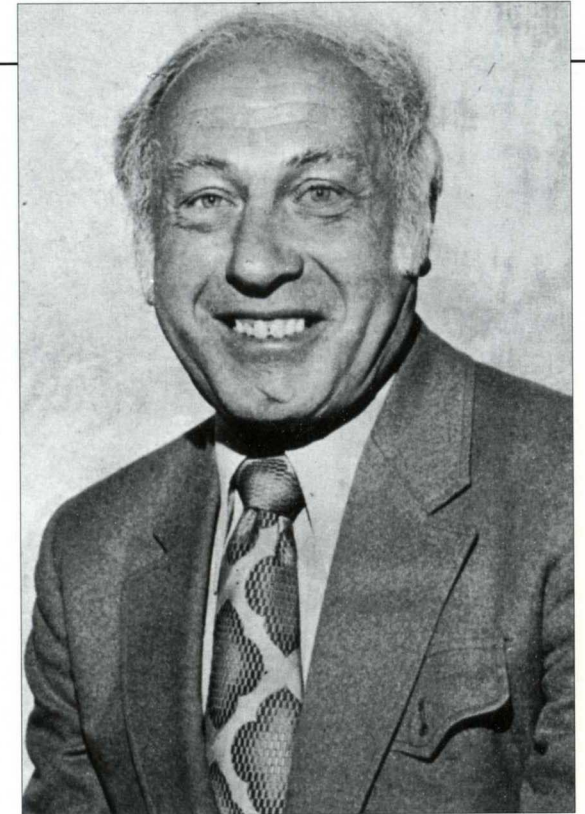


WALTER P. REUTHER

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 –

(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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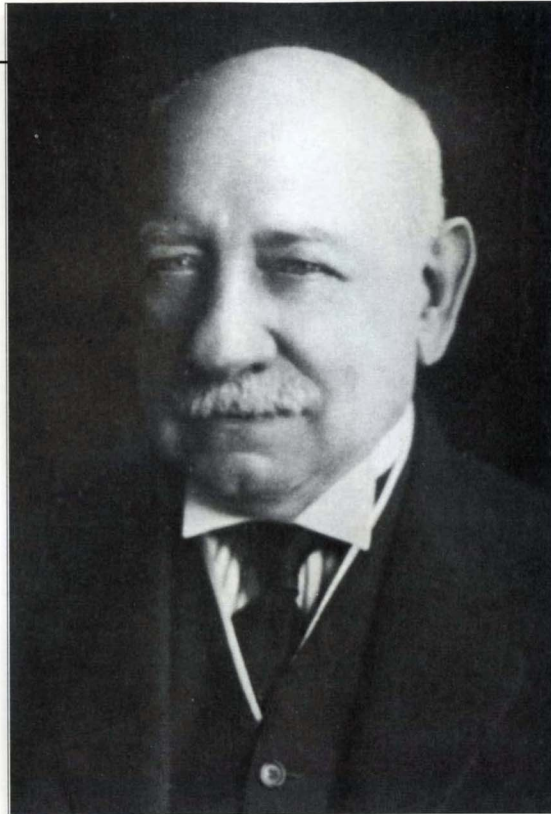


ELEANOR STEBER

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.

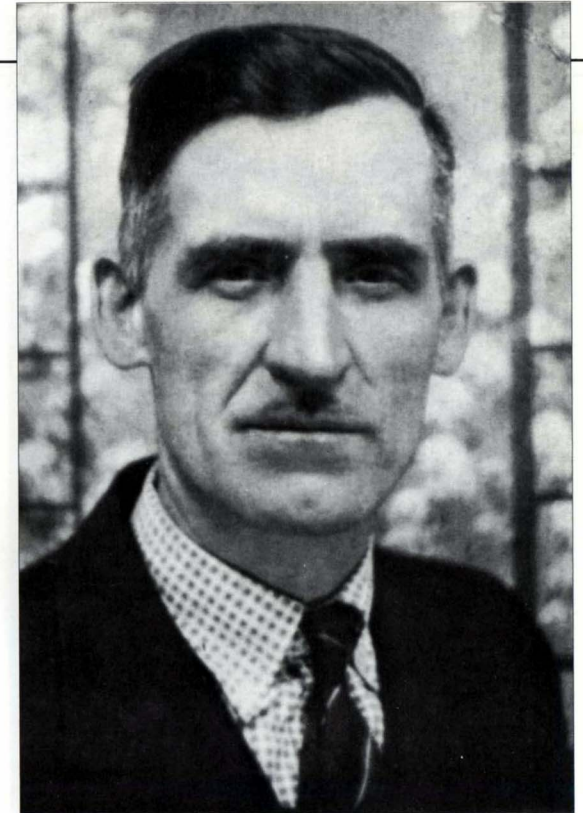


GEORGE E. STIFEL

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

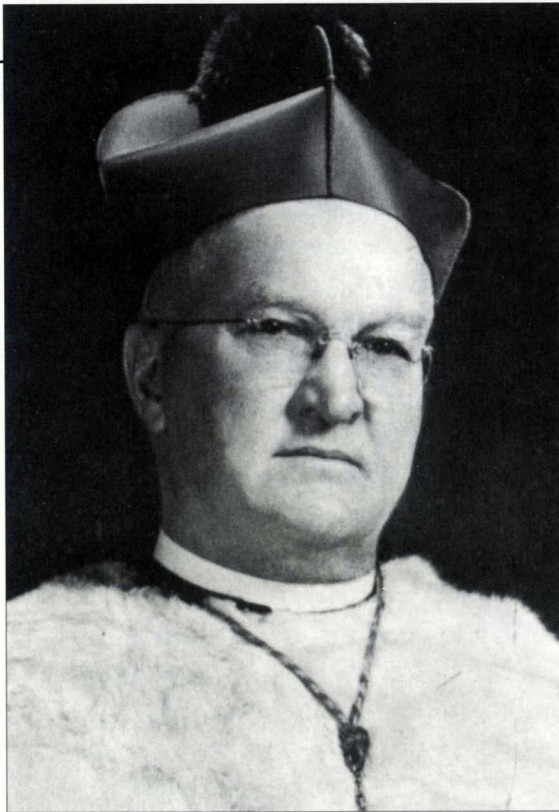
1894 – 1967

(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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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 two are still serving, 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 people 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 people 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 people to be honored and these people 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. Five more were ushered into this distinguished company on Nov. 29, 1992. Six people were inducted on Nov. 20, 1994. Seven people were inducted into the Hall of Fame at ceremonies on Sept. 20, 1998. This year's class of eight honorees bring to eighty the total number of people enshrined in the Wheeling Hall of Fame.

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. In February 1999, S. J. "Dick" Dlesk was elected chairman, Patricia Pockl was elected Secretary-Treasurer.