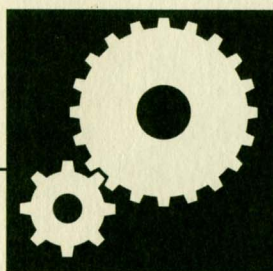
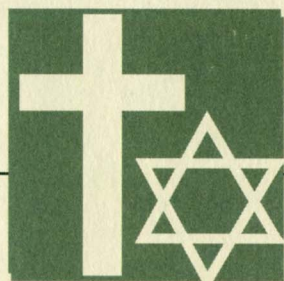


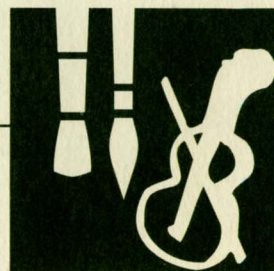


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2002 Induction Ceremony
December 1, 2002

Philanthropy - Irene Doretta Meagel
Religion and Education - J. Loran Mercer
Business, Industry and Professions - Michael Joseph Owens
Sports and Athletics - Bill Van Horne
Music and Fine Arts - Wesley J. Wagner

Program

National Anthem

Invocation - Reverend David Twedt, Trinity Lutheran 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
Benediction - Reverend Charles A. Ellwood



Irene Doretta Meagel - *Philanthropy*

She could have afforded a fleet of limousines and the staff of chauffeurs to drive them.

Instead, the late Irene Doretta Meagel lived a simple life in Wheeling during almost the entire 20th century, relying on her feet, her friends or public transportation to get her around the city.

When she died on July 21, 1999, just a few weeks shy of her 99th birthday, the surprise she left for her friends and acquaintances was that she had an estate that would be valued today at more than \$22 million and which she left almost entirely to charity.

Meagel was born in South Wheeling on Oct. 5, 1900, the youngest of the three children of Wheeling natives William and Nellie Kraft Meagel, who were children of immigrant Germans.

For many years, her family lived at 3535 Eoff St. Meagel's life centered around Wheeling. One of her brothers, William, died at 9 months of age in 1899 even before she was born. Her father, who was a potter at the North Wheeling Pottery, died in 1920. After the 1936 flood, the family moved to Forest Road in the Oakmont area of Wheeling.

Meagel made her home with her mother and her elder brother, Lawrence, until their deaths in 1961 and 1987 respectively. Lawrence had worked as chief clerk of the B&O Railroad freight office for 46 years. Meagel herself was a 1917 graduate of Wheeling High School and was an employee of Conservative Life Insurance until 1945.

She was an active member of her church, Trinity Lutheran Church, located at 3536 Eoff St., right across the street from her childhood home. She was a charter member of the Beta Sigma Phi Circle of Friendship, a women's group founded in the 1930's to foster friendship, and was a faithful attendee at her local AARP (American Association of Retired Persons) meetings.

At her death on July 21, 1999, Meagel's philanthropy became known. The estate she left in trust benefits 16 charities. Already, over \$2 million has flowed from her estate to the 16 non-profit organizations. Under terms of her will, almost \$1 million per year will be distributed to the 16 groups.

"Irene Meagel's generosity will benefit her community and so very many people for years to come," a spokeswoman for the Wheeling Hall of Fame Board said. She decided that the money she and her family had accumulated should benefit those less fortunate and should nurture the institutions that had made her

life a happy, if simple, one, or that she felt had enriched the community she loved.

A main beneficiary was Trinity Lutheran Church. Her bequest came as a surprise to church officials who had no idea she had such wealth, but her gift was most fortuitous because it helped the church resume the Meals on Wheels program after fire caused extensive damage to the church and program headquarters.

Other agencies that receive bequests from Meagel include the Wheeling Society for Crippled Children, Parks System Trust Fund of Wheeling, West Liberty State College Foundation, Community Foundation for Mount Zion Cemetery, West Virginia Northern Community College Foundation, the West Virginia University Foundation and the Wheeling Symphony Society.

Other beneficiaries include Wheeling Health Right, Lions Club of Wheeling, Children's Home of Wheeling, King's Daughters Child Care Centers, Salvation Army, The House of the Carpenter, the American Heart Association and the American Cancer Society.



J. Loran Mercer - Religion and Education

Only "The Chief," J. Loran Mercer, would dare to dream that a small high school band from a Wheeling neighborhood could become one of only five high school bands chosen from 600 entries to travel to Philadelphia, all expenses paid, to perform on the nationwide Paul Whiteman television program in 1951.

Mercer, the music educator whose 29 years from 1936 to 1964 at Warwood High School established a longevity record for Ohio County public schools' band directors, also was the first music supervisor for Ohio County to begin a strings program in the schools.

Mercer's Warwood High band set the standard and he was the band director to emulate. He led the Warwood High musicians to national recognition, with many individual students and groups of his students earning superior ratings in both regional and state contests and winning numerous scholarships and All-State Band positions. Especially from 1940 to 1954, the Warwood band competed with larger local bands and often won top awards. Mercer himself was recognized in April 1956 as one of the outstanding music directors in the nation. In 1958, the Warwood band performed with the Wheeling Symphony and also placed 10th out of 72 bands at the International Lions Convention in Chicago. The band performed at the Mid-East Band Clinic in Pittsburgh in 1963, the only West Virginia high school band ever to have performed in that event. In 1964, the state music educators elected Mercer to serve as director of the West Virginia All-State Band for the World's Fair concerts in New York City.

When Mercer was recommended for posthumous induction into the West Virginia Music Educators Association Hall of Fame in 1994, he was described as "a robust and vigorous worker" who "always took time to care about people, their personal needs and feelings. Loran never showed an angry or threatening side, probably because he didn't have one. Rather, he showed compassion and provided inspiration to all who knew him. Whether he was on a football field, a tennis court, in a rehearsal room, or on the street, he emitted a comfortable aura of fatherly love which everyone respected. Long ago, he was affectionately nicknamed 'The Chief' and, like a true chief, he influenced many with his exemplary life."

Mercer was born April 5, 1913, in Monaca, Pa., the second of the two sons of the late Joseph W. and Matilda Swartzwalder Mercer. His older brother, Harold, also is deceased. The family had moved to Wheeling in 1928 when Mercer's father purchased the Lincoln Theater in Warwood. Mercer was one of the city's first disc jockeys, running two turntables in the theater dubbing music to go with the silent films.

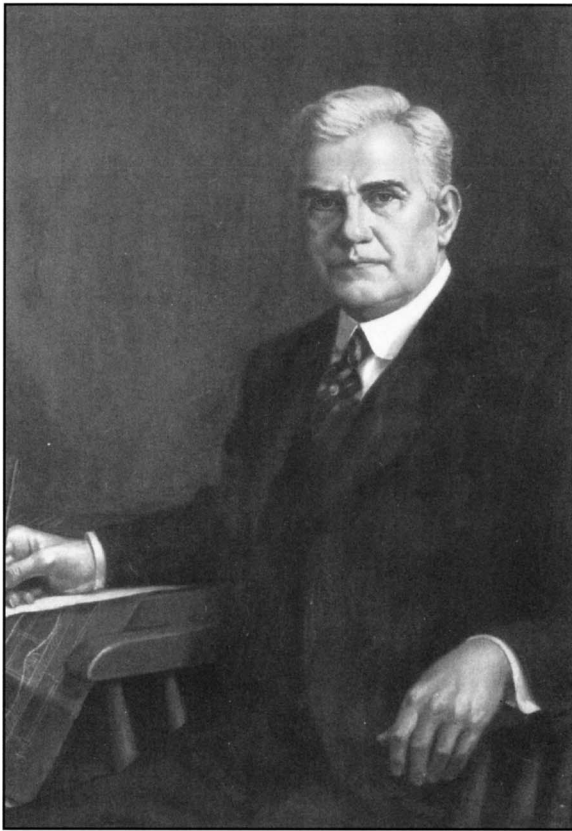
During his days at Central Catholic High School, Mercer pounded out martial tunes on a piano twice a day to provide accompaniment for lines of fellow students entering the school. His playing was the extent of the music program at Central; he took piano lessons from a nun who taught next door at the girls' school, St. Joseph's Academy. At that teacher's encouragement, Mercer went off to Duquesne University in Pittsburgh to become a concert pianist.

He worked his way through the music school by being the janitor, hitchhiking to Wheeling each weekend to operate the projectors and sell popcorn at the Lincoln Theater. The Depression took its toll financially, and he learned he could get a partial scholarship by playing in the school band. So, after six lessons on the baritone horn, Mercer was on his way to a music education career that he said included "about a thousand miles of walking up and down football fields". He received his bachelor's degree from Duquesne in 1935, and was appointed director of the Warwood band. He earned his master's degree in 1954 from Marshall University.

Mercer married his first wife, Wilma Dauber, in 1936 and became parents of a son, Donald W., before Wilma died in 1944. Wilma's oldest sister, Helen, was a U.S. Navy nurse during World War II when Wilma died. After her discharge, Helen returned to Wheeling. She and Mercer married and had a son, William. Mercer died Dec. 23, 1983, and Helen in 1995. Surviving are his sons and daughters-in-law, Donald and Beth and William and Gigi; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

In the 1970s, Mercer and his son Donald were one of the top-rated father-son tennis double teams in the Middle Atlantic Region. His tennis career included serving as tennis coach at Warwood High School and at Wheeling College. He was inducted into the Wheeling-Oglebay Tennis Club Hall of Fame in 1989.

In Warwood, Mercer was a member of Corpus Christi Catholic Church where he was choir director for 27 years, choir director and organist for 15 years at Warwood Methodist Church and was the last charter member of the Warwood Lions. He served as glee club director at Wheeling College from 1961-64 and as choral director for OVGH School of Nursing in 1967-69. He was appointed director of the diocesan all-star band in 1978. Mercer composed the alma mater songs for Wheeling Park High School and for Wheeling College and he served as coordinator for the Region V Band Festival from 1970 to 1983. He was a guest conductor with numerous local bands and choruses in addition to the Wheeling Symphony and also performed and assisted with band concerts in local parks. He was a private piano teacher, dean of the American Guild of Organists, president of the Ohio Valley Music Educators Society and Regional Bandmasters Association, vice president of the West Virginia Bandmasters Association and chairman of the Oglebay Institute music committee. He was president of the Ohio County Retired Teachers Association and was a member of the Wheeling Hall of Fame Board.



Michael Joseph Owens - *Business, Industry and Professions*

Those who knew him best said Michael Joseph Owens probably was proudest that his first, and perhaps most famous, invention led to the end of child labor in the glass industry, a life he knew all too well from personal experience.

Owens, who learned the glass business as a child in Wheeling, invented and patented the automatic bottle blowing machine, a device which so revolutionized the glass container industry that the American Society of Mechanical Engineers designated it an International Historic Engineering Landmark in 1983.

Owens' automatic bottle-blowing machine, which had started with an old-fashioned bicycle pump as a basis, had 10,000 separate parts and weighed more than 50 tons. Owens' equipment, which he perfected in 1903, established a standard of hygiene and level of mass production never before achievable. Since absolutely uniform bottles could now be had in large quantities at high speeds, bottling and filling lines were possible in the beverage, food and pharmaceutical industries. Glass bottles and jars added much to the health of the world because foods and beverages could be preserved from contamination while retaining all their flavor and health-giving qualities.

The Owens Bottle Company was formed in 1903 and the bottle machines were installed in other U.S. factories. European bottle producers were licensed to use the Owens machine in 1905-06. Interestingly, Owens received stock in an Ohio Valley company, Hazel Atlas Glass, in return for authorizing the use of his machine for making the wide-mouthed Mason jars for which Hazel Atlas was famous. Modern-day versions of Owens' machine, now licensed worldwide by Owens-Illinois Inc., can each produce more than 1 million bottles a day.

Owens was born Jan. 1, 1859, in Mason County, Virginia (now West Virginia), to Irish immigrant parents, John and Mary Chapman Owens. His father was a coal miner and the family so poor that Michael went to work in the mine with his father before he was 10. One day, the youngster was buried by a coal slide, prompting his mother to secure his father's promise that the boy never return to the mine. John Owens moved his family to Wheeling in search of work; however, young "Mike" Owens' help still was needed by his family and so in 1869, at age 10, he went to work at South Wheeling's Hobbs-Brockunier glass plant. He quickly advanced and became a full-fledged glass blower and skilled journeyman in 1874.

Though lacking in formal education, his background in the debate society of his poor Wheeling neighborhood, his ready Irish tongue and a dislike for all authority prompted Owens to become a union organizer for the American Flint Glass Workers Union. He rose to a position of power in Wheeling Local 9 from 1874 to 1882, helped build

the Union Flint Glass Works at Martins Ferry in 1882 and was selected as a Wheeling Local 9 delegate to the AFGWU conventions in 1883, 1884 and 1887. In 1884, Owens moved to Bellaire and worked for a local glass manufacturer while living in a boarding house owned and operated by Michael McKelvey and his wife. Owens met their daughter, Mary "Molly" McKelvey, whom he would court until he felt he could afford to marry. They wed in the summer of 1890 in Bellaire.

In combination with Edward Drummond Libbey and Edward Ford, Owens is considered part of the force that made Toledo, Ohio, the glass capital of the world. Libbey had moved his New England Glass Co. to Toledo from Massachusetts in 1888 to take advantage of abundant sand and natural gas in the region and also after Owens and others from the union had tried to organize Libbey's New England company and then went on strike against it. Libbey had said he would never reopen the Massachusetts plant if the union struck it and, true to his word, he had made his move to Ohio.

That same year, Owens left Wheeling and headed to Toledo where he asked Libbey for a job. Despite their differences over the union, Libbey hired the young glassblower and soon promoted him to plant supervisor of what would become Libbey Glass Co. He also made it possible for Owens to work on his inventions. Owens' name appears on 49 patents. His inventions included devices to make light bulbs, lamp chimneys, tumblers, cut glass and improved sheet glass.

From 1911 to 1915, Owens had perfected a fully automatic machine for making sheet glass and in 1916 Libbey-Owens Sheet Glass Corp. was formed. In 1930 this company merged with Ford's company to become Libbey-Owens-Ford. Ford had arrived in Toledo from Indiana in 1898 and was part of the family that was instrumental in founding Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. His company was Edward Ford Glass Co.

While Libbey and Ford were the entrepreneurs, Owens was described as "the genius who brought the financiers together." By 1930, ironically after the deaths of all three men, the glass giants' names were joined for the rest of the 20th century in the Libbey-Owens-Ford Co. Also after Owens' death, a joint venture research and development project by his company, Owens-Illinois, with Corning Glass Works led to creation of the fiberglass industry and establishment in 1938 of Owens-Corning Fiberglass Corp.

Owens died on Dec. 27, 1923, less than a week before his 65th birthday. He was attending an Owens Bottle Co. board meeting where he was requesting funds for a new project when he asked to be excused from the session for a moment, told the phone operator to call his priest and then died within 20 minutes. He was survived by his widow, a son and a daughter.



Bill Van Horne - *Sports and Athletics*

According to his colleague Nick Bedway, Bill Van Horne liked to joke that he always was a sports editor and was never demoted or promoted during his half-century-plus career. There were numerous opportunities for advancement, but leaving his beloved Ohio Valley sports scene was something Van Horne would never seriously consider.

Van Horne, the dean of the Ohio Valley sportswriters, served as sports editor of the Wheeling News-Register from 1966 until his death on June 11, 1995. Before that, he was sports editor of The Times-Leader of Martins Ferry for 25 years. His contemporaries called Van Horne "the most informational, motivational and influential figure in Ohio Valley athletics in the last 50 years;" "the No. 1 supporter of all sports in the Ohio Valley;" and "always positive about the people and events he wrote about. He was a great treasure to the community and especially to the Ohio Valley sports community."

His coverage and support for events like the Elby's Distance Race, (which today is the Ogden 20K Classic), the West Virginia Tennis Open and (the now defunct) Wheeling LPGA Classic helped them reach prominence. His backing also was a factor in the popularity and success enjoyed by the Wheeling Ironmen and Wheeling Blues professional football and basketball teams during their heydays. Throughout his career, Van Horne was able to build and maintain close friendships and relationships with sports greats like Joe and Phil Niekro, John Havlicek, Alex and Lou Groza, Tom Keane, Fred Bruney, Bill Mazeroski, Chuck Howley, Bobby Douglas, Lance Mehl, Woody Hayes and Lou Holtz, all with roots in the Ohio Valley. His interviews and reports could make a local sports star feel like one of the greats and could make one of the greats remember he or she was still a much loved local kid.

William F. Van Horne was born March 9, 1921, in Martins Ferry, the only child of the late James F. and Adria McGlumphly Van Horne. He graduated from Martins Ferry High School in 1939 and two years later began his career in the newspaper business. It's impossible to list all of the sports events Van Horne covered. In football, the tally on the college level alone includes two Rose Bowls, four Peach Bowls, the Gator Bowl, the Hall of Fame Bowl, the Bluebonnet Bowl, the Fiesta Bowl and dozens of Ohio State and WVU games. He attended several major league all-star games, was in the ballpark for three Major League Baseball no-hit games and covered a number of World Series games, including the one where Tiltonsville native Mazeroski won the 1960

World Championship for the Pittsburgh Pirates. Van Horne covered the Indianapolis 500 and U.S. Olympic Track and Field Trials. He was present for the dedication of the College Football Hall of Fame at King's Island near Cincinnati, for the first event held at the Hoosier Dome in Indianapolis and for the NCAA Wrestling Championships at Kent State University.

Numerous awards and honors were bestowed on Van Horne. The Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club named him Man of the Year in 1993, made him honorary chairman of the 14th annual Charity Sports Awards Banquet and gave him its R.S. McKelvey Memorial Award. He was the West Virginia Sportswriter of the Year in 1972, won the "Mr. Mat" Award presented by the Ohio Valley Wrestling Coaches Association in 1977, was presented the Gene Morehouse Memorial Award for contributions in sports writing throughout West Virginia and three times was the West Virginia Wrestling Sportswriter of the Year. He was an honorary referee for the Bellaire Relays and received the Chairman's Award from Elby's Distance Race officials and the Calvin Giffin Memorial Track Award, presented through the Ohio Valley Athletic Conference, for contributions to the sport of track and field.

He received achievement citations from the OVAC, Dapper Dan Club, the Southeastern Ohio District of the Czechoslovakian Society of America, Bellaire Relays, Martins Ferry Wrestling Boosters, Bellaire Touchdown Club, East Liverpool Board of Education and the City of Martins Ferry. He was a member and past president of the West Virginia Sports Writers Association and a member of the College Football Writers of America and the first sportswriter from West Virginia to be elected to its board of directors. He was West Virginia state chairman for the Heisman Trophy selection committee. Posthumous honors for Van Horne include having the grandstand at Wheeling Jesuit University's track named in his honor and having a scholarship established in his honor for an English student at Martins Ferry High. He has been inducted into the Minor League Pro Football Hall of Fame in Canton, the Lou Holtz Upper Ohio Valley Hall of Fame in East Liverpool, the Wheeling-Oglebay Tennis Club Hall of Fame for his coverage of tennis in the Ohio Valley and the Ohio Baseball Hall of Fame for promoting baseball in Ohio.

Van Horne's survivors include his widow, Gladys, a Wheeling resident who is retired family editor of the News-Register; his daughter, Linda Ellis; a granddaughter, Tina Hasher, and two great-grandchildren, Faith and Logan; and two stepsons and their families.

Van Horne served on several Hall of Fame boards, most notably for the West Virginia Sports Writers Association and the Upper Ohio Valley Dapper Dan Club. As a charter member of its board, he had a vote concerning enshrinement of the first 65 people inducted into the Wheeling Hall of Fame, 14 in sports.



Wesley J. Wagner - *Music and Fine Arts*

Walk down a hall at the Oglebay Institute headquarters or turn a corner inside Peterson Hospital and you might find before you an example of the work of Wesley J. Wagner, painter, artist and educator.

According to the committee that nominated him to the Wheeling Hall of Fame, Wagner's "gifts are evident in the quality of his works. His greatness is apparent in his ability to share his genius and his quest for learning with others. His body of work numbers in the thousands and his paintings hang in hundreds of homes and many businesses locally, nationally and internationally... In his more than 50-year career, he has captured and documented on canvas the local and regional landmarks of our developing community. He has recorded images of rural life, historic structures and industrial sites.

"His skilled and artistic eye has enabled everyone who views his work to appreciate first hand the essence of our city's history and greatness. At the heart of his artistic soul is not just a practicing artist but also a teacher. Since 1952, Wes has taught young and old continuously in elementary, secondary and college classrooms and in non-traditional settings, including camps, prisons and nursing homes. Wes is an advocate for nurturing the creative spirit he believes dwells within each person.

"He is a mentor to artists and teachers throughout the country. His reward is in the knowledge that each of his students has grown from his expertise, kindness, character and desire to inspire others. Those gifts then have been carried to new generations," the committee declared.

From 1952 to 1962, Wagner was art instructor at Wheeling Country Day School and art specialist with Oglebay Institute. From 1962 to 1990, he taught many classes for Oglebay Institute, including OI extension classes in Barnesville, Woodsfield and New Martinsville. He also conducted many workshops and classes at varied places that included Camp Walden, Mass.; West Virginia Penitentiary at Moundsville; Cedar Lakes; Parkersburg; Wheeling Jesuit University and West Liberty State College Elderhostel.

Wagner taught full-time at the college level for 25 years. He began teaching art, including drawing, painting and two-dimensional design, at Bethany College in 1963 and retired as associate professor of art in 1988. The college awarded him an honorary doctorate of letters degree when he staged a Retrospective exhibition of his works in September 1994. At that time, he also was presented the Distinguished West Virginian Award from Gov. Gaston Caperton for outstanding achievement and meritorious service.

While he works in varied media, including collage, pastel and oil, Wagner has become best known for his talents as a watercolorist. He has had 17 one-man shows and more than 40 group shows in several states, winning many awards. He has been active with many community organizations, most recently as one of the 35 founding artist members of Artworks Around Town.

Interested in music, he sang for 30 years in the Edgwood Evangelical Lutheran Church choir. He played jazz drums during his Army days and later in a Wheeling group known as the Rhythm Kings Orchestra. An accomplished organist, he has played for Oglebay Institute events and is a member and past president of the Wheeling Hammond Organ Society. He is a past co-chairman of the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra Viennese Ball. He also has been a member of the Wheeling Civic Center Murals Committee, Wheeling Rotary Club, Oglebay Mansion Committee, Blue Pencil Club, Bethany Faculty Club (past president), American Legion, Victorian Wheeling Society, Friends of Wheeling, Wheeling Hall of Fame Board, Historical Restoration Investment Association, International Torch Club (past president), the Forum Club and the Visual Arts Committee for the West Virginia Arts and Humanities Council. Wagner also played tennis and won several tournaments in his younger years and was an avid pool player.

Wagner was born Nov. 24, 1917, at Ambridge, Pa., one of the five children of the late August John and Amelia Henrietta Gable Wagner. In 1937, the family moved to Wheeling where Wagner graduated from Triadelphia High School in 1937 and joined the U.S. Army in 1942.

After receiving his Army training at Camp Chaffee, Ark., Wagner was transferred to Camp Campbell, Ky., in preparation for shipping out for combat duty with his unit, Company B, 19th Armored Infantry Battalion, 14th Armored Division. However, during a maneuver, a 75 mm artillery shell accidentally exploded about 20 yards from his group. One soldier was killed and five others were injured, Pfc. Wagner "critically" with leg and arm wounds.

Since childhood, Wagner would draw constantly. While recovering from his wounds, he met artist Virginia McCall, who encouraged him to attend The Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts in Philadelphia where he was a student from 1947 to 1951. He also studied "Traditions of Painting" at the Barnes Foundation, a prestigious Philadelphia center for the arts. He returned to Wheeling and began his painting career in a studio above a garage on National Rd.

In 1958, Wagner married his first wife, Mary Lou Weible Wagner, who died in 1976, and the couple had one daughter, Leslie Wagner Hanson. Wagner married his second wife, Ruth K. Mangus Wagner, in 1982. Wagner's family includes five stepchildren: Steven Weible, Linda Weible Yertzell, Jeffrey Mangus, Randall Mangus, and Timothy Mangus; and 10 grandchildren.

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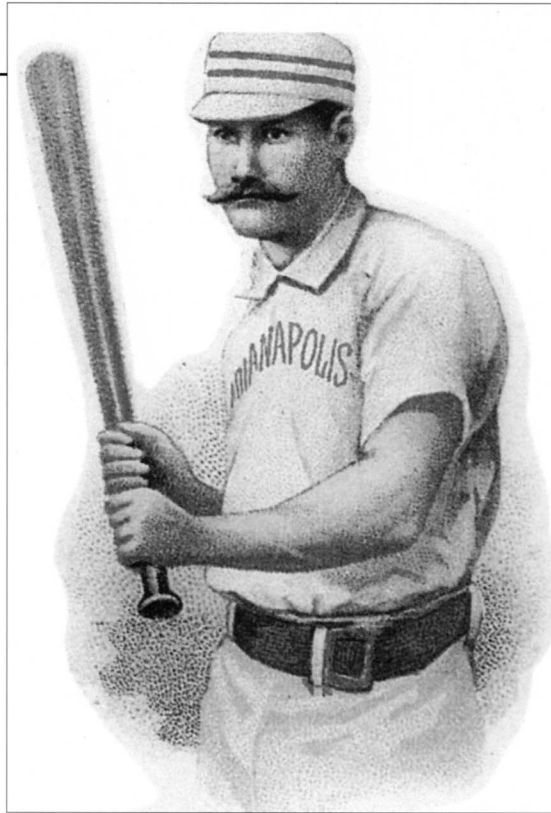


HELEN B. GAITHER

1900 - 1996

(PHILANTHROPY)

A member of Oglebay Institute for almost 60 years, Miss Gaither left a \$1.6 million bequest to support programs at the Stifel Fine Arts Center. She also made major bequests to Ohio Valley Medical Center, St. Matthews Episcopal Church and the Ohio County Public Library. Miss Gaither was an award winning breeder of Gaidoune Scottish Terriers.



JOHN WESLEY GLASSCOCK

1857 - 1947

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

First West Virginian to play Major League Baseball. *Sports Illustrated* magazine named him as one of the three best shortstops of all time in 1984. Led the National League in fielding throughout his career, hitting in 1890, and set numerous records without the benefit of a glove. He came home to Wheeling to lead local team to Iron and Oil League title.



HARRY C. HAMM

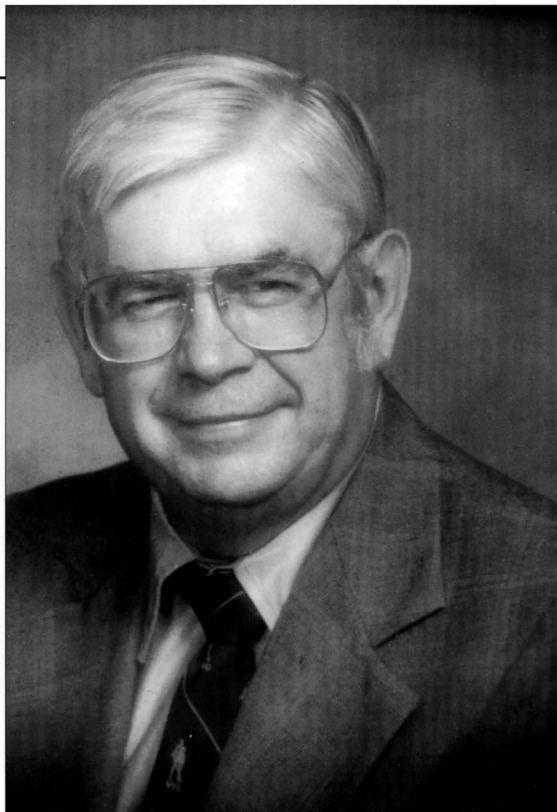
1923 - 1991

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

A newspaperman for 50 years, his editorials as Wheeling News-Register editor championed causes such as quality education and health care, crime control, bridge construction, urban renewal, good government, and more. Helped secure millions in funding local parks, colleges, hospitals, cultural institutions and public improvements. Authored WHEELING 2000 revitalization plan.

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CARL RICHARD HUSS

1925 - 1996

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND
PROFESSIONS)

Distinguished aeronautical engineer, a member of NASA Space Task Force Group. Worked in the Mission Planning and Analysis Division for the Apollo Lunar Landing missions, Space Lab, Apollo-Soyuz, and the Space Shuttle program. Recipient of the NASA Outstanding Leadership medal. Served in Army Air Corps and Air Force Reserve.



**SISTER ANNE REGINA O'LEARY,
S.S.J.**

1912 -

(RELIGION AND EDUCATION)

A Sister of St. Joseph of Wheeling since 1932. First principal of a merged Wheeling Central Catholic High School. Served as General Superior/president of Wheeling S.S.J. General Council and other leadership offices over the past 40 years. Founder and president of S.S.J. of Wheeling Foundation.



MARILYN HUGHEY PHILLIS

1927 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Regarded as one of the most important watercolor artists in the country. Elected member of the American Watercolor Society and National Watercolor Society. Author of the best selling book *Watermedia Techniques for Releasing Creative Spirit*. Well-known and in demand as teacher and seminar leader. Interested in the connection between art and healing.

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RALPH REED SPEARS

1859 - 1943

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

Gained national recognition while building an oil distribution empire in South Wheeling. Established Fleet-Wing as first jobber brand of oil products. Pioneered development of tetraethyl anti-knock gasoline. Spears and Riddle Co. held the first franchise for ethyl gasoline.

Demonstrated his engineering and mechanical genius as founder and president of Spears Axle Co.



G. RANDOLPH "RANDY" WORLS

1938 -

(PUBLIC SERVICE)

CEO of Wheeling Park Commission for 27 years, he oversaw the establishment of the Winter Festival of Lights, Oglebayfest, and the American Heritage Crafts Festival. A Benedum Foundation trustee, CEO of Oglebay Foundation, CEO of Parks System Trust Fund, he's a visionary whose keen insight and expertise makes him an invaluable asset to the city of Wheeling.

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DOMINIC V. AGOSTINO

1931 -

(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 \$30 million 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.



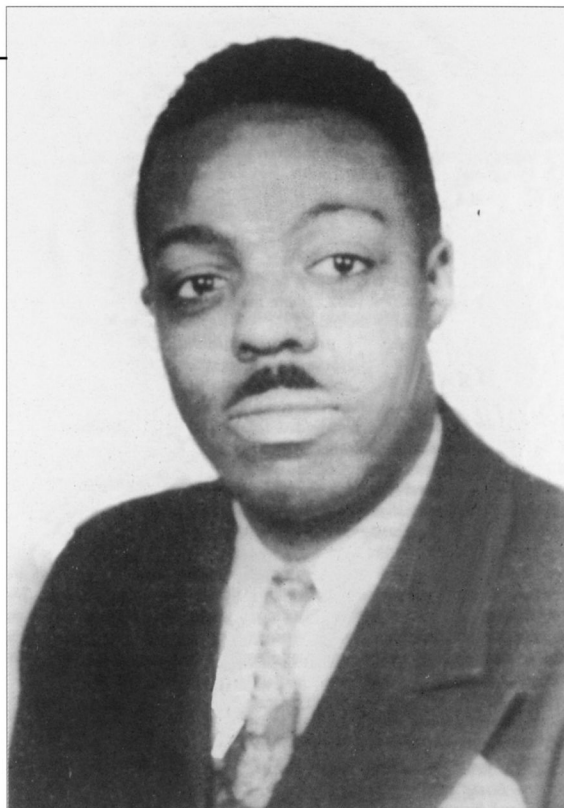
ETHEL CLARE ELIKAN

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.

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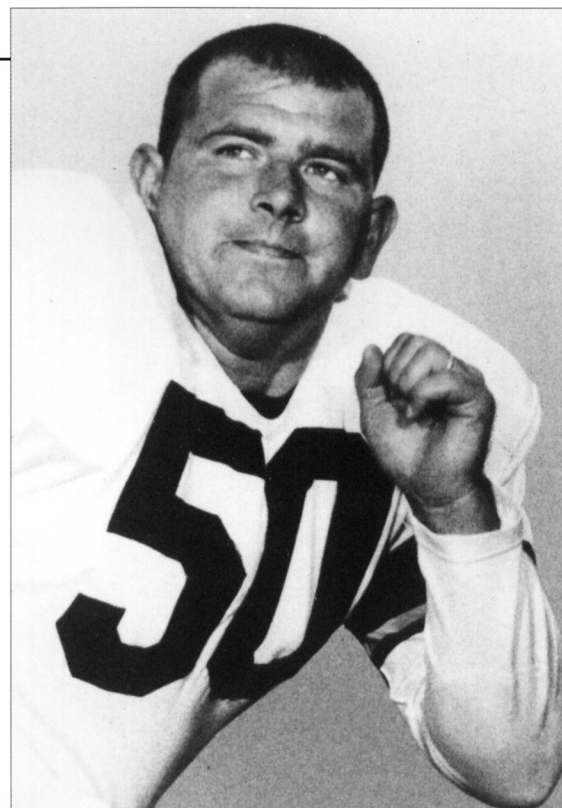


PHILLIP NATHANIAL REED

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.

1998 INDUCTEES

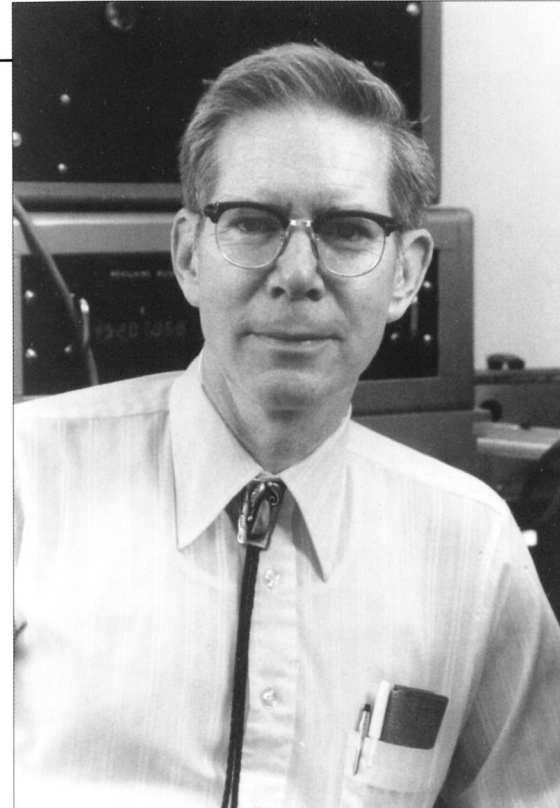


HENRY STIFEL SCHRADER

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.

1994 INDUCTEES

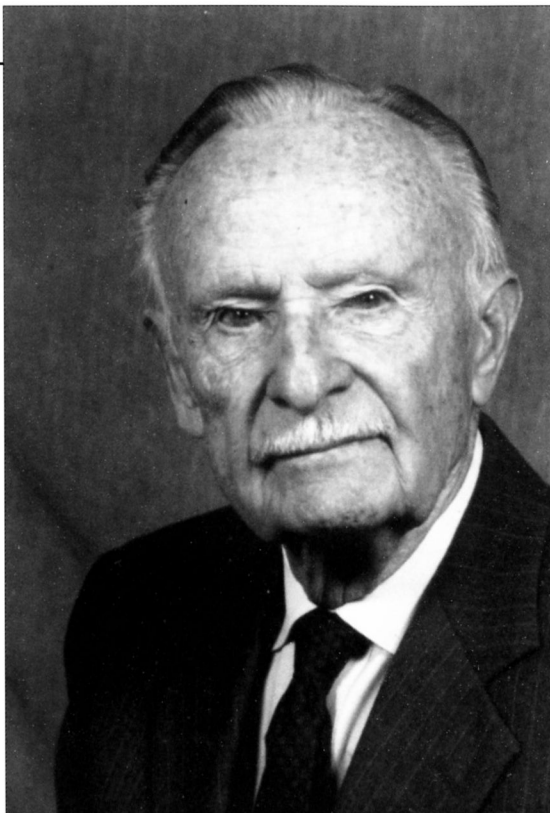


SALLY CARROLL

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 the Card Walker Award in 1984 for her contributions to junior golf nationally.

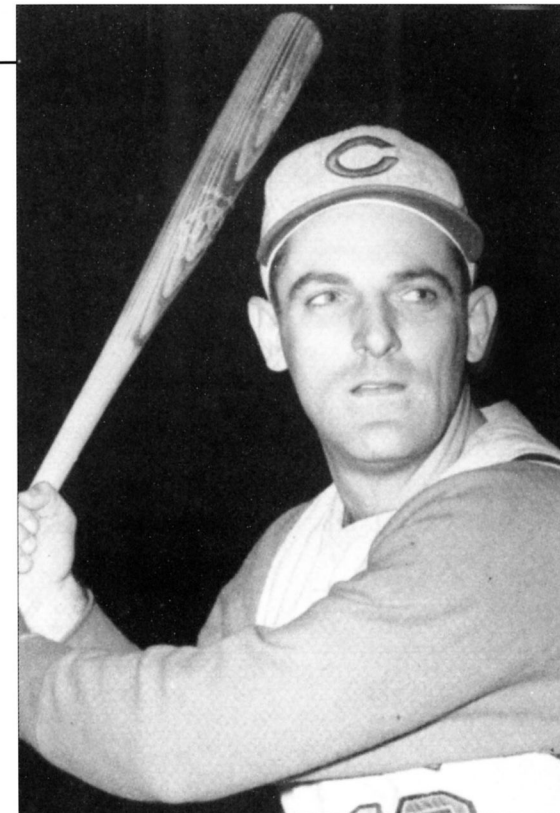


ELLIS R. DUNGAN

1909 - 2001

(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.



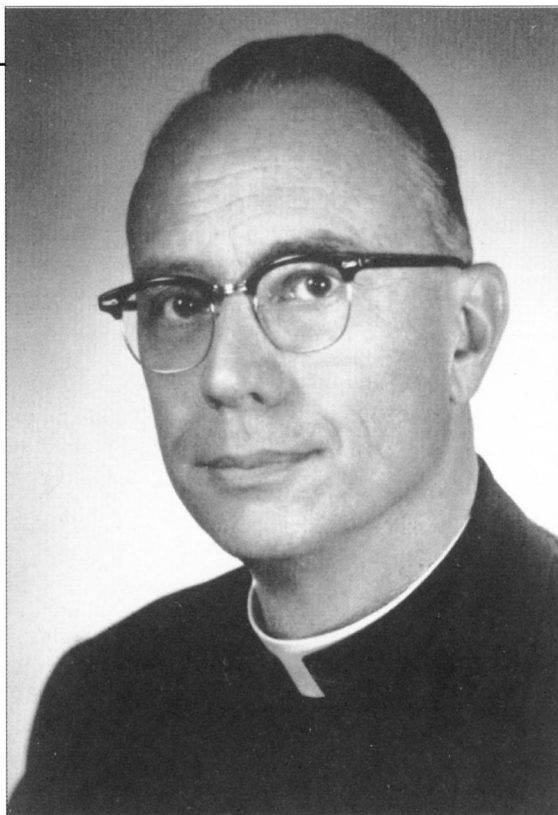
GENE FREESE

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.

1994 INDUCTEES

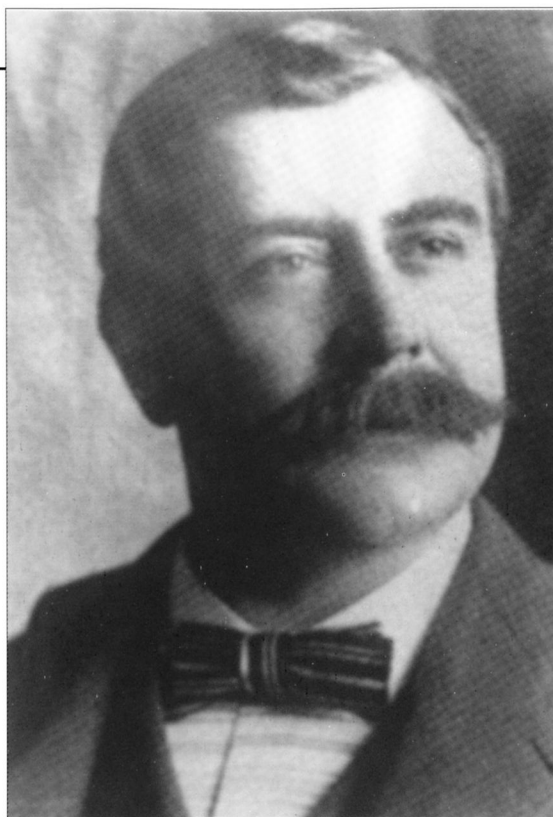


**REV. FATHER CLIFFORD
M. LEWIS, S.J.**

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.

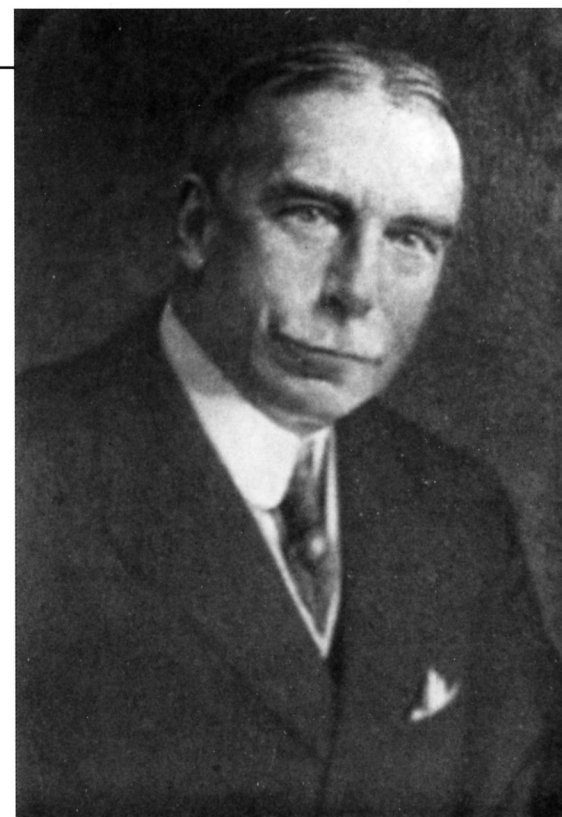


HARRY C. NORTHWOOD

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.



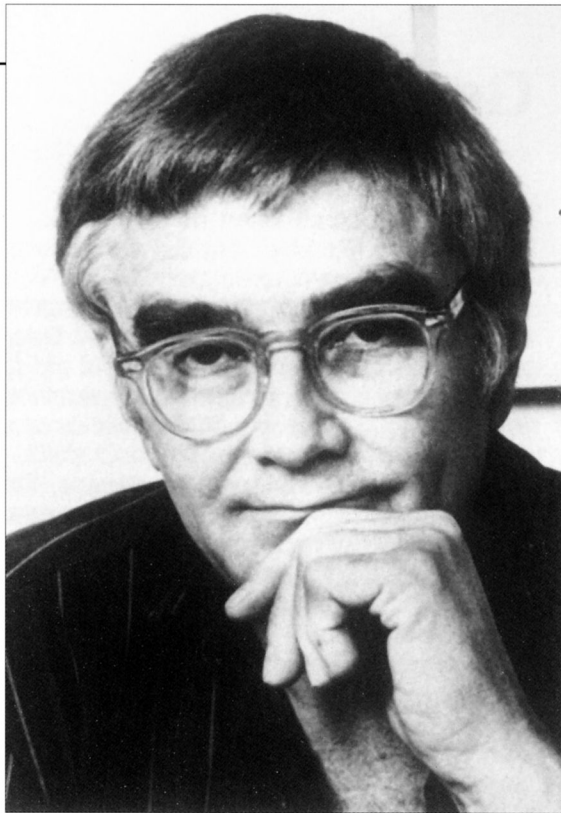
B. WALKER PETERSON

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.

1992 INDUCTEES

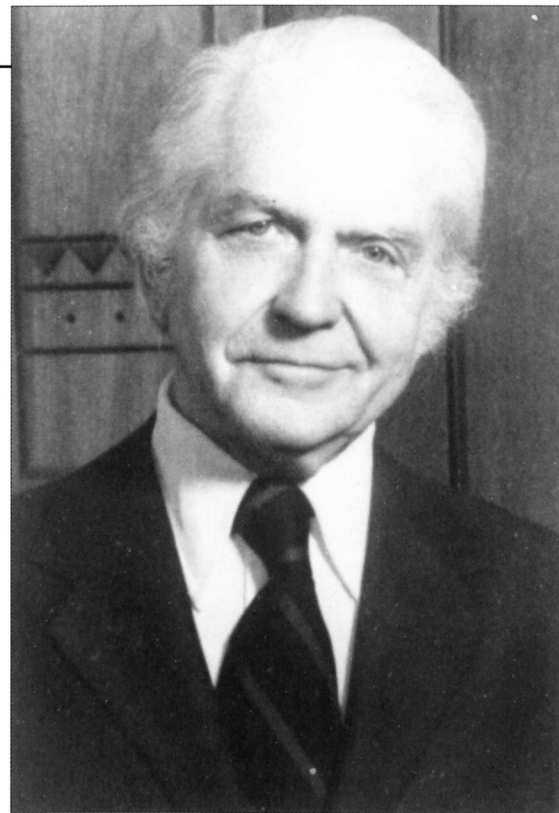


BUDD HOPKINS

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

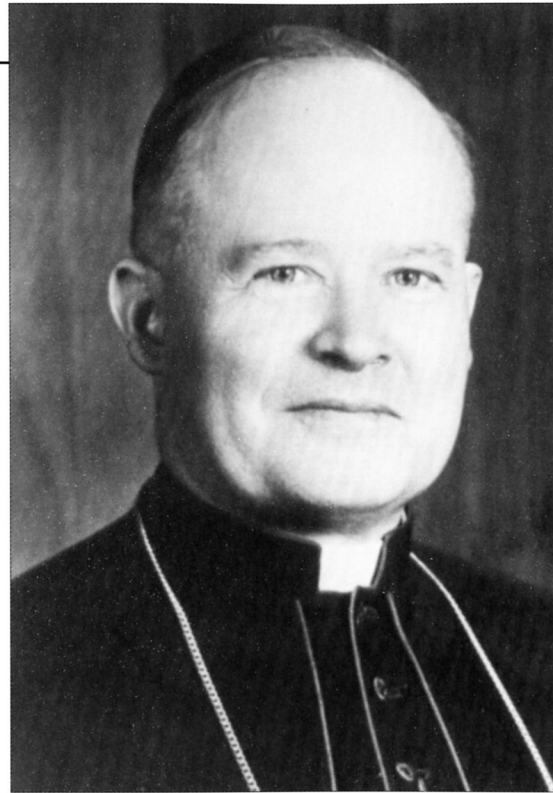


CHESTER R. HUBBARD

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.

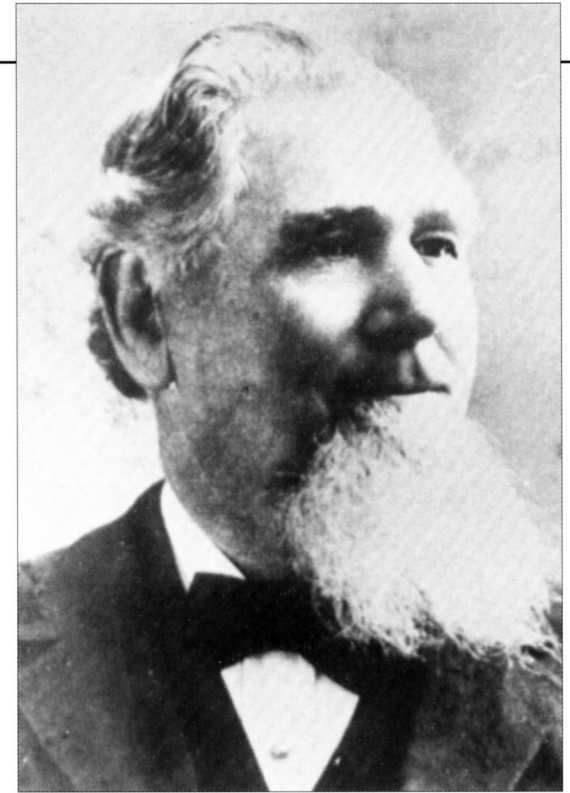


MOST REV. JOSEPH H. HODGES, D.D.

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.

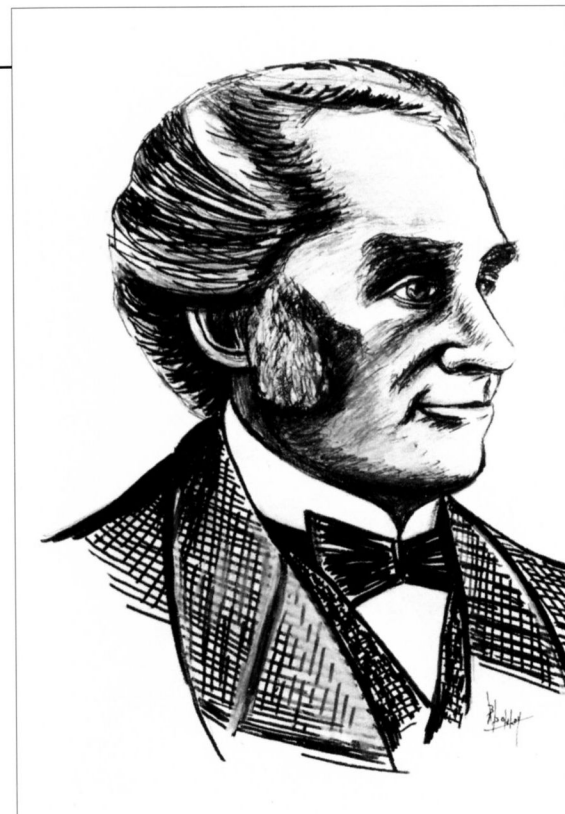


DR. WILLIAM S. FULTON

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.

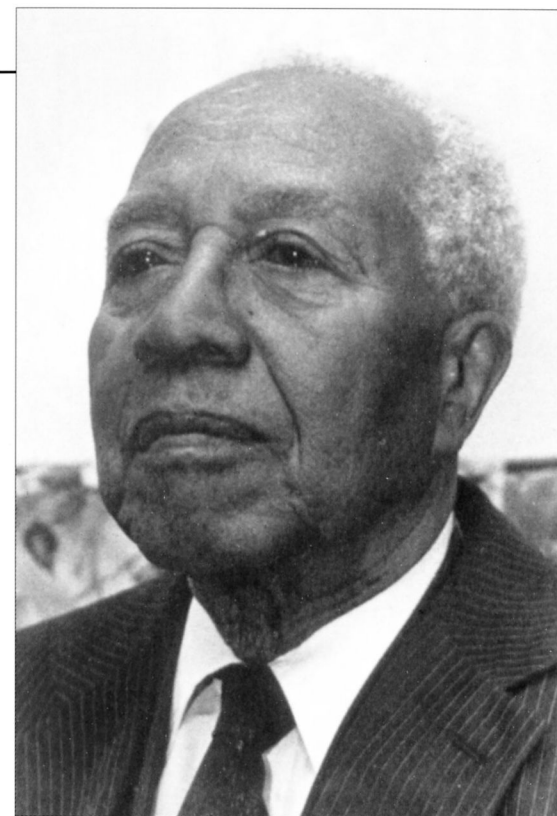


MICHAEL J. VALAN

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

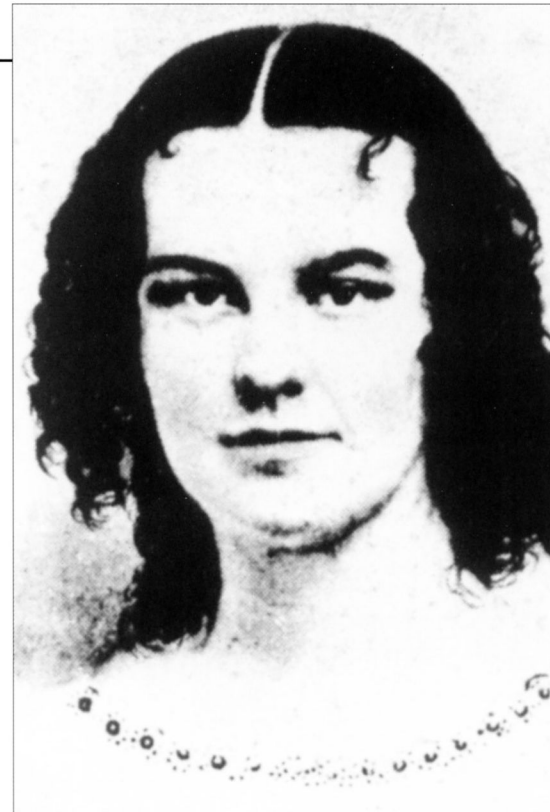


ROBERT E. "BOB" BIERY

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.



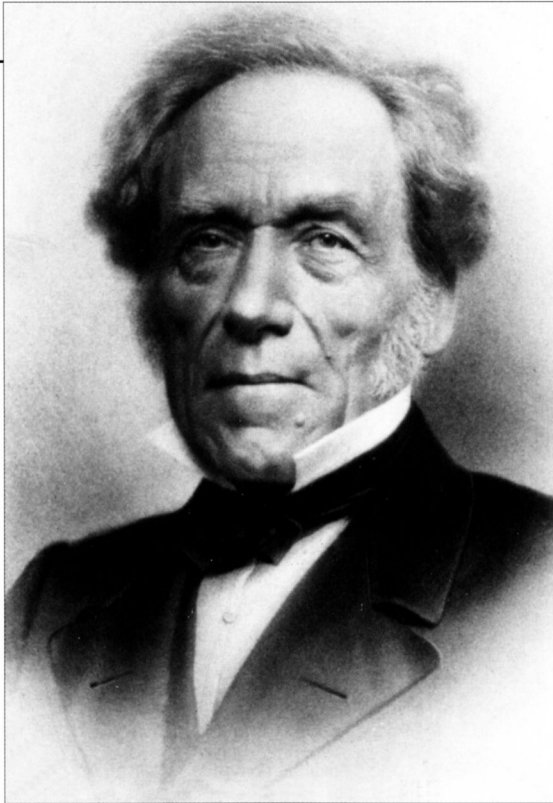
OTTO SCHENK
1863 - 1933

(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

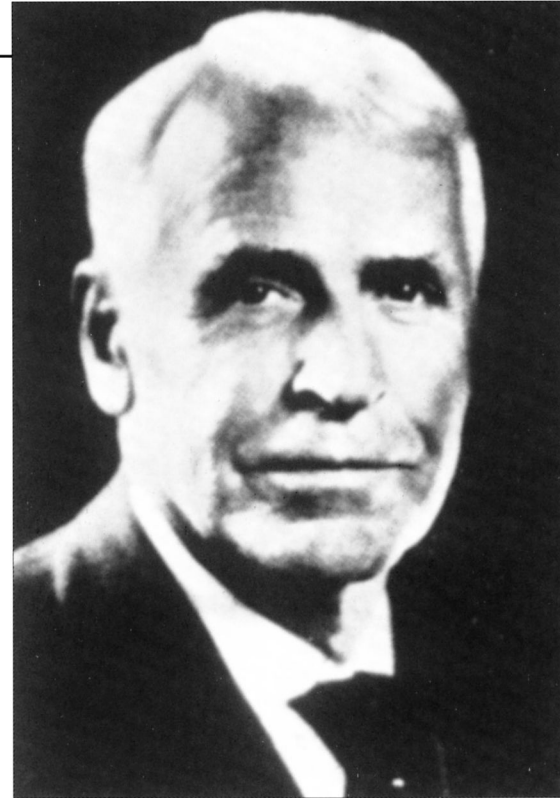


JOHANN LUDWIG STIFEL

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

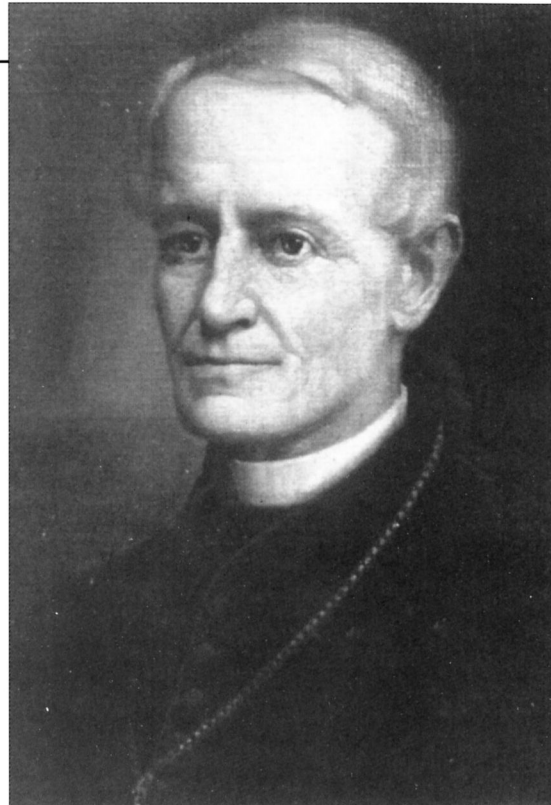


WILBUR E. STONE

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.

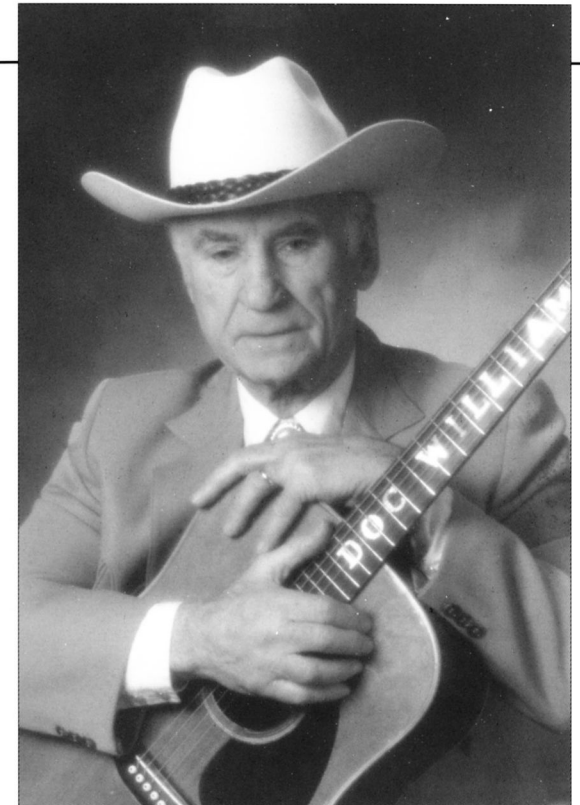


REV. RICHARD V. WHELAN

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.

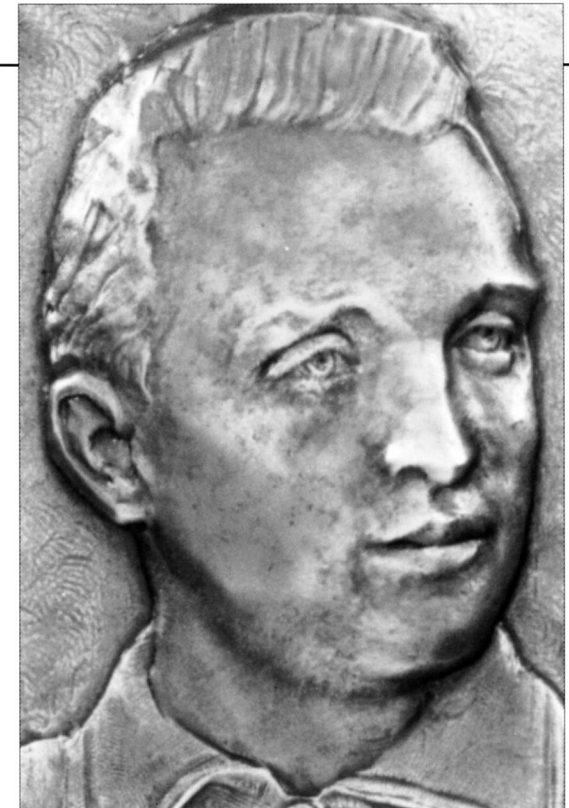


V. EVERETT BRINKMAN

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.

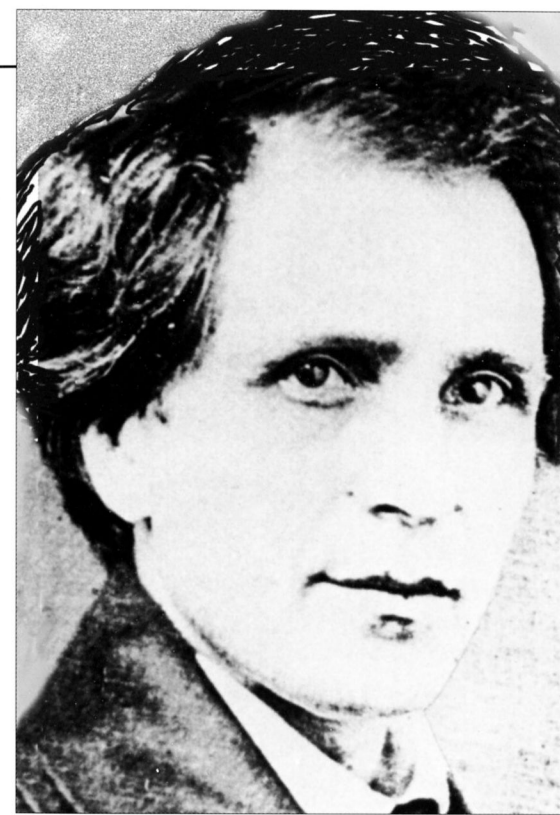


HARRY C. HOLBERT SR.

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.

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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.

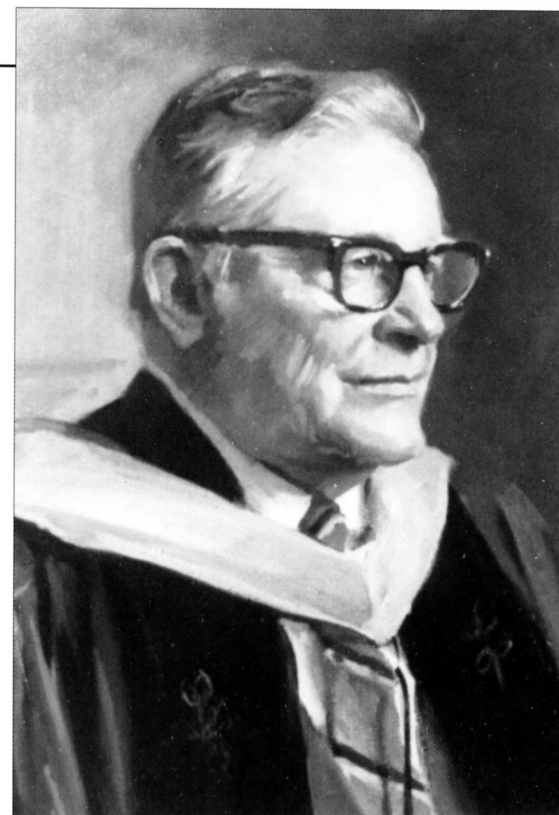


RT. REV. ROBERT E. L. STRIDER, D.D.

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.

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1980 INDUCTEES

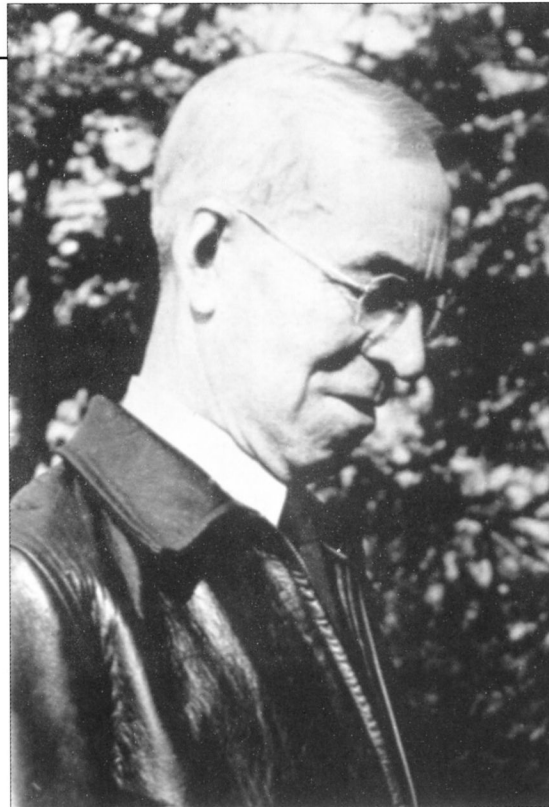


LEVERING C. BONAR

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

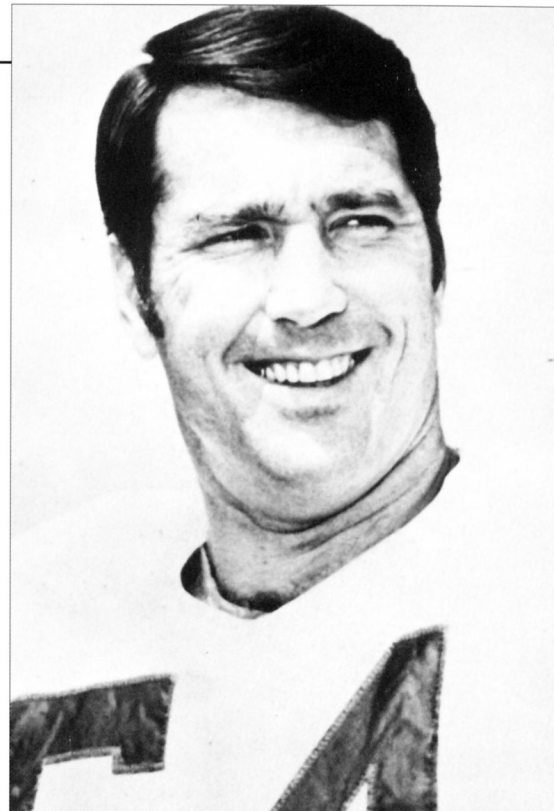


ALEXANDER GLASS

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.

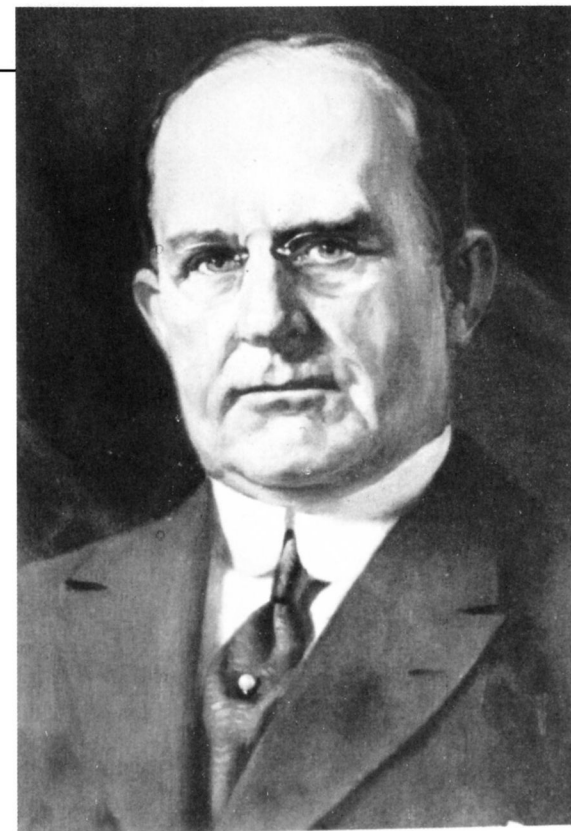


GEORGE J. KOSSUTH

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

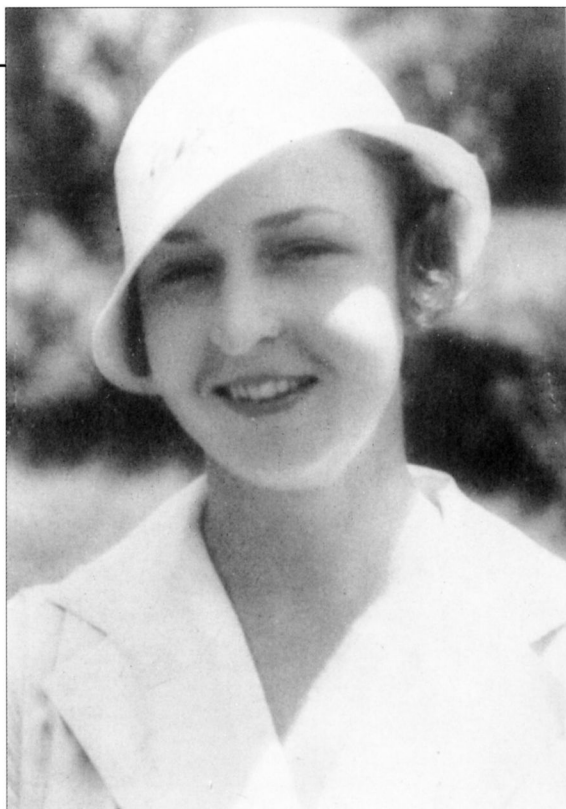
1849 - 1926

(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.

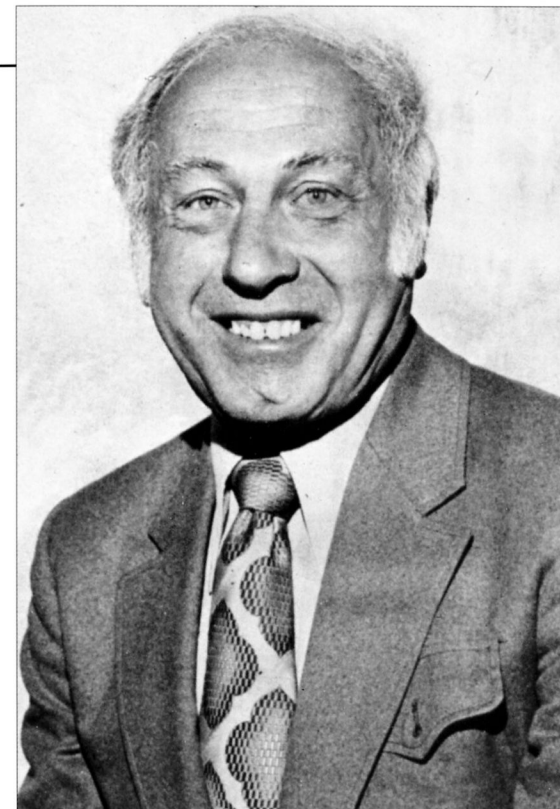


WALTER P. REUTHER

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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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.

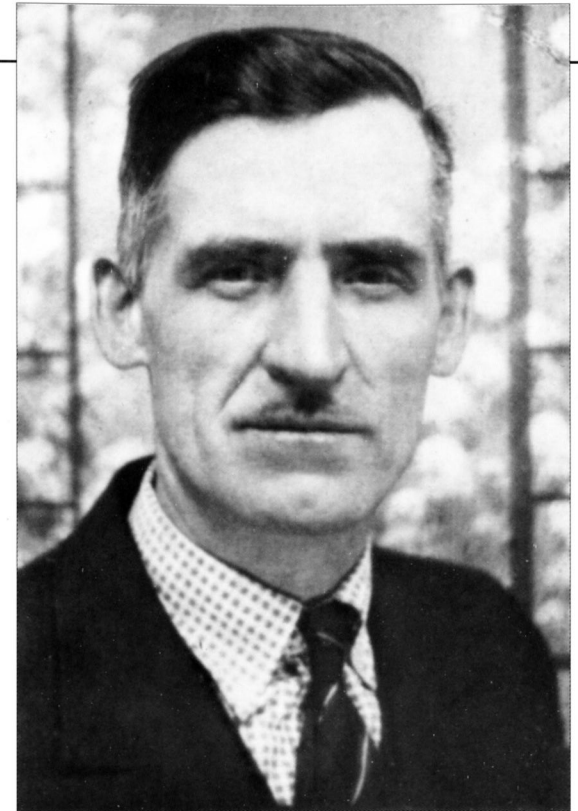


GEORGE E. STIFEL

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

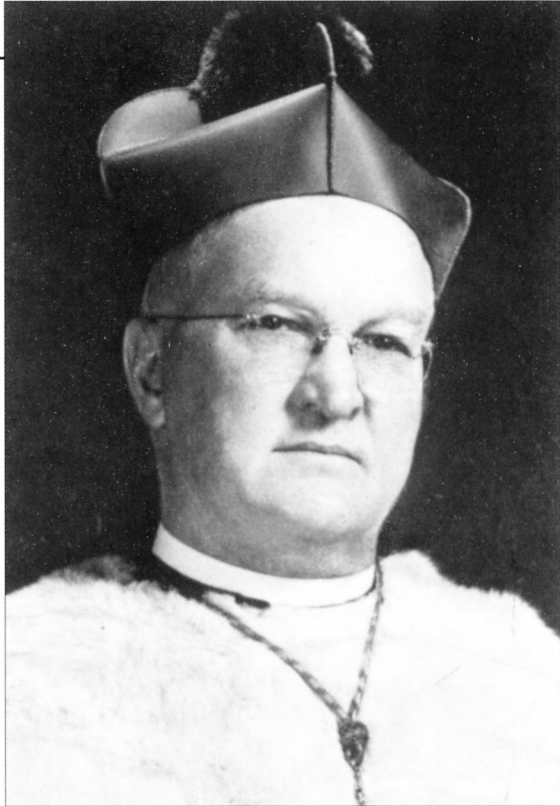
1894 - 1967

(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 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 October 26, 1986. Six inductees were enshrined on October 21, 1990. Five more were ushered into this distinguished company on November 29, 1992. Six people were inducted on November 20, 1994. Seven people were inducted into the Hall of Fame at ceremonies on September 20, 1998, eight in November 26, 2000, and five more on December 1, 2002. The 2004 class of six honorees and the 2006 class of five honorees brings to ninety-six 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 and Michael Pockl was named Secretary-Treasurer, to be succeeded in that position by James Seibert

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.