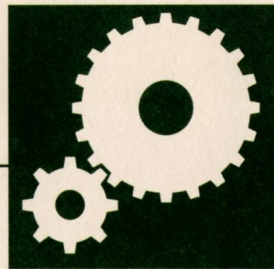


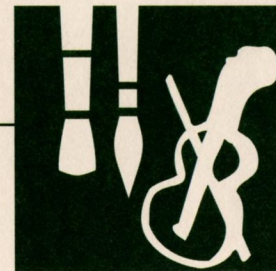


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November 28



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2004 Induction Ceremony
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Religion and Education - Annie Sinclair Cunningham
Sports and Athletics - Rose May Gacioch
Business, Industry and Professions - Robert C. Hazlett
Music and Fine Arts - Keith Lee Maillard
Earl Summers, Jr.
Public Service - Justice Thomas B. Miller

➤ Program ➤

National Anthem

Invocation - Reverend Roger L. Smith, Christ United Methodist 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 J. Robert Willits, First Presbyterian Church

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Annie Sinclair Cunningham - *Religion and Education*

At her funeral in 1897 in Wheeling's First Presbyterian Church, Annie Sinclair Cunningham, wife of the pastor, Rev. David Ayers Cunningham, was praised as "a woman who has shown what a woman can do, and has done her work so well that she has made her influence felt in this congregation, in this city, in this region round about, over the country, and throughout the world."

Among Annie's achievements in the city of Wheeling, one is still an outstanding example of her concern for others. Originally located at 37 Thirteenth Street and named the West Virginia Home for Aged and Friendless Women, the home received its corporate charter from the state in 1890. Annie was characterized by its Board of Lady Managers as its "originator, first president and best friend." In 1922 the Board of Directors changed the name to the West Virginia Home for Aged Women. In 1940, the children of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Bloch donated their estate on National Road, "Elmhurst", to the home, noting that their mother had been on the board of the home from 1890 to 1894. In 1989, the home received the official title "Elmhurst, The House of Friendship" and admission was extended to include men and couples.

Before coming to Wheeling, Annie had lived in Philadelphia and was very active in church activities. She was the first chairperson of the nominating committee of the Women's Christian Association of Philadelphia, a founder and vice president until her death of the Presbyterian Woman's Foreign Missionary Society, and an officer of the 1876 Philadelphia Centennial Exhibition organization.

When Annie and her husband came to Wheeling, she was elected president of the Foreign Missionary Society of the Presbytery of Washington, Pennsylvania, a position she held for 20 years. Her interest in missionaries is noted in a biographical sketch, *A Useful Life*: "For more than thirteen years, Annie was a secretary of the Chautauqua Missionary Institute, in which women of all denominations met annually." The Chautauqua Institution, a not-for-profit educational center

in New York, presented distinguished religious leaders in its programs. Emeline Pierson of New York wrote of "the careful attention to visiting missionaries at Chautauqua which Mrs. Cunningham always bestowed" and a letter from India calls her "our best friend in America." Only months before her death, Annie was recognized by her peers from around the world when she was elected president of the International Union of Women for Foreign Mission Work at their meeting in Glasgow, Scotland.

Among the many tributes expressed at the time of her death was one in the *Wheeling Register*: "Mrs. Cunningham was a woman of splendid intellectual attainments, with which she combined tireless energy and remarkable executive ability. She was broad-minded, sympathetic and thoroughly practical, and the unfortunate, both at home and in foreign lands, had no more earnest or more valuable friend."

Annie Campbell Fraser Sinclair Cunningham was born in the West Highlands, Scotland, in 1832. Her parents were John Sinclair, a Presbyterian clergyman, and Mary Julia McLean Sinclair. The family emigrated to Nova Scotia and then to Prince Edward's Island. In 1854 they moved to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania and in 1858 Annie married Rev. David Ayers Cunningham, pastor of the Presbyterian church in Bridgewater, Pennsylvania. The couple's only child died and was buried there. In 1864 Rev. Cunningham was called to Philadelphia, and then in 1876 he accepted a call to the First Presbyterian Church in Wheeling where he was pastor until 1908.

In *A Useful Life*, numerous tributes to Annie include the following: "The First Church of Wheeling will miss her... Chautauqua will miss her, the mission cause throughout the Church will miss her..." The high regard in which she was held in Wheeling is indicated in a newspaper account of her funeral noting there were "members from nearly every church congregation in the city and people who were not identified with any church. It was indeed an occasion of deep sorrow."



Rose Gacioch - Sports and Athletics

Visitors from Wheeling to the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York, will find a picture of a Wheeling native, Rose Gacioch. Gacioch, a pioneer in women's professional baseball and one of the inspirations behind the major motion picture "A League of Their Own", was mainly responsible for the long run of 11 seasons enjoyed by the All-American Girls Professional Baseball League which began during World War II. The organizer of the league was P. K. Wrigley, owner of the Chicago Cubs' Major League franchise, who believed that, with most of the top major league players away fighting the war, there was a place for women's professional baseball.

One of the league's top players, Gacioch starred on three championship teams for the Rockford, Illinois Peaches, setting several league records as both a hitter and a pitcher. During the 1946 season, Gacioch led the league in triples and batted .262. With averages of .294 in 1951, .285 in 1953, and a top average of .304 in 1954 when she was 38, she only struck out 162 times in almost 3,000 at-bats. Also in her final season, she recorded an "impressive total" of 13 home runs. As a pitcher, she won 94 games out of a total of 174 and her skill as an overhand pitcher led to the league's changing its rules in 1947 to allow overhand pitching.

While still in her teens, Gacioch had played with a touring team called the All-Star Ranger Girls in 1934 alternating between the outfield and pitching. Women's travel teams then were known as "Bloomer Girls" and were company sponsored clubs. When these teams began switching over to the less expensive game of softball, Gacioch also changed and spent time barnstorming around the Midwest on weekends. But then an opportunity to join the new All-American Professional Women's Baseball League came with a tryout at Pulaski Field in South Wheeling, two blocks from her home. The result was a return to baseball at age 29 as a member of the South Bend Blue Sox. In 1945, her rights were sold to the Rockford Peaches, a move that so angered the Blue Sox' Board of Directors that they passed a resolution limiting the club president's powers. During her first year in Rockford she set a league record of 31 assists from her outfield position, a mark she matched two years later. Her best year with the Peaches was 1951, when she went 20-7, becoming the league's only 20-game winner. She pitched a no-hitter in 1953 and was voted the AAGBL All-Star team in 1952, '53, and '54. What she considered her best pitch was the curveball which she had learned from her brother Steve, the oldest of four Gacioch children and the only boy.

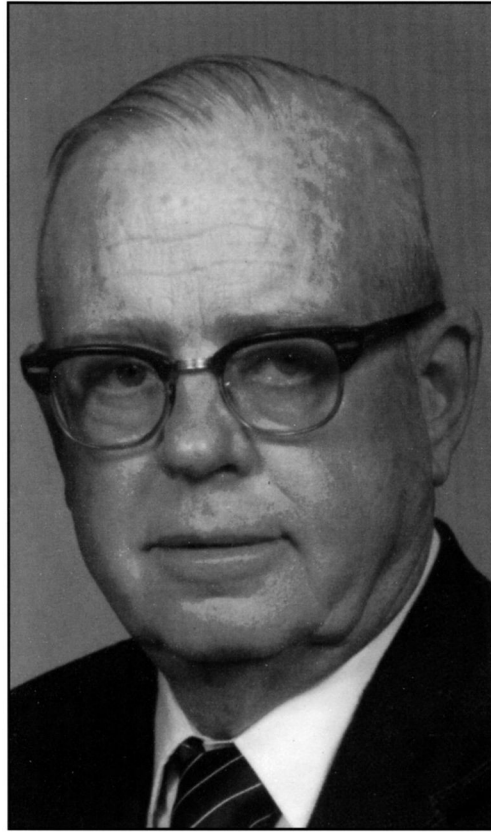
Between baseball seasons, Gacioch took whatever job she could find in Rockford. She worked at bowling alleys, peeled potatoes and even made cigars until it was time to break out the bats and balls. She almost married, but when her beau asked her to quit baseball, she balked and he walked.

Gacioch was born in Wheeling in 1915 and was raised by her mother Anna and her stepfather, Carl Markewicz. Her father had died before her birth and her mother died when she was only 16. That same year, she falsified her age in order to gain employment at Wheeling Corrugating, where her father had worked. She also joined the Little Cardinals, the boys' baseball team in Wheeling. She had attended St. Ladislaus Grade School, but the family financial situation had precluded high school for her. So, working in a factory during World War II, she read about the new women's baseball league being formed and announced to her fellow workers "I'm going to be on that team." When they suggested she was too old, she responded, "Just watch me!"

Interviewed just before her 87th birthday, Gacioch said, "I loved baseball ever since I was a kid." Calling herself a retired ballplayer, she was still attending reunions of the players in the league and proclaimed "I loved my life. I wouldn't want to change a thing."

The following year, honored by the Detroit Tigers, she threw out the ceremonial first pitch. Living in the Detroit area near a niece, she had been flooded with fan mail after the debut of "A League of Their Own," and she graciously answered each and every letter.

With other members of the Rockford Peaches, Gacioch is profiled in a book titled "The Girls of Summer", which traces the history of the AAGPBL. It can be found at: www.exploratorium.edu/baseball/gacioch.html.



Robert C. Hazlett - *Business, Industry and Professions*

Wheeling Banker Robert C. Hazlett helped change the face of banking in West Virginia. Under his leadership, Wheeling Dollar Bank, which later became WesBanco, opened the Ohio Valley's first drive-in facility in 1951. In 1963, he helped organize the first data center to be placed in use by a West Virginia bank. The Wheeling Dollar Savings and Trust Co. continued to grow under his leadership and, in 1976, he unveiled a significant addition to the city's skyline - a \$6 million, eight-story building that is now known as WesBanco Plaza. Hazlett was also a strong supporter of the 1982 West Virginia law that allowed limited branch-banking in the state for the first time. Prior to that legislation, banks were only allowed to have one branch office, which was required to be located within 2,000 feet of the bank's headquarters.

The son of Robert and Anna Cummins Hazlett, Robert C. Hazlett, was born in Wheeling in 1910 and attended the Linsly Military Institute. He went on to receive a civil engineering degree from Cornell University in 1931. Returning to Wheeling in 1931, he became a bookkeeper at the Dollar Savings and Trust Co. His father - a second generation Wheeling resident, former Wheeling Postmaster and a civil engineer - was president of the bank at that time. In a history of the bank, Hazlett wrote: "Today the bank operates under the same charter that was issued in 1870 to The German Bank," the first president of which was Augustus Pollock. In 1933, when the bank merged with the Wheeling Bank and Trust Co. to form the largest bank in West Virginia, Wheeling Dollar Savings and Trust Co., Hazlett became head of the bank's trust department, a position he would hold for 25 years. He became president of the bank in 1958 and later served as chairman of the board and executive committee. After 51 years in the banking industry, he retired from Wheeling Dollar but remained active as a consultant and board member.

In addition to his service with Wheeling Dollar, Hazlett's business contributions included serving as president of the West Virginia Bankers Association; vice president of the Wheeling Area Conference for Community Development; a board member of both the Progressive Bankers Association and the Morris Plan Association; and a director for the following organizations: Centre Foundry, Fostoria Glass, Pittsburgh Federal Reserve Branch, Scott Lumber Co., Wheeling Stamping Co., and the Wheeling Area Chamber of Commerce.

Hazlett has been nominated to inclusion in the Wheeling Hall of Fame under the category of Business, Industry and Professions but, as members of that committee pointed out, he could also have been nominated under the category of Public Service. In 1952 he was selected citizen of the year and his many civic contributions included serving as president of the Ohio County Board of Education; president and member of the Linsly Military Institute Board of Trustees; president and director of the Wheeling Society for Crippled Children; president of the Woodsdale Children's Home; Chairman of the First United Presbyterian Church's board of trustees; exalted ruler of the Wheeling Lodge, BPO Elks; a trustee for both Reynolds Memorial Hospital and Ohio Valley Medical Center; and a member of the advisory boards of Bethany College, West Liberty State College and Wheeling College (Wheeling Jesuit University). After his retirement in 1982, he kept working at one of his passions, a labor of love, with his longstanding involvement with the Wheeling Park Commission.

In a newspaper article entitled "Robert Hazlett Marks 50 Years", the writer stated "Mr. Hazlett believes the old values of family, church, community and business are the values that count. He has a strong sense of self-reliance and a lively interest in anything that is for the betterment of his community."

Hazlett, who died in 1996, and his wife Susan Arbentz, whom he married in 1936, were the parents of five sons, Robert C. Jr., John, James, George and Thomas.



Keith Lee Maillard - *Music and Fine Arts*

An award-winning novelist also recognized for his poetry, Keith Lee Maillard has either received or been nominated for a number of prestigious literary awards in Canada where he has lived since 1970. In 1990 his novel "Motet" received the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize recognizing the best work of fiction by a British Columbia or Yukon resident. In 1995 his first book of poetry, "Dementia Americana", received the Gerald Lampert Memorial Award, an honor sponsored by the League of Canadian Poets. Three other Maillard works that received recognition were "Light in the Company of Women", first runner for the Ethel Wilson Fiction Prize, 1994; "Hazard Zones", short listed for the Commonwealth Literary Prize, 1996; and "Gloria", nominated for the Governor General's Literary Award for Fiction, 1999.

Maillard's other novels include "Alex Driving South" 1980, "Cutting Through" 1982, "The Knife in My Hands" 1982, "Two Strand River" 1996, and "The Clarinet Polka" 2003.

Maillard, currently professor of creative writing at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, has set many of his books in the town of Raysburg, West Virginia, a community referred to by a reader as "an extremely thinly disguised Wheeling." Part of Raysburg is "a large, populated island that sits in the middle of the Ohio River" and its "main industrial base is steel production and its biggest employer is Raysburg Steel." Features such as the Suspension Bridge, National Road and the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad are certainly recognizable as belonging to Wheeling, but the novels are historical fiction.

Keith Lee Maillard was born in Wheeling on February 28, 1942 and grew up living on Front Street on Wheeling Island. His father, Eugene Charles Maillard, and his mother, the former Mabel Eilleen Sharp, divorced while he was still young and Maillard was raised primarily by his mother and grandmother.

Due to the family's single parent income, finances were very tight as Maillard was growing up. His talent and intellect were noticed during his time at Madison Elementary School and he later received a scholarship to attend then Linsly Military Institute. At Linsly Maillard was a consistent honor student, graduating with the third-highest point total in the class of 1960, the point system being based on athletics, participation in student activities and academic performance.

Maillard furthered his education at West Virginia University, the University of Michigan and the Vancouver Community College School of Music. As a young man, he broadened his horizons with a long trip across America in the tradition of Jack Kerouac and his novel "On the Road." From 1968 to 1970, Maillard settled in Boston and worked as a writer/producer for a public affairs radio program titled "Underground News." He also wrote for publications such as the "Free Press of Boston" and "Broadside."

In 1970 Maillard emigrated to Canada and became a Canadian citizen in 1976. Among jobs he has held, he has been a musician, house painter, folk singer, busboy, photographer, sales person, feather dyer, and ghostwriter of University papers. Before joining the Creative Writing Department of the University of British Columbia in Vancouver in 1980, he had taught writing at the Literary Storefront, Barnaby School Board, and Simon Fraser University.

Excerpts from and reviews of Maillard's work are available online. Following are a few lines from a New York Times book review of "The Clarinet Polka" published May 4, 2003: "Keith Maillard's Raysburg novels are marked by a kind of moral nostalgia... In his seventh trip to Raysburg, Maillard looks in on the town's Polish-American community at the end of the 1960s. His narrator, Jimmy Koprowski, is flawed but forgivable. At 25, he's just out of the Air Force and the Vietnam War... When his sister starts an all-female polka band, he serves as its roadie... Maillard makes the connections seamless and his prose is often as buoyant as the polka music he describes."

Maillard is married and the father of two daughters. The family resides in Vancouver.



Thomas B. Miller - Public Service Committee

In a tribute to Justice Thomas B. Miller in the Spring 1995 edition of the West Virginia Law Review, former Clerk of the Court Ancil G. Ramey characterized Miller's tenure on the West Virginia Supreme Court bench as follows: "One of Miller's finest achievements was his ability to sustain, without regard to the political consequences, the constant struggle to articulate a more precise expression of the law to meet the demands of contemporary society, hoping that his efforts might not only serve the needs of the present but also provide guidance for the future evolution of the law."

Regarded by many as one of the finest jurists in the history of the state, Miller was elected to the state's high court and took office on January 1, 1977. He began serving his second twelve-year term January 1, 1989, and retired August 30, 1994. He currently serves as special counsel with Schrader, Byrd & Companion, returning to the Wheeling law firm where he served for nearly 20 years before his election to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.

In the tribute referred to above, fourteen of Justice Miller's most prominent opinions are cited. Examples include *LaRue v. LaRue* in which the issue was fairness to women in the distribution of marital assets upon divorce; *Orr v. Crowder* concerning the issue of free speech rights for government employees; *In re Investigation of the West Virginia State Police Crime Laboratory* which dealt with allegations of misconduct by a former state police serologist; and *Winkler v. State School Building Authority* which involved constitutional limitations on public financing. In 1979, the American Trial Lawyers Association designated the West Virginia Supreme Court as the nation's outstanding appellate court and, as a member of the court, Miller received the organization's Judicial Achievement Award. In 1988, the West Virginia Education Association presented Miller with the Margaret Baldwin Friend of Education Award for his opinions concerning public education. In 1994, then West Virginia Governor Gaston Caperton selected Miller as the recipient of the Distinguished West Virginian Award for outstanding achievement and meritorious service.

Concluding the 1995 West Virginia Law Review tribute, the author states: "The relationship between appellate and trial judges, granting the ability of one to overturn the decisions of the other, can be rather

awkward. Justice Miller was, however, well-suited to the work of an appellate judge. Scholarly, intelligent, compassionate, fair-minded, even-tempered, modest, self-deprecating and industrious are all adjectives that describe him."

Miller was born in 1929 in Buffalo, New York and later graduated from high school in Staunton, Virginia in 1946. At the University of Virginia, he was a member of the NROTC and upon graduating in 1950 he received his commission as an ensign in the United States Navy and was assigned to the U.S.S. *Leyte Gulf*, an aircraft carrier which served in the Seventh Fleet off Korea during the Korean War. He was honorably discharged as a lieutenant in 1953 and enrolled in law school at West Virginia University where he was a member of the West Virginia Law Review and received his law degree in 1956. In 1995 he received from the West Virginia University College of Law its highest honor for excellence in the legal profession, the Justitia Officium Award.

Miller is a member of the West Virginia State Bar, the West Virginia Bar Association, the American Bar Association and the National Arbitration and Mediation Association. In 1999 he was elected as a fellow of the West Virginia State Bar Foundation. During his career he has been a member of the Unlawful Practice Committee of the West Virginia State Bar and has also served as a member of the West Virginia Board of Law Examiners.

Miller currently resides in Wheeling with his wife, Vaughn Nolte Miller, whom he met while studying in Morgantown. They have four sons, George in Greenville, South Carolina; Ken, in Charleston, West Virginia; and Brad and Brian in Wheeling.



Earl Summers, Jr. - *Music and Fine Arts*

Designated “Wheeling’s Mr. Music” by Dr. Edward Wolf, lifelong Wheeling resident Earl Summers, Jr. was honored by the City of Wheeling on August 23, 1990, when Mayor Thomas J. Baller proclaimed that day “Earl Summers, Jr. Day.” The occasion was a special tribute concert by the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra marking Summers’ retirement from the orchestra which his father and he, at the age of 12, had joined as charter members in 1929. Becoming concertmaster and personnel manager of the orchestra in 1948, he became concertmaster emeritus in 1990, having played under every conductor of the WSO except for the current music director, Andre Raphael Smith.

Summers also shared his fine talents with several other regional orchestras. He served as first violinist with the Columbus Symphony Orchestra from 1964 to 1979, and then, from 1979 to 1990, he played first violin for the Pittsburgh Opera Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Ballet Orchestra. From 1981 to 1990, he was also concertmaster of the Pittsburgh Civic Light Opera Orchestra.

Early in his career, Summers played for the Virginia Theater Orchestra and the Capitol Theater Orchestra, both led by his father. Only three years after his debut with the Wheeling Symphony Orchestra, Summers brought his skills to radio as a member of WWVA’s staff orchestra from 1932 to 1948. For eight years during that period, he served as the orchestra’s concertmaster for the nationally broadcast “It’s Wheeling Steel” program. This show was broadcast nationally on the NBC Blue Network, and they made Victory Discs for the Armed Forces. At the end of his career in radio, he became first violinist of the Caldwell String Quartet, named for Wheeling Symphony founder Eleanor Caldwell and he stayed with the group for the next 55 years.

Summers also kept together 15 members of the Wheeling Steel Orchestra in order to form a performance group of his own. Called the Earl Summers Jr. Orchestra, they played from 1945 to 1964 for local dances in the tri-state area including Saturday night dances at Oglebay’s Pine Room. In an interview in 1990, Summers recalled “I have done the gamut, but I’m more at home with jazz.” He recalled his most memorable jazz experience: playing for Mel Torme and Michelle LaGrand at Heinz Hall in Pittsburgh. In a 1981 article in the Wheeling News-Register, Gladys Van Horne noted the “Summers has played with all the big names - Itzhak Perlman,

Rubenstein, Roberta Peters, Joan Sutherland, Marian Anderson, Leontyne Price, Beverly Sills, Robert Merrill, Richard Tucker, Liberace, Tony Orlando and Dawn, Tom Jones, Glen Campbell - to name a few.”

After his retirement from the WSO in 1990, Summers continued as a freelance musician playing with string quartet concerts, shows and miscellaneous engagements. He also helped to bring together musicians for community events at places like West Liberty State College, Wheeling Jesuit University and St. Matthew’s Episcopal Church.

Born in Wheeling in 1916, Summers attended local schools and graduated from Wheeling High School. His grandfather, Silas James Summers, was from a Scottish family and played trombone in the first Court Theater Orchestra. His father, Earl Summers, Sr., was a violinist and noted area orchestra leader as well as his son’s first violin teacher. Earl Junior recalled playing his first solo with his next teacher, Edward Blumenberg, director of the German Beethoven Singing Society, in the old Columbia Club in center Wheeling.

A less well known aspect of Summers’ life is that when he graduated from high school, with the Depression in full swing, he was employed at Bloch Brothers Tobacco Co. as an office boy, working his way up to purchasing agent, a position he held until his retirement in 1981. When interviewed in 1990, Summers said that the Blochs were supportive not only of his music, but also the symphony, several executives serving as symphony board presidents.

Summers was a life member of Wheeling Local 142, American Federation of Musicians, and Pittsburgh Local 60-471. He was president of Local 142 from 1983-1998 and then became president emeritus.

Published reports indicate that, at one time, four members of the Summers family played together in the WSO: Earl Sr. and Earl Jr. and two members of the third generation - Earl Jr.’s son Rick, a clarinetist, and his son Marc Allen, a percussionist.

Informed of his selection to the Hall of Fame shortly before his death in August 2004, Earl is survived by his widow, Mary and sons John, Rick and Marc Allen, and three grandchildren.

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IRENE DORETTA MEAGEL

1900 - 1999

(PHILANTHROPY)

Irene Meagel and her two brothers, Lawrence and William, were born to a German family in South Wheeling. A frugal person, her simple lifestyle revolved around Trinity Lutheran Church and the Alpha Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi sorority. At her death, she left a trust in excess of \$20 million to benefit 16 local organizations and institutions.

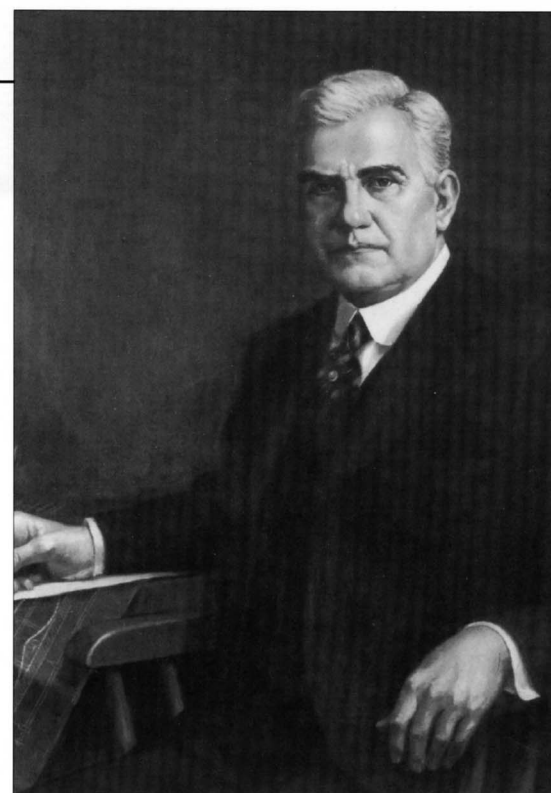


J. LORAN MERCER

1913 - 1983

(RELIGION AND EDUCATION)

Warwood High School Band Director from 1936-1964. Recognized in 1956 as one of the outstanding music directors in the nation. In 1963, he was appointed Director of the West Virginia All-State Band which performed at the New York City World's Fair. He started the first strings program while Music Supervisor for Ohio County Schools. He was inducted posthumously in 1994 into the West Virginia Music Educators Association Hall of Fame.



MICHAEL JOSEPH OWENS

1859 - 1923

(BUSINESS, INDUSTRY AND PROFESSIONS)

From humble beginnings, he achieved extraordinary fame by revolutionizing the glass industry. He invented the bottle making machine in 1903, and his name is on 49 patents relating to glass. His outstanding accomplishments are recognized throughout the world, and the encyclopedia pays tribute to him as an inventor, entrepreneur and outstanding businessman.

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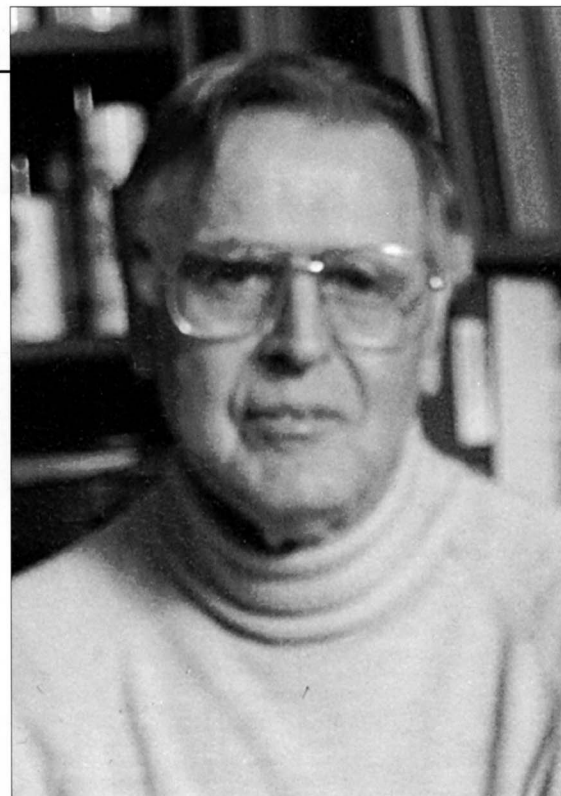


BILL VAN HORNE

1921 - 1995

(SPORTS AND ATHLETICS)

The "Dean" of Ohio Valley Sportswriters and a journalist for 54 years. A man of integrity and passion, he was known for his devotion to area high school and collegiate sports. There was never an event too small for his time, nor was there ever an event too big for him to cover. His contemporaries called him the most informational, motivational and influential figure in Ohio Valley athletics.



WESLEY J. WAGNER

1917 -

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

Artist and Teacher. Wheeling resident since 1937. He has taught at Wheeling Country Day School, Bethany College, and Oglebay Institute as well as many non-traditional settings. Well known for his landscape paintings of the Ohio Valley. His works are in numerous private collections and he has had 17 one-man shows. His students have ranged in age from kindergarten to senior citizens, and all that he has touched have had their lives enriched.

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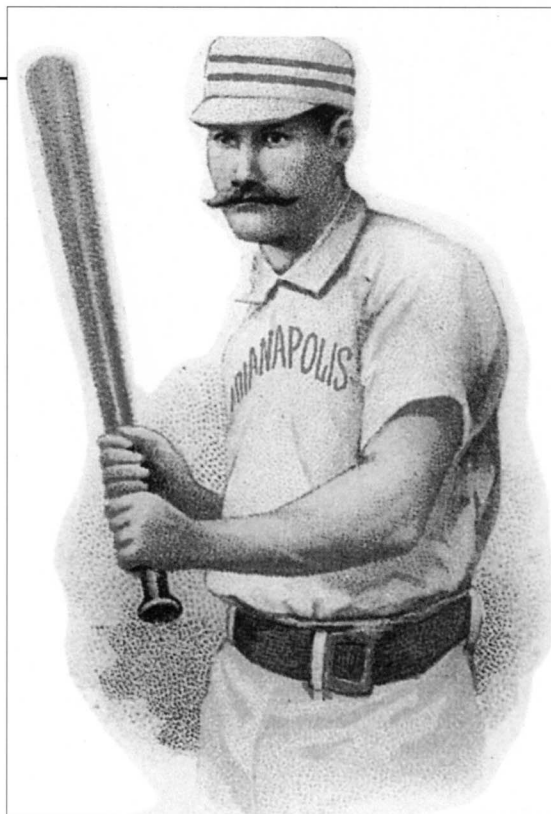


HELEN B. GAITHER

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

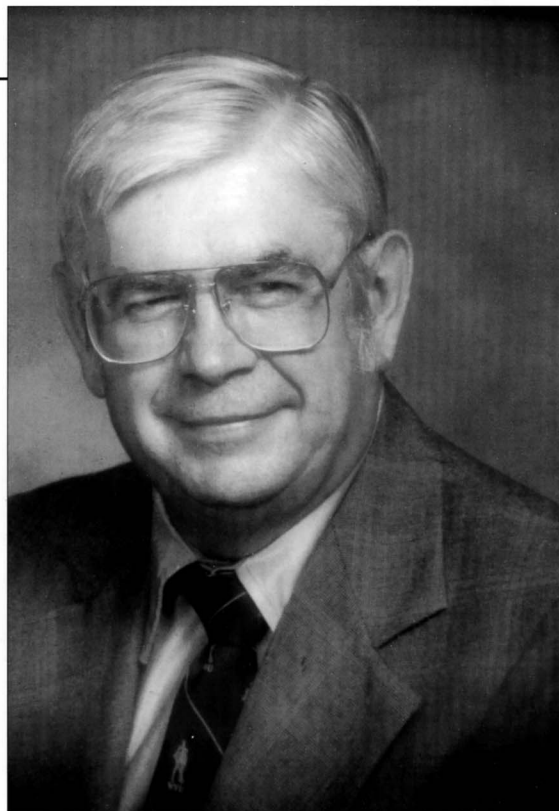
1923 - 1991

(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.

HALL OF FAME

2000 INDUCTEES



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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2000 INDUCTEES



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.

1998 INDUCTEES



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.



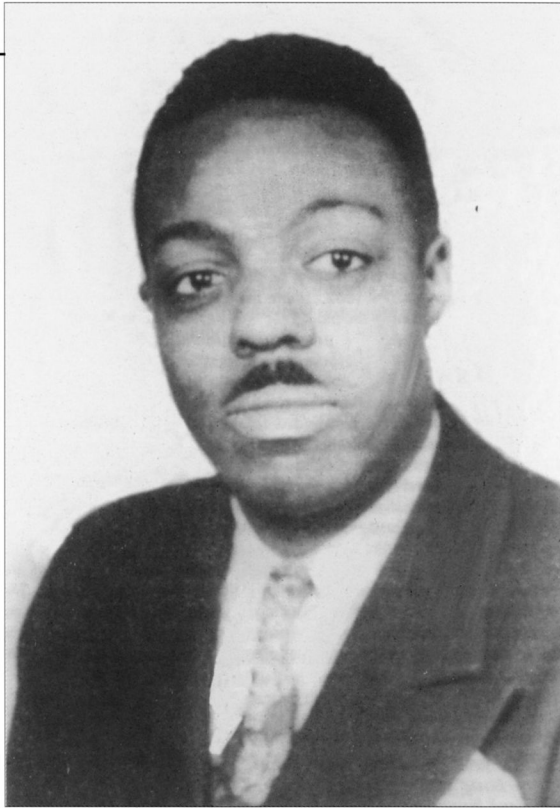
ETHEL CLARE ELIHAN

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.

1998 INDUCTEES

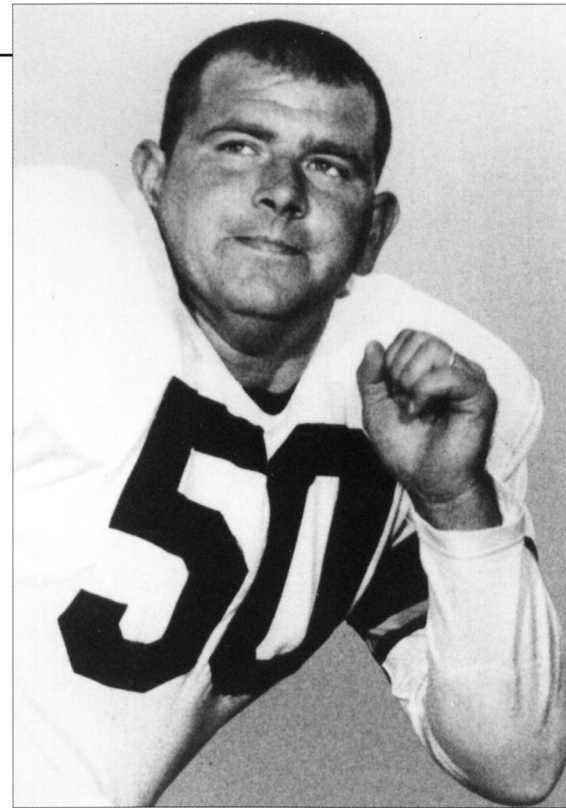


PHILLIP NATHANIAL REED

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.

1998 INDUCTEES

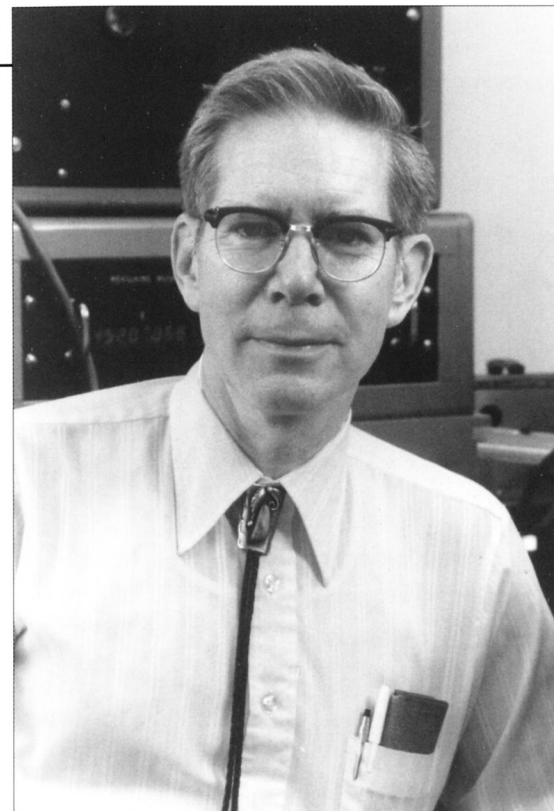


HENRY STIFEL SCHRADER

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

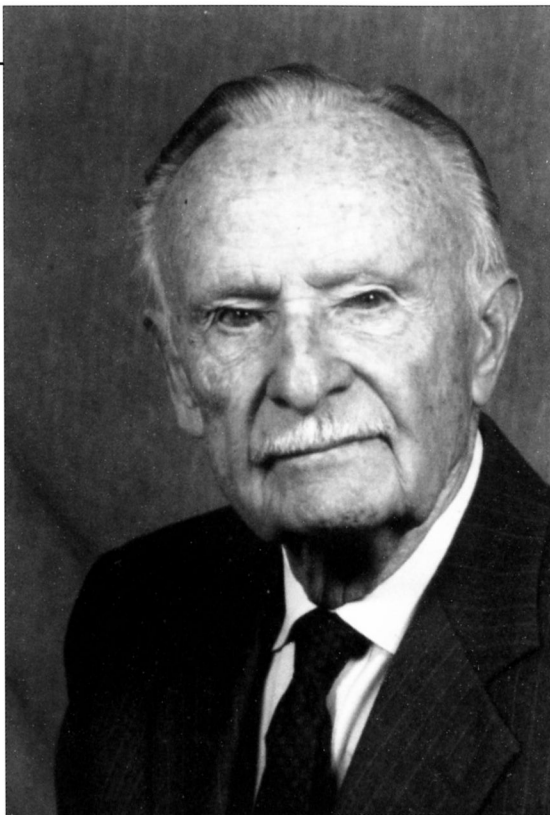


SALLY CARROLL

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.

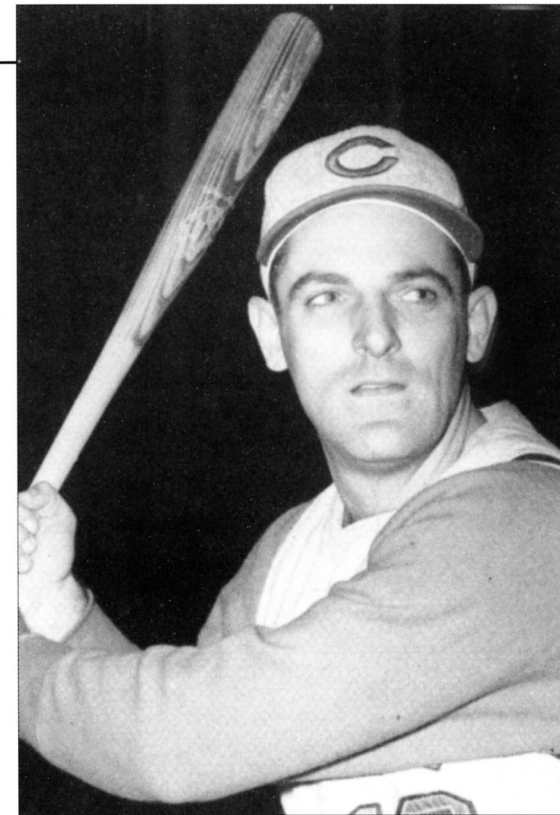


ELLIS R. DUNGAN

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.



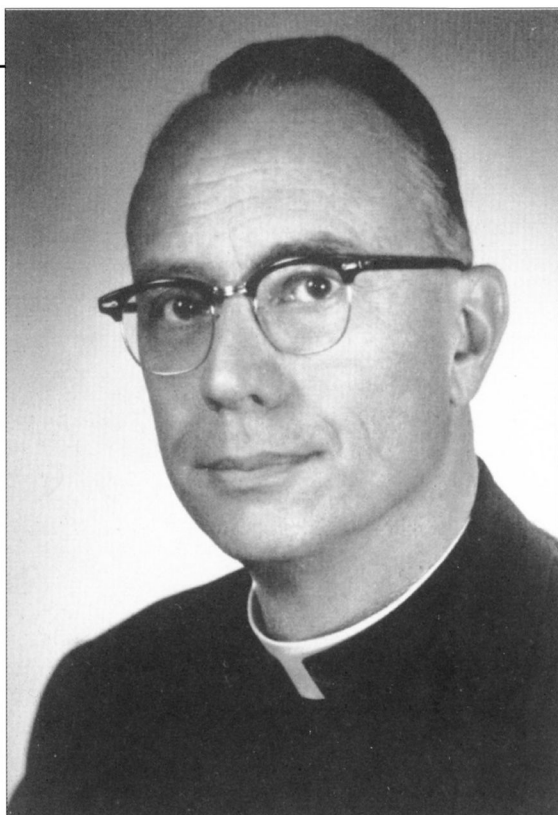
GENE FREESE

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

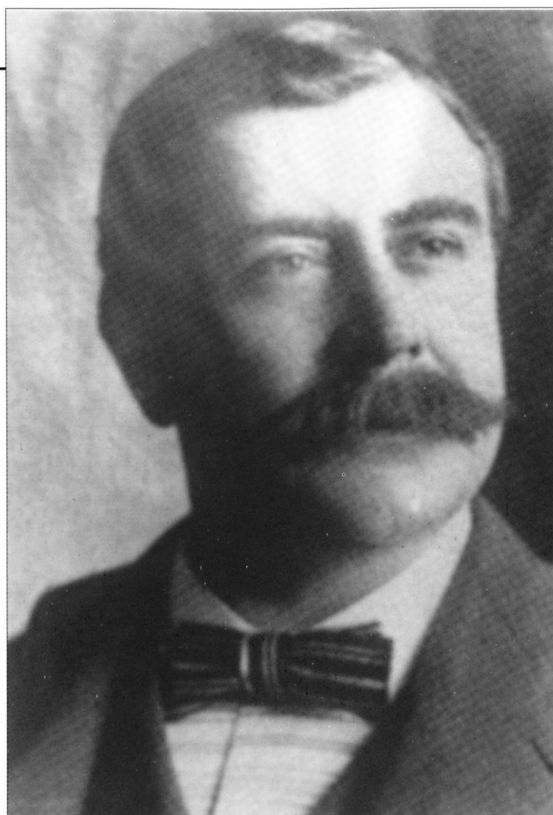


**REV. FATHER CLIFFORD
M. LEWIS, S.J**

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.

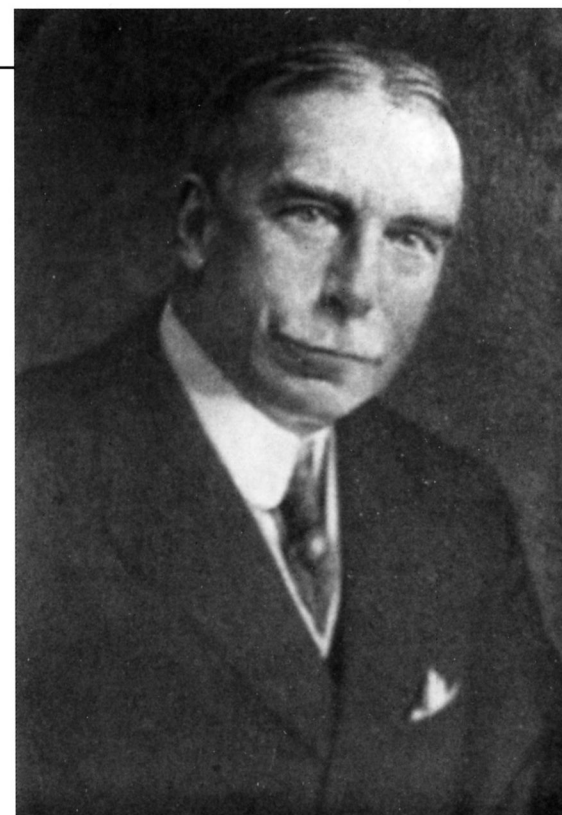


HARRY C. NORTHWOOD

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.



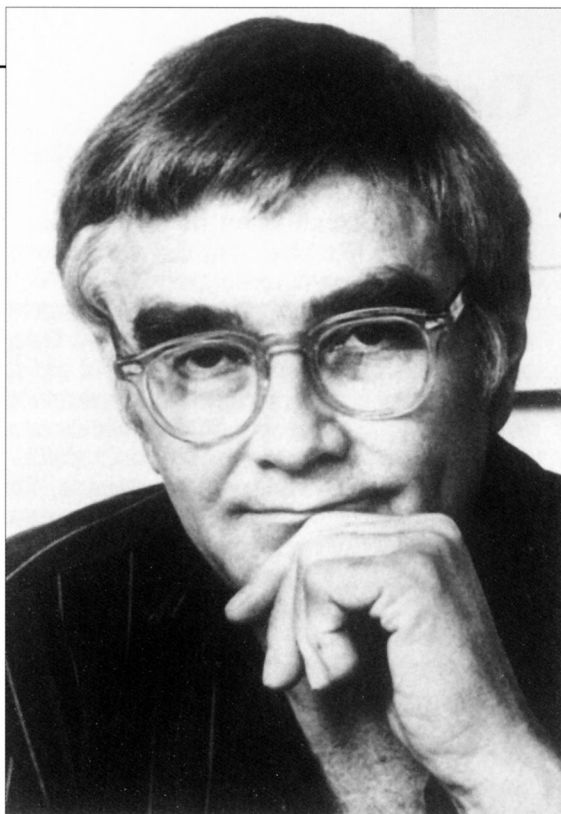
B. WALKER PETERSON

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

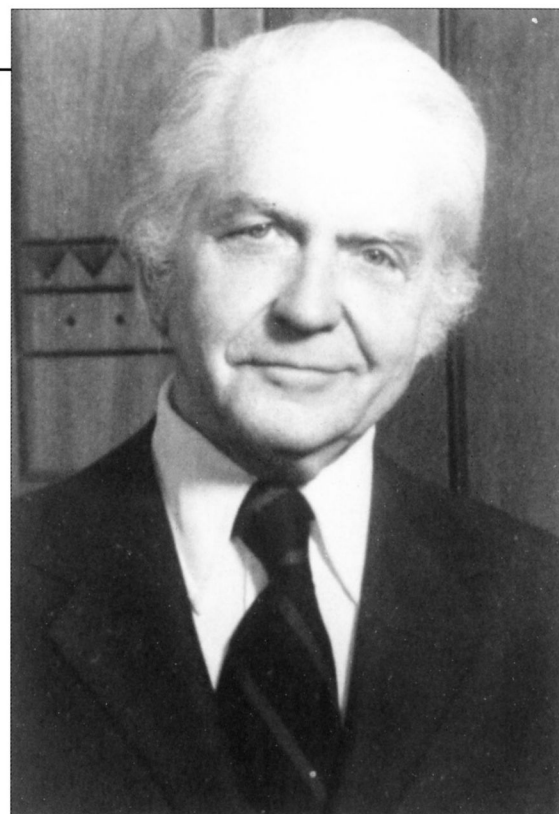


BUDD HOPKINS

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.

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

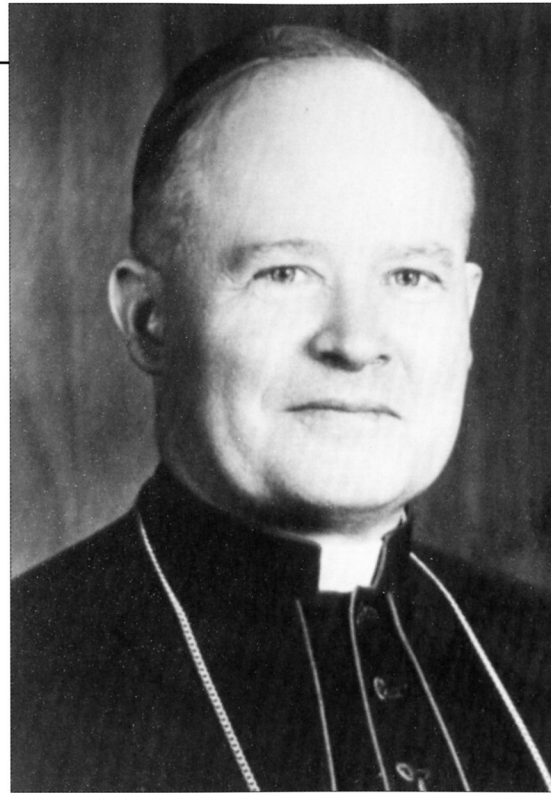


CHESTER R. HUBBARD

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.

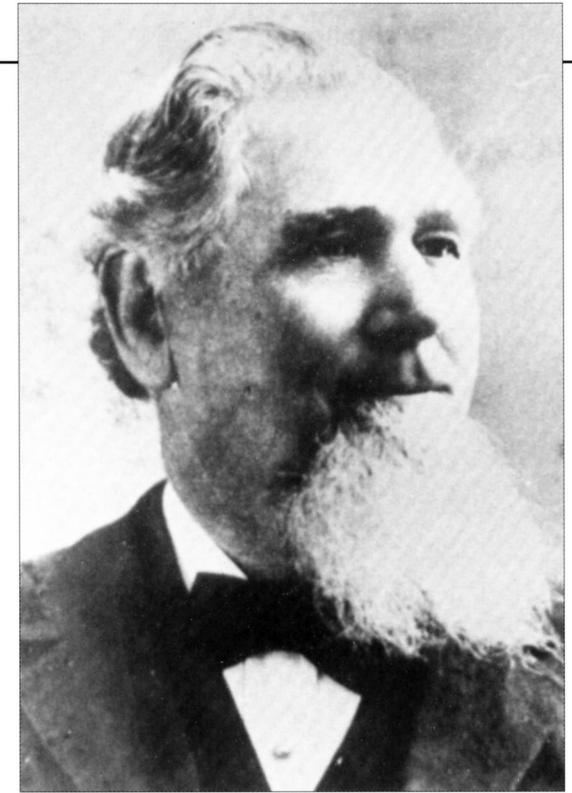


MOST REV. JOSEPH H. HODGES, D.D.

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.

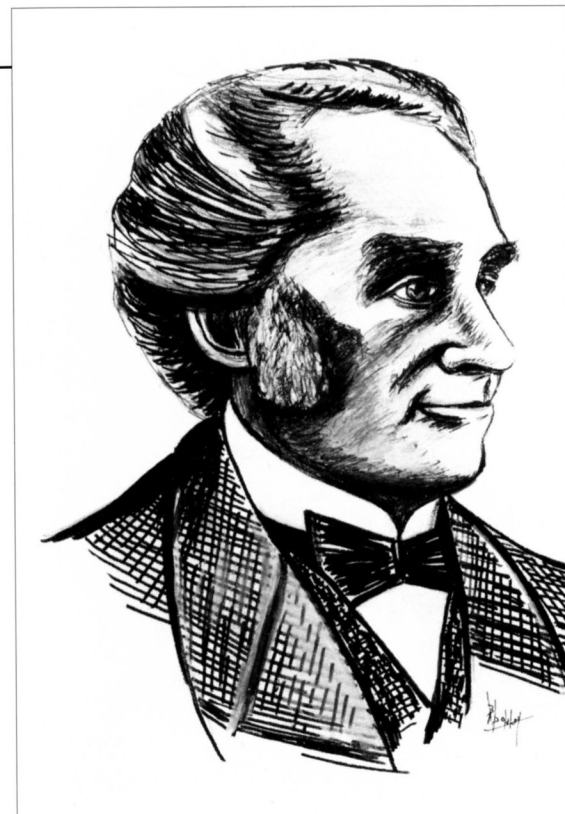


DR. WILLIAM S. FULTON

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 LINSLEY

1774 - 1814

(RELIGION AND EDUCATION)

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

1986 INDUCTEES



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.

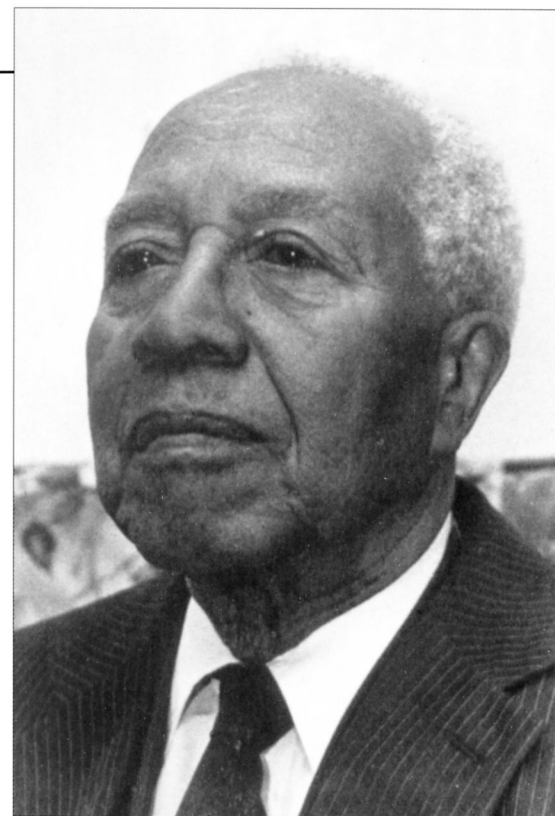


MICHAEL J. VALAN

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

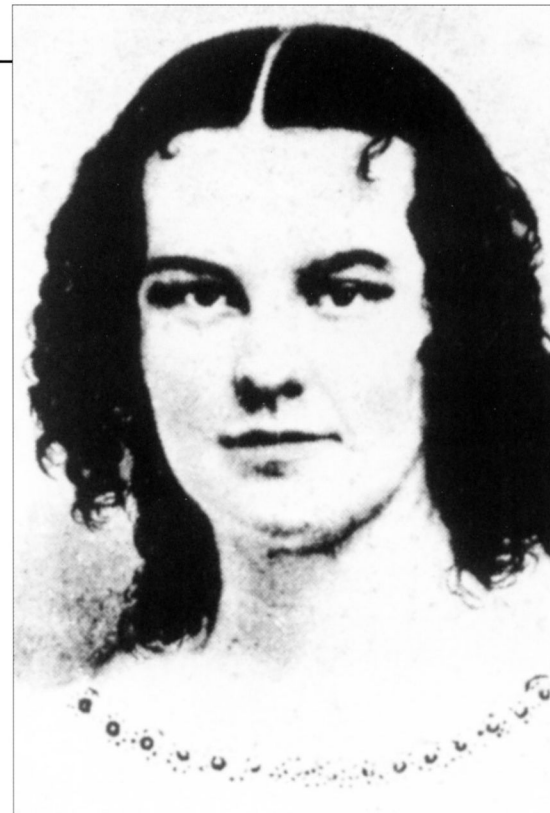


ROBERT E. "BOB" BIERY

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.



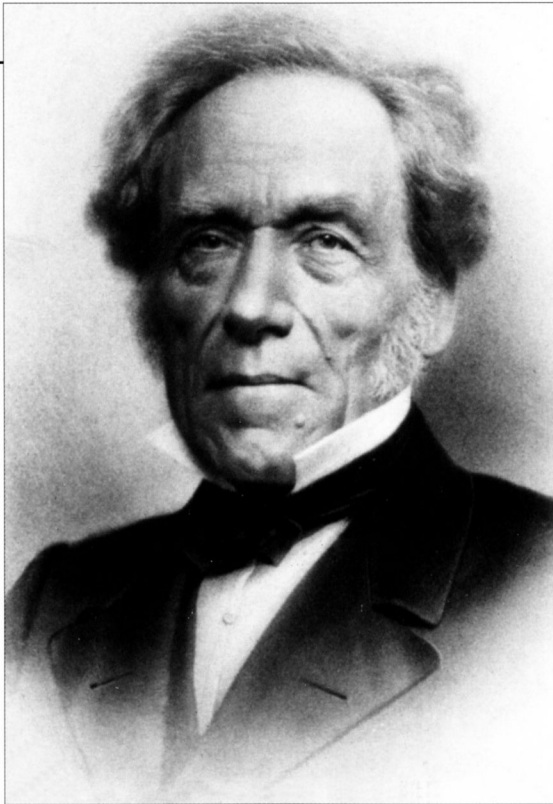
OTTO SCHENK

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.

1984 INDUCTEES

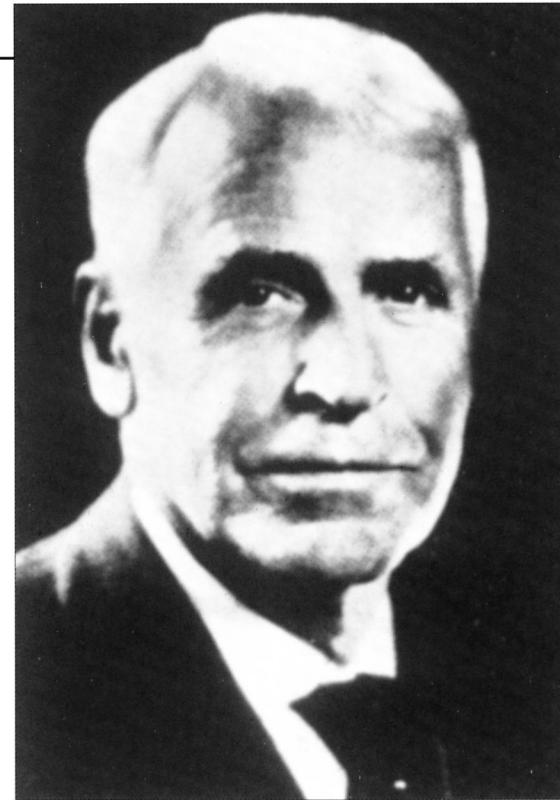


JOHANN LUDWIG STIFEL

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.

1984 INDUCTEES

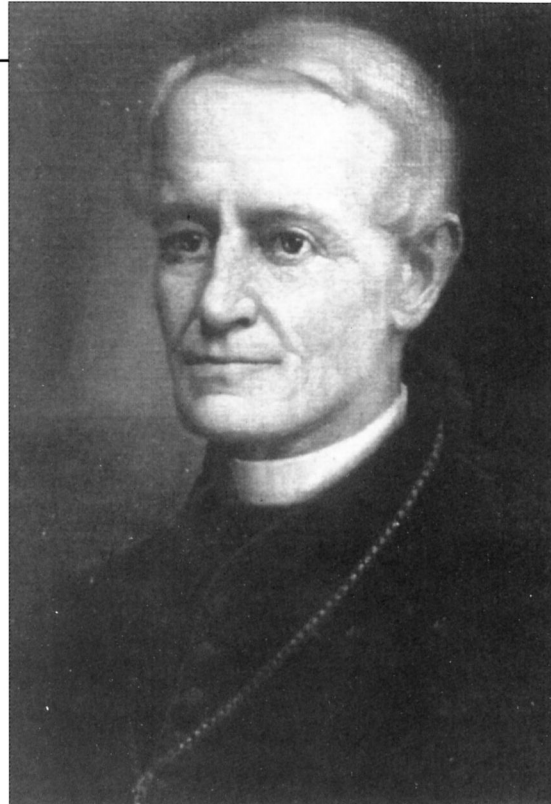


WILBUR E. STONE

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.

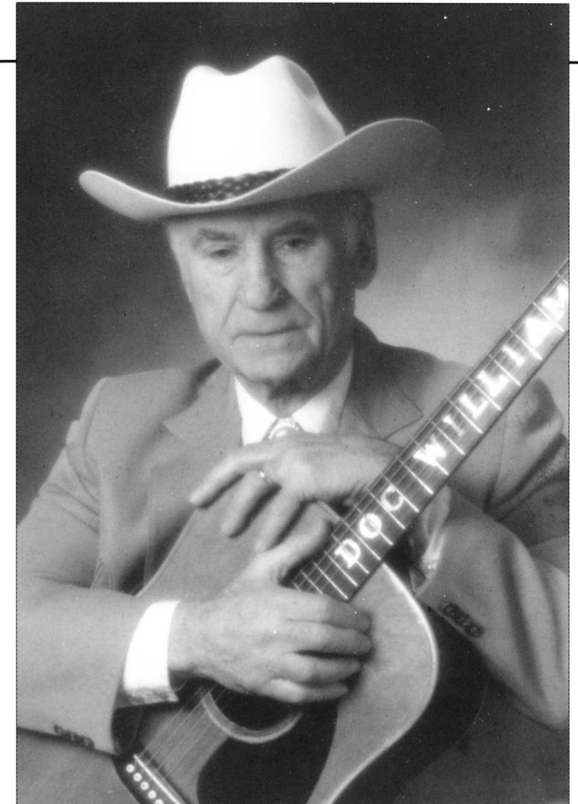


REV. RICHARD V. WHELAN

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.

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.

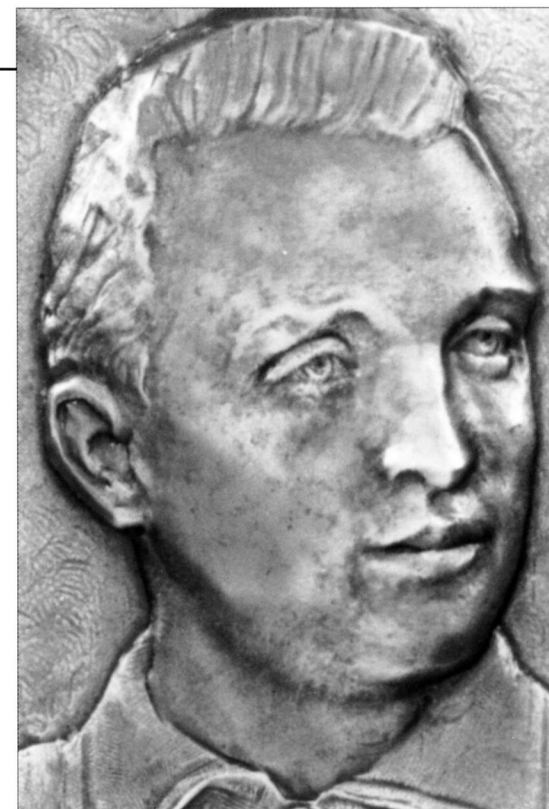


V. EVERETT BRINKMAN

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.

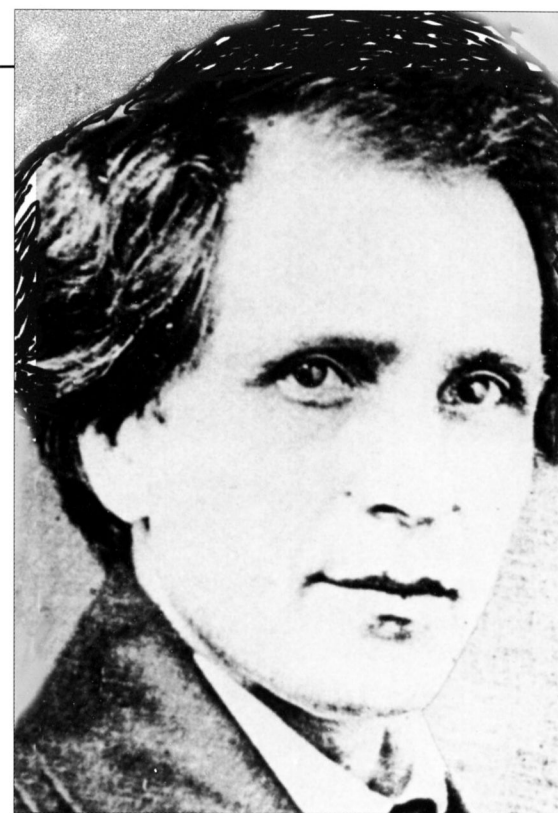


HARRY C. HOLBERT SR.

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.

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.

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.

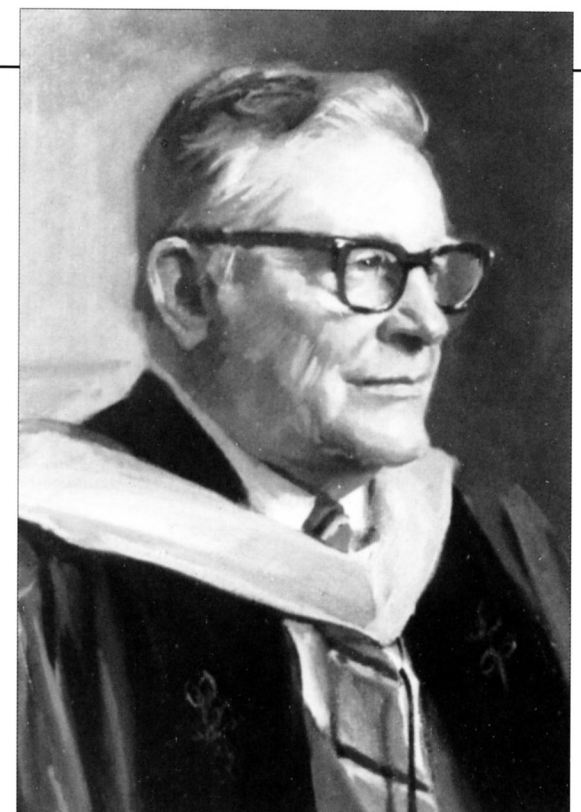


RT. REV. ROBERT E. L. STRIDER, D.D.

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.

1980 INDUCTEES

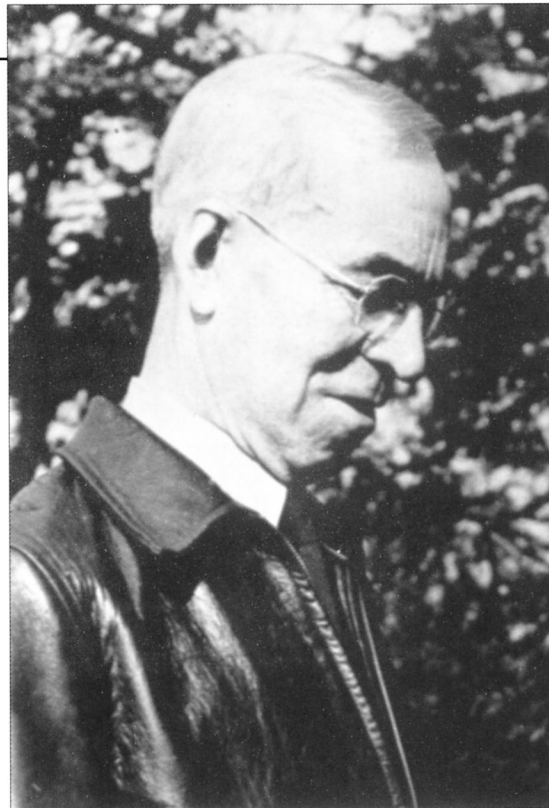


LEVERING C. BONAR

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

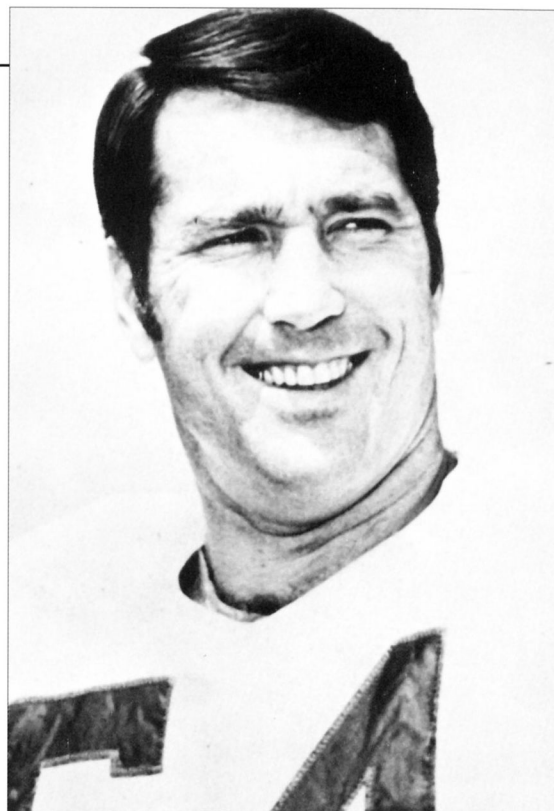


ALEXANDER GLASS

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

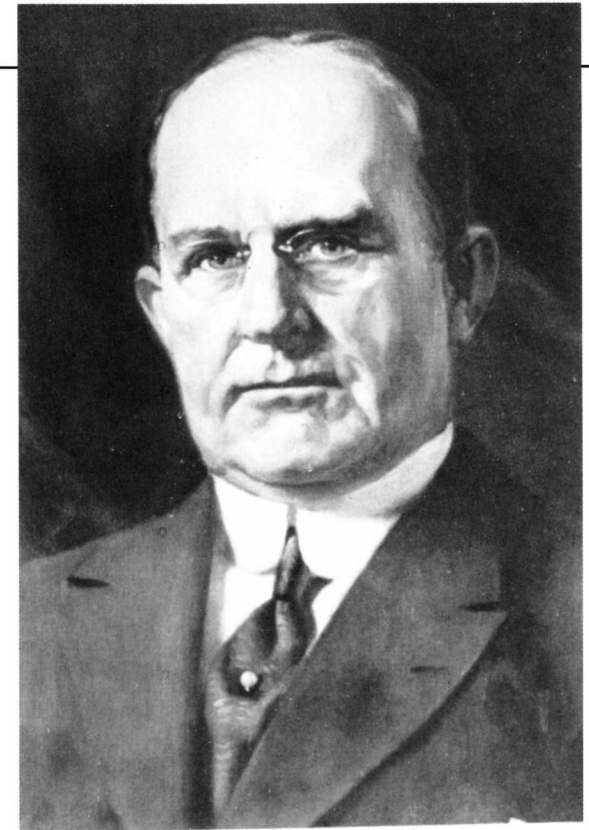


GEORGE J. KOSSUTH

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.

HALL OF FAME

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.

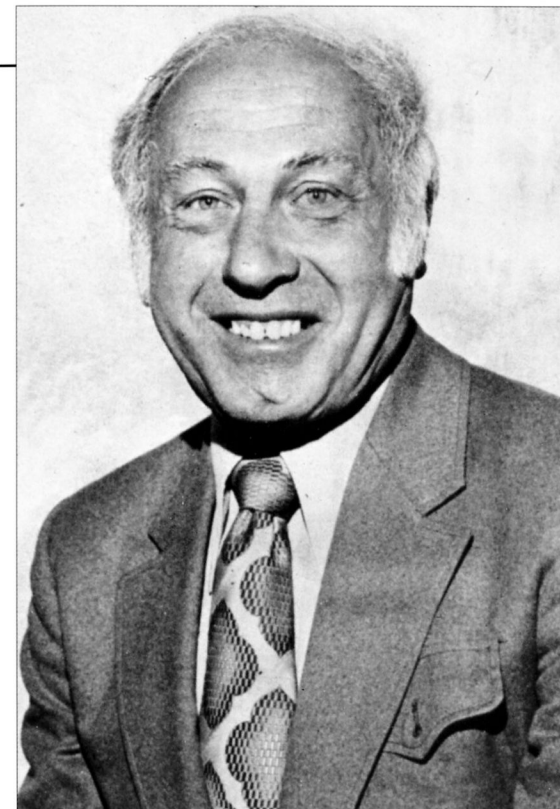


WALTER P. REUTHER

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.

1980 INDUCTEES



ELEANOR STEBER

1916 - 1990

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

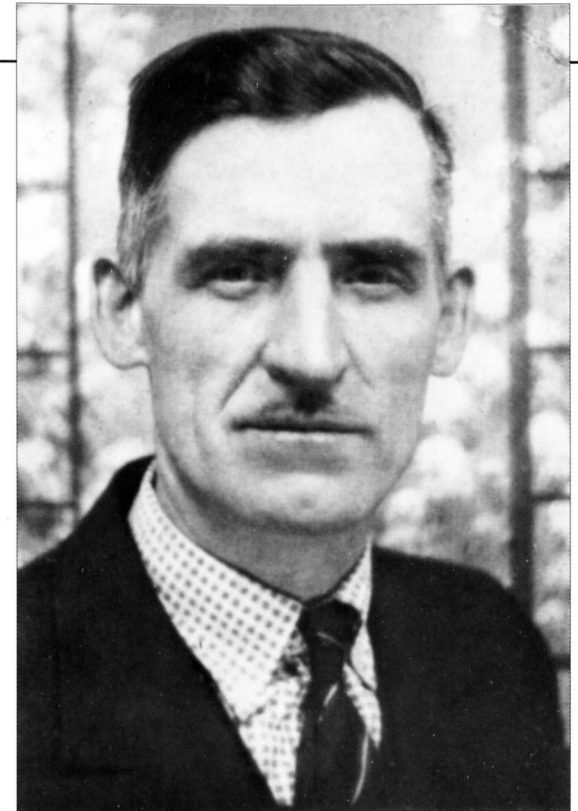


GEORGE E. STIFEL

1849 - 1931

(PHILANTHROPY)

Department store owner and concerned citizen, he was intensely interested in education of young people. He left an endowment fund to provide annual cash awards to top-ranking students in the fifth to twelfth grades of Wheeling public schools, as well as scholarships for nurses.



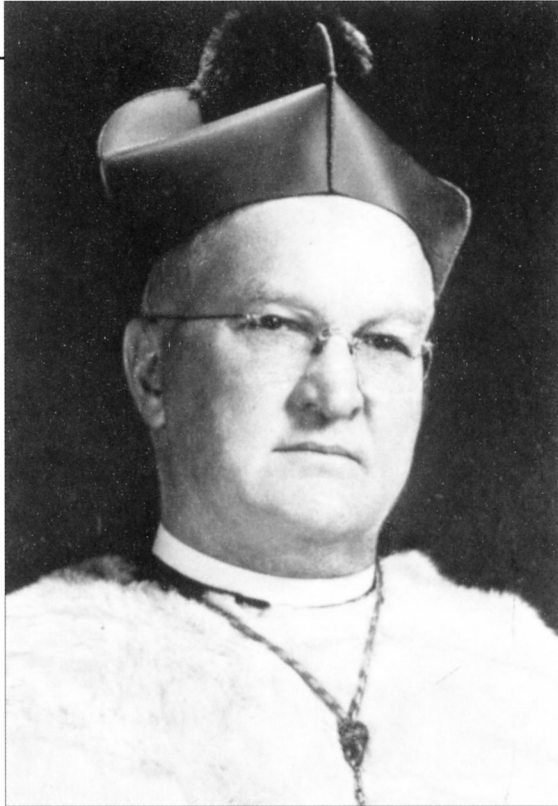
PATRICK J. SULLIVAN

1894 - 1967

(MUSIC AND FINE ARTS)

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

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.