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*Faculty Recognition  
Dinner*



*Saturday  
May 12, 1973*

# *Menu*

Lime Cooler Cocktail—Assorted Crackers

Chicken Breast over Ham Slice—Amandine Sauce

Baked New Jersey Sweet Potato

Broccoli Spears—Cheddar Cheese Sauce  
Pimento Strip

Gingerale Fruit Mold

Assorted Relishes

Individual Loaf of Bread—Butter Square

Angel Food Cherry Torte

# *Program*

D. B. Leonardelli . . . . . Master of Ceremonies  
Chalmer Mastin . . . . . Invocation  
Laurel A. Grotzinger . . . . . President, Faculty Senate  
James W. Miller . . . . . President  
Grace Gish . . . . . For the Emeriti  
Ethel Adams . . . . . For the Retirees

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## “Let’s Have Fun”

Zack York . . . . . Master of Ceremonies

*Rejoice* and be exceeding glad!  
Once more we have a group graduating  
from among us to emeriti status.

*This special occasion, sponsored by the  
Administration and the Faculty Senate,  
is in recognition of them. They have  
served our University long and well.*

*It is also an occasion to welcome back  
our beloved emeriti,*

*... and gives us an opportunity to  
greet old friends, meet new ac-  
quaintances, and give thanks for  
the privilege of working at Western  
Michigan University.*

*Rejoice* then . . . we say, *Rejoice!*

# *Honored Retirees*

Tonight we honor twenty of our esteemed colleagues who are retiring. May they have a full and challenging future.

## *Ethel G. Adams*

*Professor of Music*

Born in Indiana, Ethel Adams graduated from Ball State University. Before coming to Western in 1946, she taught in the Muncie public schools, served as a critic teacher for Ball State, and taught vocal music in the junior high school at Montclair, New Jersey. While working on her master's degree at Teachers College, Columbia University, she served as a teaching assistant in the Theory Department.

During an energetic career at Western, Ethel has been a member of the Faculty Quartet, a soprano soloist in many performances of "The Messiah," and Chairman of the Music Theory Area for a number of years. In addition to her busy career locally, she was involved nationally for the Music Educators National Conference in junior high school vocal music. Her many distinctions include being the recipient of the Distinguished Alumna Award in Music from Ball State University in 1961 and having her book *Introduction to Musical Understanding and Musicianship* cited by the Music Education Book Club in 1971.

Ethel's retirement plans include doing research on leisure time and catching up on reading, sewing, and traveling.

## *Sam B. Adams*

*Associate Professor of Music*

Sam Adams hails from the State of Kentucky. The University of Kentucky, the University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, Teachers College at Columbia University, the Juilliard School of Music, and Indiana University all have had a hand in shaping his musical career. During his student days he was the recipient of many scholarships. Moreover, as a young high school violinist, he helped meet expenses by playing in what was then known as a "picture show." After high school he played violin professionally in clubs and in musicals. In New York he sang professionally at the Riviera Club across the Hudson on the New Jersey Palisades, with the Rudy Vallee orchestra, with Gypsy Rose Lee and Ethel Merman, in a Leonard Bernstein

musical, with the Cincinnati Zoo Opera, and with the New Opera Company of New York.

Since coming to Western in 1946, Sam's many roles have included being a member of the Faculty Quartet, performing as tenor soloist in many presentations of "The Messiah," and serving as director of the Men's Glee Club. Retirement plans include keeping his hand in a little teaching in addition to gardening, reading and traveling.

## *Edith Beals*

### *Assistant Professor of Teacher Education*

Edith Carlson was born in Michigan, but moved with her family to Crosby, Minnesota when she was two years old. After preparing herself for a teaching career, she taught in Chisholm, Minnesota. In 1944 she accepted a position in Paw Paw, but not without second thoughts, because the very day she signed her contract she was offered three other positions—one of which she wanted very badly. In 1947 she married Jess Beals.

Edith was responsible for the vocal program K-12 in the Paw Paw schools. It was during her first year on this staff that several boys from the football team came to her and complained that there was no music for high school boys. Principal Linquist warned her that she was only asking for trouble if she attempted to get the boys involved in music. However, she did start a mixed high school choir because she felt the boys were really sincere in their desire to sing. She organized a choir council and the members wrote their own rules. Rehearsals were held before school in the mornings for the first two or three years. The choir reached a high degree of excellence under Edith's direction and tireless work.

By 1952 the vocal program had outgrown one person's handling. One of every three students was enrolled in the choir. Edith then chose to devote her time to the elementary program and worked with it until her retirement in 1971.

She also was a frequent resource person in vocal methods classes at Western and occasionally taught sections of "Music for the Classroom Teacher" during summer sessions and evenings. Throughout her teaching career in Paw Paw, hundreds of student teachers worked with her. She still corresponds with many of them. Her life has been spent bringing the joy of music to young people and training future music teachers. Edith always maintained the highest standards of musical excellence because of her great reverence for her musical art.

## *Ruth Boot*

### *Assistant Professor of Teacher Education*

When Ruth Boot retired from Paw Paw Public Schools, she had served a total of 45 years in public education. She came to WMU's

Training School in Paw Paw in 1950 as the coordinator of Guidance, and held that position until her retirement in 1970. She taught many extension courses for Western in her field of guidance and counseling.

Ruth was born in Fulton, Illinois where her parents operated a farm with a view of the Mississippi River. She began her teaching career in 1925 at Morrison, near her hometown, at \$95 per month. After securing a teaching certificate from the Normal School at DeKalb, she taught in Lombard for eight years and in Dundee for six years, both communities lying west of Chicago. She earned the B.A. degree in 1937 from the University of Illinois.

In 1943 Ruth began a seven year term in the high school at Wayne, Michigan, where she served successively as teacher, assistant principal, and director of guidance. In the meantime, she received the M.A. degree from Wayne State University.

During her time in Paw Paw, she introduced core curriculum classes for junior high grades and the teacher-counselor concept for a guidance-centered high school. She initiated regular meetings for the counselors of Van Buren County, actively served local, regional, and state branches of the Michigan Education Association and served as a board member of the Michigan Counselors Association.

## *Orie J. Frederick*

*Professor of Teacher Education*

Orie Frederick sought throughout his professional life to develop data which would relate the philosophy and theory of education to research. His educational career led him from his native state of Nebraska, to Illinois, to Mississippi, to Washington, D.C., to Michigan. His professional experience has included the roles of rural school teacher, public school administrator, principal of a university laboratory school, and research specialist in the U.S. Office of Education.

In a career devoted to providing research leads for others, he sought comprehensiveness and consistency within the organizational structures in education. He collaborated with Francis T. Spaulding and Leonard V. Koos to write a highly acclaimed monograph on the reorganization of secondary education. Probably the busiest years of his life were spent when he was the director of city-wide curriculum studies in Battle Creek and Saginaw, while at the same time he was serving as a lecturer at the University of Michigan.

During his years at Western, first as Director of Research and later as Professor of Education, Orie constantly sought to use research as a tool for the making of educational decisions. No research task was too unimportant for him to pursue. He has been a thorough student of education.



## *Edward A. Gabel*

*Associate Professor of Men's Physical Education*

Ed Gabel has been one of the best known figures in Western athletics, serving as teacher, physical trainer, and coach. A native of Fremont, Ohio, he was an outstanding high school athlete. After graduating from Eastern Michigan University, he returned to Fremont to coach football and basketball. During World War II, he joined the U.S. Navy and while serving as physical trainer and swimming instructor at Bunker Hill Naval Station in Indiana, he met Western's former baseball coach, Charlie Maher, who persuaded him to come to Western in 1947.

When swimming became a varsity sport with the completion of the Gary Physical Education Center in 1957, Ed became head swimming coach and during a span of thirteen years, his teams compiled a dual meet record of 105 wins against 49 losses. In fact, he had two unbeaten teams (1963-64), when his teams won the school's only Mid-American Conference championships.

Since last December Ed and his wife Marie have been living in Florida, where, as excellent golfers, they can both compete in daily rounds of golf.

## *Clarence Hackney*

*Associate Professor of Mathematics*

Clarence Hackney, a graduate of Hastings High School, received his B.A. from Western in 1934 and his M.A. from the University of Michigan in 1940. Before joining the staff of Western's University High School, where he taught for eighteen years, he served as a rural school teacher near Hastings and as Principal of Paw Paw High School. Since 1966 he has been a member of the WMU Mathematics Department.

Among Clarence's other activities have been serving as golf coach at Paw Paw High School, working as Paw Paw City Park Recreation Director, and serving with the Michigan State Department of Agriculture.

Clarence's retirement plans include traveling, golfing, and continuing an active role in community affairs.

## *Ruth Y. Kirby*

*Associate Professor of Teacher Education*

Ruth Y. Kirby has been a foreign language instructor in the Paw Paw Public Schools for twenty-three years. Ruth received her A.B.

degree from the University of Washington in Seattle, and her M.A. degree from the University of Illinois. From there she came to WMU's Training School in Paw Paw.

Ruth is a kind, sensitive lady who dedicated her working years to the best interests of her students. Her knowledge of her subject, strong principles, and strength of character won her the respect and admiration of students, parents and fellow faculty members. Her leadership has inspired many student teachers and given them the confidence that is so necessary to succeed in that all-important first year of teaching. Many a person is deeply indebted to Ruth for the encouragement and support she constantly and consistently provided.

## *Robert Limpus*

*Professor of English*

One of the creators and shapers of general education at Western, Robert Limpus came to the University in 1947 as a member of the English Department. In 1956 he was appointed director of the former Division of Basic Studies. In 1965, Bob was appointed Dean of the newly created College of General Studies. A graduate of Northwestern University, he holds advanced degrees from the University of Chicago. Before coming to Western, he taught at South Dakota State University, Michigan State University, Muskingum College, and Eastern Michigan University. Bob was one of the founders of the Association for General and Liberal Studies, serving as its President in 1970-71.

Those of us who have had the pleasure of working with Bob know that he performed the duties of his deanship with uncommon compassion and good sense—an opponent of pomp, a congenial but penetrating critic of institutional faults and foibles, a generous mentor of students, an enemy of jargon, an advocate of the lucid English sentence (even his bulletins were a joy to read!).

As a fitting capstone to a career in general education, Bob is now at work on a history of general studies at Western. We expect to see him around campus frequently in his new role as retired writer in residence.

## *Holon Matthews*

*Professor of Music*

Born in Oregon, Illinois, Holon Matthews' educational background includes study at Ohio State University, Drake University, University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music, and the Eastman School of Music at the University of Rochester, the latter having granted him a fellowship and a Ph.D.

His "First Symphony" was conducted by Howard Hansen at the American Festival of Music. In 1954 it was repeated at Town Hall, New York, with Thomas Sherman conducting the Little Symphony Society, and by the Kalamazoo Symphony under Felber's baton. Performances of his "Second Symphony" were given in Chicago, Colorado, Ohio, and Detroit, in addition to one by the Western Michigan Symphony Orchestra under the direction of Herbert Butler.

His songs have been performed by Lawrence Tibbett among others. Many of his chamber music works have been performed in Cincinnati and Kalamazoo, and his choral works have been done at Interlochen, Western Michigan University, and in many cities and on many occasions.

Holon's retirement plans include revising his "Third Symphony," composing choral works, and setting poems to music. He also plans to travel particularly to London and Vienna.

## *Robert B. Miller*

*Associate Professor of Physics*

Robert Miller's heart will always be in Michigan no matter where he may wander. Raised on a farm near Scottsville, after college he taught in high school and then worked for the Michigan Farm Bureau. A love of physics persuaded him to enter graduate school at Michigan State University. After completing his Ph.D. in 1956 and after several years on the Michigan State University faculty, he joined the staff at Western. He is known as an able and devoted teacher. His interest in his students and their careers is well known to all his colleagues, as he served for a number of years as an able counselor of pre-medical students. In addition to his interest in physics of ultrasonic waves, he has maintained a keen interest in his alma mater, Manchester College.

Soon after coming to Kalamazoo Robert found an attractive girl in the campus bookstore, Edith Peterson, whom he married after a whirlwind courtship. They are both members of the Church of the Brethren to which they have contributed their leadership. The Millers' plans for travel and a retirement residence in Florida will give them an opportunity to pursue their long-time interests in raising unusual plants and in ceramic painting. With them go the good wishes of colleagues and the former students whose lives they touched in so many ways.

## *Frances Noble*

*Professor of French*

One of the longest periods of continued faculty service at Western has been established by Frances Noble. During her forty-two years

here she has taught hundreds of students, scores of whom are themselves now successful teachers, indebted to her for her profound human interest and her unique ability to guide them toward deeper insights into and love for French culture. Her enthusiasm for the French language and culture has been contagious throughout her career. Her tenacious desire to get students to France, as well as to get them involved on campus in projects directed towards France and the French, has resulted in a range of successful activities: the Seminar in France; le Circle Français; la Table Française; and the annual French play.

Frances received her A.B., M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from Northwestern University and holds a degree from the Sorbonne. She has been an active member of Phi Beta Kappa, Delta Kappa Gamma, Alliance Française, the American Association of Teachers of French, and the American Association of palmes and académiques. For her professional and humanistic contributions, the French government conferred upon Frances the "palmes académiques" with the citation "Services rendus à la Culture Française." Her record of institutional service has been long, varied and impressive. Frances Noble has been a dedicated servant of the University.

## *Hilda Oster*

*Assistant Professor of Teacher Education*

A native of Decatur, Michigan, and a graduate of Western Hilda Hazzard Oster began teaching in the Paw Paw Training School in the early 1950's. In addition to her teaching responsibilities, she was a long-time advisor to the staff of the high school yearbook. In this role she won the esteem of her students and their parents.

For many years Hilda and her husband Gale, a principal in the Kalamazoo Public Schools, have lived in a house they built shortly after their marriage—a home which reflects the many aspects of Hilda's homemaking skills and Gale's landscaping and gardening achievements.

Hilda now looks forward to a leisurely life of community activities and traveling.

## *J. Kimbark Peterson*

*Professor of Mathematics*

Kim Peterson began his teaching-coaching career at Western in 1947, coming with a background of varied teaching experience at Wentworth Military Academy in Lexington, Missouri, Harvard University, Columbia University, Lawrence Technical School in Detroit, and the University of Michigan.

An excellent tennis player, Kim held both the Alabama and Tennessee singles titles. From 1947 to 1950 Kim guided the Western tennis team against some of the best competition in the country.

Kim says that after a full and rewarding career of teaching, he now welcomes retirement "for the gift of time to do more research, to play more tennis, to read Russian, German, and French, and to go camping longer in the summer."

## *Olga Roekle*

### *University Budget Officer*

Olga Roekle has played many roles at Western since she first came here in 1930, immediately after graduation from Sturgis High School. She started as a full-time student and soon also was employed as student help in the Bureau of Educational Measurements and Research.

In 1931 she became secretary to Dr. Paul V. Sangren, who was then director of the bureau, and continued as his secretary when he was named Dean of Administration in 1934. Two years later when Dr. Sangren was named Western's president, she became secretary to Homer J. Carter in the Psycho-Educational Clinic.

During these years Olga continued her education and in June 1937, she graduated summa cum laude.

This was a momentous year for Olga. During the summer after graduation, she studied clinical psychology at Ohio State University and joined the Western faculty as assistant director of the Psycho-Educational Clinic. That same year Olga was married to Theodore L. Roekle.

From 1941-1948 Olga left Western to have two sons and enroll in graduate school. When she was lured back to Western, she worked in the comptroller's office and was part-time secretary to Vice-president Wynand Wichers.

The business office moved to the West Campus in 1952 and Olga chose to stay with it. By 1956 her duties were expanded to include involvement in the preparation of the budget. With the reorganization of the business office in 1965, Olga was named Budget Officer for the General Operating Fund.

## *Candace Roell*

### *Professor of Women's Physical Education*

In 1956 Candace Roell became a member of the Women's Physical Education Department at Western Michigan University. She served as department head from 1959-1967. She has held many positions of responsibility in health, physical education, and recreation associations, and has served with great distinction.

Candace's leadership has been marked by her good sense, integrity, and graciousness. Her willingness to sacrifice personal gain, to serve whenever and wherever needed, has been combined with a deep pride in the profession, an unwavering belief in the individual dignity of those she has lead and served, plus professional courage.

Candace graduated from Eastern Michigan University in 1930, received her M.A. in 1938, and her Ph.D. in 1956 from the University of Michigan. Her teaching experience began in the Kalamazoo Public Schools where she spent 17 years. She worked a year with vocational rehabilitation, and also taught at Eastern Michigan University and Illinois State University prior to joining the Western Michigan University faculty.

She has served the Michigan Association for Health, Physical Education and Recreation as vice president twice, and president in 1945. The MAHPER honored Dr. Roell with its Distinguished Service Award. For the Midwest District AAHPER she has served as president (1965-67) and District Representative to the AAHPER Board of Directors (1969-72). At all three levels, she has been an active, contributing member of many committees.

Her leadership in the Midwest and National Association of Physical Education for College Women is evidence of her breadth of educational interest and concern.

Her selflessness is one of her most outstanding traits and has enabled her to serve her profession from behind stage, as it were, in a most valuable role. She seeks recognition for others, not for herself. Her leadership has been quiet but profoundly significant. Her rare ability to perceive sound direction has been recognized and acted upon by those with whom she has worked. Her professional courage, founded in well thought-out, reasoned convictions has had its impact on students and colleagues.

Candace is a fine representative of her chosen profession: those professionals who love children, respect their peers, have pride and belief in the dignity and worth of the profession, and are willing to extend themselves with all the competence and energy they possess every working day. She is a contributing member who richly deserves recognition for work well done.

## *Russell H. Seibert*

*Vice President for Academic Affairs*

When Russell Seibert joined the history department faculty of Western State Teachers College in the fall of 1936, the country was struggling out of the depths of the great depression. He was one of a group of five new faculty members who came to Western that fall—the first new members in three or four years.

At that time, Western had a single purpose—to train teachers. The student body numbered approximately 1700 and the college was

housed in a cluster of buildings atop Prospect Hill on Oakland Drive, the present East Campus .

During his twenty-year teaching career, Russell Seibert distinguished himself as a challenging teacher and an eloquent speaker. It was he who served as Director of the Social Studies Seminars in England for the summers of 1951, 1954, 1957 and 1963.

In September, 1955, he was named Director of Basic Studies. In July 1956, he was appointed Vice President for Academic Affairs. He officially retired on December 31, 1972; but at the request of the Board of Trustees, he is serving as Executive Secretary to the Committee to search for a new President.

## *Raymond F. Sorensen*

*Associate Professor Men's Physical Education*

There are many things for which Ray Sorensen can be proud—a fine family, his outstanding achievements as a tennis player and coach, and his deep roots as an Elkhart Hoosier.

After graduation from high school in Elkhart, "Hap" started college at the Art Institute in Chicago, transferring to Western to complete his undergraduate work. As a member of the Western tennis squad, he had a spectacular career. He was undefeated in singles play during his sophomore and junior years and, with his doubles partner, was a two-time winner of the State of Michigan intercollegiate championship.

Ray began his teaching-coaching career by returning to his old high school in Elkhart, and in fourteen years as tennis coach there, his teams won ten Northern Indiana titles. He came to Western as varsity tennis coach in 1951, where he has compiled an envious record in tough dual competition. During his tenure here he has guided the Broncos to fourteen Mid-American championships—more than any other Bronco coach in any sport in Western's history.

In his retirement "Hap" plans a full and active life conducted on a relaxed schedule.

## *Julius Stulberg*

*Professor of Music*

Julius Stulberg was born in Poland but came to this country at the age of seven. A graduate of Michigan State University, he taught there for eleven years before joining the Western faculty in 1945.

Under his guidance the activity in string instrument instruction flourished. From his early days when he was the only instructor of

stringed instruments, the area has increased to four full-time and two part-time teachers. He conducted the University Orchestra for twenty-three years, culminating this phase of his career with the dedication concert for the Miller Auditorium. He also organized the Faculty String Quartet, which he kept going by overcoming obstacles that would have discouraged most people. For several years he was Chairman of the String Area, and during 1965-66, he served as Acting Head of the Department of Music.

While his early retirement leaves him time for traveling and acting as clinician and conductor in many parts of the country, we are fortunate that he is continuing his activities in Kalamazoo, including private teaching of the violin and serving as Conductor of the Kalamazoo Junior Symphony Orchestra. His many contributions to the community have been recognized with honors such as the Sertoma Club's "Service to Mankind" Award, the Optimist Club's "Friend of the Boy" Award, and the Rotary Club's "Red Rose Citation."

## *Eulalia Toms*

### *Assistant Professor of Teacher Education*

Eulalia Toms, a native of Lansing, received both her undergraduate and graduate degrees from Michigan State University. She taught Homemaking classes in Paw Paw High School for twenty-five years, during which time she was also the very capable advisor to the Future Homemakers of America, a responsibility entailing the planning of many projects and activities, including cherry pie bake-offs and annual style shows.

Throughout her teaching career Eulalia was an active member of the Michigan Home Economics Association, once serving as president of the Association.

Before and since her retirement, Eulalia has been involved in many community and church activities. Most recently she has been working on plans for a new church kitchen being remodeled with the proceeds from a very successful Christmas boutique of which she was chairman.

Eulalia now makes her home in a house which she built on the shores of Maple Lake. The house and surroundings reflect her interests as an antique buff, an avid traveler, an enthusiastic gardener, and a lover of nature.



The Faculty Relations Committee of the Faculty Senate: Deldee M. Herman\*, D. B. Leonardelli\*, Necia Musser, Charles A. Smith\*, Sara Jane Stroud, Clarence N. Van Deventer, and Yousef Alavi, chairman.

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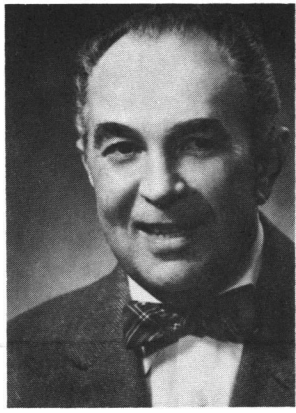
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# WHO'S WHO?

Many of tonight's honored guests are pictured below. You are invited to use these photos as a reference for acquaintance.



Ethel Adams



Sam Adams



Edith Beals



Ruth Boot



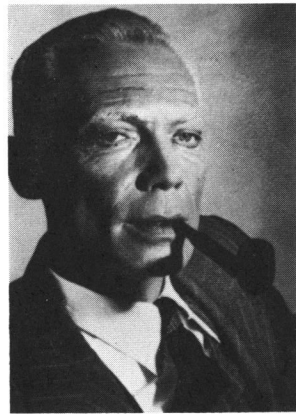
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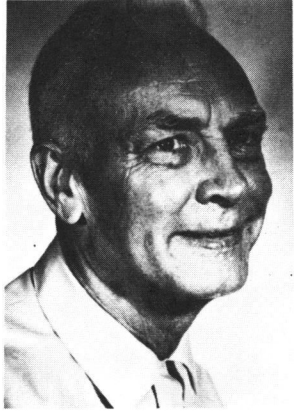
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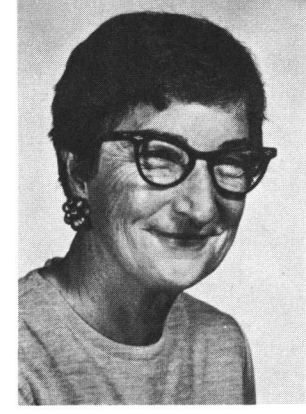
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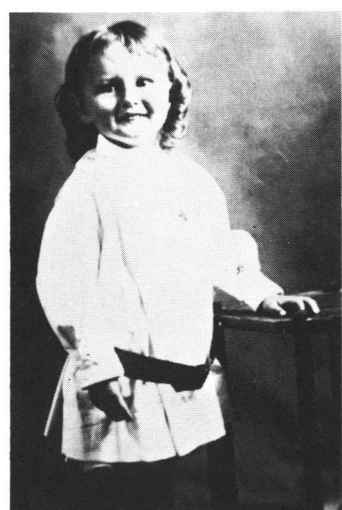
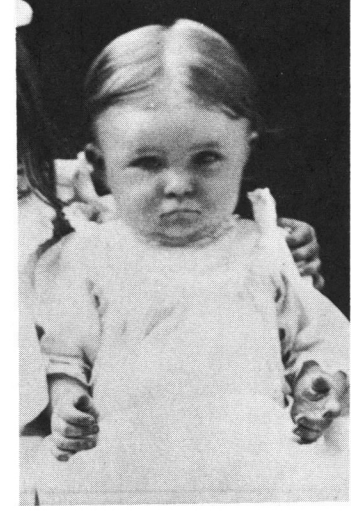
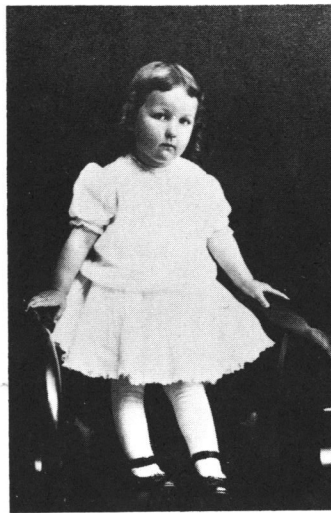


Julius Stulberg



Eulalia Toms

These youthful shots also picture some of our honored guests a few years ago. Under each of these photos, you are encouraged to write a name which indicates your personal speculation as to which retiree is pictured. You will want to know that each youth pictured below has a corresponding recent photo above. The correct individuals will be identified (exposed?) near the end of the banquet.



*Orie Frederick*