Longtime vo-tech educator Leland Boone dead at 77
[BS – 1941; MS – 1957]

Leland David Boone, 77, of 1313 S. Homer, died at 7:05 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 17, 1990, at Mt. Carmel Medical Center shortly after being admitted.

He was born Dec. 17, 1912, in Fall River, Kan., to David Ewing and Carrie LaRue Boone. He attended schools in Fall River, graduating from the Fall River High School in 1932. He taught at a country school in Greenwood County for three years. During the last two years at college, he owned and operated the Twins Inn in Pittsburg. He received his Bachelor of Science in Industrial Education in 1941 and his Masters of Science degree in Industrial Education in 1957 from Kansas State Teachers College, now Pittsburg State University.

Mr. Boone served in the Army Air Force during World War II as a technical instructor.

He was Director of the Vocational Technical Institute at PSU from March 1, 1954, until his retirement July 1, 1978. As director, he was recognized as an outstanding leader in vocational education on both a state and national level because of the accomplishments of the VTI in preparing young men and women for employment in the skilled and technical occupations under his leadership. Prior to his appointment as the director, he served as training officer for the Veterans Administration from June 1946 until March 1954, stationed in Iola for two years and the remainder of the time at PSU. He also served on the Kansas State Advisory Council for Vocational Education for three consecutive four-year appointments.

He received the Outstanding Master Educator Award in 1973, and the Master Vocational Educator of the Year award in 1974 from the Kansas Vocational Association. He served as president of the Kansas Council of Local Administrators and Practical Arts Education during 1958-1959 and 1960 school years.

Membership was held in the First Christian Church, for which he served as an elder and trustee for many years. He also was a member of the KVA, KCLA, AVA, KIEA, Phi Delta Kappa, Epsilon Pi Tau and Board of Control for Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity. Mr. Boone was a member of the Benjamin A. Fuller Post of the American Legion, a member and past officer of the Lions Club. His Masonic memberships include AF&AM No.187 Masonic Lodge, Pittsburg Chapter No.58, Montjore Commandry No.29, Mirza Shrine, Port Scott Consistory, Order of Quetzalcoatl Court No. Five, Directors Staff of Mirza Temple, Pittsburg Scottish Rite Club, Crawford County Shrine Club and the Mirza Legion of Honor.


Survivors include one sister, Freda Gardner of Bartlesville, Okla.; one brother, Bruce L. Boone of Ozchie, Kan.; six nieces and four nephews. He was preceded in
death by four brothers, Lee Cooper, William F. Boone, Carl Boone and twin Leo E. Boone.

Services will be 11 a.m. Saturday at the First Christian Church, with Dr. Wayne Black officiating. Burial will be in the Highland Park Cemetery, with flag-folding ceremony conducted by the Benjamin A. Fuller Post No.64 of the American Legion. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the Brenner Chapel, 114 E. Fourth St., with Masonic services at 7:30 p.m. Friends may call at the chapel after 11 a.m.
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