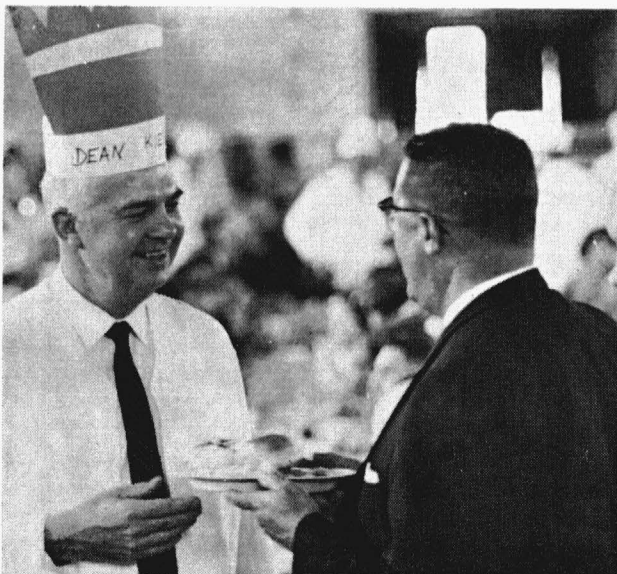


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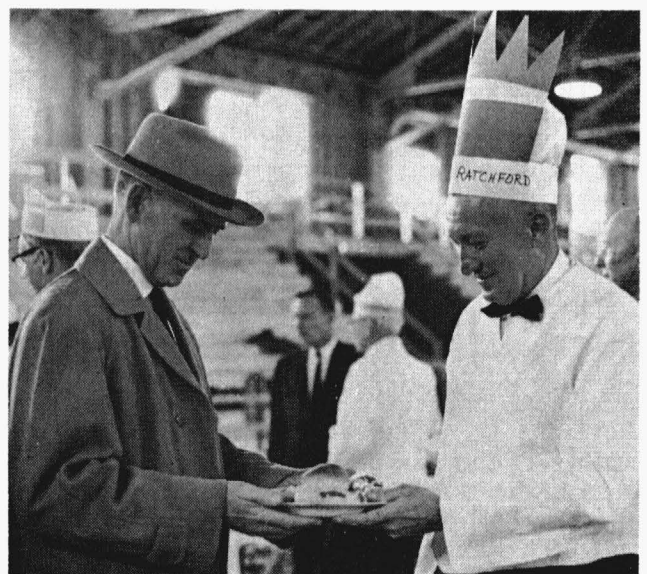


Frank Stonner, L. E. Casida and C. W. Sheppard display Citation of Merit awards presented by the University of Missouri Alumni Association.

AG ALUMNI HONORED



Agricultural Dean Elmer Kiehl gives service with a smile at well attended barbecue on February 5. Faculty members worked as waiters.



Dean C. B. Ratchford of University Extension offers a generous helping to Marion Barbee of Maryville, one of hundreds of alumni at barbecue.

The University Alumni Association's Citation of Merit recognized the achievements of four University graduates at the second annual Ag Day Barbecue held on February 5. The four distinguished themselves in agriculture. Three of the recipients were present for the ceremonies:

Dr. Lester Earl Casida, professor of genetics at the University of Wisconsin since 1946; C. W. Sheppard, Warrensburg, Missouri; and Frank Stonner, Chamois, Missouri.

The Citation was awarded posthumously to the late Joseph C. Stephens, internationally known plant scientist. Accepting was his uncle, Dr. F. F. Stephens.

Approximately 600 persons attended the barbecue, sponsored by the Association of Agricultural Alumni, in the Livestock Judging Pavilion. Cordell Tindall, editor of *Missouri Ruralist*, was master of ceremonies. The main speaker was Chancellor John W. Schwada, who sketched the University's problems and needs, and emphasized the importance of agriculture and agricultural research to the state and nation.

Hartley Banks, Sr., of Columbia, vice-president and treasurer of the University Alumni Association, presented the Citations, which were for "outstanding achievement and meritorious service in agriculture."

Mr. Stephens, considered the father of hybrid sorghum, received his B.S. in Agriculture degree in 1924 and his A.M. in 1925. He began his outstanding career in the U. S. Department of Agriculture at the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in 1925. He was responsible for working out the problems in producing hybrid seed of sorghum, a species with perfect flowers. He spent his life working on the genetics of sorghum and with male-sterile characters in the same species. He was a recognized world authority on the linkage relations and genetics of sorghum. Mr. Stephens shared with a colleague the Hoblitzelle National Award in 1955 for his research, and was named "Man of the Year in Agriculture" in 1955 by *Progressive Farmer*. He was elected a Fellow in the American Society of Agronomy in 1956, and received the Superior Service Award of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Dr. Casida holds two degrees from the University, an A.M. in 1927 and the Ph.D. in 1932. In the latter year he began his long association with the University of Wisconsin. He was president of the American Society of Animal Science in 1956 and received the Morrison Award in 1959. Dr. Casida was editor of the Society's *Journal of Animal Science* from 1949 to 1954. It was in 1954 that he received the Borden Award from the American Dairy Science Association. In 1964 he became corresponding editor, *Journal of Reproduction and Fertility*. Dr. Casida is a native of Livingston County, Missouri. Mrs. Casida is the former Ruth Barnes, A.B. 1927. They have two sons and a daughter.

Mr. Sheppard started farming in 1919 and has been prominent in agriculture since then. For more than three decades he has carried a heavy schedule of leadership in varied activities. In his general farming operation he has specialized in Duroc Jersey

hogs and Angus cattle. He is a former president of the Missouri Livestock Association. From 1936 to 1948, Mr. Sheppard was a member of the State Farm Program Committee, and for ten years of that period he was State Director of the Federal Farm Program in Missouri. A native of Barton County, Missouri, he received his B.S. in Agriculture in 1916, the year he was manager of Farmers Fair. In 1915 he was a member of the Livestock Judging Team which won the judging contest at the American Royal. Mrs. Sheppard, the former Helen Redford, was Barnwarmin' Queen in 1918.

Mr. Stonner never has lost his ties with agriculture although he has had a highly successful career in the business world. He now lives in his native Chamois, his home surrounded by nearly 6,000 acres of Stonner land, after retiring from 33 years in the insurance field. He was a member of the University Board of Curators for six years, 1947-1953.

Mr. Stonner was graduated in 1922 with a B.S. in Agriculture degree. On the campus he was prominent in agricultural activities, and was made permanent secretary of the all-University class of 1922. He was in county agent work for eight years before joining the State Farm Insurance Companies as Missouri State Director in 1930. He advanced to Deputy Regional Vice-President. Mr. Stonner married the former Miss Genevieve Miller in 1951; they have a daughter, Anne, twelve years old.

Big plans for B&PA Week

An expanded program, with new features added and old ones continued, marks the 1965 B&PA Week, formerly known as Business Week, which begins on the campus April 5 and ends April 9.

Outstanding speakers are being scheduled. Among them will be Dr. Arthur E. Weimer and U.S. Senator Stuart Symington. Dr. Weimer, director, Aerospace Research Application Center, Indiana University, delivers a University Assembly lecture, "Space Research and Its Application to Business," in the Arts and Science Auditorium on April 6. Senator Symington gives the Honors Lecture in Jesse Auditorium on April 9 following an Honors Luncheon at Memorial Student Union at which Dean Pinkney Walker will preside, with Dutton Brookfield of Kansas City as master of ceremonies.

"Professors for a Day," scheduled daily in B&PA classrooms, is a new feature for which the services of a large number of guests have been arranged. Prominent business leaders in various fields will be here to lecture as professors.

Traditional events, such as the Bosses Brawl, the faculty skit, the Ideal Boss and Secretary campaign, and the Bosses Ball are on the agenda. Exhibits and other attractions are being arranged.

Alumni members of the B&PA Week Committee are Mitch Murch of St. Louis, William R. Toler of Columbia, and Roy A. Wilhelmsen of Kansas City.