

A Notable Woman – Lulu Kellogg



Lulu Kellogg is believed to be the first woman faculty member at UWSP whose experience included a stint as a college president.

Before she joined this faculty in 1953, Kellogg headed the Waushara County Teachers College in Wautoma, which, in its heyday, had enrollments as large as 80.

During the 1940s, there were 31 such county-supported institutions across the state and Wautoma was the only one with a woman at its helm. The days of these colleges were numbered, however, and by 1960 nearly all of them had been closed and their service functions taken over by regional colleges such as UWSP.

Kellogg lived at a home at 1108 Michigan Ave., in a house she shared with her late sister, Vivian, who also had been on the UWSP faculty. The two retired together in 1970 after being colleagues here for 17 years. They previously had both taught together at the teachers college in Wautoma.

A native of Monroe County, Kellogg started teaching at age 19 in her home area. After coming to UWSP in 1926 for a summer course, she became principal of the Wyeville State Graded School. She returned to Stevens Point in 1929 to complete her degree and spent many summers taking courses at different universities across the country.

Kellogg came to UWSP to participate in the teacher-preparation program. She had advanced to the position of curriculum librarian in charge of the Instructional Media Services by the time she retired.

A footnote about her retirement and the house she occupied. It was not an idle time for Kellogg after leaving campus. One of her favorite pastimes was bridge, and she pursued it with vigor. Her home bore the mark of its previous owner, Peter J. Michelsen, for whom the recital hall at UWSP is named. The likenesses of treble clefs were on the shutters affixed to the front windows.