

A Notable Woman - Syble Mason



The late Syble Mason, who had an association with UWSP throughout her adult life, established a record of service to the University Center.

During her 39 years on the faculty, the specialist in cataloging also taught courses in library sciences and assisted in all aspects of the library's operation.

She came to the Stevens Point State Normal School as a freshman in 1924, received her bachelor's degree in 1928 from

what had become Central State Teachers College, and was appointed librarian of her alma mater in 1930 after serving two years as a biology, civics, physical education, English and history teacher at the Coloma High School.

Mason who remained on campus until her retirement in 1969, took an active role in keeping records of its history and the successes of its graduates. Her "President's Book" collection chronicled each chief executive's career here. She also compiled the first alumni records.

Mason spent more than half of her career working in a library located on the second floor of Old Main. When it was to be replaced, she helped plan the structure on Fremont Street that is now the Park Student Services Building.

Serving this university was a family matter. Her father also was on the staff, serving 24 years operating boilers in the heating plant.

Mason, who was born in Westfield, died at River Pines Living Center in August of 1987. She bequeathed nearly her entire estate of about \$500,000 to charity, including the UWSP library and alumni association.