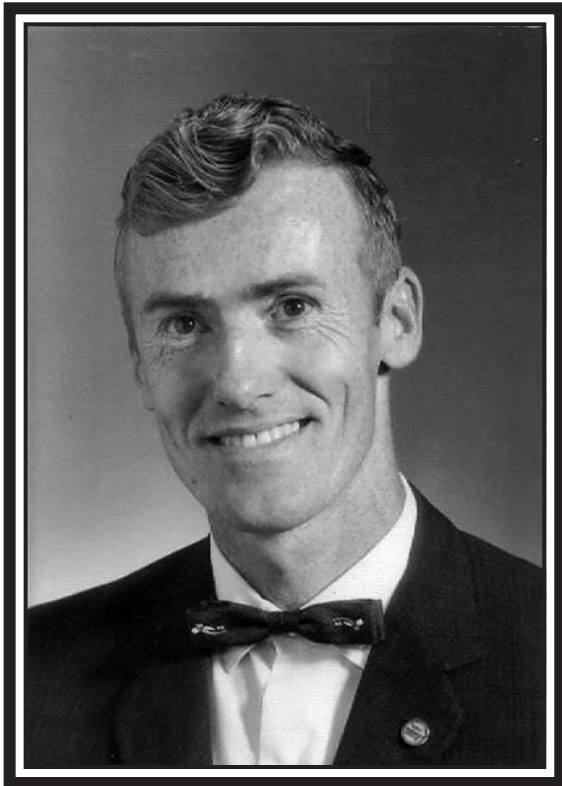


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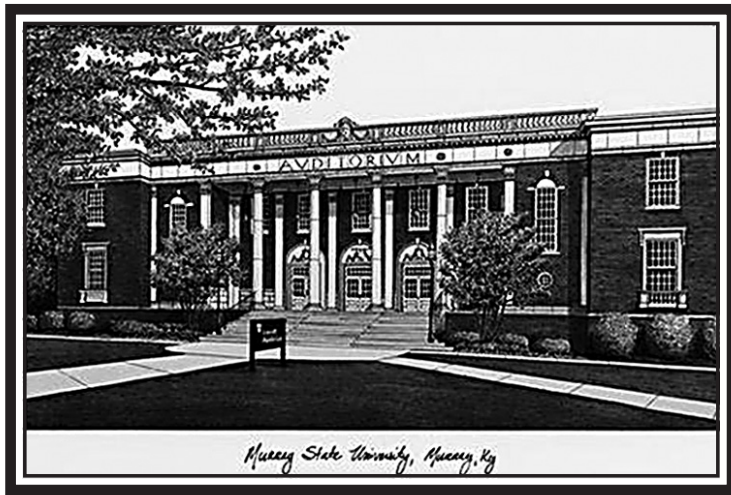


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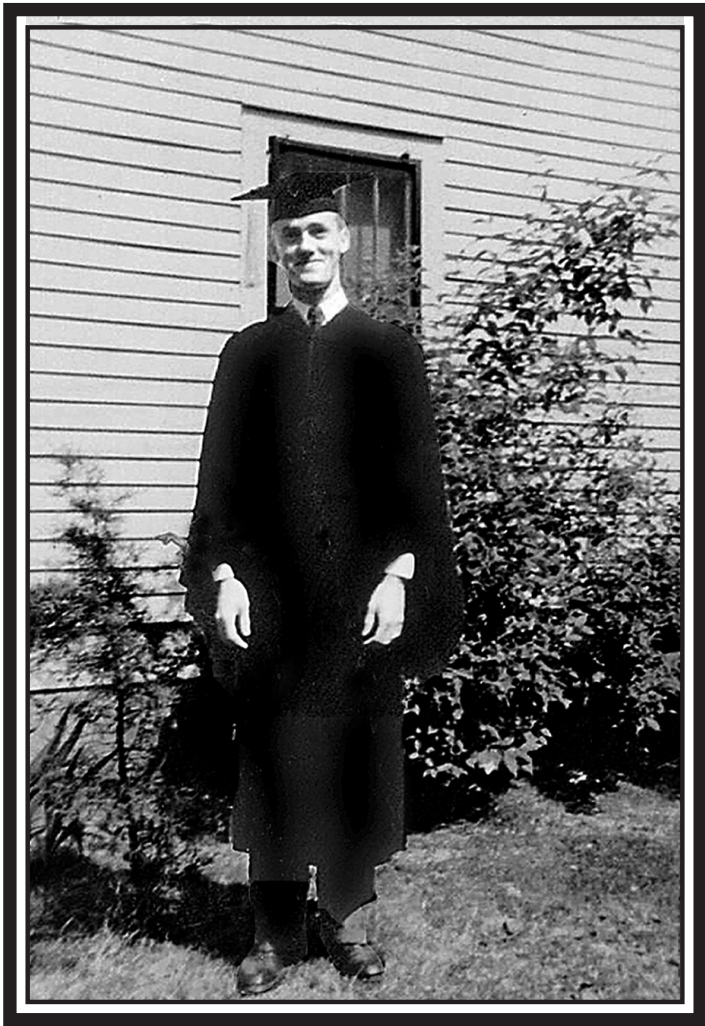
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This is a true story. It is about a man whose dream came true. Since grade school, Dale Faughn wanted to become a teacher. Fifty-five years ago he did. He is still a teacher in Kentucky today.



Dale went to college after he fought in the war. The government paid for it. The government pays the tuition for all people who have served in the armed forces.



At last Dale could learn to teach. He was so happy. He would study just as hard as he always had. He wanted to be a great teacher. He graduated from college with honors.



Dale met Virginia Chandler while he was in college. Dale would see her each day in the cafeteria. They fell in love and got married.

Ginny is the perfect partner for Dale. She finds joy in helping people. She has helped Dale fulfill all of his dreams. She has also helped many people in their rural community.

Dale Faughn gains distinction as Presidential Teacher

By STACEY McCASLIN

Times Leader • News Writer
Caldwell County High School teacher Dale Faughn has been recognized for his excellence in science education.

Faughn was invited to the nation's capital March 19-24 where he received the Presidential Award for Excellence in Math and Science Teaching, the highest award for math and science teachers.

"Congress authorized this award to take care of both science and math," said Faughn. "They set it up to recognize a high school teacher from each state and an elementary teacher from each state in both fields. So you are recognized either for math or science."

Faughn explained that while Congress authorized the award, it is given by the president and administered by the National Science Administration.

President Bush was out of the country that week, but Faughn said he did have a picture with Vice President Dick Cheney.

"It was a wonderful trip," said the 76-year-old teacher. "They really treated me like a king, and the awards ceremony was at the Kennedy Center, which is something I had never been to."

Faughn said he had heard of the Presidential Award and decided last year to apply.

"I knew there was such a thing," he said. "So I applied. The whole process took more than a

year."

First, he sent an application to the Kentucky State Department of Education.

"Statewide, they selected finalists, and those names were sent to the president," he said.

One interesting part of the application process that struck Faughn was a background check conducted by the FBI.

"I gladly gave my permission to them," he said.

Faughn received \$7,500 as part of his recognition on the national level, and he received \$750 from the state. Faughn said he plans to use his award money in the CCNS science department.

Faughn currently teaches honors courses in Biology I and II.

But with 52 years of teaching experience in Caldwell County, he has taught a little bit of everything. "Through the years I have taught English, speech, journalism, algebra, geometry, general

math, sociology, psychology, economics, agriculture, chemistry, physics, general science and biology," he said. "I think that covers it."

Faughn said he never looked at his far-reaching curriculum as "a chore."

"The opportunity to connect and integrate knowledge has been good through the years," he said. "It has been beneficial to have many different classes.

But all my 52 years have been right here in Caldwell County. I've been in different buildings. I started in Fredonia,

then to Princeton, then back to Fredonia, and finally back to Princeton."

Faughn's 52 years in education have made for one impressive resume. He has served as president of teachers associations on the local and state levels, and he was a delegate to the Constitutional Convention of the National Education Association.

He has been inducted into the National Teachers Hall of Fame and received such awards as the William F. Brown Outstanding Teacher Award, Valley Forge Teacher's Medal, Ashland Oil

Tandy Technology Scholar, Service to School Award, Favorite Teacher Award, 1998 Kentucky Secondary Teacher of the Year, 1999 Kentucky High School Teacher of the Year, 2000 Kentucky Outstanding Biology Teacher, 2001 Kentucky Education Association Award for Science Teaching Excellence and the Kentucky Academy of Science Outstanding High School Science Teacher Award.

Faughn is a member of the Caldwell County Education Association, National Education Association, National Science Teachers Association, National Teachers Association, Association of Biology Teachers, Kentucky Association of Science Teachers, Kentucky Science Teachers and the Association of Presidential Awardees in Teaching.

Faughn is not only involved in the lives of his students inside the classroom, he is also active outside in the community.

He has held numerous church positions, serving as pianist, Sunday school teacher, treasurer, clerk and activities director.

He has also worked with the Red Cross, United Way, 4-H, civil defense, St. Jude like-A-Thon, the Boy Scouts, where he was a scoutmaster, and he has donated more than 20 gallons of blood.

Faughn is the father of seven, grandfather of 12 and great grandfather of four.

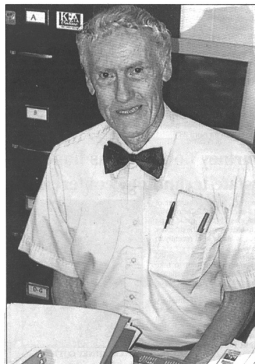
He said his 255-acre farm in Fredonia serves as an "ideal resource center for collecting biological specimens for my classroom and as the proper backdrop for my poetry writing."

In addition to his career in education, Faughn has been featured on national television quiz shows, served in the U.S. Marine Corps in World War II, published poetry books and given poetry recitals, participated in hundreds of running and walking competitions, and he has traveled to all 50 states.

"I feel really blessed," he said. "I've had the chance to go to different places and do different things."

"But the real test of it is, now what are you going to do right here in the classroom?"

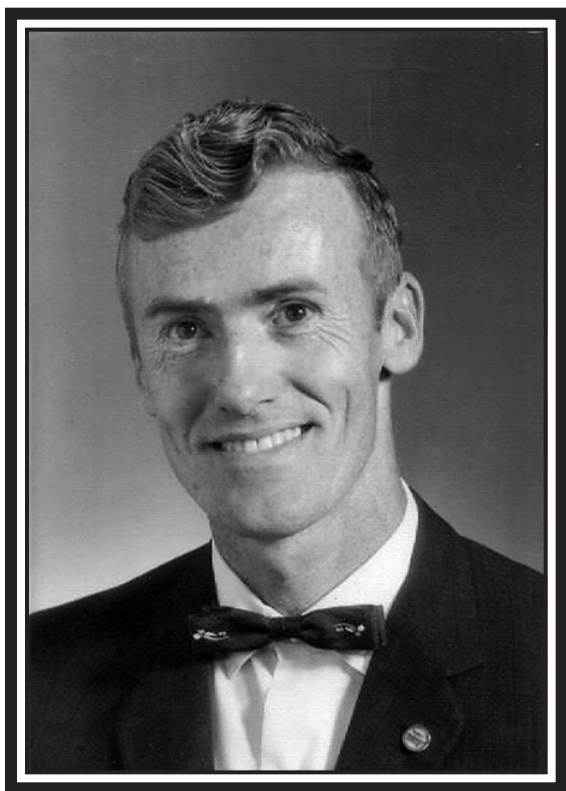
It is evident that Faughn has passed that test; and he will continue on, as he says retirement is not in the near future.



CCNS science teacher Dale Faughn is adding to his list of national honors. He has been named a Presidential Teacher.

in 1949 Dale had a new wife and a new job. He had responsibility. He had to find a way to get the things they needed. Back then, he only made about \$1800 a year.

Ginn helped. She taught school that first year. After that she was a substitute teacher. Even so, it was hard to make ends meet.



One thing is sure, Dale did not become a teacher in order to earn a lot of money. He became a teacher to make a difference in children's lives. He wanted to give back.

Dale felt called to teach. He had given his life to God. Now he believed he was in God's service.



Dale and Ginny had seven wonderful children. They are very proud of all of them. There are six boys: Phillip, Stephen, Timothy, Nathan, Mark, and Paul. There is one girl, whose name is Ruth. Sadly, Tim passed away in 2003.

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Civil Defense Class
Dale Faughn & Mrs. Crenshaw

Dale and Ginny have given a lot to their community. Dale has been a scoutmaster. He wanted to help shape young lives.

In this photo, Dale is teaching a Civil Defense class. This kind of class helps people get ready in case of an enemy attack on American citizens.



Ginny cares for people who are sick. She calls on people who are lonely or in need. She brings them kind, encouraging words and gifts.

Ginny makes many of the gifts herself. Many times she crafts homemade pies or jams. She brings them along when she visits people who need cheer. Or, Ginny may crochet or macrame a gift for them.



Dale has given more than 20 gallons of blood. He has helped a lot of sick people to get well with that donation.

Dale has also set an example for how to stay healthy and strong. He has won dozens of awards for running and race-walking. If you go to Fredonia, Kentucky today, you may see Dale out jogging! He jogs three miles a day, four or five days a week. And he still competes.



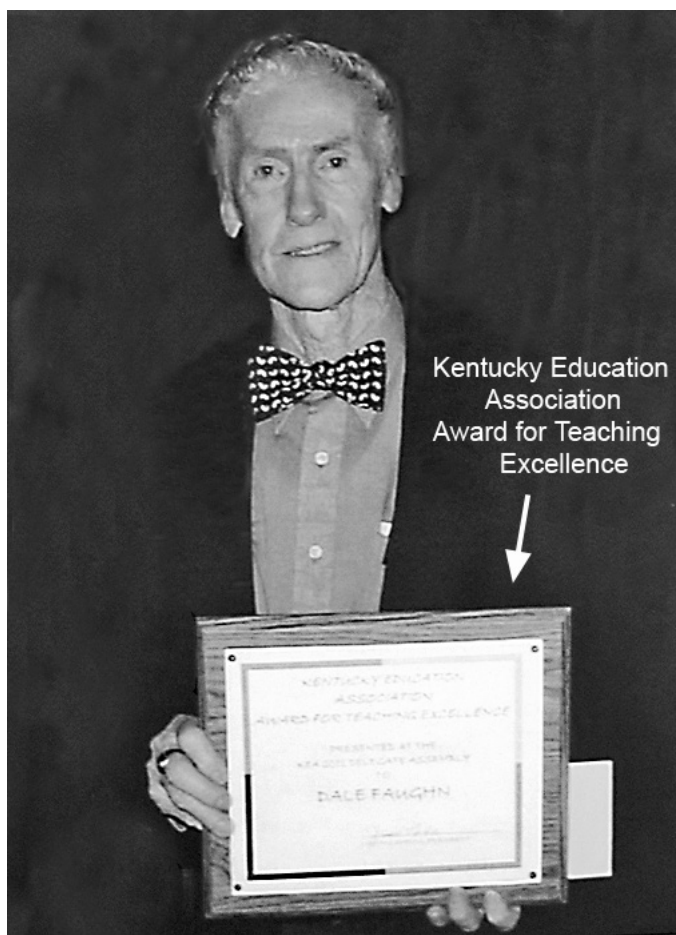
Dale has spoken to his community about war. He helps people remember the great sacrifices. He reminds them that men lost their lives for peace. He helps his community recall that men died for freedom.



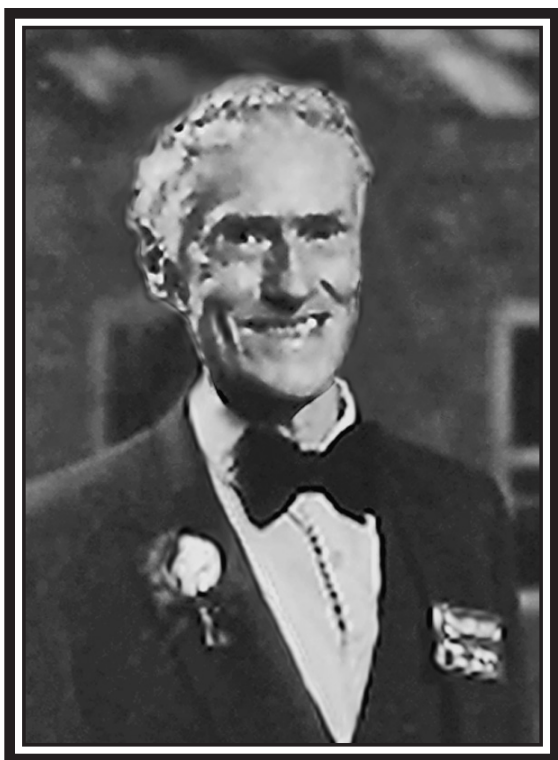
Dale plays the piano in his church

Dale can give so much because so much has been given to him. He says that he would not be the man that he is today without his “cheerleaders”. They are the people who have inspired and encouraged him.

One time a student said eleven special words to Dale. These words brought him back from being down. Another time there were five kind words that lifted Dale up.



His fellow teachers have been kind and friendly to Dale. They often give him articles from papers or journals. These items always interest Dale. They often lead him into a new learning adventure.



Dale has stored all of these golden words and gestures in his soul's bag of treasures. He has drawn on them throughout his life as he needs them.

Dale Faughn joins national hall of fame

5 U.S. teachers honored

The Times Leader • Staff Report

A Caldwell County High School teacher with a lengthy list of achievements and credentials amassed in a 48-year teaching career will add one more this summer. Dale Faughn is one of five professional educators selected for induction into the National Teacher's Hall of Fame.

And, he is excited about it! "It's a wonderful honor. You know when these things are brought up, you don't let yourself think that you might be chosen. There are so few selected that the odds are really extraordinary. So, I'm really looking forward to this," he said.

In his 70s, Faughn has reached an age when most of his colleagues have long-since retired, but he breaks new ground and seeks new challenges. He finds them in his students and in the mushrooming knowledge of his subject.

He teaches biology to students in the 9th and 10th grades at CCHS, and is chairman of the school science department.

Faughn was nominated for the Hall of Fame by Patsy Kemp-Oliver, a former student and current school administrator. Included in the nomination packet were letters of support from several former students, parents, fellow teachers and administrators.

Founded in 1989, the National Teacher's Hall of Fame honors teach-

ers who have demonstrated a commitment to teaching. Inaugural induction ceremonies were held in 1992 and the Hall of Fame now includes 30 members.

The program is limited to five honorees each year. The honorees receive a stipend, signed gold ring, other recognition mementos and a \$1,000 scholarship for a student in the Caldwell County school district.

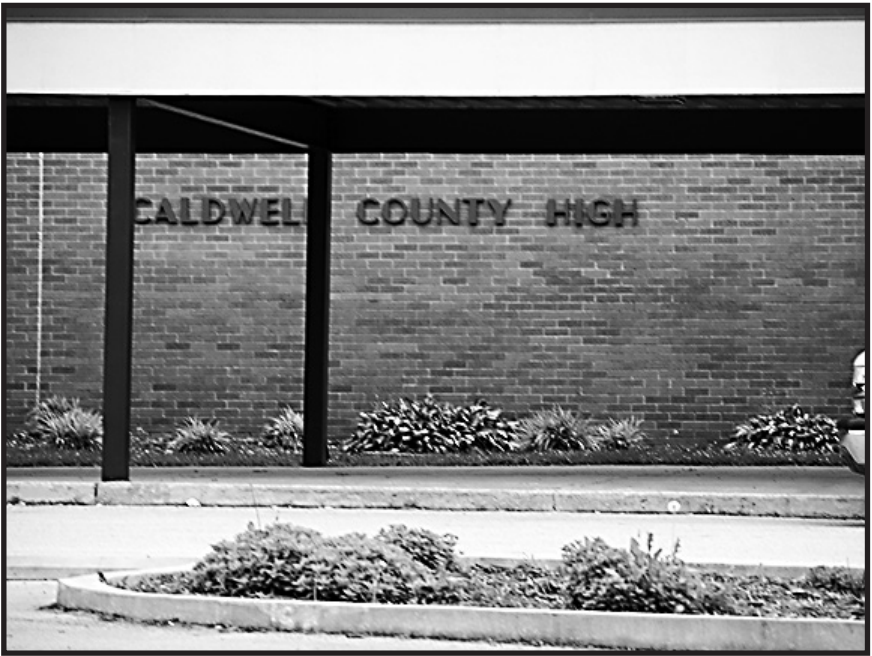
The week-long Hall of Fame celebration will be held in Emporia, Kan. The induction is planned on June 27.

Oliver said that the part about the program that led her to nominate Faughn for the honor was this line: "Remember the teacher who made learning fun—the teacher who saw a glimmer of potential in you and kept after you until you saw it yourself?"

That teacher for Oliver, without a doubt, was Faughn. She graduated from Fredonia High School where Faughn was teaching in 1960. While in high school at Fredonia, Oliver was Faughn's student in English, literature, math (including geometry) and science classes.

Her excitement about the honor may rival Faughn's. He has won local and state recognition many times, was the 1996 Kentucky High School Teacher of the Year, and has participated in prestigious national institutes. This honor puts that teacher who "made learning fun" in the national spotlight.

In 1998 Dale Faughn was admitted into the National Teacher's Hall of Fame. It is a very high honor. There are only 70 teachers that have ever been given such a high honor. Dale will always be remembered for the greatness he has brought to the field of education.



Dale has now been teaching for 55 years. He has no thought of retiring. He does not even want to slow down. Each day he is so excited that he feels he is “kind of launched out of bed in the morning!” He continues to be a blessing to his Biology students at Caldwell County High School.

