

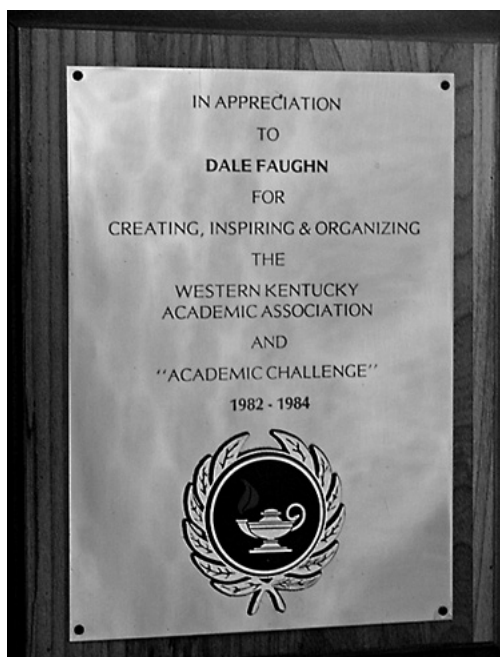
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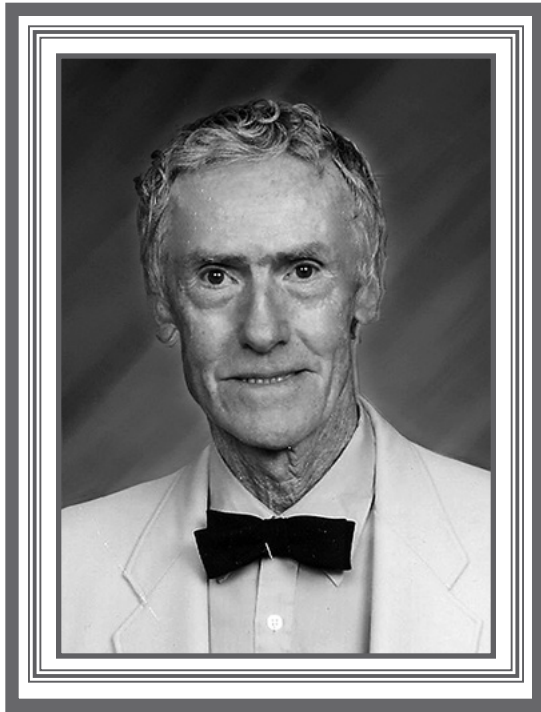
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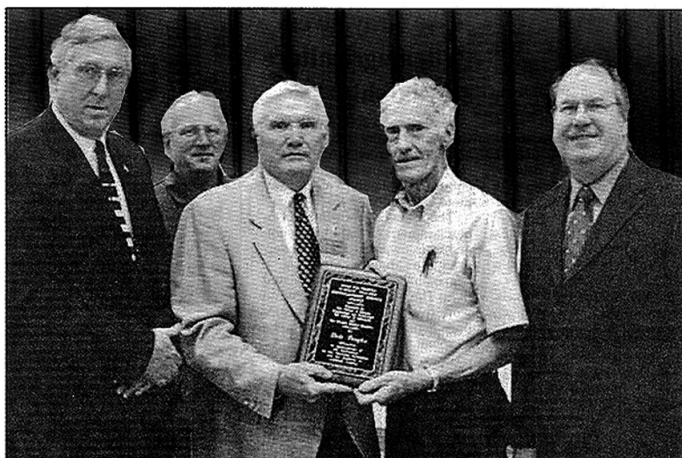


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Dale Faughn loves to learn. He is never satisfied with what he knows. He always wants to grow as a person and as a teacher. This story is completely true.



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Dale Faughn, a participant in the Summer Institute and a distinguished science teacher in the Caldwell County School District for 52 years, was honored during the closing luncheon. Pictured from left are Dr. Jack Rose, Dean of the College of Education; Dr. Neil Weber, Dean of the College of Science, Engineering & Technology; W. A. Franklin, Director of the Teacher Quality Institute; Dale Faughn and Dr. Gary Brockway, Provost.

Caldwell teacher is recognized at MSU Teacher Quality Institute

A Caldwell County High School teacher participated in and received recognition at the Murray State University Teacher Quality Institute held July 8-12.

The Teacher Quality Institute, directed by W. A. Franklin, former superintendent of Murray Independent Schools, has completed summer institutes in Spanish, Arts and Humanities, and Science on the MSU campus.

Each institute emphasized and modeled effective integration of

technology in the classroom. Teachers from 22 area school districts, representing 42 schools attended the summer institute.

At the closing luncheon Dale Faughn, a participant in the Science Institute, was honored for his 52 years as a distinguished science teacher in the Caldwell County School District.

Faughn has received national recognition for his innovative practices in the classroom.

The mission of the institute is

to develop and implement initiatives to address the looming shortage of teachers and the need to improve the content and knowledge of practicing and newly certified teachers.

The Institute collaborates closely with the College of Science, Engineering and Technology; the College of Humanities and Fine Arts; and the College of Education. The Summer Institute was a joint effort to assist current teachers.

A scholar is a person that has studied hard and knows a lot. Dale is that kind of a man.

Teacher Dale Faughn pursues his goal of life-long learning

Caldwell County High School science teacher and department head Dale Faughn participated in the 1997 National Science Teachers Association Teacher Center workshop "When Science Meets Society-Technology."

The workshop was a follow-up to the summer workshops in which he participated in 1995 and 1996.

During the first day, participants attended sessions about Inquiry, Internet Resources, Connections-Strand Maps, Resources for Science, and Explorations at the Orlando Science Center.

The second day of the workshop was at the Kennedy Space Center where participants visited the Saturn V Rocket display, the launch pad where Discovery was being prepared for launch and the NASA Teacher Resource Center.

Morning sessions on the third day were conducted on Discovery Island, a recreated tropical rainforest. In the afternoon Sea World hosted a behind the scenes tour of the penguin and puffin research facility.

Sessions were conducted Thursday at Epcot, The Land Pavilion, and included a behind the scenes tour of the greenhouses.

The workshop extended through 40 hours of contact time and was designed to provide participants with information and resources to connect science teaching and learning with real life applications, typifying Kentucky's "Commonwealth Goals."

During his 47 years of teaching, Faughn has spent many of his summer "vacations" out seeking to learn new things he can apply in his classroom. This summer he participated in two different workshops in the state of Florida.

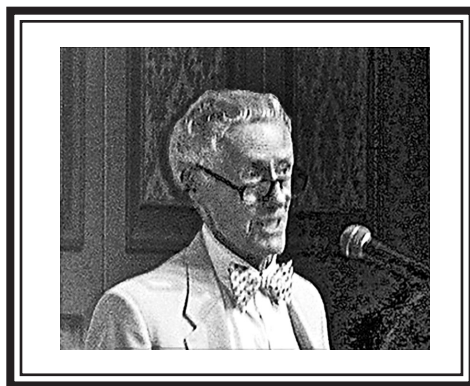
Recently, an article was written about his participation in the TRUE (Teacher Research Update Experience) which was sponsored by the National Science Foundation with participants selected by strict criteria and competitive credentials.

Faughn said that his idea of a vacation centers around finding new opportunities to learn—to be a life-long learner.

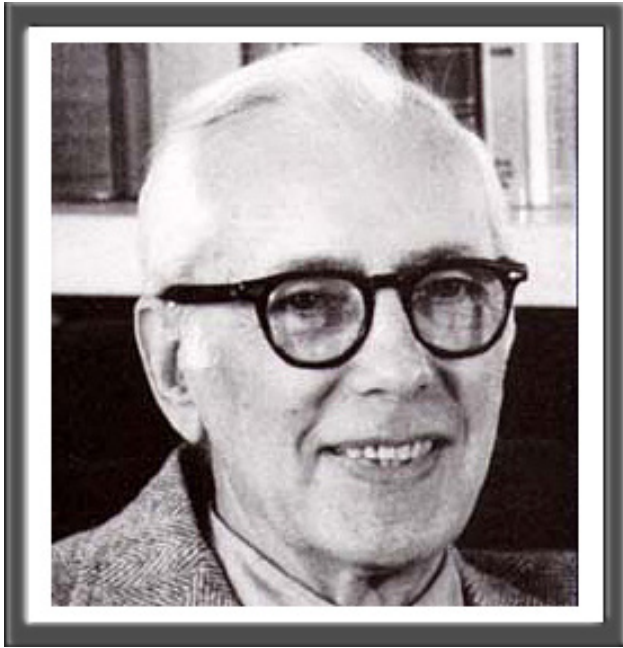


DALE FAUGHN
CCHS Science Teacher

Every year when school lets out, Dale jumps at the chance to learn something new. He has studied in more than 20 colleges and universities in this country. He also studied in Japan.

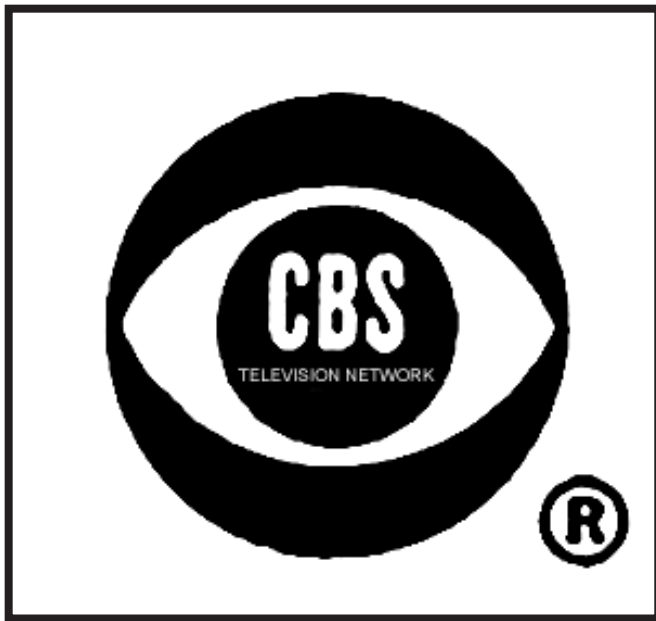


Dale in Japan, 2003



Dr. Ashley Montagu, author of 50 books

One summer Dale studied anthropology. He went to Arizona to learn from a famous teacher. His teacher was Ashley Montagu, one of the leading anthropologists of that time. Anthropology is the study of humankind. Anthropologists are very curious about people. Dale was thrilled with this adventure.



Late one afternoon a phone call turned an ordinary day upside down. It was a TV network! The caller invited Dale to be on one of the network's quiz shows. The show was called the **\$64,000 Challenge**. Dale would compete with two other scholars. They would answer questions about the Bible.

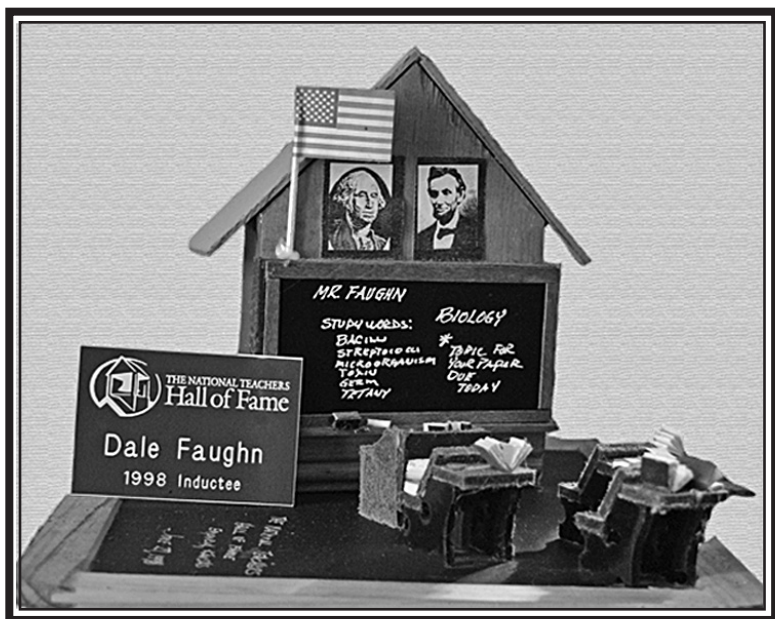


New York City around the time Dale flew there.

Dale told his family about this chance to test his knowledge. His father-in-law offered to buy him a new suit. Dale quickly phoned the men's clothing store in town. They promised to stay open until he got there. Dale had to fly to New York City the next day.



The older woman in the picture was the first one to be eliminated from the contest. For five weeks, Dale and the young English teacher in the picture answered questions. They made it all the way to the last question. That question was worth \$64,000!



Dale has been given nineteen awards for his work as a teacher. He will always be remembered at his place in the National Teacher's Hall of Fame. He was made a member in 1998.



Dale's current church. His son, Mark, is the minister.

Dale has joyfully and humbly accepted the awards he has received for his teaching excellence. They make him feel like all of the effort was worth it. The hard work of being the best he could be paid off. But Dale does not feel that these are his honors alone. They belong also to all of the people that have been a part of his life.