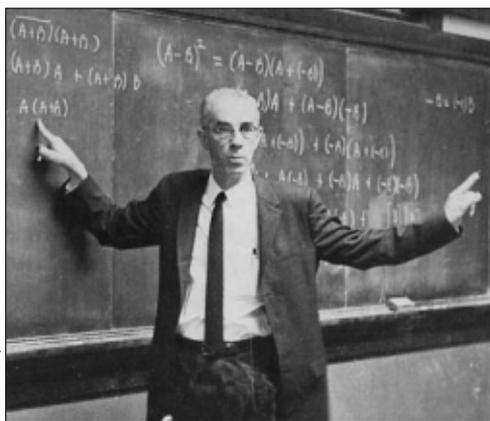


Happy 100th, Baley Price!

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G. Baley Price in class, 1960s.

American mathematical community during the twentieth century. He has been a member of the AMS since January 1, 1929.

Griffith Baley Price was born in 1905 and received his bachelor's degree from Mississippi College in Clinton, Mississippi, in 1925. He received his doctorate in 1932 from Harvard University, where, like his fellow students C. B. Morrey and Hassler Whitney, he was a student of G. D. Birkhoff. The title of Price's dissertation was "Double pendulum and similar dynamical systems". After a short stint teaching at Brown University, in 1937 he joined the faculty of the University of Kansas, where he remained for the rest of his career. In 1970 he was named the first E. B. Stouffer Distinguished Professor of Mathematics. He retired in 1975.

Price devoted a great deal of time and effort to service on behalf of the mathematics profession and the general public. While at Brown University he had become acquainted with R. G. D. Richardson, who was then AMS secretary and who was instrumental in launching *Mathematical Reviews*, which began publication in 1940. Price served on the publicity committee that helped drum up subscriptions for the fledgling journal. Around this time he served on the AMS Council and was also named an associate secretary of the Society, but his World War II service prevented his serving in that capacity: in 1943 he began a three-year tour of service as a civilian member of the Operational Section of the Eighth Air Force. His job was to use mathematics to improve the accuracy of bombing attacks. In 2003 the United States Congress paid him a special tribute for this service.

G. Baley Price, Distinguished Professor Emeritus of the University of Kansas, turned 100 years old on March 14, 2005. Known for his dedication to teaching and to public service, Price had a hand in many key developments in the

During the 1950s Price worked to get the mathematical community involved in undergraduate and school education. While he was president of the Mathematical Association of America (MAA) in 1957–58, Price collaborated with AMS president Richard Brauer and National Council of Teachers of Mathematics president Harold Fawcett to appoint a committee to establish the School Mathematics Study Group (MSG). This group launched the "new math" program that transformed mathematics teaching in schools across the country. While sometimes dismissed as a failure, MSG was often successful when teachers were properly trained. Price participated in writing sessions for MSG and also taught in a summer institute designed to train teachers to use the "new math" curriculum.

Price served as an AMS associate secretary from 1946 until 1949 and was editor of the *Bulletin* from 1950 until 1957. He was also very active in the MAA, serving not only as president but also as a vice president and as a longtime member of the MAA Board of Governors. During the 1950s he was on the MAA Committee on the Undergraduate Program in Mathematics. He received the MAA's Distinguished Service Award in 1970. He was the first chairman of the Conference Board of the Mathematical Sciences (CBMS) (1959–60) and also served as CBMS executive secretary (1960–62).

A University of Kansas alumnus who became a publishing sales representative was so impressed with Price when they first met in the 1960s that in 2004 he committed nearly a million dollars toward the establishment of an endowed chair in Price's honor. Not long thereafter, Price himself made a gift of \$500,000 to the university for an endowed professorship in honor of his wife, Cora Lee Beers Price, who held a Ph.D. in English and was on the faculty of the University of Kansas. She passed away in late 2004.

Still active in his retirement, Price wrote a history of the mathematics department at the University of Kansas as well as historical pieces for the AMS centennial celebration in 1988 and the MAA's seventy-fifth anniversary in 1990. His long career of service to mathematics has made him a beloved member of the community. Happy Birthday, Professor Price!

—Allyn Jackson