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Franc Lewis McCluer was born at O'Fallon, Missouri, on March 27, 1896. He received a B.A. from Westminster College, in Fulton, Missouri, in 1916, and a Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1928. From 1933 to late 1947, McCluer was president of Westminster College. He then became president of Lindenwood College in St. Charles, Missouri.

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