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BLOOMINGTON, ILL.--Two Illinois Wesleyan University graduates from the 1930s will receive awards from the Alumni Association at the Alumni Day luncheon Saturday, May 12.

Dr. Harold E. Boysaw of Chicago, retired executive of the Cook Co. Department of Public Welfare, class of 1938, will be presented the Distinguished Alumnus Award, and Dr. Elmer L. Beadles of Ashland, retired dentist, class of 1935, will be presented the Loyalty Award.

Boysaw a sociologist, worked for nearly 37 years in public welfare, first as a caseworker and, over the years, in most of the important posts in the department, including Deputy Director, Administrative Services, and finally, Assistant Director, Community Services. He retired in 1975.

In 1961 he was named Director of the Rockwell Garden Demonstration Project, a departmental program designed to re-integrate public assistance recipients into community life. A total of 250 families were involved in the pilot project in Chicago. The success of that initial effort spawned similar projects throughout the city.

Boysaw earned a master's degree in social work at the University of Chicago and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Illinois Wesleyan in 1965.

He still serves on the boards of nine social welfare organizations, including Big Brothers and Chicago Cancer Society.

A member of the Century Club at IWU, he has served as class agent since 1969 and was a member of the Alumni Council from 1970-76.

Beadles was a history major at Wesleyan, but then entered dental school at Northwestern, and practiced his profession until 1980.

He married Marjorie Morse, whose class at Wesleyan celebrates its 50 year reunion this year.

The Beadles are members of the President's Club and Board of Visitors and are sponsors

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of Evelyn Chapel.

Both are avid sports fans of Wesleyan, often traveling to distant locales to cheer the Titans. They rarely miss home games. Beadles is an effective fund raiser and student recruiter for the University as well.

He is co-chairman of his class for its 50 year reunion to be held next year. He served on the Alumni Council from 1981-83, and was a class agent from 1970-71 and has served in that capacity since 1978.

He is part of the Beadles family which has been so closely associated with the University over the years. Among IWU alumni within the Beadles family are Elmer's brothers William T. Beadles, '23, for whom Beadles Hall was named, and Dr. Robert O. Beadles, '32.