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DAYTON, Ohio, April 30, 1982 -- The University of Dayton School of Education and the Western Ohio Education Association awarded the Outstanding Teacher Awards in cooperation with the Dayton Journal Herald to Diane Sherman of Dayton and Sherl Elder of Sidney on April 29, 1982. The two area outstanding teachers have spent more than 40 years in the classroom with their combined careers.

Sherman, who received the award in elementary education, is a first-grade teacher at Valerie Elementary School and has 12 years of teaching experience. The former Springfield resident graduated with a B.S. degree in elementary education from the University of Dayton.

Elder, who was recognized in the secondary education category, is a high school English and Spanish teacher at Sidney High School and has been involved in the profession for 28 years. A World War II veteran and former Sidney Daily News reporter, Elder is originally from Mason County, West Virginia.

The honorees will each receive $300 and a plaque for their accomplishments. Selection criteria included successes in the classroom, professional activities, community involvement, and the endorsement of colleagues. The outstanding teachers have shown "leadership capabilities in the field of education as well as an untiring commitment to the advancement of classroom teachers."

The awards ceremony, held in the University of Dayton Kennedy Union, was hosted by Dr. Ellis Joseph, Dean of Education at the University. Mr. Donald Stephan of the Western Ohio Education Association and Dr. William Drury, past president of the Buckeye Association of School Administrators served as program speakers.

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The award recipients were selected by the Instructional and Professional Development Committee of the Western Ohio Education Association. This organization includes members from eight counties and is one of nine districts of the Ohio Education Association.