



William Allen White

William Allen White was born in Emporia, Kansas, and spent much of his professional life there. He achieved worldwide fame as the editor of the *Emporia Gazette*. His passion for the state of Kansas and for Progressive ideals was ideally suited for writing editorials and essays. In 1896, his editorial “What’s the Matter With Kansas?” earned him nationwide attention. His writing on politics, social issues and small-town life were published around the world, and made the *Gazette* one of the America’s most influential and respected small-town newspapers. White won the Pulitzer Prize in 1923, and became influential in the American political arena during the first half of the 20th century. Regarded as one of the finest journalists of all time, William Allen White’s career has had a lasting impact on American media and public journalism.



Frederick A. Krebs takes on the role of the “Sage of Emporia,” appearing as William Allen White at the 2007 *Famous Kansans Chautauqua*. Krebs is a professor in the Social Sciences and Humanities



Division at Johnson County Community College. He received his M.A. in American History from the University of Missouri, Kansas City. Krebs is a prolific public speaker and toured as William Allen White in the 1985 *Great Plains Chautauqua*. In June 2004 he portrayed Stephen Douglas in the statewide *Bleeding Kansas Chautauqua*. To date, he has done Chautauqua-style characters in eighteen states. Professor Krebs is joining Chautauqua this year, “because I have so much fun doing the Kansas Humanities Council program and enjoyed being part of the 2004 Kansas Chautauqua, and look forward to being involved with people I’ve worked with for a long time.” A frequent visitor to Baldwin City, Krebs is eagerly anticipating his first visit to Medicine Lodge.