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Grandmother Gets Degree

Mrs. C. A. Penton, a 52-year-old Lincoln grandmother and grade school teacher, was grad-school teacher, was graduated from the University of Nebraska Monday—just a year after one of her daughters.

She finished up her last two years and earned a degree in primary education after 33 years of raising a family and teaching.

In 1918 Mrs. Penton left the university at the end of her sophomore year to marry a World War II veteran — C. A. Penton who is now an instructor in the agriculture engineering department of the university.

She taught for three years and then began the task of raising a family and teaching.

When the shortage of teachers developed after World War II, Mrs. Penton agreed to teach at Lakeview school and later at Prescott.

If she was going to become a full-time teacher again, Mrs. Penton felt she should be as adequately trained as possible.

So two years ago she re-entered the university, attending night school, summer sessions, taking extension courses—and teaching all the while.

But the new degree won't change Mrs. Penton's teaching routine. She plans to stick with her first graders at Prescott.

The daughter, Mrs. Penton followed in graduation is Phyllis, 22, who was graduated last year from Wesleyan university. She now teaches physical education in Sterling, Colo.

Her other daughters are Patricia, 28, now Mrs. John R. Scott of Kansas City, and Penny, who lives with her parents at 1528 South Twenty-first.

Now with more leisure time



GRANDMOTHER GRAD — Mrs. C. A. Penton in a cap and gown it took 33 years to earn . . . glances at her diploma. (Star Staff Photo.)

than she has ever had before, Mrs. Penton plans to work harder at her housekeeping.

"I want to get it all polished up before my sister, Mrs. G. R. Greenwood, come to spend the summer," she said. "She's a teacher, too, in Kunia, Hawaii."