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CHARLESTON, IL--Two New York professional men have received honorary doctorates at Eastern Illinois University. John J. Willingham is a partner in Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Company. Dean Fausett is the artist whose "Brotherhood of Man" mural is in the entrance foyer of the Building for Brotherhood, New York.

Fausett is president of the National Society of Mural Painters. A native of Utah, he received a scholarship which allowed him to study at the Art Students' League and the Beaux Arts Institute of Design in New York.

In the mid-1930s Fausett was artist-in-residence at the Henry House Arts and Crafts School. In 1941 he was commissioned to paint 3,000 feet of mural for the Army Air Corps under two Guggenheim Fellowships.

Many of his murals and landscapes depict noted events in American history. Fausett's works have been purchased by the Museum of Modern Art, the Whitney Museum of American Art, and the Metropolitan Art Museum.

Among his portrait subjects have been Dwight Eisenhower, the Duke and Duchess of Windsor, Grandma Moses, Eugene Ormandy and Hoagy Carmichael.

Willingham is a native of Charleston and a graduate of Eastern. He holds the doctorate from Ohio State University and taught at a number of universities before joining his present firm in 1978.

Willingham has written widely in his field and is a member of numerous professional organizations.



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Individual is Dean Fausett during the degree-granting ceremony at Eastern Illinois University

Eastern Illinois University President Stanley Rives, left, presents honorary degree diploma to John J. Willingham. Right, Dr. Margaret Soderberg, Acting Vice President for Academic Affairs