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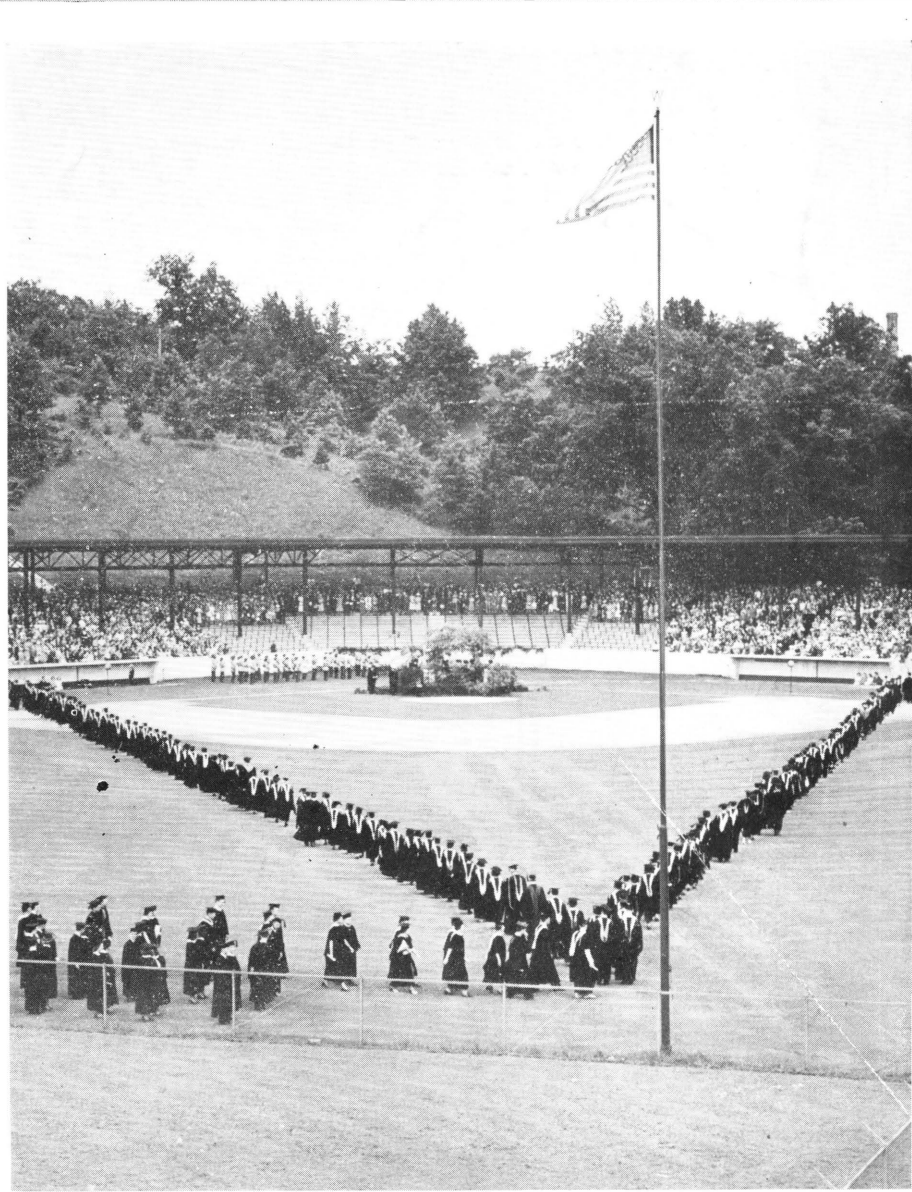
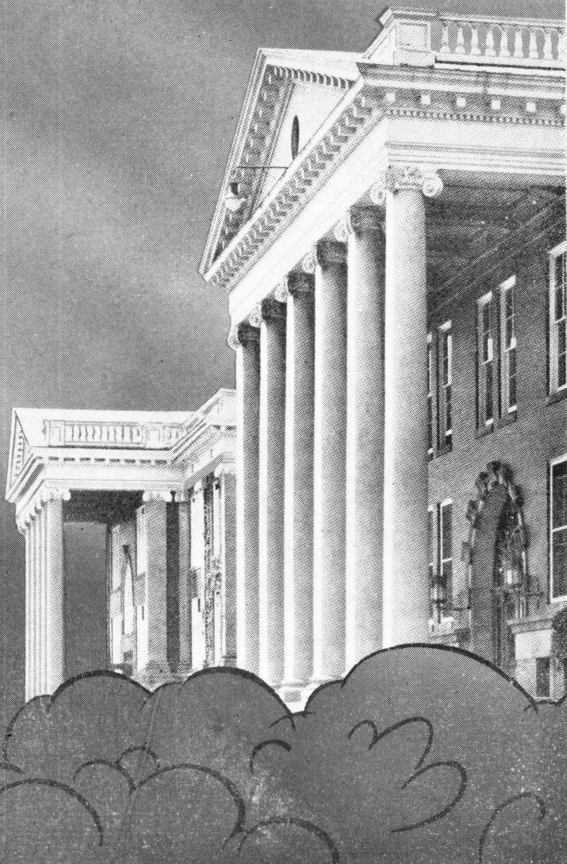
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JUNE EXERCISES THIS YEAR AT HYAMES FIELD

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## In Review

The fiscal year in the Alumni Office is from July 15 to July 15, and thus comes to a close the 14th volume of Memoranda in the Alumni Office. A glance over any year of activity is always interesting and revealing. The year of 1941-42 is no exception. Space will not permit the content of the annual report of the Alumni Secretary to the on-campus Alumni Relations Committee and to the Board of Directors of WMC Alumni Association, but some excerpts may follow in review. This Alumni Magazine is now in its fifth volume. There is a growing reader interest and many names have been added to the subscription list this year. Correspondence has been having a steady and constant growth, there is an increase in the daily mail, and telephone communications of inquiry are more numerous. Attendance at banquets, luncheons, and less formal occasions where food is served, at MEA meetings, Men's clubs, and Women's sororities, has increased and alumni presence at hotel headquarters, picnic gatherings, and on campus programs has been very commendable.

Funds in the Alumni Office fall mainly into four accounts: Magazine subscriptions, the alumni student loan fund, the old account of the Union Building fund, and the more recently instituted cooperative plan of buying defense bonds with a WMC defense album cover.

As is cited in the memoranda booklet recently presented to campus guests, the executives of the American Association of Teachers Colleges, Western's Alumni Office is present headquarters of District V of the American Alumni Council. The district comprises Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio, West Virginia, and Wisconsin. This affiliation has afforded innumerable opportunities for pleasant associations and correspondence.

There remains to be mentioned invitations from parent Teachers Associations, High School Assembly Committees, Service clubs, and others which have afforded the Alumni Secretary the opportunity of associating with the constituency of the college generally.

## Alumnus Writes Study Guide

Floyd Haight, A.B. '24, and History teacher in the Dearborn high school for many years, is the co-author of a modern study guide in the subject. Following is a review of the book by Dr. James O. Knauss, of the Department of History at Western Michigan College.

### A Modern Study Guide for American History

BY

Harold D. Cater and Floyd Haight

(New York, College Entrance Book  
Company, 1942, Pp. VIII, 280.)

This work book should be of interest and value to all high school teachers of United States history, as it is unusually comprehensive and stimulating in its field. The material presented gives a rounded view of the development of our country in its cultural, economic, political and diplomatic aspects.

The authors, who have had many years of experience in the conduct of high school classes in the subject, make use of many devices to interest, to instruct and to evaluate. In order to train the pupils to do research work, no specific text-book is recommended but references are given to numerous works,—text-books, source books, standard historical works, biographies and historical fiction. In fact, the general bibliography and the unit bibliographies are remarkably full and annotated. At the end of each of the forty-nine topics into which the book is divided there are extremely stimulating "suggested problems and activities," which will be bound to make our country's past come back to life in the minds of the pupils. The essay questions included in each topic are thought provoking. The "slogans of the period," the "important places, words, or phrases," the "prominent persons" in the topics help to point the review work. Suggestions are made for "floor talks and compositions." Map work is not neglected. Numerous tables are found in the book which are admirably adapted to help the pupils to appreciate the evolution of various phases of our national life. Throughout the work the pupils are made conscious of the fact that our present day problems and trends have their roots in the past. Finally, there are unit tests and quizzes in an accompanying pamphlet of thirty pages.

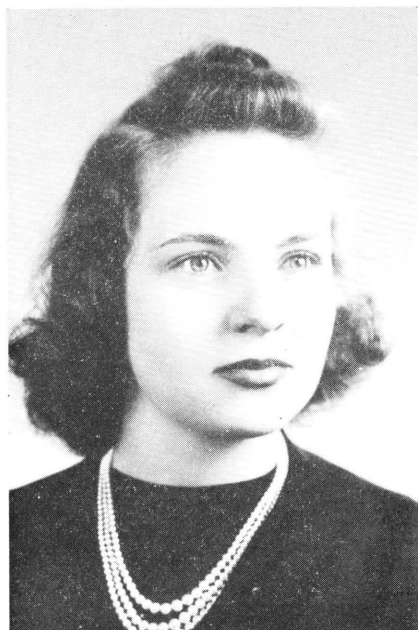
This work book in the hands of a capable teacher will go far toward the attainment of that goal which we are so anxiously trying to reach in these dark days,—the revitalization of United States history as a necessary implement in teaching the benefits, blessings and dangers of democracy. To stress this further, the book closes with an eighteen page "Study Guide to the Constitution." The authors, one of whom, Floyd Haight, is an alumnus of Western Michigan, are to be congratulated on producing a work showing such a grasp of the subject matter and its implications as well as a knowledge of applied educational principles.

James O. Knauss



## Seniors Have Commencement Out-of-Doors Hyames Field Site of an Impressive Occasion

The month of June on every college campus finds commencement activities. Western Michigan College is no

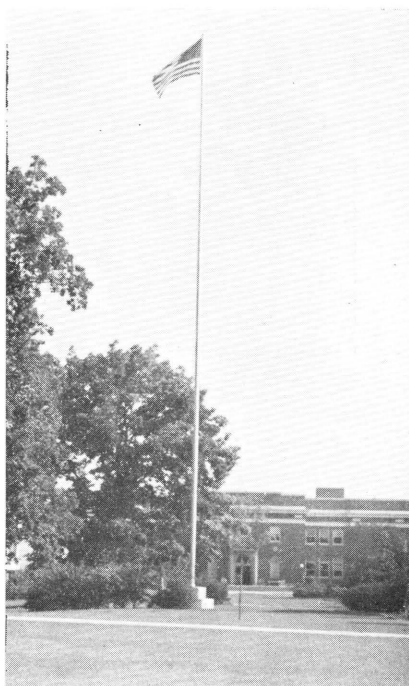


Betty Beryl Cromer, chosen permanent class secretary is at the Limberlost music camp this summer and will go to Dearborn to teach in September.

exception. In fact with the election of senior class officers early in the year begins the planning for seniors. Commencement is only the culmination of it all. Beginning with the annual Senior Swing-out, which is followed by the Honors Assembly, Senior Class Day, and the June Breakfast for women on the campus, there is a rapid succession of events. Commencement activities on Western's campus this year came somewhat

earlier. Sunday, June 7, was the Baccalaureate Service. The class of 1942 invited Dr. Smith Burnham, retired faculty member, to be the speaker. His subject was "The Great Teacher." Dr. Burnham observed that the Great Teacher lived, worked, rejoiced, wept, comforted, healed, and taught the people as He went about doing good, and finally died for the truth.

Senior Class Day exercises this year concluded with a most impressive dedicatory program in the quadrangle about the base of an imposing flagpole, which adequately places the Stars and Stripes where they should



The gift to the campus by the class of 1942

be with complete dignity and grace. Commendable, indeed, is this gift of the class to the campus with its artistically designed and permanently constructed base of concrete.

Saturday, June 13, was Commencement day, with the Alumni Association meeting in the morning, the Commencement luncheon at noon, and the initial and unique out-of-door exercises at 4 o'clock, at the grand stand of the Hyames Field. Joseph Thomas Hoy, president of the senior class, and his able staff of class officers, worked most diligently to make the first out-of-doors Commencement exercises a memorable occasion. Great credit is also due Dr. William



Dr. Thomas W. Howson, B.S. '34, newly elected president of the Alumni Association.

R. Brown, senior class advisor, and the entire administration at Western Michigan College for all of the details of planning. Particularly should Mr. Hoekje be mentioned for making arrangements for the graphically outlined plans for preliminary rehearsals necessary for such an occasion.

Three hundred came to the Commencement Day luncheon. Members of the class of 1917, who were celebrating their 25th anniversary, were cited, a "gallup" pole of the senior class had previously disclosed that a

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# Father of Western Man Recipient of Medal

## Posthumous Award of Distinguished Flying Service Cross Presented in Home Town

William R. Van Eeuwen, father of the late Charles W. Van Eeuwen, received a medal for his son at a community meeting, recently sponsored by the Evans-Swanson Post of the American Legion in Grant, Michigan. Lieut. William T. Coleman, Commanding officer of Selfridge Field, made the presentation and a considerable number of enlisted men participated in the ceremonies.

Mr. Van Eeuwen's son, Charles, came to Western Michigan College from Grant and was enrolled for three years in the class of 1941. While a student here he received civilian aeronautical training and then enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps. He received primary flying training in St. Louis, Mo., and basic and advanced training at Montgomery, Ala. He was commissioned in April of 1941 and was stationed at Langley Field, Va., until transferred on Dec. 8 to Mitchell Field, N.Y.

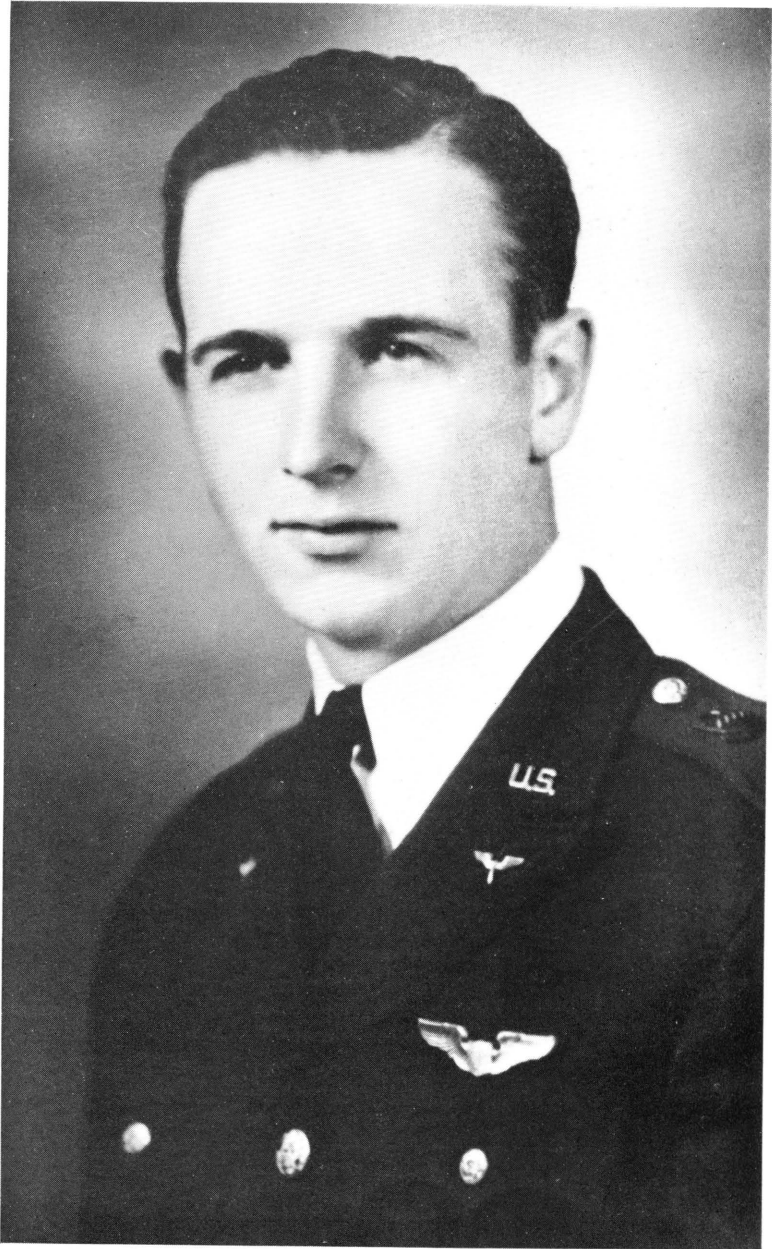
### Honored by Army for Heroism in Plane Crash

"Death resulted on Jan. 1, 1942, with such heroism that President Roosevelt directed on May 14, the posthumous award of the Distinguished Flying Cross. Lieut. Van Eeuwen was piloting an airplane on a technical operations mission from Mitchell Field, carrying four 300-pound demolition bombs. One engine was only partially operating during the takeoff and failed completely two miles east of the field at less than 500 feet altitude.

"Lieutenant Van Eeuwen realized," says the President's citation, "that a forced landing was inevitable unless he dropped his bombs to lighten his load, but as he was flying over a

thickly populated residential area he did not do this because of the damage he knew might result. Although he could have landed in a street or vacant lot, thereby risking the lives of

civilians, he preferred to dive the plane into a gravel pit which he saw, thus sacrificing himself and the crew in order to avoid killing or injuring numerous civilians."



Lt. Charles W. Van Eeuwen, U. S. Army Air Corps

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### All Readers Please Notice!

Western Michigan College is very interested in keeping up-to-date

addresses for all Western men in the service. You will greatly facilitate our endeavor by notifying us of up-to-

date mailing contacts. Please send to the Dean of Men or to the office of the Alumni Secretary.

## Western Alumnus with Doolittle Over Tokyo First Lt. Jack Sims Home for a Few Days



Lieutenant Jack A. Sims, of Kalamazoo

First Lieutenant Jack A. Sims, of the United States Army Air Corps, has recently been home after being with General Doolittle on the historical flight over Tokyo. Besides numerous occasions given in honor of the Kalamazoo boy, Jack was invited to be present at a general assembly on campus at which he spoke briefly. As a graduate of Western Michigan College in the class of 1940 his return to

his alma mater was a distinctive occasion. His mother, Mrs. Dorothy Sims, living at 902 W. Lovell St., which is within a block of the campus, was present in the audience.

Comments of the young man, who on April 18th participated in the aerial attack over Tokyo for which he received the distinguished service cross, were listened to with much interest. Excerpts from his remarks

at assembly and elsewhere during his visit in Kalamazoo are very worthy of repeating. He said, "We can not all be fortunate enough to have personal contact with the enemy, but, there is one thing which we all can do. We can buy war bonds and savings stamps, save our tires and gasoline and prepare for any emergency on the home front." On another occasion he said, to an audience estimated at 27,000 people, "My faith in America is strong—I am somewhat embarrassed to return home and find myself somewhat of a hero but I like to believe that I am here representing the hundreds of other soldiers, sailors, and men in the air service, and that your praises are for all of them and not for my benefit alone." Again he said, "A good soldier obeys orders." At the college assembly Jack said to the students, "Get all you can out of college while you're here, for you have a big job ahead of you when you get out."

### Welcome Guest Everywhere

As one of 22 members of the squadron, returned to the United States for reassignment, Lieutenant Sims is a welcome guest everywhere. He says a four motored bomber takes thousands of man hours to make, costs thousands of dollars to build, and requires quantities of expensive materials. A bomber burns almost 300 gallons of gasoline an hour, requires about 10 men to operate, and a ground crew of as many more to keep it flying.

One of Jack's orders while at home was an assignment with permission to fly a B-25 bomber over the city of Kalamazoo before heading east, escorted by three smaller type army planes. With his days of furlough concluded, orders came, and he is away again.

### Gift Books to WMC Men In the Service

Western men in the armed forces are being mailed address booklets as gifts from the campus. The little booklets are 3½ x 4½ inches in size and contain 12 pages including the cover, which is a thick substantial binding in the color of gold. On the cover is an appropriate inscription. Inside, on the cover backs are the calendars of 1942 and 1943, with many outstanding dates of the year such

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# Alumni Make up 62 Percent of Summer Enrollment in Graduate School

Former graduates of Western Michigan College continuing work toward the Master's degree in the 1942 summer session number ninety-eight. Records in the alumni office disclose 51 have received the Bachelor of Arts degree, and 40 the degree of Bachelor of Science. Seven of the number are Life Certificate graduates, having received the remainder of the undergraduate work elsewhere, along with the remaining students enrolled who number 59. A total of 157 are in attendance at the Graduate School this summer.

Sixty-four Michigan cities and towns are represented. They are:

Albion, Athens, Augusta, Battle Creek, Bay City, Belding, Benton Harbor, Bloomingdale, Bronson, Byron Center, Centreville, Charlotte, Coldwater, Coloma, Comstock, Crosswell, Decatur, Delfon, Detroit, Doster, Dowagic, Ellsworth, Elsie, Frankfort, Grand Haven, Grand Junction, Grand Rapids, Gradville, Greenville, Hamilton, Hartland, Hastings, Hillsdale, Holland, Holt, Ionia, Kalamazoo, Kent City, Lawrence, Leslie, Manistee, Martin, Midland, Muskegon, Nahma, New Buffalo, New Troy, Niles, Oscoda, Otsego, Paw Paw, Plainwell, Richland, Rochester, Saginaw, Schoolcraft, Scotts, South Haven, Sturgis, Three Oaks, Three Rivers, Vassar, Vicksburg, and Watervliet.

Western alumni have a unique opportunity to help build a strong Graduate School on the campus. Of course, the best way to do it is to do as they are doing, avail themselves of the opportunity of further study. In doing so they become best able to recommend attendance on the part of others. In southwestern Michigan there are many students qualified to do Master's work, and in reviewing the communities represented this summer, the absence of many large centers is conspicuous. True, those attending in Kalamazoo represent about one in a thousand, as the census would indicate. There are fourteen here from Grand Rapids, three from Holland, two from Sturgis, two from Coldwater, two from Manistee, and two from Schoolcraft. Interesting

indeed, is the fact that many, many small towns have at least one graduate student in summer school.

Another observation indicative of continuing education is that the classes of the most recent dates furnish most of the students. Eleven are here from the class of '41, nine from the class of '40, ten from the class of '39, five from the class of '38, nine from the class of '37, six from the class of '36, three from the class of '35, five from the class of '34, seven from the class of '33, four from the class of '32, and two from the class of '31. It is very obvious that the graph of decade indicates more probability of graduate study on the part of the more recent graduates. One exception, however, is noticeable in that the class of 1929, which was the graduating class of the twenty-fifth anniversary of Western Michigan College, has seven of its members on campus this summer.

## Commencement Out-of-Doors

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 large number of them would be there with parents and guests and the actual count of alumni in attendance was 99. A unique part in the program was when 30 members of the Delta chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon sang a couple of numbers. President Sangren spoke on the subject of "Higher Education in the Future." Prentis M. Brown, United States Senator from Michigan, who delivered the Commencement address later in the afternoon, was a guest at the luncheon and spoke briefly.

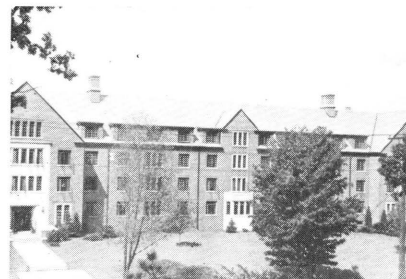
The Alumni Association meeting at 10 o'clock in the morning resulted in the election of Dr. Thomas Howson, B.S. '34, as president of the organization to succeed Superintendent of Schools, Ernest Chapelle, of Ypsilanti. Lousia Durhan, B.S. '31, and principal of the Lakeview Junior High School, Battle Creek, was chosen vice-president.

## Gift Booklets

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 as, Thanksgiving, Easter, Mother's Day, and Father's Day, cited for attention. On the opening page within

is a message of greeting and good wishes from President Sangren and on the last page are printed the words of "Alma Mater Inspirious." The remaining pages have been marked for addresses and general memoranda.

## Vandercook Hall, Home of Naval Air Corps Cadets While Training at WMC.



The first contingent of enlisted Naval Air Corps Cadets, assigned to Western Michigan College for elementary flight and ground school instruction, are well along in their intensive training schedule at the Austin Lake Airport. While here, they live at Vandercook Hall.

E. C. Weaver, civilian pilot training coordinator, announces that the campus Aviation Faculty is fully manned to handle the new courses at Western and that the daily schedule of the cadets is in full operation. Herbert W. Read of the Physical Education Department, is instructor in calisthenics.

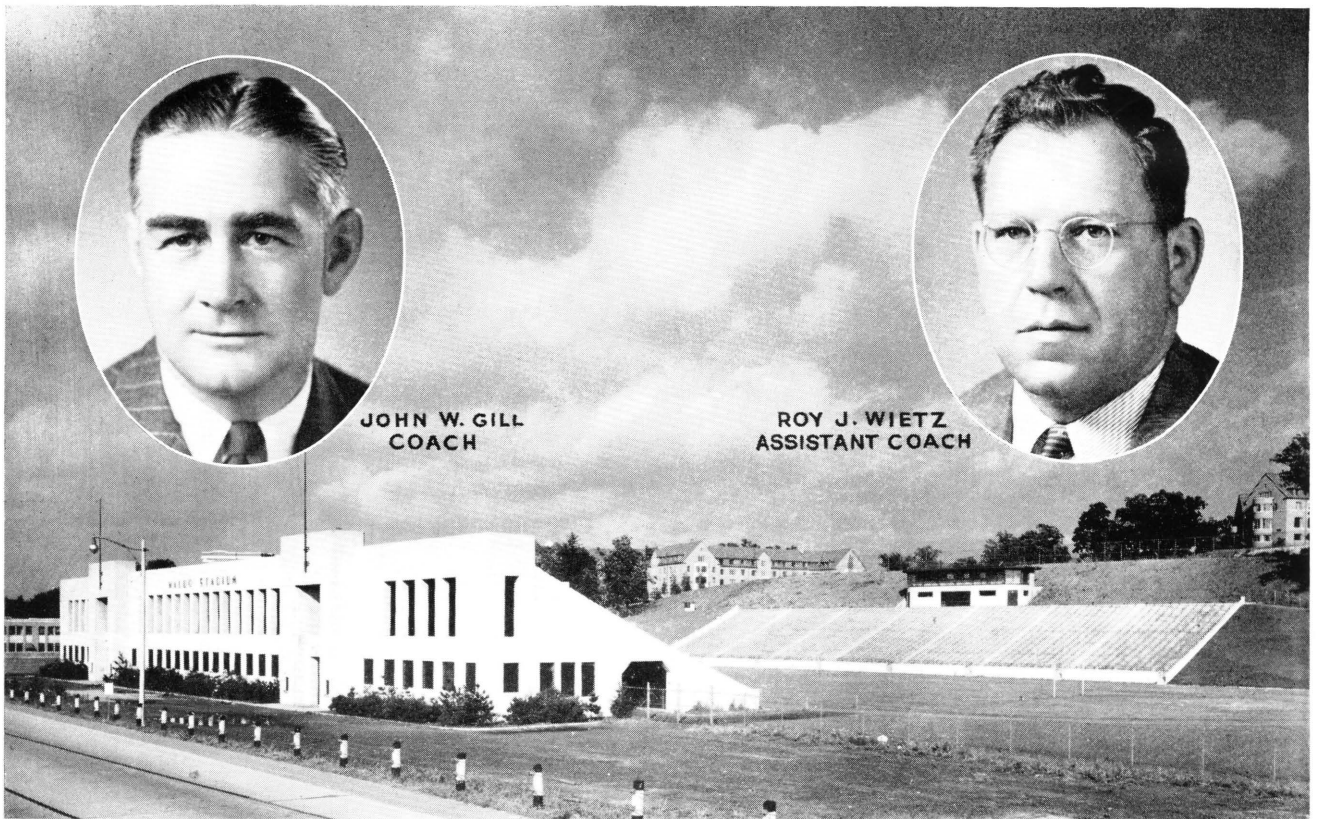
## Day Starts at 6:30 A.M.

The cadets in training here are enlisted as second class seamen in the V-5 Naval Reserves. Their daily schedule is as follows:

6:30 A.M. ....	Reveille
7:00 A.M. ....	Breakfast
8:00 A.M. ....	Flying instruction
12:00 noon .....	Lunch
1:00 P.M. ....	Classroom mathematics
2:30 P.M. ....	Radio code
3:00 P.M. ....	Physics
4:00 P.M. ....	Navigation
5:30 P.M. ....	Calisthenics
6:15 P.M. ....	Dinner
7:30 P.M. ....	Troop drills
9:30 P.M. ....	Study
10:30 P.M. ....	Lights out.



## Waldo Stadium and Coaching Staff



### Homecoming Game with Butler, October 24

The familiar place—Waldo Stadium—will be the football scene again this fall, but the personnel will be changed, both in coaching staff and in team, with only the key spots of last year's undefeated T formation being maned by veterans. At least it is now expected that those key positions will have veterans, but the changing picture is such that no guarantees of even this can be furnished. Only action and plenty of it can be promised.

Changing personnel in the coaching staff has seen the elevating of a Bronco graduate and former gridiron star, John W. Gill, to head coaching job. For many years the freshman coach, then a successful backfield coach, as is attested by last year's unbeaten team, Gill needs no introduction or commendation on our part. His works and his coaching are too well known to need any elaboration on our part, other than to say that Gill is a firm believer in the open game. You'll see footballs in the air this fall.

Brought to Western as assistant football coach is Roy Wietz, who has been hailed as one of the greatest linesmen that the Illini have ever had. When you see someone on the campus who resembles Man Mountain Dean, that's Wietz, all 265 pounds of him. He's not dangerous in spite of that size, and in truth is a real likeable chap that everyone is pleased to meet and talk with.

A guard at Illinois in 1927, '28, and '29 he played on National and Big Ten championship teams and knows his linework as Webster knew his dictionary.

As a coach he has had over 10 years of experience. Graduating in 1930 he went to Miami University and then to the University of Vermont. Previously he had coached some at larger high schools. He had five years at Miami and five at Vermont, which adds up to 10 years of good college coaching experience. During that time he also managed to do considerable graduate study, mostly at Columbia.

Football personnel? Well, fans you recall Horace Coleman, fleet halfback and high scorer of the Michigan collegiate world last fall? He's expected back to again be a galloping ghost at Waldo Stadium. Hopes are that Bob Mellen, quarterback, and Art Macioszyck, fullback, will also be on hand. Then there will be Kenneth Stillwell and Fred Stevens, both halfbacks, who will be juniors this year.

Ahead of these backs will be Captain Bill Yambrick, a great center both offensively and defensively. On each side of him will be the veteran regular guards of last year, who made the grade as sophomores, Del Firme and Bob Clark. And how these young lightweights can battle!

Just highlighting the schedule of the home season can be mentioned Iowa Teachers, October 17, with Butler University for the homecoming contest on October 24, when it is hoped that the Alumni can all be back, regardless of tire and other travel troubles. Wayne University comes on November 14 to battle for the dinner bell presented by the Optimists Club.



# W. E. Upjohn Trustees, Kalamazoo City Commission, and WMC Plan New Building

## Structure To Be Erected at Municipal Airport



### Elmer C. Weaver, Industrial Arts, 1916, Is Busy Man

The busy man in the little car about-campus is E. C. Weaver, in charge of Civilian Pilot Training. Since the completion of the Mechanical Trades Building, the activity on that part of the campus has been continuous with classes in session both night and day.

### Last Three Weeks of Nine Weeks Session Well Attended

The attendance during the last three weeks of the 1942 summer session is very complimentary to the planning. This summer is the first time a summer session of nine weeks has been planned, and when several classes with an enrollment of 25 or more is reported it is very evident an educational need is being met.

### Charles Starring Leaves for the Army at End of Summer Session

Saturday, August 1, was the induction date for Charles Starring, most recent faculty member to enter the army. Charles was able to meet his classes for the entire six weeks session.

### John Pikkaart Recovering From Pneumonia

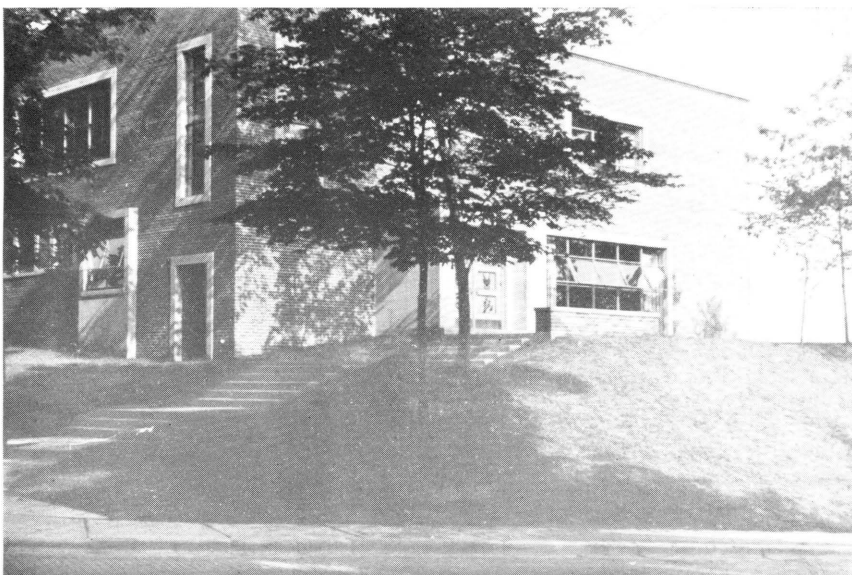
John Pikkaart, A.B., '33, part time faculty member, president of the Kalamazoo Alumni Club, Circuit Court Commissioner, and practising attorney in the City of Kalamazoo, entered the army early in June. He has recently been suffering from a severe case of pneumonia. Comforting, indeed, is the recent news that he is now on the road back to recovery and is able to sit up awhile each day.

To further facilitate the training of aviation mechanics, pilots, radio men, and technicians in kindred vocational occupations, the W. E. Upjohn trustees have given another \$60,000 to Western Michigan College for the development of an aviation center at the Municipal Airport in Kalamazoo. Final arrangements are being made with the City Commission relative to the leasing of property and other contractual relations.

The new building will consist of a single structure, 100 x 200 feet, with a hangar and assembly room, 80 x 100 feet, an inspection room, 45 x 65 feet, and a service shop, occupying 40 x 45 feet of floor space. Necessary lobby, class room, office, and locker-

and-shower facilities, are also in the plans.

In making this new donation to Western Michigan College the Upjohn Corporation is looking beyond the viewpoint of an added war effort, with the idea that following the war young people will be seeking useful occupations with problems of vocational adjustment to be solved. Western Michigan College proposes to develop fields of training to satisfy future needs, so Mr. E. C. Weaver, head of civilian training for war workers and coordinator for civilian aeronautics pilot training courses, is authorized to proceed. Two hundred young men may be accommodated in the new development.



## The Theatre, Newest Building on Campus

By Wallace Garneau

The Theatre, newest addition to the growing list of Western's fine buildings, was opened to the public the last of March. "Hotel Universe," the 1942 Midwinter play, inaugurated The Theatre on its life of service to the institution.

This building, equipped and furnished at an approximate cost of \$87,000, is the seventh added to the campus during the past five years without appropriation by the state legislature.

Funds for the construction and equipment were provided by self-liquidating bonds.

It is an attractive two-story structure of brick, and affords an excellent auditorium for dramatic productions, debates, concerts, recitals, and other events. It seats 350.

Decorations and furnishings were designed by Miss Lydia Siedschlag, director of the art department, whose similar work in five other new WMC buildings has won for her wide recognition.