THE PRESIDENT’S CORNER

Gerald Osborn Looks At Western’s Future With Optimistic Eye

As I write this message, I am looking both backward and forward. Looking back, I doubt if any university could have had better leadership than Western has had under Dwight B. Waldo and Paul V. Sangren; in their combined periods of leadership Western grew from an enrollment of zero to 8,300. Mr. Waldo had the problem of laying a solid foundation when the going was difficult and Dr. Sangren, working against many obstacles, built well on this foundation. In 1934, Western’s faculty numbered 188 of whom 17 held a doctoral degree, while in June 1960, there were 468 faculty of whom 159 hold doctorates. In 1934, Western’s land, buildings and equipment were valued at 1.5 million dollars, and now the total value is nearly 30 million. In 1934, the campus contained 60 acres; on June 1, 1960, it was 280 acres, and we are now in the process of adding another 105 acres which lie north and west of the University Student Center area.

This growth is measurable in figures—more students, increased physical facilities, and a larger faculty—but there has also been growth in quality. New curricula have been added: paper technology, occupational therapy, industrial engineering, management, and others. The graduate program started in 1939, at first cooperating with the University of Michigan, but in 1952 Western was authorized to grant its own graduate degree. The graduate enrollment is now over 700 on the campus, and the Master of Arts degree is granted in biology, chemistry, economics, English, history, librarianship, political science, physics, psychology, and sociology, as well as in education. Recently the Master of Business Administration degree has been authorized as well as the Specialist in Education, which consists of a sixth year of work in either education or school psychology.

Another quality factor that should be mentioned is faculty morale which has been maintained at a high level. Mr. Waldo thought of the faculty as one happy family working for the educational growth of Michigan; al-

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An intimate glimpse of the Acting President is presented by Dr. Lillian H. Meyer, head of the chemistry department, and other colleagues, providing clues to the personality and teaching ability of

Gerald Osborn

For many years Western students who have elected 8 a.m. Freshman Chemistry have met an instructor with a wide understanding of his subject, a loud voice and a broad smile. They have soon learned that along with completing assignments on time, he expects them to be in their seats as the last bell rings. Many a student has found the door locked and an absence recorded against his name when he appeared sleepily at 8:01 a.m. Sometimes they are seen standing in the hall, following the lecture through the closed door and smiling ruefully as they confess that they have been tardy. But whether they are able to obey the alarm clock or not, everyone agrees that Gerald Osborn is a master teacher.

As he strides around the room with his unusual bouncy walk, as his voice falls to bass and rises to high falsetto, as the words come faster and faster, experiment follows experiment, jokes and quips are thrown in. Chemistry unfolds in an orderly and understandable fashion that anyone with a little spark of scientific ability and some diligence can follow. Certain it is that no one goes to sleep, that even the poorest student comprehends the fascination of this science when Dr. Osborn is the teacher.

In the days when the department required a lock deposit of 50 cents from every student, a drop-out turned in his key and as Dr. Osborn handed him his 50 cents refund, the student said, “Well at least I got something out of Chemistry.” Dr. Osborn laughed and said, “Yes, you got out of it just what you put into it.”

In earlier years he also taught Qualitative Analysis, the first semester sophomore course. But as the years passed and administrative duties became more numerous, he was forced to curtail teaching. In the four years that he has served as dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, he has continued to teach the 8 a.m. lecture section of Freshman Chemistry and during the spring semester and in the Summer Session, History of Chemical Theory.

Gerald Osborn has found all of the satisfactions and some of the frustrations that challenge a first rate teacher. He has seen students grow and develop their potential until some of his former students have become leaders in the scientific community. He has also seen some of great promise neglect their gifts. He has found Chemistry a fascinating subject, continually stimulating and challenging him. One of his regrets is the few minutes allowed in each week of his busy schedule for reading and study.

To his various administrative posts he has brought an unusual amount of tolerance and understanding. He is the unique individual who can disagree vigorously without becoming emotionally involved. He is “easygoing” in the sense that he gets along with everyone, but never in the sense that he lets things slide. We have seen him “dash into the fray” on many occasions whether it was a minor infraction of the rules by a student or some more fundamental issue. But when the battle was over, the “enemy” was still his friend.

He has always had an active and penetrating mind. His family has helped stimulate and maintain his interest in many fields of learning since they, too, are intellectuals with broad interests. Few know of the numerous bird watching trips he has made with his son Hadley, an

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Eleven Retire from Faculty

Rachel Acree
Associate Professor of Home Economics

Rachel Acree began her life in the blue grass state of Kentucky. She attended the public schools and continued her educational preparation for teaching in the field of Home Economics at the University of Tennessee. From there she received her bachelor of science degree in 1924. The children in her classes, which were then known as "Domestic Science," in those days, rather than Homemaking, were thrilled with their petite teacher who was enthusiastic, personally interested in each one of them as individuals and was able to promote something unusually interesting to them during each class period.

After several years of teaching and at a time when a master's degree was at a premium, Miss Acree decided she must continue her education and spent her summers at Columbia University receiving her degree in 1929 in the area of the Teaching of Foods and Nutrition.

The Paw Paw schools and Western State Teachers College jointly recommended the appointment of Miss Acree by the State Board of Education to supervise student teachers in the Paw Paw Training School. After proving her success in the teacher education program she was moved to the campus to teach foods in the college home economics department.

For many years she taught a dual program which involved both high school and college home economics students. These classes were held in the Campus School.

In 1949 she along with the other staff members moved from the Campus School to a new department in McCracken Hall where the department of home economics is still located today, until her retirement in June, 1960.

During the years on campus she taught Foods, Nutrition, Home Nursing and for a short period of time was the director of the Home Management Residence.

Perhaps Miss Acree's outstanding contribution to the many loyal students who were in her classes at Western was her enthusiastic teaching and friendliness. In spite of her petite size she had abounding energy and contributed much to her church and professional organizations. She is well known by her colleagues not only on campus but through-out the state.

She has been a continuing member of the American Home Economics Association and the Michigan Home Economics Association and Delta Kappa Gamma Sorority as well as other professional organizations. Those who knew Miss Acree will find it hard to picture her as retired.

Her native instincts of being a most gracious hostess will surely keep her exceedingly busy in her native town of Walton, Kentucky.

Isabel Crane
Assistant Professor, Counseling Bureau

A KINDLY WOMAN, with a friendly smile, Miss Isabelle Crane for her last fourteen years at Western attracted numerous students to her counseling office, where she imparted academic counseling as well as a more personal help to her charges.

Hundreds came to know her in this capacity and many realized that her interest in them was not superficial, but that she regarded them with real affection and sought to help them on to successful academic achievement and lasting career satisfactions.

Her colleagues too found her quiet manner reassuring and comforting in the midst of the turmoil of the rapidly expanding student body.

But perhaps her peace of mind came from beginnings in the organized confusion of physical education and camp work.

In 1923 Miss Crane came to the Western campus after teaching in art, 1917; Dr. Manley M. Ellis, education, 1922; Dr. Robert R. Russell, history, 1922; President Paul V. Sangren, 1923. Back row: Miss Isabelle Crane, physical education for women and counseling, 1923; Miss Rachel Acree, home economics, 1929; Miss Hazel Paden, art, 1920; Miss Bess Stinson, campus school, 1929, and John M. Thompson, Western's Campus Stores, 1939.

Ten Honored At Dinner

Ten retiring faculty members were honored by their colleagues in May at the annual recognition dinner. They are, left to right, front row: Miss Marion Spalding, physical education for women, 1916; Miss Elaine Stevenson, education, 1917; Dr. Manley M. Ellis, education, 1922; Dr. Robert R. Russell, history, 1922; President Paul V. Sangren, 1923. Back row: Miss Isabelle Crane, physical education for women and counseling, 1923; Miss Rachel Acree, home economics, 1929; Miss Hazel Paden, art, 1920; Miss Bess Stinson, campus school, 1929, and John M. Thompson, Western's Campus Stores, 1939.

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Manley M. Ellis
Professor of Education

In a career spanning more than 50 years in the classroom, Dr. Manley M. Ellis has always been identified with complete devotion to his students in their quest for learning.

But more than that, he has dedicated his life to helping countless children indirectly through those whom he has trained as teachers of the handicapped, bringing new hope and new techniques in the search by the afflicted for a more satisfactory adjustment to life.

Literally thousands of adults in this land unknowingly owe much to this quiet little man who has inspired hundreds of future teachers from this campus to develop minds and eyes and extremities to undertake tasks which they once deemed far beyond their limited reach.

Manley Ellis in retirement can be assured that he has given more than he has received in his classroom work.

It was certainly appropriate last March when the Michigan Council for Exceptional Children, holding its annual conference in Kalamazoo, presented its first annual distinguished service award to Dr. Ellis. Some 300 members gave him a standing ovation as he accepted the large, framed certificate.

This sentiment was echoed publicly and privately during the weeks that followed as his formal teaching career came to a close on the campus which he had served since 1922.

Born in the Upper Peninsula, Dr. Ellis has never forgotten the thrills of outdoor life and frequently takes a week in the fall to hunt deer.

In 1907 he began his teaching career in Ontonagon County. By 1915 he had earned his baccalaureate degree from the University of Michigan and then spent three years as superintendent of schools at Saugatuck. From 1917 to 1919 he was in the U. S. Army, being discharged as a lieutenant.

After completing his master's degree he joined the Western faculty to teach in the education department and four years later earned his doctoral degree.

His career at Western has paralleled many signal achievements in which he had a leading role. He was chairman of the graduate council in 1939 when graduate instruction was first offered on the campus in cooperation with the University of Michigan. In 1941 he began a two-year term as the institution's first director of student personnel and guidance, and from 1945 to 1948 he was head of the education department.

Dr. Ellis has also served extensive...

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Hazel Paden
Assistant Professor of Art

HAZEL PADEN is deeply rooted in Michigan although, she taught in Oregon, and lived and attended art school in the east. She returns to her former homes annually but will make her home in Kalamazoo now that she has retired. That is as it should be because she is very much a part of this community. Her paintings are part of many homes here and her teaching has affected great numbers who see form, color, and organization in art in a new way.

Kilpatrick used to say that good teaching left the student with the desire to learn more and the ability to continue to learn. It is a good yardstick and Hazel Paden demonstrated what a good teacher she was in what ever field of art she taught. She came to Western in 1929 and part of her classes were in high school. There was no fooling. In the shortest time the students were working independently, creatively and with abounding enthusiasm characteristic of their age. It is still astonishing to me the variety and types of work they covered. History of art came alive to them first, by reading, and then by creating stunning compositions including symbols of the great periods of history with their own interpretations. College students were agog at their freedom and independence.

I never heard her give a criticism, and I heard many, but that she started out by saying something good about the work—something so strong and sincere that the adverse criticism was easy to take. It was a just estimate of the work and the students developed and unfolded under it.

The V-12 classes were most interesting to watch. It was not an affinity for the old Barracks that made the sailors gratitate to her courses. She had something to give and they soon found it out. They left “with a desire to learn and the ability to continue to learn.” The equipment they left with were small bound pads for painting and water color pencils and they proved most
useful. Many a sailor found his way back to Kalamazoo to thank her for what she had done for him. I remember one day, hearing an unusual noise over and above the natural cacophony from U.S. 12 traffic and the trains, and found a husky sailor literally taking her off her feet—a surprising demonstration of appreciation. He had come from Cape Girardeau, Mo., to tell her that she was a right good teacher.

She has been a member of the National Association of Women Artists for many years. In 1945 she received a medal of honor, their highest award. A great deal may be said about her own growth from her early paintings of shacks and boathouses to her abstractions, but her outstanding ability was her adaptability in teaching. Her students did costuming and staging for plays and operettas, posters for all worthwhile causes, made murals for study halls and entered work in the national scholastic contests in New York. There entries always rated five or six awards.

Crafts were not her chief interests yet her most distinguished work related to a highly technical craft—that of making stained glass windows. Her initial introduction to the problem involved only frosted glass designs in the lower windows of Kanley Memorial Chapel, but immediately she had her composition class working on windows which were a part of a unit and to be called THE HYMN OF PRAISE WINDOW. The actual work was done by the Willet Stained Glass Studios of Philadelphia but there was much to learn about the limitations and possibilities of the medium before they could be handled by professional craftsmen.

The fifteen finished windows represent the work of fifteen students, some of them not art majors. Their windows are the first to adorn the chapel, but forty-eight designs done by other students are in reserve to be installed as memorial windows in the nave. These are to be called SINGING LIGHT and await donors.

The HYMN OF PRAISE WINDOW is a glorious contribution to the University and is made possible by an inspiring teacher. It is, as Mr. Henry Lee Willet said at the dedication, the only church window designed by students in our country, so it follows that Hazel Paden is a unique teacher in this country and very special to Western Michigan University.

—Lydia Siedschlag

Robert R. Russel
Professor of History

WHEN Dr. Henry Steele Commager lectured at Western last fall, he soon inquired, “Isn’t this the campus where that historian named Russel with one L teaches?” In June Dr. Robert Royal Russel, head of the history department for the last four years, retired after thirty-eight years of service at Western.

Nearly ten thousand students must have been members of Dr. Russel’s classes. By his own estimate, Dr. Russel has taught twenty-three different history courses here totalling seventy-five hours of credit. His former students will long remember his fairness, patience, and high standards of scholarship. The history staff has been thankful that Dr. Russel showed the same characteristics as department head. They appreciated his impartiality and integrity in dealing with them as individuals. They knew that he was always willing to bear more than his share of the work load.

Traits he showed as a teacher have also been evident in Dr. Russel’s labors as a professional historian. I have heard my father, Smith Burnham, declare, “Russel is the only real scholar in the history department.” Today’s history department concurs in this opinion, especially those of us who have seen the respect with which Dr. Russel’s comments are heard at national historical meetings. He sets us all an example in his exact sense of truth, extended work in the sources, and meticulous standards of English. His books and magazine articles have been concerned with economic aspects of slavery, sectionalism, and the Pacific railroads. As a token of respect, Dr. Mallinson, dean of the Graduate School, and members of the history department have just reprinted six of Dr. Russel’s essays under the title Ante Bellum Studies in Slavery, Politics, and the Railroads.

Dr. Russel is a product of midwestern universities but his scholarship surely is largely his own. He attended McPherson College and did his graduate work at the Universities of Kansas and Illinois. I have heard him say that he never had a formal course in historical method. He began graduate work at Kansas under Professor Frank Hodder, who advised him “to jump into the middle of a problem and work in all directions.” This sink or swim procedure certainly would work only with enduring and conscientious scholars.

Undoubtedly Dr. Russel is unique among Western’s faculty in having had military service as an officer in both World Wars. In the 1941-45 war, he worked in the Historical Section of the Army Air Corps. When the time came for his discharge, his superiors were loath to let him go. One of them said, “That man Russel’s work never has to be corrected.”

The same year, 1922, that Dr. Russel came to Western, Miss Ethel Hale also was employed by the Campus School. Like other faculty men, Dr. Russel found his wife in the faculty of the Training School, as it was then known. Now for many years, Mrs. Ethel Hale Russel has been a friend in need to all. The history staff well remembers the times she has visited them with jelly, flowers, and general encouragement. She has found time also to work in many civic organizations, especially the A.A.U.N. The Russels have two sons: Robert, now employed by KVP Sutherland, and James, a graduate student at the University of Michigan. Two grandchildren are recent additions to the Russel family.

Dr. Russel plans to continue writing and hopes to complete an economic history of the United States. To aid in this endeavor, his department has recently presented him
with an unabridged dictionary. Expressing his highest admiration for anyone, Smith Burnham would say, “He’s a gentleman and a scholar.” Surely these words exactly describe Dr. Russell. Western wishes him well in his retirement.

—Margaret Burnham Macmillan

Paul V. Sangren
President

A more detailed resume of President Emeritus Paul V. Sangren appeared in the May, 1960, issue of the News Magazine. President and Mrs. Sangren now reside at 2557 Strathmore, Oshtemo.

Marian Spalding
Assistant Professor of Physical Education

MARIAN SPALDING retired in June after serving Western Michigan University for 44 years. She was born in Richland, Michigan, and still lives a part of each year on that centennial farm with her sister and sister-in-law.

Miss Spalding started teaching at Western’s Campus School after receiving her life certificate at Western, where she later earned her Bachelor of Science degree. A few years later she obtained a sabbatical leave to attend Columbia University for a year, where she received a Master of Arts degree. Upon returning to Western she became supervising teacher at the three training schools located at Richland, Portage and Paw Paw. Later she went to the Paw Paw training school where she remained until 1957, when she joined the Women’s Physical Education Department on the campus. Here, due to her many years of teaching experience she was able to enrich the classroom teacher’s knowledge of Physical Education.

For many years, Miss Spalding’s interest in Physical Education and Recreation carried over into camp and community work. She was counselor at the Brookwood Camp near Rhinelander, Wisconsin, and at Pocono Pines Camp at Mt. Pocono, Pennsylvania. It is interesting to note that she was the first Girl Scout Director in Kalamazoo and had the first troop at the Training School on campus.

Innumerable alumnae of Western Michigan University have enthusiastically reported the help and guidance Miss Spalding gave, which inspired them as student teachers to carry on their life’s work. She has been an inspiration to many classroom teachers enabling them to enrich their programs in physical education.

Miss Spalding has always brought to her associates, wherever she has taught, a humbleness, a considerateness and a youthful viewpoint. Her steady, quiet dedication to the physical education profession has marked her as a sterling worker at all levels, in large and small jobs, in the public eye and behind the scenes, but in every instance interested, untiring, modest, and able.

She will continue to live a full life as she enjoys her retirement at her Gull Lake cottage, the farm in Richland, a Kalamazoo home and a newly built home at Port Sheldon, Florida.

Elaine Stevenson
Assistant Professor of Art

ELAINE STEVENSON’S observations are keen, her memory excellent and her personal slant on the past history of Western can make many of us take pause and marvel at our growth. She recalls the old trolley car going up “jerk by jerk” to the top of the hill where she came to enroll at Western Normal School in the music and art department in 1911.

Faculty meetings, she says, were held outside the “fence” in a section of the main office and on the other side sat the stenographer for the school. Marked faculty growth moved faculty meetings to the library reading room her second year. Sandwiches and soup were served in the training school basement for lunch.

As a student she was initiated into extracurricular jobs that formed a pattern for her teaching days later. She taught in Three Oaks and Kalamazoo and returned to Western in 1915 as a teacher in art. She was well prepared for the many jobs that art departments are called on to do.

Decorating was something in those days. Suspended ceilings in the gym, festooned track and lined walls transformed the place for parties. Concerts, plays, lectures and assemblies called for lighter touches to the gym. It really came alive with the women’s June breakfast. Theme for the breakfasts ranged from “Under the Sea” to “In the Clouds” and back to earth in “Garden Walls” and “Rock Gardens.” She claims she still has calloused knees which stem from her gardening in the old gym.

Her clever cartoons in post boxes and faculty bulletin board added spice to the day but her added touch to the early faculty parties in the basement of the Training School make Mesta’s affairs of present day dim and dull.

Elaine Stevenson had a touch in her own art work and in her teaching. She was tremendously interested in her classes and loved to teach. She had fun teaching and a sense of humor. There were no Pat and Mike stories or “have you heard this one?” She could describe a situation with a gesture, turn a phrase or make fun of herself which was quite delightful. Gales of laughter sometimes came through the thin paper walls in the Barracks and we all knew that Miss Stevenson had said something to provoke the outburst. We never knew what it was because one never heard her voice. She was a gentle woman and never raised it.

“More alumni inquired about her than they did about any of the other art teachers. They testified as to her ability to teach them to draw, make posters, to weave and they sent messages of appreciation to her.

Her classes made posters for the Exchange Club for their annual drive—a tradition carried on these many years.

The students who especially enjoyed her Industrial Art classes were weavers. Her work at the Art Institute of Chicago and Ohio State University had been graphic arts
but during the war she took weaving in Cranbrook, a field that was new and stimulating to her, and she imparted her enthusiasm for this craft to her students. She was always experimental and original and this new medium was exciting and rewarding. Rugs, mats, and yard goods were woven and miniature samples were patterns for future developments.

Our buildings have profited from her gifts of hangings—the last one for the Anna French Hall is made from broom straws no less. With retirement she can choose from any of her many interests for a hobby but being experimental she may try iron sculpturing. She though, says, "Perhaps I should come back in the fall and take a course or two just to be with all the wonderful people on this campus. It has been a great life and still is as I see it."  

-Bess Stinson

Associate Professor of Education

A CROOKED, infectious smile, a southern drawl that catches your ear, and a way with little children that all adults envy are the trademarks of one of Western's all time favorite teachers who decided to call it a career last June.

Bess Stinson is a remarkable person with a warm outgoing personality that holds both young and old and quickly draws them closer.

Her old classroom on the first floor of the campus school, with its adjoining room crammed full of toys to beguile any youngster, served as a mecca for several generations of Kalamazooans. And she has been on the campus long enough to see some of her onetime pupils return to her room in another incarnation as practice teachers. In both instances her greeting was cordial, and pupil and future teacher found a confidant.

Bess' activities never halted at the classroom door and her interests have always been varied. She’s a fine bridge player and a gracious hostess, about whose parties people talk long afterwards.

Her speech and her slow, easy mannerisms readily establish her origins as far from Southwestern Michigan. Born in Troup County, Georgia, she traveled north to George Peabody College for higher education; and taught in Georgia rural schools, and Raleigh, North Carolina, before coming to Michigan in 1929.

Since that time she has been firmly fixed in the kindergarten room of the campus school, and old timers for years to come will say it's just not the same without Bess.

While individual recognition of her triumphs in the classroom has come continually in the thirty-year span, formal professional recognition comes at the close. On Sept. 10 at the Michigan State Fair she will be one of five teachers and educators from throughout the state to receive special, distinguished educator awards.

In addition to her classroom work, Miss Stinson has also co-authored arithmetic work books; and she has frequently taught college level classes in the School of Education.

No story of Bess, however brief, would be complete without mention of her sister, Leila, an individual much beloved by their close faculty friends and her constant companion in the social life of the campus.

In years to come new generations will pass through the kindergarten of the campus school blissfully unaware of the experience that they have missed. But Miss Stinson's spirit will in some way always be there.

- Lydia Siedschlag

**John M. Thompson**

Manager, Western's Campus Stores

A more detailed description of John M. Thompson's 21-year career on the Western campus appears in the December, 1959, issue of the WMU NEWS LETTER.

**Ernest Weber**

Associate Professor of Education

HAVING FIRST come to Western as a student in 1915, Ernest Weber spent most of the intervening 45 years in association with the University, concluding with his June retirement.

A native of Berrien County, Weber earned a limited teaching certificate after one year at Western and returned to the Berrien area as a teacher in 1916. He then served with the Navy and taught two years, before returning to the campus in 1921, earning his degree two years later. As a senior he was editor of the Brown and Gold.

A twenty-year span, following graduation, found Weber closely associated with the training of teachers as a teacher and principal at the Richland school, then a teacher training unit for the University.

Weber returned to the campus in 1943 to supervise the practice teaching of future mathematics teachers in the University high school, a task he continued until his retirement.

He was married in 1924 to the former Laura Lautner '24, and they have one daughter, Mrs. William J. Peterson '51.

In commenting on his retirement, Weber recently said: "There seems to be much enjoyment in a home where there is a lawn, a garden and a grandchild." He now lives at 1521 Evanston in Kalamazoo.
Great Storm of 1913 Called Lakes Greatest Holocaust in New Sea Tale


In modern times men have sailed the Great Lakes ever since LaSalle launched the ill-fated _Griffin_ in 1689. Since that time countless storms have crossed the Lakes and taken their toll in ships and lives. But over all the years down to the present the Lakes have not produced a storm to equal the one that began on November 9, 1913. This was the Great Storm, and it is the subject of _Freshwater Fury_. It is a subject that deserves telling, and the merit of Mr. Barcus' book is that he has assembled all of the details and fragments concerning the storm into an exciting and complete narrative. Even readers from the Great Lakes area, familiar with the story of shipping on these lakes, will be enlightened and given fresh perspectives as they read this detailed story of the greatest of all lakes storms. But for those not so familiar with the Great Lakes region this book will bring a realization that when storms hit the Lakes these bodies of water rival the largest of seas in hazards for shipping, and that freshwater sailors face dangers at least equal to those faced by seafaring men anywhere in the world.

In the case of natural disasters such as the Great Storm of 1913 statistics tell only a part of the story, but Mr. Barcus provides several tables so that readers may statistically assess the effect of this storm. Thus, one finds that at least 71 vessels either went down or suffered serious damage; that over $10 million of property losses were reported; and that at least 248 lives were lost. Such figures are impressive, but the human element that lies behind them is the focus for Mr. Barcus' story. And the fact that he attempts to give not only the details of how various vessels fared in the storm, but to analyze why some captains and their crews fared better than others, why so many vessels were caught relatively unprepared, etc., lends real value to the book.

In this book are related the many varieties of experiences that usually accompany a major disaster—tales of heroism, folly, and just plain survival. There are two excellent chapters relating the story of the _Sheadle_, the only ship to come down safely from the Soo through Lake Huron; and of the _Darston_, the only vessel to successfully ride out the storm northward through Lake Huron. A tale of real heroism involves the efforts of rescue crews from the Eagle Harbor and Portage Lake stations to save the crew of the _L. C. Waldo_ as icy waves pounded her on rocks west of Keweenaw Point. Finally, there are details on men who survived, and on those who didn’t, and a fascinating chapter deals with the "Mystery Ship." These chapters, backed by excellent maps and statistical tables, enable the reader to follow the complete course of the greatest lakes disaster of all time.

In concluding discussion of the Great Storm Mr. Barcus provides a useful chapter in which he analyzes the lessons sailors learned from its effects, and what improvements have since been made in the interest of safety. For example, the Great Storm showed the fallibility of lightships in such situations, and these floating guides have now been replaced by more efficient radio beacons. Despite all man’s ingenuity, however, the Great Lakes and the mighty storms that rise on them still produce tragedies such as those resulting from the Great Storm of 1913 and the more recent _Carl Bradley_ disaster.

American Espionage


The subject of espionage has a perennial fascination in itself, but today it is a topic in the forefront of American foreign policy discussions. That intelligence networks exist and that individuals risk their lives to gain military data has been forcibly brought to Americans’ attention in the recent case of the U-2 incident. The United States, however, has a tradition of military intelligence that pre-dates the founding of the Republic. Our earliest attempts at an organized intelligence system began during the American Revolution, and these attempts form the basis for John Bakeless’ lively and enlightening _Turncoats, Traitors and Heroes_.

In telling the story of American spies and counter spies Mr. Bakeless also adds a great deal concerning British intelligence activities during the War for Independence. The result is a rather complete and detailed coverage of a subject that has needed telling for some time. Students of the Revolutionary Era have known that the late Major General W. J. Donovan, head of the O.S.S. in World War II, was working on such a book when death intervened. Thus Bakeless’ book in some measure accomplishes what General Donovan had intended. And, incidentally, Mr. Bakeless’ own war record as a General Staff colonel assigned to Intelligence gives him a good background for a book of this type.

To write _Turncoats, Traitors and Heroes_ the author has carefully worked through all known manuscripts and printed collections so that little more can be expected in the way of fresh source material for future writers on this subject. There will, nonetheless, be other writers, for the subject has too much drama and intrigue to ignore. Whether such writers will match the lively pace and sparkling style of John Bakeless remains to be seen.
The story of espionage during the American Revolution begins logically enough in Boston with the activities of Dr. Benjamin Church. Dr. Church was high in the esteem and services of patriot leaders, but he was also one of the most useful agents British General Thomas Gage employed. The doctor, however, was careless in the choice of his mistress, and Washington's headquarters found him out. While Church was prevented from doing further harm to the American cause, the full details of his sordid operations, like those of many a Revolutionary spy, weren't brought to light for over a century after his death. Bakeless deals with other aspects of the espionage scene in Massachusetts and shows that the British had ample reason for their march to Concord. But it is perhaps overstating the case to say that it was a spy's report that touched off the Revolutionary War. After all, Gage had received orders from England on April 14, 1775, authorizing the use of force, and since he had long known of American military stores at Concord this was a natural objective.

Since armies of the Revolutionary Era had no highly organized G-2 section the business of intelligence work was often directed personally by the commanding officers. This is made clear by the extensive detail Bakeless provides on the personal interest Washington and his opposite number, Sir Henry Clinton, took in the matter of spying. Indeed, there is humor in Washington's calculated efforts to deceive the enemy by planting informers within their lines. Such agents were always cautioned, however, to keep their stories "within the bounds of what may be thought reasonable or probable."

To some extent Mr. Bakeless deals with material already covered in books by Carl Van Doren and others, but his book does have the virtue of attempting the first complete account of both British and American spy activities in America during the war. There are possibly two notable omissions in this chronicle of undercover activity. These are the cases of Dr. Edward Bancroft and Silas Deane, but since Bancroft did his work in Europe, and Deane's case presents puzzling gaps, these men may be logical omissions. Or, it may be that Bakeless is reserving them for a later book. If this is the case all readers of the present volume will eagerly await it.

**Ness '48 in Foreign Service**

"Living abroad is not very conducive to maintaining old ties. It is a highly distracting business where one meets many people, makes many friends, and usually, after two or three years, is forced to repeat the pattern again because of a change of assignments. Of course, it does offer many opportunities to meet interesting and accomplished people in a wide variety of fields, and sometimes even share some of their experiences in one way or another."

This is a brief characterization by Andy Ness '48 of his life, now in Bangkok, Thailand, where he is with the U.S. Foreign Service as an assistant liaison officer to the Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East (E.C.A.F.E.).

In this capacity he attends meetings of Asian countries as one of the representatives of the U.S. government. He is also writing a book on Far Eastern affairs.

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Manley M. Ellis

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ly in field services, teaching in-service classes for teachers all over Southwestern Michigan, and this has been a particularly challenging area in the last several years with the renewed emphasis upon improved training for handicapped children.

Off campus the Boy Scouts of America provided an area for his boundless energies, and for years he was a director of the local Fruit Belt Council. Scouting's Silver Beaver award is one of his prized possessions. While at Saugatuck in 1916 he organized the community's first Scout troop.

In 1906-1907 Dr. Ellis attended Ferris Institute at Big Rapids, and at commencement time this spring he was invited to return to that campus where he was given a distinguished alumnus certificate for his long work in the cause of education.

The impact of Manley Ellis upon Western, and particularly teacher education, will not soon be forgotten. And the work which he pioneered in the training of unfortunate children will go steadily on from the strong beginning which he has fostered.

Steen Compiles
New Dictionary

A fascinating, little reference book in the medical field has just been published, completing several years of intensive research work by a University biologist.

Dr. Edwin B. Steen in his numerous writings in the field of anatomy and physiology became aware of the lack of any complete reference on abbreviations used and set out to rectify this matter; also with the aim of perhaps bringing some standardization into an area that has been somewhat haphazard in its writing.

*Dictionary of Abbreviations in Medicine and the Related Sciences* is the result, a 104-page pocket sized creation that includes an amazing array of information that should be of excellent service to such persons as doctors, nurses, pharmacists and medical secretaries.

Entries range from a capital A with seven assorted meanings to Zz, the abbreviation for zingiber, the Latin word for ginger.

In his preface, Dr. Steen rather succinctly states the problem: "The widespread use of abbreviations, including some very unusual ones, seemingly invented on the spur of the moment, has reached a point where the bedeviled reader is in need of a handy reference volume to decipher them."

Dr. Steen is also the author of a recent two-volume set for Barnes and Noble's college outline series on "Anatomy and Physiology," and is a regular contributor to "Taber's Medical Encyclopedia."

State FM Stations
Carry Western Program

Alumni living throughout Michigan and owners of FM radio sets, may enjoy listening to "Midweek Michigan," a program aired at 6:30 Wednesday evenings over four University FM stations.

Western contributes seven minutes to each of the roundup programs, joining with the University of Michigan, Michigan State University and Wayne State University. Russell A. Strong, University publicity director and editor of the News Magazine, conducts Western's portion.

Stations carrying the program are Western's WMCR, 102.1 megacycles; U-M's WUOM, 91.7; MSU's WKAR, 90.5, and WSU's WDET, 101.9.

Webster '48 Authors Book

Dr. George C. Webster '48, an associate professor of biochemistry at Ohio State University, is the author of a new book, *Nitrogen Metabolism in Plants*. Row, Peterson & Co., Chicago, is the publisher.

New Lyrics, Music Picked for WMU Songs

New music for both an alma mater and a pep song has been composed and accepted, with Walter Gilbert, a June graduate and physics major, winning the $50 prizes.

Gilbert is also a solid musician, having been the musical director for the 1959 *Brown and Gold Fantasies* production.

Last fall Gilbert's lyrics were chosen winner in the pep song competition, while James Bull wrote the winning alma mater lyrics.

Miss Lucille Kately, chairman of the contest, states that band and choral arrangements are now being worked on by the music department.

Sisters Retire

Flint elementary schools will open their doors this fall without two veteran teachers and sisters, both of whom retired last June after long and distinguished classroom careers.

Miss Helen Morris '23, BS '48 taught at Flint for 35 and one-half years, all but the first year at the Homedale school.

Miss Ruth Morris '23, BA '47 spent 37 years in the Flint classrooms.

They are now living at 2014 Okhoma, Flint.

Foreign Service

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After graduating from Western he taught for three years, then entered the foreign service and in 1955 got his first foreign assignment in Karachi, Pakistan, where he remained for two years. An additional year's assignment there was followed by his transfer to Bangkok.

His wife, the former Jean Hooper '50, is with him and has found interesting outlets abroad for her artistic efforts.

If you happen to be traveling through Bangkok, Andy would like to hear from you, and his mailing address is American Embassy, APO 146, San Francisco, Calif.
Frustrating Baseball Season Finally Ends; Quilici Most Valuable

Coach Charlie Maher will long remember the 1960 baseball season. It was the wettest in his memory of twenty-two years as head coach at WMU and the frustrating season became Western's worst in baseball history. It also marked the lowest a Western team has finished in the Mid-American Conference.

The MAC final standings were 1-Ohio (8-1), 2-Tie between Marshall (4-4), Miami (6-6) and Kent State (4-4), 5-Bowling Green (4-5), 6-WMU (3-4), and 7-Toledo (2-7).

The Broncos, fresh from a world series berth in last year's NCAA finals (25-9 overall) had a star-studded team except on the mound, but fell to a season mark of 7-14-1. And, the Broncos were definitely hurt by the weather—eight games were flooded, rained or snowed out, including five conference games.

Maher's overall mark to date is a phenomenal 303-126-6. The 1960 season, however, emphasized the importance of pitching in the collegiate game. It is the only position on which Maher had to continually call upon inexperienced sophomore talent to carry the load, for he lost three starting hurlers from the 1959 team.

A pleasant surprise to Maher was the great fielding and the .400 hitting of junior shortstop Frank Quilici who has turned down several major league bonus offers to stay at WMU. Another surprise for Maher was the play of senior centerfielder Larry Randall who hit the long ball and made several 'big league' plays at his position. Quilici was named most valuable and Randall the honorary captain by the team.

Sophomore Gene Cooley, a righthander, posted a 4-2 mark to lead the moundsmen. He has good speed and figures in Maher's plans for 1961. Sophomore righthander Larry Johnson does, too, despite a 1-3 mark.

Quilici made first team District #4 NCAA and second team Mid-American while Larry Belanger was on first team Mid-American and second team District #4. Tom Wood and Randall were third team choices on the Mid-American team.

Seniors who signed pro contracts are: Belanger and Jim Hock (Washington Senators); Wood (Detroit Tigers); and Randall (San Francisco Giants). Belanger reportedly received a $15,000 bonus.

Pugno '33 Wins National Honor

Honors as "Man of the Year" for the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York have deservedly come to Al Pugno '33, president of the WMU Alumni Association. In May at Clearwater, Fla., Pugno received the congratulations of company officials and his fellow salesmen, and is shown above with his wife, Arlene, and the firm's cup upon which his name is now engraved.

For the past 15 years Pug has qualified for the Million Dollar Round Table, and has been a member of MONY's Hall of Fame, as one of its top 60 salesmen, since the group was organized in 1951.

After graduation Pug began his teaching career in Grant and in 1936 moved to Fremont as athletic director. His fulltime attention was turned to insurance underwriting in 1939, with outstanding success. The congratulatons of all alumni go to him.

West Dies at Marquette

Dr. Wilbur D. West, a member of the University faculty from 1945 to 1948, died Jan. 29 at Marquette. He had been dean of students at Northern Michigan College since last July and had left Western to join the NMC faculty. At Western he had been in charge of an experimental school camping program and also worked in the student personnel services office.
IN 24 YEARS the alumni family has grown from the hands of symbolic of the director.

This figure has known the 1960 classes totaling a group of 385. Sat for the last commencement, 16,942nd diploma was given the Master of Arts.

The 1960 commencement, with a little familiar scene, was attended by Norman Cousins, who, out of benefit of training, an impressive procession took form to receive their degrees.

But this year was not the end of a great era at Western Michigan University, as the Sangren era, an outstanding educator, an outstanding...
large part of the Western Michigan University as marched across various platforms to receive President Paul V. Sangren a white rolled paper which they have earned.

soared in the post war years, with the three 1959-1,819 persons, as contrasted with the 1936-37 day, June 11, President Sangren presided at his and great applause registered as he presented his Esther Leverich, a Three Rivers teacher receiving (left).

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noisy trucks or stray dogs), and the always im- down from the tiered stands and across the plat-
coveted parchment.

as very different in its tone, for this was the last stern—a time that will always be rightly known his commencement was truly a tribute to a great ding leader.
Records Fall Before Bronco Trackmen

The Broncos turned in an excellent dual track record, winning all meets except a close 69-53 outdoor meet to powerful Michigan. Indoors, the Broncos conquered Missouri 55 1/2-48 1/2 at Columbia, Mo., and overwhelmed Central Michigan (36) and Marquette (33 1/3) with a 102 2/3 scoring in a triangular at WMU. The Kent meet (WMU-117, Kent-30) moved to the fieldhouse, was held April 9 and all events except the discus were run off inside.

And, in the top indoor relays carnivals across the nation (and in the big outdoor meets, too) the Broncos proved to be one of the great teams. Western won the 33rd annual running of the Indoor Central Collegiate Conference meet, then added further laurels with its third straight Mid-American Conference outdoor crown. In the CCC outdoor meet, WMU was fifth (behind Kan-
sas-71; Notre Dame-42; Iowa-37; and; Missouri-32) with 28 points, finishing ahead of such track powers as Purdue, Wisconsin, Marquette, Michigan State, Bradley, Drake and Detroit.

The Broncos also dominated indoor and outdoor versions of the Michigan AAU meets and showed strength in the pre-Olympic meets at Fort Wayne, Ind., and the NCAA at Berkeley, Calif.

In all, it was a year marked by brilliant (indoors-outdoors) timings, including two American indoor records, the 880-relay at the Michigan AAU and the four-mile-relay at the first annual WMU relays.

In the Michigan AAU indoor meet at Ann Arbor a new American record of 1:29.6 was set in the 880-yard relay, with Joel Johnson, Bill Johnson, Jim Singleton and Al Smith comprising the team. A new AAU mark in the distance medley was set at 10:11.1 by John Bork, Larry Taylor, Jerry Ashmore and Carl Reid.

At our own relay carnival a new American record in the four-mile relay of 17:13.7 was set by Art Eversole, Carl Reid, Jerry Ashmore and Dick Pond.

Roscoe Washington's 1937 record in the high jump fell to sophomore Jim Oliphant with a leap of six feet six and one-half inches. Other new team records are Wayne Gutowsky's shot put of 51 feet, four and one-half inches, and Jerry Ashmore's two-mile mark of 9:10.4.

**Golfers Reach New Heights in Dual Meets; 2nd in MAC**

The Broncos had their best dual-meet record in the school's history in golf this season. Under veteran Coach Roy Wietz, Western posted a 17-3-1 overall mark and finished in second place in the Mid-American Conference meet at Ohio University.

Only losses were to Michigan State, Ohio and Kent State. The Kent loss was a surprise because the Broncos had beaten the Golden Flashes 12½-5½ the day before, then beat Kent later 18½-5½ and beat Kent in the MAC meet.

Wietz' top golfers were junior Norman Barney of Dowagiac; senior Bob Goldsmith of Birmingham; senior Jack Jaqua of Kalamazoo; senior Ray Puffpaff of Mt. Clements; and sophomore John Strolle of Kalamazoo. Dave Ristau, Benton Harbor sophomore, and John Zemaitis, Kalamazoo sophomore, also competed.

Puffpaff was named to the all-conference team selected by the coaches. Strolle was named to the second team and was the winner of the conference driving championship.

Team standings in the league meet were: 1-Ohio, 719 (one-under par for team for 36-holes, and Ohio's Bill Santour was medalist with 142); 2-WMU, 763; 3-Bowling Green, 776; 4-Marshall, 786; 5-Kent State, 792; 6-Miami, 805; and 7-Toledo, 840.

Individually, Strolle had the best average, a 74.4 mark. Others were: Puffpaff 75.3, Barney 75.9, Jaqua 76.7, Goldsmith 79.4, Ristau 80.1, and Zemaitis 80.5.

Ruth Feazelle Strong '12 celebrated her 70th birthday in March at Grand Junction, with her twin sister, Mrs. Ben Shafer. She is the mother of John Strong '57, Tacoma Park, Md.

**FOUR-MILE RELAY RECORD HOLDERS: Arthur Eversole, Carl Reid, Jerry Ashmore and Richard Pond.**

**OUTSTANDING BRONCO GOLFERS: Ray Puffpaff, John Strolle, John Zemaitis, Jack Jaqua, David Ristau, Norman Barney, Robert Goldsmith and Coach Roy Wietz.**
COOK SETS MAC MARK

Seventh Straight
Conference Crown
for WMU Netters

COACH Raymond (Hap) Sorensen's Bronco tennis team picked up the Mid-American Conference championship, the school's seventh straight (including a 1956 tie with Miami), at the annual MAC meet held at Ohio University this year.

Western posted an excellent season record of 9-3 against the Midwest's greatest teams.

In the dual season, WMU won over Ohio and Kent State by 9-0 scores and was rained out with Toledo. The three losses were to Notre Dame (defending NCAA co-champion with Tulane) by a 5-4 score; to Northwestern 3-1 (second place finisher in the Big Ten Conference); and Michigan 7-2 (the Big Ten champion). Western's upset victory came at the expense of arch-rival Michigan State as WMU took a 5-4 victory. Michigan State was the Big Ten's third place finisher. Other key victories were over: Indiana 5-4; Vanderbilt 5-3; and Purdue 6-0 (in a rain-shortened match in Kalamazoo).

In the Mid-American meets, senior John Cook won the number one flight in singles for the third straight time—a record that will always stand! Sorensen's netters won the first three singles flights with senior Doug Poort taking number two singles and junior Kent Miller winning the third flight. Junior Fred Zuidema lost in the finals of the fourth flight in singles but he teamed with Miller to take number two doubles flight behind the singles championship team of Cook-Poort. Western's seasonal co-captains.

Overall, Cook had a dual singles record of 22-1, Poort was 18-8, Miller was 22-7, Zuidema was 22-6, sophomore Jon Scott was 19-2, senior Dennis Walton was 8-3, and sophomore Bob Fouts was 9-1.

Recipient of the Elmer H. Wilds Award as the outstanding graduate student of the past year is to Miss Barbara Lyke, who is now teaching at Trenton. Dean George G. Mallinson made the presentation at the annual Honors' Convocation. Miss Lyke's graduate work was in biology.
IN MEMORIAM

Harlan L. Colburn '12 died May 15 in Battle Creek. He had retired in 1956 after 36 years in vocational education in Battle Creek and had also taught in Cadillac. A son and three grandchildren survive.

Hazel Emily Hiskerson '20 died June 12 in Muskegon where she had taught for 25 years. She was also taught in Ovid, St. Louis and Albion. Her MA was earned at Columbia University. She leaves one brother.

Guy Mumber, a student from 1920 to 1925, died May 29 while visiting in Lansing. He was an industrial gas sales engineer for Consumers Power Co. in Kalamazoo and lived in Paw Paw. He leaves his wife, two children and two grandchildren.

Lois Paxson Pardee '22 died May 1 in her Three Oaks home, where her husband serves as postmaster. She had been in poor health for some years. Mrs. Pardee had been a teacher for 11 years, and is survived by her husband, two daughters and seven grandchildren.

Vesta Van Houten Dunn '22 died July 7 in Flint, having been a Flint teacher for 19 years. Her husband, two children and three grandchildren survive.

Grace Rynberg '23, a former Richmond teacher and WMU critic teacher there, died late in July at Fremont.

Marvin V. Andersen '24, vice president and director of the Lakeshore Machinry Co, Muskegon, died May 22 at his North Muskegon home. He had held his last post since 1919, having joined the firm in 1938. He was president of the board of the First Congregational church, and leaves his wife and two children.

Bernard F. Pagel '24, BS '26 died April 27 in Detroit. He was assistant director of instructional research for the Detroit schools and had been with the system for 30 years, having taught previously at Bad Axe. He leaves his wife and one son.

Alice L. Eaton, a student from 1927 to 1934, died June 27 in Hastings, having been a Barry County rural school teacher. Her father, a sister and three brothers survive.

Bessie McLain '31 died June 8 at Marcellus. She had formerly been a lawton teacher.

Charles A. Betz '32 died July 14 while at work at Clark Equipment Co., Battle Creek, where he was a buyer and expeditor. He lived at Climax and was a member of the Climax-Scotts board of education. Surviving are his wife, two children.

Margaret Hildreth Brennan, student in 1932-33, died April 15 at her Paw Paw home. She leaves her husband and two children.

John S. Danner, a student in 1932-33, died March 24 in Ann Arbor where he had lived for 20 years and was manager of the Parkhurst Apartments. A son survives.

Bessie Lindley '36 died June 9 in Grand Rapids where she had taught for 32 years, retiring in 1949. She leaves a sister.

Andrew Pepa, a student from 1933 to 1936 and tennis captain in 1936, died in June at his Gary, Ind., home. He had been city tennis director in Gary for several years.

Willis L. Smith, student from 1938 to 1940, died April 18 at San Francisco, Calif., where he was in the advertising business. He leaves his wife and a son.

Howard W. Gleason '43 was killed July 26 in an automobile accident near Howell. A former Lansing teacher and coach, he was associated with a realty firm from 1952 until 1959, when he retired. He leaves his wife.

Ellen Farthing Elliot '46 died July 28 near Mattawan. She leaves her father and three children.

Ruth White Leach '57 died June 21 in Kalamazoo. She lived at Scotts and had first been a student in 1916, earning a state limited certificate in 1917, and was a degree candidate this year. She leaves her husband, four children and seven grandchildren.

H. J. W. (John) Bennett, a student from 1957 through the 1959 fall semester, died April 27 in the VA hospital, Dearborn, after a three-month illness. His home was in Coldwater.

Paul L. Kern '59 died April 25 in Detroit. He had been a teacher at Fraser high school, and leaves his wife.
mathematics instructor at the Muskegon Walter B. Steele Junior high, was recently presented with the Distinguished Service Award of the Michigan Department of Classroom Teachers. The award was presented in recognition of Miss Bakeman's "outstanding 35 years of service to education."

'26 Margaret E. Downey BS '38 retired in June after a 36-year teaching career, with the last 13 years at the Fulton elementary school ... Troy Clawson, a teacher in the Hamilton community school, retired last June from the profession after 43 years ... Zella Kline retired from teaching last June in Grand Rapids.

'28 Walter B. Ericksen recently received his doctor of education degree from University of Southern California, where he has been a graduate student while serving as elementary and junior high principal at Newton school in La-Puente, Calif.

'29 Hazel E. Nichols is the new librarian at Millington school and lives in Flint.

'30 Birdie Smith retired from teaching last June in Grand Rapids.

'31 Ronald W. Bigelow has been promoted to assistant superintendent in addition to his duties as high school principal at Mt. Morris school system ... B. Everard Blanchard was recently granted a Valley Forge Teachers' Medal and Citation by Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. He was one of the twelve teachers selected in the state of Illinois and one of the 500 selected throughout the nation. Blanchard will have his first book published in late summer 1960 entitled "Destination Teaching."

'33 Attty. John M. Pikkaart has been elected vice president of the Kalamazoo County Bar Association. He has also been reelected to a three-year term on the board of trustees of the Kalamazoo Home for the Aged in Kalamazoo.

'34 Evelyn Kysor AB '38 was among seven educators from Michigan to take an active part in the 34th annual conference of the Independent Schools Education Board held in New York. She spoke at the nursery school-kindergarten-grade one meeting ... The board in control of intercollegiate athletics at the University of Michigan, accepted the resignation of head basket-

Knights Pick Lyons

Alfred W. Lyons '33, '34 has been elected state deputy of the Michigan Knights of Columbus, the top spot in the organization. He is also head of the soft elastic capsule department of the Upjohn Company, where he has been employed since 1937. Lyons' activity in the Knights of Columbus dates back to 1945, and this past year he was state secretary.

'38 Martha L. Neumann was among the graduate students to receive an MA degree during the June commencement at WMU ... Dr. Neal Bowers was a member of the University of Michigan summer session in the Grand Rapids division. He is chairman of the department of geography at the University of Hawaii and a lecturer for the University of Michigan ... Elizabeth Beamus retired from teaching last June at Grand Rapids.

'39 Kenneth Engle, formerly of Lawton, has been recommended to the Kalamazoo board of education for appointment as assistant principal of the new Loy Norrix high school opening this fall in Kalamazoo ... Roger W. Lewis, Muskegon County Health Department sanitarian has received his certification as a registered sanitarian with the National Association of Sanitarians ... Mary E. Kettner retired from teaching in Grand Rapids last June.

'40 Earledine S. Ayres received her MA degree during the June commencement at WMU.

'41 Edward E. Peterson of Allegan high school was among forty junior high school science teachers from Michigan to California named to attend a summer studies by first graders in which other subject matter, particularly math, is correlated. The film, "Once Upon a Lunch Time," is used by the audio-visual department of the Kalamazoo public schools in the teacher training and orientation program. Mrs. Buchanan is a first and second grade teacher at the Brucker School in Kalamazoo.

Western Michigan University
The last seven years, has been appointed head football coach at Wyoming Park high school ... Robert Burgoyne has been selected as the high school principal at Lake Shore school district in St. Clair Shores ... M. D. Sumney recently completed all the requirements to be certified as a qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table of the National Association of Life Underwriters in Chicago ... Robert Reid has been appointed director of the secondary curriculum at St. Clair shores school.

1949  
Harry D. Cairns received his MA degree at WMU during the June commencement ... Ralph L. Wells was chosen Associate of the Month by the home office of Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Hartford, Conn. ... Ruth Greene will teach kindergarten at Lake Odessa this fall ... Detective Dean A. Fox, an 11-year member of the Kalamazoo Police Department has been promoted to lieutenants. He will organize and have charge of a service department, a new division for the Police Department made possible by construction of the new court building.

1950  
Beverly Sherpits is teaching kindergarten at the Grandview school in Clarencetown ... Lloyd C. Hartman, administrative assistant at Muskegon high school and former varsity football and basketball coach, has resigned, entering the construction equipment sales field ... Tim Eis is co-op coordinator at Lee M. Thurston high school in Livonia ... Robert S. Brown has accepted appointment as an instructor at Hope College. He was personnel director at Union High school in Grand Rapids ... John Broumas is principal of the Harrison Park school in Grand Rapids ... Richard V. Bates, Jacob M. Lt. Fox will organize and have charge of a service department, a new division for the Police Department made possible by construction of the new court building.

1951  
Gordon M. Solomons, traffic supervisor in the Illinois Bell Telephone Company, Chicago, has been promoted to staff supervisor in the same department ... John Schmitt and Ralph Geis, both instructors at Benton Harbor Community College, have been awarded fellowships by the National Science Foundation. John will study at Michigan State University, while Ralph will be at Oregon State College, Corvallis, Ore. The fellowships include payment of tuition and all living expenses for the students and their families ... Robert Casey has been promoted to full-time administrator in the Hastings schools as principal of Northeastern and Southeastern elementary schools ... Gerald P. Fawcett, MA '59 attended the University of Illinois during the summer on a scholarship from the National Science Foundation ... Leroy C. Bennett, George E. Cargan and Donald Van Natter were among the graduate students at WMU to receive their MA degrees during the June commencement.

1952  
William G. Cattan has been appointed to the faculty of North Central Michigan College, Petoskey, beginning this fall. For the past few years, Cattan has served on a part-time basis with the field service division of Central Michigan University as a biology instructor at Vanlenteren's Iron Mountain schools, was among forty junior high school science teachers named to attend a summer institute at WMU, co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation ... Catholic Social Service, a service agency of the Marquette diocese, will open an office for service in Gogebic and Ontonagon counties, and will be established at the Divine Infant hospital in Wakefield. Robert Freimuth will serve the local area ... Albert Peppel has signed a contract to head the Ionia public school instrumental music program ... WEDNESDAY: Marla Redding and Hugh Anderson, Jr., MA '53 in Niles.
of the Congregational Church at Birmingham. During the past two years he has been assistant minister of the Congregational Church at Rutland, Vt. Julian Pierce has been appointed principal of Godwin's Division Avenue elementary school in Grand Rapids.... Wesley Maas has been named Meritorious Teacher of the Year by the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. Maas is chairman of the science division at Pontiac Central high school. Roy J. Gillis is president of the newly-formed personnel consulting and employee placement company, Roy Gillis & Associates, operating from offices in the Penobscot Building, Detroit. The new company will provide nationwide services and will specialize in the recruitment of executive personnel for industry. Lee B. Longsbery has been named principal at Comstock high school. Donald E. Charnley of Kalamazoo, led Mutual of New York's 3,500-man field force in number of life insurance policies sold during the first six months of 1960. He recently completed all the requirements to be certified as a qualifying and life member of the Million Dollar Round Table. Weddings: Barbara A. Frederick and William T. Edwards in Kalamazoo. Rosemary Colban and Daniel S. Grubb in Holland.

'53 George Beiner has been named editor of "The Blackboard," official paper of the Tucson, Ariz., Education Association. He is a geography teacher in the Rincon high school there. John Schindler, new superintendent of schools at Delta, O., has been given a two-year contract as superintendent of Lakeville schools. Lee Stevens will be principal of the Ludington junior high school this fall. He recently resigned as language instructor at Portage Central. William J. Denton has been hired to teach social studies at Albion high school this fall. Eight members of this class received their MA degrees during the June commencement at WMU. They are: Kenneth E. Arent, Lawrence Beaudoin, Phyllis L. Cox, Betty L. Cummings, Richard E. Hoce, Dale D. King, Juanita Z. Wiles and Gerald Woodard. Duane L. Pifer is district executive at Gateway Area Council of Boy Scouts of America at LaGrasse, Wis. He was formerly district executive of the South Western Michigan Council at St. Joseph. Richard McIlvride has been promoted to assistant personnel director at General Motors in Birmingham. With 45 years of teaching behind her, Opal Houghton of Lake Odessa, retired last June as sixth grade teacher in the Lake Odessa school system, where she has taught for 14 years. Lawrence H. Boss MA, superintendent of Dimondale schools the last four years, has accepted the superintendency of Northview school in Grand Rapids.... Gregory R. Anrig has been appointed principal of Battle Hill school in White Plains, N. Y. He recently completed one year of doctoral study at Harvard. Gregory and his wife also have a son, Gregory, Jr., born June 4 in Arlington, Mass. George E. Urch and his wife have a son born Aug. 20, 1959, named George Taylor. Weddings: Margaret E. Drew and William A. Brown, Jr., in Homewood, Ill.; Barbara A. Culver and Ralph A. Dold in Muskegon.

'54 Elaine Kay Harding '55 and her husband Paul recently moved to Arizona where he is a sales representative in Phoenix with Western Airlines. They live at 1618 E. First Ave., Mesa, Ariz. Five members of this class received their MA degrees during the June commencement at WMU: John W. Adams, Edward L. Bisch, Kenneth L. Johnson, Milton J. Moro and Gordon A. Spencer. Italo "Ace" Candoli MA was one of two named "men of the year" by the Portage Optimist Club. Robert D. Ellinger has been hired to teach eleventh and twelfth grade English at Fremont this fall. Weddings: Jaylee M. Duke and John W. Alley in Ann Arbor.

'55 Louis Tradell is teaching chemistry at Southfield high school. He studied at Wayne State University on a National Science Foundation fellowship this summer. Bart McGrath recently resigned his position on the Ionia high school faculty to teach this fall at Grand Rapids Godwin Heights school. Silver L. Garvee and James R. Teske were among the graduate students to receive MA degrees at WMU during the June commencement. Carlo Lubiatow is a social studies, physical education instructor and a coach at R. N. Mandeville high school in Flint. Charles N. Gance has been named a marketing trainer by Post Division of General Foods Corporation.

Robert D. Hughes, MA '50, is a teacher of English and literature at Delton Kellogg school. Olive Nevin MA retired last June as high school librarian at Plainwell. Rev. Leland A. Hoyt MA has been appointed as one of the first chaplains for the Grand Rapids police department. The chaplains will serve in an advisory and counseling capacity to police officers and their families. Walter Schwartz MA '59 recently resigned his position as guidance counselor, speech instructor, assistant coach in football and head coach of golf and play director at Watervliet. He has accepted a position as full-time guidance counselor at the recently completed 1,800 student Arcadia high school, Scottsdale, Ariz., during 1960-61. John Wittenberg Jr. has been commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army Reserve. He lives in Sturgis. Photographs: Judith Butler and Charles E. Elliott Jr., April 3 in Batesville, Miss.; Velma J. Qualls and Charles B. Dilsworth in Flint; Joan Hagerty and Carl J. Hauser in Toledo, O.; Madeline E. Hesbol and Edward D. Gunney June 25 in Evanston, Ill.

'56 Basil Ash MA has been named assistant high school principal at Otesgo High School. Donald Button was recently elected president of the Kalamazoo chapter, American Institute of Banking. Max Allen recently graduated from the Chicago College of Osteopathy in Chicago. George Coon MA '59 has been appointed instructor in the College of Education at Wayne State University.
Grout at Boston U.

Dr. Stuart Grout '50 is the new assistant to the vice president for academic affairs at Boston University, moving from his post as provost of the University of Arkansas. He first taught at Battle Creek Lakeview high school, then was with the staff of the Midwest Administration Center, University of Chicago, and until 1957 was at Illinois State Normal University before moving to Arkansas. Dr. and Mrs. Grout have one son.

beginning this fall. During the term of his four-year appointment, Coon plans to complete work toward a doctor of education degree at Wayne State.

Frederick O. Chesters, Dennis G. Gottschalk and Robert J. Wunderlin received their MA degrees during the June commencement at WMU . . . Olin W. Callaghan Hon. MS. director of customer relations for the Minerals and Chemicals Corp. of America in Kalamazoo, has been elected a national trustee of the Paper Industry Management Association . . . Richard E. Pins is the new assistant manager at the Northtown office of the Union Bank & Trust Co., in Grand Rapids . . . The Prudential Life Insurance Co. has announced the appointment of Melvin E. Lovgren as special agent serving southwest Berrien County.

Prior to joining Prudential he taught school in Galien and was in the real estate business . . . Robert Arends MA '59 will assume the duties of high school principal at Lawton this fall . . . Three members of this class were named to attend a summer institute at WMU, co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation for junior high school science teachers. They are: David R. Balcom, a teacher at the Williamson school; Schuyler T. Barnum of Gobles school; and Daniel P. French from Portage school. James Bronner MA '59 has accepted a position with the Southwestern Publishing Company of Pennsylvania as a representative-consultant. He has been business education instructor-coordinator and track coach at Battle Creek Springfield high school for the last four years . . . Vera M. Calhoun has recently been appointed elementary principal of Quincy schools. She is working on her master's degree at Michigan State University . . . Ilean Schultz and Fred L. Bradford received their Doctor of Dental Surgery degrees during the June graduation at the University of Michigan . . . Carolyn Fox served as director of promotion and choreographer for the Wingspread Theatre located near Colon this summer . . . Marjorie Barnes is in Iran with her husband Robert . . . Weddings: Sara-Jane J. Loomis and James O. Lewis in Battle Creek . . . Dolores J. Pilet and Jerry L. James June 18 in Kalamazoo.

'57 Roger W. Garst, formerly labor relations manager of the Eaton Manufacturing Co., Valdiv division, Battle Creek, has been named to the post of employee relation manager of the Albion Malleable Iron Co., in Albion . . . Joy K. Schlender and Eugene F. Wallace received MA degrees during the June commencement at WMU . . . Darlene Boyer has been hired to teach second grade at Ferry school in Grand Haven . . . William K. Smith, mobile service director of Jackson County library, was recently awarded a $2,000 graduate fellowship. He will begin graduate work at WMU . . . Jerry L. Norton MA '59, a junior high science teacher at Pomona, Calif., attended an eight-week summer science institute for junior high school science teachers at WMU, co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation . . . Ronald G. Wildeman is attending law school at Wayne State University. He lives at 1367 McLain, Lincoln Park . . . Alice D. Miller is a teacher at Bloomfield Hills. She lives at 3345 Sunnycrest, Birmingham . . . James Perry MA '59, a member of the Paw Paw faculty for the past three years, has been named teaching principal at the new New North Elementary School in Paw Paw . . . David Wank has been hired by the Dimondale school to teach band and music. He has been teaching in Whitehall . . . Lawrence Sarholt received a bachelor of laws degree last June at Wayne State University. He lives in Southfield. Francis Apotheker MA '59 is a school diagnostican specializing in psychological evaluation of mentally handicapped youngsters in the special education division of the Kalamazoo County Board of Education . . . Henry M. D'Agostino MA has recently received a science scholarship to St. Cloud State College in St. Cloud, Minn. He will return to Berrien Springs high school this fall to continue teaching . . . John B. Vermeja has accepted the position of superintendent of the Eau Claire schools. For three years he was teaching principal at Spinks Corners, and has served as superintendent of Howard Schools near lakes and also of the Spring Lake public schools . . . Bob Chatterton, assistant football coach at Fenton high school this year, was author of an article published in the June issue of Athletic Journal titled "55 Defense." Marie McGregor and her husband Dr. McGregor will be living in Flint this fall where he will begin a general practice residency at McLaren Hospital . . . David A. Watters has completed his studies at the McCormick Theological Seminary, and following ordination has accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church of Waterville, O. . . Peter L. Klawon has been appointed to the publicity and public relations committee of the Professional Photographers of America. He is president of Commercial Pictures, Inc., in Kalamazoo . . . Weddings: Carol A. Hollsbug and Walter T. Wunderlin in Kalamazoo . . . Donna L. Kibbie and William P. Fitzgerald in Marshall . . . Alice J. Brown and Ronald W. Beery March 26 in Holly . . . Marilyn Seaman and Jack Rynbrand Jan. 23 in Kalamazoo . . . Leslie A. Markle and Dallas C. Hargrett in New Troy . . . Marian A. Dickie and Charles Kievard June 19 in Paw Paw.

'58 Pfc. Jack A. Egberts recently participated in Exercise Elk Horn, a Strategic Army Corps field maneuver, with the 4th Infantry Division at the Yakima (Wash.) Firing Center . . . Bill Dok is attending law school at Santa Clara, Calif. . . . George Fifield, Jr., is working for Liberty Mutual Insurance Company in Detroit . . . John M. Jorgenson was recently appointed special representative for General Products Division of Tokheim Corp., with headquarters in the Kansas City division office . . . Joan Nederlof will be teaching at Nashville Schools this fall . . . Kathleen Bowen has been notified by the national

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office of the American Occupational Therapy Association that she has passed her national board examination and now qualified as a registered occupational therapist. George Lewis, Jr., was among four staff appointments for the special education division of the Kalamazoo County Board of Education. He will be a visiting teacher, assisting pupils appearing to have social or emotional adjustment problems. Dave Robertson will serve as junior high physical education instructor and coach at Ft. Pierce, Fla., in the 1960-61 school year. James Fonger will be teaching fifth grade at Grandville this fall. Bill Stuulbergen has been named head baseball and assistant basketball coach at the new Loy Norrix high school in Kalamazoo. He has been assistant coach in both sports at Lansing Sexton.

The following members of this class received MA degrees during the June commencement at WMU: John Berridge, Patricia Busk, Francis Chape, Thomas Howard, Esther Lecerich, Elsie Sabe and Willard Wynee. William A. Foster received a MA degree from the Institute of Paper Chemistry, Appleton, Wis. He was in Camas, Wash., this summer employed as a chemist at the Crown Zellerbach Corporation. He will return to the Institute of Paper Chemistry in the fall for two more years of study to obtain his doctor's degree in chemistry. Frank A. Pulte of Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills school was among forty junior high school science teachers from Michigan to California named to attend a summer institute at WMU, co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation. Marilyn Ives recently resigned as music instructor at the Decatur high. 2nd Lt. John Xenos was recently named to the battalion staff as new personnel officer and assistant adjutant at Fort Bragg, N. C. Karen J. Smith and her husband William have a son Gregory William born Nov. 21, 1959. They recently moved from Corpus Christi, Tex. George Lewis, Jr., was among four staff appointments for the special education division of the Kalamazoo County Board of Education. He will be a visiting teacher, assisting pupils appearing to have social or emotional adjustment problems. Dave Robertson will serve as junior high physical education instructor and coach at Ft. Pierce, Fla., in the 1960-61 school year.

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'59 Richard J. Radke has been appointed a junior copywriter at Mayer-Klann-Linbury Advertising, Inc., in Benton Harbor. . . Amy Mertau will be teaching at Jack's Creek School at Roark, Ky., under appointment by the Evangelical United Brethren Board of Missions and Church Extension beginning in September. She taught third grade at the Battle Creek Washington school during 1959. . . . Earl N. Hoehne was among the 51 science teachers to receive a scholarship to the National Science Foundation Summer Institute this summer at the University of Toledo. He is a science professor. William E. Barber, an investigator for the Kalamazoo Police Department's Youth Bureau, attended the Keeler Polygraph Institute, Chicago, this summer for a course in the operation of the lie detector. . . Ken O. Latta recently graduated from the American Institute for Foreign Trade, Phoenix. Specializing in Latin America, Latta has taken the school's intensive training course in preparation for a career in American business or government abroad. . . .

Elwin Drummond has been hired to teach speech correction in special education at Gale Woods School. Nancy Rajkovick will be teaching at the Lansing Marble school this fall.

The following members of this class received MA degrees during the June commencement at WMU: William R. Cabage, Vernon Fressnta, Wade Jones, and Richard Murphy. Gordon D. Sheldon has been named assistant credit manager for Hastings Aluminum Products. . . . Roger Sheplef recently coached the Harper Creek high school track team to the Cereal City league meet championship. . . . Ronald Chand nach has been hired to handle the first special education teacher for retarded children in the Grand Haven schools. . . . Jess Kaufman has been awarded a National Science Foundation scholarship for high school mathematics teachers at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill., this summer. . . . Donald H. Schoneboom of the Macombus school, was among forty junior high school science teachers from Michigan to California named to attend a summer institute at WMU, co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation. . . . Donald R. Watkins, Battle Creek, was named to attend the 1960 physical science study committee summer physics institute at Rutgers university, New Brunswick, N. J. . . . John E. Hoskins MA recently submitted his resignation as executive director of Goodwill Industries, Inc., Kalamazoo. He will become associate executive director of Goodwill Industries of Detroit, one of the largest Goodwill organizations in the nation. . . . Pauline Hylkema will teach junior high English at Fremont this year. She has been attending the University of Michigan where she is working on her master's degree . . . Ozzie D. Parks of Battle Creek will

Fleming with IBM

James R. Fleming '54 has been promoted to manager of operations for the Service Bureau Corp., an IBM subsidiary with offices in New York. SBC provides high speed data processing for business and industry. Fleming lives in North Merrick, Long Island, is married and has three children.

1960 '60 Echo D. Debert of the Battle Creek Lakeview school, was among forty junior high school science teachers from Michigan to California named to attend a summer institute at WMI, co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation . . . Elmer H. Rose is head football and baseball coach for the 1960-61 school year at Potterville . . . Pvt. Kurt P. Duffy recently completed the food service course at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo . . . 2nd Lt. Dick B. York recently completed the nine-week officer basic course at The Transportation School, Fort Eustis, Va. . . . Mary Jackson MA is teaching second grade at the Hull school in Benton Harbor . . . Charles A. Miller has been named Mason County speech correctionist . . . George Carrigan MA has been named principal of the Jonesville school district . . . Olive Dickerson of Niles, teacher at the Red Brick elementary school in the Cassopolis system, has been appointed teaching principal at the school for 1960-61 . . . Jane Anderson and Sandra Judson have received certificates as registered medical technologists after completing a one-year course at St. Mary's hospital in Grand Rapids . . . The Indianapolis Indians baseball team has obtained Ron Jackson. He was with the Indians last season when he led the association in home runs with 30 and runs batted in with 99 . . . Tony La-Scala and Dick Loney have been hired as head coaches at Owosso St. Paul's Catholic high school . . . Bob Gose has been named assistant swimming coach, in addition to his history teaching duties, at Royal Oak Kimball high school . . . Jerry Misner is the new head swimming coach at Lansing Eastern high school . . . The following members of this class have accepted teaching positions for 1960-61: Alfred M. Bauer, football and basketball, Cheboygan Catholic; Dixie C. Bennett, music, Buchanan; Bonnie Bonn, kindergarten, Schoolcraft; David L. Brueck, football and industrial arts at Burr Oak; Margaret Ferraro, physical education, Marshall; Robert L. Gray, band director, Constantine; Ed Grodaus, physical education and social studies, Vermilion; Richard Hafner, chemistry and math, Frankenmuth; Janet McIntyre, elementary, Lawton; Sandra Keeney, English, Martin; Dick Lindeman, football, Delton; Raymond C. Puffpaff, math, San Diego, Calif.; Gerald Sandstrom, English, Iron Mountain; and Thomas O. Wood, history, Albion . . . The Plainwell faculty includes: Susan Becker, third grade; Roberta Haefer, first grade; Patsy Switzer, English and history; James Smalley, industrial arts and Bernice Waldhazn, librarian . . . Other members of this class that will be teaching this fall are: Nancy Robinson, English and social studies in the junior high school, Climax; Donald Borgeson, shop, Dale Faber, math, Darryl Anderson, seventh grade, Grandville; Jack VanSchelven and Doug Poort both coaching, Orchard View school in Muskegon; JoAnne Thiel will be at the Galesburg school . . . Weddings: Joan Breedveld and Martin Rutter in Kalamazoo . . . June A. Gosseaux and Lt. Robert Schaler June 13 in San Antonio, Tex . . . Judith A. Pifer and Larry E. Rutledge in Hillsdale . . . Lowell A. Hauck and Wayne W. Wright in Royal Oak . . . Mary E. Lemm and Jerold C. Miser in Kalamazoo . . . Barbara J. Damson and Dennis C. DeBest in Hastings; Ruth E. Johnson and Owen F. Davis in Battle Creek . . . Gloria A. Kietzerow and Wesley Math in St. Joseph . . . Lucille M. Kately and Delevan J. Arnold in Kalamazoo . . . Patricia E. Braddon and Dennis F. Forrester in Coloma . . . Nancy M. Taylor and Raymond E. Wheeler in Muskegon . . . Mary Halupap and Robert Gelines, Jr., in Muskegon . . . Carol J. Lamb and Michael Kelingos in Wayne . . . Anne Higley and Ojas Bruzer June 25 in Plymouth . . . Bernice M. Waldhazn and Keith W. Lankin in Kalamazoo . . . Judith M. Deegan and Daniel Hill in St. Joseph . . . Mona Napiier and Don M. Dussins in Ann Arbor . . . Margaret L. Merson and John Kruger June 10 in Sturgis . . . Barbara M. Woodland and David K. Ryan June 25 in Kalamazoo . . . Doris J. Radtke and Arthur G. Farley June 25 in Albion . . . Karen J. Wilkins and David A. Vincent June 25 in Kalamazoo . . . Karen Fitting and Rollin Fender June 25 in Kalamazoo . . . Joan C. Barney and Richard A. Buttery June 25.
Fenwick Appointed
New Director of
Alumni Relations

A MAJOR change in the alumni relations office brings back to the campus Raymond E. Fenwick '57 as the director, replacing Budd J. Norris.

In June Norris joined the marketing administration staff of the Upjohn Company in Kalamazoo.

Since graduation Fenwick has served as editor of Gypsum News, employee magazine for the United States Gypsum Company, working from the firm's main offices in Chicago. During his tenure there Fenwick traveled extensively gathering editorial material for the magazine from its widely scattered plants.

He found time to participate in the activities of the Industrial Editors Association of Chicago, American Association of Industrial Editors and the International Council of Industrial Editors.

While on campus Fenwick was active as director of WIDR, the inter-dormitory radio station, and also served as publicity director for the Student Council.

As the active fall season in alumni affairs soon opens, Fenwick will soon be extending Western's horizons as he meets with the various clubs, informal groups and alumni throughout the nation.

In the building of a strong alumni family dedicated to a strong University, the office of the director of alumni relations needs the concerted help of all alumni. You will be hearing more from Ray in person and through the columns of this magazine in the future.

Many Alumni Cited
By Coaches' Group

Western's Brick Fowler of Port Huron is the 1960-61 secretary-treasurer of the Michigan High School Coaches Association and a member of the Hall of Fame in the same organization.

Five of the fifteen board of directors are also Western Michigan men. Region Two's Tony Malinowski of Trenton; region three's Vic Lawson of Tecumseh; region four's Marty Ball of Battle Creek Lakeview; region five's Elf Pedler of Kalamazoo Central; and region nine's Jack Wild of Wayland are members of the board. And two of the honorary board members are Western men: Al Bush, newly-appointed assistant state director of athletics of Lansing; and Howard Thompson of Jackson, who represents the Michigan Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation.

Of the present select membership of the Hall of Fame award winners, fourteen are Western graduates and two more attended WMU before transferring to other institutions. They are: Sam Bishop, Detroit Northwestern; Doc Ellingson, Grand Rapids Union; Fowler; Gus Hanson, Ferndale; Okie Johnson, Muskegon Heights; Harry Potter, Muskegon; Martin Van Wingen, Grand Rapids Creston; Henry Lemoine, Otsego; Sheridan McDaniel, Coloma; C. E. Richards, Flint Kearsley; Gerald Ritchey, Lansing Sexton; Reed Waterman, East Grand Rapids; Paul Bennett, Howell; and Lester Swartz, Athens. The former students are: Eno Pulkiner, Midland, and Frank Weeber, River Rouge.

A Look at Gerald Osborn

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ardent amateur ornithologist; of his continuing interest in higher mathematics fostered partially by his son, Jim, a mathematician at Georgia Tech.; and in English literature by his wife, Dorothy, as well as Hadley. Dorothy Osborn completed an M.A. in Latin at the University of Michigan, James a Ph.D. in Mathematics, while Hadley is now finishing his Ph.D. in English at the University of California.

Gardening has been his physical hobby for many years and was carried on in high gear until the Keeper-of-the-Kitchen began to call for help as the mountains of produce flowed in. His interest in sports has made him a fan not only of the Western football team but of every other major sport. Next to Western, the Tigers are his team.
Gerald Osborn was born into a Quaker family in Indiana. When he was fourteen, his father purchased land near St. Johns, Michigan and he completed his secondary education at the St. Johns High School. He graduated in 1921 as president of his class and a year later, when he had accumulated a little money, he enrolled in the two-year teacher training curriculum at Ypsilanti. It was called Michigan State Normal College then. Even at that time Chemistry was his subject and it was as science instructor and debate coach that he was hired at Homer High School when he completed his two year certificate. His first week as a teacher, he was assigned hall duty to handle the big boys, some as old as he, who were roughing up the halls and stairs with rowdy behavior. With his knees shaking but his eyes darting fire, he had the halls in order by the end of the second week of school. With such a record (the shaking knees had not been observed) he was soon offered the principalship of the school.

However, two years later Professor Peet, head of the Chemistry department at Ypsilanti, persuaded him to return to college. He completed his degree in 1927 and joined the Chemistry department as an instructor. During the 12 years that he was a member of this faculty he led an arduous life, teaching a full load, counseling students and sitting on committees, as well as commuting to the University of Michigan for graduate work in Chemistry. He completed the M.S. in 1929 and the Ph.D. in 1939. His graduate research was in Organic Chemistry where he worked with Bachman on free radicals. He has always retained a particular predilection for this branch of Chemistry.

He joined Western in 1939 to replace William McCracken, then retiring, and became the second Head of Chemistry. He held this post through the war years when a V-12 program came to Western, through the construction of McCracken Hall which he helped plan, through the rapid expansion of the college into University. In 1956 when President Sangren asked him to be Dean of the School of Liberal Arts and Sciences, he hesitated although he knew he would enjoy many aspects of the work. He knew it would lead away from the Chemistry department and his classes. His fine successes as dean have overshadowed the difficulties and problems which are an ingrained part of any deanship, and he has developed the office and enjoyed the role.

When the faculty heard that the State Board of Education had asked Gerald Osborn to become Acting President, they were surprised but immediately pleased. Over and over we heard the expression, “Why, of course, he’s a natural for the job.” His fine gifts of understanding, his quick way of reaching decisions and acting on them, his good nature and ready smile make him a man who can grasp the reins firmly and keep the University rolling down the road whether the pavement is smooth or rough.

Optimistic View of the Future

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though the family became much larger, Dr. Sangren worked hard and successfully to keep this same spirit prevalent. His leadership has been vigorous and forward-looking, and I regret his retirement.

And now, what of Western’s future? I quote from a recent statement by Dr. Sangren: “Western has always had a reputation for sound education—for facing the future with honesty and purposefulness, I can only hope that this tradition can be continued, for if it is, I know that this institution will continue to prosper and to carry on its proper educational function in a rapidly changing world.” Three changes especially are now making their impact on higher education.

1. A Rising Standard of Living. As a result, a larger percentage of young people now desire a college education.

2. The Population Explosion. The increased birth rate is just beginning to show its effect at the college age level.

3. Competition from the Communist Part of the World. This fact is causing educational institutions at all levels to re-evaluate their curricula.

Western will continue to grow as a result of these pressures. The Administration will be faced with the problem of more facilities. The last legislature provided $40,000 to remodel the Arcadia Club House for the use of the Occupational Therapy department, and to remodel rooms that the Occupational Therapy occupied in McCracken Hall for the use of chemistry and of physical science.

The recent legislature also gave a 1960-61 grant of $780,000 to start a $3,578,750 Natural Science Building which will house the departments of biology, mathematics, geography and geology, and psychology when it is completed in the fall of 1962. In addition, around 30% of the building will be available for the temporary use of the social science departments. In a later article, we will discuss future plans for providing the necessary classroom space needed for our increasing enrollment and for an ever expanding program.

I would like to conclude these remarks by stating that as I see the increasing demands for higher education as provided by the State of Michigan, I am certain the biggest problem ahead is obtaining additional faculty members. We have found this spring that the competition for new staff is great. There is a real shortage of available faculty in science, mathematics, social science, and English areas. I hope that an increasing number of the young people of college and high school age will think in terms of making college teaching their life work. We who have devoted many years to this work have found it to be most rewarding.

Gerald Osborn
Watch the Broncos!

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