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No thinking person will deny that the youth of the state is its most important crop. As has well been said in the report to the President of the United States by the Director of War Mobilization and Reconversion: “Never before has the need for higher education been so imperative. Our productive capacity, our national security, and the development of our democracy will depend in the final analysis upon the understanding, knowledge, and skills with which we equip our youth.”

Just now we have, as a specific responsibility, the task of providing as good a training as we can give for thousands of young men and women whose education was delayed by the war. We also have the further responsibility, however, of giving the same opportunities to the new generation of boys and girls who desire to prepare themselves for service and society. It is our confirmed opinion that these responsibilities must be met if our country is to continue to prosper and we are ever to have peace at home and abroad.

Our colleges and universities require first of all, funds for their maintenance and operation. Our enrollments are more than twice what they were when the legislature last met and made its appropriations for the present biennium. To take care of twice as many students requires almost twice as many teachers and almost twice as much in the way of supplies and materials—and the costs of all the items that we buy have increased materially. Our first concern is funds for operation and maintenance with an ever-increasing student enrollment.

Our next concern is for the completion of the building program that is now under way. It must be clearly understood that at each institution, that program will do no more than to take care of enrollments at the pre-war level. These buildings were not designed to take care of the enrollments that we now have, and the larger numbers that are in prospect. Knowing that in the future we will always have more students than we now have on our campus, our next concern is the necessity of providing permanently satisfactory educational facilities for those additional students.

Unless the required relief is provided, our colleges and universities are in the position of being unable to provide adequate educational opportunities for the students already enrolled. They certainly should not be expected to accept additional thousands until we are able to give them opportunities comparable to those being provided in our neighboring states.

P. V. S.
Inconspicuously located on the first floor of the Administration Building of Western Michigan College is one of the busiest spots on the campus. It is likewise one of the liveliest trading marts in the city. It is operated for service rather than revenue. And it serves everybody on the campus from the kindergarten through the college, including the faculty. Without a doubt you’ve guessed it. All this refers to the campus store, known to alumni as the “Co-op.”

While everybody on the campus knows the store is there, and everybody rushes to it whenever anything is needed from sweat socks or cosmetics to the latest textbook, it is probable that few people realize the extent of the contribution which the campus store makes to students and faculty in convenience, economy, and service.

Under the able management of John Thompson, a graduate of Western, who has been in charge of the store since 1939, the scope of the service which the store gives to students and faculty has increased to a most surprising degree, steadily keeping pace with the growth of the school, and at all times immediately responsive to the needs of the students.

Western was only eight years old when the store was started. Indeed from the very beginning both faculty and students had recognized the need for some convenient place on the campus where they might quickly secure their books and supplies. And so in the summer of 1912 the experiment was launched. Ira J. Arehart, now principal of a Detroit school, was placed in charge. Its success was immediate. As a result the store, at first called the Cooperative Store, became a permanent feature in the fall of 1912. Robert Chitteneden was made business manager and Miss Katherine Shean, who, by the way was a sister of Mrs. Bertha S. Davis, now dean of women, was placed in direct charge. In 1916 Harold Blair, now head of the department of mathematics, was made manager of the store. In the fall of 1918 Miss Sara Ackley was made his assistant. She became manager in 1920, and served in that capacity until 1939 when Thompson was appointed manager.

At first the store was located in the west end of the lobby of the Administration Building where the entrance now is. It was just a show case and counter across that end of the lobby, with only enough room behind it for the desk of the manager. Textbooks, notebooks, paper, pencils, pens and pen holders constituted the entire stock.

That it filled a definite need was evident in the patronage which students gave to it. Its inadequate housing soon became a handicap. When the library, which formerly occupied the entire east side of the Administration Building from the north of the entrance to the Women’s Gymnasium, was moved to its new building in 1924, a solution to the problem seemed in sight. A portion of the space was given over to the store. And there the store has been located since that time.

From these limited quarters literally thousands of books have passed over the counters. And that’s not all. Little by little, as students asked for it, other merchandise has been added to the stocks. First it was candy bars and hard candies, then ice cream. And until the demand exceeded the space available for the purpose, soft drinks were sold.

The biggest expansion came with the V-12 Navy Unit. The influx of these men with their varied needs, made big demands on the store. But Thompson was equal to it. If they wanted soaps and washing powders
to keep themselves and their clothing clean, in some miraculous manner he got it for them, scarce as these products were. If it was T-shirts, he procured them, or wash cloths and towels, sweat shirts, sweat socks, or even sewing kits, lotions, tooth pastes, tooth brushes, antiseptic mouth washes, bandages, anything, it seemed to make little difference, he found the merchandise somewhere.

After the Navy trainees left, the response to student needs continued with the same efficiency. Sport jackets, essential lines of cosmetics, leather goods—such as zipper note books—fountain pens, school jewelry, and many other such articles are included in the stocks.

However, one of the biggest services which the store gives to students is the second-hand book exchange, which Thompson inaugurated in 1940. At the end of each semester students take to the store the used books which they wish to sell. They indicate the price for which they will sell the books. The store gets a ten per cent commission for selling the books, to cover the cost of selling them, and the additional bookkeeping involved.

When the new semester opens, these books are available to incoming students in classes using the books. When the sale is completed original owners present receipts either in person or by mail, and are paid the money received for their books.

"This is one of the happiest features of the business," Thompson says. "We're really pretty happy in the store when we can turn back to the students money for books they're through with. Some days we pay out as much as $700 to students for the books they have turned over to use for sale, and we have sent checks to students all over the world for books they have left with us for sale. Students who have bought the books have also benefitted, for they have paid less for their books than would be required for new ones. So everybody is happy" he says. "With the current shortage of books, the exchange helps solve another problem by keeping the used books in circulation."

However, not all the books turned in by students can be sold in this way. Sometimes their use has been discontinued. When it has been definitely determined that the books cannot be sold to students second-hand book dealers are called in, and under the watchful eye of Thompson, the books are sold to these dealers. But Thompson always makes sure the dealers pay the real value for the books, protecting the interest of the students.

While the store is not operated for profit, any money which it earns goes back to the students in the form of scholarships, which are awarded on the basis of competitive examinations held annually each spring. An average of twenty students are on the campus each year because of these scholarships.

Students still further benefit from the store through the employment it affords. The staff of the store at present includes fifteen students besides the three full-time employees. It is estimated that approximately 250 students have paid the expenses of their college education through working in the store. This has been one of the policies of the store from its very beginning, and both men and women have enjoyed this opportunity to engage in profitable and interesting extra work.

Twenty-five students left their jobs in the store to serve in World War II. Two of them, Al Goudreau and Bob Feather, were promoted to the rank of major. Several of the former student employees of the store are now school superintendents, some are high school principals, and many are teaching.

Not only have these students been able to finance their college education through working in the store, the experience has made other valuable contributions to their development. They have not only learned lessons of salesmanship and business procedure. They have also learned the importance and value of courtesy, cooperation, friendliness, restraint, devotion to duty, honesty, and the ability to work with others—lessons which will go with them throughout their lives, in whatever activity they find themselves.

Likewise they've learned economy and resourcefulness too. For instance there are the movable shelves which one group of students employed in the store made themselves from boxes in which stock was received. These shelves make it possible to place stock in the location where it will be most convenient at the time it is needed, which is very important in the crowded quarters at the disposal of the store. They cost only the time expended in their making. This not only contributed to the economies of the store which, in turn, become benefits to students, but it afforded a most satisfactory experience in resourcefulness for the students employed in the store who did the work. And there are numerous other such projects in the course of the store's business.

John Thompson, through his background and personality, is admirably qualified for the position of store manager. A graduate of Western in the class of 1921, he knows from personal experience the needs of students. Following his graduation he taught at Marlette. For ten years he was superintendent of schools at Cedar Springs, and later traveled for the State United Fund Management. While still traveling he established a school supplies and food store in Detroit, and in 1939 took over management of the Campus Store.

As manager he has provided a type of leadership which is reflected in the friendly, business-like atmosphere of the store, where service is always foremost. He insists there is a time for work, for play, and for silence, a time to laugh, to greet friends, and then turn and go back to work, always keeping in mind consideration for both the customers and co-workers. Could not all this be one secret of the store's success, and the contribution which it makes to the life of the campus?

Blanche Draper
The maritime strike kept them waiting two months, but finally these two young women, Miss Josette Simon (left) and Miss Colette Dubois (right) arrived at Western Michigan College early in November to enroll as students. Miss Simon comes from Luxembourg City, Luxembourg, and Miss Dubois from Nancy, France. Miss Dubois, who was chosen after competition for the opportunity to enter Western, is enrolled in the general degree curriculum and Miss Simon in home economics. They’re glad to be here at last. They like the coeducational system, which is new to them, and American clothes and food, except pumpkin pie.

Out of the upheaval indicated in the above picture has come additional parking space on Western’s hilltop, to relieve in a measure the problem of parking which is among others caused by the unprecedented increase in the growth of the college.

Typical Chinese costumes worn by these two coeds from Shanghai made their appearance on Western’s campus this year when three Chinese students finally enrolled at Western Michigan College, following a several-weeks delay due to the maritime strike. Two of these students are brother and sister, Iming Chen, at the left, and Julia Chen, right. Their father, HoChin Chen, a graduate of Columbia University, is a leader of progressive education in China. Lucy Chung (center) has been engaged in educational work with the elder Chen for several years.

Small wonder these two young people are wearing such broad smiles along with their native costumes. They are Mr. and Mrs. Jakob Rorvik, two of Western’s first students from Norway. They’re happy that the war is over, for the Nazi invasion brought personal anxieties to both of them and their families. They’re happy to be on Western’s campus. And incidentally they came here as a bride and bridegroom. Both are teachers in Norway, and he is enrolled in Education and she in Home Economics.
Construction Started on New Buildings

With all the speed possible under existing circumstances, work is being pushed forward on the building program which has been undertaken by Western Michigan College to meet the demands of the unprecedented increase of enrollment and the expansion of the college.

Construction is in progress on three new buildings on the new campus area, the veterans' housing project is being completed, and final plans are being made for the construction of temporary classrooms to relieve the emergency congestion.

The latest permanent construction was started with the breaking of ground for a new three-story classroom building on the new campus area, which will be constructed at a cost of more than $900,000, this will be pushed to completion at the earliest possible date. It will be constructed with brick and stone exterior, three stories with partial basement. Five departments of the college will be housed in it, including the departments of Physics, Chemistry, Art, Occupational Therapy, and Home Economics.

Included in the building will be approximately fifty classrooms with laboratories for the physics and chemistry departments as well as laboratories for cooking and sewing in the Home Economics departments, and studios for the Art and Occupational Therapy departments. Plans also provide for three large lecture rooms and the necessary offices for the various departments housed in the building. Excavation for this building has been completed, and construction of the footing is in progress.

Foundations have been laid for the two faculty apartment buildings which are being constructed at a cost of $300,000 on a self-liquidating basis without cost to the taxpayers. These houses will provide thirty-two apartments. The first floor has been completed and brick-laying is in progress. The maintenance building is practically completed, and it is expected it will be ready for use within a month.

Construction has also started on the $50,000 building project which will unite the administration building and campus training schools, providing housing for a complete training unit for elementary and secondary grades.

Six large buildings from the Romulus Air Field have been assigned to Western Michigan College by the Federal Works Agency, and will be transferred to Western's campus and re-erected at the expense of the Agency in accordance with plans presented by Western Michigan College. The only expense to the college will be the site preparation, providing utilities of water, light and heat. These new temporary buildings will provide practice rooms for the music department, additional classroom facilities for departments of social science, English, speech, and language, and additional facilities for the Industrial Arts department.

The Industrial Arts shops will be located south of the present Industrial Arts building. Music practice rooms will be placed east of the present garage. Part of the general classrooms will be located immediately south of the stadium press box, and part west of the first trailer camp community in West Michigan Avenue. In all, ten music practice rooms, twenty additional classrooms, four lecture rooms, twenty offices, and four or five additional shops will be made available by these temporary buildings, which will be of above average in quality. A total of 41,702 square feet of floor space is expected to be ready for use at the opening of the 1947 fall semester.

Regional Conference on Business and Labor

Business, industry, and labor alike have great stakes in education which place a heavy responsibility upon the public schools that can only be successfully met through cooperation between all these groups. This was the keynote of the opinions expressed by all speakers who appeared on the program of the regional conference of labor, business, industry, and education which was held November 6 on Western Michigan College campus.

The conference was the outgrowth of an extended tour made during the summer by a group of Michigan superintendents and principals, the purpose of which was to study bus-
ness and industry. It was sponsored jointly by the state department of public instruction and the college. In the group conferences which filled the afternoon program, initial steps were taken to bring about the realization of this desired cooperation in the thirty different communities represented at the conference.

Speakers who are recognized leaders in their fields, discussed various phases of cooperation of business, industry, and education. Dr. J. R. Miles, of the United States Chamber of Commerce, discussed "Education and Investment in People." "Business has terrific stakes in education," he said. "It employs your graduates. It depends upon education to improve the appetites and tastes of people and create the demands for products of business and industry. The more education we have, the higher the standards of living. Through more and better education lies the road to happiness, prosperity, and national security."

The speaker pointed out that the survey made by the United States Chamber of Commerce demonstrated conclusively that it pays to support education, and that education increases both the ability to produce and to consume. Neither business nor education can achieve the desired results alone. Business, education, industry, and labor must work together and they must begin in the local community if local control of education is to be maintained.

Carl M. Horn, chief of Vocational Guidance, Department of Public Instruction, told of the visit of educators to industry, and the purpose of the tour to study industry from the point of view of educators to the end that they might learn how better to serve and cooperate with the interests of business, labor, and industry.

Various phases of the tour were presented by Walter Zabel, principal of Niles High School; Walter Scott, superintendent of schools, Olivet; Howard Dalman, principal of Eaton Rapids High School; Floyd Slentz, Muskegon Heights High School.

V. J. Swanson, of the International Harvester Co., discussed "Human Relations in Industry," pointing to the efforts through placement, careful guidance, training, and general welfare work now being made to benefit men and women in industry.

Representing labor, Brendon Sexton, regional education director of UAW, CIO, Detroit, said that labor expects the schools to teach boys and girls the history of labor unions, the importance of the movement, and the dignity of labor leadership. "The union is here to stay. Children now in school will have to become members of unions. Trade unions have a tremendous influence, whether good or bad. Unions are merely people. The kind of unions we will have will depend upon the kind of people you send to us," he said.

Group discussions of the topics discussed during the morning were held during the afternoon with the following leaders: A. F. Allender, principal of Greenville High School; Carroll Crawford, superintendent of schools, Holland; V. J. Swanson; O. J. DeJonge, superintendent of schools, Ludington; E. G. Rose, superintendent of schools, Marshall; and Kenneth Reeves, public relations counsel, Atlantic and Pacific Tea Company. Eugene Thomas, principal of Kalamazoo Central High School, was chairman of the conference.

Dr. and Mrs. Paul V. Sangren were honor guests at a dinner given October 31 in the ballroom of Walwood Hall in observance of the tenth anniversary of the inauguration of Dr. Sangren as president of the college. The dinner was attended by 350 guests, including members of the State Board of Education, presidents of state schools and colleges, and members of the faculty. The above picture shows Mayor Henry Ford Jr. (extreme left), Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, state superintendent of public instruction (extreme right), and President and Mrs. Sangren. Decorating the president's table was a miniature replica of the Administration Building, designed by Miss Elizabeth Smutz of the art department faculty.
An urgent appeal for equalization of educational opportunity throughout the nation was made January 6 by Dr. Paul V. Sangren, president of Western Michigan College, when he spoke at a luncheon given in Walwood Hall for Miss Mildred Wharton, extension specialist for the National Congress of Parents and Teachers, and Mrs. William M. DeVoe, Detroit, president of the Michigan Congress of Parents and Teachers.

These two PTA leaders spent the day on the Western Michigan College campus in the first of a series of five similar conferences held on Michigan college campuses under the sponsorship of the National PTA committee on college cooperation, of which Dr. Wm. McKinley Robinson is a member.

In the course of his discussion President Sangren presented a challenge to local, state, and national Parent-Teachers organizations throughout the country to get behind a movement to make possible realization of equal educational opportunity from the elementary through the secondary and higher education levels for every person regardless of color, race, creed, location, or economic status.

He also urged cooperation in providing equally well-trained and well-paid teachers in all schools, both rural and urban.

"If this means federal aid, then let us have federal aid. If it means state aid, let us have it, but let us see to it that all people have equal opportunity for education in this country," he said. In this connection Miss Wharton stated that the national PTA had already gone on record in favor of a minimum salary of $2,400 for trained teachers with annual increases up to $4,000 a year.

Stressing the importance of cooperation between the schools and the community, Miss Wharton urged that teacher-training institutions incorporate in their curricula work which would prepare prospective teachers for participation in the PTA activities in the communities in which they serve. She contended parents should have a definite part in school planning, and she likewise recommended that a listening ear be given to the ideas of children. However, she maintained that parents should not interfere in the professional aspects of the school.

Miss Wharton told of workshops for parents and teachers which are being successfully conducted on college campuses in some cities. Mrs. DeVoe spoke briefly of the work of the Michigan PTA Congress. Otto Yntema, director of adult education at Western Michigan College, presided.

During the day Miss Wharton and Mrs. DeVoe addressed students in the education laboratories conducted by Dr. Arthur Manske, Dr. O. I. Frederick, Miss Katherine Mason, Miss Roxana Steele, and Miss Evelyn Steketee, and rural education classes conducted by Dr. Wm. McKinley Robinson.

Post-war trends in education in Europe are toward a broadened opportunity for all people, according to Dr. J. J. Van Dullemen, outstanding Netherlands educator and leader of women's organizations, who addressed students in the Educational Laboratories, December 2.

Western Michigan College has been designated by the State Board of Control for Vocational Education as the state training center for inservice and prospective teachers and coordinators of distributive education, it is announced by Dr. Deyo B. Fox, director of the division of Vocational and Practical Arts Education. The work will be conducted by Glen C. Rice of the department of Business Education of which Dr. J. Marshall Hanna is head, under the supervision of Dr. Fox.
Measuring Emotions

A study, believed to be the first of its kind, is now being conducted in the Psycho-Educational Clinic at Western Michigan College by Homer L. J. Carter, director of the clinic.

Technically it is described by Carter as a "psycho-galvanic response technique of investigating certain affective processes." Actually it is a study to measure the depth and intensity of an individual's emotions through his physical reactions, over which he has no control.

The mechanism used in the study is a psychometer, which is in reality a galvanometer by which the resistance of the skin through the reaction of the sweat glands can actually be measured in ohms, as the individual's emotions change. The degree of resistance which is recorded on the dial of the galvanometer in response to the stimulus of suggestion furnished by unfinished sentences which he is asked to complete, reveals the degree of emotional response on the part of the individual to the thought which the completion of the sentence stimulates.

When the technicalities are swept aside and one observes the actual administration of the test, it is all very simple, and extremely fascinating. Carter believes the final results of the study will be of genuine value in psycho-education work, through the assistance which its use will afford in diagnosis of maladjustments, and treatment which may be indicated by its revelations.

"While we have known for some time the things about which people worry, so far as I know there has been no measure of the intensity and depth of these particular worries, such as we hope will develop as the result of this study," Carter says.

The procedure of the tests is simple. A quiet room is chosen, in which there is no confusion, and which is conducive to calmness and relaxation. The examiner sits on one side of the table, with the examinee on the other. Between them is the psychometer, connected with the electric current. A partial partition prevents the examinee from seeing the examiner, or observing his facial expression.

Electrodes connected with the psychometer are snugly strapped over the sweat glands in the palm of the examinee's hand. His right hand is used if he is right-handed, and if not, then his left hand. His arm and hand are rested on the table in a relaxed position. At first he is given a few simple unfinished sentences which he is asked to complete, such as: "I eat when---;") and "I sing when---." Then the real test starts.

A list of twenty unfinished sentences is given to him one by one. He is asked to think of each carefully. Each stimulates a different emotion which causes reaction of the sweat glands in his hand. The intensity of this reaction is immediately recorded in the deflection of the needle on the dial. It has been demonstrated that the deflection is directly proportionate to the intensity of the emotional excitement felt.

Many varying emotions are suggested by the sentences to be completed, including happiness, anger, hate, admiration, love, worry, deception, sorrow, pride, stubbornness, pity, shame, fear, disgust, desire, and others. They call for honest frankness on the part of the examinee, as for instance such questions as: "I brag when--;" "I have a grudge against--;") "I lie when--;" and other such.

While the examination is in progress, Carter, with stop watch in hand, keeps records of the reaction time, while Miss Dorothy McGinness, associate director of the clinic, records the deflections, and the words completing the sentences. The deflections and reaction time are tabulated, and from this data is determined the total deflection, the average deflection, and the range of deflection, all of which presents, according to Carter, a basis for the evaluation of the emotions.
Sidelights on Western's History
Edited by James O. Knauss

Net Results

Although this article was requested by Western's historian and although it deals with the first quarter century of Western's tennis, it is not history, but recollections. I have consulted no record books and am merely remembering some highlights extending well back toward the beginning of intercollegiate tennis at Western. Naturally most of the highlights were victories. It is not only more fun to win; it is also easier to remember a triumph. I can remember the minute details of a match that we won twenty years ago, but I quite readily forget a loss of last spring. There were two or three of the latter, I believe.

One must go back several years to find Western's best tennis seasons. I should be the last to concede that the gradual deterioration in our percentage results from inferior coaching. Nor has the quality of our material declined markedly. The fact is that a sympathetic administration, especially John C. Hoekje, who was then registrar, supported tennis more generously in the late twenties and early thirties than it was supported in most midwestern colleges.

Elsewhere tennis was rather a neglected foster child of the athletic department which grudgingly relinquished a pittance for its support. Here tennis was promoted by a regular coach operating on a reasonable budget which provided adequate equipment and traveling expenses for a team. When that disparate situation obtained, Western established an outstanding record. There were undefeated teams in those days. One year, at least, a Chicago paper called Western's team the best between the Alleghenies and the Rockies. In those years, for instance, Western ran up a string of nine straight wins over Notre Dame. Proselyting was unnecessary then.

Tennis players gravitated here because they knew that we treated them well.

Two or three factors have changed that agreeable situation greatly. The larger universities became aware finally of other sports than football. (Enough are still unaware of tennis to give us an advantage of some name schools even now.) Also the number of good tennis players has increased tremendously in recent years. All six members of the team must now be superior players if victories are to be won. Finally, our tennis facilities have not kept pace with the improvement of the rest of our athletic plant or with the facilities of our competitors. Not everything can come first, and tennis court construction on the campus is one of the things that have had to wait. If a tennis prospect visits the campus now, we like to blindfold him when we are near the courts.

Western has had more than its share of fine number one players. If we consider only those who have won state championships or have been undefeated within the state, we find that in twenty-five years there have been five different players here who were unquestionably the best Michigan college players of their time. However the ratio is better than one for every five years, for three of these men were champions more than once. Lee Hart, who afterwards became our first regular coach, won the state tournament four times. Warren (Skinny) Byrum and Carl Fischer each won it three times. In addition Milton (Ike) Ruehl won the championship once, and Gene Russell was the outstanding college player in Michigan one year although the state tournament had been abandoned by his time. In recapitulating we find than in twelve out of twenty-five years Western's team has included the best college player in Michigan.

I am sometimes asked which of these champions was the best, but I shall evade answering that question. It is difficult to compare the different generations of players. By-
rum had the best record, an amazing undefeated record in three years of dual meet singles and doubles. He also won the middle western college championship in singles and doubles when that tournament was held at the Chicago Town and Tennis Club and was sponsored by the University of Notre Dame. Carl Fischer played later when our schedules were probably more formidable, and he was defeated several times in dual meet competition, once by Don McNeil of Kenyon who afterwards became the national men's champion. However, Fischer, like Byrum, won the state championship three years in singles and doubles. He also advanced to the quarterfinals of the national college tournament played on grass at the Merion Cricket Club in Philadelphia. No other Michigan player has ever exceeded that performance. Fischer also scored the only win a Michigan college player has ever achieved over the reigning U. S. college champion. This victory came over Ernie Sutter of Tulane in a dual meet at Western. The match, incidentally, was Sutter's only loss in his college career.

Lee Hart had an extraordinary record. He lost only once in a dual meet. It is my opinion that no other Western player has had a better single season of college tennis than Gene Russell in his senior year. In an unusually hard schedule, Gene lost only to Seymour Greenberg of Northwestern, who was one of the country's ranking players. Unfortunately a summons to military service prevented Russell's participation in the national college tournament that year. His single loss to Greenberg, 6-4, 8-6, was so close that he must have conceded a chance to win against any college competition he faced.

Down the years many other fine players have fought for victories, too many to mention here. I remember the Beller and Lewis doubles team, winners of the state tournament. Another fine doubles team was Byrum and Sorenson, winners of the middle western college tournament in 1931. A loss that remains is the hard and close three-set match in which Maurice Glaser almost, but not quite, upset Rex Norris, Michigan State's state champion. The temperature was around 100 degrees that day, and both players collapsed at the end of the match. "Ike" Ruehl played some of the best tennis we have ever exhibited in the match that won him the state championship. His touch was so terrific that at one stretch he took thirteen straight points from a fine opponent, the defending champion.

After twenty-five years of close association with high school and college tennis, it may be proper for me to give an opinion on the value of the pursuit. Of course, I believe that athletics attract more attention from athletes and spectators than their relative importance deserves, and I say this knowing that boys' and young men's energies could certainly be wasted on less worthwhile activities than sports. However there seems to be no easy solution to the problems engendered by the great appeal of athletics. In this sphere, as elsewhere, perfection depends upon human intelligence, honesty, and judgment, qualities never in too plentiful supply.

Professional and avocational propagandists for tennis boast of its in-
fluence on character. They assert that the game’s traditions develop ethical sportsmanship to a particularly high degree in tennis players. I must say that I do not agree with these claims. If they were once true, I believe that the emphasis on winning has since overcome the influence of tradition. I have found among my associates no higher ethical standards in the tennis players than in another group, for instance, basketball players or bridge players. Meanness in human nature is not so common in my experience as contemporary novelists seem to believe, but it is as likely to appear in a tennis player as anywhere else.

Despite these opinions, I feel that tennis is an excellent extra-curricular activity for schools and colleges. In the first place, it is fun. That quality assumes most importance in a recreation. Tennis is fun for the child and for the veteran. It is active and competitive, but it requires skill beyond speed or strength. Mentality often decides a close match, both the kind of mentality that can plan a long-range strategy and the kind that divines suddenly a clue. Then tennis is played in pleasant surroundings, in comparative quiet, and in the fresh air. It should be a good recreation for mind, and nerve, and body.

Tennis teams develop an intimacy among their members, and tennis friendships tend to endure. Usually the fellows enjoy their association, and team trips are among the pleasantest memories of college tennis players. I am especially grateful to tennis when I think of our team members who died in the war. Don Crook, Roland Fend, and Rod Hale were members of two successive Western teams. All were aviators in the service, (along with many of their tennis friends) and these three lost their lives. When I reflect on the many future rights and pleasures denied these men by savagery, I am particularly grateful for the memory of the happy times we shared. There, at least, was fun for them.

FRANK C. HOUSEHOLDER

Miss Weber acted as a wise guide and counselor; she was constantly on the alert to detect the needs of the individual child as well as of the group; she evaluated the progress periodically which provided a subsequent charting for the future activities.

During the four years this little group was led from the close, narrow proximity of their own community to become aware of the interdependent world and of their place in it. In evaluating the first three years’ work Miss Weber thought that the children did not have a connected picture of mankind’s advance through the ages. As the fourth year began they started to orient themselves in time, as well as in space.

Through this democratic living of the group the tool subjects were not

BOOKS RECOMMENDED


*European Witness*, by Stephen Spen. Reynal and Hitchcock, 1946. 246 p. $3.00. A British poet writes of Europe during the latter part of the war and after.

*Kaputt*, by Curzio Malaparte. Dutton, 1946. 407 p. $3.75. Experiences of an Italian under the Nazis throughout Europe.

*Lydia Bailey*, by Kenneth Roberts. Doubleday, 1946. 488 p. $3.00. An historical novel ranging from Haiti to the shores of Tripoli.


cast aside. Anyone who is aware of the demands of a rural school curriculum knows that the classes must be combined and some of the work telescoped in order to meet the requirements. However, one never feels that any part was being neglected, but that in the fullness of living and learning together every need was met. The goal of democracy was never for a moment dimmed, but always the group was cognizant of its responsibility to each other and to society. The littlest one was constantly contributing and found himself a part of all activity.

The group under this intelligent leadership grew from “self-conscious giggly children” to well-poised individuals by the end of the fourth year. Their club meetings, hot lunches, puppet shows, spring festivals, Christmas pageants, were all carried out with dignity and trust. The social amenities were improved by the adjustment and enrichment of their daily activities.

The needs of the group were met by an honest analysis of all problems; the needs of the community were achieved—even the cleavage between families was overcome. Adult education was provided for the parents who came to the school for help and advice, and the “little box-like structure shining in the sun” became the hub of the life of the community both for parents and for children.

The implications of this record of four years of successful, democratic living and teaching are many and significant. It shows what can be done by one who has a vision and a great faith, and who also has the humility to learn by experience. This diary is a triumph of successful living and teaching and points to the day when “all children will have good teachers.” Upon this rests “the chief hope of democracy.”

WINFRED CONGDON MACFEE

Noah’s Ark in Book Form


In this collection of thirty-one animal stories told chiefly by naturalists, we find accounts, both fictional and true, of animals living in their natural habitats all over the world. Anthologist Ivan Sanderson has prefaced each story with an introduction giving the country of origin, the fauna and flora, territory in which each species is found, and something of the life and experiences of the author. Striking brush paintings accurately portray each animal. Many of the paintings would be suitable for framing but not for the fact that a portion of each story is on the reverse of the illustrations.

In this splendid collection of animal tales Sanderson has chosen selections from well-known explorers and writers who know their animal subjects intimately. Many are devotees of that “curious wedding of pure science, philosophy, and sport” called Natural History. We find Paul du Chaillu on chimpanzees, Alfred Russel Wallace on birds of paradise of the Malay Peninsula, Ernest Thompson Seton on Lobo, the famous American timber wolf, A. J. Villiers on the blue whale of the Antarctic, Victor von Hagen and Quail Hawkins on the sacred Aztec quetzal, W. H. Hudson on the vizcacha of the Argentine pampas, E. W. Pfitzmaier on Siberian man and the frozen mammoth, Jean-Henri Fabre on the life of the scorpion, an excerpt from Felix Salten’s Bambi, and many others. Everything included in Sanderson’s anthology will be of interest to all those who enjoy animal stories, whether they be fairy tales, scientific accounts of scorpions, or Beebe’s vi-
it to another world in his *Half Mile Down*, in which he and Barton descended into the depths of the ocean in the bathysphere, revealing for the first time the beauties of deep-sea life and compiling a wealth of unsuspected scientific information.

To the reader who was interested in Sanderson’s *Animal Treasure*, a Book-of-the-Month Club selection in 1937, I would recommend his *Animal Tales*. None of the stories is more fascinating than those related about beavers by the well-known Wa-sha-quon-asin, or Grey Owl.

Mr. Sanderson as a scientist is a keen observer, an accurate recorder of facts, and an extraordinary guide who takes the reader into the intimate lives of the animals. Seldom does man play a part in these stories. We find *Animal Tales* a guidebook to the great “animal countries” of the world, and the author deserves much credit for bringing many of the best animal stories out of hiding.

The author has very carefully selected each story according to a well-ordered formula and we have, as a result, what is probably the finest collection of nature stories ever assembled under one cover. *Animal Tales* offers many surprises and thrills and is a stimulating and magnificent book recommended to old and young alike.

F. J. Hinds

*Sandburg for a Dollar*


The appearance of Carl Sandburg’s *Poems of the Midwest*, among the first twelve titles published in the new Living Library series, introduces to a second generation the writing that so astonished, antagonized, and excited their fathers and mothers. It is significant, of course, that this new title should be a reprint of Sandburg’s early poetry, for Sandburg has grown old in years though not in spirit, and has left not only the rigorous climate of the realm of poetry but also the equally rigorous climate of Michigan to find more sunshine for his bones and for his goats. These first poems remain youthful, however, for Sandburg’s moral strength and intellectual honesty, combined with his artist’s conscience made possible the full, undistorted view he took of the life he gradually discovered as an enterprising young man dealing in literature.

The length of time and the infinite changes that have taken place since the first publication of these poems (1916, 1918) have had little effect. Sandburg set down in them his reflections upon the mysteries that occur to the full-developed consciousness of the poet which escape the rest of us. His poems are quite foreign to those he describes as composed by the comfortable poet, who with his “wool slippers” nudges the steam radiator and writes “poems of Launcelot, the hero, and Roland, the hero, and all the olden golden men who rode horses in the rain.” For his part he was content, noisily content, indeed, to write about ugly Chicago. “Chicago”, the first poem in this new edition, is a proper introduction to poems that are quite different from the expertly cut gems of the Imagists and the well-bred effusions about titillating pleasures that were considered genuine poetry before and during the “other” war. For this, like many other poems in the book, describes bluntly and without apology the brutal, proud, efficient, enormously confident characters of the great city. The poems are

They’re the first and only twins in the Veterans Trailer Village on Western Michigan College campus. Their daddy is William T. Gilbert, South Haven, a World War II veteran, and their mother is the former June Barlow of Greenville, a graduate of Western. They were born on December 8 in Greenville, and, though only a month old when this picture was taken in their home in Trailer 77, they were at that time already displaying individual differences in their reaction to the cameraman. James DeForrest, despite the fact his mother is holding him, is registering vociferous objections, while his sister, Karen Sue, held by her father, accepts the situation with maidenly grace and poise. After their daddy receives his Bachelor of Science degree in June they’ll probably move to Ann Arbor, where he will continue graduate work in radio engineering.
about the people who compose that city, about the "tired empty faces" in a Halsted Street car, about the children in the factories, about the "dago working for a dollar six bits a day" as a shovel man, about Mamie who came to Chicago to find romance but wonders now where it has gone, about a guitar maker who "had a real soul and knew a lot about God." These are only a few of the great "mob" about whom Sandburg writes, the mob he celebrated in more confident terms in the popular *The People, Yes.* It is the "rabble," the mass, the working people, whom Sandburg treats with respect and in whom he finds hope for a less savage world.

Unsympathetic readers object that this is mere prejudice phrased strikingly, that whatever logic underlies the poetry is self-contradictory; that for the removal of the evils Sandburg describes he offers no cleansing good: that, unlike conventional poets, he does not teach and is consequently mere humbug. It is true that his great doctrine of "the people, yes" is essentially a statement of faith in the impracticality of the reign of evil. But Sandburg must remain to these literal-minded stumbling-block, for undidactically he creates an image of the world in which we live for us to regard and to lay hold of emotionally.

Sandburg is also conscious of the beauty the world manifests, to the great comfort of those who are distressed by his vigorous raspberry of the "bunkshooter" Billy Sunday and his insistence that the American way is exceedingly rough for those who must drag the cart of Industry. Sandburg sees beauty in the lake harbors, in the carefree joy of Hungarians at a picnic, in music and its effect upon those who hear it, even in the skyscraper. The poems are usually at least pleasant, and often they are very striking. The good poems are composed of lines that are not related organically but related intuitively and emotionally, as in "Blizzard Notes," a poem describing in three lines the tremendous power of the storm, in two lines the subsiding of the storm, and in the last line the fierceness of the storm and the calm of the after-time.

A cradle moon rides out of a torn hole in the ragbag top of the sky.

Sandburg's tender sympathy with the "forgotten man" and his sensitivity to the essential beauty of a place made sacred by God or man are rarely expressed as his own discoveries. His fundamental humility before the great mysteries of man and God prevents him from gross errors in taste and leads him to the contemplation and the expression of these aspects of life which all of us know in some degree, and he lets us share in the experience of acknowledging that those people, those things, those thoughts with which we are most familiar are not only worthy of our reverence and respect but are themselves poetry.

**Ralph Miller**

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Edwin Fox of the faculty of the physics department of Western Michigan College is here shown testing for its radio-activity one of his shoes which became radio-active last July during the under-water atom bomb test at Bikini. As lieutenant commander in the navy and torpedo officer at Bikini, he wore the shoe while investigating damages to ships in the vicinity of the explosion. Five months later a test made on a Geiger counter in Western Michigan College physics laboratory revealed the shoe to be still radio-active.

**Bartoo Writes New Text**

Grover C. Bartoo, mathematics professor emeritus of Western Michigan College, is co-author of a new text which has just been published by the Webster Publishing Co. It is the eighth text written by Bartoo in collaboration with Dr. Jesse Osborn, principal of the Blow Branch High School of St. Louis, Mo.

The book, which is entitled *Algebra and You,* is most attractively bound in gray, with a touch of red on the cover which has a gay red and white lining. Excellent printing, and a profusion of appropriate illustrations add to the effectiveness of the book.

In the preface the authors state their purpose to draw arithmetic and algebra closer together, improving the student's arithmetic at the same time he is learning algebra. The basic content of first year algebra is presented in short but complete units.
Apparently another great basketball season is in the making under the able coaching of Herbert W. (Buck) Read if the record of the successes of the squad to date can be taken as a good indication of what may follow during the balance of the season.

While Coach Read lost some highly capable basketball men from the letter winners of a year ago—among them John Cawood, Bob White, Swift Noble and Andy Moses, the latter two of whom are in the service—he was greeted this season by other returned service men, Harold Gensichen, twice named Michigan's most valuable player and an All-American in 1943; and Don Groggel, guard of the 1944-45 team, both of whom have been steady and consistent in their play. Former reserves or freshman players of the prewar era who have come to the front, Wilbur Steinke, forward, and Bob Smith, center, have also aided much, particularly in supplying some needed relief work.

Back from last year's team were such men as Lewis Lang, forward; Don Boven, center; Robert Fitch, forward; Melvin Van Dis, forward; and Erwin Fitzgerald, guard. These men combined with the others to furnish Read with a speedy aggregation, with defensive as well as offensive strength, which handled the ball with unusual speed and accuracy.

Top-heavy victories in the first two games against Ferris and Calvin were such that they failed to contribute much to the development of the squad, which thus had its first real tough test when it invaded New York's Madison Square Garden to meet a very much improved Manhattan College team. Apparently off form in the contest and with Don Boven, center, ill, the Broncos were behind by a few points for most of the contest, but in the final two minutes a strong Western rally sent the Bronco out in front to win 55-52, and it was a wildly cheering group of students that met the team on its return to aid them celebrate their fourth straight garden victory.

After disposing of Calvin a second time, Western met a vastly improved Michigan team, which featured Boyd McCaslin, transfer from Dartmouth, and a new coach in Ozzie Cowles, who had piloted Dartmouth teams to 7 Ivy League championships in eight years. Western was on fire for this contest, which proved to be one of the finest seen here in a long time and the Michigan team battled along almost point for point with the Broncos, who finally nosed it out 65-61 for their fifth straight triumph of the season.

The University of South Carolina proved an easy victim as Coach Buck Read used 14 men in the game, but it picked up a lot of points late in the contest against the third stringers and the final count was 63-48. St. Ambrose of Iowa came next as the final Pre-Holiday opponent, and when the Bees lost their center early in the game they were sadly weakened and Western went on to win 82-55, the combined scores of the two teams setting an individual game mark for the local floor with 137 points.

Shooting for the eighth straight immediately after the holidays the Broncos met a speedy and accurate shooting Hope team at Holland where the Dutch displayed scoring power and remained in the game during the first half, which was close, but late in the game the Western team pulled away to win 76-60.

Then came a slump and the Broncos were down against Indiana State, slow in their footwork, inaccurate in their passing and unable to mesh their shots as usual and the Terre Haute team took a 13-point lead in the second half, midway of the period, and the Broncos were still short when the final gun sounded in spite of a late game rally and they went to defeat 61-55.

A strong and fighting Bowling
Green team of Ohio was set for the Broncos, January 8, and the Falcons went out to set up a 17-6 lead early in the contest as Western still appeared off form. At that stage, however, the Broncos finally seemed to find themselves again and they started to whittle down the lead and the margin was cut to 23-20 at half time. Midway of the second half with the score 31-30 the team put on a 13-point scoring splurge which put them out in front and they went on to win easily 53-42, with a display that was more than pleasing to the fans.

On the small Central Michigan College floor, January 11, the Broncos found the Chippewas clamping down defensively with a zone defense that caused no end of trouble, and still hitting with a very low percentage of their shots at the basket, the Broncos bowed for the second time this season 49-42. Central was primed for the game and played one of its finest games, and as the fray went deserved its victory over the Western aggregation.

In defeating Hope, 84-60, January 14, on the home floor, twelve of fourteen men in the Bronco uniforms broke into the scoring column and the starting Varsity five played less than half of this game.

On January 18, Western went down to defeat for the third consecutive Saturday night, losing the big game at Olympia Stadium, Detroit, to an alert Loyola team, 64-51. Back on the home floor on January 22 the team played much better ball, but in a thrilling finish lost to Valparaiso by one point in the last 30 seconds, 78-77.

As we go to press the results of the road trip to Illinois and Iowa, January 24 and 25, have reached us. Western was soundly trounced by Bradley, one of the outstanding teams of the Nation, by the lopsided score 72-49, and the Iowa State Teachers game was won by the score of 45-36.

For the remaining games of the season we hope the team will regain the early season form, which brought it eight victories in a row.
which lost only one dual meet during the season, were also voted letters, and Coach Towner Smith announced that Robert Stout, Kalamazoo, has been elected as captain for the 1947 season.

Three dual meets and competition in 8 larger relay carnivals and meets will feature the Western Michigan indoor track schedule which got under way with the Michigan AAU meet at Ann Arbor, February 1.

The trio of dual affairs are with Marquette, Chicago, and Albion, the last being the one lone affair at home.

Little is known so far of the value of the various men who are working out under Coach Towner Smith, and probably few of them will prove strong enough for the larger affairs, while they may be big winners in dual affairs. Among the better known men on the squad are Edward Taylor, hurdler and jumper; Dick Lucking, 2 miler; Bob Stout, miler and 2 miler; Edward Moschioni, 2 miler, and Harold Humble, quarter miler.

In the home basketball game with Hope, the Broncos’ 84 points tied their own all-time, high-scoring record for a single game, and the combined total of 155 points in the Valpo game broke the previous tie for both teams in a single game.

### INDOOR TRACK SCHEDULE

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have been remarkable winners through the years. His teams were undefeated in 1926, 1927, 1928, 1936, 1937, 1942, and 1944, with perhaps the finest of those seasons being in 1929 when his Muskegon team piled up 445 points to 6 for the opposition in winning 10 games.

It is only natural that down through the years not only his players, but all Muskegon have been friends of Coach "Tiny" Redmond where those who have known him best have held him in the highest esteem. For many years Redmond was assisted in football and basketball at Muskegon by Harry Potter, to whom Redmond has always given plenty of credit for his successes, and when baseball was started at Muskegon High it was only natural that Harry Potter, a great player in his collegiate days, should be handed that coaching assignment.

Starting baseball right from scratch his first team in 1937 won 7 games and lost 3, and in 1938 it was 8 and 3. Identical records of 7 wins against 3 losses came in 1939 and 1940. With the opening of the 1941 season Potter's teams started one of the greatest winning baseball records in interscholastic history in Michigan, a mark of 56 straight wins from the start of the 1941 season into the 1945 season when Grand Haven finally upset one of Potter's teams. That defeat was the only one of the 1945 season, and in 1946 his team was still a winning one with 7 victories and 5 defeats.

With such a record behind him, it is not surprising that when Redmond decided to retire from the coaching field in spite of all efforts to get him to continue, Muskegon High School officials decided that Harry Potter was the one man most able to succeed Redmond as head football coach and athletic director, with every confidence that Potter would be highly successful in carrying out his new and enlarged sphere of duties.

Through the years both Redmond and Potter have been unofficial "faculty fathers" to hundreds of Muskegon High School boys, who have time and again sought their advice on various matters. In this way, also, they have been highly respected because of the soundness of the advice that they have given these young men.

And it can be added that Western Michigan College may well be proud of such graduates, not simply because they have been coaches who have had winning records down through the years, but because of the fine examples they have been for the young men under their charge, and because of the soundness of their advice given in hundreds of cases with youngsters at Muskegon, and which through the years must have given a great satisfaction to both men as they have seen these young people become fine useful citizens of their community. It is this part of the record, which so seldom goes into black and white, that has stamped both Redmond and Potter not only as high grade and successful coaches but as builders of the youth that goes to make a better America.

As Redmond laid down the coaching and athletic reins which he had held for so long Muskegon rallied to show its appreciation with a Redmond day, as the finest game of the season was played. One mark of its appreciation took the form of a new Buick automobile, presented to him at that time.

To be held in such high regard by the men who have played under him that they presented him with a Buick automobile is something that falls to the lot of but few men, but this past fall it was one of the outstanding experiences in the career of Guy Houston, football coach and Dean of Men at Flint Northern High School, a graduate of Western Michigan College and a star athlete in his undergraduate days.

For some time the former letter winners at Flint Northern, some of whom had just returned from overseas, desired to make some presentation to their former coach to indicate the regard in which he was held. They decided to make the presentation of the automobile to Houston at the Homecoming game in October, but they could not get the Buick that quickly and so the presentation was made at the conclusion of the Owosso-Flint game, November 8.

Houston, who has been dean of men there since 1940, has been encouraged to go further in high school administration but he is not yet ready to give up football coaching, which he has found so interesting down through the years, and in which he has been so highly successful.

Since he has been coaching football at Flint Northern, his teams have won 114 games, lost only 34, and tied 11. His teams have won 9 Saginaw Valley titles and 12 city titles in his 19 years of coaching. His teams have also enjoyed 8 undefeated seasons. Last fall his team won 7 contests, lost 1 and tied 1.

In more recent years Guy Houston has also been an influential member of another organization in Flint, which is doing a splendid job in that community in promotion of recreation. A number of local agencies have been grouped for this promotion and there is a commission appointed as a policy-forming body to promote each sport. Houston is
chairman of the Baseball and Basketball Commissions. Support for this movement has been given principally by the Mott Foundation and the Flint City Department of Recreation.

It might be added, also, that Mr. Guy Houston is not only dean of men for Flint Northern High, as well as football coach, but he is also the athletic director. These jobs as well as others that he has taken on in the community keep him busy; more than busy. His guiding instincts with the men that he has coached and with the men whom he has counseled as dean of men have been such that he has become one of Flint’s real leaders and a man who would be a credit listed among the alumni of any institution. Western is naturally proud to list him as one of her sons.

A promising public relations career has ended for First Lieutenant Peter Crum, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Walsh, 1321 Hillcrest Avenue, Kalamazoo, who was among twenty-two killed in an air crash in Japan, December 10. Lt. Crum, a graduate of Western Michigan College, was an outstanding member of track teams in 1940, 1941 and 1942, and in 1941 was a co-captain with James Kerwin. Lt. Crum would have been 26 on Dec. 26, 1946.

Lt. Crum at the time of his death was public relations officer for the 315th composite wing, Fifth Air Forces, stationed on the Island of Kyushu, at Fukuota. He was returning to his post there after a visit in Tokio, the plane crash taking place just after the transport plane had taken off from the air field at Osaka.

Crum was not only a graduate of Western but also of Western State High, where he was a good 440-yard star, placing fourth in the state meet when a senior. In college he blossomed out as a star half miler and was one of the few Western half milers to ever break two minutes for the distance. He was a consistent first-place winner in dual meets for the three seasons. During that time he was also a member of outstanding relay teams over the mile distance, these teams winning state intercollegiate firsts, state AAU firsts, indoor state mile relays, and in 1942 the mile team set a new record for the Teachers College mile at the Penn Relays, doing the distance in 3:21.7. That year it also won first in the Central Collegiate Conference Meet over a crack Indiana team. Numerous other honors were won by these relay teams.

“Pete,” as he was affectionately known by his school mates at State High and at Western, enlisted following his graduation in 1942 with the B.S. degree and was ordered to Kelly Field for training. Following his cadet training there he moved to Tulsa for primary training, then to Strother Field, Kans., for basic training and to Eagle Pass, Ore., for advanced flying. He won his commission at Eagle Pass as a pursuit pilot. After a short furlough at his home here he reported to Avon Park, Fla., and later went to Alamagordo, N. M., army air base, from which base he was sent overseas. Lt. Crum was married just a short time before going overseas, and took a short wedding trip through northern Michigan with his bride.

Lt. Crum had done considerable newspaper work on The Kalamazoo Gazette and during the time he was in college had also worked in the publicity office as a student aid. Word of his death came as a big shock to his many friends in Kalamazoo and particularly those at Western Michigan College with whom he had been closely associated during his student days and his days as an outstanding member of three track teams, with which he left records that will long be remembered.

Western Michigan College has added a new curriculum in the field of aviation, to be called Air Transportation, it is announced by Dr. Deyo B. Fox, director of the division of Vocational Education. The purpose of the course is to train students to manage and operate airports, and for various administrative, supervisory, and sales positions in the business field of aviation.

Miss Dorothy Rynbrandt is President of the Grand Rapids Chapter.

For the convenience of the membership of Alpha Beta Epsilon, the following is a list of the corresponding secretaries of the sorority:

Alpha, Thelma Knowles of Benton Harbor; Beta, Doris Biddlecome of Niles; Gamma, Edyth Nobles of Grand Rapids; Delta, Aleaen Flegal of Kalamazoo; Epsilon, Marjorie Alexander of Jackson; Zeta, Winifred Finley Cowell of Lansing; Eta, Dorothy Minikel of Midland; Theta, Elizabeth Hull of Albion; and Iota, Arlene Chapin of Battle Creek.

The date of March 8 has been set for the next meeting of the Inter-Chapter Council. Members of the Beta Chapter, Niles-South Bend, are to be the hostesses. President, Maryalice Buswell, suggests the probability that one of the business sessions will be called for the forenoon of the first day.

No, this crowd isn't waiting to get into a movie. And there's nothing special going on. It's just a crowd of Western Michigan College students on their way from one class to another. This scene is enacted daily at the end of every hour, and it is duplicated hourly in every classroom building on the campus. This happens to be a group which was leaving by the west doors of the Administration Building when the cameraman came along. However, the crowded condition is accepted with a cheerful friendliness which reflects a highly commendable attitude on the part of Western's students who have enrolled in all-time record numbers this year.

Seventeen new members have been elected to Western's chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, national honorary fraternity in education. Sixteen were initiated at the initiation banquet given January 8 at the Columbia Hotel. Dr. Nancy E. Scott gave the address on "Student Responsibility for World Citizenship."

Those initiated were Rosemary Alaria, Marion Howe, Harvey Overton, Grand Rapids; Jean Alwood, Coloma; Phyllis Barlow, Greenville; Eleanor Carter, John Cochran, Nelson Curtis, Chase Dennis, Kalamazoo; Alice Pratt, Battle Creek; Carol Stephens, Charlevoix; LaVerne Berry, Benton Harbor; Clem Grabner, Ft. Wayne, Ind.; Trevor Hellem, Hudson; Robert Krail, Holland; Victor Peterson, Bear Lake. Antoinette Campbell, who was elected, was prevented by illness from initiation on January 8 and will be initiated during the spring semester.

Following negotiations which have been in progress for several weeks, Western Michigan College Players have finally been given acting rights on the Broadway hit "Deep Are the Roots." It will be presented as the annual midwinter play, and be given three performances in the campus theater on March 6, 7 and 8, under the direction of Miss Laura V. Shaw.

The play, written by Arnaud d'Usseau and James Gow, concerns racial intolerances in the South, and has had a long run in New York. There is much interest in its production, the selection being in keeping with the policy of Players to present plays of timely interest.

Under the sponsorship of a student-faculty committee, a series of six campus forums is being presented on alternating Tuesday evenings in the campus theater. Discussions are presented on various phases of the general theme "Adjustments to a Changing World" by panels made up of both students and faculty. Opportunity is given for discussion from the floor. Students, faculty, and the public are invited.

The series opened January 7 with a discussion of the topic "U. S. and U.S.S.R. in Conflict?" Bob Crummel was moderator, and the speakers were Dr. Nancy Scott, and Dr. Lawrence S. Thompson of the faculty, Grover Harris and Gerald Kelly, students.

On January 14 the topic was "What Is An Education?" Speakers were Otto Yntema of the faculty; Rev. Charles Johnson, assistant pas-
tor of the First Presbyterian Church and former professor of religious education at Alma College; and Donna Hackley and Ed. M. Marieneau, students.


The committee in charge of these forums is headed by Frank Householder of the faculty, and Anita Peterman, Muskegon, members of which are Miss Evelyn Buerger, Miss Anna Lindblom, Dr. William Berry, and Robert S. Bowers of the faculty; Reid Arnold, Jackson; Florence Clementz, Nelda Mills, Bob Crummel and Grover Harris, Kalamazoo.

Franklin Fulton, a freshman in the music department at Western Michigan College, and a pupil of H. Glenn Hender son of the music department faculty, was named one of the co-winners in the auditions conducted January 11 in Grand Rapids under the sponsorship of the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra. As a result he will appear as soloist with the Grand Rapids Symphony Orchestra, Rudolph Ganz conducting on the occasion of the orchestra’s March concert in Grand Rapids.

Fulton was the last of twelve contestants to be heard in the auditions judged by a committee headed by Dr. Earl Moore. He played the third movement from the Rachmaninoff Second Concerto, which is the same composition he played with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra as winner in the local auditions. He is a graduate of State High School.

Plans are being completed for the annual Guidance Conference sponsored by Western Michigan College which will be held in Walwood Hall Union Building Saturday, March 29.

The theme for the conference will be: “Improving Human Relations Through Counseling.” Dr. Forest Kirkpatrick of Radio Corporation of America has been invited to give the principal address.

A feature of the conference will be the presentation of several current programs of guidance now in progress throughout the state. During the day eight group discussions on various phases of guidance will be presented.

Seven Western Michigan College students, members of the campus chapter of Sigma Tau Gamma fraternity, attended the national conclave of the fraternity which was held in St. Louis, Mo., during the Christmas holidays. They were accompanied by John Thompson, manager of the campus store, who was the retiring national president and was named national auditor for the coming year.

Bob Burgoyne, Berrien Springs, was the official delegate from the local chapter, and Vern Beckwith, Benton Harbor, was named conclave photographer. Others who attended were Bob Akin, Cassopolis; Leonard Ash, Chicago; Ralph Wells, Kalamazoo; Loyal Bearss, Shelby; and Don Remington, Bloomingdale.

Russell L. Borst, Big Rapids, a graduate of Western Michigan College, has been appointed school commissioner of Mecosta County.

For the past thirteen years he has served as teacher, principal and director of special education in Big Rapids, and previously had taught for five years in the rural schools of the county. He received the degree of Bachelor of Science in Special Education from Western Michigan College in 1941.

Mr. Borst has a broad background of public relations, and has been active in work with young people. In addition to his school work he is assistant Scout commissioner, trustee for the City of Big Rapids Cemetery, a member of the county PTA Council, a member of the Grange, and served as vice-chairman of former Governor Kelly's committee for Prevention of Juvenile Delinquency.

The ballroom of Walwood Hall was a busy spot when the seventh annual Principal Freshman Conference was held at Western Michigan College, December 12. Equally busy places were the college cafeteria, the women's gymnasium and the Van Gogh Room, where throughout the afternoon similar groups of freshmen were in conference with the principals of their high schools.
Jerome Bigelow of Bangor, who was graduated from Western Michigan College January 31 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, Magna Cum Laude, has been appointed to a teaching assistantship in chemistry at Northwestern University. He is beginning his work during the second semester.

Bigelow has maintained a high scholarship record throughout his college career. He was graduated from Bangor High School as valedictorian of his class.

He majored in chemistry and mathematics at Western, and was elected to Kappa Rho Sigma, honorary society in science and mathematics. He is also a member of Der Deutsch Verein. At Northwestern he plans to continue graduate work in organic chemistry, in addition to teaching.

Charles D. Garner of Hartford, who was graduated from Western Michigan College January 31 with the degree of Bachelor of Science, has been appointed to a teaching assistantship at Purdue University in the department of Physics. He began his duties at the opening of the second semester.

Garner enrolled at Western in the fall of 1941. For three and one-half years he served with the Marines. During this time he was a member of Western’s V-12 unit for two semesters and also studied at Princeton University for two years. Following his discharge from service in October, 1945, he returned to Western in February, 1946. He plans to continue graduate work in electronics, at Purdue, in addition to teaching.

Dr. Nancy E. Scott, professor of history at Western Michigan College, was guest of honor at a tea given by two international groups of the American Association of University Women at the Y.W.C.A. in observance of their fifteenth anniversary.

Dr. Scott has been a local and state leader of AAUW international relations work and is a member of the national AAUW committee on international relations. In these capacities she has written extensively for the publications of the organization. Based on her long study of Russian history, she prepared for the national association a study guide, entitled “Understanding the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics,” which is widely used by branch study groups throughout the country. In addition she has contributed regularly to each quarterly issue of “Your Foreign Policy,” a section on current developments in American relations with Russia.

On the occasion of the tea honoring Dr. Scott, tributes to her were read, including those from Mayor Henry Ford Jr.; from Mrs. William B. Hubbard, president of the Michigan division AAUW; from Mrs. Helen Dwight Reid, of the national headquarters AAUW; and Dr. Paul V. Sangren, president of Western Michigan College.

Mayor Ford in his tribute said: “While Dr. Scott is best known for her interest in international matters including world peace, she has not neglected the responsibilities of local citizenship. She has had the same concern for the improvement of the community where she resides as she has maintained for the world as a whole. As a teacher and citizen she has made valuable contribution to the life of Kalamazoo.”

Mrs. Reid, who is editor of Your Foreign Policy, wrote with enthusiasm concerning the “ever growing list of subscribers” even among officials in the state department, because of its broad perspective, with specialists like Dr. Scott, analyzing trends, each in her own field of special competence.

President Sangren’s tribute stated: “Dr. Scott’s devotion to the cause of world peace and international understanding, as well as her insistence upon the perpetuation and extension of democracy in its truest sense, are the principles which have helped to make her a distinguished member of our faculty.”

In the course of her response Dr. Scott presented a report of the Washington meeting of the national committee on international relations, and the United Nations session which she attended in New York.

Dr. H. Thompson Straw, professor of geography at Western Michigan College, resigned December 31 to accept the position of acting chief of the South Asia desk in the topographical branch of the military intelligence division, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Straw came to Western’s campus in 1939 from Middle Tennessee State College. During the war he was on leave and was chief of the carto-
graphic section of the historical branch, military intelligence division.

A native of Wisconsin, Dr. Straw received his bachelor's degree from Hillsdale College, and his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. He is the author of numerous articles, including regional studies of the South, population studies of the South and East, and urban studies of Hillsdale and Battle Creek.

Dr. Straw's new duties in Washington will consist mainly of the preparation of detailed and general geography as may be requested by the general staff of the war department.

Herbert Slusser, for twenty-two years a member of the faculty of the English department of Western Michigan College, has resigned to accept a position as associate professor of English at the College of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minn. His resignation became effective at the end of the semester and he left for St. Paul in January.

Mr. Slusser joined the faculty of Western in 1924, coming here at the completion of his graduate work at the University. He has been active in campus affairs, serving on many faculty committees and as faculty adviser to classes. Likewise he has been active in community affairs, and has served on the boards of directors for the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts and the Civic Players. During his sabatical year 1930-31 he travelled in England and taught at the College of Exeter.

Mr. and Mrs. Slusser were honored by the Language Club at its January meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. William Brown. They were presented with a gift of silver by Frank Householder in behalf of the club.

### Faculty Activities

**Dr. Russell H. Seibert** on December 11 gave the annual Wooster Day address at the College of Wooster in Ohio on "The Role of the Christian College." The speech later was published in the January 1947 issue of The Wooster Alumni Bulletin. He also spoke on "America and the New Diplomacy" at the annual dinner of the Grand Rapids Graphic Arts Association held in Grand Rapids at the Morton Hotel on January 14.

**Phoebe Lumaree** attended the midwinter meeting of the American Library Association in Chicago, December 27-29.

**James W. Boynton** spoke on the topic "India" before the Niles Exchange Club on January 7.

**Charles G. Smith** addressed the Teachers Club of Colon on November 26, his topic being "A Pioneer Michigan Newspaper." On January 31 he talked to the Exchange Club of Kalamazoo on the same subject.

**John W. Gill** was the speaker and showed colored movies of Western Michigan College football games at high school award banquets in Hastings, November 18; Marysville, November 25; Godwin Heights, November 26; and Shelby, December 18. He was the speaker at award assemblies held at Grand Haven, November 21, and Holland, December 18. On January 6 and 7 Mr. Gill attended the meetings of the National Football Coaches' Association in New York City.

**Dr. Paul Rood** attended the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Boston, December 28-31. He presided at the Conference on Conservation and Camping Education for the teachers of this area which was held at Clear Lake Camp, February 14 and 15.

**Glenn C. Rice** presided at the Western Michigan College Alumni Banquet held in Peotoka, October 3, and gave the address.

**Carl R. Cooper** addressed a Teacher Education Conference at the University of Chicago, October 22, on the subject, "A Program of Alumni Relations," December 6-8. Mr. Cooper attended the American Alumni Council Fifth District Convention held at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

**Miss Crystal Worner, Miss Jean Smith, and Miss Doris Hussey** attended the Swimming and Basketball Clinic held in Ann Arbor, December 7.

**Julius Stulberg** presented a discussion and demonstration on "Teaching Strings in the Public Schools" at a meeting of the Michigan Education Association held in Kalamazoo, October 10.

**Dr. D. C. Shilling** attended the annual meeting of the American Political Science Association at Cleveland, Ohio, December 26-30. Recently Dr. Shilling was appointed chairman of the Kalamazoo Planning Commission. He is also a member of the Zoning Commission.

**Lawrence O. Haaby, Paw Paw Schools,** attended meetings of the National Council for the Social Studies at Boston on November 28.

**Miss Eulah Acree** attended the Vocational Education Meeting for Home-making Teachers held at Sturges High School, November 15. On November 26 Miss Acree attended the Michigan Nutrition Committee Meeting held in the Rackham Building at Ann Arbor.

**Benjamin W. Wheatley** was in attendance at the Conference on the Counseling Aspects of Human Relations and Coordination at the Olds Hotel, Lansing, January 7.

**Charles B. Hicks** attended the National Business Teachers Association...
Dr. Paul V. Sangren inspected the following state teachers colleges for the North Central Association: St. Cloud State Teachers College, St. Cloud, Minn., and Minot State Teachers College, Minot, to D., November 15-20; Fairmont State College, Fairmont, W. Va., January 30-31. From January 3-5, Dr. Sangren attended a meeting of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Certification, at Ann Arbor, December 26 and 27.

On December 4, Miss Steele attended the Biennial Conference on the American Sociological Association, Chicago. Dr. Howard F. Bigelow was elected president of the Classical and Modern Language Section of the Michigan Educational Association for 1948.

Commander H. W. Lawson, Pine Lake Camp, attended the Goodwill Industries Convention and Exhibit in Detroit, October 15, and spoke over CKLW on the work being done at the Veterans Vocational School, Pine Lake. On December 11, he gave a similar address before the American Legion in Plainwell.

Dr. James O. Knauss, as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Michigan Historical Society, is on the committee which is arranging the program for the annual meeting of the society. This meeting will be held in Holland next October to participate in the centennial celebration of the Holland settlement in Michigan. Dr. Knauss addressed a joint meeting of the Rotary and Exchange Clubs of Battle Creek on December 30, and the Muskegon County Historical Museum Association at the annual public meeting on January 19.

Miss Lucille Nobbs presented a book review on November 15, of We Happy Few by Helen Howe, for the Women's Club of Saugatuck. On January 16, Miss Nobbs spoke at the organization meeting of the Kappa Chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon at its Christmas meeting. He has been elected director of the Kalamazoo Council of Religious Education.

Miss Elaine Stevenson exhibited an art display during December in Tuscon, Arizona.

Dr. Thomas W. Howson attended the Chicago Dental Society meeting, February 9-14, at the Stevens Hotel, Chicago. About 12,000 were in attendance from the United States and Canada.

Miss Marion Tamin was elected chairman of the Classical and Modern Language Section of the Michigan Educational Association for 1948.

Howard F. Bigelow was elected president of the Michigan Convention on Family Relations while attending a meeting of that organization in Ann Arbor, November 22. On December 28, Mr. Bigelow attended the meeting of the Midwest Conference on Family Relations in Chicago.

Robert Bowers attended the annual meeting of the American Economic Association held at Atlantic City, January 23-26.

Dr. Ralph N. Miller attended the meetings of the Modern Language Association in Washington, D. C., December 27-30.
States Naval Air Corps, is a student at Catholic University. They are making their home in Washington.

The marriage of Miss Anne M. Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Clark, Kalamazoo, to Lieutenant Daniel J. Sullivan, son of Mr. Daniel C. Sullivan, Jackson Heights, Long Island, New York, and the late Mrs. Sullivan, was solemnized October 28 in St. Augustine Church, Kalamazoo. The bride was a member of the Vicksburg High School faculty last year. Her husband spent in Europe. He is now on terminal leave. The couple is residing in New York City.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Vogel, Grand Haven, announced the marriage of their daughter, Doris, to Charles Preston, Lutheran Church, Kalamazoo. The couple is residing in Kalamazoo.

Miss Jane Marburger, soprano, was featured as soloist in the program of the Western Michigan College Alumnae Choir, December 1, in the Milwood School Auditorium.

Miss Leah Jean Rice, daughter of Mrs. Harlow G. Rice, Galesburg, and Wall Abbott, son of Mrs. William H. Abbott, Norman, Oklahoma, were married November 27 in the Breckenridge Methodist Church. Mrs. Abbott is an instructor of music in the Portage schools. Mr. Abbott is director of physical education in the Breckenridge Public Schools.

The chapel of St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Kalamazoo, was the scene of the wedding ceremony uniting Miss Bette Evelyn Enyart, daughter of Mrs. William Edward Enyart, Kalamazoo, and Ronald E. Hansen, Lansing, son of Mrs. Edward R. Hansen, Saginaw, on November 13. The couple reside in Lansing.

Mrs. Agnes Oman, Kalamazoo, announced the marriage of her daughter, Florence Elizabeth to Cecil C. Morris of Gulkana, Alaska. Mrs. Morris has been teaching in Gulkana the last year. Miss Diana Vista has accepted a position at Pottawotami Inn, in Pokagon State Park, Angola, Indiana.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Maurice DeWitt on January 7, in Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo. Mrs. DeWitt is the former Virginia Lykens.

Max A. Evans was released from the Navy in September and is now at home in Detroit.

Miss Alice Gernant was elected president of the Women Teachers' Organization of the Kalamazoo Public Schools. Other new officers are Miss Marjorie Bretz, vice president; Miss Veda Brown, treasurer; and Miss Mildred Johnson, secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. John Rawlinson, Liberia, Africa, spent the final days of a three-month leave of absence visiting relatives in Kalamazoo and nearby towns. They left Thanksgiving Day on the first lap of the trip by air back to Africa where he began another two-year period of service as executive engineer for the Firestone Rubber Company. Mr. Rawlinson has served eight years in that capacity.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Low, Kalamazoo, on January 3 in Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo. Mrs. Low is the former Eileen Webster.

Susan Jane Beukema was born June 1. Her father is Henry J. Beukema, a faculty member at Western Michigan College in the drafting rooms of the Industrial Arts Department. At the time of Susan's birth the announcement was

In the home of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Reece, Midland, are three daughters, Susan Gertrude who is eight years old, Janet Helen, and Ruth Ethel who will be six years old on their next birthday. To describe the photograph it was necessary to write to Mrs. Reece and ask her to identify the twins. They are from left to right: Janet Helen and Ruth Ethel. Mrs. Reece was Gertrude H. Francis, '33 before her marriage. Mr. Reece is in the employ of the Dow Chemical Company.

Mrs. Low is the former Virginia Lykens.

Robert A. Feaster is working on his doctorate in psychology at the University of Michigan.

Marshall Orr visited the campus recently. He is residing in Decatur.

Garrett Looe is living in Flint and is in the employ of the General Motors Institute in the Drawing Department.

Miss Helen Kosa, Kalamazoo, has been made director of religious education, organist and choirmaster of the Hungarian Reformed and Evangelical Church of Bridgeport, Connecticut. At the recent dedication of a new church by the congregation, with a service attended by 1,000 persons, Miss Kosa directed a combined choir of more than sixty men, women, and children.

Miss Veronica K. Paynick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Paynick, Paw Paw, became the bride of Woodrow W. DeBack, Kalamazoo, son of John DeBack, Kalamazoo, in St. Mary's Church Rectory, Paw Paw, November 2. Mrs. DeBack is a laboratory technician for the Upjohn Company, and Mr. DeBack is employed by Michigan Color Plate Company. The couple reside in Kalamazoo.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ewald Haug, Kalamazoo, in Bronson Hospital, on November 26.

Louis C. Chappell has been notified that he has passed the Michigan state bar examinations, which were given in September. He obtained his law degree from Georgetown University, and has been admitted to the bar in Washington, D.C. He plans to reside and practice law either in South Haven or Kalamazoo.

A daughter, Bonnie Jeanne, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles A. Shoeknicht, Kalamazoo, on October 17.

Wendell Lyons, Boys Program Secretary at the Y.M.C.A. in Flint. He has served in this capacity for the past five years. Mrs. Lyons is the former Mary Lutes of the class of 1938.

Mr. Ralph O. Birkhold is president of the Kalamazoo Yellow Taxicab Company, Inc.

The Kalamazoo Commission confirmed City Manager Edward S. Clark's appointment of James F. Mellus, former United States Army flier, to the post of airport manager of the Western Michigan Flying Service, Inc.
George Mills, who is teaching at State High School, Kalamazoo, was recently elected president of Beta Eta Chapter of Phi Delta Kappa.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Lancaster in the Allegan Health Center on January 3. Mrs. Lancaster was the former Esther Elaine Wilson.

Mr. Louis Kocsis is teaching and coaching in Concord, Michigan.

A son, Jarvis John, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ernest V. Blohm, Mason, on September 22. Mrs. Blohm was the former Edith Olsen. Mr. Blohm is in the employ of the Michigan Conservation Department.

Paul Sanford and Patrick Cuddy McKelvey, who have been spending the war years with their maternal grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Sanford, Climax, joined their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. P. McKelvey, in Louisville, Kentucky, where Mr. McKelvey is employed as a cost accountant with Proctor and Gamble Company.

Miss Phyllis Ornstein, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Orstein, New York, New York, became the bride of Bernard D. Willage, New York, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Willage, Kalamazoo, in a ceremony performed January 12 in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel. The couple is residing in New York.

Maurice J. Weed, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Weed, Kalamazoo, has assumed his new duties as instructor of music and director of the band and orchestra at Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin.

Miss Jessie Halnon, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Halnon, Kalamazoo, and Robert Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Berry, Kalamazoo, were married December 20 in Detroit. Mrs. Berry is a teacher of English and literature in the Woodward School, Kalamazoo. Her husband, a veteran of World War II, is state department adjutant for the Disabled American Veterans with his office in the Detroit headquarters home.

John M. Pikkaart has been appointed assistant prosecuting attorney in Kalamazoo County. He is also recommended by the Circuit Judge of the county for appointment as friend of the court. Mr. Pikkaart has recently come home after having served for four years in the United States Army. He is a former president of the Kalamazoo Alumni Men's Club, having served in this capacity before going into the service.

Miss Barbara Mary Richards, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Richards, St. Petersburg, Florida, and Edward Acker, spoke their marriage vows in a double ring ceremony on December 7, at the home of the pastor of the Baptist Church, St. Petersburg, Florida. Mr. and Mrs. Acker are spending the winter in St. Petersburg and will return to Kalamazoo and New York during the summer months.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vogan (Frieda Op't-Holt) in St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor, November 25.

James W. Schaeffer has recently established himself in business in Kalamazoo. For many years following graduation, he continued with his major interest in physical education. He instructed at summer camps, at the Y. M. C. A., and was track and swimming coach at the Ypsilanti High School for several years. He is now affiliated with the Continental Casualty and Assurance Companies. His office is in the American National Bank Building.

Miss Iva Brockway, teacher from the Harding School in Kalamazoo, who, in an international exchange plan is teaching this year in Aberdeen, Scotland, was among the group of seventy-two American exchange school teachers in Britain who were received by Queen Elizabeth. The American teachers were presented by Lady Astor at a tea in London.

Mrs. Longwell DuMont, wife of John W. DuMont, died suddenly of a heart attack in December at her home, 1421 Southern Avenue, Kalamazoo. Besides her husband, she is survived by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edson V. Root, Sr., Bangor; her two children, Judith and George Longwell; and her brother, Edson V. Root, Jr., Bangor.

The last issue of the Michigan History Quarterly has an article titled, "Isle Royale Our New National Park" by Floyd L. Haight. The name of Ralph F. Windoes, 1912, of Grand Rapids, is included in the list of trustees and officers. Dr. James O. Knauss of Western's faculty is a member.

Recent mail from George A. Phillips, principal of the Harriet Beecher Stowe School, Cincinnati, tells of his experiences on the Junior High School Building Committee. He spent much time during the last summer visiting thirteen of the larger eastern cities studying the latest and best building methods of modern schools.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Kaechele, on December 30 in Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo. Mrs. Kaechele was the former Virginia Braun.

Miss Adda Dilts, area director for Save the Children Federation with headquarters in Abington, Virginia, has traveled 10,000 miles of mountain roads the last year to visit isolated schools of Virginia, visited in Kalamazoo recently. She is in charge of nine counties which include some seventy small schools in Virginia.

Sarah Ann Smart, who went to teach in a Mission Inn at Monterey, California, last September, wrote that Monterey is a lovely place. She is enjoying her work. She also said that George Smart, a nephew, who was on campus last year, has been transferred to the Marine Corps Band. He took his boot training at Paris Island before taking up radio in North Carolina.

Mrs. Harry Eby, the former Louise Dorothy Keeler, will teach the seventh grade in the Constantine schools.

Miss Mary Virginia Johnson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Johnson, and Robert W. Hirshey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hirshey, spoke their marriage vows December 14 in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church, Three Rivers. The couple is residing in Three Rivers.

Archie P. Nevin, supervisor of Industrial Education in the Kalamazoo Public Schools, was re-elected president of the Michigan Vocational Education Association at an executive board meeting of the organization held in Lansing. Glenn C. Rice was re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Mr. A. John Damoth, 55-year-old Marion High School coach, was killed when his car went out of control on a curve and was struck broadside by another auto. The accident was in Clare County. Damoth was coach at Allegan High School for twenty-one years until 1917 when he went to Frankfort and coached until 1942, after which he became athletic director at Marion. His first coaching job was at Hastings from 1911 to 1913. Damoth was noted at Allegan for his outstanding track teams.

Mary Duncan Snyder of Wichita, Kansas, in a Christmas letter to Dr. Ernest Burnham, wrote of the death of Frances Brewster, 1925, who for many years was a teacher in the public schools of Marshall, Michigan. Mrs. Snyder also wrote of her family's present project of building a summer home in the Ozarks to be constructed of all colors of native rock.

After serving consecutively for several terms as County School Commissioner in Kalamazoo County, Miss Mary Ensfield recently announced that she will not be a candidate for re-election. Under Miss Ensfield's leadership much progress has taken place in the rural schools of the county. She is a former member of the faculty in the rural department of Western Michigan College. She is a life member of the Alumni Association.