Western to Host Its Second NSF Summer Institute for Teachers

Western Michigan University will be host for the second year in a row to a summer institute for teachers under a $44,600 grant from the National Science Foundation.

Mathematics teachers in high schools, some 45 of them, will be selected for six weeks of intensive work, with the major objective of the institute being to “acquaint teachers with the variety of available literature and to assist them in the study of it.”

Dr. Charles Butler, in making application for this grant, also said “An institute of the type proposed would contribute to a re-thinking of our upper level course offerings for teachers. It would provide an opportunity to locate specific problems teachers have with the mathematical literature written for them. This, in turn, would make it possible to consider types of experiences that could be provided at the undergraduate level to make this literature accessible.”

Dean George G. Mallinson of the School of Graduate Studies reports that WMU is most fortunate to have such a National Science Foundation grant for the second year in a row. Last summer he headed a similar institute program in chemistry and biology, which brought 35 teachers to the campus under a $35,000 NSF grant. He states that for an institution of this size to garner a second grant so quickly is a high honor.

The institute will open June 23 and close August 1, dates coincident with the regular summer session itself.

Dr. Butler, head of the mathematics department, will be assisted in this program by Drs. James Powell, Robert Seber and Joseph McCully.

Among the criteria for selection will be three years' experience in teaching secondary mathematics, a bachelor's degree with college mathematics at least through calculus, and the recommendation of his high school principal or superintendent.

Further information may be obtained by addressing Dr. Butler.
'It is Difficult to Be Lonely in Kalamazoo'

A Britisher Looks at Our Fair City

It is human nature to wonder what others think of us—and many enthusiastic Kalamazooans often wonder how persons from other lands really feel about the community.

Last August Miss Jean Ward received her master of arts degree at Western Michigan University, having spent a year in studying speech correction. She came to the campus from Britain to study with Dr. Charles Van Riper, director of our famed speech clinic.

Recently she wrote him of some of her impressions, which we would like to share with you. This is Kalamazoo as seen through other eyes.

Homes vary as they do here, in their size, shape, contents and atmosphere. They vary from the big old homely farmhouse, and the large modern home of the business man, to the new “ranchtype” houses, the occasional brick-built house, the apartments of the married couple or business or professional girl and the University apartment where the secretary and family live while her husband works his way through school. The homes are alike in that they are well heated, bright, comfortable and have beautifully equipped kitchens. Above all, they are alike in their spirit of friendliness and generous hospitality. The people are spontaneous and warm hearted and open their doors wide and with sincerity to the visitor from overseas. It is difficult to be lonely in Kalamazoo.

Families seem larger and their individual members rather more independent than their British counterpart. The woman is often, practically at least if not nominally, the head of the household. She may have a job as well as running her home and therefore contributes considerable to the family income. She is respected, considered and consulted, makes many decisions herself and runs her home with the minimum of drudgery. The children’s voices are loud. The children are both seen and heard. That a child differs from his parents in temperament, ideals and ideas is accepted and often welcomed. The children are the country’s future. Change is inevitable and vital to growth and progress.

Evidence of change is shown in Kalamazoo, by its new housing developments, new stores, expansion of industry, increasing cultural amenities and educationally by the development of Western Michigan College to Western Michigan University. Changes are made quickly—buildings once started are soon completed, ideas, half expressed at first, become realities very soon. The people say, not so much “look what we’ve done,” but “let’s see where we can go from here.”

Acceptance of set-backs and difficulties as a challenge rather than an irritation stems from a drive and enthusiasm and zest for life which is experienced constantly. It is found not only in the successful businessman or contented professor but in workers everywhere, in all people. It is misleading to talk of business people, workers and professional people separately. All are workers and each plays a vital and integral part in the community in Kalamazoo. People are respected and honoured not so much by what they do but by how they do it. There is little, if any class distinction as we know it. Everyone, whatever his occupation, has a right to adequate rewards for his labours; he feels it, knows it and gets it. The standard of living is therefore considerably higher than in corresponding families in Britain. There are more amenities in the home, both recreational as well as domestic, food is more varied and the majority of families have their own cars. Some have two.

They work hard and play hard. They enjoy life. Work is done energetically, willingly and often gaily. Service in a restaurant or drug store is quick and cheerful. And when work is over they have fun. Whatever the recreation, be it fishing, swimming, skating, bowling, baseball, watching television, going to the movie or theatre, visiting the art show or having a pint of beer, it is enjoyed with the same enthusiasm and zest which characterises the whole of their living.

They love parties and parades and colour and noise. Their youth plays in a band rather than an orchestra and their young drum majorettes convey in their walk, their style, their smile, the feeling of Americans: “Isn’t life wonderful?”

Kalamazoo is a religious commun-
ity. Religious activities too reflect the life of the town. Churches are well attended and their Sunday schools and other organizations function vigorously. Going to church is more of a social occasion than in Britain. You may have breakfast after the service in a church hall, or coffee or a fruit punch on the lawn. Transportation is arranged for any student from the colleges or university who wishes to attend. He or she has only to ask.

Students are a part of, rather than apart from the community. Many of them “work their way through school.” They pay their own tuition and board and do this work in vacations and in term time in factories, shops, drug stores, petrol stations, as baby-sitters and in the student dormitories. Many of them come from different areas of the State of Michigan, some come from other states and many from Kalamazoo itself.

The increasing number of supermarkets which supply all food needs are another example of change in the town. Their stores are attractive, well organized and have an immense variety of foods, frozen, canned, packeted and fresh. Vegetables are often both cleaned and wrapped. The customer wheels a basket through the wide gangways and serves herself or is served if she so desires, and goods are wrapped on leaving the store and carried by a porter to the car. Should the housewife prefer to shop in a smaller store she may do so and fresh fruit and vegetables can be obtained from a farmer’s market. Deliveries of groceries are the exception rather than the rule and are made comparatively unnecessary by the car-owning population.

Meals are larger and more varied. More milk is drunk with meals and salads are eaten with main meals. Afternoon tea is unknown and may be replaced by a coffee-break. Cakes and sweets are sweeter and sweets and savouries mixed more freely. There is a great variety of bread, Dutch, Danish, Swedish, French, and English muffins. The restaurant or drug store will serve any type of meal at any time of day. Chinese and Italian food is available. Coffee is excellent and the tea weak.

What shall I miss in England if I return to Kalamazoo? I shall miss my friends. I shall miss kippers and fish and chips and a good cup of tea. I shall miss old buildings and quaint streets, a radio program uninterrupted by advertising and our sort of sausages. I shall miss some of the “leisureliness” of England, some of its serenity and maturity. I shall miss England’s closeness to the Continent and its red pillar boxes and kind policemen. I shall miss the accessibility of the sea and the eating of salt fish. I shall miss Scotland.

But I would return to a town of growth and promise. A town small enough to be friendly and large enough to be remote. A town having the amenities of a large city and the size of a small one. A town of opportunities, educational, financial, social, recreational and cultural. A town where there are more trees than I have ever seen. A town of both snow and sun in a countryside beautiful in tree, woods, streams and lakes and more lakes. A town in the State of Michigan which a Texan described as “God’s Own Country.”

Above all I would return to a town whose people are warm and friendly, gay and energetic. A people who say, “let us work and have fun, and whatever we do, let us live and enjoy living.”

Dr. George H. Hilliard, University counseling director since 1943, has been given an honorary membership in the Michigan College Counselors Association. Dr. Hilliard will retire from the University faculty next June.

WMCR reports reception as far as Duluth, Minn., although its normal operation is in the vicinity of 50 miles from Kalamazoo.

Homer Dunham, veteran sports publicity director at the University, has been given the first annual award of the College Sports Information Directors of America.

Cerebral Palsy Work Aided by Sorority Grant

A $50 grant has been made to the University Speech Clinic by the Kalamazoo alumnae chapter of Alpha Chi Omega sorority as aid for student clinicians to help interest them in work with cerebral palsied children.

Half of the money, reports Dr. Charles Van Riper, clinic director, is to be used to establish a petty loan fund for student therapists, and the other half will be used for the purchase of books and journals for the clinic library. Among the journals are Crippled Child, The Cerebral Palsy Review and the Journal of Speech and Hearing Disorders.

“Our purpose is to interest student speech therapists in the problems of the cerebral palsied,” says Mrs. Samuel Virgo, chairman of the sorority’s service committee. “We know that it is extremely difficult to staff the cerebral palsy schools and centers. This grant, indicating our concern for student therapists, may in turn result in their concern for the crippled children we serve.”

Other members of her committee are Mrs. William Peterson and Mrs. Gordon Stocking.

New Assembly Handbook

School assemblies frequently pose problems in Michigan’s elementary and secondary schools. Often teachers feel saddled with the burden of providing entertainment.

Recently a class under Dr. Albert B. Becker undertook the preparation of a handbook as a classroom aid. This booklet is now available from the department of speech.

The American Academy of Arts and Sciences has given $925 to Dr. Daniel F. Jackson, assistant professor of biology, to aid in research. The money will provide equipment for his investigation of “phytoplankton photosynthesis in relation to total alkalinity of water.”
49 On-Campus Classes Set by Field Services

An expanded list of offerings for adults of Kalamazoo and immediately surrounding cities and counties will present 49 courses in the Saturday and on-campus evening offerings of the Division of Field Services next semester.

Saturday courses will begin February 8, 1958.

Evening classes begin Monday through Friday, February 10-February 14.

Besides the usual spread of liberal arts offerings on Saturday, classes will be offered each evening in departments other than Business Studies and Industrial Technology.

Three courses newly added and not offered before in the evening are:

John Woods—Creative Writing—Tuesday evenings
Charles Helgesen—Business and Professional Speech—Tuesday evenings
Dr. Howard Becksfort—Differential Equations—Wednesday evenings (in response to several requests for more work in mathematics)

For those with hobby interests in Arts and Crafts, there will again be a section on Thursday evenings.

Last year’s experiment in a course in Labor-Management Relations with Dr. Andrew Luff and Robert Huston as instructors, will be repeated, with an expanded list of special resource persons who will come in from labor and industry. A large enrollment expected will necessitate using the ballroom in Walwood Union as a meeting place.

For paper mill personnel, two courses offered by the Department of Paper Technology will be included in the adult education offerings. One will be taught on Monday evenings by Dr. John R. Fanselow, a newcomer to the campus. It will be a course in Pulp Manufacture. The second will be taught by Raymond L. Janes on Friday evenings. It will be a course in Wood Chemistry.

A large group of courses, many continuing the present schedule, will be offered in cooperation with the School of Business, School of Applied Arts, departments of Industrial Technology and Industrial Arts.

Detailed announcements will be available in late December. Persons interested may write the Division of Field Services.

Paper Conference Jan. 23 at WMU

“Modern Methods of Pulp Manufacture” is the theme chosen for the second annual pulp and paper conference at the university on Thursday, January 23, in the Paper Industry Laboratories.

Dr. Hereford Garland, Forest Products division, Michigan College of Mining and Technology, will be the luncheon speaker.

Dr. Raymond Janes and Dr. R. A. Diehm of the paper technology faculty will be the other major speakers.

22nd Guidance Conference March 15

A university tradition, the annual guidance conference, will open in its 22nd edition Saturday, March 15.

Dr. George H. Hilliard, director of counseling, will be heading his final such conference, as he will retire at the close of the academic year in June.

“Guidance for Democratic Human Relations” is the theme chosen.

Major speakers for the day will be Dr. Frank Fletcher, president of the American Personnel and Guidance Association, and Dr. Dan W. Dodson, director of the Center for Human Relations and Community Studies at New York University.

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