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I am presenting in the President's Corner in this number of the *Western News Magazine* a statement prepared by the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards and officially adopted August 26, 1949. This statement refers to the general principles of salary schedules and policies which should operate in the public schools of this country. Since I am a member of this Commission, I feel free to use this statement for the purpose of informing the readers of the magazine about the standards which have been established by this Commission. I wish that we might find all school systems and educational institutions in the country in conformity with this ideal.

1. It is the inherent obligation of teachers to continue their professional growth. Professional salary schedules and related policies with respect to salary payment should require, promote, and encourage advanced study and specialization, travel, and participation in the activities of professional associations and in community affairs. The professional teacher should use his daily experiences and all available resources to improve his worth as an individual, to refine his techniques and procedures, and to enrich his qualities of leadership.

2. The best interests of the children, the public, and the teaching profession will be served if every administrative unit establishes a definite, professional salary schedule. The establishment and essential revisions of such a schedule usually will be most satisfactory if arrived at cooperatively by school boards, school administrators, and teachers.

3. Teachers of comparable preparation and experience should receive comparable salaries, men and women alike, without discrimination between those in urban and rural schools, or between those in elementary and secondary or secondary and higher education.

4. Such a schedule should provide beginning salaries of $2400 or more a year for four-year college graduates without teaching experience but professionally prepared to teach.

5. To secure and retain competent teachers in service, annual salary increases which meet the following criteria are recommended:

   a. Annual salary increases should start with the second year of service.
   b. The increases should bring each teacher's salary to a level at least twice that of the initial salary within fifteen years.
   c. Increases provided in the schedule for teachers with additional education, successful experience, and proved usefulness to the community should be provided for in the schedule.

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Home Economics is everybody's business, according to Miss Sophia Reed, head of the Department of Home Economics at Western Michigan College. And by that statement, she explains, she means that men, as well as women, should have some knowledge concerning the factors which go into the making of a successful home since all, to a certain degree, participate in life in the home.

Based upon this fundamental principle, the curriculum of the Home Economics Department of Western's campus presents courses which are believed to be of value to every student in the college, regardless of the curriculum in which he is enrolled. And many of these courses of general practical value are open to all students from any curriculum.

Miss Reed points out that such courses as Effective Home Living, Food for the Family, Everyday Nutrition, Home Furnishing, Family Clothing, Economics of Family Consumption, Problems of the Consumer, Personal and Social Problems, Marriage and Family Relations, Housing, to mention a few, present valuable information for any individual, man or woman, regardless of his chosen career. Knowledge of the content of these courses, in her opinion, makes for happier and more successful family living, and through its contribution to better homes is valuable to society as a whole, inasmuch as many of the most serious social problems are directly traceable to unsuccessful homes.

That many students hold the same opinion is evident from the number who are taking home economics courses. Records show that during the fall semester 430 men and women, representing a variety of departments, were enrolled in home economics courses. Of this number 86 were home economics majors and 32 were home economics minors. The enrollment of the department has more than doubled during the past twelve years.

Four different programs are presented by the Home Economics Department. First of all is the program designed to prepare home economics teachers. Another prepares students for home economics in the business field, including such positions as demonstration work in foods and home equipment. A third, and the latest addition to the department, prepares people for careers as dietitians. All of these are four-year programs. The fourth is a two-year program in Homemaking, designed for those who do not plan to get a degree. A diploma is awarded upon the conclusion of the two-year course.

These programs make possible the realization of Miss Reed's ideal of some home economics for everybody, and intensive work for those enrolled in special home economics courses. All of them include courses in Problems in Home Living, Clothing, Elementary Design. The program for teachers includes among other courses, Hygiene, Biology, Costume Design, Home Furnishings, Sociology, Home Nursing, Household Physics, Human Growth and Development, Economics of Consumption, Quantity Foods Management, Home Management, Advanced Foods, Family Clothing, Introduction to Student Teaching, Problems in Home Economics Education, Marriage and Family Relations, Student Teaching,
Foods Laboratory


The program of preparation for home economics in the business field eliminates the education courses and education laboratory and includes Speech, Sociology, Journalism, General Psychology, Experimental Foods, Food Demonstration, Radio, and electives.

The program for those preparing to become dietitians includes Organic Chemistry, Accounting, General Psychology, Sociology, Food Chemistry, Bacteriology, Anatomy, Bio-Chemistry, Advanced Nutrition, Diet and Disease, Institutional Management, and electives.

The two-year program in homemaking includes, in addition to those courses named in every program, Work in Clothing Clinic and Textiles, Food for the Family, Everyday Nutrition, Human Growth and Development, Home Nursing, Physical Education and electives.

Home Economics Library

With the completion of the new William McCracken Hall on the west campus which was dedicated last October, the Home Economics Department is housed in spacious headquarters on the third floor of the new building. Excellent equipment, coupled with ideal arrangement of the rooms provides facilities which are unsurpassed.

Ten unit kitchens with most modern equipment are provided in the foods laboratories. Modern stoves, cabinets, sinks, and tables are included. In addition there are two clothing laboratories equipped with clothing tables, sewing machines, “tote” trays for the work, and two fitting rooms equipped with mirrors. There is also a textile laboratory which is provided with equipment for testing textiles. Lecture rooms provide for the use of movies and slides as desired.

In addition there is a one-room apartment which demonstrates how one large room may be transformed
by simple carpentry to provide adequate living quarters. A partition which on one side has book shelves and on the other kitchen cupboards, separates the living room from the kitchen. There is also a small bathroom and a tiny bedroom.

This apartment not only serves its purpose of demonstration but it is also in use daily by home economics students. The living room provides an ideal library in which students may study between classes. The bathroom is in frequent use for administering first aid facilities for minor cuts, burns, and similar injuries. The sleeping room is used in demonstrations in the Home Nursing classes. The furniture in the apartment is practically all carpenter-made.

A spacious living room and dining room, simply and tastefully furnished provides opportunity for demonstration and affords facilities for social activities of the department. Several gifts have been made to the department for the furnishing and equipment of its new quarters. Among them is a Servel refrigerator, garbage disposal, a Roper and Universal gas range. Alumnae presented the department with money to provide hangings and ornaments for the living room.

In addition to the quarters occupied by the department in McCracken Hall, the department operates a home management practice house in Walwood Place on the east campus, where home economics upperclass students preparing to teach, or for home economics in business, are required to live for a period of seven weeks, during which they get actual practical experience in home management. Groups of five live in the house at the same time under the supervision of a home economics faculty member. In turn they plan the meals, do the marketing, cook, serve, do the laundry, and the cleaning, and in general get actual experience in all that goes into the management and keeping of a home.

Miss Reed who heads the Home Economics Department, joined Western Michigan College faculty in 1938 when the Vocational Home Economics Department was reorganized. She brought to her work an excellent background of preparation and experience. After completing the work for the usual Ph.B. degree from the University of Chicago, she did graduate work at Columbia University, from which she holds the Master of Arts degree, and still further graduate work at the University of Chicago and the University of Iowa.

Before joining Western's faculty, Miss Reed was a member of the home economics faculty of Western Illinois State Teachers College at Macomb, Illinois. She was later Illinois State Supervisor of Home Economics in the Vocational Department, Springfield, Illinois.

Other members of the department's faculty are Miss Betty Taylor, who is in charge of the dietetics program; Miss Reva Volle, who is in charge of the clothing; Miss Rachel Acree, and Miss Opal Stamm who are in charge of foods. Miss Eulalia Toms and Miss Ruth Sanders are in charge of the work at the Paw Paw and State High training schools, serving as teacher-trainers.

**Blanche Draper**

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Miss Lois Hamlin of Allegan, who graduated from Western Michigan College at the end of the fall semester, February 4, completed during the final weeks of the semester the seventh in a series of murals which decorate the walls in the Home Economics Department of the college, located in the new William McCracken Hall.

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Don Hayes, Plymouth, was elected president of the senior class of Western Michigan College in the campus election held in November. Juniors elected Wilbur Noel of Coldwater, as their president. Glenn Leeson, Kalamazoo, was chosen sophomore president, and Frank Wolcott, also of Kalamazoo, as freshman president.
Founder of Physics Department Dies

John E. Fox, founder of the Department of Physics at Western Michigan College and its head until his retirement, died January 2 at Bronson Hospital following a four-months illness.

John E. Fox was born on a farm in Park Township, St. Joseph County, Michigan, February 3, 1874. Early showing his desire for a good education he went to Ann Arbor High School where he graduated. On December 27, 1898, he married Annie Carroll Shepherd at Bellbrook, Ohio, where he was then superintendent of schools. Later he attended summer sessions at the University of Michigan, an Academy in Minneapolis, Minnesota, and the University of Chicago. He received his A.B. degree at the latter institution in 1912.

After seven years as principal of the Three Rivers (Michigan) High School, he came in 1906 to what was then Western State Normal School, as head of the Department of Mathematics. The department was then housed in the basement of the Administration building. Six years later, in 1912, he founded and became the head of the Department of Physics. In 1914 the physics classes found more commodious quarters in the new Science building which was finished and first occupied in that year. There started here a period of growth in the size of the Physics Department and in the effectiveness of its teaching which continued unabated for thirty years.

During 1917 he and his family moved to Philadelphia where he spent a sabbatical leave studying with Dr. Goodspeed of the Department of Astronomy and specializing in astronomy and spectroscopy. Urgent requests that he stay for one more year and finish his doctor's degree had to be ignored because of the necessity of his returning to Kalamazoo.

His interest in astronomy led him to organize a series of excursions, via the New York Central railroad for his astronomy classes to the Adler Planetarium in Chicago. These started out in a modest way but soon grew in size; and for a number of years the Astronomy Excursion to Chicago with 7-car trains to accommodate the many townspeople who wanted to participate was an established event on the calendar of school activities. The astronomy class members used to publish and distribute on the trains bulletins of the events scheduled for the excursionists reaching Chicago.

John Fox was one of the founders and a charter member of the Faculty Science Club at Western Michigan College. From its beginning in 1917 until the last meeting of 1949 which he attended, he gave this organization his enthusiastic support. He served as its president for one year, presented a number of scientific papers before it, and served on many committees.

He was well known among the professors of college physics in the state and was instrumental in organizing the Michigan College Physics Teachers Association. He practically never missed either one of the two yearly meetings of this organization. When it came the turn of Western's Physics Department to entertain the Association at Kalamazoo, John Fox was the genial host and an outstanding program was arranged under his direction.

It is not easy to gauge the influence of a man like John Fox who touched the lives of so many people in and out of the educational field. Any attempt at appraisal results in understatement, for the effectiveness of a life such as his is too large a subject to mirror in a few words. Many students who today are making their name in industry, business, and in science look back to him as an important factor in their success. The classes these students were in were more than physics classes; there was often a good story added, a health hint, a philosophical treasure from the classics, or just a friendly word of help.

Many were the times when his friends in illness or under some other unusual stress of circumstances felt the warmth of his understanding sympathy. While several years ago he was himself preparing for the ordeal of a major operation, two associates who were confined to the same hospital found themselves the recipients of almost daily remembrances—sometimes personal visits, sometimes floral gifts. No one could know him well through the years without receiving many such tangible evidences of a generous and sympathetic nature.

In his homelife lies another side-light on the character of the man. There was an unusually strong feeling of unity in the family. They did things together—cross country tours, fishing trips, local events, or just an automobile ride for relaxation—all were enjoyed more if the group could take part in them.

He was active in church and civic affairs. He was a member of the Exchange Club and was a past president of that organization. He was a former superintendent of the Sunday
School of the First Methodist Church and for years was the teacher of Class 25, a group of young married people. He also participated in numerous other activities of the church.

After retiring from service at Western Michigan College, he found a major interest in caring for an eight-acre fruit farm just south of Kalamazoo. His fruit orchard was scientifically cared for and his labors were rewarded with the finest apples, peaches, plums, and pears. His friends had many occasions on which to appreciate the prowess in fruit-growing through the gifts of fine fruit which he made to them.

Surviving are his wife, Annie Carroll Fox, one sister, Mrs. E. G. Weir, Grand Rapids, and two sons, Edwin S. and Gerald W. Both Edwin and Gerald carry on the tradition set by their father and are college professors of physics. The former is a member of the staff of the Physics Department at Western Michigan College, and the latter is head of the Department of Physics at Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa.

Three outstanding editors in the paper industry were guests on Western's campus during the past month, and spent several hours in the pulp and paper laboratory in William McCracken Hall. They were R. G. MacDonald, secretary-treasurer of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry and editor of the magazine “Tappi,” New York City; John Cornell, co-editor of Paper Mill News, Philadelphia, Pa.; and Vincent Walters, editor of the Southern Pulp and Paper Magazine, Atlanta, Georgia. They expressed highest approval of the work which is being done by Western's pulp and paper technology curriculum under the leadership of Dr. A. H. Nadelman, the fame of which is steadily spreading throughout the United States.

The curriculum was started in the fall of 1948, and at the present time classes are being offered through the Junior year, with an enrollment of about forty students.

**English Teacher Dies in Chicago**

Students and faculty associates of Mrs. Cornelia Matthews, English instructor at Western since September, 1946, suffered a deeply-felt loss when she died November 19 at St. Luke's Hospital, Chicago, after a week's absence from her classes. She had never entirely regained her health following a major operation between semesters in February, 1948.

Mrs. Matthews came to the college faculty from Kalamazoo Central High School, where she had been an advisory teacher for ten years. Previous teaching had been in the schools of Nokomis, Illinois; Hartford, Michigan; Detroit, and Chicago.

Born in 1894, Cornelia Dewey grew up in Kalamazoo attending the public schools and Kalamazoo College, where she took her A.B. in 1917 with a major in English. Her later graduate study in education was done at Western, at the University of Michigan, and at Northwestern University, where she was awarded her A.M. in 1940.

She was married to William Matthews, following whose death several years ago, she brought their three daughters, Emily (now Mrs. Robert Beverly), Joy, and Carol back to Kalamazoo from Chicago. Joy graduated from the University of Chicago and now works in Kalamazoo; Carol is a freshman in occupational therapy at WMC this year.

On campus; Mrs. Matthews was admired and loved by her students both as a sympathetic teacher and as advisor to extra-curricular activities. She sponsored Pi Kappa Rho sorority until this fall, was active in Sunday School and parish work at the Presbyterian Church, and was frequently hostess at her apartment informally to various "generations" of students from the two local colleges and high school, as well as to faculty friends. Students contributed funds to purchase a number of books for the library as a memorial.

She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honorary society for women in education, was president of the Kalamazoo Teachers' Club in 1946, and belonged to the National and the Michigan Education Associations.

Colleagues of Mrs. Matthews on the college staff especially admired her selflessness, serenity, and generous spirit. They think of her as a splendid teacher, a courageous co-worker, and a woman of inspiring character. Her classes will be carried on by Mrs. Harry Hoover through the remainder of this academic year.

The December issue of the Michigan Tradesman which was devoted largely to Kalamazoo featured Western Michigan College in 10 pages of pictures and description.

Included were reproductions of photographs of Western's campus and activities. Both the east and west campuses were included. Specially featured were the new buildings which were dedicated in October including William McCracken Hall, Burnham Halls, and Harper C. Maybee Building of which both exterior and interior views were shown.
Dormitory for Women Named

The south wing of the new twin dormitories for women on the west campus of Western Michigan College will be named Lydia Siedschlag Dormitory, it has been announced by Dr. Paul V. Sangren, president of the college. It is expected that this second unit being erected at a cost of approximately $1,000,000 will be ready for occupancy at the opening of the fall semester in 1950.

The first unit, identical in design and construction, is being occupied for the first time during the present semester.

In naming the new dormitory for Miss Siedschlag, recognition is being given to her service as a member of the faculty of the college for the last twenty-eight years, and to the contribution which she has made in planning, supervising, purchasing, and in many instances, designing the interior decoration and furnishings for the twelve new buildings erected on the campus during the past twelve years.

Her work on these buildings has attracted the attention of numerous administrators in the field of education and others interested in large decoration and furnishing projects. As a result of her contribution the new buildings on Western's campus have been afforded a variety of design and color, as well as many functional features, which would have been otherwise impossible to provide without far greater expenditure of money. Each of these new buildings has its own individuality, an achievement which could not have been realized except as the result of a combination of artistic ability and a thorough understanding of the needs and uses of the various buildings, together with tireless and devoted effort such as Miss Siedschlag has given.

A graduate of Western Michigan College in 1915, Miss Siedschlag holds the degree of Bachelor of Fine Arts from the Art Institute of Chicago, and a Master of Arts degree from Teachers College, Columbia University.

Lydia Siedschlag

After teaching art in the Battle Creek High School she joined Western's faculty in 1921 as supervisor of art in the campus Training School. Three years later she was made head of the Art Department of the college and has served in that capacity for the last twenty-five years. In addition she is director of the Division of Fine Arts in the college.

Miss Siedschlag was the second president of the Faculty Women's Club and is a member of the Michigan Academy of Art and the Western Arts Association.

The latest addition to the dormitory facilities for women students at Western brings to four the number of women's residences on the campus, and will provide additional housing facilities for 250 women. Plans for the twin dormitories for women are similar to those for Burnham dormitories for men which were dedicated in October.

The first of the two twin units, opened for occupancy this month, is named for Blanche Draper, who has served as publicity director of the college for thirty years. An earlier women's dormitory was named for Lavina Spindler, professor Emeritus of Education.

Guidance Conference

The fourteenth annual Guidance program sponsored jointly by Southwestern Michigan Guidance Association and Western Michigan College will be held at Walwood Hall, March 11.

The theme will be "The Results of Guidance. Does It Pay?" President Paul V. Sangren will extend greetings at the opening session at 8:30, following which there will be a symposium and general discussion with Eugene Thomas, principal of Kalamazoo Central High School as the leader.

Participating in the symposium will be Dr. Ralph Wenrich, associate superintendent of public instruction, Lansing, who will discuss job and occupational adjustment; Dr. Cornelia Williams, General College, University of Minnesota, who will discuss school and college adjustment; and Dr. Judson Landis, associate professor of sociology and anthropology, Michigan State College, who will discuss home and family living.

Discussion of the symposium will be followed by a business session, after which luncheon will be served in Walwood Hall.

Four group discussions are scheduled for the afternoon session. Dr. John Buelke, professor of elementary education, Western Michigan College, will lead the discussion for elementary schools. Miss Bernice Bishop, principal of the junior high school, Holland, will be leader for the junior high school group. Arthur Diekoff, counselor, Northwestern High School, Detroit, will be chairman of the high school group, and Dr. David Trout, dean of students at Central Michigan College, will lead the discussion of the college and university group.

A brief final assembly at 3:10 will be followed by a meeting of the retiring and incoming boards at 3:30. Dr. George H. Hilliard, director of the Department of Student Personnel and Guidance at Western Michigan College, is in charge of the arrangements for the conference.
Dr. Deyo B. Fox, director of the Division of Vocational Education at Western Michigan College, was honored by Michigan vocational educators at the annual convention of the American Vocational Association when he was presented with a life membership in the national organization.

The membership was presented at the annual banquet of the American Vocational Association at Atlantic City during the annual convention of the organization held December 6-10. Presentation was made by Dr. Thomas Diamond, professor of Vocational Education at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Fox has been engaged in vocational education for twenty-five years. During this time he has served as president of the Michigan Vocational Association and has been active in the work of the Michigan Industrial Education Society, which presented him with a plaque for distinguished service. He was associated with the Jackson schools for many years and has also served in the State Department of Vocational Education.

In connection with the gift of the life membership in AVA, he was presented with a plaque which the citation states is “in recognition of your achievement in the field of vocational education as a student, teacher, and interpreter of education for living.” The plaque is of walnut with a plate of brass.

Dr. Fox came to Western Michigan College to assume the directorship of the Vocational Education Department in the summer of 1945.
Sidelights on Western’s History

Edited by James O. Knauss

[Training teachers for rural areas has been one of Western’s chief concerns from the day of the institution’s opening in 1904. We are pleased to have Dr. Wm. McKinley Robinson, the director of the Department of Rural Life and Education, present a picture of the college’s growth and influence in this important field. It may be added that one of the reasons for the department’s continued success has been the fact that in the forty-five years of its existence its two directors, Dr. Ernest Burnham and Dr. Robinson, have both been outstandingly able and alert to seize opportunities to serve the cause of rural education. Further, this continuity of high grade leadership has caused the work of the department to be known throughout the nation.

The editor of Sidelights is very anxious to receive contributions for this feature. Western will celebrate its fiftieth birthday in 1953. The history of the institution has to be rewritten and published by June of that year. Contributors to Sidelights may help the writer of the history to focus his attention upon some obscure but important details which should be mentioned or discussed in this fairly comprehensive work.]

Rural Education

“For the preparation and training of persons for teaching in the rural district schools and the primary departments of the graded schools of the state” a charter was granted for the establishment of Western State Normal School. Continuously since the very first summer session in 1904 there have been differentiated offerings for rural teachers. Data as to graduates of the Rural Department, therefore, are indicative of the professional standards of the rural teachers of Southwestern Michigan. It might further be added that the data is typical of that of the whole nation, at least in those sections in which there has been consistent concern for the rural schools on the part of the state departments of education or the colleges of education.

Data as to professional standards of rural teachers are usually given only in comparison with those for urban teachers. The lag between the two groups tends to overshadow the rate of rise in rural standards. In spite of a disproportionate share of the set-back occasioned by two wars and an intervening depression, professional preparation for rural teachers has risen steadily. In the forty-five years since the first graduates of the department completed two and one-third years of work beyond the eighth grade, somewhat over one-third of the graduates now are completing eight years of work beyond the eighth grade.

The effect of the present teacher shortage, now somewhat eased, is more evident in total enrollments than in the number of graduates. There are this year 204 on-campus students enrolled in the Department of Rural Life and Education, 62 for Saturdays only. Last summer the enrollment was 193. There is no expectation of a decrease in the near future. As a concession to the teacher shortage, approval was given in 1943 by the State Board of Education to an Accelerated Rural Elementary Curriculum of fifty semester hours leading to a special certificate as contrasted with the Two-year Rural Elementary Curriculum of 62 semester hours which leads to a State Limited Certificate. Those who have completed the accelerated curriculum have not been included in the table, their number being yearly some thirty, since they are obligated to complete the two-year curriculum.

The great majority of the teachers with emergency or substandard certificates were and still are in rural schools. Some of these are continuing to teach by virtue of renewing their certificates each year after having under pressure met the minimum requirements with the most effortless and painless methods they and their advisors can devise. But to the everlasting credit of the most of those who have carried on since the end of the war, be it said, they are continuing their professional education as rapidly as consistent with good health and the demands of their positions. A gratifying number are now well ahead of minimum requirements, some well on their way to degrees. For the most part, the emergency teachers were older women. The more able and mature with any natural inclination toward teaching,
are finding their college work challenging and meaningful to them both personally and professionally.

Salaries in rural schools have been increasingly attractive. When agriculture prospers, or at least holds its own, it becomes evident that rural people place as high a premium on education as do urban people, and furthermore they are as willing to pay for it. Here, as in all thinking of the department, rural is used as including the open country and centers of less than 2,500 in population, those whose well-being is closely related to the well-being of agriculture. The above table gives data on salaries for graduates of rural curricula, no differentiation being made between two- and four-year graduates, nor between elementary and secondary school positions.

Many will be surprised to note that in ten years salaries rose from $80.55 to $263.41 per month.

By its very nature, the work of the Rural Department is not showy, certainly not spectacular. Yet, it has its moments. There is no means of measuring the influence of a teacher. Some who may seem the least of these, may have touched more lives, or reached more deeply, or effected more lastingly than some who are better known. A number of graduates have achieved positions of honor in the rural schools of Michigan, several have gone on to other positions of leadership. Recently from the British West Indies came a letter telling of five Rural Department graduates—Wilma Ryder, Caroline Glassman, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hill and Florence Palmer Strutters, who have been serving there as teacher-missionaries. Not all those who leave the state seek warmer lands, for Thor Stenson has been teaching in Alaska over a decade. Students have also come from other lands, from as far away as Hiroshima, Japan, and Liberia, as well as Honduras. From every continent there have come observers to learn of the work of the Rural Department, a university professor from Australia having made arrangements for a visit a year hence.

From among the almost 3,500 graduates of the department, space allows mention of but a very few. Martelle Cushman, having earned a doctorate from Cornell University, is professor of rural education at Iowa State Teachers College, Ames. George Brower is now working on his doctor's degree in rural education at Cornell. James Ansel who has completed, and Harold Vannatter who is about to complete, doctorates in rural education from Teachers College, Columbia University, are in the Rural Department at Western. To them should be added the names of Edith Weliever, one of the first rural school supervisors in the state of Michigan and the recipient last Commencement of Western's honorary master's degree; Jennie Kaufman, Ottawa County superintendent of schools, long a leader among rural school supervisors; and in the Michigan Rural Teachers Association; Helen Stenson, elementary school supervisor in Escanaba, for years associated with the county normals of the state and the rural work of several state teachers colleges; Jane Franseth, rural school specialist in the U. S. Office of Education; Lois Clark of the Rural Division of the National Education Association; and a host of others.

Whatever influence the Rural Department may have had upon its graduates and its service area has been made possible in large part by the unfailing support of both administrations that Western has had, by the sympathetic cooperation of most faculty members in spite of the step-child attitude of some few, and the leadership of the department's founder and head for twenty-three years. It was Dr. Ernest Burnham who wrote the first catalog for the college which undoubtedly accounts for the generous amount of space accorded rural education. It was he who set the pace of the consistent effort which in its persistence through the forty-six years of Western's history has left an unmistakable mark upon rural education in Michigan. The circle of influence has widened, surprisingly so for a state supported institution serving an area, through gratifying and in part identifiable contributions in a conservative and difficult field.

WM. McKinley Robinson

New Psychology Head

Dr. Phil W. Buck assumed his new duties as the head of the Department of Psychology of Western Michigan College at the beginning of the new semester. He was appointed to succeed Dr. W. J. Holmes who resigned last September to accept a position in New York City.

Dr. Buck came to Western from the University of Montana at Missoula, Montana, where he has been associate professor of psychology for the past three and one-half years. Prior to that time he was associated with Rohler, Hibler and Replogle, psychological consultants to management in industry. During the war he served as personnel consultant and classification officer with the United States Army.

Dr. Buck did his undergraduate work at Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas, from which he also took his Master of Science degree and where he served as graduate instructor. He holds his Ph.D. in psychology from Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio.

Tracing the history of religious ideas, and showing the influence of one pattern of thought upon another present the unwary historian with many pitfalls and intellectual booby traps. The difficulties are greatly increased when the historian deals with a religious group that has not been particularly articulate, and when he must himself blaze a trail through their religious literature. Yet this is the arduous task that Dr. Friedmann undertook, and which he has carried through in the careful, thorough, and meticulous manner traditional of German scholarship. Exhaustive research was carried on over a quarter of a century in several countries and on both sides of the Atlantic; all pertinent literature has been carefully reviewed; and the conclusions have been cautiously drawn.

The book consists of two distinct and independent studies which mutually supplement one another. The first paper is a study of the interaction of Mennonite and Pietism in the seventeenth century, and also serves as a general historical introduction to the second monograph entitled "Mennonite Devotional Literature, 1600-1800."

This latter paper is a searching study of Mennonite catechisms, devotional tracts, prayer books, and doctrinal works, to reveal the inner spiritual history of the sect and the influences brought to bear upon it. In both studies the author deliberately chooses to focus his attention upon the shift from the early Anabaptist pattern of a witnessing Christianity toward a more subjective Pietism, rather than upon the opposite tendencies toward rationalism and secularism. For this reason his studies are more concerned with the Swiss, South German, and Austrian Anabaptist-Mennonite groups, who were more exposed to pietistic ideas, than with those of the Netherlands and Northwest Germany, where urban and secular tendencies were more prominent.

The book is not meant for popular consumption, but it is an important contribution to Church history. It clarifies the religious views of the Mennonites, who are too frequently known only by their peculiar garb and customs; it points up the essential differences between Pietists and Mennonites even where there are outward similarities, and so sharpens one's understanding of each group; and, most important of all, it "is the first attempt," as Dean Harold S. Bender of Goshen College says in the "Introduction," "at an inclusive analysis and portrayal of the inner spiritual history of the entire Anabaptist-Mennonite movement from its sixteenth century beginnings to modern times."

The book is well printed, attractively bound, and illustrated with five interesting old plates. The index is adequate, and the extensive bibliography reveals that Dr. Friedmann has been publishing articles on Mennonite history in various German and American journals for twenty years.

RUSSELL H. SEIBERT

A Book for Teachers


Jesse Stuart, novelist, poet, and short-story writer was born in 1907 in remote and picturesque West Hollow, Kentucky, amid fiercely proud and unlearned people. It was from this environment that he gained his inspiration to write and the desire to help his people. He grew and went forth into the world as a crusading teacher, student, and author, climbing by his own strength and through the influence of his fine, but uneducated, parents.

In his latest novel, The Thread That Runs So True, he writes about himself as a Kentucky teacher beginning with an unexpected incident when he was seventeen which resulted in obtaining a certificate to teach, and on through the eventful eight terms which constituted his career.

Jesse Stuart's dramatic story-telling ability reaches a high point early in the story as he so clearly relates his experience in the Lonesome Valley School, the school where his nineteen year old sister had met defeat at the hands of two over-aged stallwart ruffians of the hills. He fought
fiercely, worked diligently, and acted with utmost diplomacy in maintaining a school for as many as sixty under-privileged children for sixty-eight dollars a month.

His initial experience caused him to see the necessity for more education as a background for good teaching. The remainder of his career consisted of sandwiching teaching in with going to college, being a common laborer, and writing. Each new position gave him a slight rise in professional status and income, but with each position the same problems of poverty in supplies and buildings, over-load, inequality of educational opportunity, and an unsympathetic public confronted him. His unyielding efforts seemed futile to him so he momentarily tried to help his people by publishing a newspaper. Here he dares to be bold but finds it necessary to leave his territory. His final teaching experience in a large high school more than baffled him for here those values inherent in love and friendliness between teachers and pupil were blocked by the vast and factory-like situation.

During his entire career his deep desire for a home and family of his own persisted, but the capital to begin the venture was provokingly slow in accumulating, so he finally gave up his desire to help his people through education and decides to raise sheep and write, thus helping himself to achieve his personal goals.

As one reads the story of the ardent reformer in a state where reforms are taking place, one wonders why he didn't affiliate with those institutions and agencies doing so much in his time. Why didn't he have the patience or tenacity to stay for a number of years in one area working with all those concerned with educational improvement so changes could be made? It is possible that his efforts linked with the efforts of other Kentucky and national educators could have produced more satisfying experiences. Stuart typifies the too restless and individualistic tendencies of many beginning teachers. Changes are necessary in many areas, but they can best be made through combined efforts of all people involved, time, and patience.

However, the book has already gained popularity and shall undoubtedly be added to lists of recommended good reading for lay and professional people.

Esther D. Schroeder

Editor's Note

Joy Elmer Morgan, Editor of the Journal of the National Education Association, in the January issue calls *The Thread That Runs So True* "a truly great book—the kind that comes but once in a generation." He says it is good literature, good history, good pedagogy, good prophecy, and sound Americanism. He names it the "most important book of 1949, because it is concerned with the unique institution which gives strength to all other institutions in American life." He closes with the all-inclusive statement that "*The Thread That Runs So True*, which the author has dedicated to the school teachers of America, belongs in the personal library of every teacher and prospective teacher.

Recorded greetings made by foreign students at Western Michigan College were heard around the world at Christmas time as the result of an idea fostered by Wallace Garneau, director of Radio at the college. Through the plan 34 foreign students made recordings in their native tongues for mailing to parents and relatives back home. Twenty-two different languages were spoken, including English.

The student who spoke English was Leslie Gruber who came from Canada to receive instruction in speech correction. In addition to serving as a greeting, his record gave his parents a demonstration of the progress he has made in speech since enrolling at Western. Olivia Karna who comes from Liberia, Africa, employed two native languages to greet her parents. Her mother speaks the Gredo dialect and her father the Val dialect. Both also speak English.

A strictly sentimental greeting was recorded by Josefina Jove who was a bride of only six months when she came to Western's campus for a course in occupational therapy. Two Finnish students, Karl Sandelin and Leif Tallgren who came from the same town made a recording together. Emly Urquiola of Bolivia, spoke every language at her command when she made her recording, using Spanish, French, Portuguese, and English. James Chaing sang the national anthem of his native China.

Recordings were supervised by Mr. Garneau and Miss Roxana Steele, foreign student advisor.
Student from Germany

In order that she may be better qualified to serve her country in its program of educational reform, Miss Anneliese Erna Richter, a German teacher whose home is in Munich, enrolled during the fall semester for a year's work at Western Michigan College.

Her passage to and from this country was provided by the American Military Government in Germany. A scholarship was granted through generous gifts of several Kalamazoo citizens who contributed to a fund raised under the leadership of Mrs. A. L. Loring. The scholarship provides for tuition and fees and a large part of her other expenses. She lives at Spindler Hall.

Miss Richter was teaching in Silesia in the eastern part of Germany as a member of the staff of the elementary schools when in 1945 she was compelled to give up her job because of Russian occupation. Returning to her home in Munich she took a position with the Military Government as secretary for the education department and as education consultant. It was at the suggestion of the head of the department and largely through his efforts that she was able to come to this country. Having known of Western Michigan College because of President Paul V. Sangren's educational mission to Germany last spring, she chose to enroll here.

The work which she is taking includes courses in guidance, mental testing, psychology, sociology, and human growth and development. She hopes to take up administrative work and guidance when she returns to Germany.

"Educational reform is well started in Germany but there is still much to be done," she says. "While it is a great help to have educational leaders come into our country to assist us, we feel that quite as much, if not more, can be achieved by sending some of our teachers to the United States to study your methods and actually see them in operation. We are better able to adapt them to the needs of our people in a manner which will secure the best possible results and at the same time be accepted by our people and receive their support."

Campus Guest

Mrs. Celia C. Goss of the faculty of Talladega, College, a liberal arts college in Talladega, Alabama, was a guest on the campus of Western Michigan College during the past month.

Mrs. Goss, who is head of the Communications Department in her college, came to observe the work which is being done at Western Michigan College reading laboratory. She had learned of this project through the recent book by Homer L. J. Carter, director of the Psycho-Educational Clinic at Western and Miss Dorothy McGinnis, associate director of the clinic, and through hearing Professor Carter speak at Temple University. She plans to organize a similar project in the Alabama college for the benefit of first and second year students who have reading difficulties. She also visited the University of Chicago and Iowa University.

Visits Western

Dr. Magda Kelber, a German educator from Wiesbaden, has been a guest on Western Michigan College campus during the past month, studying the work which is being done in the Adult Education Department of the college. She spent 60 days in the United States visiting various centers to observe American methods of adult education.

A native of Germany, she left the country in 1933 and went to England where she became a British citizen engaged in educational work. Recently she returned to Germany where she has been engaged in adult education work which is being directed by Don Dolan, assistant director of adult education at Western, who is on leave to engage in an educational mission in Germany.
Heads International Project

Dr. A. Edythe Mange, professor of history at Western Michigan College, has been named area representative in Southwestern Michigan for the Experiment in International Living, a non-sectarian educational organization with headquarters in Putney, Vermont.

With the cooperation of the International Relations Club of the college, of which Dr. Mange is faculty sponsor, a campaign of education is being conducted concerning the purposes and the aims of the organization. An effort will be made to find an “experimentor” from this area.

Exhibits have been held and a 16 millimeter film concerning life with the Belgian family during the past summer has been shown as a part of the campaign of education.

The purpose, according to Dr. Mange, is to further international understanding. The organization, she says, has provided 2,400 young people in the United States the opportunity to learn concerning other peoples of the world through actually living in the families of selected students in France, Germany, Norway, Mexico, or any one of twenty other countries to which the experiment sends groups.

“Selected students in groups of five men and five women live in one country for eight weeks” says Dr. Mange.

Candidates for the experiment are chosen from those who have an interest in working for international understanding. Where there is a language requirement, one must have had at least two years of the spoken language in the country of his choice. He must have a good academic record, have participated in extra-curricular activities, have had experience in outdoor living, and some special interest such as photography or writing.

The cost of the experiment to the individual ranges from $325 to $750 according to the country chosen. The project is sponsored by a non-profit organization. Provision is also made for scholarships through which groups or organizations may finance a candidate’s participation.

Principals’ Conference

Approximately 100 Michigan schools were represented at the tenth annual Principal-Freshmen-Junior College Transferees Conference which was held at Western Michigan College November 17.

During the forenoon a program was presented which featured a panel discussion on the topic “What My High School Should Have Given Me But Did Not.” Dr. Arthur J. Manske of the faculty of the Education Department of Western Michigan College was moderator.

Students on the panel were William Beardsley and William Durkee, freshmen; Joseph Steiner, Patricia Watson and Patricia Campbell, sophomores; Rosemary Kent, junior; John Bright and Beverly Wies, seniors; and Robert Fries, graduate student. Three principals also participated including Arthur Bultman, Carrol Munshaw, and Rex Smith.

Among the criticisms made by students on the panel was the failure of high schools to teach students to read with comprehension, lack of guidance programs and lack of social programs. Disagreement among the members of the panel over the matter of grading and report cards provided a controversial element. Dean of Administration John C. Hoekje presided at the conference.

International Debate

Debaters of Western Michigan College will participate in an international debate at 8:00 on the evening of March 1. At that time they will meet a two-man team of debaters from Scotland including David D. T. Reide from the University of Glasgow, and Malcolm David Webster-Low of the University of Edinburgh. The personnel of Western’s team has not been announced.

The motion will be: “That Liberty is Threatened by the Welfare State.” Low will uphold the affirmative and Reide the negative. This will be the first international debate in which Western Michigan College has participated since World War II when debaters from Oxford and Cambridge were met several times.

Honor Students at Winter Commencement

(Left to Right) Wm. Bushie, John Steiner, Charles Ludlow
Bill Perigo’s first basketball team at Western Michigan College is doing better than had been expected by the most optimistic fan on the Hilltop before the season opened. Most critics felt then that, if the Broncos had an even up season in wins and losses, it would be all that could be expected.

From the team of a year ago, which just managed to get over the hump in the won-lost record, the Broncos had lost Don Boven, All Mid-American center and a really tough man on the backboards. In addition he was top scorer of the Mid-American. Lost with him were Bob Fitch, forward, and Frank Gilman, guard.

Things did not look too good for the season as it was conceded that Perigo would be forced to depend mainly upon sophomore material. Lettermen back were Swift Noble, Don Groggel, Ray Postema and James Betchek, with Postema the only one who could really have been considered a top notch regular a year ago. Noble had alternated at forward and as an understudy for Boven. Betchek and Groggel had alternated as starters, with neither seeing more than half of the play at best.

Perigo was faced with a tough task and went about it quietly, but with determination and, perhaps, with some little ray of hope after the first few weeks of practice when Bob Adams and Joe Shaw began to show real signs of development. Elwyn Heyn was slow rounding, but gradually came along with his best game around the backboards. He steadied down in his floor play considerably but as a scorer proved woefully weak at the start and has continued rather erratic, hitting heavily in a few games while in others his scoring has been low.

Behind the scenes there have been many other problems, some of them rather serious, which had to be solved by Coach Perigo in rounding out a good first five with some fairly good replacements if the team was to do what was expected of it.

With the first semester gone, the team had won a good majority of its games and as the semester ended the Broncos were in second place in the Mid-American Conference race with every prospect that they would probably finish the season in that spot with a chance to even be higher, even though over half of the conference season remained.

The team opened its season with Northwestern University’s veteran cast and went to defeat 54-43; found tough going in defeating Hope on a small floor at Holland 52-48 and then was submerged by Central Michigan 63-45 at Mt. Pleasant, again on a small floor, before it finally got its bearings, and hit a three game winning streak over Manchester, Western Reserve and Ball State before losing a heartbreaker to Valparaiso there 66-64, after having led with 3 minutes left by 5 points.

Another winning streak went to 4 games over North Central, Miami, Hope and Ohio before the team bowed twice in successive games to two outstanding teams in Cincinnati and Valparaiso.

The toughest part of the schedule was still ahead, which would mean success or failure of the campaign. There were games that could easily be lost and to be won the Broncos would need to be hot. It was considered fairly certain that they would win a fair percentage of those left to be played and show a winning season.

So far there have been some unusual developments which will make Perigo’s first season as Western’s basketball coach one to be long remembered.

First, Bob Adams, sophomore star, duplicated Harold Gensichen’s single game record of 32 points against Hope in 1942 on the Bronco floor.
Adams’ mark was perhaps the more impressive being made against Ball State on the Muncie, Ind., floor.

Next, against North Central the Broncos were hot and hit for a new single game scoring mark in rolling up 93 points, only to crack that mark the next time out against Miami in a Mid-American tilt by one point as they defeated the Redskins 94-66. This game provided another new mark, also, in the total score of 160 points for a single game. It also tied the highest score ever rolled up on a Miami court team.

Scores to date:

Western 43, Northwestern 54
Western 52, Hope College 48
Western 45, Central Michigan 63
Western 67, Manchester 53
Western 76, Western Reserve 44
Western 75, Ball State 69
Western 64, Valparaiso 66
Western 93, North Central 57
Western 94, Miami 66

INDOOR TRACK
Jan. 28—Michigan AAU, Ann Arbor
Feb. 4—Chicago at Chicago
Feb. 16—Albion at Kalamazoo
Feb. 18—National AAU
Feb. 24—Marquette at Milwaukee
March 4—Central Collegiates at Chicago
March 7—Central Michigan at Kalamazoo
March 11—Illinois Tech Relays
March 17—Wayne at Kalamazoo
March 25—Purdue Relays

OUTDOOR TRACK
April 22—Kansas Relays, Lawrence, Kans.
April 25—Loyola at Chicago
April 29—Drake Relays, Des Moines, Iowa
May 2—Central Michigan at Kalamazoo
May 6—Triangular, Butler, Cincinnati, Western at Kalamazoo
May 13—Marquette at Kalamazoo
May 18—Miami at Oxford, O.
May 29—High School Regional
May 27—Mid-American Conference, Oxford, O.
June 3—State Intercollegiates at Western
June 10—Central Collegiates at Milwaukee

Dates not set—National Collegiates, National AAU.

Ray Sorensen
New Tennis Coach

West 73, Hope College 43
Western 81, Ohio University 56
Western 45, Cincinnati 66
Western 59, Valparaiso 78

also won the doubles title in the state intercollegiate and state invitational, with their team taking the team honors in both. As Warren Byrum finished three years without a dual meet defeat, Ray “Hap” Sorensen was completing his second without a reverse.

In 1932 the team had 13 wins, one defeat and a tie with Chicago. It again won the state intercollegiate and paired with Benny Laevin, Sorensen again won the doubles title. He was also runner-up for the singles championship that year.

Sorensen is taking over at Western with tennis material at a rather low ebb, but is expected to build the Broncos back into a net power. However, such a job is not done over night. It takes time.

With Chicago Cubs

With this issue of the News Magazine, Wayne Terwilliger is added to the fold of the Alumni, the former Bronco baseball and basketball star, and currently second sacker for the Chicago Cubs, completing his collegiate work at the end of the first semester.
A major leaguer before he graduated from college is a fair record to add to the brilliant athletic record which he made with Bronco teams in two sports—baseball and basketball—before he signed a Chicago Cub contract following his junior year of competition, is something Terwilliger can well be proud of.

After he signed a contract following a great season in 1948, Terwilliger was farmed to the Des Moines team by the Cubs. Last spring he was sent to the Los Angeles Club of the Pacific Coast League. After the season got under way, reports continued to come back that “Twig” was burning up the league.

Late last summer the Cubs brought him up from Los Angeles and immediately he was given his chance at second and Terwilliger made good with a vengeance.

Word is out that he is expected to play a big part in the rebuilding of the Cubs as the management is really “sold” on him as a second sacker.

Terwilliger came to Western from Charlotte, Michigan, and in the 1946-47 season was a forward on the Bronco basketball team, playing a stellar floor game for Coach Buck Read. That spring he grabbed off the second base position under Coach Charles Maher on a team that won 11 games, lost 8 and had 1 tie. That season he hit .338 and fielded .954, which is good for a man who goes after everything that he can possibly reach.

The next season in basketball he improved considerably, and in a season when the Broncos won 12 and lost 10 he scored 123 points and again played his usual brilliant floor game to become one of the main cogs of the team.

In baseball in 1948 he was again making fielding stops that had the fans gasping, and over the season when the Broncos won 16 and lost 5 he had a batting average of .305 and fielding average of .966. The team won second in the Mid-American Conference, probably missing a tie by being rained out of 1 game. It was also a finalist with Illinois in the fourth NCAA Baseball Playoffs and was also the mythical state champion.

Terwilliger’s success in making the big jump to the major league is just another proof that sound fundamentals are needed for success in the game, especially when that jump is made from college to the “big show” in the space of a single year.

It is also a fairly good indication that the sandlotter and the high school graduate are usually too immature and too sadly lacking in fundamentals to hope to make the grade. They are lured by a contract which gives them a small bonus, usually farmed out to some class D league team and are lost sight of.

The college man, on the other hand, has a few years more of maturity, sound coaching in fundamentals and when he is ready to sign can usually command a fat financial bonus which means more than he could possibly save during those few years. He has better future baseball prospects in the leagues and moreover he has a college education to go with it and to fall back upon when his league playing days have ended.

We congratulate Terwilliger upon his success in league baseball and are congratulating him upon joining the ranks of Western’s Alumni, thousands of whom will be watching his career with the Cubs.

Good Records

As is usually the case a number of Western graduates in the football coaching field turned in outstanding jobs last fall, and perhaps among the top performances were those of Harry Potter at Muskegon, whose team tied with Kalamazoo Central for the Southwestern Michigan Conference title without a defeat in the conference race; Lester Binkley at Fremont, Ohio, and John C. Hoekje, at East Grand Rapids, the latter turning up with an undefeated season.

Harry Potter has been coaching baseball and assisting Tiny Redmond in football and basketball for years before Redmond resigned and Potter was then appointed as football coach, coming up last fall with one of the real strong gridiron teams of the state. Potter’s teams for some years dominated the baseball championship play in the Southwestern Conference, and it now looks as though he would be a most able successor to Redmond in football. His contract at Muskegon High School has just recently been extended over a period of years.

Lester Binkley, coaching at Ross High, Fremont, Ohio, just added luster to his previously great record as his 1949 team won 9 out of 10 games. In the past 3 years his teams have won 26 games, lost 3 and tied 1, an outstanding mark for any coach. His team was considered one of the half dozen best in Ohio last fall and continued to move him into high prominence in Ohio football circles.

John Hoekje, Jr., turned in the first undefeated and untied season in the history of the school at East Grand Rapids, and his team with that record naturally won its conference title, while scoring an average of 26.5 points per game to 6 for the opponents per game.

Included in the record was a 13-6 win over Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills, for the second victory over that school in 23 years for East Grand Rapids. That team then defeated Holland and Grand Rapids South. Others defeated by East Grand Rapids in turn defeated some strong teams.
Bronco Hall of Fame

For almost a quarter of a century since he graduated from Western Michigan College in 1926, after a brilliant athletic career, Fred Zuidema has been serving the public schools of Kalamazoo. Until 1939 he taught at Vine Street Junior High and since then has been with Central High School, teaching physical education and coaching and last fall he climaxed this long and successful career when his team tied for the Championship of the Southwestern Michigan Class A Conference, his team having an all over season mark of 8 victories, a tie and no defeats.

Mr. Zuidema has not only been the football coach at Central High School since 1939 when he succeeded Eugene Thomas, but so fine has been his record as a strong member of the physical education department and in athletics that he was also appointed as athletic director of the high school in 1948 upon the retirement of Herbert Stoddard, who had held the post for many years.

The rise of Mr. Zuidema in the ranks in the Kalamazoo schools has not been the result of accident, but rather because of hard work and long hours of successful endeavor. When he first went to Vine Street in 1926 he was given the job of coaching the B team under "Dutch" Strome and the following year he coached the B squad under Swift Noble. From 1928 through 1938 Mr. Zuidema continued to coach the B squad under Coach Eugene Thomas with such splendid results that, when Mr. Thomas retired from active coaching, Fred Zuidema was appointed as football coach in 1939.

Because the junior high athletes have not been available for the varsity teams at Central High, the coaching job there has had its problems, but Zuidema has taken them in stride in his work as a football coach there, knowing that he would not have football men as long as would coaches where they did not have junior high schools. That has not prevented Mr. Zuidema from turning in an all over football record at Central High School of 58 victories against 37 defeats and 4 ties starting with the fall of 1939 in a conference that is admittedly as tough as any in the state, culminating that record with his undefeated season in 1949 when the team tied with Muskegon, coached by Harry Potter, a former teammate at Western Michigan, was second for the Broncos, the team in basketball and the Varsity golf squad, which with other activities certainly rounds out a full year for him in the coaching field.

Mr. Zuidema, in his undergraduate days at Western Michigan, was somewhat of an athlete on his own, playing three years of football on strong Bronco teams and on two of the early tennis teams just as Western was beginning to become a power and continue as a power on the courts for many years.

Fred Zuidema

He played end on the football teams of 1923, 1924 and 1925, the first of these years under Coach Milt Olander when the team lost a single game. Then for two years he played under Coach Earl Martineau on teams which each season lost only one game. On those teams were such men as Potter, Martin Van Wingen, Glen Righter, Rudel Miller, Oscar Johnson, Harry Lee, Clytus Carr, Walter Farrar, Nick Beam and many others.

Zuidema was a member of the tennis team in 1925 and 1926, then handled by John C. Hoekje, dean of administration and registrar. With Leon Hart, one of the Broncos early tennis stars, he won the doubles crown of the Michigan Intercollegiate and Michigan Invitational tournaments in 1925 when the Broncos won team honors in both meets.

If solid fundamentals for his position, hard work, long hours and dogged effort can make for success, Fred Zuidema has had the qualifications, and his success has come from that combination. He is another of the long list of Western Michigan College men who have gone into coaching and physical education who have made an outstanding success in their work. We are proud to know him; proud to hand him this nomination into the Bronco Hall of Fame.

Named Basketball Manager

Al Mazur, who was an outstanding second baseman for the Western Michigan College baseball team back in 1937 after which he signed a contract with Boston, has just recently been named as manager of the Monroe, La., club of the Cotton States Baseball League.

The season that Mazur played second for the Broncos, the team played only two collegiate teams not members of the Big Ten, Michigan State and Notre Dame, 11 games being played, with several washed out by rain. This team also played an exhibition contest in Grand Rapids with the New York Yankees, then World Champions.
Alumni News

Edited by Vern E. Mabie

Detroit Alumni Meet

About sixty-five Western Alumni met for a smoker in the Fort Shelby Hotel, Detroit, on Monday evening, December 12th. Representatives of graduating classes as early as 1912 were present. The early part of the evening was spent in discussing some of the problems surrounding the establishment of a permanent alumni club in the area. Later in the evening the group settled around tables that seemed to have an endless supply of excellent coffee and sandwiches. All seemed reluctant to leave and the party did not break up until midnight.

Harold Speicher, General Association president, left arrangements for the smoker in the hands of Dick Huston, Willis Bullard, and Jerry Neuman. They did an excellent job, and plans are now under way for an organization meeting to be held in the near future.

Guests of the Detroit group from Western’s campus were M. J. (Mike) Gary, head of the Department of Physical Education, and Coaches John Gill, Charlie Maher, and Clayton Maus, and Vern E. Mabie, Director of Placement and Alumni Relations.

Richard Eugene Huston, Dick to his friends, attended Western from September of 1946 to January 1949. At that time he enrolled in the University of Detroit School of Journalism from which he expects to be graduated in January 1951. After graduating from Sturgis High School in 1944, he spent two years in the U. S. Navy, a part of this time in the South Pacific. At Western Dick worked on the sports staff of the Herald, being editor of the sports section during 1947-48. He also worked part time on the sports staff of the Kalamazoo Gazette and assisted with basketball game broadcasts over WKZO.

Willis C. Bullard, A.B. 1939, is a member of the law firm of “Dyer, Angell, Meek and Batten,” 2103-13 Dime Building, Detroit, Michigan. Clients of this firm include railroad, gas utility, steamship, and other corporations.

Mr. Bullard graduated cum laude in his class at Western and completed the work for his L.L.B. at the University of Michigan Law School in 1942. He was active in speech and student council activities while at Western and was made editor and business manager of the first student-controlled “Teacher’s College Herald.”

In June 1941, Mr. Bullard and Virginia Gilmore, A.B. ’41, were married. They have two sons, Willis, Jr., six, and David, four. The family resides at 1993 Van Antwerp Road, Grosse Pointe Woods.

Jerry Neuman, 1937, is at present an agent for the Bankers’ Life Insurance Company of Des Moines, Iowa. In addition to this full time position he acted as varsity backfield coach for Michigan State Normal College at Ypsilanti during the fall of 1949 and played professional football with the Highland Park Bears as coach and player in the Michigan Independent Football League. At the season’s end, he was selected as all-league quarterback.

Neuman is a native of Highland Park, Michigan, where he won all city honors as a football and basketball player in high school. At Western he participated ably in football, basketball, and baseball, was a member of the “W” Club and Theta Chi Delta. After leaving Western he coached at Otisville and Highland Park where his teams established enviable athletic records.

In 1938, Mr. Neuman and Elizabeth Althoff, ’36, were married. They have two children, Jerry Frederick, age ten, and Jayne Marie, age six. The Neumans live at 35 Monterey, Highland Park 3, Michigan.

 Granted Assistantship

Rolland VanHattum of Grand Rapids, who was graduated from Western Michigan College on February 4, has been appointed to an assistantship at Pennsylvania State College in Speech Correction, and expects to be graduated cum laude in his class in April 4, has been appointed to an assistantship at Pennsylvania State College in Speech Correction, and expects to be graduated cum laude in his class in April 1951.

Mr. VanHattum is a native of Highland Park where his teams established enviable athletic records.

During his four years at Western he has been active in campus affairs. He served as president of his class during his sophomore year. Later he was president of the Men’s Union Board and was a member of the student council for three years. For two successive years he played leads in the Brown and Gold Fantasies, the annual all-student production presented under the sponsorship of the student council. He is a graduate of Creston High School, Grand Rapids.
Makes Good on Broadway

David Wayne, who as Wayne McMeekan attended Western Michigan College in 1933 and 1934, has been named Flair Magazine’s selection as the “Star of 1950.”

He is now appearing in “Adam’s Rib” and will soon be seen in Cole Porter’s new musical “Out of This World” and also in two forthcoming films “The Reformer and the Redhead” and “My Blue Heaven.”

Wayne, the son of David McMeekan a retired insurance executive now living in Grand Rapids, enrolled at Western from Bloomingdale and remained in college for two years. He then went to Cleveland where he took a position with the Sherwin-Williams Company as a statistician by day and with the semi-professional Academy Guild Players by night.

Later he appeared with the Shakespearean repertory company at the Cleveland Exposition and has since been seen in numerous successes including among others “Finian’s Rainbow” and “Mr. Roberts.” He married Jane Gordon, a former actress, and with their three children they have a home in Manhattan. The New York Times of January 15, published a comprehensive review of his career.

University President

Frederick A. Middlebush, Ph.D., L. L. D., president of the University of Missouri, graduated from Western Michigan Normal School in 1911. He was a native of Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Like many noted educators, he started teaching in the rural schools. He taught rural school in Michigan during 1908-09, and then in the Kalamazoo City schools the year after finishing at Western. From 1912 to 1916 he studied at the University of Michigan and was awarded the Ph.D. degree in the latter year.

Between 1915 and 1922, Dr. Middlebush taught in the Department of History and Political Science at Knox College, Galesburg, Illinois. In the autumn of 1922 he joined the faculty of the University of Missouri as associate professor. A quick succession of promotions saw him made professor, acting dean, then dean of the School of Business and Public Administration, acting president, and then president of the University, a position he has held since 1935.

Shortly after leaving the University of Michigan, Dr. Middlebush was married to Catherine Sofia Paine, of Lakeview, Iowa.

Dr. Middlebush was visiting professor at Stanford University in the summer of 1927. He has done research work in London, The Hague, Paris and Geneva. In addition he has frequently been called to serve on numerous boards, commissions and committees. Among these, he is a member of the Academic Advisory Board of the United States Merchant Marine Academy and was chairman for the year 1948-49. He has served on the Executive Councils of the American Society of International Law, and the American Political Science Association. In 1948-49 he was a member of the Executive Committee of the Association of Land-Grant Colleges and Universities, and was president of the National Association of State Universities.

Occasional relaxation with gun or fishing rod in the wide open spaces renews his energy for the rigorous demands of his extremely busy life.

Alumna Plans Program

Dr. E. T. McSwain, dean of the University College Northwestern University, stressed the need for higher type of education to meet present world conditions when he gave the principal address at the meeting of the Michigan Association for Student Teaching, which held a two days conference at Western Michigan College November 13. Approximately two hundred teachers were in attendance.

Dr. McSwain emphasized the necessity of an increased number of teachers adequately trained to recognize future needs and to prepare pupils to assume their duties as citizens of the future. The speaker said that it is important that teachers be trained, not only to sense their patriotic social service duties, but to inspire their students to a similar recognition of their roles as citizens in the new world.

The speaker pointed to the need to educate citizens to be able to distinguish between fact and propaganda. The teaching profession, he contended, holds a greater responsibility to society at the present time than ever before. With the prospect of seven million more children in schools in 1956-57 than in 1946-47, he said that 100,000 more teachers are needed each year. Only 30,000 are annually available each year, he pointed out.

Miss Charlotte Junge, Wayne University, presided at the conference. Dr. Ruth Ellsworth, a graduate of Western and now a member of the faculty of Wayne University, was program chairman, and Miss Ermeline McGowen of Western Michigan College faculty was chairman of the local arrangements. Miss McGowen presided at the luncheon meeting at Arcadia Dining Hall at which Dr. Wynand Wichers, vice-president of Western Michigan College, gave the address.
Teaching in Japan

Honora M. O'Connor, '43, is teaching in Camp McGill which is located about twenty-five miles from Yokohama and about forty-five miles from Tokyo in Japan. She has fourteen second, and eleven third graders. In addition to her teaching duties she is studying the Japanese language. Miss O'Connor lives in an army barracks with six other women. There are four teachers, two entertainers, and one Red Cross worker in the group. Their meals are taken at the Officer's Mess Hall.

The first year after graduation Miss O'Connor spent at home in Ionia, Michigan, because of illness in her family, but subsequently taught one year at Las Cruces, New Mexico, two years at Covert, Michigan, and two years at Mt. Morris, Michigan.

Miss O'Connor's complete address is: Honora M. O'Connor D.A.C., Hdq. Camp McGill, Apr. 20, Unit 1, c/o Post Master, San Francisco, California.

A Real Westerner

Jean Margaret Beute, '43, whose parents live in Kalamazoo has become a real Westerner. In 1948 she married William L. Eichenberger and they are living on a ranch in a canyon four miles north of Blanding, Utah. The chief products of the area are grain and beef. The ranch has an electric power plant that enables them to have modern conveniences.

Mrs. Eichenberger writes, "Blanding is a Mormon village. There is no other church there and civic organizations revolve around the church."— "Here, at the ranch, we have cedar and pine trees in abundance, also the common sage of the west. The Blue Mountains can be seen from our windows. We are at an altitude of 7500 feet."— This situation "would keep a home economics major busy as recipes require almost a slide rule to figure."

"The ranch is near the Navajo Indian Reservation and the Pahutes and Navajos who live there are interesting to know. I have a horse of my own, as does my husband. We have a dog and three cats plus chickens, turkeys, rabbits and a cow. It is really good, living in the 'wide open spaces,' and I'm sure very healthful living. I love our animals and being here."

Prior to her marriage Mrs. Eichenberger taught four years in Battle Creek and one year in Moah, Utah. The address is now: L. C. Ranch, Blanding, Utah.

Joins University Staff

Charles B. Hicks, general degree, '38, teacher's certificate '39, joined the staff of Ohio State University in September as an assistant professor in the Department of Business Organizations. Dr. Hicks recently completed the work for his Ph.D. at the University of Michigan and received it in February 1950.

Dr. Hicks' boyhood home was Kalamazoo. His parents live at 921 Dewey Avenue. He did his first teaching in North Muskegon between 1939 and 1942. While here he worked on his Master of Arts degree which was taken at Columbia in the summer of 1942. After serving nearly four years in the United States Army, fifteen months of it in Europe as a member of an Engineer Combat Battalion, he returned to Western as an instructor of economics and accounting from February 1946 to June 1947. He attended the University of Michigan as the recipient of a Special Rackham Fellowship granting $1000 per year from '47 to '49.

In February 1944, Dr. Hicks was married to Berna Willford, '43, who taught home economics at North Muskegon. The Hicks have two children, Douglas Alan born May 5, 1945 and Cheryl Sue, born November 10, 1946.

Teacher Retires

Christine J. Broek, L.C. '31, retired from teaching in the public schools of Holland, Michigan, in May, 1948. She is a native of Holland and prepared herself for teaching by attendance at Hope Preparatory School, Ferris Institute and Western Michigan College.

Miss Broek

In the twenty-six years of her teaching career she taught in the Christian School at Moline, Michigan, and in the public schools of Beechwood and Holland, Michigan. She taught seventeen years as an elementary teacher in the latter city.

Becomes Graduate Assistant

William G. Brown, Jr. who graduated from Western Michigan College at the end of the fall semester was awarded a graduate assistantship in German by the University of Indiana. He will begin his work there immediately.

Mr. Brown

The son of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Brown of Alpine, California, formerly of Battle Creek, he enrolled as a freshman at Western in February 1947. He has maintained an average academic record better than B. Last June he was awarded the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation award for excellence in Ger-
A Medical Team

In the summer of 1949, Mary Louise Warren, Pre-Med '42, and her husband, William W. Hunt, M.D., opened an office for the general practice of medicine in the city of Bridgewater, Massachusetts. The Hunt family has provided physicians for Bridgewater during the last two generations.

Dr. Warren was a graduate of Portage Agricultural High School in the class of 1940. She took her pre-medical training at Western during the next two years then transferred to Wayne University where she remained until the autumn of 1944. In that year she was accepted at Boston University School of Medicine on the accelerated war program. At the beginning of her senior year 1947-48 she was married to her classmate, William W. Hunt. They graduated together and their first child, a baby girl, Wilma H., was born a few hours after final exams were over.

In her undergraduate training Dr. Warren did some work in cancer research. She also assisted in the delivery of over four hundred babies during her last two years in college. She carried out a rotating internship with her husband for one year at Central Maine General Hospital, Lewiston, Maine, before joining him in the establishment of their private practice.

A Pilot's Wife

June Flory (Woods), B. S. '38, taught elementary grades in the Wilson School and the Lincoln School of the Mount Clemens public schools from 1938 until 1942. Miss Flory attended the Lincoln School as a child, and graduated from Mount Clemens High School. She was active in extra-curricular activities at Western.

On September 5, 1942, she married Carroll D. Woods, of Harrodsburg, Kentucky, who at that time was a staff sergeant pilot. A week after their marriage, Staff Sergeant Woods left for England, from there went on to Africa, participating in the African and Sicilian invasions. While overseas he received his commission. After being overseas fifteen months, he returned to the States. Mrs. Woods continued to teach during this time. She joined her husband upon his return to the states, and subsequently he was ordered to Sedalia Army Air Field, Sedalia, Missouri. While there he was sent to Bryan, Texas, for a six weeks' training course, and upon his return to Sedalia acted as an instrument check pilot. He was stationed at Sedalia from February, 1944, to May, 1945, when he was released from the Army to become a commercial pilot with TWA in Kansas City, Missouri.

In March, 1947, he and his family were transferred to the International Division of TWA at Wilmington, Delaware. After completing his training there, he made flights to Shannon, Ireland, and Madrid, Spain.

In February, 1948, the family returned to Kansas City where Mr. Woods went through Captain's School. In August, 1948, he completed the training successfully and became a captain, or first pilot, for TWA. Since then he has been making flights cast from Kansas City.

Mr. and Mrs. Woods have a son, Michael, who was born in Kansas City on October 3, 1945. On March 8 of this year, twin sons, David Edwin and Dennis Edward, arrived. The family has purchased a home at 6828 Agnes, Kansas City 5, Missouri.

Away Down South

Dr. Clare Helmer Bennett, A.B. Western 1929, is Professor of Biology at Memphis State College, Memphis, Tennessee. Formerly he taught for several years at Northern Michigan College of Education in Marquette, and in Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio. His teaching career was started in the rural schools of Jackson County, Michigan between 1923 and 1926. Subsequent to graduation from Western he also taught one year in Battle Creek and was head of the Biology Department at Albion High School for seven years. Dr. Bennett earned his A.M. at the University of Michigan and his Ph.D. at Michigan State College.

While teaching in Albion, Mr. Bennett was married to Marian
Spencer Hitt who attended Western as a student in the Later Elementary field in 1924 and 1925. The Bennetts have two boys, Spencer Clare, nine, and Eric Helmer, six. Mrs. Bennett completed the work for her Bachelor of Science degree at Memphis State in 1949.

Basketball Coach
Walter W. Wegerly, A.B., 1931, is varsity basketball coach and instructor of health education at Cooley High School in Detroit. In 1948, he was declared "Coach of the Year" by the Detroit Free Press. For the first time in Cooley history, the basketball team reached the finals in the play-off for the city championship that year. The team finished the season as runner-up.

Before accepting his present position Wegerly had secured a wealth of experience in recreation and athletics, having been Assistant Director of Recreation in Kalamazoo, Director of Athletics at Plainwell, Supervisor of Recreation, Highland Park, Michigan, and Athletic Officer in the United States Navy for 46 months. While at Highland Park, he coached a Detroit Y. M. C. A. state championship basketball team, and while in the Navy coached service teams that played several of the large eastern universities.

In 1943 Mr. Wegerly was married to Miss Lillian Connor of Detroit. The Wegerly's have two boys, Walter Kerry, age five, and Jim Kevin, age six months.


Besides his intense interest in athletics, Wegerly has found time to operate a private business. He is owner of "Town Hall Hamburgers, Inc." of 236 East South Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

While at Western, "Walt" was charter president of Theta Chi Delta and a member of Western's Physical Education fraternity.

Employed by Government
Ted E. McHold, '34, is chief of the Special Studies Branch, Economics and Statistics Division, Bureau of Accounting in the Federal Communications Commission, Washington, D. C. He has held this position since 1945 when he was transferred to the F. C. C. from the War Production Board where he had served during the war. McHold first went to Washington in February 1942 to accept a position with the Federal Works Agency. He is particularly concerned with investigations connected with "the regulation of telephone, telegraph, and cable communications; the licensing of radio broadcast and television; and the licensing of the radio safety and special services."

Prior to accepting work with the Federal Government, Mr. McHold taught business education in the public schools of Constantine and Albion, Michigan. He received his A.M. degree from the University of Michigan in 1938.

In June 1936, Ted McHold and Ruth Whelen, '33, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Whelen, of Prairie Avenue, Kalamazoo, were married. The McHolds have three children, David Stanley, eleven, Margaret Sharon, eight, and Rosemary Frances, six. The family has a home at 213 Albany Avenue, Takoma Park, Maryland. All are active in the work of the Presbyterian Church of that city.

Off to Hawaii
(Picture on Page 28)
Captain Glenn R. Townsend, '42, of the United States Army Air Force recently moved with his family from Washington, D. C. to Hawaii where he has been assigned to Hickam Field. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Russell R. Townsend and they reside at 2117 Parkview Avenue, Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Townsend is the former Mary Jean Hill, '44, daughter of Mrs. Eddith Campbell Hill, '16, 437 West Vine Street. Mrs. Hill has taught for many years in the Kalamazoo City Schools.

The Townsends have three small sons, Dennis, Duane, and Stephen. The entire family packed their traveling equipment in a new station wagon, purchased in Kalamazoo, and left here November 12 on the first leg of their journey to Hawaii. Captain Townsend has been assigned to Hickam Field for a three year tour of duty.

During the war, Captain Townsend flew 90 round trip missions.
over the Himalayan “hump” into China as the pilot of a C-46 transport. He was located in the China-Burma-India theatre for many months.

An Interesting Family
(Picture on Page 27)

Mrs. Lola Yonkers, the former Lola E. Ridgeway, graduated from Western in 1926 with an Early Elementary Life Certificate. Prior to her marriage she taught in Irons, Michigan, and did substitute teaching during the war years. Mrs. Yonkers is active in the First Baptist Church and Sunday School of Muskegon Heights and in the Mu chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon sorority. She has been active in P. T. A. work, holding the presidency of the Muskegon Heights P. T. A. Council for two consecutive years. She has been on the Muskegon County Goodfellows board for five years and has also been active as a leader in the Muskegon County Girl Scouts.

Mr. Yonkers is head of the Model Dept. of Norge Division, Borg-Warner Corporation in Muskegon Heights. He is a member of the Engineering Club at the Norge, and is also an active member of the Muskegon Masons.

The G. H. Yonkers have four children, Betty, Harold, Robert, and Louise. Betty, a senior at Western, is enrolled in the Secondary Education curriculum with majors in French and mathematics and a minor in English. She is a member of Arista, honorary society of senior women; Kappa Delta Pi, honorary education society; Theta Pi Alpha, social sorority; Women’s League cabinet for 1949-50; the Student French Club; the Student Science Club; and the Future Teachers of America.

Harold (in separate photograph) is a private first class in the U. S. Army now stationed in Japan. Robert, a senior at Muskegon Heights Senior High School, is planning on entering the Navy upon his graduation this June. Louise, a junior at Heights High, is interested in a nursing career. The Yonkers live at 324 East Lincoln Avenue, Muskegon Heights, Michigan.

Presidents Corner
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munity should be sufficient to bring the salary level to $6000 or more.

6. Beginning salaries in schedules should provide for a differential of $200 or more for each additional year of acceptable preparation.

7. For each additional year of acceptable education the amount of the annual increment should be increased. It is recommended that the number of annual increments also be increased with each additional year of acceptable education.

8. The initial position of each teacher on the salary schedule should be determined by his amount of preparation and years of experience, with reasonable credit being given for teaching experience in other school systems, whether in the same state or in other states.

9. The salary schedule and the teaching load should be brought into satisfactory adjustment, and the application of the schedule should be consistent throughout.

10. The principles of salary scheduling herein recommended are intended to provide compensation on a professional level.

We are calling these ten principles to the attention of our readers with the hope that we can thus contribute to the improvement of teaching in our schools.

P. V. S.

Faculty Publications

Dr. George G. Mallinson, of the Departments of Psychology and Education, is the author of “A Comparison Between the Scores Obtained on a Science Achievement Test by Student Teachers in Science and by High School Pupils,” which appeared in the December issue of School Science and Mathematics.

Dr. Theodore L. Carlson, of the Economics Department, is preparing his doctoral thesis for publication by the University of Illinois Press. The subject of Dr. Carlson’s thesis is The Illinois Military Tract; A Study of Land Occupation, Utilization, and Tenure.


Mrs. Frances M. Carp wrote an article entitled “Ideal and Expected Occupation Goals of High School Students,” which appears in the November, 1949, issue of Occupations on pages 97-100.

Howard F. Bigelow is a member of the committee compiling A College Course in Consumer Problems, a Handbook for Instructors. The purpose of the syllabus is to stimulate work in training teachers of consumer education. Mr. Bigelow is also author of an article, “Financial Plans in the Family Life Cycle—Usual Family Patterns,” published in the January, 1950, issue of the Journal of Home Economics.

Dr. John Feirer, acting as representative for the Northern Region, aided in the preparation of A. V. A. Bulletin No. 4, 1949, published by the American Vocational Association, Washington, D.C. The bulletin entitled, Studies in Industrial Education, was prepared by the Research Committee of the National Association of Industrial Teacher Trainers.

Faculty Activities

GLADYS SAUR conducted a four day workshop, October 25-28, at the Bayard Junior High School in Wilmington, Delaware. Mrs. Saur was invited to speak to the New York secondary principals at their annual meeting in Syracuse, New York, on December 5. She was also a luncheon speaker while there.

Dr. Chester Hunt attended a convention of the American Sociological Society in New York City, during December 27-31.

Dr. Leslie A. Kenoyer, Dr. Harriette Bartoo, A. Verne Fuller, and Frank J. Hinds were present at the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science held in New York City during the holiday season.

Dr. A. Edythe Mange and Dr. Margaret Burnham MacMillan attended the annual convention of the American Historical Association in Boston, December 28-30. Dr. Mange represented Western Michigan College at the first meeting of the Michigan Council for UNESCO on November 12 at Michigan State College.

Dr. George G. Mallinson presented a paper entitled, "The Relationship between the Work of Elementary Science and Geography Teachers," before the National Council of Geography Teachers in Cleveland, Ohio, on November 25.

Dr. William J. Berry and Dr. Cyril Stout were among those present at the meeting. On November 26, Dr. Mallinson was chairman of the Junior College Science Group meeting at the Convention of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers in Chicago, Illinois.

Neil Leslie Schoenials has been appointed a member of the Committee for Project Evaluation of the Michigan Industrial Education Society. On November 17th he spoke to the Cradle Roll Mothers of the First Methodist Church on "Creative Activities for the Pre-School Child."

Esther Schroeder has been appointed to the State Curriculum Committee on Elementary Education. On November 18 she served as a consultant at the Ottawa County Health Workshop in Holland, Michigan.

Harry W. Lawson has had a number of speaking engagements since his recent return from a three month's stay in Germany where he acted as a visiting expert on Vocational Education for the Military Government. On December 5-10 he attended the meeting of the American Vocational Association in Atlantic City, New Jersey, during which he served on a panel on International Education. Dr. Devo B. Fox and Adrian Trimpe also attended this annual convention.

Dr. Devo B. Fox took part in a panel discussion at a joint session of the State Educational Advisory Committee and the Curriculum Planning Committee at St. Mary's Lake on January 10-11.

Adrian Trimpe attended the National Retail Dry Goods Association's 39th Annual Convention, which was held at the Statler Hotel, New York City, from January 9-13.

Katherine Stokes spoke to the Grand Rapids chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon at their Christmas dinner December 13. On November 30 and December 1 she attended the Conference on Higher Education at Ann Arbor. On November 10, at the Midwest Regional Conference of the American Library Association in Grand Rapids, Miss Stokes presented the report of the Planning Committee of the Michigan Library Association on the proposed A. L. A. Reorganization Plan to the Third General Session of the Michigan Library Association. In addition to Miss Stokes the following library staff members were present at the conference of the American Library Association in Grand Rapids on November 9-12: Ada E. Berkey, Edith E. Clark, Hazel E. Cleveland, Hazel M. DeMeyer, Phoebe Lumaree, Taisto John Niemi, and Paul L. Randall.

Alice Louise LeFevre, as president of the Michigan Library Association, introduced Governor Williams at the opening evening general session in Grand Rapids on November 8.

Mait Graye Hunt attended the 75th Anniversary meeting of the Historical Society of Michigan which met in Lansing on October 28-29. On December 15 she spoke to the Women's Club in Bronson, Michigan, on the subject "Christmas in Children's Books."

Taisto John Niemi reviewed Fulton Oursler's Greatest Story Ever Told on radio station WKZO, Friday, January 13, on the Western Michigan on the Air program.

Dr. Arnold E. Schneider and Thomas W. Null attended the National Business Teachers Association convention held in Chicago, December 28-30. Dr. Schneider spoke before a meeting of the Battle Creek Parent-Teachers Association at Level Park School in Battle Creek on November 10. On November 23 he addressed the Detroit Vortex Club in Detroit.

Dr. J. William Cundiff, William L. Burdieck and George A. Kirby attended the Michigan Accounting Instructors meeting at Lansing on December 3.

Angelo LaMariana took part in a panel discussion on String Education on November 25-26 during a meeting of the Illinois M. E. A. at the University of Illinois. On January 13-14 Mr. LaMariana attended the Midwest Conference on School Vocal and Instrumental Music at Ann Arbor.

Dr. Ralph N. Miller and Jack C. Ellis journeyed to Buffalo, New York, for November 24-26, where they attended a convention of the National Council of Teachers of English.

Dr. Lawrence G. Knowlton, Dr. Gerald Osborn, James W. Boynton, Robert J. Eldridge and Laura E. Osterberg attended the fall meeting of the Michigan College Chemistry Teachers Association held in Ann Arbor on December 3.

Dr. Gerald Osborn was present at the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers meeting held in Chicago, November 25-26. He was elected vice chairman of the chemistry section for the 1950 meeting.

Dr. Elsworth P. Woods spoke before the International Relations Club of the A. A. U. W. of Kalamazoo on November 17th on the topic "How Our Foreign Policy is Made."

Betty Taylor conducted a workshop for school lunchroom cooks and managers on October 21 at Woodland, Michigan. Miss Taylor and Dr. Lillian H. Meyer attended the Michigan State Diabetic Association meeting in Lansing on November 3.

Marion R. Spear spoke on the training of the occupational therapist and the great need for trained workers that exists throughout the United States at meetings of the A. A. U. W. in Allegan, the D. S. R. in Paw Paw, and at Central High School in Kalamazoo. During the Christmas vacation Miss Spear visited occupational therapy centers in Massachusetts and Rhode Island where the Kalamazoo students are sent for part of their clinical training.

Mary L. Nelson, chairperson of the vocational guidance program at State High sponsored by the Who's New Club
and the Junior Chamber of Commerce on January 19. On October 15 and January 20, Miss Nelson attended meetings of the board of the Michigan Occupational Therapy Association of which she is treasurer.

Lucille Abbott Nobbs gave a talk for the Business and Professional Women's Club of South Haven on October 26 on the subject “Here and There Abroad.” On December 10 Miss Nobbs was a speaker at the Christmas dinner of the Optimists Club of South Haven where her topic was “What's Ahead For Eustis.”

Frank C. Householder met on January 14 with officers of the Berrien County Council of Teachers of English in St. Joseph for a planning conference. Helen G. Sellers and Dr. Robert M. Limpus were also in attendance.

M. Deena Loutenresher attended the Conference on Higher Education in Ann Arbor on November 30, December 1.

Hazel E. Cleveland talked to the Women’s Study Club in Albion on October 31 on “What Is New in Fiction.” She also talked on “Books For Children” at a Book Fair held in the Jefferson School in St. Joseph on October 23, to the Mothers Club in Paw Paw on November 15, to fifty rural teachers at the Giles School, North Muskegon, on December 13, and to the Mothers Club in Comstock on January 4.

President Paul V. Sandgren went to Washington, D. C., January 9-11 to attend a planning committee meeting of the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards. The group made plans for a conference to be held at Indiana University during June 26-July 1. President Sangren made example for the North Central Association to State Teachers College, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, January 19-20; State A & M College, Pine Bluff, Arkansas, February 2-3; and State College at Alamosa, Colorado, February 14-15.

Clayton J. Maus attended a College Physical Education Association meeting January 4-6 in Columbus, Ohio. In November Mr. Maus attended a physical education workshop at St. Mary's Lake.

Ruth C. Walmsley, as sponsor of the local chapter of Chi Omega Rho, attended the state delegates meeting of the Retail and Office Clubs of Michigan and was elected to the executive council. She will also serve on the State Planning Committee for the annual convention of the Michigan clubs which will be held on Western Michigan's campus on Saturday, April 29.

Marguerite Patton’s recent speaking engagements included talks to the Lansing Women’s Club and the Flint Business and Professional Women’s Club.

Dr. Orle I. Fredericks, Director of Research Division, served as a member of an examining committee at the request of the State Board of Education, visited Olivet College on December 16, concerning its program of teacher education.

Dr. Wynand Wichers addressed extension classes at Battle Creek on October 19. On October 30, Dr. Wichers gave a talk to the Plainwell M. E. Church on the subject “Faith and Freedom.” In November he spoke at banquets of the Kalamazoo County Auto Dealers Association and the Kalamazoo Building and Loan and Savings Bank employees.

John W. Gill was head speaker at the Decatur High School football banquet on January 16, was a speaker at the Annual Convention on October 28.

Thomas C. Slaughter was a guest speaker at the Centreville sports banquet held on November 19.

Dr. Charles H. Butler, Dr. Julian Greenlee, and Walter G. Marburger attended the annual convention of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers November 26-27 at Chicago. Dr. Greenlee participated both as a panel member in a sectional meeting and as a speaker at the general session of the Twenty-fifth Conference on the Education of Teachers in Science in New York City, November 18-19. He also served as a science consultant at a five-day conference of teachers and authors in New York City during the holidays.

Dr. John Feiber presented a paper entitled “Aviation Education in the Junior High School” at the Industrial Arts Conference held November 10-12 at Chicago, Illinois.

Leonard Garnett spoke to the Marcellus PTA on October 20 on the subject “What Parents Expect of Teachers.” Mr. Garnett represented Western at “College Days” at E. Lansing High School and Battle Creek Central High School.

Julius Sturberg attended the Midwestern Conference on School Vocal and Instrumental Music on January 13-14. He was one of the conductors of the Teacher’s String Orchestra at that conference. This fall, Mr. Sturberg was again appointed State Chairman for String Instruction for Michigan, under the Music Educators National Conference String Instruction Project.

Elaine L. Stevenson visited the new Des Moines Art Center, which was designed by Eleni Saurin of the Cranbrook Academy of Art.

Dr. Leslie A. Kenover spoke on November 19 on behalf of the Detroit Biology Club to the Regional Convention of the National Association of Biology Teachers. The topic of his speech was “Plant Formations of the Plateau of Western United States and Mexico.”

Grover C. Barkoo was in St. Louis during December 5-9 attending a sales conference of representatives of the Webster Publishing Company taking part in a panel discussion of arithmetic textbooks of which he was a co-author. The last of his series of workbooks for the eighth grade is now at the printers and will appear shortly.

Dr. Charles T. Brown and Anna Lindblom attended the national convention of the Speech Association of America at Chicago, December 28-30. Miss Lindblom also attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Tau Kappa Alpha and secured from the council the right to adopt a plan for fraternal representation in fraternity activities.

Dr. Alfred H. Nadelman presented a paper on “Problems and Trends In Defining” for a meeting on December 15 of the American Pulp and Paper Mill Superintendents Association in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Leoti C. Britton recently took thirty-five college students to see Verdi’s “Aida” performed by the New York Opera Company in Chicago. Miss Britton accompanied the State High choir to Vicksburg to give a program before the Lady’s Library Club of that village.

Dr. Floyd Moore and John D. Amey went to New York City December 27-30 to attend the annual meeting of the American Economic Association. On January 11, Dr. Moore addressed the Niles, Michigan, Economics Education Workshop on the subject of “Differences in Framers’ Approaches to Current Economic Problems.”

A. Verne Fuller gave her annual report as Educational Coordinator at a meeting of the Michigan Audubon Society on January 15 in East Lansing.

Ray C. Pellett, Dean of Men, addressed the Allegan and Middleville Rotary Clubs during the month of November. On January 13 he gave a radio address on station WKZO on the subject “Duties and Activities of a Dean of Men.”

Dr. Wm. McKinley Robinson was an assembly speaker at State Teachers College, Charleston, Illinois, on November 16. Dr. Robinson was chairman of a panel on rural teaching preparation at the Great Lakes Area Rural Conference held November 29 at the University of Michigan.

Dr. Elmer H. Wilds, Editor of the News Magazine, and Verne E. Marie, Director of Placement and Alumni Relations, attended the annual meetings of the American Alumni Council held at the Morris Inn, Highland Park, Illinois, from November 29 to December 1.
Alumni Personalities

1906

Mrs. Albert John Fee (Edna F. Hill) is a past matron of the Oshtemo Eastern Star and a past president of the Parent Teachers Association. Mr. and Mrs. Fee's present address is R. 8, Kalamazoo.

1911

Mrs. Lillian Ingerson Krull is teaching in Coon Hollow School in Three Rivers. Her address is R.F.D. 3, Box 313, Three Rivers, Michigan.

1912

Carl R. Cooper was honored Tuesday evening, December 6, by the Western campus chapter of Phi Delta Kappa, national graduate fraternity in education. He was presented with the seven years service key of the organization in "recognition of his outstanding service to the chapter" and was the first Kalamazoo man to be so honored.

Mrs. Mildred Osvalt Singleton is living at 711 Collingwood in Detroit.

Miss Anna Van Buskirk is living at 300 Washington Avenue, Muskegon, Michigan.

Mr. E. Duane Smith is teaching at the Harrison Park Junior High School in Grand Rapids. He is living at 1801 Eastern Avenue SE, Grand Rapids.

Mr. Harlan A. Coburn is an industrial arts instructor in the Battle Creek Public Schools. He is living at 15 Euclid Avenue, Battle Creek.

1913

Mrs. Opal J. Hyde Johnson is living at 3009 Lawndale Avenue, Flint, Michigan.

Mrs. Olive Cathcart Nevins is author of a poem printed in the "Educational Forum" for January 1950.

1914

Louise Campbell Giese passed away November 2 at Watervliet, Michigan. Surviving are her daughter, Dorcas Albertine, and her husband, John Giese '16, of Watervliet, Michigan. Also surviving is her sister Florence Campbell McNeal, a graduate of Western in 1917, who now lives at 27930 California Drive, Birmingham, Michigan.

Mrs. Edward B. Kurtz (Tildene Ringgold) is living at 11 McLean in Highland Park, Michigan.

1915

The home of Mrs. Margaret Hartman Magil is at 1562 Sanford Street, Muskegon, Michigan. Her husband is a physician.

1916

Mrs. George A. Packard (Mary F. Breyfogle) of Covert, Michigan, is the mother of six children. The fourth oldest, Dorothy Jean, graduated from Western in 1949 and is now teaching in Decatur, Michigan.

Mr. Ernest H. Chapelle is superintendent of schools in Ypsilanti, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Weaver (Emma D. Montgomery) are living at 724 Davis Street, Kalamazoo. Mr. Weaver is on the Western Michigan College staff.

Mr. Louis D. Corbat is teaching in the Oxford High School. He is living at 10 Crawford Avenue in Oxford.

Mrs. John Stanley Bien is living at 1321 W. Washtenaw in Lansing.

1917

Miss Edith Wellever is teaching in Dearborn where her address is 22521 Law Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Ackerman are living at 1421 N. Henry, Bay City, Michigan. Mr. Ackerman since graduation, taught vocational education in Bay City, was in the automotive industry there, and now is a partner in the Ackerman Brothers Metal Fabrications.

1923

Mr. Arthur I. Nelson is Director of Vocational Education at Big Rapids High School. He received his Master of Science degree at the University of Michigan in 1947. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson and their four children live at 116 Mill Street, Big Rapids, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Ludlam (Helen E. Burkhard) are now residing at 835 Cunningham Street, Grand Rapids, Michigan. They have three children: Ralph Joseph, twenty; Thomas, eighteen; and Patricia, seventeen.

1924

Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Brown (the former Wilma Hill who attended Western) are now residing at 121 Cedar Street, Plainwell, Michigan. Mr. Brown is a Chief Power Engineer for the Michigan Paper Company in Plainwell. The Brown's have one daughter, Diane, who is now a junior at Western.

Mr. Lionel W. VanKersen is residing in Los Angeles, California, where he is Civil Service probationer in the Library. Mr. VanKersen received his Master's degree in Library Science in 1934 from the University of Michigan.

1925

Dorothy Goss De Haven is a commercial artist in the Art Department of the Telephone Directory Advertising Company of Detroit. She helps make the drawings and layouts for the advertising on the yellow pages of the Detroit and one hundred sixty-five other city telephone directories in the state.

1926

Mr. Herbert Reinhardt is grade school principal in the Hastings Public Schools. Mr. and Mrs. Reinhardt (Stella Geisler) are residing at 204 W. Clinton Street, Hastings, with their three children, Mary, and twins, Ellen and Elaine.

Since leaving Western, Raimond Breece has taught in Cass and St. Joseph Counties for thirteen years. He then did some shop work and has now been in the grocery business for the past eight years. He is married and has four children. The Breece family live at 602 Walnut Street, Three Rivers, Michigan.

1927

Mr. and Mrs. Ormond D. Moore (Ruth Elferdink) are living at 15820 Oakfield, Detroit 27, Michigan. Mr. Moore is principal of Washington School in Detroit. Deane Burnham is principal of the Patagonia Junior High School in Lansing, Michigan, this year. He took over his new duties in September.

1928

Mr. and Mrs. Donald C. Allington (Ethel Callard) and their two daughters live at 161 Winter Street, Battle Creek, Michigan.

1929

Mr. Richard Rottier is an engineer for the General Electric Company in Schenectady, New York. After graduation he studied at the University of Michigan Graduate School and received his Master of Science in 1941. Since that time he has been employed in the Electronics Department of General Electric. Mr. and Mrs. Rottier have two children, Patricia, three, and Stephen, one. They live at 2008 Pyle Road in Schenectady.

1930

Miss Rose Bittner is residing in Sodus, Michigan, where she is a teacher in rural elementary education. She returned to Western and received her Bachelor of Science in 1945.

1931

Mrs. Elbie Mae Verden is now teaching at East Holland No. 11, Holland, Michigan.

1932

Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Irey (Marian M. Furney) now reside at 621 Trimble Avenue, Kalamazoo. They have two sons, Larry and Paul. Mr. Irey is Director of the Instruction of Music in the Kalamazoo junior high schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm R. Mackay (Constance Hinga) are living at 203 W. 21st Street, Holland, Michigan. Mr. Mackay is a teacher in the high school at Holland. The Mackay's have two children, Janet and Robert.

Mrs. Gordon Sindcup, the former Elizabeth H. Moore, is a housewife and is living with her dentist husband at 1801 W. Main Street, Kalamazoo, Michigan.

Mrs. Walter Sattler (Aradh Hunter) is residing at 1229 Parker Avenue, Kalamazoo. Her husband is affiliated with the Upjohn Company.

Mr. Charles Douglas McCuag was assistant manager of the Capitol Theater,
Kalamazoo, after his graduation. In 1934 he started work at the Upjohn Company and remained there for nine years during which time he married Miss Myrtle Ione Day, a 1940 graduate of Western. In 1943 the McCuaig's moved to their present residence, R. No. 2, Lyons Lake, Marshall, Michigan. He worked as pump production manager for the Eaton Manufacturing Company in Marshall for three years, and then went into the cement work contracting business for himself. He is now, and has been for several years, Justice of Peace in Fredonia Township.

Dr. George Comfort, a former faculty member of Western, has written a new textbook on political science to be published by Harpers and Brothers Publishing Company. Dr. Comfort received his bachelor's degree from Western and joined the faculty in the Department of Political Science. He left Western to become head of the Political Science Department of Dennison College. Last May, Dr. Comfort resigned to go to Butler College as head of its Political Science Department.

Mrs. Russell M. McBride, the former Barbara Jean Waldo, is now residing at 2345 Dorset Road, Columbus 12, Ohio, with her husband and two children.

Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Black are living at R. No. 3, Delton, Michigan, with their daughter, Carol Louise. Mr. Black is a stereotyper for Crescent Engraving in Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Eva Ramsby is now teaching her sixth year in the Cheboygan public schools. After graduation she taught in the Kent County schools until 1941 when she moved to Cheboygan.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph O. Birkhold (Lois Hawley) are living at 609 Stockbridge Avenue with their daughter, Julia, three years old, and a son, Tommy, one. Mr. Birkhold is a member of the law firm of Bucknell, Birkhold, and Fayling of Kalamazoo.

Mrs. Wayne E. Burdick is now residing at 1050 Oakland Avenue, Ann Arbor, Michigan. He is a research associate for the Aeronautical Research Center of the University of Michigan. Mr. Burdick received his Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan in 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Maxworth S. Mathews are now residing in the Palmyra Islands where he is with the CAA communications. Their mailing address is Civil Aeronautics Administration, Palmyra Islands, T.H.

Mr. and Mrs. William F. Polfus (Olga A. Runcel) are residing at 6831 Savannah Avenue, N. College Hill, Cincinnati, Ohio. They have two children, Linda and Robert. Mr. Polfus is the Assistant Technical Director at the Clopay Corporation in Cincinnati.

The present address of Mrs. Roderick Swadling (Emma Chandler) is 611 W. Clinton, Hastings. During the war, Mrs. Swadling worked for the Army Air Forces and at Percy Jones General Hospital. She is now busy caring for her two girls, Sue Ann and Bonnie Jean.

Dale L. Brown has taught at Rockwood, Michigan, been employed by Pontiac Motor Company, spent three years in the Army, and now is training specialist for the Veteran's Administration in Flint. The Brown's and their daughter, Barbara, live at G-4065 Fenton Road, Flint, Michigan.

Mr. John M. Kovtan is a Certified Public Accountant in St. Joseph, Michigan. Mr. and Mrs. Kovtan (Ruth J. Skog) and their three children are living at 2003 Willa Drive in St. Joseph.

Mr. Ross S. Robinson is a lubrication engineer for the Standard Oil Company of Indiana. Mr. and Mrs. Robinson (Hel en Rosalyn Smith) and their daughter, Joyce, are residing at 7017 Merrill, Chicago 49, Illinois.

After graduation Miss Katherine M. Marshall worked as a medical technologist at Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo. In 1942 she entered the WAC and was discharged as a major in 1945. Since that time she has been employed as a general assistant at the Margaret Shop in Manistee. Her home address is Bear Lake.

Creston High School is where William H. Welch is now teaching. He received his Master of Arts from Tulane University in 1948. Mr. and Mrs. Welch live at 3825 Miramar Avenue, Grand Rapids, with their two sons, William and Dale.

Mrs. Donna Murray Downing and Harold Griffith spoke their marriage vows January 13. They are residing at 120 Dixie Avenue, Kalamazoo. Mrs. Griffith, before her marriage, was a police radio dispatcher of three years.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Dale Reed (Karla Montague) have a grocery business in Comstock and are the parents of a baby daughter, Niki Jean. The Reed family live at 6040 E. Michigan, Comstock, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Willis C. Bullard (Virginia K. Gilmore) are residing in Grosse Pointe Woods. Mr. Bullard is a lawyer located in the Dime Building in Detroit. Mrs. Bullard is a homemaker taking care of their two children, Willis, who will be seven in July, and David Gilmore, who was five in December. Their present address is 1933 Van Antwerp, Grosse Pointe Woods 30, Michigan.

The Alumni office was recently notified that Alphonse I. Bucko died in Los Angeles, California, on June 6, 1946. Mr. and Mrs. Walter P. Paynick (Elizabeth M. Yankovich) are now living in Detroit. After graduation Mrs. Paynick taught second grade at Brooklyn until her marriage in 1942. The Paynick's have two children, Patricia Lynn, six, and Janice Elizabeth, one. They are residing at 15821 Mansfield, Detroit 27, Michigan.

After graduation Miss Jane I. Lemon taught home economics at Comstock
to Anson David Grimes, also a 1941 graduate. They and their son, David, live at 4615 Addison Road, Lansing.

Charles H. Churchill and his wife were killed in a head-on highway crash early this year. Following his graduation, he was employed in the editorial department of the Kalamazoo Gazette. He served in World War II and then became assistant editor of the Stanton, Michigan, weekly paper.

1942

Mr. Robert L. Snook is practicing law in Champaign, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Snook (Millicant M. Larimer) and their son are living at D-62 Stadium Terrace, in Champaign.

Mr. Frank (Stub) Overmire was sold by the Detroit Tigers to the St. Louis Browns baseball club for the $10,000 waiver price. The Grand Rapids southpaw, one of the shortest men in the major leagues, believes the change of scenery will do him good.

1943

Mr. and Mrs. Orvil Hurst (Elaine Hickman) live at 615 W. Vine Street in Kalamazoo. Upon graduation Mrs. Hurst taught at Milford and Richland, and was then a laboratory technician at the E. J. Kelly Company. They have two children, Marie and Phillip.

Miss Harriet Haskell formerly of Kalamazoo is now home demonstration agent for Bay County, under the Extension Department services of Michigan State College. Her present address is Room 9, County Building, Bay City, Michigan.

Miss Elizabeth Agnes Donaldson and Erwin S. Gutsell, Jr. were married on October 15. The bride is a teacher in the McKinley School, Kalamazoo. Mr. and Mrs. Gutsell will live at 225 Houston Place, Kalamazoo.

1945

After graduation from the Occupational Therapy Department, Miss Barbara Ann Bartlett worked at St. Lukes Hospital in Chicago and then was Chief Psychiatric Occupational Therapist at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago. In 1946 she married Robert Q. Crebo and they have two children, Kent Bartlett, two and Robert Quentin, Jr., one. The Crebo’s are living at 1111 Pine Avenue, Rocky Ford, Colorado.

The wedding of Miss Shirleyann Bockeloo and Craig Sparling Wilder took place on January 7. They made their home in Dyer, Indiana, where Mr. Wilder is pastor of the Methodist Church. Mrs. Wilder will receive her master’s degree in religious education from Northwestern University in June.

1946

Miss Betty Jean Vermeulen and Benjamin Crawford Morris were united in marriage by Rev. J. Donald Zerbe who is also a Western graduate. They made their residence at Idlewild, Gull Lake, Richland, Michigan.

Miss Dorothy Anne Schlobohm became the bride of Jean Mitchell Ubbe on November 19. They are now residing at Wildwood Beach, Gull Lake, Richland, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Karl Heuer (Gayle Prisci la Vanderberg) are living at 1107 Lane Blvd. in Kalamazoo. The couple were married on November 10. Mrs. Heuer is employed in the research department of the Upjohn Company.

Mr. George Fohey is now a principal in the Greenville public schools. He is married and has two daughters, Ann Marie, five, and Mary Elizabeth, who was born in April 1949.

1947

On November 24, Miss Theresa Marie Reddix and Joseph Richard Salamun were married. They made their residence at 127 Garfeld Court, Kalamazoo. Mr. Salamun is teaching at the Richland High School.

Miss Patricia Ann Reynolds and James Arthur Hart were married on November 23. They made their home at 1233 Blakeslee, Kalamazoo. Mr. Hart holds a teaching and coaching position at Portage High School in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Zielinski announced the arrival of their son, John Arlon, Jr., on December 11. They are residing at 1219 Egleston Avenue, Kalamazoo. Mr. Zielinski is employed by the Upjohn Company of Kalamazoo.

Miss Jane Clarke and Mr. John M. West spoke their marriage vows on November 12. They are now residing at 1651 Adams, Denver, Colorado. Mr. West is secretary in the Opportunity School in Denver.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Edwin Koschial of 318 Royal Avenue, Royal Oak, Michigan, announced the arrival of their son, Thomas Gregory, on December 1, 1949.

Miss Jacque Skidmore and Paul Janing were married on December 23. Mrs. Janing is now employed by the Cassopolis County Welfare Commission, Cassopolis, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Vastrick (Eleanor Proud) are living at 1922 Stearns, Kalamazoo. Mr. Vastrick received his Bachelor of Science degree at Western and his master’s at the University of Michigan. They are both chemists for Kalamazoo industries.

Mr. William M. Ewing is an insurance investigator in Grand Rapids. The Ewings and their son, William Thaxton, are living at 2435 Eastern Avenue SE, Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Mr. Carroll E. Kysers is an industrial arts instructor at Roosevelt High School in Wyandotte. He is working on his master’s at the University of Michigan summers. The Kysers have two sons, Ronald and Chris. They live at 14321 Largent, Wyandotte, Michigan.

Mr and Mrs. Robert DeNoooyer (Anita Peterman) announced the arrival of their son, Robert, on November 27.

After graduation, Miss Jeanne M. Hill

Captain Glenn R. Townsend and Family (Story on Page 22)
A Letter to the Alumni

To the Graduates of Western Michigan College:

May we solicit your interest and assistance in an effort to recruit outstanding young people for admission to Western Michigan College during the coming year? The current encroachment of non-educational interests and the enticement of promising immediate financial opportunities threaten severely the attendance of some young people at the college in the immediate future.

Probably there never has been a time in the past quarter-century of American history when it was more important to urge upon young people the necessity for college attendance and preparation for the several social professions. The minimum requirements for maintaining an adequate supply of trained dentists, doctors, engineers, teachers, and other professional people are not being met. We are confronted at present in the United States with a probable shortage of trained leaders in these areas. It looks as though the situation may not improve rapidly without vigorous recruitment.

While admitting the necessity of engaging in skilled work of various kinds, it would be difficult to concede that anything is more vital now, than the maintenance of a school system which will provide the best possible educational program for boys and girls. In the interest of the welfare of this country, no more patriotic service can be rendered than to prepare seriously and energetically to maintain all those professional services which have contributed to the public good and to respectable standards of living. Every young man, who has the capacity and interest, should go as far as he can in the preparation for one of the recognized professions. Every young woman, who has the capacity and interest, should prepare herself for a leading professional position which she can occupy creditably. Teaching is included in this category. It appears that the need for adequately trained people along the line will continue indefinitely.

Will you assist in encouraging capable young people to attend Western Michigan College next year, and particularly those who would make excellent teachers? Will you help us to achieve our goal of "a trained teacher for every child"?

Very sincerely yours,
Paul V. Sangren
President

worked as a Medical Technologist at Borgess Hospital in Kalamazoo and at St. Rita's Hospital in Lima, Ohio. In 1948 she married Richard L. Ramsey and they have one daughter, Carol Jean, who was born in February of last year.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Windon (Bernice L. Beachum) are now residing at 5848 West 21st Avenue, in Kalamazoo. Their son, David James, was born August 20, 1949.

1949

Miss Nancy Louise Thornton and John Victor Althouse were married on November 23. They are living at 487 Academy Street, Kalamazoo.

The marriage of Miss Patricia Ann Kelly and Robert Charles Hruska was performed on October 29. The couple made their home at 814 W. South Street, Kalamazoo.

Mr. Harry L. Brundage is employed as a social worker at the Veterans Rehabilitation Center in Chicago. Mr. and Mrs. Brundage are living at 192 Gage Road, Riverside, Illinois.

Miss Barbara B. Schell and Forrest D. Root were married on November 19. They are at home at 515 South Rose Street in Kalamazoo. She is a member of the Hoover School faculty.

1949

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Jenkins (Margaret Root) announced the arrival of their daughter, Constance Marie, on December 14. The Jenkins family live at 304½ N. Superior, Albion, Michigan.

Mr. Don Boven is making good in major league professional basketball. He made a fine start in his rookie year with Waterloo, Iowa. He has been in the starting lineup in seven of Waterloo's fifteen games as of December 4, and was a first line reserve at a guard spot in the other eight.

Miss Phyllis Jean Keiser married Harry J. Hock on October 15. The couple live in Constantine, Michigan.

Miss Cynthia A. Priest became the bride of James M. Alden, Jr. and they are living at 1016 South Rose Street, Kalamazoo. Mrs. Alden is employed by the Kalamazoo Public Library.

Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Martin announced the arrival of a son during the last of November.

Miss Joan M. Reade and James Joseph Kelly exchanged their marriage vows on November 23. They now reside at 1002 Trimble Avenue, Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Dean Fox announced the birth of their daughter on December 3. The Fox family lives at 1412 N. Burdick Street, Kalamazoo.

Miss Jean Slapinski and Victor Bell spoke their marriage vows on November 5. The couple live in Rockford, Michigan, where Mr. Bell is in the furniture business.

Miss Joanne Ogden left December first for New York City where she attended a three-week post-graduate course in problems, techniques and rehabilitation of the physically handicapped. She is director of the Kalamazoo Cerebral Palsy Center at Western.

Miss Irma Bradley was granted a Fellowship from Columbia to study there. She was the only one from Michigan of the 65 college graduates who were chosen from the U. S. and abroad. Miss Bradley is working on her M.S. in social work.

Miss Mary Ellen Linihan and James L. Green were married December 26. They have made their home at 710 W. Cedar Street, Kalamazoo. Mrs. Green is teaching at Portage School, Kalamazoo.

Miss Joan M. VanderLinde left, January 9, for Chicago where she enrolled for graduate study in pediatric nursing at Children's Memorial Hospital.

Mr. William Wilson and Miss Elisa Soegaard were wed December 28. They are both associated with the San Juan, Puerto Rico Hospital.

Mr. Ralph Wells who joined the faculty of the Grand Rapids public schools in September has been transferred from Harrison Park Junior High School to Central High School where he has been placed in charge of instrumental music.

Please send news items about alumni to Vern E. Mabie, Alumini Editor.