Many colleges are making experiments in General Education curricula. The report of the President’s Commission on Higher Education gives additional warrant for such studies. In the chapter “Education for Every Man,” the statement is made that “the crucial task of higher education today is to provide a unified general education for American youth. Colleges must find the right relationship between specialized training on the one hand, and the transmission of a common cultural heritage towards a common citizenship on the other.”

It is interesting to know that Western Michigan College began a three-year study of General Education ten years ago. The conclusion was reached that General Education is a legitimate college function at every class level and one which warrants special consideration in the Freshman and Sophomore years. The study defined General Education as meaning “all those college experiences which prepare the individual for a satisfying personal life and for the constructive performance of his general functions in society as a citizen, consumer, parent, neighbor, and the like. Although not concerned with specialized education or technical skills, it has vocational significance in that it provides information helpful in making vocation choices and also develops general abilities which influence occupational success.”

As a result of this study, certain new courses were added to the curriculum, such as “Foundations of Western Civilization,” “Introduction to Contemporary Society,” and others. Two years ago, President Sangren asked the Curriculum Committee to begin a study of other phases of the problem. There was a feeling that the increase of offerings within the departments as well as the addition of new curricula had probably changed the whole basic pattern of the College. And it was apparent that it would be necessary to make the requirements for a degree somewhat more elastic to enable the students to take advantage of the new trends in General Education. After a study of about two years, the Curriculum Committee has made its preliminary report to the faculty. The report indicates that comprehensive studies had been made and that the important literature on the subject had been most carefully examined by members of the Committee. The object at all times was to develop a program which would be distinctive, which would meet the needs of this College, and which would be put into operation gradually within the limits of our physical facilities and teaching staff. To assure adequate attention to general education the committee is recommending a change in requirements for graduation.

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If you are among the many thousands who have been enrolled on Western Michigan College campus during the past twenty or twenty-five years, or one of the hundreds of thousands who have enjoyed the music produced by its various groups, then the name of Dorothea Sage Snyder is familiar to you. Whenever the Women's Glee Club is mentioned her name comes to mind immediately. For she has been director of this organization ever since 1926. That was the year she took over the complete leadership of the group, although she had assisted Harper C. Maybee during the two immediately preceding years.

However, for several years before she assumed the duties of its director, Mrs. Snyder was associated with the organization. As a student, she was one of its outstanding members. She knows every step of the way from that of the timid young student newly arrived on campus, just trying out for Glee Club membership, to that of the proud moment when she learned she had been chosen one of the club's quartet of specially selected voices, and finally when she was named as the club's soloist. Now for twenty-three years she has been its director. So it is small wonder that when the name of the Women's Glee Club of Western Michigan College is mentioned, the name of its director immediately comes to the minds of students, alumnae, faculty, and friends of the college.

Dorothea Sage was just another freshman when she enrolled at Western State Normal School back in 1916. As a matter of fact she had not really reached the status of a full-fledged freshman according to present college entrance requirements. For those were the days when rural teachers required only comparatively brief training past high school graduation to teach in a rural school. And it was her ambition to become a rural teacher. So she finished her high school work and fulfilled her requirements for a limited certificate at the same time. But instead of going to a rural school she continued her work for a life certificate.

In the meantime however, she had tried out for the Glee Club, and at once her voice and potential music ability were recognized by Harper C. Maybee, through whose advice she entered the field of music education.

After she had sung in the Glee Club for a while, a quartet was organized among Glee Club members which attracted considerable attention. She was the first soprano. The quartet included also Helen Hays, Frances Barrett, and Marvell Liddy. The girls made such a favorable impression that the late President Dwight B. Waldo took them to Chicago with him to appear on a program at a general session of the National Education
Association. They didn’t know it at the time, but in the audience was a talent scout from the Redpath Bureau looking for Chautauqua talent. He was greatly impressed. They later received a contract offer from the Bureau but they convinced him that they had other plans.

In 1918 she received her life certificate. By that time she was unreservedly dedicated to the cause of music. That summer she attended Chicago Musical College. It was her good fortune to be a member of Herbert Witherspoon’s master class.

The following year she returned to Western to teach part-time. Then in 1920 she was married to Frank B. Snyder, and did not teach again until the spring of 1924, when the department activities increased to a point where more assistants were imperative. In the summer of 1925 she was appointed to a full-time teaching position in the department, and during that summer she attended Columbia University. During all this time she had not lost contact with the Women’s Glee Club. As a matter of fact she had been assisting Mr. Maybee in the work with the Club, which together with the Men’s Glee Club made up the Choir.

In 1926 she was made director of the Club and for the past twenty-three years has worked tirelessly and with success which has won high acclaim to develop ensembles of women’s voices which would make a definite musical contribution to its members, the college, and the community as a whole. Kalamazoo members of the organization indicated undisputably their appreciation of her work.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Betty Howard, they organized to continue singing together as a group exactly as they had done in undergraduate days. And the organization now known as Western Michigan College Alumnae Choir was formed. Mrs. Snyder was the unanimous choice of the members as director. They meet once each week for rehearsal of their repertoire. The concerts given by this group in Kalamazoo and surrounding cities are considered by music lovers as among the outstanding events of their kind in this area.

One of the traditions built up by this organization is the annual spring benefit concert which is given in the Civic Theatre. This year the date is May 24. The concert is sponsored annually by Delta chapter of Alpha Epsilon sorority. Its proceeds are added to the fund with which an organ will be purchased for Western’s proposed new chapel which it is expected will be started during the summer.

Mrs. Snyder has an interesting philosophy concerning the development of a vocal ensemble. Her aim is to bring out the best each of its members has to offer, which she holds produces the best results for the work of the group as a whole.

“I try to impress upon each girl the idea that she has an interpretation which only she can give, and that if she, and each of the others, feels free to say with their voices what the text means to them as individuals, then the ensemble will have a distinctive warmth and color to be obtained in no other way. This must be developed upon a feeling for the text and sympathy with the others. It comes as a result of the interplay between the members themselves, between the individual singers and the director, and between the director and the members of the group as a whole. It is my purpose to develop a sense of individual responsibility of each member to give her own interpretation of what the text says to her blended by sympathy with the other members of the group and the director. The ensemble can be only as good as its weakest member.” Out of all this she points out that there is developed a certain loyalty to each other, to the director, to the club, and to the college, which is evidenced in many gratifying ways.

The Women’s Glee Club from Western has always been in demand by Kalamazoo audiences as well as by groups in cities and towns in this area in which they have appeared before schools and various organizations. The annual Christmas concert and the annual spring concert are keenly anticipated events. During the earlier days the Women’s Glee Club as a part of the choir made annual spring concert trips to various parts of the state under the general direction of Mr. Maybee with Mrs. Snyder assisting in the direction of the women’s group.

Aside from her work with the Glee Club Mrs. Snyder has also taught in the Training School and served as critic at the Portage School where she directed boys’ and girls’ glee clubs. She is also active in music off campus. During her senior year in college she conducted the choir at the Stockbridge Avenue Church. For some time she sang at the First Church of Christ Scientist and she also served as soloist and choir director at the First Baptist Church and as soloist at the First Presbyterian

These are the members of the Western Michigan College Alumnae Choir. Front row: left to right Elizabeth Bush, Neva Higgins, Florence Bailey, Mariam Bennink, Joanne Sharter, Pauline Harbaugh, Jean Thace, Florence Arnett, Second Row: Left to right: Shirley Lines, Pearl Lasuk, Elsie VandePolder, Vivian Chandler, Carol Ellinger, Alleen Flegal, Joanna Oranje, Evelyn Monor, Back Row: Geraldine Dahlman, Helen Coover, Marie Karman, Ruth Brunson, Barbara Lasko, Betty Eshouse, Phyllis Ash, Ester Lane, and Doris Rose.
Church. She was a member of the Choral Union Chorus and sang in presentations of the Messiah and also as soloist in “The Hymn of Praise” both of which were given under the leadership of Harper C. Maybee. As a high school student she was a member of Mr. Maybee’s first Choral Union Chorus.

Mrs. Snyder studied piano with H. Glenn Henderson, both of Kalamazoo, Edward Sacerdotte in Chicago, and Arthur Hackett in Ann Arbor. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Western Michigan College and a Master of Arts degree from the University of Michigan. She is a member of the Music Educators National Conference and of the new Beta Eta chapter at Western of Sigma Alpha Iota, national fraternity for women, for which she is one of the sponsors. She is also an honorary member of Delta chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon, an organization of Western Michigan College alumnae.

When Mrs. Snyder is not rehearsing a vocal ensemble or giving a private lesson or otherwise engaged in some musical activity, you may find her pursuing either of her two favorite pastimes, gardening or fishing. Or she may be engaged in some of her favorite household activities about her attractive home on Hazel Avenue.

BLANCHE DRAPER

Turkey and Algeria were added to the list of countries represented by students on Western Michigan College campus when the second semester opened in February. Andree Garson, a French girl who comes from Oran, Algeria, and Melix Yucel who comes from Turkey, are the representatives. Miss Garson was an elementary teacher in Algeria before coming to Kalamazoo and during the war served with the air forces of the French army, acting as interpreter for French and British warrant officers. While at Western she expects to be classified as a junior and will prepare to teach French. She hopes to be able to become an American citizen and remain in this country.

Yucel, who spent several weeks observing classes before he enrolled at the opening of the semester, completed his preparatory business training in Turkey thirteen years ago. During the war he was a second lieutenant in the Turkish army and has been employed in government banks in Istanbul and Ankara and as an assistant manager of a government general store. While in the United States Yucel will serve as correspondent for the Demokrat Izmir, the daily newspaper in his home city. He will write particularly concerning business and economic conditions.

Western Michigan College Water Sprites, organization of women students in the college swimming classes presented the second annual water show sponsored by the department at a recent entertainment staged in the swimming pool of the Women’s Gymnasium. For nearly two hours these girls swam to music, appearing in costume of many lands, and synchronizing their swimming with the music of the country represented.

Shown in the picture are top three, left to right, Jane Spietsma, Chicago; Dorothy Weidig, Lansing; Jeanette Miller, Warsaw N. Y. Lower five, Barbara Stephenson, Kalamazoo; Charlotte Kniesc, Flint; Clara Hansen, Alpena; Marge Bowles, Cleveland, Ohio; and Betty Collier, Pontiac. They represented Holland with their costumes in tulip effects and colors.

The Cover

The photograph on the cover is the work of Leon Riegler of the Kalamazoo Gazette. It pictures two Western co-eds, Portia Weirick, Vicksburg; and Arlene Karr, Kalamazoo, taking advantage of a warm spring day to take a ride in beautiful Milham Park “on a bicycle built for two.” Milham Park, one of the most attractive areas near the College, is located just south of the city limits, and is a favorite spot with Western students.
Three sisters from Bolivia were reunited on Western Michigan College campus during the last month when Martha Urquiola from La Paz, Bolivia, joined her two sisters, Emly and Daisy, who are students here. It was the first time the three girls have been together since three years ago when Emly came to enroll in the General Degree curriculum with a major in art. Little more than a year ago she was joined by her sister Daisy, who is a home economics student. Martha, who will spend the next few weeks in observing, will enroll in the Graduate Division for the summer session after which she will go to Columbia University.

Miss Virginia O'Boyle, a junior from Cassopolis, was elected Valentine Sweetheart of Zeta Delta Epsilon fraternity at the annual ball given February 12 in Walwood Hall. Miss O'Boyle received the highest number of votes from the five hundred guests at the party. She was the candidate of Walwood Hall residence.

Western Michigan College Choir, Elwyn Carter, conductor, with the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra, Herman Felber, conductor, appeared together again on January 16, in Central High School Auditorium to give the music lovers of Kalamazoo and Southwestern Michigan another exceptional musical treat. With Felber conducting, they collaborated to produce Verdi's great Requiem Mass. Three of the four soloists were from the faculty of Western Michigan College music department, Ethel Green, soprano; Sam Adams, tenor; and Dr. Elwyn Carter, baritone. Louise Baughmann of this city was contralto soloist.

Western Michigan College students are operating a date bureau. It was started at the beginning of the second semester and has been growing in interest each succeeding week. It is open from 3 to 5 Monday through Friday to make contacts between suitable men and women. Registrants listed with the bureau fill out a form and pay a ten cent fee. Checks are kept on the character of the individual registering and so careful has been the attention to all the details that scarcely a mishap has occurred.

John Kish, junior, Cleveland, Ohio, is chairman of the committee which is in charge of the organization of the date bureau and which includes both students and faculty. It came as a result of the leadership conference held earlier in the fall by students and faculty members, and had for its purpose the prevention of a "suitcase" college on Western's campus.
Music Hall Named for Harper C. Maybee

The new music building now under construction on the West Campus of Western Michigan College will be named the Harper Maybee Music Hall in honor of Harper C. Maybee, professor emeritus, who for thirty-three years was head of the music department of the college.

The building, which is being constructed at a cost of $560,000, is rapidly nearing completion and it is expected will be ready for use when the fall semester opens next September. Located on U. S. 12 at Vande Geissen Road, it is a three-story building of brick construction, ground for which was broken last June. It will have thirty-five practice cubicles, six ensemble rehearsal rooms, two large ensemble practice rooms, a music library, six classrooms, eight offices, and twelve studios. Newest techniques have been employed in the acoustical treatment of the building, making it of the greatest possible value in the work of the department. Rehearsal rooms are fan shaped both for facility of arrangement and for acoustical effects.

In naming the building for Harper C. Maybee, recognition is being given to the valuable contribution made not only to Western Michigan College campus, but to the city of Kalamazoo and all of Southwestern Michigan by Mr. Maybee during more than three decades of continuous service. Coming to Western’s campus in 1913 when the college was less than ten years old, Mr. Maybee at once envisioned the possibility of linking campus musical activities with those of the community to the mutual advantage of both. At that time comparatively little was done in a musical way in the city. Attempts to provide musical opportunity were being received but meager patronage from the residents of the city, with the exception of those who had been specially trained in music.

And so it was that Harper C. Maybee began at once to organize around the nucleus of the college ensembles a community organization known as the Kalamazoo Choral Union.

Men and women in the city joined with students on the campus in weekly rehearsals of outstanding musical works which from time to time were presented to the public with ever increasing interest. Outstanding artists were brought here to assist the chorus. A concert series, which was the forerunner of the present community concerts, was organized. And each year there was a May Festival which presented three or more outstanding programs. The chorus assisted by artists, frequently some of the same singers who appeared in the Ann Arbor festival, afforded one concert. There was an orchestral concert which for several years presented the Chicago Symphony Orchestra under the leadership of Frederick Stock and later the Minneapolis Orchestra. And then there was a children’s concert in which the children’s chorus of the campus training school of Western Michigan College appeared with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra in a matinee concert featuring each year some well-known operetta.

After a year in New York, spent in study with Percy Rector Stephens and at Columbia University, Mr. Maybee returned to Western’s campus to find that increased activities in the music department required the major portion of his time. Then came about the organization of the Southwestern Michigan May Music Festival which is still a traditional event on Western’s campus, and it is expected this year will bring at least fourteen hundred boys and girls from Southwestern Michigan high schools to the College to sing together in one great chorus. Similarly, he organized the Southwestern Michigan Messiah Festival which brought together, as it still does, singers from all sections of Southwestern Michigan in the annual presentation of the great Handel oratorio. One year the choir numbered over 1200 singers.

In 1933 at Grand Rapids, Mr. Maybee organized a choir of five hundred voices made up of twenty-four church choirs which furnished a program, the first of its kind, at the regional conference of the Music Educators National Conference.

During all these years, Mr. Maybee has worked tirelessly and ceaselessly to afford people the opportunity to know good music through participation with other people in producing great works and to experience the joy which comes from singing together. During World War II he was one of the most ardent enthusiasts for the “community sing,” which came into being at that time as a means of keeping up the morale of the people at home during war time.

Mr. Maybee came to Western’s campus from Central Michigan College at Mt. Pleasant where he had headed the music department. He studied in New York City, with Percy Rector Stephens and also two years in Paris with Jean de Reszke and Oscar Seagle.
Dr. Paul V. Sangren, president of Western Michigan College, is away from the campus on a three-months leave of absence in Europe where he is on a special educational mission of international importance to which he was assigned by the United States Military Government in Germany. His specific appointment was that of an expert and advisor. He is engaged in the work of helping to set up a democratic teacher-training program in Bavaria. He left the campus on March 14 and on the following Sunday took off by plane for Germany. On April 28 Mrs. Sangren left New York on board the Queen Elizabeth for an extended tour of European countries. Her itinerary includes London, The Hague, Amsterdam, Brussels, and several points in Switzerland. She expects to be in Italy for about two weeks after which she will go to Paris where she will be joined by Dr. Sangren. They will then spend two weeks together in Germany. The return trip will be made by plane though they will travel on separate planes because of his Army assignment. They expect to return to Kalamazoo about commencement time.

Preceding Dr. Sangren’s departure, an informal reception and program was given in honor of Dr. and Mrs. Sangren in the ballroom of Walwood Hall. Approximately 400 members of the faculty and their wives attended. The feature of the entertainment was a radio skit written and produced by Wallace Garner, director of radio at the college. It was a most amusing skit particularly suited to the occasion and abounded in many laughs. Incidentally, it uncovered some unsuspected radio talent among members of the faculty.

Refreshment tables which were placed in the ballroom were centered with exquisite floral arrangements designed and executed by Miss Lydia Siedschlag, head of the Art department. The arrangements were flanked by candles harmonizing with the flowers. Members of the faculty dames presided at the tables.

President and Mrs. Sangren were presented with gifts of luggage and a handbag, respectively. Dr. Wyland Wichers, vice-president of the College, on the behalf of the faculty made the presentation to Dr. Sangren, and acting in a similar capacity Dr. Elizabeth Lichty, Dean of Women, presented Mrs. Sangren with her gift. In response President Sangren spoke briefly concerning plans for his activities during his service overseas. He emphasized the necessity of developing a “We” attitude throughout the world and stressed the importance of education in achieving this purpose. Unless this change of attitude in international relations is realized, he said, he sees no possibility for lasting world peace.

The evening’s entertainment was concluded with dancing and cards. Arrangements for the event were made by members of the administrative council and the deans of the College with Dr. Wichers as general chairman.

Dr. Wyland Wichers, Vice-President of the College, has been serving as acting president during the absence in Germany of Dr. Paul V. Sangren, President. Dr. Wichers was appointed to the post by the State Board of Education when President Sangren was granted a leave of absence to accept the assignment with the Office of the Military Government in Bavaria.

Presidents Corner

(Continued from Editorial Page) which will permit the college to plan its own program. In this program a minimum of eight semester hours of work in general courses would be required in each of four large areas such as: Language and Literature, Science and Mathematics, Social Science, Fine Arts and Practical Arts. In this way, students could be encouraged to examine courses in General Education at the same time that they are beginning to work in specialized areas of instruction. Among the new courses to be offered in the fall are: Contemporary Reading Interests, Human Geography, Healthful Living, Conservation of Natural Resources, Basic Mathematics, Psychology of Personality, Industrial and Business World, Problems of Consumers. Wyland Wichers Vice President
Annual Guidance Conference Held

Approximately 400 guidance and personnel workers attended the thirteenth annual conference on guidance which was held Saturday, March 12, at Western Michigan College under the joint sponsorship of the Southwestern Michigan Guidance Association and the College. The entire day was devoted to a discussion of “Personnel Workers: Their Growth and Development.”

Factors which make for success in personnel work, and the pre-service and in-service training of personnel works were discussed in the symposium which featured the morning session. In the afternoon the problems in counseling prospective teachers, and the report of a study of Michigan’s prospective need for teachers during the next decade were featured. A most interesting demonstration interview followed by a discussion concluded the day’s program.

At the business session Malcolm R. Mackay, guidance director in the public schools of Holland, was elected president for the coming year to succeed Anthony J. Matulis, principal of the Belleville High School. Miss Mary Jane Ross of Kalamazoo, was re-elected secretary-treasurer. Robert Ropele of St. Joseph was elected a director.

Dr. William F. Holmes, head of the department of psychology, presided as moderator for the symposium in the morning. Factors making for success in personnel work were discussed by Dr. Lonzo Jones, coordinator of Student Personnel Services at Indiana State Teachers College. Six “Ps” constituted the basis of his discussion; the philosophy of counseling, its purpose, the person counseled, processes, the personality of the counselor and his preparation, all of which he held to be important factors in counseling.

Fundamental in the philosophy of counseling he said is individual respect for all the children of all the people, and the desire to develop each to his best possibilities, and to encourage self development. He discussed the various kinds of problems to be expected, including those which may be remedied, and those which must be accepted, as well as vocational problems. “We should help the client to get a directional ‘fix’ so that his flight may be more successful. But don’t forget, he must be his own pilot,” he said.

The speaker emphasized the importance of interviewing techniques, and discussed the use of records, tests, and case histories as determining factors in any prescriptive phase of guidance. In dealing with healthy minded normal children the speaker said the aim should be to help them grow into their own possibilities.

Dr. James Griggs, director of Teacher Education at Western Michigan College, in discussing pre-service training of personnel workers, strongly advocated that this training should provide exactly the same situations with which the personnel worker will find himself confronted when he goes out on the job.

Whether the basic assumption be that all teachers are guidance workers, or that guidance workers are specialists, or that guidance has a fundamental application to education rather than being an adjunct to the program, he contended guidance workers should be carefully selected and trained. He maintained that pre-service training should center around actual experiences rather than curricular courses.

He stressed the importance of helping individuals to “do better the desirable things they would do anyway,” and pointed out the necessity of studying the surrounding social and cultural life of the individual at first hand and the behavior of children in as many situations as possible, and to this end favored work with Scouts at camps, in hospitals, and other situations.

Likewise Dr. Griggs maintained that in the course of his pre-service training the prospective personnel worker should have definite laboratory experience in interviewing, also an opportunity to study on a cooperative, inter-active basis how learning actually takes place. He raised the question of “how democratic can a syllabus be,” and in the same vein asked whether personnel workers achieve success because of it, or in spite of it. He advocated a fifth year of presentation for personnel workers and emphasized the need of enriched experience rather than more courses.

Charles Semler, principal of Benton Harbor High School discussed in-service training of personnel workers. He expressed appreciation of work now being done through conferences and work shops, and the need for more assistance from state educational agencies in providing field consultants. He expressed the opinion that there is need for better understanding of children and an accurate evaluation of the person being counseled.

In discussing problems in counseling prospective teachers, Vern E. Mabie, director of placement and alumni relations at Western Michi-
gan College, presented a review of a study recently made with relation to the probable demand for teachers during the next ten years. "The greatest need of the teacher-education program in Michigan is to recruit nearly six times as many elementary candidates as are enrolled in the teacher training institutions of Michigan at the present time," he said. The number of secondary candidates enrolled should be kept fairly constant at, or slightly below the present level. Counselors should steer candidates into uncrowded fields.

"Boards of education and superintendents should strive to make teaching in the elementary school more attractive," he said. He suggested elementary salaries as high as salaries in the secondary field; improvement of the social status of the elementary teacher; reasonable freedom from children during the lunch hour; and cadet teacher programs for capable high school students as an opportunity to work with children.

A demonstration interview concluded the program, with Oliver Bown of the Guidance Center, University of Chicago, conducting an unrehersed interview with a State High youth. The non-directive method was used with most interesting results for the audience, and most helpful effects, according to the boy interviewed. Discussion and group conferences followed.

The planning committee for the conference included Jane Cook, Michigan State College; Dr. Charles Gibbons, Upjohn Institute; Frances McCowen, Battle Creek; Malcolm Macay, Holland; Anthony Matulis, Belleville; Margaret Switzer, Dowagiac; Mary Jane Ross, Kalamazoo; Eugene Thomas, Kalamazoo Central High School; and the following from Western Michigan College: Dr. George H. Hilliard, Miss Katherine Mason, A. L. Sebaly, and J. Town er Smith.

This Conference has been held each spring at Western Michigan College for several years. It was initiated by Dean John C. Hoekje. It is sponsored by the Division of Guidance and Personnel.

The annual six weeks summer session will open at Western Michigan College on Monday, June 27, and continue until August 5. A program of exceptional interest, and designed to serve the needs of administrators, supervisors, and teachers in service on both the graduate and undergraduate level has been arranged, according to Dr. Elmer H. Wilds, director of Summer Session and the Graduate Division. There will also be opportunity for students on campus throughout the college year to continue their work during the summer.

Registration will take place throughout the day Monday, and the opening convocation will be held at 8 that evening in the campus theater. Dr. John A. Decker, professor of International Relations at Stephens College, will give the address, speaking on the subject "Let's Educate for a New World."

The second general assembly will be at 8 on the evening of July 5, when the music department of the College will present a program in the campus theater. Assembly for the third week will be at 8 Monday evening, July 11, in the campus theater when Pegge Farmer, talented young actress, will present a variety show.

Dr. Cleo Dawson, popular lecturer and psychologist, will be the speaker Monday evening, July 18, at the campus theater, when his address will be on the subject "Let's Live and Like It."

"The Comics, America's Foremost Folk Art" will be the topic for the assembly address Monday evening, July 25, to be given by Dr. Harry Wood, dean of the College of Fine Arts, Bradley University. Summer session musical organizations will give the final assembly program Monday evening, August 1.

Feature entertainments will also be presented each week. The first will be heard following an informal reception to be given Thursday evening, June 30, at Walwood Hall by the faculty for summer session students. The program will be presented by the "Singing Sweethearts." A program of Oriental songs and song stories will be presented Thursday evening, July 7, in Central High School Auditorium by Wadeha Atiyeh, the modern Scheherazade. Curt Jansen, concert trumpeter and musician, will present the program, July 14. The following Thursday evening a program of magic will be given by C. Thomas Magrum, Graduation exercises will be held Thursday evening, August 4, in the campus theater when the speaker will be Dr. Irving J. Lee, chairman of the department of Public Speaking at Northwestern University. He will speak on "The Pursuit of Ignorance."

Five workshops and a reading clinic will be in progress during the summer session. Included are Audio-Visual, Curriculum, Radio, Distributive Education, and Home Economic workshops, designed for those interested in the various areas. A number of visiting professors will be added to the faculty. Plenty of opportunity will be afforded for social activities.

Plans are underway for the annual Commencement activities which will be started with the Baccalaureate service which will be held at 4 Sunday afternoon, June 12, in Central High School Auditorium. Rev. Charles Johnson, associate pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo, will give the address.

Commencement exercises will be held at 10 Saturday morning. Again, as for the past several years, the program will be presented out of doors, weather permitting. This year there has been some consideration of using Waldo Stadium rather than Hyames Field, though definite announcement is not made as this issue of the magazine goes to press. The Commencement speaker will be Dr. James P. Adams, Provost of the University of Michigan.
Edited by James O. Knauss

Sidelights on Western’s History

[Within the past year Charles Starring has given us an account of the genesis and early development of the Student Council. In this issue it is our pleasure to present a similar account of the Women’s League written in vivid terms by Mrs. Margaret Nicholson Maynard. She is well qualified for the task. She first entered as a student at Western Michigan College in the fall of 1921. After receiving her life certificate in 1923 she taught for a year in the public schools of Niles. She completed her work for her A.B. degree in 1926. She was thus closely connected with the institution for five years. During this time, she was active in student affairs, serving on the Student Council for two years as Vice President and President of the Junior Class, as Secretary of the Later Elementary Club, and finally as President of the Women’s League. Since graduation she has retained her close touch with Western Michigan College. She has been active in the Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon, Western’s alumnae sorority, being a charter member of the chapter.

Mrs. Maynard has also been active in the civic and political life of the community. She has been a member of the School Board, a member and Vice President of the Kalamazoo County Executive Committee of the Republican Party, and Secretary and Vice President of the League of Republican Women of Kalamazoo County. We welcome this very active, and public-minded woman as our contributor for this issue.]

The Women’s League

The Women’s League is one of the oldest student organizations on Western’s Campus. It has survived because it grew out of a real need at “Western State Normal School” and this the following account shows is how the need became apparent.

On October 10, 1913, while Old Sol was doing his best to shove the seasons back a notch or two, our ancient friends and foes from the headwaters of the Kalamazoo came over to cross heads, arms, legs, ribs, and sundry other of their anatomical appurtenances with Bill Spaulding’s Bouncing Bruisers. The game was staged at the Woodward Avenue grounds and was played before a large crowd of summer-clad people, who could not understand how the athletes who chase the aerated spheroid ever could endure the tropical temperature. At the end of the game the score was Normal 20-Albion 3.

The victory so pleased and excited the whole student body that they were very hilarious and forgot that they were supposed to be dignified at all times, since they were preparing themselves for future teachers. To give vent to their feelings of joy, the student body marched, sometimes danced, en masse down Asylum Avenue (now Oakland Drive) to Main Street (now Michigan Avenue) and raided the little Elite Theatre on South Burdick Street.

The repercussion from the townspeople was so great that it was deemed advisable by the administration of the college to call all young women of the school to a mass meeting the following week to talk over the situation. One of the reasons offered by the group, for their unexpected behavior, was to the effect that there were so few social activities at Normal, and thus the raid, snake dance, and marching served as an escape from the usual quiet monotony on the Hilltop.

President D. B. Waldo appointed a committee to investigate the many needs of the young women. The findings of the committee resulted in the organization called The Women’s League. Our beloved Lavina Spindler, now an emeritus member of the faculty residing in Lansing, Michigan, was responsible for guiding the group off to a good start. This achievement together with many others will be perpetuated, not only by the League, but by the Women’s Dormitory, named in her honor.

Mary Loughhead, now Mrs. Roscoe Lambrix, Pentwater, Michigan, was the first president of the League. She was succeeded by the following: Beulah Finch, Helen LeVan, Agnes Murray, Beatrice Mahler, now Mrs. Beatrice Maher Resten, Gabriella Payne, deceased, Ella Holmberg, now Mrs. Wayne Price, Elizabeth McQuigg, Gertrude Cooley, now Mrs. Mason Smith, Kathryn Williams, now Mrs. Joe Lasko, Geraldine Knight, Helen Gladding, now Mrs. E. D. Harold, Margaret L. Nicholson, now Mrs. Leroy D. Maynard, Marie Rapp, Metha Jackson, now Mrs. Arthur Secord, Jeanette Johnson, Jean Johnson, Helen Merson, Arline Butler, now Mrs. Robert Campbell, Charlotte VanVyen, now Mrs. Alfred Brose, Margaret Balfour, now Mrs. Arthur Weinland, Eleanor Brown, deceased, Elizabeth Althoff, now Mrs. Jerry Newman, Catherine Wray, now Mrs. Warren Emley Jr., Irene Jones, now Mrs. Francis Hamilton, Vivian Dietrich, now Mrs. Chandas Jackson, Jean Beukema, now Mrs. Jean Brown, Marylyn Aurand, now Mrs. Robert Smith, Marie Durrstein, Diana Vista, Margaret Slusser, now Mrs. John Gries, Margaret Parrott, Jean Mor-

The Author as President of Women’s League in 1926
rison, now Mrs. D. L. Rickers, Phyllis Dean, Marie Ryan, Marie Krust,

The aim of the organization was threefold. The first was the development of the individual along social lines. The second, the investigation of rooming house conditions, (dormitories had not been dreamed of here at Western Michigan College at this early date) with a view to ultimately raising their standards. The third was to secure employment for women students working all or a part of their way through school. In addition the Leaguers highly resolved to wage war on home sickness, assimilate strangers in the swiftest possible fashion, meet new arrivals at the depots or interurban station on North Rose Street and keep track of names on the sick list, thus supplying those little attentions that mean so much to a girl sick away from home for perhaps the first time. In short, it was extending the right hand of fellowship.

At the head of this organization is the Women’s League Cabinet, which is composed of one representative from every department on the campus, together with four regularly elected officers of the League and three members of the faculty. This Cabinet devises and carries out the women’s program of activities throughout the year. Many of the most charming and elaborate social functions of the year are supervised by the Cabinet and the League.

After the constitution was drawn up and accepted following a number of meetings, the question that confronted the League, was where it could have a room, which might be known as the Women’s League Room and where League meetings could be held. A room in the southwest corner of the basement in the Administration Building was selected. It had been used by the Physics Department as a classroom.

The next big question was where the girls could obtain furnishings to make the room comfortable and home-like. A piano was donated to the “professionals.” The davenport, chairs, tables, pictures, and a very meager tea service all were donated by good friends of the school, aside from the many things the girls brought from home. The room was at last completed, and how the girls used it for studying and a place to meet one another, and they loved it. Then came plans for the first outstanding social activity—the first “Breakfast” in 1914. Some simple affair, all within the financial possibilities of the girls, for the League wished the true objective to be obtained—every girl of the school attending and participating.

The first “Breakfast” was given in the basement cafeteria of the Training School. The price per plate was thirty-five cents. Although this building was only four years old at that time, the artistic hands and aesthetic sense of some students were necessary to make the place fitting for a “June Breakfast.” Beulah Schermerhorn was that student. Before her untimely passing a few years ago, Miss Schermerhorn was considered one of the very excellent interior decorators of this state. Dogwood and apple blossoms were gathered by Miss Schermerhorn and her helpers. They all worked untiringly and the room was converted into a lovely bower of color for the first big event of the Women’s League.

In 1916 we find the first Women’s League Masquerade and in 1924 the first Leap Year Party. These Leap Year parties afforded a great deal of joy to the fair lassies of Western as they are able once a year to ask the lad of their fond dreams to be their guest at the party. Each year the party had a different name. “Heart and Dart” was the name used in 1926.

The minutes of January 12, 1926, reported the first matinee dances held in the Women’s Gymnasium be-
tween the hours of three to five o'clock. Money raised was used to buy magazines, such as Vanity Fair, The Golden Book, Life, Scribners, etc.

The League Room changed its first home in the fall of 1924 when the Library was moved into the New Library Building. The League fitted up their second club room in a part of the space vacated by the Library. More room meant more table space for magazines and desks for girls to use to write notes home to their parents.

On February 11, 1926, we find in the minutes that a motion was made, seconded, and carried that 1000 cards called "Time-Savers for Over-Worked College Students" be printed to sell for five cents. Cards came and the big day arrived when these were to be sold to raise money towards the piano fund. A few sales had been made when our dear beloved and much-honored President D. B. Waldo came through the Administration Hall—took one look at the cards, and ordered them destroyed. "They were not in keeping with the high standards of Western," he said.

In the fall of 1927 membership in the organization was made automatic for all women students and its work has been supported by money included in the registration fees.

Other activities of the League have developed in recent years. There is a Loan Fund, The Matie Lee Jones Memorial Fund, which is available to all women. The fund is named for Miss Matie Lee Jones who first organized the Physical Education Department at Western, and who died abroad in 1914. The second is the organization of all women students in houses having two or more rooms. They are required to elect a president and secretary from their own number. These officers are held responsible for the conduct of the rooms, and the president of each house is a member of the Women's League Council, which aids the Dean of Women in the attempt to solve the rooming problems.

In the fall of 1928 the League published the first Women's League handbook for the purpose of giving needed information to women of the Freshman Class. This is published annually.

For several years one of the most helpful activities of the Women's League has been that of the Senior Sisters, sponsored by the League during Freshman week. Throughout the entire summer these upperclass women students, chosen as Senior Sisters for their personality, leadership, acquaintance with campus organization and traditions, are busy making plans for the reception of the new women students who enroll in the fall term. Working with the office of Student Personnel and Guidance they give valuable assistance to one or more new women students who are met on arrival and given every possible aid or help throughout the week.

The League always sponsors "Who's Who" parties, teas, and in cooperation with the Y. W. C. A. a Fellowship breakfast on a Sunday morning at the end of Freshman Week, after which new women students are taken to churches of their choice. During the past year, for the first time, Senior Sisters functioned at the opening of the second semester in February.

Our third home is the Davis Room in Walwood Hall, named in honor of Mrs. Bertha S. Davis who was Dean of Women for thirty years, 1917-1947. The girls moved in September 18, 1938. The only furnishings that went from the old club rooms was the baby grand piano, which was purchased in 1926, and the tea service and silver. The girls found themselves housed in a beautiful new room tastefully furnished. Over the fireplace on the south wall is a large plaque with names of the presidents of the League and the year they served.

The grand finale in the League's social activities each year is the Women's June Breakfast, an occasion involving great surprises in the way of elaborately beautiful and charmingly ingenious decorations, refreshments, and entertainment. Freshmen women honor students who, with the members of the old and new League Cabinets, form the Daisy Chain, which escorts the faculty, guests, and upperclass women from the flag quadrangle on the Hilltop in back of the Administration Building to Walwood Hall where the Breakfast and program are held. In the olden days the procession was from the horse shoe on Davis Street up the winding walk on the south side of the campus to the Women's Gymnasium.

One of the new features of the Breakfast program is the Arista tapping. On this occasion active alumni members in caps and gowns march around the tables and tap those senior girls who, because of high scholarship, leadership, and service to the school, have been chosen for this honor. It is always a surprise for the girls to be tapped. Another feature is the march of engaged girls and faculty members around the ballroom and speakers' table.

Today the League is one of the most outstanding organizations on the campus. It has lived through the pioneering stage and pioneering is always enjoyable and soul satisfying. A frontier had to be conquered. It was. There is no doubt that during the thirty-five years of its existence the organization has been one of the most beneficial forces on campus.

MARGARET NICHOLSON MAYNARD

A chorus of fifteen hundred voices was heard in the annual Southwestern Michigan Vocal Festival held Saturday evening, May 7, in the Men's Gymnasium of Western Michigan College. It was presented under the sponsorship of the Music department of Western Michigan College, Dr. Elwyn Carter, director. Maynard Klein, associate professor of music of the University of Michigan and conductor of the University Choir, was the guest conductor.

Participating choirs and their directors came from various cities and towns in Southwestern Michigan and were assisted by the College Choir and Glee Clubs. Two rehearsals were held before the performance, one in the morning and one in the afternoon.
A Summer in Russia


This is primarily a book of peace, profoundly so, in a way that touches the spirit. It is a travel journal about a summer in Russia. The author disclaims any political purpose. However, there are undertones, meanings caught between the lines which make it a powerful plea for a deeper understanding based on our common humanity. Capa’s pictures, also, have “a meaning beyond their meaning.” Incidentally, in quite a different connection, he explains why it is difficult to negotiate with Molotov. “It was more than language. It was translation from one kind of thinking to another.”

One feels the differing atmosphere of places. “Moscow is a city of great new buildings and little old wooden houses with wooden lace around the windows, a curious moody city, full of character. But in Kiev, mother of Russian cities, seated on its hill beside the Dneiper, and spreading down into the plain, the sternness and tenseness of Moscow were gone. Men here were more gay and relaxed than in Moscow, a fine feeling of friendship in them. In Tiflis, the fine old capital of Georgia, untouched by the invaders, incredibly clean, people were better dressed, better looking and more full of spirit than any we saw in Russia. Here were wonderful old churches, some from the fifth century, together with ancient synagogues and Moslem Temples. The botanical gardens were laid out by Queen Tamara, who knew statecraft and building—one of the fairy queens of the world.”

The main emphasis of the book is on the courage and tenacity of the people in the face of the wanton destruction wrought by the Germans. That at Kiev especially aroused the author’s ire... “it was the crazy destruction of every cultural facility the city had, and nearly every beautiful building that had been put up during a thousand years. Here German culture did its work. And one of the few justices in the world is that German prisoners are helping clean up the mess they made.” One of the most wanton acts of destruction was that of the magnificent old monastery just outside of Kiev, “its buildings and paintings dating from the twelfth century—some of the great treasures of the world. And when the Germans had stolen most of the treasures, they destroyed the buildings with shell fire... Now it is a great pile of fallen stones and tumbled domes, with little bits of wall paintings showing through. And it will not be rebuilt, it couldn’t be. It took centuries to build, now it is gone... No savage tribe, no invader, ever was responsible for the stupid, calculated cruelties of the Germans.”

In Stalingrad, the great city stretching for twenty miles along the Volga, where the greatest battle of the war was fought, the destruction was even worse, due to rocket and shell fire, rather than bombing, which does leave some walls standing. It had been a large industrial city. Now hundreds of little white houses are being built on the edges, but thousands of people are still living in holes, in ruined cellars under what were their homes. “Yet the wonder was that suddenly out of a pile of rubble would appear a young girl, clean, neatly dressed, on her way to work... a strange, heroic travesty on modern living.

“If the United States were completely destroyed from New York to Kansas, we would have about the area of destruction the Ukraine has. Six million out of forty-five million civilians have been killed. There are mines which will never be opened because the Germans threw thousands of bodies down into the shafts. Every piece of machinery in the Ukraine has been removed or destroyed... so that now, until more can be made, everything must be done by hand. The buildings to be replaced must be torn down first. An amount of labor that a bulldozer could do in a few days takes weeks by hand, but they have no bulldozers yet. And while they are rebuilding, the Ukrainians must produce food, for theirs is the great granary of the nation. They say that in harvest time there are no holidays... On the farms there are no Sundays, and there are no days off.”

The human loss due to the war was painfully evident everywhere. At the collective farm parties there were only a half dozen young men with whom the girls could dance, there were far more women than men in the factories and in the fields. There
were more women doctors than men. The manager of a great state tea farm in Georgia was a young woman—a college graduate who had specialized in tea culture. A great many of the men were maimed—had lost arms or legs—and there were no artificial limbs to be had... Scarcely a family that had not lost one or more of its members. Mamuchka, the hostess in the farm village home on a collective farm, had lost her son, her only child, whose picture hung on the wall. Asked about him she replied: “Graduated in bio-chemistry 1940, mobilized 1941, killed in 1941.” She said it. In Stalingrad, a bed of red flowers marked the common grave of the soldiers who had fallen there. A boy of five, with his mother near by, stood for a long time looking over the railing. When asked why he was standing there, replied: “I am visiting my father. I come to see him every night.”

The most convincing impression Steinbeck received was that the Russian people do not want war; they dread and fear its coming. They cannot imagine how anyone, especially the people of the United States, could think of invading that country. It was raining while he and Capa were at dinner on one collective farm. Across the way a man and woman were putting up the timbers for the roof of their cottage. Their host remarked, “This winter those two will have a house for the first time since 1941. They must have peace, they want their house. They have three small children who have never had a house to live in. There cannot be in the world anyone so wicked as to want to put them back in holes under the ground. But that is where they have been living.” Again, “they speak only in terms of invasion of their country, and they are afraid of it, because they have had it. Again and again they ask, Will the United States invade us? Will you send your bombers to destroy us more? And never do they say, we will send our bombers, or, we will invade.

“And then they spoke of the atom bomb, and they said they were not afraid of it. Stalin had said that it would never be used in warfare, and they trust that statement implicitly. One man said that even if it were used it would only destroy towns. Our towns are destroyed already... What more can it do? And if we were invaded we would defend ourselves, just as we did with the Germans. We will defend ourselves in the snow, and in the forests, and in the fields.”

How Children Grow


In an effort to answer her questions: “What is a school? Why shouldn’t a school fit the child?” Caroline Pratt, then a young student from Teachers College, founded her own school in 1901 that she might put the Dewey philosophy into practice.

In 1914 Miss Pratt established what was to be known later as the City and Country School. This school was located in a three-room apartment in Greenwich Village. The student body was composed of six children. The classroom requirements were simple, consisting of ample floor space and such flexible materials as blocks, crayons, paper, scissors, and paste. Miss Pratt pushed the walls of the classroom out into the outside world where she did her real teaching.

The book tells the story of the way children grow and learn. The children found answers to many of their own questions through first-hand experiences. The six and seven-year olds visited the bakery and the fire station. They watched boats from open piers on the river. These children became acquainted not only with things and places, but also acquired some appreciation for people, such as the baker, the fireman, and the boat pilot. They developed a growing awareness of the contributions individuals make to the group as a whole. Thus these children widened their horizons.

Miss Pratt believed that play impulses are basic to achievement. She believed that group planning and participation build the feeling of belonging from which such values as tolerance, loyalty, and personal and group responsibility emerge.

The children planned their own work, appropriating simple tools and materials. They thought through each undertaking and carried it out themselves. Adults stepped in only when the children were puzzled. During these early years, emphasis was placed upon the process rather than the end result. The process was: thinking, planning, and doing which brought satisfaction to the learners. Standards and abilities were kept in a working relationship.

Miss Pratt also discovered that as children grew and developed “they were eager to undertake ventures which had an end product as in the adult world and wanted the responsibility which went with it.” The
eight-year olds wanted to do real work—a job that was useful. They were given the opportunity to run the school store, handling the necessary supplies for their school mates. The job involved the need for learning and applying skills in reading, writing, and arithmetic. The nine-year olds ran the school post office. This undertaking led them to visit railway mail cars, steam pier post offices, and the main post office of New York City. They read stories about the Pony Express. They acquired information on the pneumatic tube system and air mail service which enabled them to compare the past with the present. The air was always full of discovery.

The children at City and Country School engaged in many socially useful jobs, as assisting in the cafeteria and publishing a school paper. They worked within a “wide frame of interest embracing an almost endless variety of related activities.”

For those who live and work with children, *I Learn from Children* offers a “fresh eye,” a challenge, and an inspiration.

Bess Stinson

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**A Folksy Narrative**


An interesting family circle is that of the Skinners, as we see it through the eyes of the daughter, whose affections for her artistic parents is tempered by a sense of humor and an engaging frankness. It is an American story, a family story, it might almost be called a success story, although not quite in the Alger tradition. Two young people, one from a New England parsonage, the other from the Missouri frontier of the late 70’s, with no knowledge of the theatre were both touched by its magic and with youthful enthusiasm willingly sacrificed comfort and pleasure to its demands. The romance of the courtship which developed during a tour in which they played to starvation business was in no way darkened by the fact that at the close of the run, with all bills paid, they were completely broke, so they were married—and lived happily ever after.

Ottis Skinner was a born trouper, the hardships of one-night stands did not daunt his gay spirit. The years of barnstorming during which he played a sensitive Hamlet to Maud’s exquisite Ophelia (which few people saw) were years of heartache and disappointment, with Broadway seeming far away, but they were also years of rich compensation, because these fine young actors were gaining experience in a wide repertory of plays and building up a loyal following. The pages are full of names that make the theatrical history of the 90’s and early 1900’s—Mojeska, whose encouragement of Maud made her the patron saint of the Skinner family, John Drew, Ada Rehan, Joe Jefferson, Charles Frohman, and many others.

With Broadway finally reached, and a baby daughter to be considered, Maud gave up the theatre, apparently without regret, to become a properly domestic Mother, a lovely, unpredictable, delightful one, and the family was established at Bryn Mawr, near enough to New York for the successful Otis to come for weekends. While Father conquered New York, Mother conquered the Philadelphia Mainliners with her loveliness, her charm, and her kindliness. Winthrop Ames said to her, “Maud, you were not born—Barrie made you.” This charm even managed to survive the adolescence of Cornelia, so frankely and amusingly related by said Cornelia that it should be recommended reading for mothers in like difficulty.

As for Father—“I was too young to know the meaning of ‘romantic’ but at the sight of him, gay, handsome, often singing in what he thought was French, my heart would pound with pride and delight. ‘That’s my Father!’ I would say to Mother, in case she didn’t know.” His letters scattered through the book tell one how dear was this family circle to the popular and debonair matinee idol.

This is a folksy narrative. Miss Skinner’s writing is like a speaking voice. It is a family circle that one likes to think of as American. The book closes modestly with the first appearance on Broadway of the author and Father together, and a faint echo of Father’s comment on his twelve-year-old daughter in a school play. “Well, Maud, she certainly has no talent—thank God.”

Anna L. French

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**Our Michigan Heritage**

*Detroit’s First American Decade, 1796-1805*, by Frederick Clever Bald, Ann Arbor, University of Michigan Press, 1948. 276 p. $4.50.

*Detroit’s First American Decade, 1796-1805*, the sixteenth volume of the History and Political Science of Studies, published by the University of Michigan Press, “bridges the historical gap between the British regime and the establishment of Michigan Territory.” Because historians have often neglected this span of years, Dr. Bald has seen it as a worthy subject for his chronological, well-documented study. Beginning with the occupation of Fort Lernoult by American troops in 1796 under Lieutenant Colonel Richard England, it closes in 1805 when Governor William Hull and other officers arrived at Detroit. In that decade American institutions and influences had developed rapidly in the community which was “still predominantly French in speech, in manners, and in point of view,” yet, which was strong in British sentiment, but well on the way toward being a truly American city.

Michigan’s metropolis, even the state at large, wears as permanent memorials, on its streets, additions, colleges, parks, etc., the names of those stalwart pioneers who figured prominently in directing the destiny of the infant village of 250 inhabitants. The following names and many others are seen often: Wayne, Woodward, Hamtramck, Cadillac, Cass, Pontiac, St. Clair.

F. Clever Bald, Assistant Director of the Michigan Historical Collections, University of Michigan, has long made the history of Michigan, and of Detroit in particular, the sub-
ject of his special study. In 1948 he was the author of one of the Clemens Library bulletins, directed to the Detroit school children: A Portrait of Anthony Wayne, with a historical essay on General Anthony Wayne.

A map of "Fort Lernoult and Detroit in 1796, by Major John Jacob Ulrich Rivardi" folds into a pocket in the back of the book. The end papers at the front are a double spread diagram of the "Plan of the Settlements at Detroit in 1796," by Patrick McNiff. Illustrations throughout the book are reproductions of old photographs or paintings, generally used through the courtesy of the Clemens Library or the Burton Historical Collection. A carefully prepared index adds greatly to the usefulness of the book as a reference and a readable "Bibliographical Essay" forms the final section, giving interesting, informative items concerning many of the documents used by Dr. Bald as source material.

MATE GRAYE HUNT

Free Publications

A new visual unit on "The Other Americas" may be had from the Pan American World Airways System, 28-19 Bridge Plaza North, Long Island City 1, New York. The French Embassy, Information Division, 610 Fifth Avenue, New York 20, supplies teachers with a 214-page illustrated booklet on France. Three recent publications on the United Nations are available from the Department of State, Division of Publications, Washington 25, D. C. The Junior Town Meeting League, 400 South Front Street, Columbus 15, Ohio, has free information concerning materials and discussion aids in teaching controversial issues. Armour's Food Source Map, Armour and Company, Chicago, Ill., aids in teaching geography and the importance of agriculture. Bell and Howell, 7100 McCormick Road, Chicago 45, has a booklet, Learning Unlimited, which includes sections on preparing to use motion pictures, selection and evaluation, sources, school-made pictures, etc. Good References Bibliography Series consists of seventy-two publications, such as: No. 34, "Visual Aids in Education: Pictures, Maps, Charts, etc.," by Dent and McCabe. Address the Federal Security Agency, U. S. Office of Education, Washington 25, D. C. Free for the asking is Short stories of Science and Invention, a collection of radio talks by Charles F. Kettering. Write to the General Motors Corporation, Public Relations Department, General Motors Building, Detroit 2, Michigan. References on Free and Inexpensive Instructional Aids, a 21-page bibliography may be had from the National Education Association of the United States, 1201 Sixteenth Street, N. W., Washington 6, D. C. Highways of History and Highways in the United States are two informative booklets issued by the Public Roads Administration, Federal Works Agency, Washington 25, D. C. Flag of the United States: how to display it and how to respect it comes from The American Legion, National Headquarters, 777 N. Meridian St., Indianapolis 6, Ind. "Phonograph records and their use in a school library." Monograph No. 51, by Dil-la W. McBean may be had by writing to Row, Peterson and Company, 1911 Ridge Ave., Evanston, Illinois.

A Japanese Edition

Dr. Elmer H. Wilds, director of the graduate division and the summer session at Western Michigan College, has been informed by his publisher, Rinehart and Company, that the book Foundations of Modern Education of which he is the author is to be published in the Japanese and Korean languages for use in teacher education in Japan.

The book was first published in 1936 and was revised and enlarged in 1942. Its English version has been used in a number of countries outside of the United States. Last year's sale of the book is reported to have been the largest since its publication.

During the war, two special editions were published for the United States Armed Forces Institute for use in its educational program.

Mrs. Dorothy Horst

Mrs. Dorothy Horst, for the last ten years a member of the faculty of Central High School, has been appointed to the staff of Western Michigan College.

With the beginning of the new semester, Mrs. Horst began her duties as assistant Dean of Women in charge of housing, and she is also serving as director of Spindler Hall succeeding Mrs. Dorothy Hoyt who resigned.

Mrs. Horst was homeroom advisor and instructor of French at Central High School, and for two years served as visiting teacher. She has a Master's degree from the University of Michigan and is a member of several professional organizations. Among them are included the World Organization of the Teaching Profession, the National Education Association, Michigan State Teacher's Club of which she is a member of the board of directors, Kalamazoo Business and Professional Women's Club, and Epsilon chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma, national honorary society for women in education.

Mrs. Horst has had wide experience and training in the field of guidance and counseling and should prove to be a valuable addition to the staff.
From all indications at the close of the spring vacation trip the Western Michigan College baseball team of 1949 will be a strong one. It may or may not win as many games as the Broncos did last year when they turned in a 16-5 record in becoming finalists for the Fourth NCAA district title with Illinois, but it is certain to pile up a fine record.

Some big holes were left in the lineup from last year with the loss of such men as Joe Cooper, right fielder, who led the team in hitting; Wayne Terwilliger, star second sacker; Bernie Compton, shortstop; and two much-better-than-ordinary college catchers in Walter Young and Bill Kowalski. These had to be filled and, in addition, Coach Maher needed more good pitching on his staff.

As this was written it was fairly certain that Richard Bruny, Detroit, was the choice for the catching job as in the early games he displayed plenty of zip and fight. He is a good receiver and has a good peg to the bases. Behind him was Ned Stuef, senior from Grand Rapids, who has also seen some service.

James Coleman, Grand Rapids, and Walter Southworth, Pontiac, made a battle of it for the second basing position with Coleman seeming fairly certain of the place when the vacation trip ended, but in Southworth the Broncos have a valuable understudy.

Fred Plaza, Ecorse, reserve short last year, found Newell “Scotty” Wilson, latin sophomore, making a hot scrap for the shortstop job vacated by Bernie Compton, but at the end of the spring vacation trip it was apparent that Plaza had won the regular starting position.

The right field position continued to be a source of worry only in that Maher needed hitting power there. In Don Groggel and Ted Bauer he had two men with fine defensive ability, but both men of whom did not show the hitting strength wanted when the vacation trip had ended. They might yet improve at the plate.

Gerald Hogan, Dearborn sophomore, and Walter Koehler, Ann Arbor sophomore, seem the best prospects among the new comers to the pitching corps. Koehler was having difficulty in control, but Hogan, who had a chance on the vacation trip performed like a veteran turning in two most creditable performances for the Broncos.

If Koehler gets control he can also prove a big aid to the staff. Gene Schlubir, Kalamazoo lefty, has continued to show good form and will give the Broncos some fine hurling during the season, barring injuries.

It was apparent following the vacation that Gordon Bowdell was not in shape, an elbow bothering his pitching performance, but Coach Maher was hoping that he might round into shape and again be effective. He was also hoping that George Duditch might continue his work of last season.

In the opening series just before the spring vacation the Broncos won a pair from Iowa, but it was still not certain that the team was up to the usual high standard of Western Michigan College baseball teams. The spring vacation trip of 6 games seemed to dispell that question as the
Broncos won a pair from Cincinnati, two from Ball State, and split even in a game with Miami University. The Miami and Cincinnati affairs were conference games.

In the Mid-American Conference play it looked at the end of April as if the title fight probably would settle down to a battle between Ohio, last year's Champion, and the Broncos, the 1948 runnerup.

Recently as two Kalamazoo high school teams went into the state basketball finals they were being hailed as Cinderella teams, especially after they won the state titles, Kalamazoo Central in Class A, coached by Robert Quiring; and Kalamazoo St. Augustine High, coached by Harve Freeman, both graduates of Western Michigan College.

The writer objects to the use of the term Cinderella as applied to athletic teams. They do not get to the top as did Cinderella, but rather the path is one of hard, long work, concentration on the details and fundamentals of the game, hours and hours spent in development of team play, long and arduous practice in attempting to shoot from the floor and from the foul line, all under the direction of a pains-taking coach, who must know not only the game that he is coaching, but to reach the peak of success, which in basketball is a championship, he must also know his boys, realize not only their strong points, but early in the year know their weak points and seek to eradicate them.

If any one can imagine those long hours of work in practices, the long grind of a playing season leading up to the state tournaments as Cinderella stuff, then perhaps the sports writers who applied that term were right.

St. Augustine went into the district; then the regional and then the state tournaments after having just missed the title in the Catholic league. The loss of the championship did not bother Coach Harve Freeman too much. Freeman has always been strong for having his teams ready at tournament time as the many championships that St. Augustine has won well indicates.

The Greenclads went into the district tournament to win with ease and won almost as easily in the regional tournament play at Western and then went into the state tournament as the favorite in Class C, as it was generally recognized that when Harve Freeman had a team in state tournament play he was there to win a title. Freeman's team did just that and played superb basketball in doing so, reflecting the skills that Freeman has developed into his boys.

Kalamazoo Central was a horse of a different color. Bob Quiring had taken over the basketball coaching this year after having turned in a remarkable performance in coaching the basketball teams there, as an earlier edition of the News Magazine related. His material did not seem too strong. It appeared green. It did not have too much in the way of height.

That did not bother Quiring. He went to work with what he had, quietly correcting the boys here, and correcting them there as the team went through the season, gradually developing until it was a hot ball club at the finish, although it had missed its league title by a wide margin because of early defeats.

It had a battle in the regional tournament to win that, and when it went into the state tournament it was not conceded a chance. Arthur Hill High of Saginaw had a giant team in Class A, that had not been beaten. It was already the champion; in fact it looked the part in every appearance, until that final game for the crown.

Central under the guidance of Coach Quiring managed to get by the first two games in fair shape and the question rose as to how good a game the Maroons might give Arthur Hill in the final.

It was a quiet group that went into the final game from Central High, but with it was a determination injected by Quiring to win. That determination made up what the team lacked in height; perhaps in finesse. It quickly took the lead, stunned the Arthur Hill team with its speed, its sharpshooting and its determination to win, by keeping the Hillites offensive from ever getting set. Central won going away and won easily to become the Class A Champion of Michigan in the biggest upset probably that the state Class A basketball finals have ever seen.

Both Harve Freeman and Quiring are well known at Western. Freeman was a former star pitcher of years ago, who later went to the athletics, and later turned to high school coaching. He has been at St. Augustine for upwards of twenty years, and has always been known as a successful coach, both in football, which he gave up coaching a few years ago, and in basketball. Quiring played basketball and baseball at Western and coached at State High for a short time before going to Central High.

The News Magazine has recorded events of their coaching success in the past and now is happy to salute them as coaches of the 1949 Class A and Class C basketball champions of Michigan.

Through an arrangement made early in January Collier's Weekly took over the publication of the All-American basketball team named by the National Association of Basketball Coaches of the United States, of which Herbert W. Read was president this past year, as he ended his twenty-eighth year of coaching Bronco teams on the hardwood.

As a result of his wide knowledge of the game, his long years of experience in collegiate basketball circles, and his position as president of the basketball coaches association, Collier's honored Read by selecting him as chairman of its All-American board of half a dozen outstanding coaches, who aided in the final selection of the All-American, after a coaches committee had picked five district teams. It was from these that the All-American was picked.

Serving on the committee with Read were Krupp of Kentucky, Claire Bee of Long Island University, Ozzie Cowles of Minnesota, Hank Iba of Oklahoma A. & M., and Everett Dean of Stanford.
Bronco Hall of Fame

Harold McKee of Kalamazoo, a member of some of Jud Hyames baseball squads before he graduated in 1932, a baseball coach and manager out of the ordinary, is well deserving of a place in the Bronco hall of fame. For fifteen years he has been doing a great coaching and managing job with youthful teams in Kalamazoo in the City Recreation League and, perhaps because his work has been with such teams instead of with high school or college teams, it has been generally overlooked by many people.

McKee graduated in the midst of the depression years, but did not let that throw him. With jobs at a premium, he associated with Dr. Homer Stryker in 1934 in coaching and managing the Legion Maroons of Kalamazoo. In 1935, when Dr. Stryker was forced to give up his activity in connection with the Maroons because of the press of his practice, McKee took over and for the past fifteen years he has been directing the work of the Legion Maroons with great success.

Not only has he been the coach and manager of the Legion Maroons, but of the Legion Blue, an age limit just under the Maroons and has also been a principal figure in the eight-team league of Midgets sponsored by the Joseph Westnedge Post of the American Legion and the City Recreation Department. Both the Blues and the Legion Maroons play in the City Recreation League.

While rule changes through the years have limited at times the membership of the Legion Maroons to players from one or two high schools, the principal factor in the division between the Midget teams, the Legion Blue and the Legion Maroons is age. Boys fourteen or under on January 1 are eligible for the Legion Midgets, but if they are good enough as baseball players they can play on a higher team, the Blues or Maroons. If they are fifteen as of January 1, they are eligible for the Legion Blues and, if seventeen or under on the first day of January, they are eligible for the Maroons for the following summer play.

During the past fifteen years that he has been working with these teams, the Blues and the Maroons, and the eight-teams in the League of Midgets, McKee has seen many youngsters come up through the ranks from the Midgets to the Blues to the Maroons and on into collegiate ranks, with some going into professional baseball, not the least of whom was Neil Berry, who was enrolled at Western Michigan College before he signed a contract with the Detroit Tigers with whom he may be playing second base this year.

How fine a job McKee has done with these teams is best illustrated with the Maroons, the team that annually goes into the American Legion playoffs. For fourteen straight years Harold McKee has taken the Maroons into those playoffs with fourteen straight district championships and fourteen straight regional championships. Five times during those fourteen years his teams have been in the state American Legion playoffs. At times the state American Legion Baseball championship just eluded the grasp of the Maroons, but last year they crashed the final barrier to win the top American Legion baseball honors, the Legion championship of Michigan.

Through the years Harold McKee has taken a strong personal interest in these lads he has been guiding on baseball teams. He has not only proven a fine coach and manager for those teams, but has been a great influence for the betterment of the youngsters who have been playing under his direction, aiding them materially to become good solid citizens of the community.

McKee has also found time for numerous other such activities through the years such as officiating, working with softball teams, etc. McKee has again started work with these Legion teams—another season just ahead. He deserves a high commendation for this work through the years and to him is extended our congratulations on a job well done.

A cooperative counselor field training program will be sponsored during the coming summer by the Western Michigan College and the Boy Scouts, according to Otto Yntema, director of the department of extension and adult education at Western.

Four departments of the college will cooperate in the program including the men's physical education, sociology, education, and the department of extension and adult education. The Fruit Belt Area Council and Southwestern Michigan Incorporated will represent the Boy Scouts.

Through this cooperative field training program, Yntema says, the student will have the opportunity to obtain first hand experience that will be of value to him in the classroom and the community. He will also be able to earn five semester hours of college credit while working at a job with pay. Yntema says it is particularly designed to meet the needs of students in physical education and social work.
Fraternity News

For the past ten years, Alpha Beta Epsilon sorority has been active in organizing alumnae of Western Michigan College in several cities. At present there are twelve chapters and the inter-chapter council. Western Michigan College has been the recipient of the interests of these several chapters in the form of scholarships for students and a pledge of $10,000.00 for an organ to be installed in the new Memorial Chapel to be erected on the campus in the near future.

Alpha chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon, known as the original “Mother Chapter,” celebrated the Tenth anniversary of the sorority in November, 1948. It was a very festive occasion with unusual decorations carrying out the birthday theme. The table was centered with “Happy Birthday” letters made of brown and gold cushion chrysanthemums woven on wire frames and banked with brown oak leaves. Western was represented on this occasion by Vern E. Mabie, director of placement and alumni relations, and campus advisor, Lucille Abbott Nobbs. Each gave news of the campus. An interpretation of the play, “Street Car Named Desire” was cleverly presented by one of the local teachers, Daniel Sekulovich.

Harriett B. Snyder, organizer and first president of the sorority; and Ruth Peterson, president and one of the original fourteen members, served the tiered birthday cake, assisted by Lucille Nobbs at the coffee table.

The presidents of Alpha Chapter for the past ten years include, respectively, Harriett B. Snyder, Helyn Wooley, Adeline B. Fogg, Lucille Schramm, Virginia Bundy, and Ruth Peterson.

Alpha Beta Epsilon was originally organized as Pi Delta Phi on November 14, 1938, in Benton Harbor, Michigan, by Harriett B. Snyder. There were fourteen original members initiated at the first installation and induction banquet. The first officers were: President Harriett B. Snyder; Vice-President, Dorothy Ender; Secretary, Verlan Ellison; Treasurer, Genevieve Bundy; Chaplain, Florine Weber; on-campus advisor, Lucille Abbott Nobbs.

Permission to organize this group as a Western Michigan College alumnae sorority had been previously granted to Harriett Snyder by President Paul V. Sangren. The college organizations committee, headed by Dr. J. O. Knauss, assisted by Dr. Leonard Kercher, in addition to President Sangren, Carl Cooper, and Lucille Nobbs gave their full cooperation in every respect during the organization, life, and growth of this Western Michigan College alumnae sorority. The fourteen original members were: Harriett B. Snyder, Verlan Ellison, Dorothy Ender, Ruth Peterson, Helyn Wooley, Anne Houseworth, Hope Bowen, Thelma Ziegart, Lucille Schramm, Genevieve Bundy, Rose Bittner, Florine Weber, Dorothy Stemm, Fredelia Tuttle, and campus advisor, Lucille Abbott Nobbs.

This sorority was organized with the purpose of furthering the interests of Western and of perpetuating the close friendships made during on-campus and extension affiliations at Western by this group of alumnae.

They drafted their own constitution, by-laws, and rituals during the first year and immediately inaugurated a program of raising money for a scholarship fund.

In August of 1940, the sorority changed its name from Pi Delta Phi to Alpha Beta Epsilon, and the constitution and by-laws were revised, liberalizing membership requirements. A charter had been requested from Western Michigan College, so President Paul V. Sangren presented this charter to the sorority in September, 1940, during a three-day college conference at the Whitcomb Hotel.

After a two-year period of formative growth, the sorority was in a position to take on the duties of organizing other chapters. Beta of South Bend, and Gamma of Grand Rapids were organized during the year and were formally inducted in May, 1941. Nine more chapters were inducted in turn, with the newest chapter, Nu, at Muskegon Heights.
in May, 1948. The twelve chapters have enrolled a total of more than 800 members. The twelve chapters in order of their creation are: Alpha, Benton Harbor; Beta, South Bend, Ind.; Gamma, Grand Rapids; Delta, Kalamazoo; Epsilon, Jackson; Zeta, Lansing; Eta, Midland; Theta, Albion; Iota, Battle Creek; Kappa, Detroit; Lambda, Dowagiac; Mu, Muskegon Heights.

After five of these chapters had been organized the inter-chapter council was formed as a co-ordinating body between chapters by the organization committee of Alpha chapter. Annual conventions of the council and banquet are held on campus each year at graduation time for faculty, delegates, members and friends. Presidents of the inter-chapter council, past and present are: Adeline B. Fogg, Maryalice Buswell, and Heloy Wooley.

During the past ten years Alpha chapter has given not less than two and not more than five scholarships in any one year. In addition to the annual chapter contribution to the organ fund, several members have contributed individually with bonds. The sorority takes its place in the community as one of the active working clubs and makes its annual contributions to the community chest, Red Cross, March of Dimes, Cancer Society, and cooperates in any way possible with other community projects.

Alumnae of Western Michigan College in any locality may have a chapter of this sorority. The alumni office can give unlimited information about the sorority and will pass on the requests for information to the organization chairman, and the requests will be handled promptly. It is not only the hope of the sorority, but one of its aims to have a chapter in every community where Western Michigan College alumnae are represented in sufficient numbers.

Seventeen students of Western Michigan College were honored this year with election to membership in Kappa Rho Sigma, honorary society in science and mathematics on Western Michigan College campus. Election is by unanimous vote of the entire membership of the Faculty Science Club of the college which sponsors the organization, and is based upon scholarship attainment in science or mathematics by juniors or seniors.

Those named to the organization are John Alwood, Coloma; Edward Anderson, Harbert; Robert Bauer, Kalamazoo; Charles Bayliss, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Robert Bursian, Petoskey; David Carpenter, Camden; Lynford Davis, Battle Creek; Virginia Fish, Benton Harbor; Fred Laurent, Cadillac; Barbara Loehr, Kalamazoo; Mary Masten, Paw Paw; Chukemek Modu, Aroudingsojn, Liberia; Dean Russell Smith, Battle Creek; Alice Swenson, Sawyer; Eleanor Texture, Kalamazoo; Jack Townsend, Montague; John Worrell, Niles.

They were initiated at a banquet given by the Faculty Science Club, May 4, after which they attended in a group the annual science lecture given in the ballroom of Walwood Hall by Dr. A. J. Carlsen, nationally known psychologist under the sponsorship of the Faculty Science Club.

And now women students in the music department of Western Michigan College have organized a chapter of a national music fraternity. It is the Beta Eta chapter of Sigma Alpha Iota. The chapter was installed with national officers in attendance on Friday and Saturday, March 25 and 26. Men of the department "went National" a year ago.

An impressive ceremony marked the installation of the chapter Friday afternoon in Arcadia Brook Clubhouse when the chapter was installed and members, sponsors, and patrons were initiated. In the evening a formal musicale was given for which Mrs. Cameron Davis opened her home. Saturday was devoted to final business and a luncheon at the Van Gogh Room in Walwood Hall.

Mrs. Carolyn George, Kalamazoo, was elected president; Miss Marilyn Hammon, Evart, vice-president; Miss Lynette Pardee, Three Oaks, recording secretary; Miss Pat Dewey, Vicksburg, corresponding secretary; Miss Mary Ellen Pas, Holland, treasurer; Miss Mary Ellen Ward, Kalamazoo, chaplain. Sponsors are Miss Ethel Green, Mrs. Dorothea Sage Snyder, Miss Mary Doty, and Mrs. Elmer Beloff, all members of the music faculty. National officers who officiated at the installation and initiation were Mrs. Gertrude Wood, Madison, Wis., national treasurer, and Mrs. Edna Hutton, editor of the national publications.

New Hall Presidents

Miss Wies Miss Beck

Beverly Wies of Sunfield has been elected president of Walwood Hall residence for women and Barbara Beck of St. Petersburg, Florida, has been elected president of Spinder Hall for the coming year. These elections were held in accordance with the plan to name slates for election at the end of the fall semester in order to give all women, including freshman, the opportunity to know the candidates better.

Both dormitory presidents are members of the Junior class. Miss Weis is a member of Senate Sorority, Sigma Tau Chi national fraternity in business education, and Newman Club. Miss Beck is a member of La Cercle Francais, Classical Club, and Student Leadership Committee.

Other officers at Walwood are: Vice-president, Colleen Carroll, South Bend, Indiana; secretary, Sally Gordon, Pontiac; treasurer, Lilian Sundquist, Flint.

At Spinder officers beside the president include: Vice-president, Marie Large, Detroit; secretary, Pat Korn, Elkhart, Indiana; and treasurer, Barbara Burke, Fulton.
On Monday evening, March 28, about 100 Western Michigan College Alumni from the vicinity of Kent County and Grand Rapids met in the gymnasium of Godwin Heights High School to launch a new Alumni Club in that area. A preliminary meeting had been held during February by a small group of alumni who selected Wallace Blair as temporary chairman and Helen Weller as temporary secretary. Arrangements for the March 28 meeting were made by these officers and their committeemen.

Wallace Blair took charge of the meeting and presided during the adoption of a constitution which was ably presented and discussed by Wendell Emery, constitution committee chairman. After adoption of the constitution, Reed Waterman presented a slate of candidates prepared by the nomination committee. Helen Weller, Superintendent of North Park School, was elected president; Harold Sabin, Director of Athletics at Lee High School, vice-president; B. L. Spaulding, Superintendent of Fairview School, secretary; and Mrs. Kathryn Pitt, teacher at Dodge School Gaines Dist. 3, treasurer. The officers of the club will serve as an executive board to direct club programs and activities.

The program for the evening consisted of community singing led by Lynn Clark, a short talk by Vern E. Mabie on the status of the alumni organization at Western, a moving picture presented by Coach John Gill of the 1948 football game between Western and Washington University, and a mixer in charge of Miss Maria Sexton.

The Constitution adopted by the club calls for three regular meetings per year in October, February, and May. Announcement of the May meeting for 1949 will be made shortly. All Western alumni in the area are invited to attend.

Miss Helen Weller, president of the new Western Michigan College Club, received her life certificate from Western in 1926. That fall she went to the North Park School to teach physical education. She remained in this position until 1940 when she was elected to the superintendency which she has held since that time. Miss Weller received her A.B. degree from Western in 1936 and her Master's degree from the University of Michigan in 1944.

Harold Sabin received his B.S. degree from Western in 1937. During the next seven years he taught and coached athletics at East Jackson High School. In the fall of 1944 he became coach and athletic director at Lee High School. At present Mr. Sabin is president of the Grand Valley Association.

Mrs. Sabin is the former Virginia Deming of Jackson. The Sabin's have two sons, Gordon, nine, and Thomas, five.

Bernie L. Spaulding graduated from Western with his A.B. degree in 1928 and received his M.A. from the University of Michigan in 1945. Mr. Spaulding was principal of the Cannonsburg School for two years, superintendent at Burr Oak for five years, and history teacher at Fairview School four years before becoming superintendent in 1941. Mrs. Spaulding is the former Crystal Pell, who also graduated from Western in 1928. The Spauldings have two daughters and one son.

Mr. Spaulding has served as president of the Kent County Rural Teachers Association, the Kent County M. E. A., delegate to the Representative Assembly of the M. E. A., and president of the Kent County Suburban (Athletic) League.

During the war years, when coaches could not be secured, Mr. Spaulding took over the coaching duties at Fairview. A highlight of his teaching career came when his “10th grade school team” won a regional championship. No other 10th grade school in Michigan has accomplished this feat.

Mrs. Kathryn Pitt, formerly Schaaf, left Western to become a rural teacher in the Kent County schools in 1944. In 1946 she was married to Mr. John Pitt. The Pitts have one daughter, Dorothy Ann.

Approximately 200 teachers from school in seventeen Southwestern Michigan counties attended the conference on audio-visual education at Western Michigan College, February 3.

Ford L. Lemler, director of audio-visual education at the University of Michigan, discussed the competency of the rapidly increasing number of audio-visual aids available to education from kindergarten to the college. In his keynote address he presented a demonstration of teaching. Miss Betty Johnson of Kalamazoo public schools discussed the value of theatre trips and social travel as an education factor. Lawrence Haaby, State High School, spoke on the use of transcriptions in teaching.

The Faculty Women's Club entertained women of the Senior class at a pre-commencement reception Monday evening, May 9, in Walwood Hall Ballroom. The guest speaker was Miss Agnes Adams, of Evanston, Illinois.
Interesting Alumni

Major Jack A. Sims was born February 23, 1919, in Kalamazoo, and subsequently attended grade school, high school, and college at Western, graduating in the spring of 1940 upon the attainment of a degree of Bachelor of Arts. His engagement in sports consisted chiefly of four years with both the high school and college tennis teams. CPT (Civilian Pilot Training) under the guidance of the college developed an interest in flying which led to his enlisting as a cadet in the Army Air Corps in November of 1940 for further training.

Jack A. Sims

Upon receiving his commission, Lt. Sims experienced several months of submarine patrol and maneuvers in the northwest and southwest sections of the country, and then in early 1942, he was assigned to a tour of combat duty in the Pacific Theatre. While here he was one of Jimmy Doolittle’s pilots who made the famous bombing trip over Tokyo. Upon return, he was assigned to a tactical organization in Florida. At McVill Field, Florida, he married the former Frances Jane Markey from Battle Creek, Michigan. She was a graduate of St. Phillips High School, Battle Creek, and held various secretarial positions.

In December, 1942, five months after his marriage, Sims again flew overseas for a year’s duty in the European Theatre. After completing 40 missions, he returned to the States. Here he was joined by his wife and subsequently ordered to Atlantic City, N. J.; Nashville, Tenn.; and Wilmington, Delaware, in that order. During this time, his duties were varied but chiefly administrative. The Wilmington tour extended over two years. He was later stationed at Westover Field, Massachusetts, as Base Air Inspector and Acting Inspection General.

In the fall of 1947, Major Sims enrolled in the University of Chicago under the Air Force educational program, receiving an MBA degree in transportation and personnel in December, 1948. Upon graduation, he received an assignment to the Office of Special Investigations, Headquarters, USAF, The Pentagon, Washington, D. C. This immediately entailed another school; a five-weeks’ training course in investigative work comparable to that pursued by the FBI.

Major and Mrs. Sims have three children, Michael, Sharon, and John. Mrs. Sims and the children have been residing in Battle Creek during the past few weeks, but expect to join Major Sims in Washington in the near future.

C. Carney Smith

G. Carney Smith worked for the City Welfare Department in Kalamazoo and later for the Economic Recovery Administration as a social worker after graduating from college in 1933. In 1935 he went to Flint as head of the Department of Speech and Director of Forensics at Northern High School. His debating teams were in the State semi-finals in 1936 and attained the State championship in 1937, and the quarter-finals in 1938.

Mr. Smith went to Alma College as head of the Department of Speech and received his Master’s degree from the University of Michigan in 1938. During his stay at Alma College, he had people who placed in extemporary speaking contests and in oratory, and were undefeated in the national Delta Sigma Rho tournament in 1941. He was also president of the Michigan Association of the Teachers of Speech and was editor of the course of study in various phases of speech education which was sponsored by the State Association.

In 1942, Mr. Smith joined the national American Red Cross staff with headquarters in Washington, D. C. In the course of four years with them, he became Regional Director of the Eastern Area, responsible for the administration of all Red Cross activities in several states. In 1944 he directed the relief and rehabilitation program in West Virginia tornadoes and in 1945 was director of relief and rehabilitation for
the Ohio Valley flood which affected about 160,000 people along the river from Pittsburgh to Paducah.

During 1946, Smith became a member of the Agency Department in the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Company of Newark, New Jersey. There he did field work and served as an instructor in the Analgraph training, Mutual Benefit's patented method of estate analysis. In January, 1948, he was made General Agent in charge of the Mutual Benefit office in Washington and nearby Virginia and Maryland.

Mrs. Smith will be remembered by many as Mildred Krohnne, who also graduated from Western. The Smiths were married in 1934 and have two children, Patricia Marie and Clark K.

Margaret Jane Brennan, '27, is teaching Foods and Nutrition at the New York State College of Home Economics which is a part of Cornell University. One of her courses is in Food Preparation in Relation to Meal Planning which is intended for students outside the college of Home Economics. The undergraduates have nicknamed it "The Bride's Course." Another of Miss Brennan's courses is in "Fancy Cookery known in the catalog as Advanced Foods." In this they do the "frills and the less common dishes."

Since leaving Western in 1927, Margaret Jane has found time to teach in several schools and see much of the United States. She was connected with the Hastings, Michigan, schools for twelve years and has subsequently taught in East Lansing; Mary Grove College, Detroit; Marysville, Indiana; Kelloggs in Battle Creek; and Western's Training Division at Paw Paw. She joined the Cornell staff in 1947.

Lenora Brennan, '39, is a member of the faculty of the State Teachers College at Towson, Maryland. She is supervisor and demonstration teacher in the fourth grade of the campus school.

Miss Brennan spent the first five years after graduation from Western as a teacher and teaching principal in the elementary schools of Greenville, Michigan. She left Greenville to attend Columbia University where she received her Master's degree in 1945. During the next two years she was a member of the Western Michigan College faculty where she served in the Paw Paw Training Unit.

Ruth Ellsworth

Ruth Ellsworth, who graduated from Western in the class of 1930, has recently completed work for a Ph. D. degree at Northwestern University, and has joined the faculty of the College of Education, Wayne University, in the field of elementary education.

Miss Ellsworth is the daughter of the late Frank Ellsworth and Mrs. Ellsworth, both formerly of Western's faculty. She is a graduate of the Campus Training School and of State High as well as of Western. While at Western she was a member of Academy, International Relations Club, Kappa Delta Pi, Le Cercle Francais, and the Women's Chorus. She received her M.A. degree from Columbia University.

After graduating from Western, Miss Ellsworth taught in the public schools of Ann Arbor and of Bronxville, New York, and later did half-time teaching at Northwestern University while studying for the Ph. D.

Hugh Myers, '29, has recently been appointed to the principalship of Otsego High School. Hugh has been associated with the Otsego schools since 1932 except for an interim during the war. In 1943 he took a position in Depauw University at Greencastle, Indiana, as a civilian instructor with the Navy's V-12
and V-5 programs. At the conclusion of the war he taught in the East Lansing schools until a vacancy occurred in the Otsego Junior High School in 1945. He then returned to teach General Science and Mathematics until his recent promotion.

Mr. Myers is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, having joined Epsilon chapter at Northwestern University, when he received his M.A. degree in 1937. He has served as president of the Allegan County M. E. A. and is at present a member of the Allegan County M. E. A. Professional Problems Committee.

Mrs. Myers was formerly Eleanor Kirby, Kalamazoo College, '32. The Myers have two children, Winifred, ten, and Hugh, six.

Clark Muma, '29, has been elected to the superintendency of the Charlotte, Michigan, public schools. He was born in Casnovia, Michigan, in 1906 and attended elementary school there and high school in Grand Rapids and Ionia. He was a member of the class of '29 at Western and is remembered by many for his baseball playing during his college days.

After graduation, Mr. Muma spent one year with the Briggs Body Corporation in Detroit and then entered the teaching profession at Decatur in the fall of 1930. He remained here until September, 1936, when he moved to Allegan where he taught until 1943. Since then he has been principal of Charlotte High School until his recent promotion.

Mrs. Muma (Bernice Ronan, '31), is also a graduate of Western. The Mumas have three children, Ada Jean, 14; and twins, John and Jim, 11.

J. E. Liddicoat became superintendent of Tuscola County schools on February 1, 1949. He moved into this new position from the principalship of the Croswell-Lexington Consolidated School. Mr. Liddicoat received his A.B. degree from Western and his M.A. degree from the University of Detroit. He has also done advanced work at the University of Michigan.

Mr. Liddicoat taught for twelve years in the Ferndale schools and at various times in K ern County, California; East Detroit; and East Tawas. He was superintendent in the latter school for a time.

Mrs. Liddicoat is the former Bernice Ronan, '32. The Liddicoats have two children, 13 and 10 years of age.

Don J. Bittenbender

Don J. Bittenbender, who received his degree from Western in February of 1947, has recently accepted a position as sales manager of the Bemo Potato Chip Company of Kalamazoo. The company is a rapidly growing firm that is very active throughout the southwestern part of Michigan. Mr. Bittenbender's duties are to expand the business of the company. At the present they are operating nine trucks and they expect to add more.

Mr. Bittenbender had excellent training for the present position during two year's service as a salesman.

Hugh Myers

Clark Muma

J. E. Liddicoat

Don J. Bittenbender
for the Toiletries Division of the Colgate Company in twelve counties of southwestern Michigan. He was contact man for the Colgate Company in charge of new business.

Mr. and Mrs. Loron A. Willis graduated from Western in 1927, he with an A.B. degree and she with a Life Certificate. Mrs. Willis was formerly Dorothy Robbins. In the fall of 1927, Mr. Willis became mathematics teacher and track coach in Howell High School, a position he has held ever since. He has done a fine piece of work in both phases of his teaching activity. His track teams are always a power to be reckoned with in league competition and many of his mathematics students have made excellent collegiate records.

The Willis's have two daughters, Nancy Jean, a sophomore, and Beverly Ann in the sixth grade.

Prior to her marriage, Mrs. Willis taught school in Bellevue, Grandville, and Grand Rapids. During the war she became a later elementary teacher in Fowlerville and has continued in this position since 1944.

The Willis family is always active in community affairs. Mr. Willis has been an active scouter in Howell for many years and besides this he takes an active part in the work of the Masonic Lodge, the Howell Lions Club, and the Presbyterian Church. Mrs. Willis helped to organize the Girl Scout movement in Howell and was on the State Board of the Michigan Child Study Association from 1941 to 1945. She was State President of the latter organization for two years. Many Girl Scout and Brownie troops find a meeting place in the cabin maintained by the Willis's in the backyard of their home at Howell.

During the summer the family spends much time at their cottage and truck farm on the shores of Banks Lake near Greenville, Michigan.

During the winter months the Willis' live in a beautiful home at 320 East Lake Street, Howell, Michigan. In a recent letter they extend greetings to all their Western friends and an invitation to visit them at either of their homes.
Faculty Publications

Dr. Gerald Osborn of the Chemistry Department is the author of “Concepts of Acids From Early Times Until Now,” which appeared in the December issue of Science-Review.

A recent issue of The Agricultural Education Magazine carried an article: “A Superintendent’s Impression of On-farm Training,” by H. G. Archer, Superintendent of the Paw Paw Training School.

Mr. Homer L. J. Carter, director of the Psycho-Educational Clinic, and Miss Dorothy J. McGinnis, Associate Director of the Clinic, are the authors of Reading Manual and Social Research, entitled, “How to Educate Your Superintendent,” the title of an article in School Shop, February 1949, by J. W. Giachino, Associate Director in Industrial Technical education.

In the February 1949 issue of Sociology and Social Research, Dr. Chester Hunt of the Sociology Department had an article: “Religious Ideology as a Means of Social Control.”

Notes and News Kalamazoo County Historical Society is the title of a bulletin, the first number having been issued on April 1, 1949, under the editorship of Mate Graye Hunt, Assistant Director of the Department of Librarianship.

Dr. George G. Mallinson contributed a section entitled, “Hydrogen, the Explosive” to the publication Dramatizing Your School. An article: “A Survey of State Syllabi for Science” appeared in the February number of The Science Teacher. In the February issue of Science Education he published an article: “Materials of Consumer Science in Junior High Schools.” He was also the author of a research study: “An Investigation of the Subject-Matter Backgrounds of Student Teachers in Science,” which appeared in the April 1949 issue of School Science and Mathematics.


The February issue of Public Health Nursing carried an article: “Colleges Health Program,” by Miss Gayle Pond, Director of Student Health Service.

The National Poetry Association’s Anthology of Teachers’ Poetry, published March 1949, includes “City Man,” a poem by William A. Suck, English teacher in High School.

The First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo, Michigan. A Centennial History, is the title of an illustrated book which appeared in February 1949. Earlier research for it had been made by Professor Oscar Trumble, but the final copy was made by Dr. James O. Knauss, Dr. Russell Siebert, and Charles R. Starring.

Miss Marion Tamin is the author of a recent article in Le Bayon Quarterly (in French) published by the University of Houston.

Faculty Activities

MRS. WYNIFRED C. MAC FEE attended the convention of the American Association of School Administrators, National Education Association in St. Louis from February 23-March 1. April 29-30 she attended the state convention of the American Association of University Women in Flint.

DR. NANCY E. SCOTT represented Western Michigan College in March at the first meeting of public educational and allied groups whose purpose was the planning of a state-wide organization to further the aims of U. N. E. S. C. O. The meeting was held at Wayne University, Detroit.

MRS. JEAN VIS attended the annual Citizens’ Conference on Education, Lansing, March 8.

MRS. LOUISE F. STRUBLE gave a lecture on “Public School Art” at Cedar Springs, February 18.

ADRIAN TRUMPE attended the annual meeting of the Retail and Office Club of Michigan at Wayne University, Detroit, January 22.

DR. WM. MCKINLEY ROBINSON was the speaker at the Third Farm Forum, sponsored by the Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce and the University of Minnesota, March 10 and 11, in Minneapolis. On March 22, Dr. Robinson spoke before the Community Forum at Decatur, Michigan, and on March 27, attended the Executive Council meeting of Kappa Delta Pi as national President in Philadelphia.

ALBERT B. BECKER judged speech contests at Battle Creek Central High School on March 18 and the State High School final debate between Grand Rapids Union and Allston on March 22. He was discussion leader of the Basic Communication Conference at Michigan State College, East Lansing, on the topic, “Teaching Oral Communication in High School,” April 7, and served as judge for the Pace contests held at Hope College, April 20.

MRS. ADA BERKLEY represented Western Michigan College at the midwinter meeting in January of the American Library Association held in Chicago.

DR. ALFRED H. NADELMAN was the speaker at the Paper Makers’ Forum, Middletown, Ohio, February 8. He attended the Annual Convention of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry held February 20-23 in New York City.

MRS. LUCY E. REED spent February 14-18 in attendance at the Regional Conference for State Supervisors and Teacher Trainers on Home Economics held at the LaSalle Hotel in Chicago. She was in Lansing, February 25, assisting in planning the State Conference which will be held there August 23 and 24.

DR. CYRIL STOUT was the representative of Western Michigan College at the High School Career Day Programs at Evart, Michigan, March 23 and at Cadillac, Manistee, Traverse City, Petoskey, and Alpena, April 1-4.

OZIE P. FREDERICK attended conferences as follows: Curriculum meetings of the National Association of Secondary School Principals held at the Congress Hotel in Chicago, March 1; the Conference on Higher Education held at the University of Michigan, March 21 and 22; and the Midwestern Conference on Graduate Study and Research held at the Morrison Hotel in Chicago, March 29.

THOMAS W. NULL served as chairman of the panel group on Counseling and Guidance at the Michigan Education Association State Convention held in Bay City, March 25 and 26.

JOHN AMEY visited the Hastings, Nashville, and Woodland High Schools during February. On March 19, Mr. AmeY attended the Alumni Meeting held in Lansing, and from March 31-April 2, attended the Michigan Academy Meeting at Wayne University.

MRS. MARGIE V. SHOOP represented Western Michigan College at the Michigan Education Association Classroom Teacher’s Conference, Benton Harbor, February 24. She was a delegate in attendance at the Representative Assembly of M. E. A. in Lansing, April 1 and 2, and was appointed a member of the Nominating Committee of the Eighth Region of M. E. A.

MRS. ELSEL E. BENDER, is a representative of the Department of Classroom Teachers of the Michigan Education Association on the Michigan Education Association Advisory Committee to the National Commission on Teacher Education and Professional Standards, and recently attended a meeting in St. Louis. Miss Bender served on a panel discussion and gave a talk on “Phonics and Spelling” at the Kent County Institute in East Grand Rapids on March 25.

DR. DEVO B. FOX participated in a panel discussion at the Eighth Annual Conference on Higher Education at the University of Michigan on “Curricular Offerings in the Community College.” On March 26, he addressed the Michigan Association of Protestant Parochial School Principals on the subject, “Vocational Education” in Grand Rapids. Dr. Fox appeared before the Advisory and Counseling Staff of Kalamazoo Central High School on April 12 to discuss vocational technical educational curricula offered at Western Michigan College.
Mrs. Helen Brown and the Misses Isabelle, Carlene, Elvira, Dorothy, and Marion Spaulding, Doris Huskey, and Crystal Worner represented Western Michigan College at the meeting of the Midwest Association of College Teachers of Physical Education for Women held at McCormick Creek State Park, Spencer, Indiana, April 1 and 2.

Dr. Russell H. Seibert spoke to the Muskegon Parent-Teacher Association at the city high school on international affairs; on March 21 he addressed the county Michigan Education Association meeting at Midland on "Democracy in an Atomic Age.

Dr. Seibert also attended the National Conference on Higher Education in Chicago, April 4-7, and helped formulate the statement on academic freedom that was adopted by the conference.

Joseph C. Torok on January 27 observed the writing Clinic in the Basic College Course of Written and Spoken English, at Michigan State College, East Lansing. On April 1 and 2, he attended the conference on college freshman courses in composition and communication sponsored by the National Council of Teachers of English at the Sea Girt, N. J.

Dr. Leonard Kercher, Dr. Gerald Osborn, Dr. Wm. Holmes, H. G. Archer and Miss Roxana A. Steele attended the Conference on Higher Education at Ann Arbor on March 21. Miss Steele also attended the In-Service Conference for Teachers of English held at St. Joseph in April.

Miss Jean A. Smith was in Chicago February 27, at a Planning Board Meeting of the Outing Clubs of the Midwestern Area. On March 5, she went to Detroit to be present at a meeting for judges and coaches in synchronized swimming.

Dr. Herman E. Rothfuss represented Western Michigan College at the meeting of the Foreign Language Teachers of the Teacher Training Colleges of Michigan held at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, March 19, and the University of Kentucky Foreign Language Conference, Lexington, Ky., March 31-April 2.

Dr. D. C. Shilling spent February 8 in Lansing attending a meeting of the Program Committee of the Institute of State Government Workshop held at Michigan State College. On February 17, and March 15, he attended meetings of the Board of Directors of the Michigan Society of Planning Officials also held in Lansing.

Carl Cooper conducted 40 members of the Future Teachers Club of America to Washington, D. C., April 16-23.

Dr. Leslie A. Kenoyer spoke before the Botanical Section of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters on "Plant Formations on North and East Borders of the Mexican Plateau" at Wayne University, April 1, 2. Others in attendance were: Fred Beeler, Edward E. Reynolds, Harriettte V. K. Bartoo, Dr. Chester Hunt, Dr. Leonard Kercher, Dr. R. Friedmann, Miss Mate Graye Hunt.

Miss Mathilde Steckelberg attended a seminar on Higher Education and Teaching for Prospective College Teachers at the University of Chicago, February 2. She read a paper on "Foreign Critiques of Mann's 'Doktor Faustus'" at the meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters.

Miss Hazel I. Patron attended the Eastern Arts Association and National Arts Association meetings in Boston, April 4-9.

Mrs. Dellee M. Herman accompanied women debaters from Western Michigan College to the National Tau Kappa Alpha Alpha Discussion Conference and Congressional Investigation at Purdue University, March 31-April 2.

Dr. William R. Brown was the speaker at the Kiwanis Ladies' Night Program, Battle Creek, February 25. On April 1 and 2, he attended the Conference in Chicago on The Teaching of Rhetoric. Other members of the English Department present were: Thelma Anton, Jack C. Ellis.

Miss Gayle Pond, who is secretary and treasurer of the Michigan Student Health Association, arranged for the Annual Conference which was held in Lansing, April 29.

Mrs. Leotis Britton, and Miss Mary Doty, attended the biennial National Conference of the Music Supervisors of America, which was held in Davenport, Iowa, March 17-19.

Leonard Gernant attended the Convention of the National Association of Foreign Students Advisers held in Cleveland, March 28-30. April 25-28 he attended the Convention of the National Association of Collegiate Registrars held in Columbus.

Vern E. Marie addressed the Southwestern Michigan Guidance Conference on "Probable Need for Teachers in Michigan from 1949-1959," on March 12. On March 24, Mr. Marie addressed 500 Clinton County juniors and seniors at St. Johns.

Dr. Elizabeth E. Lighty spoke to three chapters of Delta Kappa Gamma on March 12, Pontiac; on April 7, to the chapter at Benton Harbor; and on March 23, gave the address at the annual junior-senior high school banquet for girls and their mothers held at Benton Harbor.

Dr. William Berry, Frank Hinds, and Ray Deuer attended the State Committee Meeting on Conservation and Education which met at Higgins Lake Conservation School, March 10-12. Dr. Berry was the official representative of the college.

Walter G. Marrburger recently was elected president of the Kalamazoo Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa.

John Kemper addressed the Flint Branch of the American Association of University Women at the Institute of Arts in Flint, February 15. His topic was "So You Don't Like Modern Art." Mr. Kemper exhibited two of his oil paintings in the Scarab Club Gallery in Detroit, April 1 to 15, in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Michigan Academy of Science, Arts and Letters. The paintings shown were "Floating Landscape" and "The Night Shift."

Dr. Arthur J. Manske spoke on January 19 in Chicago at the National Student Pastors' Conference on the topic "College Guidance Programs and their Implications to Student Pastors." He also directed the activities at the annual Indiana Pastors' Conference held in Indianapolis, April 10-12.

Dr. Lillian H. Meyer, Mrs. Rachel Abramson and Miss Betty Taylor attended the Michigan Dietetic Association Convention, April 1, in Ann Arbor. Dr. Meyer also attended the American Society of Biological Chemists meeting, Biological Federation, April 18-22, in Detroit.

Lawrence O. Haaby and Miss Golda L. Crisman attended the Group Dynamics Conference held at St. Mary's Lake, February 25-27.

Conway C. Sams attended a meeting of the American Mathematical Society held at Chicago, February 26.

Robert H. Richmond and Wilbur Schenk attended the Secondary School-College Agreement Meeting at St. Mary's Lake, March 25-26. Mr. Schenk served as District Chairman of the Publications Committee Meeting of the Michigan Education Association held in Detroit on February 19, and was in attendance at the North Central Association Meeting, Chicago, March 29-31.

Miss Mato Graye Hunt attended the Michigan Library Association Scholarship Planning Committee Meeting in Lansing, February 15, and on March 26, the Workshop on High School Student Library Assistants, Clear Lake Camp.

Mr. and Mrs. Wichers spoke before the Women's City Club, Grand Rapids, March 10; the Literary Club of Holland, March 29; the Easter Breakfast, Walwood Hall, April 10. Dr. Wichers attended the North Central Association Meeting in Chicago, March 31-April 1; and participated in the University of Michigan Conference on Higher Education, March 21.

Dr. Robert Friedmann, Dr. Paul B. Horton, Dr. Leonard Kercher and

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LEWIS CRAWFORD attended the Social Science Forum held at Central Michigan College, Mt. Pleasant, March 25 and 26.

Dr. GEORGE H. HILLIARD met with the State Guidance Committee, Lansing, on January 17. He attended the Michigan Education Association Publications Commission meeting held in the Rackham Building, Detroit, on February 19, and on February 23-27, presided over the Personnel Section of the American Association for Counseling of Teacher Education at the Kalamazoo Kiwanis Club, Chicago, March 3-5.

Miss Lucille A. Nobbs gave a talk before Small Women's Club, Chicago, on February 27, and attended the anniversary dinner of the American Society for Better Hearing, and the National Association of College Women.

Miss LAURIE A. NOBBS gave a talk before the Constance Brown Club, Chicago, March 3-5.

Dr. CHARLES H. BUTLER conducted a discussion group on general mathematics in college and presided at a section meeting on In-Service Training of Mathematics Teachers at the annual convention of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics in Baltimore, Md., March 30-April 2. Dr. Butler was elected second vice president of the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics.

Miss LUCILE A. NOBBS gave a talk before the Young Women's Club, Chicago, on January 24, Miss Nobbs reviewed the book "The Hearts and Eagle" at a Tea of Delta Kappa Gamma held in the Four Flags Hotel, Niles, March 26, and was dinner speaker at the Calhoun Area Centenary Meeting held in Albion on March 11, the topic was "Our Colonial Heritage." April 7, Miss Nobbs attended the anniversary dinner of the Benton Harbor Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma held in the Hotel Whitcomb, St. Joseph.

Harry W. Lawson spoke before the House Ways and Means Commission at Lansing, February 16, on the school budget. On March 2, Mr. Lawson spoke at the Red Cross Camp and Hospital Council meeting at Battle Creek. March 29, he served as judge at the American Legion spelling contest held in Albion on March 11, the students of the State at the Battle Creek High School.

WILLIAM A. SLACK was appointed chairman of the district Debate Tournament held in Kalamazoo, February 2. Participating schools were: Battle Creek Central, Albion, Comstock, Hudsonville, Augusta, and State High.

Dr. WARREN McCONNAGLE recently gave addresses before the Kalamazoo Purchasing Agents Club, the Kalamazoo Kiwanis Club, The Constance Brown Society for Better Hearing, and the Oakwood Methodist Men's Club.

Miss BETTY TAYLOR attended the regional meeting of College Home Economics Clubs, Chicago, March 3-5.

Miss OPAL STAMM was in Chicago March 3-5 attending the Province Workshop for Home Economics Club Girls and Club Sponsors. Representatives from affiliated clubs in Michigan, Illinois, Iowa, and Wisconsin were in attendance.

Dr. ARNOLD E. SCHNEIDER gave addresses before the Retail Managers' Association, Elks Club, Battle Creek, February 28; the Battle Creek Exchange Club Meeting at the Hart Hotel, March 16; and the Kent County Teachers Institute, Grand Rapids, March 25; and attended conferences at Michigan State College, and Bay City Michigan Business Education Association. Dr. Schneider was appointed Program Director for the 1949-50 year of the National Association of Cost Accountants, Kalamazoo Chapter; and Chairman of a committee to write the Philosophy of Business Education for the State of Michigan.

Miss ALICE LOUISE LE FEVRE presided at a tea as president of the Alumni Association, February 24, at Columbia University Conference at the School of Library Service. On February 21, Miss LeFevre conferred with Governor Williams on matters before the Legislature concerning the Michigan Library Association, Miss LeFevre is president of the Association.

HUGH ARCHER attended the American Association of School Administrators Conference at St. Louis, February 27-March 2.

Miss ROMAINE SMITH recently was appointed as chairman of the Lay Participations Committee of the Michigan State League and secretary of the Michigan League of Nursing Education. She attended the Wayne University Convention for the Michigan League of Nursing Education, March 17; and May 1-6 was in Cleveland at the National League of Nursing Education.

Miss KATHARINE M. STOKES served as a member of the committees on Annuities and Pensions, Recruiting and Publications, at the American Library Association Midwinter meeting in Chicago, January 20-23. On April 8, she attended a meeting of the Michigan Library Association Planning Committee in Lansing.

Alumni Persons

1930

Therman Harris's debating teams at Lansing Eastern are continuing to make debating history in Michigan. By earning the right to debate Districts Union High School team for the state championship on April 29, in Ann Arbor, his team became the first one in Michigan ever to take part in five state title matches. This is the third successive year that a Lansing Eastern team has participated in the title round. Harris is head of the Speech Department at Lansing Eastern. He received his M.A. degree from the University of Michigan in 1934.

1931

B. Everard Blanchard, Director of Teacher Education and Educational Administration at Erskine College, Due West, Florida, read a paper on "Some Social Implications as Related to Learning" before a division of the American Educational Research Association in St. Louis on March 1.

1935

A son, Loren Jay, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Rufus DeHaan (Doris Barker) on February 1, 1949, at the Bronson Hospital, Kalamazoo. This is the DeHaan's second son.
1936
Franklin W. Schmiege, 619 Summer Street, Kalamazoo, was admitted in circuit court to practice law in all courts in Michigan. He will be associated with Attorney Frank F. Ford and Attorney Edward J. Ryan in the general practice of law, with offices at 603 Hanselman Building. Attorney Schmiege is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank F. Schmiege of Kalamazoo. In 1940 he was graduated from the George Washington University Law School, Washington, D. C., with a J.D. degree. While attending the university, he worked for the Washington Post. During the war years, 1939-45, he served as a special agent of the FBI in Knoxville and Chattanooga, Tennessee, and New York City. In 1941 he was admitted to the practice of law in the district court and court of appeals for the District of Columbia.

1939
Mrs. Helen Allene Courtney of Kalamazoo died Sunday, February 7, 1949, at Borgess Hospital after a lingering illness. Besides her B.S. degree from Western Michigan College, she held a Masters degree in special education from the University of Michigan. She taught school for seventeen years and recently was relief teacher for Scotts and Comstock.

Lyle Chenoweth is now in his second year as Athletic Director of the Edison Institute High School, Greenfield Village, Dearborn, Michigan. Last year the Edison team went to the quarter finals in the state tournament. This year the team was undefeated in fourteen games and won the regional tournament. Again they earned the right to enter the state tournament in Lansing, thus demonstrating a superior rating.

1940
Mrs. Arpad Beretz, Wallingford, Connecticut, attended a meeting recently in Hartford, Connecticut, and heard Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt report on the Paris General Assembly of the United Nations. Tickets were issued only to women in the State in positions of leadership who would be capable of moulding public opinion, actually planning programs, leading discussion groups, or speaking on World Order of the United Nations. Mrs. Beretz is the former Miss Helen E. Kosa of Kalamazoo, Michigan, and the daughter of Mrs. Julia Kosa, Third St. Mrs. Beretz is the President of the Wallingford-Walesville Council of Protestant Church Women. She is also Recording Secretary of the Wallingford Branch of the American Association of University Women.

1941
Al Mazer, popular second baseman with the Shreveport Sports, recently fulfilled a temporary appointment as chief probation officer of the Caddo Parish juvenile court. Al Mazer, whose home is in Detroit, Michigan, was appointed to the position during a leave of absence for the permanently appointed officer. Mr. Mazer and his family live in Shreveport, Louisiana.

1943
Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Cole (Marjorie Salzman) are announcing the birth of a son, James Melvin, on February 23, 1949. The Closes live at 27175 Northwestern Hwy, Birmingham 23, Michigan.

1944
Mrs. Richard Havilins (Eleanor C. Fritz) is teaching first grade in Vermillion, South Dakota. She is doing critical work with practice teachers from the University of South Dakota which is located in Vermillion.

January 27, in the University Hospital, Ann Arbor, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Nordstrom (Avis VanderWheele).

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Ambrose (Betty Palmer) are now living at 302 Charles Street, Jamestown, New York. Mr. Ambrose has just taken a position with the Post Journal in Jamestown.

1946
Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Krupa, Reed Avenue, Kalamazoo, announce the birth of a daughter born January 12, in Borgess Hospital.

Miss Jeanne Lorraine Primeau and Harry Pyle Hoyt were united in marriage Saturday, February 6, in the rectory of St. Augustine Church by the Rev. Henry Berkemeier. Only the immediate members of the families were invited to witness the ceremony. The bride, a teacher in Constock's schools, is the daughter of Mrs. H. J. Lee, Omaha, Nebraska. Mr. Hoyt is the son of Mrs. Dorothy Hoyt Copthorn, former assistant dean of Western Michigan College. The couple are residing at 741 West Main Street, Kalamazoo.

1948
Before an altar banded with palms, candelabra, and baskets of pastel-colored chrysanthemums, Miss A. Jeanne Nielsen spoke her marriage vows to Paul B. Lorenz on the Ionia First Methodist Church on Saturday, February 6, 1949. The Rev. Howard A. Smith performed the service on the 22nd wedding anniversary of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orson W. Nielsen, Ionia. Mr. and Mrs. Paul E. Lorenz, White's Road, are parents of the bridegroom. After a reception in the church parlor the couple left for a trip to Toronto and Mrs. and Mrs. Lorenz are employed in the offices of the Upjohn Company. They live at 5430 Stadium Drive, Kalamazoo.

The First Baptist Church was the scene of the marriage of Miss Dolores Cain and Lt. (j.g.) Alfred Wendell Mattson, performed Sunday, January 30, by Dr. T. Thomas Wylie. Mr. and Mrs. James Cain, Gour-Neck Lake, are the parents of the bride, and Lt. Mattson is the son of August Mattson, Muskegon. The couple went to Canada on their honeymoon. They will live at 413 Forest Street, Ann Arbor. Lt. Mattson is on active duty in the Department of Naval Science at the University of Michigan.

The marriage of Miss Gertrude Robinson to A. Reid Arnold, took place in January in the chapel of the First Presbyterian Church at Kimball and 65th Street, Chicago. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. Robinson of Benton Harbor, and he is the son of Mrs. Hazel Arnold, Six Lakes. The Rev. John Morrow, officiated at the services. The service was performed in the presence of relatives and a group of friends. They are living in Ossosso where he teaches industrial arts in the high school.

Miss Joan Elizabeth Elder, 201 South Street, Hartford, Michigan, has been appointed a Second Lieutenant in the Women's Medical Specialist Corps, Occupational Therapy subsection, and assigned to William Beaumont General Hospital, El Paso, Texas. Lieutenant Elder has completed the Basic Medical Department Female Officers' Course at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas. The Women's Medical Specialist Corps of the Army Medical Department is composed of women officers who are specialists in dietetics, physical therapy, and occupational therapy.

1949
Joyce Randolph has accepted a position at the State Hospital in Kalamazoo, in the occupational therapy department. She is living at 828 Davis Street, Kalamazoo, with Shirley Frederick and Evelyn Monroe, also graduates of Western Michigan College.
**Presidents Corner**

Many colleges are making experiments in General Education curricula. The report of the President’s Commission on Higher Education gives additional warrant for such studies. In the chapter “Education for every Man,” the statement is made that “the crucial task of higher education today is to provide a unified general education for American youth. Colleges must find the right relation to specialized training on the one hand, and the transmission of a common cultural heritage towards a common citizenship on the other.”

It is interesting to know that Western Michigan College began a three-year study of General Education ten years ago. The conclusion was reached that General Education is a legitimate college function at every class level and one which warrants special consideration in the Freshman and Sophomore years. The study defined General Education as meaning “all those college experiences that prepare the individual for a satisfying personal life and for the constructive performance of his general functions in society as a citizen, consumer, parent, neighbor, and the like. Although not concerned with specialized education or technical skills, it has vocational significance in that it provides information helpful in making vocational choices and also develops general abilities which influence occupational success.”

As a result of this study, certain new courses were added to the curriculum, such as “Foundations of Western Civilization,” “Introduction to Contemporary Society,” and others. Two years ago, President Sangren asked the Curriculum Committee to begin a study of other phases of the problem. There was a feeling that the increase of offerings within the departments as well as the addition of new curricula had probably changed the whole basic pattern of the College. And it was apparent that it would be necessary to make the requirements for a degree somewhat more elastic to enable the students to take advantage of the new trends in General Education. After a study of about two years, the Curriculum Committee has made its preliminary report to the faculty. The report indicates that comprehensive studies had been made and that the important literature on the subject had been most carefully examined by members of the Committee. The object at all times was to develop a program which would be distinctive and complete, and which would meet the needs of this College, and which would be put into operation gradually within the limits of our physical facilities and teaching staff. To assure adequate attention to general education the committee is recommending a change in requirements for graduation.

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