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THE HONORABLE HENRY B. VANDERCOOK
Member Michigan Legislature 1901-1905
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Dwight Bryant Waldo

1939
Mr. Waldo was born in Arcade, New York, June 13, 1864, and died in Kalamazoo, Michigan, October 29, 1939. He came to this state when a small boy. He finished high school in Plainwell and then went to the Michigan Agricultural College from 1881 to 1883. He taught district school and re-entered college at Albion, where he graduated in 1887. After teaching at Albion and spending a year at Harvard, he attained an A. M. degree at Albion in 1890.

He began his college teaching career as professor of history at Beloit College, Wisconsin, 1890-1892. He returned to Albion College as professor of history and economics, 1892-1899. In the latter year he began his major career in public education. He was the first president of the Northern State Normal School at Marquette, Michigan from 1899 to 1904, when he was brought to Kalamazoo by the State Board of Education to be president of the Western State Normal School, just being created.

On Monday, June 27, 1904, the new school opened in the Kalamazoo High School. For the 32 ensuing years until his retirement in 1936, Mr. Waldo was a dynamic leader in public education in this college, in the state, and in the United States.

Many significant professional recognitions came to him. In 1922-1923 he was given leave of absence for a year to reorganize the State Normal School at Bellingham, Washington. He was a member of a National Survey of Education for teachers, and also of the state survey of the normal schools of New Jersey. He was twice president of the Department of Normal Schools. He was one of the organizers and in 1928 became president of the National Association of Teachers College Presidents. He gave addresses of national significance in meetings of the normal school and teachers college groups, and at teachers colleges in Bowling Green, Kentucky, and Greeley, Colorado.

Appreciative recognitions of him in Michigan and locally in Kalamazoo were numerous. He was president of the State Teachers Association, a leader in many constructive state committees, a recipient of the LLD degree from both Kalamazoo College and State College, a member of the Kalamazoo Police Commission, one of the organizers of the Kalamazoo County Farm Bureau, a leader in the building of the Salvation Army Citadel, chairman of the building committee of the Presbyterian Church, and a director for years in the Chamber of Commerce.

The more personal expressions such as flowers on his birthdays, the beautiful watch charm from students and faculty, the fine portrait secured for the college by alumni and faculty, the ring from the Chamber of Commerce, and a watch from the Student Association were dearly loved by him. A luncheon in his honor by the combined service clubs of Kalamazoo, and a general public acknowledgement of his worth as an outstanding citizen, attended by eighteen hundred people in the public auditorium, were other evidences of esteem manifested by the community. On the date of his retirement he was made President-Emeritus of Western State Teachers College with salary. His funeral eulogy by President John W. Dunning of Alma College was a fitting expression of the always deeper flowing tide of appreciation.

Mr. Vandercook Lives in California

The portrait on the cover page is that of the Honorable Henry B. Vandercook, who now lives in California. Mr. Vandercook was a member of the Michigan legislature at the time of the passing of the bill to establish a teacher training institution in Kalamazoo. Comment about his interesting life and the copy written by Dr. Ernest Burnham appearing on this page seem to warrant the appropriateness of the pictorial material also included—rugged mountains, the giant Sequoia trees, and even the Tower of the Sun.
The Thirty-Fifth Anniversary Year

This content of this issue of the Alumni Magazine has been influenced in part by the fact that the year 1939, which has just closed, is the thirty-fifth anniversary of the founding of Western State Teachers College. When the next history of the institution is written, the decade following the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary will include many items of interest, but it is very doubtful if any one year during that period will have more, or even as much, historical significance as 1939. During 1939 the Union Building completed its first year of service, a dormitory for women, and the dormitory for men were in use, a baseball diamond and grandstand was dedicated in season, as was also a new football stadium. In the fall of 1939 a Health and Personnel Building afforded the campus housing for several educational activities.

The closing years of the decade saw the inauguration of President Paul V. Sangren, and the beginning years of his most efficient administration. These years also record the declining health and death of Dwight B. Waldo, Western's first president.

The Master's degree was first offered at Western State Teachers College during the latter part of this period, and many changes occurred in privileges offered to undergraduates.

Magazine Concluding Second Volume

This issue of the Alumni Magazine is the last one of volume number two. Those who have kept a complete file should have eight numbers. Perhaps the insert on the cover page is as good an identification as is possible to suggest. These are as follows:

1. The occasion of the inauguration of President Paul V. Sangren.
2. Commencement season announcements in June, 1938.
3. The football scene and on back cover "Within These Doors."
4. Portrait of President Paul V. Sangren.
5. Memorial Stadium going up with an insert of a cut of "Juddy" Hyames.
6. Commencement time in 1939.
7. Front and back of medallion, completed section of the stadium, and insert of Coach Gary.

Some copies of each issue are still in stock, and as long as they last, it will be possible for subscribers to complete their volumes.
Brown and Golds of All the Years--Which One Is Yours?


Of course, the first year of the history of Western State Teachers College went by without the publication of an annual, but that is the only one. In 1906 there was an expression of a yearbook. The cover pages were the same as the others, and consisted of a heavy brown wrapping paper tied together with a gold cord. The entire volume consisted of six pages. On the cover page was a photograph of the Administration Building, which at that time was the only building on the campus. A hand drawn design afforded the decoration about the words Western State Normal, and the year '06, which were printed with manuscript writing. Photographs of faculty members and students were trimmed with some degree of uniformity, and pasted onto the wrapping paper, and under each photograph the name was printed in a uniform lettering. For the presence of this first issue in the complete collection in the office of the Alumni Secretary, we are indebted to Mrs. Lucretia Polley. It was loaned by her in July 1928, and has been in the collection ever since.

The 1907 edition was a printed product. On the cover page were the words Western State Normal School, Kalamazoo, Michigan. Faculty members and students' pictures are the result of the printing of photographed plates. A copy of the 1907 annual is a loan from Marion J. Sherwood. Mr. J. B. Mott of the public schools of Kalamazoo loaned to the collection the Brown and Gold of 1908. Dr. Ernest Burnham supplied the issue of 1909, and the publication of 1910 is the property of Charles A. Stubig, Mendon.

The Brown and Gold of 1931 departed from a more or less standard size when that year the staff published the only annual of the Michiganensian size 9 1/2 by 12 3/4 inches. This edition was dedicated to Henry B. Vandercook, and on the dedicatory page the copy reads as follows: "To the Honorable Henry B. Van-"

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Enrollment Grows in Graduate Division

Schedules for Second Semester

The work of our Graduate Division has proceeded very satisfactorily. As the reader will remember, we began our graduate work in February, 1939. Enrollment for that semester, the second semester, 1938-39, was 111. We offered twelve courses last summer including one post-summer session course, total enrollment being 174. Enrollment for the present semester is 144. Of those at present registered, 79 are men and 65 are women. Nearly two-thirds of our enrollment are interested in some phase of secondary education. We have this semester a total of seven classes, six of which meet on Saturdays. Four semester hours of graduate work are the maximum number allowed teachers or others who have full-time positions. Seventy of the students at present enrolled are registered for four hours credit, while 68 are taking two hours and six are taking six hours of work.

There will be six classes the second semester, and possibly eight. A second section of B227a, Seminar in Secondary School Curriculum is being planned for some evening during the week. We also hope to offer a course in Modern European History which was not originally announced in the University bulletin outlining our work for the second semester. The last day of registration for the second semester without the payment of a penalty is Saturday, February 10, 1940. The six courses already announced and, therefore, certain to be offered are as follows (all to be given on Saturday):

A 125 Philosophy of Education—Dr. Wilds, 9 A. M.
B 192 Introduction to Research (Elementary Education)—Dr. Hilliard, 9 A. M.
B 227a Seminar in Secondary School Curriculum—Dr. Bryan, 11 A. M.
C 107b Psychology of the Elementary School Subjects—Dr. Hilliard, 11 A. M.
C 225b Seminar in Elementary Education—Dr. Bryan, 11 A. M.

Tentative Schedule

A tentative schedule of graduate classes for the summer session of 1940 has been prepared. A student may obtain six semester hours credit during a summer session. Registration of graduate students for the summer session will be on Saturday, June 22 and Monday, June 24, 1940. Registration later than June 24, 1940 must be accompanied by a late registration fee. We are offering fourteen two semester hour credit courses which meet five one hour periods per week for six weeks. The schedule for next summer is as follows:

Education—
C 105b Psychology of Elementary School Subjects or C177 Education of Young Children
C 225a Seminar in Elementary Education—Dr. Homer B. Reed, Professor of Education, Kansas State Teachers College, Emporia, Kansas.
B 120 Principles of Teaching in Secondary Schools—Dr. Roy C. Bryan, WSTC.
A 125 Philosophy of Education—Dr. Elmer H. Wilds, WSTC.

School Health or Hygiene (Kinesiology—undergraduate course prerequisite) — Dr. Adrian G. Gould, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

Cognates—
107 American National Government
113 Political Parties—Dr. Harold M. Dorr, University of Michigan
132 Vocational Psychology
103 Individual Testing (undergraduate course in Mental Tests prerequisite)—Dr. George Meyer, University of Michigan

281 Modern European History—Dr. Nancy E. Scott, WSTC.

110 Geography of North America—Dr. William J. Berry, WSTC
113 Human Ecology (Sociology)—Dr. Leonard C. Kercher, WSTC.
225 Chaucer or 102 The Modern Novel—Dr. William R. Brown, WSTC.

Vocational Education

Department Established

Western State Teachers College with the opening of the second semester will initiate a vocational education department. It was approved by the state board of education recently in Lansing. The course will be set up with the cooperation of the State Board of Control of Vocational Education. Elmer C. Weaver formerly associated with the Industrial Arts Department will have charge of the course in aviation mechanics which will be of two years duration. The purpose of the course is to train skilled mechanics and prepare for semi-professional activities in the industry.

The course is to be set up in such a way that it meets the standards required by the Civil Aeronautics Authority in the repair and alteration of aircraft engines and airplanes. Included in the subject matter presented in this curriculum will be: aircraft engine overhaul and assembly, aircraft repair and welding, related blue print reading, drafting and machine shop practice, related mathematics and drafting, aero dynamics, and theory of flight.

The course is open to high school graduates who will be selected upon the basis of their aptitude in mechanics.

BROWN AND GOLDS

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...dercook, 'Father of Western,' whose energy resulted in the passage of the bill creating Western State Teachers College, May 27, 1904, this book is respectfully dedicated. 'Paul Gerhardt of Detroit was editor in 1931, and Thomas W. Howson, of Kalamazoo, was business manager. This particular issue is out of its natural order in the photograph because of its unique size.
Let us consider a few items which pertain to Western State that are of interest to the alumni and first let us observe the alumni organization. Of the 700 colleges and universities of the United States 400 have alumni organizations. Western State is one of the 400. Mr. Ernest Chappelle, Superintendent of Schools of Ypsilanti, is president of our alumni organization. Recently we have embarked on a new program, that of organizing local alumni clubs. Our Kalamazoo Club was organized last year, growing out of a desire on the part of the Kalamazoo alumni to do something for the college and in so doing have the fellowship that naturally comes from working with our former classmates. Our meetings are held once a month at Walwood Hall on the campus. During the past year it was our privilege to sponsor the Homecoming Dance held at the time of the Stadium Dedication, and to assist in planning the Spring Recognition Banquet. A scholarship fund is well under way and it is our hope that we will soon be able to assist deserving high school graduates to gain an education at Western. Dr. Thomas Howson is president of this club.

Group Organization Planned

We are making plans to form other similar groups. A group of Grand Rapids men who graduated from Western will meet this evening in Grand Rapids to perfect a club organization.

Western's director of Alumni activities is Carl Cooper, Alumni Secretary. His office at the college is a veritable “Who's Who” of Western's 15,000 graduates. Each graduate has a file in which are kept newspaper clippings, employment records, correspondence of interest and other details concerning the former student. Mr. Cooper's job of keeping the mailing lists up to date is a real task in itself. His cooperation and assistance have been helpful to the alumni in the field who desire information from the campus. Politically speaking, he is the “Alumni Ambassador to Western State.”

Western's Alumni Magazine has a unique responsibility. It serves as a connecting link between the college and its alumni. Our magazine is published every quarter. News of campus activities and new faculty appointments together with incidental items about alumni are printed in its pages. The alumni magazines of our colleges should tend to create a self-consciousness that is profoundly needed at the present time. The whole trend of our times is a collectivist trend and as Alumni Secretary Frederick Fassett of Massachusetts Institute of Technology says, “Unless alumni as such anticipate that collectivist trend and act accordingly, it is a fair presumption that other collectivisms will trample upon them and what they represent.”

Academic Freedom Essential

Colleges are of course separate entities, but the work they do, the function which they perform, is a thing larger than all of them taken together. The inter-penetration, inter-dependence, and inter-relationship existing among them are particularly striking in the sciences wherein it is impossible to discern where one project ends and the next commences. Alumni, as such, have a real stake in the preservation of academic freedom. It is unfair to expect faculties alone to oppose constriction of academic freedom. The alumni should take a definite interest in this whole question and the Alumni Magazine is the agency through which these ideas should be promulgated.

The matter of finances is one which should be considered by an alumni group. Those of us who graduated from Western State know that our college receives its appropriation from state funds. We are a state school. Nevertheless there are certain financial problems that confront our alma mater in which we may be of material assistance. For example, Western State recently built a new stadium. Funds were made available from four sources to finance this project—the state, the WPA, the citizens of Kalamazoo and the alumni. The alumni division was assigned a quota of $10,000. This was the first campaign in which the alumni of Western have ever been asked to contribute to so large a campus project. District committees were set up last (Continued on Page 14)
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in the Court of Honor at the Pageant of the Pacific. Dr. James O. Knauss, history department, WSTC, writes of Mr. Vandercook as follows:

Kindly, genial, enthusiastic—that is the Honorable Henry B. Vandercook, who rightly deserves the title of legislative “Father of Western.” He is a native son of Michigan being born at Ann Arbor on August 3, 1861. Some six years later the family moved to wild timbered land in the vicinity of Marcellus in Cass County, where they erected a log house. In 1869 and 1870 they lived in Kalamazoo on Cedar Street only a few hundred yards away from the bleak unsightly hill which is now adorned by the physical plant of Western State Teachers College. The nine year old youngster often played here with his childhood friends, surely never dreaming that he would be instrumental some day in locating an influential institution on this hill with “no level top.” In 1870 the Vandercook family moved to Allegan where the boy grew to manhood and married. Later he moved to Grand Rapids and became a successful practicing attorney. He served two terms from 1901 to 1905 in the state legislature.

During these years as law maker he earned the title of founder of Western. There had been agitation for years to establish a state-supported teacher training institution in southwestern Michigan. Although this area was the second most densely populated part of the state, it lacked this type of educational institution despite the fact that sections with much smaller population were so favored. After an attempt to establish a “normal school” in 1901 had failed due to an executive veto, the proponents of the idea started a concentrated drive in 1903. The opposition in the house of representatives seemed to be particularly threatening. Mr. Vandercook devoted his time and energy unflaggingly to the task of breaking down this opposition. He successfully fought for the bill in the education and ways-and-means committees. He made a personal canvass of each of his ninety-nine colleagues in the house and was enabled to turn a threatened adverse vote to an overwhelmingly favorable one. The success of Mr. Vandercook in the house gave the measure such momentum that all further opposition disappeared, and the governor signed the bill creating Western State Normal School on May 27, 1903.

Mr. Vandercook has never lost his interest in Western. He continued to reside in Grand Rapids until 1923. Then he moved to southern California, where he designed and built a well-planned bungalow surrounded by a charming garden. From here he writes to his friends at Western, and receives with open arms anyone associated with the institution who happens to stray so far away from home.

Michigan and the Great Lakes in Miniature

In the Grand Rapids Press of Thursday, May 25, 1939 appeared an article captioned “Michigan in Miniature Give Ex-Resident Touch of Home.” A picture also appeared with the caption ‘Builds ‘Michigan’ in California.” The photograph below shows the “Michigan” referred to by the press. What Mr. Vandercook has done is to build a miniature likeness of the Peninsulas of Michigan with the Great Lakes around them in the garden in his back yard. When calling attention to this creative bit of rock gardening he says, “I can walk into Michigan any time.” Mr. Vandercook moved to California in 1922. Soon after taking up his residence there he designed and built a home. During the years since, however, he has retained a fondness for Michigan, the state of his birth and his home for sixty years. The miniature lay-out of the Great Lakes, and the contour of the two Peninsulas is his novel way of having his native state ever present, even while he lives in Hollywood, California.

Mr. Vandercook and His Grandchildren

The accompanying photograph on this page is one which Mr. Vandercook laughingly refers to as “Grandpa’s Burden.” A visit to Hollywood is all that is necessary to understand and know about the many interests that occupy the attention of one of Michigan’s native sons. He grows shrubs and flowers in season, and a few minutes in his garden reveals orange trees, lemon trees, banana trees, and many others growing there.
Vacation, and "The Pageant of the Pacific"

AUGUST 17 — With the last pages of the October Alumni Magazine on the press, with summer school over, and vacation ahead, the day of departure for the west arrived. Readers of this magazine will remember that the beginning of the summer session had concluded a trip to the east, captioned "A Convention, the World’s Fair, and a Trailer." Fourteen delightful days—most of them in the New England states—were packed with 2600 miles of scenes and instances long to be remembered. Now, to start out for the west provided plenty of anticipation. We had hardly crossed the Mississippi River at any other time. The allurements of the plains, the mountains, and the Pacific coast, accumulated by reading and visitation, had been beckoning for a long time and so we drove out of Kalamazoo in the direction of the west. There were so many little things to do before leaving. It was early afternoon when we got away; then, too, the trailer felt loaded for a long trip. As usual, it seemed a heavy pull those first miles and the first night was spent in Gary, Indiana.

AUGUST 18 — Good food, air mattresses, a night’s rest, and home seems anywhere off the great highway in a trailer. Another adjustment made almost automatically is that the business of travel impels a desire to camp before dark. It also fosters a willingness to begin the day early. This morning we were on the way by 7:30. About 400 miles a day is apparently our average. Anyway at nightfall we were in the State of Iowa. While crossing Illinois we stopped at Joliet, named for the French-Canadian explorer, and now located on the route of the Lakes-Gulf waterway. The main objective of the day was to spend some time at Starved Rock State Park not far from LaSalle. Trails through woods and limestone canyons, and the magnificent view which may be obtained here, make this site surrounded with Indian legend of both present and historical interest.

AUGUST 19 — So far, a-state-a-day is one way to record travel. Davenport, Des Moines, and across the Missouri River from Council Bluffs to Omaha, Nebraska is the routing of the Lincoln Highway in Iowa. In Council Bluffs the Skyline Drive, which discloses a wonderful panorama of forested highlands descending abruptly to the winding river, is recommended to visitors for its scenic beauty. From this view it is possible to see the city of Omaha. When in Omaha, the traveler is said to be "at the crossroads of the nation." Prospectors stampeding west used it for an outfitting post, Mormons westward-bound made it their winter quarters; it was a trading post for the Indians and early trappers, and more recently there have been uncarthed near Omaha some of the most primitive human type skeletons ever found in the Americas.

AUGUST 20 — Nebraska is the state where the Old West begins. On rolling hills covered with succulent grasses graze countless herds of cattle. Here are traces of the Pony Express of the covered wagon days. Oregon and California trails cross Nebraska and the state is rich in the history of pioneers. The city of North Platte was the headquarters of Colonel William Cody, known to the world as "Buffalo Bill."

AUGUST 21 — One night in Nebraska and on to Cheyenne in Wyoming. Cheyenne is a city where the finest ropers, riders, stunt men, and wildly dressed Indians come to compete. This city also boasts some of the most important terminals for motor, rail, and air travel. Not far west of Cheyenne is the highest point from coast to coast on U. S. Route 30 (8835 ft.). Laramie, Medicine Bow, Rock River, Rawlins, and Rock Springs are interesting cities which follow. One of the world’s largest and richest mineral basins centers in Laramie. Medicine Bow is the home of "The Virginian," hero of Owen Wister’s famous novel. In Rawlins we visited the lapidary of W. A. Brox, who has been recognized in mineralogy magazines for his discovery of large masses of chalcedony at Specimen Hill.

AUGUST 22 — The secret is out. Wyoming is one of the states in which to hunt semi-precious stones. Fluorescent agates are found here. Moss agates and agatized wood are also hunted. While visiting with Mr. Brox he mentioned many books helpful to agate hunters.

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Daily Campus Schedule Includes New Health and Personnel Building

Located on the Hilltop, between the Science Building and the entrance to the campus from Oakland Drive is Western State's new Health and Personnel building which was erected during the past year and dedicated October 13 and 14.

This new building, erected at a cost of $160,000 affords much needed quarters for the rapidly increasing personnel work being done among the students of Western State. It also furnishes facilities for Western's Health Service, and affords opportunity to broaden the scope of the excellent contribution to the welfare of the general student body which is being made by this department. In addition it affords quarters and equipment surpassed by few, if any institutions in the country for the rapidly developing activities of the Psycho-Educational Clinic and the Speech Clinic at Western State.

On the ground floor of the building are the offices of the dean of women, dean of men, freshman advisers, chairman of the Graduate Council, and of the Department of Education, the textbook library, conference rooms and class rooms.

Offices of the deans are in the south wing of the building. The dean of women's suite at the southeast corner includes a reception room, dean's office and a conference room. There is a similar suite for the dean of men in the southwest corner.

Furnishings in the dean of women's suite are in shades of turquoise and grayed coral. The patterned tile floor in the reception room is in these shades, which are repeated in the draperies, chairs and davenports specially designed for the room. A table made to fit between the davenports holds a lamp in blue and silver. A desk with matching chairs is provided in the reception room for the use of women students in filling out blanks used for different purposes in the routine of the dean's office.

Adjoining the reception room is the office of the dean of women. The floor covering is of heavy plain turquoise carpet. Furnishings and draperies employ the same tones of turquoise and grayed coral. The desk is specially designed with unusual features for convenient filing. The conference room adjoins both the reception room and the dean's office. There is adequate space for storage, filing and books.

Adjacent to the suite for the dean of women is a similar one for the dean of men. Blue green and rust furnish the color note for the upholstery, floor covering and draperies in these rooms, which in arrangement and purpose are the same as those for the dean of women.

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200 Students Are at Home in the New Hall for Men

For the first time in the history of Western State Teachers College a dormitory for men has been provided on Western State’s campus. It is known as the Hall for Men, and is located on the west side of Oakland Drive, just south of the men’s gymnasium. It was dedicated with an appropriate program October 13 and 14.

This dormitory which was erected and furnished at an approximate cost of $285,000 provides accommodations for 215 men. Places for only ten men are unoccupied. Included in the building besides the students’ rooms, director’s apartment and counselor’s rooms are comfortable lounges, a recreation room, small auditorium, music practice rooms, coffee shop, barber shop, kitchenettes on each floor and bathrooms with tubs and showers.

At the north end of the building on the ground floor is a large lobby, is served from a circular formica counter in tile color. Menus are posted on bulletin boards of linoleum and corrugated copper, with cut out letters in super-imposed design. Lights are flush with the wall, and are made of glass sand blasted with a design appropriate to the coffee shop. These lights are advantageously placed above the sturdy benches which are upholstered in tile fabrikoid, and used for seating. Dishes used in the coffee room are decorated with tile colored on the ground floor is a large lobby, is served from a circular formica

A Student Room

which is done in sage green, browns and tans. At the rear end of the lobby is an attractive coffee shop where residents of the building may secure light lunches in self serve style. The room accommodates about forty persons. It is done in tile color and has many interesting features.

Service arrangements have been provided which make it possible for one person to take care of it all. Food

Hall for Men

Adjoining the coffee room at the north end of the building is a small auditorium, which is done in Indian effects. On the wall is a mural done by Richard Riegel, a graduate of Western State’s Art Department who is now teaching at Sandusky. The mural marks the passing of the Old Indian Trail, Kalamazoo’s last tie to the native Pottawatomie Indians, which made way for Waldo Stadium.

This room houses some of the Indian relics collected by the late Dwight B. Waldo, Western’s first president, who was president emeritus at the time of his death. Among these are the totem poles which are used against the curtain of the stage, helping to make the proscenium arch. The figure of a little Indian cigar girl is also a feature of the decoration.

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778 on WSTC Train to Chicago; 108 Alumni

An arrangement for a day in Chicago, sponsored by Professor John E. Fox, has become a periodical activity on the campus of Western State Teachers College, and in the party of this semester’s trip 108 alumni went along. In the beginning, Mr. Fox arranged for only the members of his classes, but the experiences of those who went were so much worthwhile that the invitation was extended to others. An ever increasing interest has developed until on this last occasion fourteen coaches were necessary to accommodate those who made the trip. A New York Central train leaves Kalamazoo in the early morning, arrives in Chicago at the beginning of shopping hours, and then leaves the Twelfth Street station for the return trip, arriving home at 11:35 P. M. Kalamazoo time. Seven hundred seventy-eight passengers made the trip.

The 108 alumni who were included in the party came from the following cities: Battle Creek, Big Rapids, Flint, Grand Rapids, Jackson, Lake Odessa, Leonidas, Lowell, Marne, Marshall, Montague, Nashville, Owosso, Portage, Reed City, Richland, Sturgis, Three Rivers, and Watervliet. Eighty were from Kalamazoo.

FIFTH RENDITION OF THE MESSIAH SUPERB

For the fifth time Harper C. Maybee gathered together a chorus of 600 and presented Handel’s great oratorio “The Messiah.” More than three thousand were in the audience, and the belief is unanimous that this year’s performance was exceptionally fine. The soloists were Thelma von Eisenhauer, Detroit, soprano; Lydia Summers, New York, contralto; and William Miller, tenor, and Raymond Koch, baritone, both of Chicago.

A review of this year’s rendering of the Messiah written by R. A. Patton of the Kalamazoo Gazette includes comment as follows: There was not a weak chorus. There was not a weak spot in any chorus. Chorus discipline was remarkably fine. How a dozen groups can be brought (Continued on Page 13)
Coach Read’s Basketball Record

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A Chapter of Basketball History at WSTC

Western’s basketball history cannot be written without immediate reference to the coaching record of Herbert W. Read, A. B., ’22. By 1930 he had perfected, and so completely adopted the fast breaking offense, that his teams won wide recognition in the middle west. For a two year period Coach Read served as chairman of the Rules Committee of the National Basketball Coaches Association, and at the present time he is dean of Michigan basketball coaches.

Mr. Homer Dunham of the Publicity Department writes that Coach Read’s teams of the past eighteen years have won 227 contests, and have lost a total of only 92. His teams have scored a total of 11,176 points, to a combined total of 8,831 for the opposition. This is an average of 35 points per game for the eighteen years, with an average of 27 points per game for the opposition. During the entire eighteen years of college coaching at Western, Mr. Read has had only two losing seasons, and only two other years in which his teams finished below the .600 mark. A recording for the entire time shows his teams have maintained a winning average of .712.

On Western State Teachers College schedules while Mr. Read has been coaching have appeared basketball teams from Purdue, Northwestern, Michigan, Chicago, Iowa, Notre Dame, Michigan State, Creighton, Mississippi College, Hamline, Butler, DePaul, Loyola and Marquette.

Basketball Games Use Gymnasium to Capacity

Approximately four thousand spectators may see Western’s basketball contests. The playing floor is a spacious one, but the seating accommodations for the larger and larger audiences desiring to be admitted has begun to present some problems. With an ever increasing student body, with the season ticket demand, and with the box office requests all available space is being used.

Outdoor Work on New Athletic Plant Continues

Filling, grading, and sodding brings nearer and nearer to completion the final appearance of the outdoor athletic plant at Western State Teachers College. An additional grant of over fifty thousand dollars is being used. Steep grades that otherwise would wash out are being sodded and low places found retaining water are filled.

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(Continued from Page 12) together for just one mass rehearsal, and then give an almost flawless oratorio performance is hard to understand. That is the feat Maybee performed, with the aid of the chorus leaders. The impact of 600 voices in the climaxes of the choruses, and their beautifully modulated shading was professional in its exactitude, but thrilling with an inspirational spirit the audience felt and responded to without reservation.
Alumni Ideals Reflect Credit

We who call Western State our alma mater do have a definite interest regarding on-campus activities. Naturally we are very much interested in the physical additions that have been made to the campus. We are interested in the high caliber of the people who make up the faculty. The continued growth in the student body enrollment is a good indication of what "others" think of Western. Now that we have one of the best athletic plants in the middle west, we are interested in the caliber of our baseball, football, basketball, and track teams. Not to feel that we must always have a winning team, but rather that Western's team will always be a credit to the institution whose name it carries. Western's teams have kept this tradition in the past and we have every reason to believe they will in the future. We also have an interest in our own group who make up the alumni family of 15,000, a family whose ideals and actions should be a credit to Western State Teachers College.

Finally, I believe that we all agree that our educational system carries a tremendous responsibility today. Particularly is it so in these times of stress and strain when the truth is so important. Samuel Beall, Alumni Secretary at Cincinnati University, paints a picture of the responsibility that our educational system holds today, and with it I shall conclude. Mr. Beall says, "Regardless of the source of its charter, the personnel of its board of regents, the identity of its richest benefactor, or the politics of its best legislative friend, each educational institution is fundamentally responsible to society for the continued improvement of civilization. It must take each little savage born into the world, bring him through six thousand years of development in a short time, interest him, or find his interest in something, and place him as accurately as possible into a complex, confusing mass of churning machinery referred to on Commencement day as 'The World.' When he dies two questions can be asked, 'Did he have a good time? 'Is the World any better off?' Society has charged organized education with the duty of making the answer to both questions come out 'Yes' as often as possible."
AUGUST 25 — There is only one thing to do at any exposition and that is to turn to the Official Guide Book, find what interests you most, and budget your time. Treasure Island, the largest man-made island in the world, attracted attention even before crossing Oakland Bay bridge. The Court of Honor and the Court of the Seven Seas (longest court at the exposition) were very worthy of attention as were several others. Outdoor art, gardens, fountains and pools were very entertaining but who would go to a World’s Fair in the Western part of these United States and not spend considerable time with mines, mining, metals and minerals? A miniature mine was there. Only a little imagination was necessary to feel dampness, depth, darkness, and all of the other characteristics of deep mines. And what an exhibit of precious metals we saw! Talk about yellow gold, the phenomenon of fluorescence, and the gem rocks of the Rockies—they were all on exhibition.

AUGUST 26 — The San Francisco area seemed as novel to us as the Exposition. The Golden Gate, bridges, tunnels, ferries, wharves, ocean-going vessels, parks, and streets up and over fourteen hills were all intriguing. It is 405 miles from San Francisco to Los Angeles for California is a long state. As soon as we had visited the campus of the University at Berkeley we followed the Sacramento Valley digressing only long enough to see the Sequoia trees and spend some time in the Yosemite National Park. Vineyards, acres of fruit trees, citrus groves, vegetable gardens, and farming with the aid of irrigation attracted attention. Yes, some are still panning gold by hand in California.

AUGUST 27 — Metropolitan Los Angeles includes many square miles. “Fastest growing city in the world,” say the folks who live there. It was our good fortune to be invited to sail out of the harbor of this great city and spend a day at Avalon on the Island of Santa Catalina. Of course a sea food dinner was a part of the experience in this locality of deep sea fishing. Oh, yes! we saw flying fishes while returning from the island. The entertaining pastimes on the island of Santa Catalina shall be long remembered. The moonstone is found on this island.

AUGUST 28 — Relatives in Pasadena thoughtfully and graciously scheduled our time. At home for them made it easy for us as we went about seeing Mount Wilson, the Mile of Christmas Trees, the Rose Bowl, the Busch Gardens, Forest Lawn, the Huntington Art Gallery in San Marino, and many other places of interest. How we did appreciate seeing Gainsborough’s The Blue Boy and many other paintings in the Huntington collection including Sir Thomas Lawrence’s Pinkie, which was directly across the long narrow hall from The Blue Boy. A few days are too short a time to see the many interesting things in this community. Two calls were made in Hollywood. We felt privileged to spend parts of two afternoons at the home of the Honorable Henry B. Vandercook. There seemed to us to be in his house a beautiful blending of the hospitality of two states, Michigan and California.

SEPTEMBER 1 — When September comes every teacher thinks of school again and so we turned in the direction of home. There was some real desert heat between Los Angeles and Las Vegas by way of Barstow and Baker. Plenty of water for the radiator and it was not too hot, however. Expecting to visit Boulder Dam, we spent the night at the new and modern Boulder City.

SEPTEMBER 2 — A description of Boulder Dam is impossible in this copy. Suffice to say: it is the largest undertaking of its kind to date involving superb engineering skill, $100,000,000 in money, and enough cement to build a double lane highway from Miami, Florida to Seattle, Washington. With the Colorado River harnessed to do the work of 1,700,000 horses and with a controlled water supply for long distances the impression is that of a great service rendered to mankind.

SEPTEMBER 3 — Off the Santa Fe trail only a few miles to the north is the Grand Canyon of the Colorado. This result of erosion leaves a feeling of the endlessness of time. The geologic pages of the earth’s history may be scanned from its rim. Occasionally it is possible to get a glimpse of the mud ladened water in the river bed a mile below.
SEPTEMBER 4 — Next on U. S. 66 across Arizona and New Mexico by way of Albuquerque and on to Amarillo in Texas is the Painted Desert. To a hunter of agate this region is a fruitful one. Petrified Forest and its agatized wood possesses many designs and colors. A hurried stop at the Jacobs Brothers’ Lapidary left a desire to return sometime in the near future.

SEPTEMBER 5 — The altitude of Northern Texas, the long level stretches of straight road and the velocity of the wind all leave their impressions. The sun seems to come up quickly and set as soon. In the night time the milky way appears close to the earth because the stars are very visible. What a country in which to breath easily and sleep long.

SEPTEMBER 6 — Oil fields, cotton fields, storm cellars, and we are in Oklahoma. How fascinating are the zinc and lead mines. Highway displays of calcite, rose quartz and other minerals are most tempting to the passerby.

SEPTEMBER 7 — Missouri was the 15th state visited in our circle to the west. I had always wanted to see the Ozark Mountains. We saw children taken to school in large busses. Roadside stands sold basketry and pottery which had been made somewhere back among the wooded hills. New roads were under construction and we drove on some of them in the direction of St. Louis.

SEPTEMBER 8 — Back across the Mississippi River we came and onto the black, level soil of Illinois. At Springfield we went to Lincoln’s home and before leaving the city visited his tomb.

SEPTEMBER 9 — Back to Michigan and at home again. Fourteen other states were visited and it is interesting to note that graduates of Western State Teachers College are living in all of them as follows:

- Indiana, 20; Illinois, 163; Iowa, 20; Nebraska, 4; Wyoming, 3; Utah, 2; Nevada, 1; California, 68; Arizona, 8; New Mexico, 3; Texas, 10; Oklahoma, 6; Kansas, 8; and Missouri, 8.

Six thousand miles in 23 days is not too fast, nor the time long enough because there are so many interesting things to do and see.

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Miss Elaine Stevenson, Art and Music, 1913, assisted her commercial art class in another poster contest for the Kalamazoo Exchange Club this semester. Members of the class realized twenty dollars in prize money for the undertaking.

Allye Gilbert Conklin, of the class of 1911, visited the campus recently. From conversation with Mrs. Conklin it was easily discernible to note that she reads the Alumni Magazine from cover to cover. After having lunch at the Union Building Mr. and Mrs. Conklin went to the stadium to see a football game, and then on to Dowagiac to spend Thanksgiving Day with her mother before returning to Sauk Centre, Minnesota, where her husband is a practicing attorney.

Mr. and Mrs. Towner Smith spent the holidays in Florida with Robert Smith, Manual Arts, 1917. Robert lives at Coconut Grove, which is just a few miles south of Miami.

Harriet Burridge Snyder, ’30, recently sent a donation to the Waldo Memorial Stadium Fund from an alumnae association in the city of Benton Harbor.

The radio committee on campus this year has invited the alumni to arrange for the presentation of several broadcasts. Russell Doney, A. B. ’26, will present the program over WKOJ from 1:15 to 1:30 Tuesday January 30. The first program of the semester was presented by Louisa Durham, B. S. ’31. Miss Durham is assistant principal at Lakeview School in Battle Creek and on this occasion used for her subject “The Program of the Michigan Education Association.”

MEN’S DORMITORY
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Small totem poles are incorporated in the fireplace, and a rug of Indian design is used on the stage. The walls are of brick. A heavy curtain serves not only as a curtain for the stage, but also to divide the stage from the remainder of the auditorium, providing two separate rooms when desired.

At the south end of the building opening into the lobby is the apartment of Towner Smith, director, and Mrs. Towner Smith, house mother, which includes living room, dinette, kitchen, bedroom and bath. Floor coverings are of gray-green with draperies of harmonizing tones.

At the left of the south lobby is a lounge, alcove and adjoining book room, panelled on one end. The color scheme is in tile, warm reds and gold. The wall of the alcove is covered with gold paper decorated in free brush by Mrs. Maxine Hampton Line. Kalamazoo, an Art Department graduate from Western State in the class of ’35. Off the book room is a serving room from which coffee may be served on Sunday afternoons or similar occasions.

Two guest rooms with baths are on the south end of the ground floor. Among a number of notable guests who have occupied these rooms during the past few weeks are Dr. Eugene B. Elliott, State Superintendent of Public Instruction; Norman Thomas, who addressed an assembly during the semester; and His Royal Highness Archduke Felix of Austria, who spoke in the Teachers Lyceum course. Students living in the dormitory have been appreciative of the opportunity to meet these and other guests.

There is also a powder room done in black, gray and vermillion for the use of women guests. Decorations for this room were done in free brush by Mrs. Maxine Hampton Line. The barber shop and pressing room are also located in the southwest end of the building. Richard Riegel did an interesting mural for the barber shop, incorporating some of the old ideas of barbering. Chrome furniture upholstered in red fabricoid repeats the red in the barber poles. The room is painted gray-blue.

Two music practice rooms, a recreation room, two infirmary rooms a counselor’s room and five student rooms complete the ground floor. The three upper floors are used exclusively for student rooms, with the exception of two lounges and a kitchenette on each floor. The lounges are furnished, with davenport, easy chairs, card tables and reading lamps. The color schemes vary though the furniture is similar.

Student rooms, most of which are double, are furnished with a view to their usefulness, durability and sturdiness of design and structure. Most of the rooms have single beds, a double desk, two work chairs, an easy chair and footstool, a large chest, bookcases built into the wall,
President Sangren's Bulletin Announces
Another Dormitory for Women

Construction on the new women's dormitory is expected to start some time between the first and fifteenth of January. Completion is planned before the opening of the fall semester 1940. It will house approximately 200 girls, providing both board and room, and will be located west of Oakland Drive facing Oliver Street, approximately in the location now occupied by the garden. The financing of this dormitory is made possible because of the success in securing lower interest rates on the loans for and mirror with cork frame. Closets are equipped with clothes rods, shelves, towel rods, shoe and necktie racks. Every room has a study lamp, and encased overhead light. Some of the rooms have double deck beds.

The walls are of colored plaster in buff, yellow, blue, green and ivory, and the color note of the room is found in the curtains and the upholstery. Decorations and furnishings for the building were designed by Miss Lydia Siedschlag, director of the Art Department of the college.

HEALTH AND PERSONNEL BLDG.

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The lamp in the reception room is of maroon pottery.

A series of four conference rooms are used for scheduled conferences with students by instructors not having offices. Specially designed cases for books and materials, each painted on the inside to contrast the color of the walls, feature the equipment of these offices. There are also offices for the Freshman Advisers and for the freshman records.

At the northwest corner of the building are the offices of the chairman of the Graduate Council, and head of the Department of Education, both of which open into a reception room. Adjoining on the west is a large glassed-in porch furnished for the use of the graduate students with reading tables, lamps and easy chairs.

Light, cheery and compact is the room used by the text book library. The walls are light green, and the shelves, tables and chairs are of oak with blonde finish. The Carnegie gift collection of books and pictures, valued at $2500, is housed in specially designed cases in this room. Adjoining is the office of the librarian.

The entire first floor is given over to the work of the Health Service. There is a large waiting room furnished with comfortable davenports and chairs upholstered in shades of dark red and soft blue. Adjoining is the large sun porch with upholstered bamboo furniture.

The general office of the Health Service opens into the waiting room. Adjoining the main offices are the nurses' offices and the dispensary. There are four doctor's offices, two examining rooms, a dentist's office and an X-ray room, equipped with the most modern type of X-ray machine, physico-therapy rooms with the necessary equipment for treatment, rooms for posture treatment, equipped with mirrors, and a room for minor surgery.

The south wing of the floor is occupied by a 17-bed infirmary. There are two bed wards, one for men and one for women students, two two-bed wards, one each for men and women students, and one single bed room. In addition there is a two-bed room for faculty women, and another for faculty men. There is also a room for the resident nurse, linen and supply room, laboratory, nurse's station, and kitchen. Throughout the entire floor there is adequate storage and cupboard space. The floors are of rubber tile and there are acoustic ceilings. The infirmary is used only for emergency and short duration cases.

The psycho-educational clinic and the speech correction clinic occupy the major portion of the second floor, which also has a number of offices and classrooms.

Nine offices comprise the suite for the psycho-educational clinic, including a waiting room which is used with the speech clinic. An unusual feature is the observation room which is fitted with a one-way mirror on the walls separating it on the one side from the reading room, and the other from the psychological laboratory. This affords opportunity for a class or others interested to observe the person being tested without being seen by him. Sound amplification makes it possible for those in the observation room to hear as well as see the testing. There is also a sound proof room for making audiometer tests which may also be used for broadcasting; a dark room for developing films, two rooms for interviews, and a large room for conferences.

The Speech Clinic on the east side of the building provides excellent facilities for this comparatively new work. Western's clinic is considered one of the best equipped speech clinics in the country. In addition to the waiting room, there is an office, an examination room, a children's room decorated and furnished to meet the needs of children, three conference rooms, a clinic room, a phonograph recording room, laboratory and classroom.

A feature of the equipment is a system of inter-room telephones to facilitate one phase of speech correction work which requires telephone exercises, without taxing the campus switchboard.

Included in the clinic equipment are several pieces secured as the result of gifts. Hugh Hitchcock, advertising manager of the Packard Motor Car Company, made a gift of $150 and there have been gifts from other former students of Dr. Charles VanRiper, director of the clinic. Recently a grant of $1200 was made to the clinic by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek for the purchase of additional new equipment including a vibrograph, an oscillograph, a variable hearing aid, a polygraph, and a phonograph recorder.

In addition to the quarters for the Psycho-Educational Clinic and the Speech Clinic there are also classrooms and instructors' offices on this floor.
Some Excerpts from Alumni Correspondence

... With two of the fifteen thousand alumni having given $6,000, I feel the remaining $4,000 will come. I am not willing to believe that our alumni endeavor has failed. I believe it will ultimately succeed.

... You may count on my giving every possible assistance in continuing the work toward 100% completion of the Alumni Stadium Fund.

... Homecoming was a grand day for me. The stadium is all that any alumnus could wish for. Western should have won the game, and the stadium should be paid for.

... Enclosed please find two dollars. The stadium surely makes a fine impression from the highway as we drive in from Benton Harbor.

... It appears that we need four thousand dollars more to complete the Alumni quota of the Waldo Memorial Stadium Fund. Four thousand more alumni could complete the project by sending a dollar each. I am willing to do my part.

... The greater the number of graduates who share in this undertaking, the more complimentary it will be to the memory of Mr. Waldo and to ourselves as former students at Western State Teachers College.

... I understand that a fund is being raised by the alumni for the new football stadium. For some reason I have received no notice for it. Anyway I am sending a contribution and wish you the best of success.

... The stadium contribution I am sending is made in sincere appreciation of the help and inspiration I received from WSTC faculty members.

... Enclosed is my check for $2.50. I regret my contribution cannot be more generous, but my best wishes for the success of your efforts in your fine work go with it.

... Enclosed please find money order for $5.00. Both of us are graduates. Signed, Mr. and Mrs.

(Notice: Contributions addressed to Alumni Office on campus will go immediately to the proper account.)

Money Barrels Are Used by Alumni

One of the ways being suggested by the local Alumni Men's Club of Kalamazoo to obtain donations to the Waldo Memorial Stadium Fund is the use of a little money barrel. Two thousand of the little barrels have been mailed to a group of Western graduates who have not yet contributed to the fund. A wrapper on the outside of each barrel carries a slogan, the conclusion of which means a debt-free stadium. The printing on the wrapper also recommends that coins be dropped in daily. Every time a barrel is returned to the campus, the contributor is notified of the number of return. An interesting observation is to observe just how many barrels of the two thousand will be returned.