President’s Corner

Western Michigan College, like other institutions of higher learning, faces increasing difficulties. For the past few years, since the day of inflation, rising costs, and taxes, this college has been hard put to find sufficient funds to maintain a high level of operation. Students have increased in numbers, new curricular demands have been placed on the institution, well-prepared staff members have been hard to find—all of these things have plagued us.

The most serious difficulties this college now faces are not new. They relate to the payment of adequate salaries for all members of the staff, both academic and non-academic. As in the depression of 1932 to 1936 we were drastically cut in rates of pay from which we never completely recovered, now in the most extreme period of inflation since that time we have been unable to secure adequate appropriations to pay proper salaries to our employees. In fact, comparatively speaking and in spite of higher figures, our employees are at least as inadequately paid now as they were during the depression. The morale of employees under such circumstances is not good.

Now comes the renewal of the impact of war on college enrollments and programs. The country is involved in its third war since 1917. Young men are being drafted for or are enlisting in military service. Uncertainty prevails in the minds of both men and women students. Studies are more difficult to concentrate upon, increase in the marriage rates among students is appearing, and the college is being requested to prepare its facilities for war-training purposes.

These things are not being said in a spirit of complaint. Western Michigan College is going to do its best to contribute to the interests of this country, to preserve its freedom, and to perpetuate its democracy. We shall be alert to any possibilities of promoting programs of education and research that will make our part in the present conflict a worthy one.

The one thing which will help us more than anything else at the present moment is to secure sufficient appropriations from the State so that we can pay the kind of salaries to our people that they deserve.

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Dear Western Alumni:

In a time of national crisis, when the headlines continue to bear bad tidings, it is very easy to lose sight of some of the internal problems that need our attention.

Alumni of Western, as parents, as believers in the free education which made our country great, have a problem about which we can and must do something.

Today, higher education in Michigan is in a nose dive due to a cut-back made last June by the Michigan legislature when they cut state-supported schools 2½ per cent. That cut last spring looked big then and has mounted under today's growing prices to a point where Western and the other teachers' colleges are faced with the crisis of losing their most important asset—their teaching staff. No one can expect the faculty of our state colleges to stay on teaching jobs when their salaries give them only the bare necessities of life, while jobs in industry can offer more. Where will the teachers of tomorrow be trained?

To the alumni of Western, I throw this challenge: It is our job to keep Western in a position of being able to supply qualified teachers to the schools of Michigan. To accomplish this, it is necessary to tell the people of our state what the problem is. They and we in turn must tell our legislators, stressing the problem in no uncertain terms so that the necessary pressure can be brought to bear on the Budget Committee to give back not only the 2½ per cent cut, but to increase the appropriations to the state schools in order to enable those schools to uphold Michigan in its place of higher education in our country.

Certainly, increased appropriations mean higher taxes, but can we afford to sacrifice the future of today's children for the few dollars saved? The rise of Hitlerism in Germany was made at the expense of higher education, which degenerated through the lack of good teaching.

In business, management pays well to get good personnel because it realizes that personnel is the lifeblood of an organization, and that without good blood no company can succeed. This is true also of our colleges. If our colleges are to turn out the kind of teachers needed for the schools of our state, they must have an adequate faculty of qualified teachers. Our job is not easy. It takes the combined efforts of all of us to reach the legislature with a voice strong enough to be heard. I don't believe it is asking too much for you to take the time now to talk with the legislator of your district. Talk to your clubs, your neighbors, your fellow workers. Be sincere in your feeling that we must have better appropriations for our schools of higher education. To accomplish this, we have to convince our legislature of the definite need for adequate appropriations so that the administrations of our colleges can carry out their constructive programs.

The legislature is the voice of the people, but the people have to make themselves heard if they expect action. Our job is to start the people talking. It can't be done by wishful thinking. It can be accomplished only by the cooperation of all of us. May we count on your help?

Sincerely yours,

H. B. Speicher
The Financial Crisis at Western

[On November 27, 1950, Dr. Willis Dunbar, program director of the Fetzer Broadcasting Company, gave the following broadcast on the Know Your City feature over WKZO, Columbia's exclusive full-time outlet for Western Michigan. We are reproducing below the script of this broadcast, which was heard with great interest by listeners throughout the area served by this progressive radio station. We feel that those among our readers who did not have the opportunity to hear this broadcast will enjoy reading this excellent survey of Western’s needs.]

Tonight I’d like to call the attention of our listeners to a situation at Western Michigan College which ought to have the thoughtful consideration of every citizen of Michigan and particularly the people of Kalamazoo. It was almost half a century ago that the Kalamazoo Chamber of Commerce put forth a strenuous effort to get the new normal school for Western Michigan established in this city. The success of that effort brought to Kalamazoo an institution that has contributed immeasurably to the reputation of this city as an educational and cultural center. Purely from the financial angle, Western has brought millions of dollars worth of business to Kalamazoo. Both faculty members and students spend a lot of money here; employment is provided for around four hundred persons. Kalamazoo has watched with pride the growth of Western under the able leadership, first, of Dr. Dwight Waldo, and, in recent years, of Dr. Paul Sangren.

During the past few years we have watched with interest and pride the growth of Western’s new campus. But perhaps very few people understand that by far the largest share of the buildings on that new campus have not been financed with state funds, with tax money. Dormitories and dwellings for students and faculty members, which comprise most of the building, were financed by borrowing funds which will be paid back out of the income from the rentals paid by students and faculty people. The new music building also is self-liquidating, from fees paid by music students and other students. Only McCracken Hall—the new science building—and a new classroom building, which is just about to be built, are financed by legislative appropriation. So that new campus represents an investment of tax funds only in two buildings—one complete and one about to be built.

Impressive though new buildings and equipment may be, they are not the heart and soul of a college. The most important asset of any college is its teaching force, its faculty. Western has had a devoted faculty and a competent faculty. Its members have been chiefly responsible for making Western the outstanding teachers’ college in Michigan, and one of the best known and most highly regarded in the nation.

These people have had a raw deal. That’s putting it rather bluntly, but it’s the cold fact of the matter. Never as well paid as the faculty of Michigan State College or the University of Michigan, they have taken a particularly bad licking in the past few years. Their salaries have not kept pace with the increase in living costs. Back in 1933 they were given a 45 per cent cut in salary, and that was not regained when more prosperous times came. In 1948 the legislature finally took this fact into account, and granted the first step in what was proposed as an increase that was to be made over a three-year period. This first step increase was provided for the college year 1949-1950. Faculty people at Western quite understandably felt that the other two steps would be forthcoming and made their plans accordingly. Then came the legislative session of 1950, and the whole matter of appropriations got mired knee-deep in partisan politics. When the smoke of party conflicts cleared, the teaching staff at Western found that the institution’s budget, far from allowing for the second step in the increase, was actually cut by more than $15,000.

For 377 Western faculty members, clerks, and maintenance people, this meant that their hopes and expectations of a reasonable cost-of-living increase in salary were shattered.

Now all of us want economy in government. We want our tax bill to be kept as low as possible. But there ought to be some limits on economy when it means that faithful workers, the people who prepare the teachers of the next generation, are dealt with in this way.

Just how much do the salaries at Western amount to? Well, there are various grades, depending on education and experience. Instructors at Western average $3237 a year. That is substantially less than the average wage received by workers in manufacturing industries in Kalamazoo. Assistant professors, the next grade, average $3824 a year, just about the equivalent of earnings by the average worker in a manufacturing plant in Kalamazoo. Associate professors average $4425, full professors average $4968. This men have spent as much time in obtaining their pro-
The Budget and the Colleges

(An Editorial from the Kalamazoo Gazette)

We feel that Michigan's legislature, as it studies the budget submitted by the governor, should give careful and sympathetic consideration to the case of the colleges of education. Our feeling in this matter is in no way inconsistent with our general attitude toward public spending.

This country finds itself in a serious and worsening financial plight. It is made acute by the current international crisis; but its causes go back to the reckless spending policies of the New Deal, to the vast outlays of World War II, and to our fiscal follies in more recent years.

As things are now, we have hit the ceiling so far as public debt is concerned; we can't go any higher. And we are scraping the bottom so far as taxation is concerned. Naturally, there is still pressure from many directions for new or larger appropriations. But nondefense spending in the aggregate must decrease, not increase. And this applies to all levels of government, federal, state, and local.

It might be said that a situation of this kind makes it easier for the budget-maker and the legislature. Under existing circumstances, it would seem that all they have to do is to say No. But it is not quite so simple. As a matter of fact, they should now examine all the items of the budget more carefully than ever before. To many requests, they must say No; but to others they should say Yes. Spending as a whole must be kept down or cut down; but certain items of expenditure, where the need is vital, ought to be increased. Certain institutions, agencies, and services of the state should either stand still or retrench, whether they like it or not. For others, more money must be spent, if their proved needs can be met in no other way.

In short, while we must have prudent and economical fiscal policies, these must be, at the same time, proportioned, balanced, just policies.

It strikes us that the four Michigan colleges of education have a good right at this time to ask the legislature to apply these principles of proportion, balance, and justice. They say they need increased appropriations for all aspects of operations. It is clear to us that their present salary scales are inadequate, their classes too large, and their instructional staffs overloaded.

What do such facts mean? They mean, as the colleges point out, a gradual loss of teachers, along with a lowering of standards and quality of instruction.

Let us remember that we depend on these institutions for our elementary and secondary school teachers, those who train our children. Let us remember, too, that the faculty members in our colleges are among the public servants to whom we deny the right to strike. Their appeal can be only to the reason, to our sense of equity, and to conceptions of the public good. And when we talk of taxation, let's remember that college teachers have to pay taxes, like the rest of us.

Dr. Lewis Eldred, of Elmira College, said the other day: "I am not saying that teaching is a sacrosanct profession. Professors are not seeking special favors. However, it is important to keep the colleges and universities alive. Some way must be found to keep our faculties from being scattered."

We, too, think that some way must be found. The colleges themselves must do everything they can to find the way. We believe their administrators have been doing their part. The legislature must now do its part.
Douglas Discusses the Welfare State

Declaring that the problem of the United States today is not that of a welfare state, but that of a warfare world, United States Senator Paul H. Douglas from Illinois on November 30 gave the third address in the series of special lectures sponsored by Western Michigan College and made possible by a generous donor who prefers to remain anonymous. He spoke at Central High School Auditorium and the general public was invited.

Senator Douglas discussed “The Welfare State,” concerning which he said there have been many derisive criticisms during the past year. “It is implied,” he said, “that initiative and self-reliance are being badly injured by governmental action to help our people, and that, unless this dangerous trend is reversed, or at least halted, the character of our citizens will be totally undermined.” He continued, “It is always hinted, and indeed sometimes directly stated, that such welfare activities have their ideological origins outside the United States; that their true father is either Karl Marx or Lenin, and that it is the duty of all red-blooded Americans to spurn these works of the evil one, and, even more, to reject their present advocates.”

After pointing to the various welfare purposes for which government funds are expended, and those for which it is proposed to expend funds, he said, “Let me hasten to say, lest there be any misunderstanding, that I too am opposed to both the Ewing and the Brannan plans. But I would like to point out that, so far as the federal budget is concerned, our total expenditures for pensions to the aged, to mothers, and to the blind, for education, health, and housing, comes to about 2½ billions of dollars a year, or only 6 per cent of the federal budget. This is in sharp contrast with the 15½ billions which we spend on arms for ourselves and our allies and for atomic energy, the 4½ billions on foreign economic aid and occupation costs which we are spending to ward off Communism, or a total 20 billions to prepare us more effectively against a future war. If we add the costs of past wars in the form of 5 1/4 billions for interest on the war-incurred public debt, and 6 billions for veterans, we come to a total of about 31 billions which is being spent yearly for past and present wars. This is about 76 per cent of the national budget. It is the warfare world, therefore, and not the welfare state, which causes our federal expenditures and taxes to be high.”

The speaker advanced the thesis that the promotion of human welfare is one of the important functions of government, and that throughout the history of this nation it has been one of the primary aims of our national government. “So, far from the welfare state being of alien origin, it is a vital and integral part of the American tradition and ideals,” he said. He found proof for this in the Declaration of Independence, the Articles of Confederation, and the Constitution of the United States, from all of which he quoted. “Thus the promotion of the general welfare was listed along with the establishment of justice, the insurance of domestic tranquillity, the provision for the common defense and the attainment of liberty as one of the five fundamental purposes of that more perfect union which was being formed,” he said.

Tracing the history of the development of governmental welfare activities since the early days, he declared that “there was solid intent behind the clause giving Congress the power to levy taxes to provide for the common defense and general welfare.” The Supreme Court he said, has done well to recognize this fact by freeing the spending powers of Congress and rejecting the tortuous contention that the founding fathers did not mean it because they failed to mention the subject for a third time.

The doctrine of human welfare in governmental purposes, he reiterated, does not spring from Marx and Lenin but comes down from George Mason, Thomas Jefferson, and the younger Madison, and is eloquently restated by Lincoln who at Gettysburg declared that ours was a government not only “of” and “by” the people but also “for” the people.

“So, far from being a Marxist tradition, this is one of the very factors which have helped to give the lie to predictions of an inevitable class struggle. Because the state has concerned itself with the troubles and difficulties of average people who have little property and low income, it has helped to win and retain their loyalty and devotion to the democratic principles, which, though under attack in most of the world, stand firm in America,” he said.

Speaking specifically of public welfare as it applies to education, health, and public assistance, he said, “The total amount spent by public agencies at all levels for education, health, and public assistance amounts to about 8.6 billions of dollars, or 4 per cent of the national income and 43 per cent of what the
national government spends for military and economic preparations against war. It is 67 per cent of the nation's combined bills for spiri-tuous liquors and tobacco. Of this total, 3.6 billions is spent for education and 2.3 billions for assistance to the aged, for mothers of dependent children, and those on relief, and only ½ billion for health."

The areas where unmet needs are greater, he said, are probably housing, health, and the rehabilitation of the physically handicapped. By far the largest number of these unfortunate, he said, were not crippled in industry but as the result of such diseases as infantile paralysis, cerebral palsy, and arthritis. Adequate rehabilitation which will combine medical care, surgical care, psychological stimulus, the provision of special apparatus, occupational training, and placement he held to be a good investment. "It will help reclaim for productive lives, many who would otherwise be largely lost."

Discussing housing and its problems, he said, "The replacement of slums by decent housing would reduce juvenile delinquency and crime, improve health, raise personal productivity and immeasurably strengthen family life."

The speaker pointed out that slums cannot be replaced with decent housing for the low-income groups by private capital because of the high cost of land and the fact that the incomes of the poor are still below the amount required for decent housing on low-cost land with adequate space per family. He advocated lower construction costs, lower interest and maintenance cost, which he suggested could be effected through the formation of cooperatives.

In the field of health he said there are three admitted needs including research, larger hospital facilities, and training more physicians, particularly to serve farm families and those in the cities and towns whose incomes are under $3,500 or $4,000 a year. "I submit that it would be worth-while for us to finance the medical education of an additional 2,500 doctors a year for a period of ten years on condition that at least nine-tenths of these spend a minimum of five years of service in under-doctored areas and not more than one-tenth in medical research, as a return for the help thus given to them."

Discussing insurance for medical and hospital care, he said: "I should like to suggest that there is a middle ground upon which the American Medical Association and Mr. Ewing might well meet, since it is the core of the real economic problem of sickness. It is not the small sickness which wrecks families financially. It is instead the costs of catastrophic illness which cause real trouble. We could deal with this problem at a third of the cost which the Ewing plan would entail, and with a minimum of red tape, if we could get the contestants together on a constructive program."

The speaker declared he has always been a supporter of federal aid for education. "The mobility of our population is so great that a large proportion of the children from the economically poor states migrate as adults to the wealthier. It is to the interests of these wealthier states to help raise the levels of education in the economically poor states, so that they may have a better-trained and better-prepared citizenry. This was the major purpose of the Federal Aid Bill for Education which passed the Senate by an overwhelming vote last year, but which has been held up in the House by an unfortunate but deep-rooted religious controversy. Much as I favor federal aid for education, if its proposal were to plunge this country into a bitter religious war I would be willing to postpone the issue for a time and seek to get men of good will who represent these diverse interests and points of view together to agree upon a program of action which most can support," he said.

The speaker urged that in carrying out these programs, we should guard against building up a centralized administrative bureaucracy and that instead decisions and administration should be decentralized to the fullest possible degree.

Faculty, students, and townspeople greatly appreciate this opportunity to hear such leaders in American thought as Senator Douglas.

Blanche Draper

Harry Pearson (right) presents check to C. B. MacDonald (left). (See story on page 12.)
A tribute to his memory was written by Dr. Wynand Wichers, vice-president of the college, and was read at the services. Other clergymen officiating at the funeral services were the Reverend Kenneth B. Seeley of Kalamazoo and the Reverend King Beach of Jackson. After the services in Kalamazoo, Dr. Fox was taken to his final resting place in Meadow Brook Cemetery, Milikan, Michigan.

Deyo B. Fox was born at Wayland, Michigan, March 21, 1896, and died at Kalamazoo, Michigan, in the early morning of December 11, 1950. Upon graduation from Wayland High School in 1915, he entered Western Michigan College and earned a Life Certificate in 1917. For five years he taught industrial arts in the public schools of Hudson and Crystal Falls. In 1919 he moved to Jackson, Michigan, where he made his home until the summer of 1945. Here he spent five years as industrial arts counselor in the public schools and nine years as principal of Jackson Vocational and Technical School, and two years as industrial education supervisor for the State Board of Control for Vocational Education. In the summer of 1945, he accepted a position at Western Michigan College as Director of Vocational and Practical Arts, a position for which he was highly qualified by virtue of his academic training and his practical experience. During these busy years he was able to find time to complete his B.S. and M.S. degrees at the University of Michigan, and his Ph.D. at the University of Pittsburgh in 1944.

Dr. Fox held membership in numerous honorary and learned societies, such as Phi Delta Kappa, Iota Lambda Sigma, the Michigan Education Association, the Michigan Industrial Education Society, the Michigan Vocational Association, and the American Vocational Association. Two years ago, at the convention of the American Vocational Association, he was presented with a plaque and a life membership by his colleagues on the staff and his friends in vocational education in Michigan. Dr. Fox wrote and published a number of interesting studies in his field. Among them are “A Study of Pupil Failures in the Senior High School at Jackson,” “Occupational and Guidance Services of State Departments of Education,” “Training Youth to Meet Its New Needs,” “New Emphases in American Education,” “European Influences on Industrial Education in the United States,” “Post-War Planning and Cooperative Business Education in Jackson.”

But Dr. Fox was not only absorbed in academic affairs, but gave much time to civic and social responsibilities. In Jackson he served for seven years as a member of the Board of Directors of the Y.M.C.A., and also as the Director of the Council of Veterans Affairs and of the Rotary Club of Jackson. Upon coming to Kalamazoo, he became a member of the Rotary Club here.

Dr. Fox’s work at Western Michigan College during the last five years has been most significant. To this task he brought a fine balance of scholarship and practical experience, an interesting combination of administrative ability and personal qualities of imagination, understanding, and fair play. The present or-
ganization of the Division of Vocational and Practical Arts Education was the result of his thinking and planning. The integration of all work in these fields was a happy thought and has proved to be most successful. Since 1945 the work and enrollments in this Division have been greatly expanded.

Dr. Fox was most happy in his relationship with educators in the state. His advice was frequently sought, and he served on a great many state committees. He had a great interest in guiding the program of the Michigan Veterans' Vocational School. To this he gave a great deal of time and was very helpful in setting up the present program and in improving the preparation of members of the staff.

In Kalamazoo there is no marble hall of fame, but the memory of Dr. Fox's life and work has been permanently written on the tablets of human hearts—the hearts of all those who knew him.

**Wynand Wickers**

**Western's Rating**

Western Michigan College has been rated the largest of the 112 independent teachers colleges in the United States, as a result of a survey recently completed by Dr. Raymond Walters, president of the University of Cincinnati. Dr. Walters has made an annual survey of colleges and universities of the country since 1919. During the past thirty-one years his surveys have come to be recognized as official.

Still further recognition has been given to Western Michigan College in the current publication of Lovejoy's *Guide to Colleges and Universities*. Western has been placed in grade one by this survey, on the basis of its recognition by the American Association of Universities, the North Central Association of Secondary Schools and Colleges, the American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, and the American Association of University Women, all of which organizations have approved Western as a college of highest standing.

**Lecturer at Colorado**

Dr. Carroll P. Lahman, who for eighteen years served as director of men's forensics at Western (1922-1940), is spending the year as visiting lecturer in speech at the University of Colorado.

Dr. Lahman came to Western shortly after graduating from Oberlin College.

He earned his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees at the University of Wisconsin in 1929 and 1940 respectively. Between 1940 and 1947 he was professor of speech and chairman of the Speech Department of Albion College.

Because Mrs. Lahman needed to live in a warmer and drier climate than Michigan affords, Dr. Lahman resigned at Albion and moved to Pasadena. The position in Colorado has been taken on a yearly basis only, and he expects to return to Pasadena for a position in Pasadena College next year. He taught there on a part-time basis from 1948-1950 and, as his old friends would guess, revived intercollegiate forensics, which had been dropped during the war. Incidentally, the Pasadena women's debate group tied for first in the big West Coast Invitational Pi Kappa Delta tournament in 1949.

The Lahman's children, who were in junior high and grade school when the family moved from Kalamazoo, are both "legal voters" now. Ruth graduated from the University of Redlands in 1948 and is now a case worker with the Los Angeles County Bureau of Public Assistance. Robin is a senior in agriculture at the University of Illinois, is president of his fraternity, and is active in Wesley Foundation work. He hopes someday to take over the old farm home in Northern Illinois.

All of Carroll's old friends and former students will be glad to hear of his continued success in his chosen field.

**Financial Crisis**

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than any of these, it means that the standards of teacher education are being lowered. Those of you who read *Life* magazine's recent issue on education may remember that one of the principal points emphasized in that issue was the need to do a better job in educating teachers. What is happening at Western is going to mean that a poorer job will be done, unless something happens to reverse this trend.

What can we do about it? Well, quite obviously the next move is the legislature's. In the next appropriation bill there should be provision made for the increases which were stipulated in the budget back in 1948. Every citizen in the state has a stake in this. But especially do the citizens of Kalamazoo. Superintendents of schools Loy Norrix tells me that 65 per cent of the teachers in Kalamazoo public schools have their degrees from Western. Many others have had part of their training there. Western is our college. The men and women who teach at Western are citizens of Kalamazoo. So the answer to what we can do is obvious. We can talk to our own representatives and our own state senator about Western. We can tell them how we feel about the way Western has been treated. And we can urge that at the next legislative session action be taken to provide a decent pay scale, one which the people at Western were led to believe they might expect.

**Willis Dunbar**

A group of prominent citizens of Western Michigan has been aiding in furnishing information and enlisting interest in Western's campaign for more adequate support.

A complimentary dinner was given to these friends of the college and representative alumni and members of the faculty at the Arcadia Dining Room on Monday evening, December 4.
Goldman Conducts Concert

Sunday, January 7, 1931, will long be remembered by the hundred musicians in Western Michigan College band and their conductor, Leonard V. Meretta. It was the occasion of their annual winter concert, always an outstanding event. But more than all that, it was the first occasion of the appearance of a guest conductor with the band, and that conductor was none other than Dr. Edwin Franko Goldman, 73-year-old band leader and composer, who is considered the greatest band conductor in the United States and one of the greatest in the world. And as though that were not enough to make this a most memorable occasion, Dr. Goldman publicly lauded the band and its work in the course of his remarks, in which he gave illuminating descriptions concerning some of the numbers which were presented.

"You have here at Western Michigan College one of the greatest bands in the United States. In fact, I would say this band needs not to take a back seat for any college band in the country."

And Goldman speaks "as one having authority" because of his experience as guest conductor with college and university bands throughout the United States. At the request of the government he has also acted as critic for the many Army and Navy band organizations.

Dr. Goldman conducted the second part of the program, which included four of his own well-known marches, "Ever-Ready," "World Peace," "Kentucky," and "University Grand March." He also conducted the orchestra in its presentation of "Finlandia," which he played fifty-five years ago under the baton of its composer, Sibelius. Two other numbers were included in the program conducted by Dr. Goldman, "Come, Sweet Death" (Bach-Leidzen) and "First Swedish Rhapsody" (Leidzen).

The opening part of the program was conducted by Meretta. Four numbers were included, as follows: "Athletic Festival March (Prokofieff); The Overture from "Barber of Seville" (Rossini-Lake); "Elsa' Procession to the Cathedral" (Wagner-Cailliet) and "Sleigh Ride" (Anderson).

Central High School Auditorium was packed to capacity. Included were directors and members of bands from all sections of southwestern Michigan, as well as parents and friends of bands from all parts of the state, all of whom were vociferous in the demonstration of their appreciation of the concert.

For the first time in several years, the Women's Glee Club of Western Michigan College, directed by Mrs. Dorothea Sage Snyder, and the Men's Glee Club, directed by Sam Adams, gave a joint concert Thursday evening, December 14, in the Campus Theatre of the college.

The first part of the program was sung by the men and included a number of carols and beautiful Christmas compositions. The Women's Glee Club, accompanied on the harp by Marilyn D. Gabert, sang "Ceremony of Carols," by Benjamin Britten, one of the most outstanding modern Christmas compositions.

The program closed with the singing of a group of numbers by the combined clubs. Following the concert, chocolate was served.
Sidelights on Western’s History
Edited by James O. Knauss

Western’s First Coach
[No man of whom we know is better able than Herbert (Buck) Read to write an article for Sidelights in the spirit in which it was originally conceived. He is noted locally and nationally as a brilliant conversationalist and after-dinner speaker who is full of humorous anecdotes and has a fine command of the English language. He is especially qualified for two reasons to talk on the subject of athletics at Western in the early days when the almost fabulous Bill Spaulding was at the helm. First, Read was Spaulding’s colleague during the closing years of the latter’s connection with the institution. Second, he was a keen student and coach of athletics for more than thirty years before his retirement in 1949. It gives us great pleasure to introduce Mr. Herbert W. Read, the nationally known architect of highly successful basketball teams, the beloved Silver Fox of later years.

The editor of Sidelights is almost at the end of his resources so far as continuing this feature in concerned unless the readers suggest more topics. He is sending out an urgent appeal for help to all alumni, former students, faculty members, and friends.]

It was a little over forty years ago that “Bill” Spaulding, a stalwart athlete from Wabash College, was engaged by President Dwight B. Waldo to direct the fortunes of athletics at the Western State Normal School. He had been a great football and track star at the Indiana institution, was personable, and had quite a sense of humor. What made his selection as football coach further propitious was the reputation that Wabash had made in 1905 by defeating Notre Dame at South Bend 5-0. Thereafter the teams of the small Hoosier college became known as the “Little Giants.”

Spaulding found Western Normal football rather less than sketchy. The year before there was a team but no coach, and one of the players, Archibald Polley, directed the training and master-minded the games. Personnel was undeveloped and even a little on the anemic side, and so the team just went nowhere. In fact it could not even offer a good scrimmage for the Central High School team.

That was an intolerable situation for a “Little Giant” athlete, and Spaulding proceeded to do a little talking to high-school graduates of Western Michigan. On the 1907 team, among others, were Nichols and Myers of the 1905 Central High School state champions. With this better material and the higher standards of play Spaulding had naturally acquired at Wabash, Western Normal came strongly into the athletic picture and that year won the normal school championship of Michigan. This was never well taken by the older institutions, which still thought of Western Normal as something of an upstart. Perhaps they still think so.

The next step was to tackle the colleges in the M.I.A.A. Olivet then had the greatest aggregation of athletes in the conference. It has fallen on hard times since and has passed almost out of existence, but then it was almost powerful enough to challenge the university. The first year of this contact Western took a beating, but by 1912 was able to about hold its own, and in 1913 went on to win. The foot-

Spaulding’s Football Squad of Thirty Years Ago
ball teams of 1913 and 1914 were in fact unbeaten. The 1915 football team was even more powerful but lost the opener to Hillsdale. Then it got organized and swept through the M.I.A.A., defeating Alma 79-0. This victory was significant of the real strength of the team, as Alma had defeated Hillsdale.

In 1917 Western made its first big shot at the heights. It took on the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor. Western outplayed the Wolverines that day and might have won but for a decision over a punted ball. Michigan had kicked to Western which was then leading 13-12. Burman, the Western safety man, started to catch the ball; then, seeing the Michigan tacklers closing in, stepped aside from it. Michigan claimed the ball touched him, but Burman and Spaulding have always insisted he kept clear of it. Anyway, the referee decided in favor of Michigan, the Wolverines took over and scored to win the game 17-13.

In baseball Western had come along too; in fact even faster than in football. The year 1915 saw the memorable diamond duel between Michigan and Western Normal. The first was a pitchers' battle between Sisker and Ernie Koob. That ended in a fourteen-inning 2-2 tie, but a later play-off game was won by Western. Jud Hyames played shortstop on this team.

The 1918 year in athletics was pretty lean because of World War I, yet by the fall of 1919 the athletes were back and Western undertook an ambitious football schedule, playing among other teams, Michigan Aggies, Wabash, and Notre Dame.

That Michigan Aggie game at East Lansing was a “blinger.” Advance publicity gave the Aggie line-up the famous “ton of capta’ns,” that many former captains returning after the war. Western had a few redoubtables, among them Olson, one of the greatest athletes to play on any team, and a pair of very fast and clever ends in Westgate and Houston. The later is now coach of the Flint Northern team which won the state football championship last fall.

Michigan Aggies got the jump on Western in this game and led 12-0 at the half, missing both try for points. In the third quarter Olson pegged a pass to Houston, who ran for a touchdown. Olson kicked the try for point and Western seemed back in the ball game. But on the next kickoff, after an Aggie player had fumbled the ball and it rolled loose, a fast Aggie back named Schwey suddenly scooped it up, and ran for a touchdown through the entire Westega team. Again the Aggies missed the try for point, but they led 18-7 and now it did really look bad for Western.

Right after the next kickoff, however, Olson pegged on to Westgate who went up into the air to take it in the midst of three Aggie defenders, and pivoted away from them to run for a touchdown. The try for point was good and the score was 14-18. Still in the same third quarter, Olson pegged to Houston, who took it on the ten-yard line and was immediately downed. But by this time the whole Western line sensed victory and three line men put the ball over. Olson kicked the try for point and the score was 21-18 in favor of Western.

The fourth quarter was scoreless. Western took a terrific mauling from the “ton of captains” but held on grimly. “Sticks” Bennet was carried off unconscious and “Red” Farrer was a gory sight when he left the field, but the substitutes held on like bulldogs.

There was one touch of humor in this game which the boys will always remember. Paul Bowersox, former Otsego high-school player, went in at tackle as a replacement in this grueling fourth quarter. Spaulding had told him to watch Bos, who had been charging through to break up plays. Bowersox was a bit flustered when he went in but anxious to make good, so, as he took his place in the line, he began whispering to his team mates: “Where’s Bos? Where’s Bos?” The boys began grinning at him and Bowersox soon found out why. Right in front of him was husky John Bos, now a well-known director of physical education in Grand Rapids. Bos was grinning too at Bowersox’s perplexity. “Here I am,” he finally growled. “What are you going to do about it?”

The next game was with Wabash at Western field and was won in a slashing contest. Then came the game with Notre Dame at South Bend and George Gipp in the Irish lineup. This could have been a fairly even contest, but Western was worn down with two hard games in succession and Notre Dame was aroused. Western took a beating mathematically and physically. The Irish had a shift which never came to a stop and got by with it. But Western won the rest of the games of the schedule.

Western had another good baseball team the next spring. It was chiefly memorable for a 3-0 victory over Michigan at Ann Arbor. In this game, Harve Freeman, now coach at St. Augustine high school, foxed the Wolverines with his famous slow ball. How slow this was accounts for Harve’s favorite story. Spaulding had told him not to throw this ball at a certain Michigan batter who was certain to murder it. But Freeman got careless and failed to notice once that this man had come to bat. So he started the slow pitch and then saw it was the batter Spaulding had warned him against. But with good presence of mind he took a quick jump forward and retrieved the ball before it was fairly on its way. On this team also was “Dune” Cameron, now an important legislator around Trout Creek and Ontonagon. Cameron’s three daughters have all graduated from Western.

In 1922 Spaulding left Western to go to Minnesota as football coach and then became football coach and athletic director at U.C.L.A. in Los Angeles. He has retired from that position but retains a football interest by being advisor to the Los Angeles Rams. But he also has business interests, being public relations man for the Budget Pack Corporation, a food-processing concern that does a million-dollar business annually and was developed by one of Spaulding’s sons-in-law.
Book News and Reviews

Edited by Mate Graye Hunt

General Education

The Idea and Practice of General Education—An Account of the College of the University of Chicago. The authors are present and former members of the Faculty. The University of Chicago Press, 1950. 333 pp. $3.50.

This volume is a most important contribution to the current literature on "general education"—a philosophy and program of education which is much in fashion in these days. Perhaps no program of general education has been so widely discussed and so greatly misunderstood as that of the College of the University of Chicago. These facts make the book important reading. One of the reasons given by the authors for the volume is "to remove or lessen certain misconceptions about what the College is and is trying to do." Another excellent reason is "since its principles bid fair to become the operative educational theory of the remainder of this century," communication amongst those engaged in general education is necessary "to the end that the sins which were committed in the name of the elective system may not be matched by different, but no less shoddy, deeds done in the name of general education."

Part I in two chapters deals with the theory and history of general education at the University. The first chapter is a concise and excellent summary of the development of the current philosophy and of the organization of the present curriculum "so that youth may be prepared to deal with personal and social problems with which all men in a democratic system are confronted." This reviewer was intrigued by the review of the long-time development of the program. Those who would give full credit to President Hutchins are reminded that President Harper set the mold fifty years ago with his thought of an independent faculty to guide the curriculum and program of the freshman and sophomore years. President Harper "was a young man with ideas, and he was in a hurry." The ideas grew in the minds of his successors and came to full fruition with President Hutchins. But the going was not easy, as seen in the account of the rather bitter and protracted faculty controversies. It was difficult also because the plan and program as conceived and executed often ran counter to many major developments in American education.

Part II devotes seven chapters to the development of the present curriculum. Seven different authorities discuss the Humanities, the Social Sciences, the Natural Sciences, Mathematics, Writing, Language, and Integration. There is an effort in each case to summarize the reasons for the inclusion of the subject matter and also to note the constant attempts at revision, evaluation, and integration. It is clear that there is nothing static in the program and that much experimentation still lies ahead. Back of it, however, is the conviction that the train is on the right track.

Part III deals with the Methods of Teaching, Examination, and Counselling. A good deal of attention is paid to the development and use of the comprehensive examination and the means employed to ready students for it. The writers seem to be unanimous in their testimony that teaching in the College is to the faculty a real satisfying classroom experience, and to the student a means of giving him concern with the great business of education. The volume is a thorough analysis of general education as practiced by one of the pioneers in this field. No one interested in this increasingly important movement in education should fail to read it.

Wynand Wigners

Survey of the Opera


General histories of music, as a rule, do not cover the subject of opera as thoroughly as it could be covered. We no longer have to be at a loss on that score, as Donald Grout of the Music Department of Cornell University has written a history of the opera from its early beginnings—a work of the most mature scholarship.

Mr. Grout has covered the whole field of opera in his two-volume work with an idea of clarifying its position in the history of music and...
at the same time presenting us with a work which is very systematic and thoroughly detailed as to the composer, his place in art, and his works, and which has as many examples of the period of opera under discussion as it was possible to include.

Not only does the author deal with the actual development of opera as opera, but he goes back to the early period of Greek drama and shows the reader what were the important steps that eventually led up to the composition of the first operas, through the medieval period with its "Mystery plays" and other combinations of music and drama. To cover a history of this type is a work of such magnitude that it requires a tremendous amount of research and planning before the actual writing can commence. Acquaintance with this work will reveal that the author has done just that.

Much of this music from the old eighteenth-century opera composers has been out of print for years and years, yet there are copious examples from practically every composer and period throughout the whole work. Mr. Grout has his reader study for himself the music of these works, and this is in reality one of the best ways in which to become acquainted with anything—through the actual source—and in music it is through the study of the music itself that one can gain more actual knowledge as to idiom, style, and period, than through all the books that have ever been written about it.

There is an especially vivid and living description of the period from the Wagnerian opera down through the efforts of the twentieth-century composers with their problems in working with the human voice and the polytonal system of composition prevalent today. The author presents each and every period of his subject in a very straightforward and clearly written manner without being pedantic about it. It is a work of which anyone interested in the opera and its development from the earliest time could very well make a profitable study.

Holom Matthews

New Library Service

For some time there has been a recognition in Western's library that the publications of the National Education Association were not all being acquired as they might be. There were organizational difficulties and complications in the 14 headquarters divisions, the 24 committees and commissions, and the 31 departments—69 in all.

This situation has now been relieved through a recently inaugurated library subscription plan of which Western's library was quick to take advantage, as of January 1.

Now automatically the library will receive: (1) The periodicals, year books, bulletins regularly sent to members of the National Education Association and its departments. (2) The publications of the numerous committees and commissions. (3) The research studies and other publications of the Educational Research Service (ERS).

In addition, Western's library is entitled to submit requests for information or for studies to be made by the Educational Research Service and may borrow certain materials from them.

Pulp and Paper Gift

Western Michigan College has been the recipient of another gift for use in the equipment of its Pulp and Paper Laboratory. The latest gift is a check for $300 which came from the Waste Paper Institute of the National Association of Waste Materials Dealers, Inc., in New York City. Previously equipment valued at a total of approximately $30,000 was given by the paper industry to the laboratory fund. This equipment was formally dedicated last spring.

The check for $300 was formally presented by Harry Pearson, Kalamazoo manager of the Pioneer Paper Stock Company. It was received by C. B. MacDonald, comptroller of the college, representing Western, and O. W. Callighan, Kalamazoo, chairman of the Laboratory Equipment Committee.

The Pulp and Paper Laboratory is an important and integral part of the curriculum in Pulp and Paper Technology which is headed by Dr. Alfred H. Nadelman and is attracting many students.
Athletic News

Edited by Homer M. Dunham

Basketball Season

The Western Michigan College basketball team this winter will present a final season record better than that of last year, although the schedule is tougher over all. While the writer would predict at least fifteen victories, the Broncos may find it a tough job to equal last year’s mark in the Mid-American Conference when they tied for second, as Mid-American teams all seem much improved, especially Cincinnati, defending Champion, which hopes for a second straight undefeated season in the collegiate loop, with its high-powered offensive which has made the Bearcats the highest-scoring college team of the nation.

Up to the Christmas vacation the Bronco court men had done a fine job with a 7-1 mark to that time, and included among the victories was an impressive 58-19 win over the University of Iowa, at that time considered the team to beat for the Big Ten title and still very much in the titular struggle, and an 80-68 win over Valparaiso on the Crusaders’ floor. The only loss to that point had been a 66-64 defeat from Northwestern, primarily because the team failed to hit on its free throws, getting only 7 in 20 attempts.

Following the vacation the Broncos met Miami in a Mid-American Conference game in opening the collegiate loop campaign and was defeated in an upset 48-42.

The toughest section of the schedule was still ahead, as of January 15, with the Broncos still to meet in two games such teams as Cincinnati, Ohio, Toledo, Loyola, and Western Reserve with single tilts left with Miami, Central Michigan, and Valparaiso. While the writer has predicted fifteen victories, that is conditioned upon two factors which can come into the picture in the second semester: eligibility and demands from the service. Coach Perigo’s squad, which was expected to have fairly strong replacements, does not have them deep enough to weather much of a storm in the way of losses of personnel.

Aiding in making the team a flashy, fast, and shooting team are three sophomore regulars, Roy Healy, Montgomery, Indiana, forward; Charles Brotebeck, Flint, guard; and Jim Wenke, Kalamazoo, center. Healy and Brotebeck are fast and clever with rapid wrist and hand action that causes plenty of trouble for the opposition. All three can score, but yet all three are of the type that willingly passes up an attempt in favor of the others of the team, usually Joe Shaw at forward and Bob Adams at guard, or Jack Sabadin, forward, or Jim Betchek, guard. They know the deadliness of the shooting of Shaw and Adams in particular and are always willing to feed them. Also showing in this way and a good man on the backboards is Jim Hipsher, Wabash, Indiana, center, who alternates with Wenke, and is a good backboard worker.

Lack of height has and is causing considerable concern with the squad because of the big bearing which it has on jump balls and in rebounding to obtain ball control, as most teams on the card have considerable more than Coach Perigo’s outfit in th’s respect. Without ball control from those situations the team is naturally forced into defensive play more than would otherwise be the case. This cuts down the offensive and the scoring prospects and opportunities. In spite of this, the Broncos are showing currently, a scoring average better than last year. At the same time their defensive average is also slightly better than a year ago. That would seem to indicate that some of the close ones of last year would be won by this year’s outfit, but it is well to bear in mind that almost every team being played this season is also stronger than last year.

Clever maneuvering on the floor, speed, accurate passing, percentage shooting and ball hawking, become more important factors than might otherwise be the case. The Broncos have those things. That’s why they are winning.

In the Mid-American, following the upset by Miami, the Broncos have a big uphill fight to make, and
to make certain of second place they seemingly face a task of turning in an upset of their own somewhere along the line against teams which apparently in every case are stronger than last year. They hope they may even upset Cincinnati here in the final contest of the year on March 5.

But to face the situation fans to fan, the Broncos to turn in that upset must defeat the highest-scoring college team in the country, which has an average of 85.8 points per game at the time of writing, while Western's offense as of the same time was 67 points per game. Defensively their records appeared to be about the same, so it can be seen that the Broncos will need to hit a real height against the Bearcats, just as they will against some of the other teams.

The season record to press time:
Western 55, Central Michigan 44
Western 64, Northwestern 66
Western 71, Manchester 70
Western 59, Iowa, 49
Western 76, Hope 56
Western 74, Ball State 47
Western 80, Valparaiso 68
Western 83, Ripon 57
Western 42, Miami 48
Western 63, Valparaiso 62
Western 68, Ohio U. 59
Western 63, Cincinnati 73
Western 48, Loyola 50

Baseball News

John Bero, Flint, star baseballer with the Western Michigan College team at third base in 1943, has been ordered to report to the St. Louis Browns training camp this spring. Bero signed a league contract following the 1943 season and has been playing in the International and other leagues since that time. Bero should have a good prospect of sticking with the Browns.

Frank "Stubby" Overmire, who recently was sold by the Detroit Tigers to the Browns has also signed his contract and will report to the St. Louis training camp.

Wayne Terwilliger is expected to be quite a valuable asset to the Chicago Cubs this coming season in his regular position at second base.

Bronco Hall of Fame

A Varied Career

The coaching experiences of Harold Cass, a graduate of Western Michigan in 1930, might well be woven into an Alger tale, "From Printers' Ink to Successful Coaching," except that in the Alger books the hero always accumulates a fair fund of worldly goods, whereas most coaches and especially coaches in smaller high schools somehow fail to have much of the green stuff stick with them after they have acquired a reasonably good living standard. Harold Cass is one of this group—a guy who never competed in athletics, yet when he turned his hand to coaching came up with some remarkable teams in three sports, with his latest coming in football where he has a mark of twenty-one straight wins, which is really something on the gridiron these days.

Harold Cass graduated from Escanaba High in 1926, winning his only athletic letter at that time by being student manager in athletics.

He entered Western Michigan the next fall and kept himself busy, even though not on athletic squads. He was sports editor of the Herald for two years, aided Charles Maher, director of intramural sports, in intramurals, was a member of the athletic board and Forum. His senior year he was editor of the Brown and Gold and between times in those years worked in the publicity office.

Graduating from Western, he accepted a teaching position at Trout Creek, but the next year moved on to Trenary, where he coached basketball for four years. Previously they had not had basketball there, lacking a place to play. His teams were still able to win over half of their games although starting from scratch. From Trenary, Cass moved on to Hermanwille.

At Hermanwille he taught social sciences and coached track, and in 1941 and 1942 his track teams won the Upper Peninsula championship in class D, the 1942 team being considered the greatest ever turned out for a small school in that section. It still holds 4 of 12 records in the class ten years later. And consider, please, that Cass had a team which had no track, but was forced to work out in an alley by the school.

In 1943 Cass moved back to the lower peninsula, going to Alanson as principal and coach. His basketball team that year won 8 and lost 6 games.

The following year he moved on to Romulus, where he has remained since, coaching football and having charge of physical education. He also coached track and basketball.

Since he has been at Romulus, his teams have won 55 games, lost 6, and tied 3. Not a single team in football was shut out from that time on. At present his teams have a streak of 21 straight victories and have enjoyed three undefeated seasons in eight years. Twice the teams won the Huron League title while Romulus was a member and also won the Rouge River Valley League title the only year it was a member of that league.

Cass stopped basketball coaching this year but in seven seasons there his teams won 88 games and lost 30. In the last five years they dropped
only 14 games and were undefeated at home.

His Romulus track team won the state title in 1946 and the big Rouge Valley indoor meet at Ann Arbor in 1947, and twice has won the class C meet at Albion.

It is entirely proper and in order at this point to indicate that Cass may be the only high school coach ever to win the championships in track in his class in both upper and lower peninsulas, and few are the coaches, who have ever turned their hand at football, basketball, and track, who have met with the enviable record that has been made by Harold Cass in each sport. Technique courses in college, closely following the teams and coaching in practice, writing athletics while in college, all proved an aid to Cass—the man who never played—but his has been no Cinderella achievement. Instead it has come by intense application and hard work in his coaching. The wand is not just waved to bring successful teams into being.

Hard work, good coaching and close application to the job are top requirements, along with some reasonable amount of material. Cass combined them into success in the coaching field over a long period of years.

Last June, Mr. Cass received his Master’s degree in Administration of Physical Education at Michigan and at the present time he is director of athletics at Romulus as well as head football and track coach. In addition he directs the school’s intramural program and handles some of the physical education classes.

During the summer Cass returns to his native Escanaba where he has a summer home and where some day he plans to retire from coaching and teaching field to go into the tourist-cabin business.

Mr. Cass, who is married, has a daughter who is now in the eighth grade.

The News Magazine congratulates Harold for his successful career in the field of athletics. He is a fine example of the many graduates who have made their mark in sports.

Successful Coaches

During the past high-school football season a large number of high-school football coaches from all over the state who are Western Michigan College graduates again turned up some outstanding high-school football teams in their class. Notable among these were Guy Houston, Flint Northern, whose team won the Class A state title without a blemish on its 9-game season, and along with it naturally the Saginaw Valley title and also the city title in Flint; Dick Leahy, a much more recent graduate than Houston, who became a head coach at Dearborn Higl, after having been transferred there from Fordson where he had been an assistant, gave Dearborn its first undefeated team in history, its conference title, and the city title over Fordson, which also won its conference championship; Rolla “Red” Anderson, at Lakeview High, Battle Creek, who also had an undefeated season, the first for his school, and a title in its conference; Don Rathbun, whose team at Newaygo was undefeated as it won its league title for a second year in succession.

These are just a few of many examples of fine coaching jobs which were done by Bronco graduates last fall, and there are probably still others well deserving of special commendation which have not yet come to our attention.

Guy Houston is one of those coaches who just goes on and on with winning teams, seldom ending a season on the wrong side of the ledger. He has previously been mentioned in the Bronco Hall of Fame for his very outstanding work in keeping his teams at the top or near the top of the state heap, year in and year out, since he first took over the coaching reins at Flint Northern with the 1928 season.

Only four times in the past twenty-two years has a team of his had a season in which more games have been lost than won; usually they have been of championship class. In all, over the twenty-three years, his teams have won 142 contests, lost only 36, and tied 24 for an all-time mark of .798—an unusually high percentage.

When Dick Leahy completed his competition with the Broncos a few years ago, he tried out with the Detroit Lions and then returned here and aided Fred Zuidema that fall at Central High. The following summer he served as a boxing instructor at Culver Military Academy.

In the fall of 1948 Leahy became line coach at Fordson High, serving in that capacity for two seasons, and this past fall he was transferred to Dearborn High, a city rival, as head coach.

Leahy used a split T formation with his Dearborn team this last fall, and Dearborn went undefeated for the first time in the history of that class A school, winning eight games and having one tie. The team averaged over 235 yards per game while holding the opposition to a 125-yard average, thus leading the state class A teams in defense. The team was not only undefeated but also won the Twin Valley Conference title, the first Dearborn team ever to win the honor outright.

Dearborn has been doing well with its city rival, Fordson, but this year was the first time that both Fordson and Dearborn won the championships in their respective leagues, Fordson being champion of the Border Cities League, with Dearborn knocking off its city rival for the city title, the third time in five years, but the first time when they had both been champions. The score was 14-0. All this success seems to stamp Dick Leahy as an up-and-coming coach, who will bear watching in the future.

Over at Newaygo, Don Rathbun
won the Newago County Athletic Association title for a second straight year, but his 1950 team enjoyed an undefeated season, and it continued a monopoly that Newaygo enjoyed in winning all league titles a year ago in football, basketball, baseball, and track, the first time that had happened in the league’s history.

Rathbun, who graduated from Western in 1939, has been at Newaygo for the past six years. His football teams in that time have won 25 games, lost 14, and tied 3. His basketball teams have won this season 72 games and lost only 23. It is also worthy of note that in the past two seasons Newaygo has been defeated in basketball only by Class A Muskegon Heights.

Prior to going to Newaygo, Rathbun coached for three years at Walkerville and at Custer for one year, and at both of those places also enjoyed good success with his teams.

Rolla Anderson, who came to Western Michigan with the naval and marine trainees during the war years, competing for the Broncos in football and basketball, turned up the only undefeated football team in the history of Lakeview High at Battle Creek last fall and the first undefeated team in fifty-four years in that city, which is an accomplishment out of the ordinary, to say the least.

Born in Illinois, he graduated from Mt. Vernon High there and then attended Jones County Junior College in Mississippi, before enrolling in Southeast Missouri State College, from which institution he was sent to Western Michigan with the trainees and received his degree from Western in 1944.

He started teaching and coaching at Marshall in 1946, being assistant football and basketball coach and head baseball coach. For the past four years he has been at Lakeview High School, where football was at a rather low ebb. As he started building, his record was rather ordinary, as was to be expected, but this year his efforts paid off with a team that won nine straight and its conference title as it bowed over all of the opposition.

In basketball in the past three seasons his teams there have won second, tied for fourth, and finished seventh in the conference.

Like the others, “Red” Anderson has done an unusual piece of work with his coaching at Lakeview High, which he may be expected to continue if given a reasonable amount of athletic material.

HOMER M. DUNHAM

A Tribute to Redmond

The Muskegon Elks News for November carries a fine article on C. Leo “Tiny” Redmond, former Muskegon High School coach and now principal of the Bunker Hill School there. Redmond has been a member of the Elks Lodge of that city for many years. The article covers very much the same material as one carried in the News Magazine for February, 1947, just a few months after Redmond retired from the coaching field.

Redmond was one of the greatest football stars that Western Michigan ever turned out and certainly was its greatest center, being given honorable mention in 1922 by Walter Ekersall, when he picked his All-American. That year Redmond was captain of the Western team which was undefeated, untied, and unscored upon.

Following a highly successful career at Harbor Springs, he went to Muskegon as coach, where his overall record in football shows 156 victories, 28 defeats, and 13 ties, with 7 state titles. Redmond’s greatest year probably was 1937, when he won the state football title and the basketball and track titles and took his basketball team to the national tournament as he had done in 1926 and 1927.

Redmond earned the title “The Master” in his coaching at Muskegon, a title well-deserved by this Western graduate.

The News Magazine congratulates the Elks News of Muskegon for its splendid and timely article on Tiny Redmond, one of the most honored and respected of Bronco graduates.

Campus News

Mrs. Faust

Visits College

Mrs. Wilda Freebern Faust, national secretary of Future Teachers of America, spent four days on the campus during the latter part of the fall semester. She was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. Carl R. Cooper, Burrows Road.

Mrs. Faust attended classes in general education conducted by Dr. Violet Beirge, Dr. James Griggs, and Dr. Clara Chiara. She also spoke at the Exchange Club. She held an off-campus visitors’ conference and was guest of honor at a dinner in Arcadia Brook Clubhouse. Mrs. Faust was the chief speaker at the meeting of Western’s chapter of Future Teachers of America. She also observed the work being done in the classes of Human Growth and Development conducted by Miss Jane Blackburn.

Messiah Festival

The fifteenth annual Southwestern Michigan Messiah Festival was held Friday evening, December 8, in Central High School Auditorium, under the sponsorship of the Music Department of Western Michigan College.
Singers representing thirty-seven musical organizations in sixteen southwestern Michigan cities and towns were members of the massed choir which sang under the direction of Dr. Ellyn Carter, head of the Music Department of Western Michigan College.

The choir was assisted by an orchestra of forty musicians, prepared for the occasion by Angelo La Mariana, of the faculty of the Music Department, and by H. Glenn Henderson, also of Western's music faculty, who was at the organ.

Soloists for the festival were Ethel Green, Marcella Faustman, and Sam Adams, all of Western Michigan College faculty, and Phil Ducey, voice instructor and director of the Men's Glee Club at the University of Michigan.

**Prepare Fantasies**

Plans are already under way, committees have been appointed, and tryouts are being held for the 1951 "Brown and Gold Fantasies," which will be presented April 27-28 in Central High School Auditorium. This will be the sixth annual all-student production to be presented under the sponsorship of the Student Council of the college.

Ever since November plans for the event have been in progress. It has been decided that the script will be written around college life on Western's campus at the present time, and the aim will be to present a show which will give opportunity for specialty acts. The entire production in all its phases is in charge of students.

William Condon, a senior from Flint, has been chosen producer. He has had valuable experience, including the position of co-producer-director of the "Follies" of the Flint Junior College, which he attended for two years before enrolling at Western. He was script writer and also master of ceremonies. During the past summer he acted as master of ceremonies for Flint's "City Wide Talent Show," sponsored by the city park board. He has been active on Western's campus, having served last year as feature editor of the *Herald*. He is also a member of the Speech Club and the Stratford Club.

John Hramiec, of Hamtramck will serve as director of the show. For the past two years he has taken part in the "Fantasies" and has had considerable experience in entertaining various groups with song and dance routines. He has dreams of eventually making a place for himself in professional show business. He is a Western cheer leader, a member of the Newman Club, and is much interested in boxing.

Other members of the production staff are Eugene Boyd of Flint who will be business manager, Harold Shoup of Battle Creek, stage manager, Jack Hyde of Edmore, who will be music director, and Joyce Passon of White Pigeon, publicity manager.

**Nursery School**

With the opening of the second semester an additional half-day session was added to the nursery school on Western Michigan College campus. The school is jointly sponsored by the college and the American Association of University Women.

Dr. James Griggs, director of teacher-education at the college, states that as soon as it is possible financially, the nursery school will be incorporated as a part of the regular college program. In the meantime, however, it is being financed by the American Association of University Women, which has sponsored the project since its beginning. Miss Esther Schroeder, of the faculty of the Department of Education at Western, is supervising the work, and student teachers receive practical experience and valuable training in preparation for the teaching profession. Mrs. Howard Lavender is a teacher, and Mrs. Frank Heath is chairman of the committee of the American Association of University Women in charge of the school.

The program for the children is built around their interests and needs in adapting themselves to live with other people. The school was started as an experiment by the American Association of University Women and until January, 1950, was housed by the public schools in the Harding school building. Since that time it has been conducted on the first floor of the temporary building on Western's campus.

**Assembly Speaker**

Dr. Nicholas Nyaradi, ex-minister of finance of Hungary, and the last non-Communist member of the Hungarian coalition government, told an audience here on January 11 that we are fighting a combination of both Communism and Russian imperialism. He addressed a capacity audience at Western Michigan College on the occasion of an evening assembly of students, faculty, and townspeople.

This was one of a number of outstanding assembly addresses that have been scheduled by the Assembly Committee to be given during the current year.
President Sangren Honored

Dr. Paul V. Sangren, president of Western Michigan College, was guest of honor at a recognition dinner given November 4 at Arcadia Brook Clubhouse by faculty, students, and alumni of the Music Department of the College. Approximately 150 guests were entertained.

Dr. Elwyn Carter, head of the department, presided. Speaking for the staff, he pointed out the importance of music in maintaining balanced living and mental hygiene, and the part the teacher of music in the public schools has an opportunity to play.

"To teach 'things unseen' through the medium of music is an absolute necessity, but at the same time it requires very careful attention to the teacher's trend. Dr. Sangren's interest in such a teacher-training program is neither casual nor a short-time interest," he said.

Dr. Carter pointed out that President Sangren was one of two representatives from the American Association of Teachers Colleges who worked with representatives of the National Association of Schools of Music to formulate the recommended program for the training of music teachers adopted by both organizations. He said, "Dr. Sangren is still a member of that joint committee and they are working on other projects which can be of major importance in the field of music education."

As a token of recognition of President Sangren's support of the department and its program, Dr. Carter presented him, on behalf of the alumni, students, and staff, with a projector for films.

Class Presidents

John Dunn of Portage was elected president of the senior class of Western Michigan College at the November elections held on Western's campus. John Post, Kalamazoo, was elected junior president, Janet MacDonald, Kalamazoo, sophomore president, and James Clarke, Wilmette, Illinois, was elected president of the freshman class.

Alumni News

Edited by Vern E. Mabie

Howard D. Crull

Thirty Years in Education

On December 31, 1950, Howard D. Crull, at present superintendent of schools in Port Huron, Michigan, completed thirty years of teaching in Michigan's public schools. Mr. Crull graduated in December, 1920, from Western Michigan College of Education. Immediately upon graduation he accepted a position as instructor of industrial arts in the Rochester, Michigan, public schools, where he remained until June, 1923. In September, 1923, he accepted a position as teacher in the Birmingham public schools. During the period from September, 1923, until October, 1941, Mr. Crull held the positions of teacher, supervisor, building principal, and finally superintendent of schools in the Birmingham system. In 1933 Mr. Crull earned his Bachelor of Science degree at Western Michigan College and was awarded a Master of Arts degree in 1939 by the University of Michigan. In October, 1941, Mr. Crull was appointed superintendent of schools in Port Huron, where he is now employed.

Since Mr. Crull went to Port Huron the operational budget of the Port Huron city schools has been increased over 100 per cent. The financial and personnel organization has been revised, and the various duties clearly defined by the Board of Education. Programs of adult education, veterans education, and an expanded program of vocational education and industrial arts have been developed and put into practice. Emphasis has been placed on the individual child, and the importance attached to the growth and development of the individual is manifested by the program of counseling and guidance currently in practice in the Port Huron public schools. Programs in special education, including visiting-teacher work and teaching of the homebound, have been organized and are playing a significant part in the educational program of the community.

Community consciousness of the need for continuously improving the education opportunities of youth in Port Huron has been developed through community groups. The Citizens Committee for Better Schools has done much, as has the Parent Teacher Council of the city, to improve educational and recreational opportunities for children.

In 1942 the Board of Education authorized the superintendent to retain consultants and to make a complete educational survey of the school system. From this survey a long-time program of school improvement was evolved. Some of the school system's seventeen school plants have been retired owing to obsolescence. In September, 1950, a new ten-room addition was completed and occupied at the Garfield School. Contracts were let for a new elementary school on December 6, 1950, to be completed by September, 1952. The total cost of this building will be $1,200,000.

Port Huron Junior College, one of the oldest junior colleges in the state, organized in 1923, is a muni-
The organization and the offerings at the junior college were geared to the pre-senior-college needs of veterans and non-veterans alike.

In March, 1921, Mr. Currill married the former Miss Annabelle Mary Farrell of Kalamazoo. The Currills are the parents of three children. Howard Jr. is a veteran of forty-three months in the Air Corps of World War II and was discharged in 1946 with the rank of pilot and first lieutenant. Howard Jr. graduated from the University of Michigan in June, 1948, and is presently employed with Sears Roebuck and Company. Timm, the second son, is currently attending Michigan State College and is enrolled in the Hotel Administration Curriculum. Nancy, the only daughter, is at present attending Michigan State College, where she is enrolled in the Home Economics Curriculum. Both Timm and Nancy attended Port Huron Junior College before enrolling in Michigan State College.

Mr. Currill is a member of Phi Delta Kappa, Omega Chapter, and is the recipient of the Silver Beaver Award presented by the Boy Scouts of America for meritorious service through the Boy Scout program to the youth of the Detroit area.

Mr. Currill was elected president of the Michigan Association of School Administrators during 1947. During his tenure of office in that position the association was reorganized on a functional basis intended to meet the pressing problems incidental to the efficient functioning of the public schools in the state of Michigan.

Supervisor of Adult Education

Arthur Secord, A.B. '28, is supervisor of adult education and professor of speech at Brooklyn College where he has been located for the past seven years. The program for adult education was organized four years ago by Dr. Secord at the request of the President of Brooklyn College. Over 11,000 students were enrolled in three eight-week terms last year. Enrollment during the fall term for 1950-1951 was over 4,800. More than two hundred courses are offered in the adult-education program.

Dr. Secord was born on a farm near East Jordan, Michigan. He graduated from high school there and entered Western in the fall of 1923. He has his A.M. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Michigan. For a time Dr. Secord was connected with the Speech Department at Western. He also taught at various times in the universities of Michigan, Missouri, Manitoba at Winnipeg, and Western Ontario at London.

While at Western, Dr. Secord took a prominent part in the activities of debating teams, then under the direction of Carroll P. Lahman. Later he worked in connection with the Michigan High School Debating League while he was associated with the University of Michigan.

On December 28, 1950, Dr. Secord and Thomas A. Rousse of the University of Texas upheld the affirmative in a debate with Norman Thomas of the Socialist Party and Henry Laidler of the League for Industrial Democracy on the proposition, "Resolved: That the American People Should Reject the Welfare State." The debate was held as a part of the convention program of the Mid-Century Speech Conference in New York City.

In addition to the work connected with the college, Dr. Secord is called upon to address many professional and business organizations in the eastern part of the United States and Canada. He is scheduled to speak twice in Michigan during the first four months of 1951.

Mrs. Secord, the former Metha Jackman of Sturgis, graduated from Western in 1929 and later received her A.M. degree from the University of Michigan.

Other members of the Secord family are Jim and Jan who are fourteen and seven. Jim is a Life Scout and hopes to become an Eagle soon. Jan is a member of the Brownie Scouts and Mrs. Secord is a Girl Scout leader.

The family home is in a "beautiful suburb of New York City." It has hills, trees, grass, and wind. "We worry little about the atomic bomb because we ride the Long Island Railroad and that makes a bomb seem less dangerous—somehow." The home telephone number is to be found in the "Nassau" directory and old friends are urged to call when they are visiting in New York.

School Administrator

Dorr L. Wilde has been superintendent of schools in Manistee, Michigan, since 1936. Prior to his appointment to the superintendent, he had served eight years as Manistee's high school principal. To the latter position he brought a wealth of experience as a young teacher and administrator. He had already taught in the rural schools of Hillsdale County two years, served two years as principal of the Michigan School for the Blind in Lansing, four months as high-school principal in Onaway, one year as principal of a grammar school in Ishpeming, and six years as high-school principal in Charlotte. In addition to this he had served two years in the United States Army during World War I.

Mr. Wilde earned a life certificate at Western in 1915 and his A.B. degree in 1922. Further training was taken at the University of Michigan, where he secured his A.M. degree in 1939. He has also done graduate work at the University since that time.

The schools of Manistee, Michigan, have an outstanding Guidance Department. One of the surest signs of a happy and successful school system, that of a low rate of teacher
turnover, is found in Manistee. Noteworthy activities of recent date in the school system include revision and enlargement of the programs for music and for organized athletics. Of special importance is the near completion of a fine new elementary school building for the city.

Always active in professional and community affairs, Mr. Wilde is a member of the American Association of School Administrators, the National Education Association, the Michigan Education Association, and the Michigan Association of School Administrators. He is a past president of the latter organization. He is a past president of the Manistee Rotary Club, past commander of Knights Templar, and a member of the Congregational Church, where he is a regular member of the choir.

The Wilde family has a strong tradition for Western. Mrs. Wilde was the former Myra Kinney, who graduated from Western in 1917. Their only son, Max, graduated from Western in 1949 and is now teaching in Muskegon.

Fremont Lawyer

J. Donald Murphy, A.B. ’26, has just retired after serving six consecutive two-year terms as prosecuting attorney in Newago County. He refused to be a candidate for another term in order that he might devote his full time to private law practice in Fremont. During his long period of service as prosecutor, Mr. Murphy handled more than three thousand cases, of which only fifteen ended in acquittal.

Mr. Murphy has been a resident of Newago County nearly all his life. He was born on a farm in Garfield Township and attended Fremont High School. After earning his degree and teaching certificate at Western he taught for three years in the high school at Trenton, Michigan. In 1929 he took up the study of law at the University of Michigan and was admitted to the state bar in 1932. Upon arrival there he was immediately elected to the office of prosecuting attorney.

At present Mr. Murphy is a member of the Fremont Planning Commission, the Fremont Board of Education, and the board of directors of the Old State Bank. He is a past president of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce and the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of the State of Michigan.

Mrs. Murphy is the former Margaret Duiven, Western ’26. The Murphys were married in 1931. They have one daughter, Carol, who is a junior in Fremont High School. Miss Carol is an outstanding young musician.

Live in Mexico City

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Mr. and Mrs. DeForest Walton (Shirley Crane, ’42) and their family are living in Mexico City, while Mr. Walton is studying at Mexico City College Writing Center. The college is “a most stimulating school which draws students and faculty from the United States, Holland, Greece, Sweden, Hawaii, Austria, China, Spain, Scotland, Chile and the other Latin American countries.” After graduating at Western in 1941, Mr. Walton spent four years in the United States Navy as a pilot. At the close of the war he taught for two years in the English Department here at Western. He then received his A.M. degree in 1950 from the University of Michigan. While attending the university, he wrote a novel that was awarded first prize in fiction in the Avery Hopwood Literary Contest.

Mrs. Walton has been teaching in the elementary department of the American School in Mexico City. This school is attended by the children of American, British, and well-to-do Mexican families. It is the only accredited school in Mexico. The graduates are entitled to attend colleges and universities in the United States.

The Waltons have two children, John, age 6, and Elizabeth Louise. Elizabeth was born November 26 in the American British Cowdroy Hospital of Mexico City.

The present address of the Walton family is, Turf Club, Apt. 3, Km 16, Carretara Toluca - Mexico, Mexico D. F.

Speech Instructor

Stanley B. Wheater, ’36, is instructor in speech and coach of debate at Colorado University. He was appointed to this position in the fall of 1948. Duties of the position call for teaching both graduate and undergraduate courses, some of which are in the Denver Extension Division. Mr. Wheater is also acting director of forensics, which includes sponsorship of the Speakers’ Congress. This embraces the organization of all extracurricular speech activities, such as debate, oratory, off-campus speaking programs, and sponsorship of Delta Sigma Rho, honorary forensic society.

In addition to the above duties Mr. Wheater is also executive secretary of the Colorado State High School Speech League, which operates under the sponsorship of the University Extension Division and the Colorado High School Activities Association. About one-third of Mr. Wheater’s time is taken up with this program. An outstanding event of League activities is the Annual State Speech Festival held on the University campus. It includes events in debate, extemore speaking, oratory, radio newscasting, and poetry reading. An attempt is made to de-emphasize competition. Each participant receives oral and written criticism and rating, but no winners are announced.
During the Thanksgiving recess, the University of Colorado sent Mr. Wheeler to attend the Western Speech Association meeting in Santa Barbara, California, as an active participant in the program. He explained the Colorado High School Speech League program and was made a member of a committee to draw up a set of recommendations that might be followed by those Western states in which there is now no state-wide forensic league.

During the summer session Mr. Wheeler will be director of the High School Summer Speech Institute. This rather unique program, now four years old, offers intensive training to some thirty-five or forty especially qualified high-school students from all over the United States in dramatics and forensics. The course covers a period of four weeks. The students meet with five outstanding teachers in the field of speech and with several graduate or senior university students, to study, practice, and carry out projects in drama, debate, and public speaking. An extensive week-end recreational program is provided for the institute's participants.

After leaving Western, Mr. Wheeler taught speech, dramatics, American history, and literature in Hastings high school, where he served from 1937-1948, except for a period of three years and nine months during World War II when he served in the United States Army, most of the time as a classification specialist at Pecos Army Air Field at Pecos, Texas.

Mr. Wheeler earned his Master's degree in speech from the University of Michigan in 1938 and started work in the summer of 1949 on a doctorate at the University of Wisconsin.

In 1940 Mr. Wheeler and Margaret Elliott De Meyer (Western '33), a kindergarten and first-grade teacher in Hastings, were married. They have two girls, Janice Ann, age 5, and Carol Jean, age 2. The family is finding a comfortable home at present through the veteran's housing program at the University.

Army Needs Teachers

The Department of the Army needs five hundred elementary and secondary degree teachers with at least two years experience to teach the children of military and civilian employees abroad. Age limits, 25-45.

Elementary teachers must be qualified to teach several grades and handle music, art, and physical education. Secondary teachers should be qualified to teach two subject fields and to handle one or more extra curricular activities; a few special teachers of art, music, and physical education are needed.

Applications must be in by March 25th. Write Vern E. Mabie, Director of Placement and Alumni Relations, Western Michigan College.

Alumni Booster

Rodney Lenderink, '37, has been taking an active part in the Kalamazoo Mens' Alumni organization for a long time. He served two terms as secretary-treasurer of the organization and is the immediate past president. He is always on call when the interests of Western are at stake.

By profession "Rod" is with the Midland Mutual Life Insurance Company. He is at present treasurer of the local Life Underwriters Association.

Mr. Lenderink has been an active member of the Presbyterian Church for many years. He formerly served on the board of elders and he has taught a Sunday school class for the past decade.

Mrs. Lenderink, formerly Lois MacDonald, attended Western with the class of 1939. The Lenderinks have three children, Andy, age 11, Timothy, age 9, and Judy, age 6. The family residence is at 1514 Portage Street, Kalamazoo.

The Alumnae Choir

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Ten years ago a group of Western Michigan College alumnae who had been members of college choral groups under the direction of Mrs. Dorothea Sage Snyder decided that they did not want to give up to memory alone their fine musical experiences in these organizations. They called other interested alumnae together, secured the services of Mrs. Snyder as their director, and formally organized the Western Michigan College Alumnae Choir.

Officers of the choir are: a president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer, librarian, and historian. Dues are charged, thus making the organization self-supporting. Meetings are held weekly from September to June each year. A few social meetings are held during the year, mainly the fall potluck dinner, Christmas dinner, and a spring picnic.

The choir offers two regular concerts each year. The annual Christmas concert, usually held in the Campus Theatre, is free to the public. In the spring a benefit concert is given, usually in collaboration with Kalamazoo's Delta Chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon, Western's alumnae sorority. Proceeds from these concerts have been used for the Kanley Chapel Organ Fund, to provide scholarships for worthy students, and to supply some of the furnishings of Harper Maybee Music Hall.

On several occasions the choir has given concerts outside of Kalamazoo.Appearances have been made in Lansing, Grand Rapids, Benton Harbor, Dowagiac, Decatur, and Otsego. On October 17, 1950, the choir gave a program for the Women's Symphony Association of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra.

At present the choir has forty-two members. Eight live or teach in the nearby towns of Allegan, Paw Paw, Mattawan, Galesburg, Comstock, and Otsego. Five of the members are secretaries, eleven are teachers, and twenty-three are housewives. The married members have a total of forty children.
Faculty Publications

MR. ARNOLD SCHNEIDER wrote "How to Make Curriculum Changes," which appeared in the *Business Teacher* in the December and January issues.

MISS MATE GRAVE HUNT is the editor of "Notes and News" for the Kalamazoo County Historical Society.

Dr. George H. Hilliard has written an article entitled "Recruiting College Students for Library Service," which was published in December as a bulletin of the Recruiting Committee of the Association of College and Reference Librarians.

Dr. James O. Ansel wrote an article "What the College Student Needs to Know about Cooperatives" in the 1950 yearbook, American Institute of Cooperation, Washington, D.C.

Dr. Charles Van Riper's book, *Teaching Your Child to Talk* was published by Harper and Brothers, New York, November, 1950.

Dr. Robert Friedmann has articles now in the process of being published in the *Menmonic Encyclopedia* (Volume 1).


Mr. Homer L. J. Carter and Dorothy J. McGinnis have completed a study entitled "Some Factors Which Differentiate College Freshmen Having Lowest and Highest Point-Hour Ratios."


Miss Dorothy J. McGinnis' article appearing in the December issue of the *Journal of Higher Education* attempts to evaluate the effectiveness of instruction in the reading laboratory at Western Michigan College.

Miss Louise Walker has an article, "Our Pampered Teenagers," in the January 1951 *Clearing House*.

Faculty Activities

Dr. Arnold E. Schneider spoke to the Michigan Consumer Finance Association, October 25, at the Statler Hotel, Detroit, Michigan; to the Michigan Education Association meeting at Battle Creek on October 26; and on October 31 he spoke to the Kiwanis Club at Pontiac, Michigan.

Miss Mate Grave Hunt spoke on "Book Week Ideas" at the Teacher-Librarian Institute, Houghton Lake Hotel, October 27-29. She was appointed to membership on the Public Relations Committee of the School and Children's Section of the Michigan Library Association.

Miss Sophia Reed was at the meeting of all home economics teacher-trainers in Lansing, November 5.

Mr. Julius Stumpp appeared as a member of a Stringed Instrument Forum in a program of the Michigan Music Teachers Association in October at the Sheraton Hotel in Detroit. He was violino soloist and guest conductor with the Battle Creek Symphony Orchestra at the W. K. Kellogg Auditorium on December 17.

Miss Alice Louise LeFevre spoke to the School Library Section of the Michigan Education Association district meeting at Grand Rapids, October 27.

Mr. Harry Heffner spoke at Grand Rapids to the Christian School Convention on October 19, 1950. On November 11 he spoke to the Michigan Art Association in Grand Rapids on Crafts.

Dr. Alfred H. Nadelman was a member of the panel "Education for the Paper Industry" at a meeting of the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry in Chicago, January 15.

Miss Marion R. Spear attended a joint meeting of the three Michigan Occupational Therapy schools at Ypsilanti on November 10 and reported on the educational meetings of the National Occupational Therapy Association which she attended in October.

Mr. Roy Wietz was guest speaker at the Fremont High School football banquet, January 11, and showed motion pictures of the Western Michigan-Butler football game.

Mrs. Gladys G. Saar was chairman of the South Western College Agreement meeting at St. Mary's Lake, October 27-28. She was in East Lansing, November 2-3, for the Michigan Association of Supervision and Curriculum Development meeting.

Mr. Carl Cooper spoke at Muskegon Junior College on November 8, and at Bellevue High School Assembly on November 16. He represented the National Exchange Club at the Mid-Century White House Conference on Children and Youth held December 3-7.

Dr. James H. Greggs attended the Midwest Teacher Education Conference at Chicago, October 30-31. He was a consultant at the Watervliet Public Schools on "Problems of Consolidation" on November 15.

Mrs. Ruth C. Walmsley was in Lansing on October 26 for the Executive Board Meeting of Retail and Office clubs of Michigan. She was appointed to the board for the second year. From November 27 to December 2 she attended the American Vocational Association in Miami, Florida, and was appointed to the Retail Clubs Committee of the National Association of State Supervisors of Distributive Education. She was among those attending the Congress of delegates from the Retail and Office clubs of Michigan at St. Mary's Lake Camp.

Mr. Lester Lindquist was installed on January 6 at Ann Arbor, Michigan, as vice-president of Kappa Chapter, Delta Pi Epsilon, National Honorary Graduates-Fraternity in Business Education.

Dr. Russell H. Seibert on November 29 and 30 attended the annual conference on Higher Education at Ann Arbor, and was present at the annual convention of the American Association of School Administrators in Chicago on December 28-30. He spoke to the Social Science Forum in Naples on January 9, and to the Marshall Monday Club on January 15.

Dr. William V. Weber conducted a Grand Haven faculty seminar on the subject "Some of My Thoughts or Trends in Politics and Government" at the Grand Haven High School, January 11. After the speech round table discussion by the group took place.

Mr. Henry J. Breukema was at Lansing on December 16, for the directors' meeting of the Executive Board of the Michigan Industrial Education Society. He was appointed to the Committee on School Visitation, Recruitment, and Orientation by Dean Hoekje to fill the vacancy left by the death of Dr. Devo B. Fox.

Miss Hazel M. DeMeyer presented a Christmas program for the Dowagiac chapter of Alpha Beta Epsilon on December 13. On December 6 Miss DeMeyer attended a meeting at Detroit of the Legislative Committee of the Michigan Library Association to which she was reappointed for a two-year term.

Dr. Edythe A. Mange attended the following meetings: Southwest Regional Conference of the Michigan Council for UNESCO on October 21 in Kalamazoo; Conference of the Michigan Student Service Fund on October 28 in Ann Arbor, and of the American Historical Association on December 28-30 in Chicago.

Dr. Mange was elected a member-at-large of the Executive Board of the Michigan Council for UNESCO at its annual meeting in Flint, November 11.

Miss Cora Evert attended at a county teachers' meeting at Hastings, December 5, on the teaching of English.

Dr. Elsworth P. Woods was a delegate at the National Political Science Convention in Washington, D.C., December 28-30.
Dr. Paul V. Sangen visited the North Central Association of colleges, including the State Teachers College at Conway, Arkansas, on January 18-19, and the State Teachers College at Silver City, New Mexico, January 22-23.

Mr. Wallace Garneau spoke to a combined meeting of the Elementary Education and Inter-Cultural sections of the Michigan Education Association at Grand Rapids in October. He attended the fall meeting of the National Association of Educational Broadcasters at Lexington, Kentucky, and the School Broadcast Conference in Chicago, December 12-14, where he was a member of a panel discussing "How the Low Power FM Station Can Serve the Schools."

Dr. Charles H. Butler attended the annual convention of the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers at the University of Michigan in October. He attended the committee meeting of the Michigan Education Association at the Grand Rapids Hotel in Chicago on November 25-26.

Miss Margaret S. Large acted as a resource person for recreation at a conference for college agreement with secondary schools for the improvement of secondary-school curriculum and also a combined committee for leadership in educational activities for selected schools. Both were held at St. Mary's Lake Camp.

Miss A. Elizabeth Johnson was a panel member at the National Science Association meeting in Detroit, February 10, 1951, and served as chairwoman of the committee of State Human Relations.

Mr. Carl B. Snow attended the initial meeting of the Michigan Audio Visual Association in Ann Arbor on December 6. The purpose of this newly formed organization is to advance education through more efficient selection, utilization, evaluation, and administration of the audio-visual materials of instruction.

Miss Emeline J. McCown was a panel member at the National Science Association Convention, Detroit, Michigan, on February 10.

Miss LaVerne Aaragbright attended the American Nature Study, Association and National Association of Biology Teachers at Cleveland, Ohio, December 27-30.

Dr. George G. Mallinson was joint sponsor of a conference on the teaching of science in the smaller high schools at the University of Michigan, October 28. On November 1-2 he was consultant at the Columbia University Annual Conference on Science Teaching. On November 17-18 he acted as advisor to the Interdivisional Science Committee of the United States Office in Washington, D.C. On November 24, in Chicago, he presented a paper to the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers a report of progress of the committee on the Significance of Science and Mathematics in Education, of which he is chairman. From December 26 to 30 he attended the convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Cleveland, Ohio. At the convention he presented a report of research entitled, "The Influence of a Knowledge of Biological and Physical Science on Learning in General Psychology."

Dr. Robert R. Russell, together with all the other members of the History Department, attended the meeting of the American Historical Association in Chicago, December 28-30.

Mr. Grover C. Bartoo, on December 27-29 attended the American Mathematical Society National Convention of Teachers of Mathematics at Gainesville, Florida.

Dr. Cyril L. Stout and Dr. William J. Berry attended the annual meeting of the National Council of Geography Teachers at Chicago on November 24-25.

Dr. Robert Friedmann was in Chicago, December 28-29, for the conventions of the American Society for Church History and of the American Historical Society.

Dr. Ray C. Pellett gave an after-dinner address at the Damon Methodist Men's Club on October 16.

Miss Louise F. Struble participated in the State Junior Red Cross conference at St. Mary's Lake on Friday, December 1.

Mr. Raymond F. Sorensen was re-appointed chairman of the Umpires Committee for 1951 at the Western Lawn Tennis Meeting at Toledo, Ohio, January 12-13.

Miss Katherine Stokes presided as chairman of the Committee on Recruiting of the Association of College and Reference Libraries at the American Library Association meeting held from January 30 to February 2 in Chicago. At the same time she attended the President's and Editors' Round Table in her capacity as editor of the Michigan Library Association's publication, The Michigan Librarian. Miss Mate Gray Hunt is the newly appointed assistant editor.

Miss Marguerite Logan served as a geography consultant in the elementary schools of Ionia, Michigan, for the day on December 12, 1950, and spoke before assembled teachers in the late afternoon.

Dr. James O. Ansel participated in a meeting of the Supervision and Curriculum Development held at Michigan State College, East Lansing, and acted as recorder for group discussion on "Problems of Small Schools" on November 2-3. On October 15 Mr. Ansel was elected to the advisory council of the National Rural Youth Conference. On December 29-30 he attended the meeting of the advisory council and the executive committee held at Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio.

Dr. Charles Van Riper attended the American Speech and Hearing Convention at Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Jack W. Murphy judged debates at Battle Creek and Hastings. On December 28-30 he attended the convention of the Speech Association of America.

Mr. Thomas W. Null attended the annual convention of the National Business Teachers Association in Cleveland, Ohio, on December 28-30.

Mr. Herbert H. Hannan spoke to a group of mathematics teachers of the Benton Harbor school system on January 4, at a dinner meeting. His topic was, "Creating Interest in Arithmetic."

Miss Ruth Van Horn was in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on November 23-25, where she attended the National Council of Teachers of English.

Mr. William L. Burdick attended the 25th Annual Michigan Accounting Conference held at Ann Arbor in October.

Dr. Ralph N. Miller was in Milwaukee, November 25-27, for the National Convention of National Council of Teachers of English.

Miss Roxana A. Steele during the Christmas vacation visited the Institute of International Affairs in Washington to check on foreign students from Latin America who are enrolled at Western and are sponsored by the Institute.

Miss Thelma Anton participated in the workshop and board meetings conducted by the state officials of the Michigan Division of the American Association of University Women, at Mount Pleasant on the campus, October 27-28. She gave a paper and program on "Music in Shakespeare" for a Tuesday Musical on November 14.

Dr. Cyril L. Stout attended the National Council of Geography Teachers convention at Edgewater Beach Hotel, in Chicago, November 24-25. He also served as a member of the nominating committee for Gamma Theta Upsilon.

Miss Dezena Loutzenhiser was in Milwaukee, November 24-25, for the National Council of Teachers of English convention.

Miss Gayle Pond was consultant in a school health section of the Michigan Public Health Association meeting in Grand Rapids, December 8.

Dr. Paul Rood attended the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Cleveland, December 26-29.

Mr. John G. Kemper was the guest speaker at the Kalamazoo Exchange Club luncheon on Monday, December 11. His topic was "Modern Painting."

Mr. Leonard V. Meretta attended the Wisconsin Band Directors National Conference in Chicago, December 18-19.

Miss Anna E. Lindblom during the holidays attended the National Council of Tau Kappa Alpha and the convention of the Speech Association of America, both meeting in New York City.
Mr. Taisto John Niemi was elected to the Board of Directors of the Michigan Regional Group of Catalogers for the period 1950-1954.

Miss Betty Taylor attended the State Dietetics Meeting in Flint, November 9. She was also present at the State Home Economics Association Executive Board Meeting in Lansing on November 18.

Mr. Matthew L. Patanelli was guest speaker at Grand Rapids Ottawa Hills High School football banquet, November 27. He attended the mid-American Conference meeting held at Granville, Ohio, December 2-3.

Dr. James O. Knauss addressed the Van Buren County Medical Association on "The Korean Crisis," December 11, the South Haven Kiwanis Club on "World Affairs," December 26, and the Marshall Afternoon Club on "Some Aspects of Michigan History," January 8. Dr. Knauss and all the members of the HHS staff attended the annual meeting of the American Historical Association at Chicago, December 28-30.

Dr. Wm. McKinley Robinson attended the Mid-century White House Conference on Children and Youth, Washington, D.C., December 4-7; he presided over Michigan Area Joint Red Cross conference at St. Mary's Lake, December 1. Dr. Robinson was the luncheon speaker at the Kappa Delta Pi Regional Conference at Akron University on November 18. On December 14 he attended a meeting of the Michigan State Y.M.C.A. Town and Country Committee, of which he is chairman. He has been elected a member of the committee on Teaching of the National Rural Sociological Society.

Miss Eunice Kraft on Saturday, October 29, went to a meeting of Michigan College Teachers of Latin at East Lansing.

Mr. Thomas C. Slaughter was among those at the mid-American Conference at Granville, Ohio, December 2 and 3. He spoke at the Kiwanis Club football banquet at Chelsea, December 11.

Miss Elsie L. Bender attended the meeting of the Michigan State Association for Student Teaching at Mount Pleasant, November 10 and 11.

Dr. Elwyn F. Carter was in Cincinnati, Ohio, on November 24-26, for the convention of the National Association of Schools of Music, of which Western is a member school.

Mr. Walter G. Marburger attended the Central Association of Science and Mathematics Teachers in Chicago, November 24-25, and the Michigan College Physics Teachers convention at Ann Arbor, October 26.

Dr. Arthur J. Manske was the Rural Division speaker at the Grand Rapids Michigan Education Association meeting on the topic, "People Who Share, Care." He also spoke at the state convention of the Michigan Mother Study Clubs at Ludington on October 18 and on October 26 at a guidance section of the Michigan Education Association at Battle Creek on "The Problems of Adolescents."

Miss Rachel Agree attended the State Nutrition Council meeting at Ann Arbor on November 14, and the Regional Meeting of Home Economics Teachers and Home Demonstration Leaders at Paw Paw on January 3.

Mr. Harry W. Lawson presented an illustrated lecture to Paw Paw Kiwanis Club on Germany and surrounding countries on November 20. On November 13 he was guest speaker at the annual Red Cross dinner at Grand Haven. From November 27 to December 2 Mr. Lawson attended the American Vocational Association convention at Miami, Florida, and was a member on the panel of International Education. On January 4 he spoke at the state meeting of veterans' groups at governor's headquarters in Detroit.

Dr. Clara R. Chiara spoke on "Core Curriculum," October 19, at Grand Rapids at the American Federation of Teachers. She was a consultant at the College Agreement Conference at St. Mary's Lake, October 26-27. At Grand Rapids Central High School on November 2 she was a panel moderator on Core Curriculum. On December 14, 15, and 16 Dr. Chiara was a consultant at the Citizenship Conference at St. Mary's Lake and was appointed a member of Southwestern College Agreement Steering Committee.

Mr. Leonard Gerant on November 2 was present at the annual meeting of the Michigan Association of Registrars in Mount Pleasant. On November 3 he attended the meeting of the Michigan College Association in East Lansing.

Miss Eulalia S. Toms attended the Michigan Education Association meetings held in Battle Creek and was on the committee which planned the programs for homemaking teachers in this area.

### Alumni Weddings

Shirley Anne Thayer to Howard Hockema, November 3.

Barbara Jean Ritsema to E. James Johnson, November 4.

Jeanne Hartley Boyer to John Kling Jeudevine, November 10.

Norma Schippers to Edward H. Brink, Jr., November 11.

Elizabeth M. Eshhouse to William C. Anthony, November 18.

Kathryn J. Kimmer to Francis J. Nicholas, November 18.

Patricia Wurtman to Ronald Bonsema, November 22.

Betty June Robbins to James H. Yochim, November 23.

Susie Aykut to Melih Yucel, November 23.

Mildred Coggins to Robert Scranton, November 24.

Genevieve Kroz to Henry Knolle, November 25.

Eileen J. Morris to Louis P. Schimp, December 1.

Evelyn Lang to William Geiger, December 2.

Frances Aungst to Martin L. Bostetter, December 9.

Kathryn Fulbright to Clifford Kingery, December 9.

Kathlyn VanHafften to Peter Butus, December 13.

Barbara Soergel to R. Douglas Tresise, December 16.

Carolyn M. Barringer to Joseph W. Brooks, December 16.

Florence Clemenz to Monty S. Manning, December 16.

Martha June Sheldon to Richard Bentley, December 16.

Rhonella J. Hendry to Robert H. Peck, December 23.

Joan DeBruni to John Everts, December 26.

Jean E. Kiewiet to James R. Miller, December 28.

Carolyn A. Schurtz to Arnold Schen, December 29.

Phyllis Mack to Bruce Sween, December 29.

Melba J. Manning to James Lee Park, December 30.

LeAnn Bonte to William Garson, December 30.

Jean Thoma to Thomas Mayer, December 30.

Margaret Messenger to Keith Borst, December 31.

Patricia Ann Low to Thomas A. Creager.

Suzanne L. Endsley to John F. Adams.

Lieutenant Joan E. Elder to Lieutenant John D. Scouller.

Herriot Gerlofs to Donald Hagadone.

Mary L. Grinnell to Robert H. Swain.

### Alumni Personal News

1916

Herbert E. Bippe of Parchment passed away in January following an illness of a month. Mr. Bippe was a member of the "W" Club, the Masons, Anchor Lodge, and the Elks. He had resided in Kalamazoo most of his life and was a foreman at the Sutherland Paper Company.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Holmes celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary on November 7. Mr. Holmes taught in the rural schools of the county for nineteen years and in the Kalamazoo city schools for twenty-eight years. He retired eleven years ago at the age of seventy, and he and Mrs. Holmes spend most of their time on the farm near Cooper.
Center where they began married life more than fifty years ago.

1918

Ella M. Banks (Mrs. John J. Richards) taught in the elementary schools of Lansing for three years. In 1921 she married John J. Richards, and the family has resided in Lansing since that time. The Richards have two sons. John F., age 27, served three years in the Army Signal Corps. He is now married and expects to receive a degree in metallurgical engineering from Michigan State College at the end of the spring term in 1951. Alan, age 15, is a sophomore in Sexton High School in Lansing. Mr. Richards is in the real estate and insurance business in Lansing. Mrs. Richards has served eleven years as a member of the Maple Village Board of Education, just outside of Lansing. The home address of the Richards family is 3192 Eaton Rapids Road, Lansing, Michigan.

1923

Merle W. Chapin, a Kalamazoo grocer for over twenty years, died in January in Kalamazoo. A heart ailment was given as the cause of death. He was a member of the Retail Grocers Association of Michigan, the Gull Lake Country Club, and the Galesburg Lions Club.

Milton Hoffer, industrial arts instructor at Rogers City, has been named principal of Rogers City high school. Mr. Hoffer received a life certificate from Western in 1923 and then taught in Jackson. He continued work at the University of Michigan, earning his A.B. degree there in 1928 and his A.M. in 1932. Mr. Hoffer went to Rogers City in 1928, and he and his wife, the former Leah N. Bullock, have resided there ever since. The Hoffers have two children, Joyce, a student at Alma College, and Roger, a student at Rogers City high school.

1925

Miss Jennie M. Kaufman has been connected with instruction in rural schools for a quarter of a century. She has been in the Ottawa County office since 1938, now in the capacity of Ottawa County superintendent of schools. Miss Kaufman graduated from Ravenna high school and entered Western, graduating from the Rural Department in 1925. She received her B.S. in 1932 and her A.M. from the University of Michigan in 1938. She taught one summer at Hope College and another at the University of Chicago. Miss Kaufman, who now lives in Muskegon, was president of the Michigan Rural Teachers Association in 1942 and is a member of the legislative committee of the Michigan County Superintendents Association. Miss Kaufman organized the United Rural Teachers Club twenty-three years ago and served as its president for thirteen years. This club includes Ottawa County and Muskegon County teachers.

1931

Mrs. Edwin W. Davis (Marilyn Parks) was a contributor to the January issue of Woman's Day. Her article is entitled "Maryland Women Go to Eat for Health." According to the short biographical sketch of the author given in the magazine, Mrs. Davis "contributes to many magazines and thinks writing and housework make a good combination." Her husband, Edwin Davis, also attended Western. He is at present director of the counseling and guidance centers of George Washington University, Washington, D.C. Mrs. Davis holds a degree of Master of Arts from Teachers College, Columbia University.

1932

Charles Follo is supervisor of the Upper Peninsula Area of the University of Michigan Extension Service. After leaving Western, Mr. Follo taught in Escanaba high school for a period of fourteen years. He has been in his present position four years. In 1943 he received his A.M. degree from the University of Chicago. Mr. Follo's headquarters are in Escanaba.

1940

John F. Rahn, 101 East Glendale Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona, has enrolled as a member of the June, 1951, class of the American Institute for Foreign Trade at Thunderbird Field, Arizona. Specializing in the study of Brazil, Mr. Rahn is taking the school's intensive training course to prepare himself for a career in American government abroad. Mr. Rahn was an instructor in woodworking at Arizona State College at Tempe from 1946 to 1948, and from there taught music at Phoenix Union High School. He served four years in the Air Corps.

1943

Diana Vista of Battle Creek was married on July 1, 1950, to Dr. Henry L. Tieche of Ann Arbor. The wedding took place in the chapel of St. Thomas Episcopal Church of Battle Creek. Before her marriage, Mrs. Tieche was employed at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor. Dr. Tieche is a graduate of Michigan State College and the University of Michigan Medical School. Last summer he completed his residency in the Department of Obstetrics and Gynecology at the University Hospital. Dr. and Mrs. Tieche have moved to Fresno, California, where he is practicing medicine. The family home is at 1759 Fulton Street, Fresno, California.

Arthur Jensen, a radar-man first class, was called back into the Navy last August. Stopping at Great Lakes to receive his orders, he was told to report to his duty station aboard the light cruiser "Worcester" in Japan. As he boarded the ship in Japan he was met by the commanding officer and was told that a lieutenant junior grade commission awaited him in Detroit. He returned immediately to Detroit and was sworn in as a commissioned officer in the Naval Reserve. Mr. Jensen was a member of the Comstock high-school faculty before receiving his orders for active duty.

1950

Mrs. J. T. O'Neal (Marilyn Clemen) has been appointed field director of the Kalamazoo County Council of Girl Scouts, Inc. Mrs. O'Neal began her new duties in November, 1950. Lieutenant Byron L. Webber was named the outstanding graduate of his aviation cadet class at Vance Air Force Base, Enid, Oklahoma. By an act of congress, outstanding graduates in every graduating class are awarded permanent commissions in the United States Air Force. After his discharge from the Marine Corps in 1945, Lieutenant Webber attended Western for two years, majoring in engineering. He entered aviation cadet training in September, 1949, and reported to Connally Air Force Base, Waco, Texas. He was later transferred to Vance Air Force Base, where he has just completed the last thirteen months of his training in the twin-engine B-25 "Mitchell" bomber.