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GOLD STARS

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Rose Colored Glasses

Are the good old college days gone forever? Some alumni spokesmen would have you believe this.

You've had this experience: as an alumnus (or alumna, for that matter) rises solemnly, clears his or her throat thoughtfully, adjusts his rose-colored spectacles, and proceeds with dignity to praise the good old days. The dignity gives way to indignation, however, after due praises are paid to the giants of the faculty of his day at the college. Would that the modern collegians might have sat at the feet of those great intellects. In effect, the story he unfurls adds up to the sad realization that Alma Mater's star reached its zenith about the time when the reminiscing speaker was in college; and, unfortunately, the institution has been on the downgrade ever since.

Rose-colored glasses have a way of blurring and making dim one's vision when the eyes are trained on the present. The same affection and perspective is missing when many alumni look upon present professors. There are good teachers still. The learning process goes on. And, in time, students of today will arise at alumni meetings and reminisce about the potent professorial intellects of their yesterdays. It has ever been so.

COVER PICTURE

Mary Louise Harvey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. (Nellie Rank '15) Harry C. Harvey, '16, and Wendell Discher, brother of Dale Discher who left College in February 1943 to enter the service, are the two young people. They are in front of Hoben Hall looking up towards the Chapel.

MICHIGAN AWARD TO GEORGE HALE

George Hale, '42, has been awarded the Trueblood Fellowship for graduate study in the department of speech at the University of Michigan. He will continue studying there this year and work toward a Ph.D. degree. He obtained a Master's degree at the close of the summer session.

COLBY RESIGNS

Leonard L. Colby, editor of the Alumnus and director of publicity, has resigned to go into radio sports announcing.

Mr. Colby came to the College during the A.S.T.P. program as assistant in physical education. In addition to his publicity work during the past year, he has also had charge of physical education for men and coached basketball.

TENNIS

Two former Kalamazoo College tennis stars played in the final matches of the ETO Service Men's Tournament at Wimbledon, England, in August. Sgt. Marion "Buck" Shane ('40) and Robert Braithwaite ('43) earned places by good records in their respective corps. Shane won the singles titles of the 76th Division, the 13th Corps, and the 3rd Army, and as a result was seeded number seven in the Wimbledon Tournament. Braithwaite played in doubles with Sam Lee, former Stanford University star, after having previously won the Seine Valley doubles title in Paris and after having been runner-ups in a tournament in Nice.

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Kalamazoo College received mention in the August 13 issue of Time magazine as sponsors of the National Junior and Boys' Tennis Championships.



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Informal Notes

From The President's Desk

Mrs. Thompson and I are hoping that within a short time we will be seeing many veterans as they return from the war. Each Kalamazoo College veteran will be welcome as a visitor in our home and at the office.

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We are hoping that Lt. R. W. Nulf, who has been on leave of absence, will soon be back to take up his duties as Director of Athletics.

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The College is experiencing a serious student housing shortage. New dormitories for both men and women should be provided before this time next year.

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A Veteran's Bulletin has been published during the Summer. If you know of anyone who should receive a copy of this bulletin, I would be happy to have you give me the name of such a person along with his address.

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A memorial book entitled "Of Generous and Noble People" is being prepared. Short biological sketches will be given of each individual who has made an unusual contribution of one kind or another to this College during its history. The book will be so arranged as to allow for



Paul Lamont Thompson

the addition of names in the future. It will be a beautifully bound and hand-tooled volume. It is the present plan that it will be on display in Stetson Chapel.

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We now have in our library an impressive group of first editions, fine bindings, and special collections. In order that these might properly be displayed, a Treasure Room is being planned. I am hoping that gifts of books that can be placed in the Treasure Room will come in frequently.

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Martha Pratt Dow ('19), was elected to membership in the Board

of Trustees of Kalamazoo College at its last meeting. She is the wife of Doctor Willard Henry Dow, president and general manager of the Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Michigan.

Mrs. Dow graduated from the Midland High School and received her A. B. degree from Kalamazoo College in 1919 where she graduated magna cum laude. In addition to being an excellent student she took an active part in College affairs. She was a member of the Gaynor Club and served as its librarian, editor of the Index and president of Kappa Pi.

Since graduation Mrs. Dow has been very active in community life. She sponsored and directed the Dow Private School for eight years and the Midland Guild for ten years. She is a member of the Women's Study Club of Midland, A.A.U.W., the Presbyterian Church, first vice-president of the Midland chapter, American Red Cross, where she has contributed generously of time and effort during the past four years.

Mrs. Dow has a special interest in high academic standards. She comes to the board of her Alma Mater well informed on academic subjects and eager to assist in the progress of this college.

113th Year

1945-46 College Year Begins

Kalamazoo College has started the 113th year of its illustrious history. Five major wars have come and gone and Alma Mater continues to hold high the torch of learning. *Lux Esto* takes on new meaning as a post war era is entered once again.

The enrollment is above expectations—the best since 1942. Students from twenty states are on the campus. Dormitories are filled to capacity. A record enrollment of women students occupy all of Mary Trowbridge House and Hoben Hall North. Hoben Hall South is occupied by men among who are veterans who left the College for service. Among these are John Christenson, Donald Green, Hugh Anderson, and James Blymeir. Many have written indicating that they expect to enroll later this semester or for the second semester starting February 4, 1946.

During this college year a return to something approaching normalcy is expected. Although football is not being played this fall, a more extensive athletic program is planned for the balance of the year in anticipation of the return of Coach Robert W. Nulf, who has been on leave to the Navy since 1942. The social program should swing back into high gear with more men about and the women's sports will continue to be popular with good prospects for fine swimming and tennis teams.

R. E. Olds Science Hall will house a special research project designed to solve the stream pollution problem in the vicinity of Kalamazoo. P. F. Morgan, a chemical engineer, is directing the work and several advanced students will be assisting him.

A special story will appear in the November Alumnus concerning this important project and its relationship to the paper industry.

SPEECH, P. E. HEADS APPOINTED

DR. E. A. KAUMP, MARY THOMPSON ADDED TO STAF

Dr. Ethel A. Kaump and Miss Mary Thompson were recently appointed to head the speech and physical education departments at the College. Dr. Kaump succeeds John A. Waite as speech head and Miss Thompson is successor to Miss Elizabeth Matson.

Dr. Kaump holds her Ph.D. degree from the University of Wisconsin. She was head of the speech department at State Teachers' College, St. Cloud, Minn., for three years and was recently honorably discharged from the women's reserve of the United States coast guard. She was a lieutenant. The new speech head has had extensive experience in community radio work, and is a member of Pi Lambda Theta, Phi Beta Pi, and a committee member of the National Speech Association.



Miss Constance Peck

Dr. Paul Lamont Thompson announces the appointment of Miss Constance Peck to the faculty of Kalamazoo College. She will assist in the department of French and serve as director of Hoben Hall North, residence for women.

Miss Peck is a graduate of Kalamazoo College in the class of 1943. She was awarded a fellowship to Brown University where she received her Masters degree in 1944 in French.

While at Kalamazoo College, Miss Peck took an active part in a variety of social and extra-curricular activities. She was a member of the Overley Society, College players, House Council, Alpha Lambda Delta, Phi Kappa Alpha, College Singers, and Alpha Sigma Delta.



Dr. Kaump Miss Thompson

Miss Thompson, the new physical education appointee, has been head of the Women's physical education department at Southwestern University, Georgetown, Texas and chief assistant to head of staff in the physical education department of University of New Mexico, Albuquerque. She has had experience in YWCA work, playground recreational direction, guidance, camping, and coaching of women's athletics.

She is a qualified Red Cross water safety and first aid instructor. Miss Thompson obtained her master's degree from the University of New Mexico. She is a member of Phi Sigma, biology fraternity.

Daniel C. Holtom

"God-Emperor of Japan"

Discussions of the "God-Emperor of Japan" have been circulated widely among American readers. In this area Japanese psychology and culture have been declared to be almost as far removed from American life as is the society of Neanderthal man. (See *Time* for May 21, 1945) All of which may rate higher as vivid journalism than as description of the actual facts of human nature and history.

It was not nearly as long ago as the age of Neanderthal man—less than three hundred years ago as a matter of fact—that Louis XIV of France was saying "L'état, c'est moi" and bolstering up monarchial absolutism by a divine right theory of his office, declaring that his authorization to rule came not from man but from God. Japanese militarist have attempted to make their authority supreme by a similar trick.

There is no aspect of contemporary Japanese nationalism regarding which greater caution is needed than the divinity or sacredness of the emperor. A statement has been given publicity in the American press to the effect that the living emperor is the greatest god of Shinto—the national religion. From the point of view of American experience, which is all that the majority of readers have to go on, this is calculated to call up a picture of a congregation of people singing hymns and offering prayers to an anaemic-looking, rather grotesquely spectacled little man seated on a throne—the whole thing so ridiculous as to take on the quality of vaudeville. The corrective of this idea lies in the fact that worship in this sense never takes place in Japan.

There are in round numbers one hundred and eleven thousand shrines, large and small, in contemporary State Shinto. These commemorate a miscellaneous host of

deities of all sorts, nature gods, ancestral spirits and many of unknown origin. In not a single shrine in all this number does either the state or the local community worship the living emperor. On the contrary, there are numerous occasions when the Mikado goes in person to important shrines and offers prayers or makes reports to the "ancestral spirits." He worships exactly the same gods as do ordinary Japanese subjects. His spirit is never enshrined until after death.

Far from having consistently treated their ruler as sacrosanct divinities, the Japanese people have at times resorted to banishment, deposition, assassination, and civil war to get unwanted emperors off their thrones. The present-day magnification of the emperor cult of Japan is in part an effort of her military masters to keep history from repeating itself.

This is only one half of the story, however. The other half is indicated by the fact that Japanese literature is full of statements, some of them sponsored by the government, in which the living ruler is given titles that have been rendered into

WELL KNOWN ALUM MISSIONARY PASSES

Muriel Massey Dowd, '97, died July 31 at Bronson hospital, Kalamazoo, after an illness of four years.

She was a member of Eurodelphian Gamma literary society in college and after graduation spent nearly twenty years with her husband in Naga Hills, Assam, India where they worked as missionaries.

Mrs. Dowd is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Lyman J. Jewell (Dorothea Dowd, '27) and two sons, Capt. Bennard J. Dowd, '28, recently returned from the army medical corps, Burma, and Major Gaylord C. Dowd, anti-aircraft coast artillery, France.

Daniel C. Holtom, '07, (Mary Grace Price, '09) Japanese religion authority who returned to the United States early in 1942 after duties as professor of History of Christianity, Aoyama Gakuin Theological department, Tokyo, is now living in San Gabriel, California. Dr. Holtom, who has had many works published, is author, too, of "Modern Japan and Shinto Nationalism" (1943). He delivered a series of lectures on Japanese religion at the University of Chicago in the summer of 1941. Dr. Holtom was granted an honorary D.D. degree by the College in 1926 and received a similar honor from Brown University in 1933. He received his Ph.D. from University of Chicago in 1919.

English by the expressions "manifest god," "incarnate god," "very god," or "god in human form." In this situation, however, it is well to remember that the language of the Japanese people is Japanese, not English. The original of these titles is *kami* in one form or another, a word which really means sacred or holy. The national department of education says that *kami* when applied to the emperor means that he is "forever a supremely exalted and majestic personality." Most of all it means that his right to rule is inherited in an unbroken line from the divine ancestors of the Age of the Gods and is not dependent in any way on the will of the subjects over whom he holds sway—which is the Japanese way of setting up monarchical absolutism for purposes of military subordination. It does not mean that the emperor is adored as a god at places of public worship.

Student Pastor Resigns

Dr. H. Lewis Batts, director of the Inter-Church Student Council for 10 years in Kalamazoo, resigned his position to become professor of religious education at Mercer University, Macon, Ga. Dr. Batts began his new duties Sept. 1,

CAMPUS MEMORIES



And the memories flow on! It wasn't so very long ago that some of these pictures were taken. Take, for example, our K-college women in the tennis photo—the coeds supported by those three husky men holding tennis rackets. That couldn't have been very long ago because in the old days in pictures the women stood and the men sat. And notice the picture to the right—the smiling, blushing faces of the women standing in front of Bowen. Maybe the photographer was handsome—or maybe the campus's athletic hero was passing at the time the picture was taken. Doesn't the band below look imposing? What year was that picture taken? And the other pictures? Can you identify the groups? You can help us by giving us the history of these pictures. Won't you?





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CAPT. DOWD HAS BURMA EXPERIENCE

SERVED OVERSEAS 22 MONTHS

Capt. Bennard J. Dowd, '28, (Dorothy Allen, '26) was assigned to surgical service at Mayo General hospital, Galesburg, Ill., early last month. Capt. Dowd, practicing physician in Kalamazoo for eight years before he entered service July 13, 1942, spent a 30-day leave at home after 18 months duty with the 25th U.S. field hospital unit in the Burma jungles.

While in the Burma theatre, Capt. Dowd stated in an interview, that his field hospital with a 400-bed capacity treated as many medical as surgical cases. Malaria, dysentery, serious skin infections and mite-typhus, many of which proved fatal, led the list of tropical ills.

Capt. Dowd's field unit followed the troops during the Northern Burma campaign along the Ledo and Burma roads. Each hospital ward, with a capacity of 40 to 60 patients, was constructed of bamboo covered with tarpaulins. Operating rooms were protected by mosquito netting and burlap with tarpaulin used as a floor covering.

The American hospitals were set up in the jungles, usually near a river. When the armies moved forward, the camp and its make-shift buildings were abandoned and left standing and new wards were erected at the next location.

"In spite of all our handicaps, we had excellent equipment, and the men received prompt medical and surgical care," said Capt. Dowd, whose unit was assigned to the American combat command which included U.S. fighting men and five divisions of the Chinese army.

"American patients were given regular army hospital beds. The Chinese were content with home-made bamboo bunks."

Capt. Dowd said the Chinese soldier was agreeable, cheerful and easy to deal with, like most American youths serving in Burma. Stoical and fanatical, they accepted their fate with little or no complaint.

GRAD VETERAN OF TWO WARS

Major Glen Thompson, '21, is chief of physical reconditioning at Percy Jones convalescent hospital, Battle Creek, Michigan. He will send 6,200 battle casualties of World War II through a sports program designed to send them back to civilian life in the best physical condition.

The former halfback on the Kalamazoo College teams of 1915 to 1917 and 1919 to 1921, has under him 22 officers and 50 enlisted men and uses 35 outdoor fields, eight gymnasiums, and a 32-alley bowling center and an indoor swimming pool in the reconditioning program.

Major Thompson is a veteran of World Wars I and II. He enlisted as a private while a student at the College in 1917 and was discharged as a first lieutenant in the infantry in 1919. He served most of the war at Camp Gordon, Ga., an infantry replacement training center, and played on the camp grid team in 1918. Much of his work was in athletics and physical education.

He re-entered the army after the 1942 grid season as a captain with the 392nd Automatic Weapons Bn., an anti-aircraft unit stationed at Washington, D.C. He was promoted to major while serving as executive officer.

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Rev. John C. Walker, D. D., '18, is minister of the Second Congregational church, Waterbury, Conn.

Surgical officer of his unit, comprised of 21 medical officers, 18 army nurses and 200 enlisted personnel, Capt. Dowd was in charge of the 25th X-ray department.

"There was just one situation that stumped all of us," declared the captain. "We found no case of appendicitis among the Chinese soldiers, except their higher ranking officers who occasionally had access to American foods. It may have been just a coincidence. We never knew."

Capt. Dowd was overseas 22 months before he received orders to return to the states.

Poetry Nook

(Alumnus readers are invited to submit poetry for consideration in this column. One or more poems may be forwarded. But because of limited space the Alumnus may not publish all offerings immediately. However, an attempt will be made to consider each contribution. Address poetry to Editor, Kalamazoo College Alumnus, Kalamazoo College, Kalamazoo 49, Michigan. The contribution which follows, "Prayer," was written by Mel Truitt, ex'42.)

Is it, then fulfilled,
The battle won, the foe undone;
The bloodstained soil now tilled
With plow, not torn by gun.
Where once men stood opposed,
Their minds destruction bent;
Are now their hearts disposed
To pass the turn where went
The weak ones, drawn by fears
To free the coward's fate,
That it might thrive on tears
Wrung from the small and great.
Oh Thou, who gives the sun,
The rain, the air, the earth
To all, respecting none—
A heritage from birth—
Give yet, again, we pray,
New wisdom to replace
Mistakes of yesterday
With kindness and Thy grace,
Grant to us the power
And courage for our needs,
To nurture freedom's flower
By cultivating seeds
Of hope and faith and love.
Until this wordly sod
Is like to that above,
Be thou still our God.

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Vincent Richmond, '32, former Kalamazoo College track and cross country star, has been appointed athletic coach of Hartford, Mich., high school.

Richmond has held teaching positions at Essex, Conn., where he was track coach, Putnam, Conn., where he was in charge of all intramural athletics, Chester, Conn., Wayne, Mich., junior high school, and Ypsilanti Central high school. While at the College he was assistant track coach and participated, too in football and basketball.

He will teach mathematics in addition to his coaching duties at Hartford.

GRADS TEACHING IN TURKEY APRECIATE ALUMNUS

To the Editor: I have heard so many nice reports about you, mostly because that nice new Kalamazoo College Alumnus has been coming way out here to the other side of the world (Istanbul, Turkey) and giving George, '41, and me endless moments of pleasure which in turn starts us to say, "Remember when...." We would never in a thousand years get a collection of personal letters telling us the tidbits of K-College that you so well put together in a magazine. The faces in the "Campus Memories" are not familiar to us, but we do know that they are parents of our classmates. We are also interested in hearing about our faculty.

The past year has been quite a different one for me. My first experience teaching school has been one that I will always remember. I had no desire to teach at home, but there is quite the opposite feeling out here. I'll never forget the first day. To stand in front of a group of 30 students with absolutely no communication by tongue makes one feel a little bit as if he is on the "spot". Well, the first day passed, then the first week, and the first month. Now after nine months some of the girls can speak quite well. Allah! George is also teaching English here at Robert College, and I at the American College for Girls which is about forty minutes away by walking down this hill, taking a tram, and then walking up the other hill. Both colleges overlook the beautiful Bosphorus. It is really as marvelous as any book describes it. Its color is magnificent and it is as flexible in changing as any lizard. Since late this spring we have seen large warships from several nations carrying mostly cargo and prisoners of war up and down the strait.

The new Field House sounds wonderful to us, as it must to all alumni. The college is going to have so many nice things that the

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Lt. and Mrs. (Pat Agne, ex'44) Ralph K. Litaker announce the birth of a daughter, Patricia Lynn, born July 12.

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Lt. and Mrs. (Alice Cooley, '44) H. James Helmer, '42, announce the birth of a son, James Cooley, born July 3.

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Mr. and Mrs. (Ellen Hotelling, ex'42) Thomas B. Smith announce the birth of a daughter, Jennifer Marie, born July 31.

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Mr. and Mrs. (Alice Starkweather, ex'27) Donald Doubleday, ex'26, announce the birth of a son, David Craig, born August 5.

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Mr. and Mrs. Alan Rankin, '30, announce the birth of a son born August 2.

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A son, Peter David, was born July 28 to Mr. and Mrs. (Jean Walsh, '38) Eck Stanger.

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Mr. and Mrs. (Patricia Donnelly, ex'42) Edward Pearsaul, '40, announce the birth of a son born July 22.

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Lt. and Mrs. James R. Billingham, ex'43, announce the birth of a son, Richard Parker, born September 1.

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Corporal and Mrs. Gerald Gilman, '42, announce the birth of a daughter born Aug. 30.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clark Olmsted, ex'42, announce the birth of a daughter, born July 28.

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Lt. and Mrs. (Marilyn Roe, ex'46) John Glendening announce the birth of a daughter born June 24.

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PFC. and Mrs. (Dorothy Collins, ex'43) Robert Shannon announce the birth of a son born June 26.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth B. Hunt '37, announce the birth of a daughter, Carol Jane, born June 2 in Lafayette, Ind.

ALUM MAKES ARMY DISPENSARY IN INDIA LIKE DOCTOR'S OFFICE IN U.S.

It is a long journey from Kalamazoo to the army's air base in Karachi, India, where Capt. Harold A. Machin, '31, is now holding forth, but his former civilian patients would feel "perfectly at home" waiting their turns to see the doctor in his present location. Dr. Machin has set up a completely new dispensary that is to India-weathered eyes, "out-of-this-world," army air corps officials say.

The usual bleak army dispensary with its hard benches, plain floors and curt demands has been eliminated. Capt. Machin's dispensary in Karachi looks like a doctor's office back home. It has thick rugs on the floors, tables, comfortable chairs, magazines, a large airy waiting room, fans, and, above all, a sincere show of courtesy, according to reports from air corps officials.

"Doc" Machin has handled G.I.'s on sick call for more than two years in India. He demands quiet environment, more efficiency and a more respectful and confident attitude for the men who need treatment.

Capt. Machin received his doctor's degree from Wayne University and practiced medicine in Kalamazoo until he entered the service in 1942.

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Alumnus Dies

Delbert Whitmore, '31, died May 13, in Hastings, Mich. He is survived by his wife and four daughters. Whitmore had been employed by the Hastings Manufacturing Company and had been a member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Wins Golf Title

Nydia Jane Brenner, '40, won the Kalamazoo women's all-city golf championship for the second straight year recently when she defeated Barbara Canine 1 up at the Elks Country club course in Kalamazoo.

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Esther Perrin Rollyson, ex'30, is in charge of hospitalization and care of the aged in Detroit and Wayne County.

Letters To Alumni



Milton Simpson



Grace Simpson

Dear Alumni and Former Students:

John Milton to the contrary, change, not order, seems Heaven's first law. Creation, said the ancient philosopher, is in a state of constant flux. Thus alone 'twould seem can progress result.

To remain constructively alive, therefore, Kalamazoo College must accept change. The civic obligations of a new era demand modification from time to time of our educational program. New, more complex economic, social, intellectual, racial problems necessitate new methods of approach. Otherwise chaos threatens.

If tomorrow's mature citizen is to function happily in his world he must today, while plastic, acquire these necessary newer viewpoints and attitudes. Otherwise his present illogical prejudices may crystalize into what he regards as irrefutable convictions.

And where can these newer viewpoints and attitudes be better developed than in a college like Kalamazoo, where each student is regarded and treated as a distinct individual with an infinite capacity for disciplined growth? To achieve this purpose our curriculum and methods must, therefore, be neither vacillating nor inflexible.

And, yet, important as this is, it is not the entire story. For beneath this constant flow of change, giving it its "*raison d'être*" are fundamental prerequisites for abundant living that are not mutable but are abiding. As Browning holds, Truth and God are unchanging, although the forms of expression of these verities may undergo modification. And surely all education worthy of the name must awaken in every student the desire for, and the ability to discern and assimilate these eternal qualities. What a tragedy was that of Tammas Smith, "born a man (potentially) but died a grocer." All in all, the genuine college must have its paramount objective the making of godlike men and women—not mere grocers—men and women growing daily more and more like the pattern manifested upon the Mount. No, techniques are not to be belittled; but they are the second, not the first essential.

Again may I affirm that after more than a quarter-century's firsthand experience as an observer, this fundamental of fundamentals is ever kept in the forefront

Dear Alumni and Former Students:

The years have sped by—twenty-six of them—since I came as a faculty wife to Kalamazoo College. World War I was over. I remember wheatless days and meatless days and corn sugar and hobble skirts and, most of all, the H.C.L., with which we struggled in the rearing of three children. It was a war to end war, we said, "A war to make the world safe for democracy," so we fondly believed.

But we didn't believe enough, or educate enough, or share enough our brothers' burdens or our material goods. As the years passed and the scars healed we forgot. Ignoring the restlessness and the murmurings of an unhappy world, babbling of peace when there was no peace, we were caught again in a second holocaust and your sons and my sons went forth to War. How proud we are of their record! How humbly and gratefully we think of their great achievement as they gave their all for home and country.

Many are not coming back, and many are maimed and broken. As the joy bells of Victory ring, the sobering thought of the staggering sacrifice makes us think, "What of the future?" War weapons have become so destructive that the thought of another conflict simply appalls us.

How shall we prevent it? We have failed in the past, shall we fail again?

It seems to me that the answer lies in Christian education, which teaches the supreme worth of the individual and the brotherhood of all mankind.

May our College as it welcomes its returning heroes and opens its doors to eager students help to shape a better pattern of life that shall make the dream of a permanent world peace an assured fact.

of our alma mater's program. Whoever may be at the controls of this vision is not for one moment minimized.

Consequently, students of other years, you have no logical basis for despair or even alarm. Although presidents, teachers, generations of students, attitudes, and even courses and departments may pass, the high purpose for which the college was founded is still its guiding star, inspiring its efforts and illuminating its path. So, be not critical nor dubious, but believing.

SHAKESPEARE IS REASSIGNED AFTER IMPORTANT MISSION

Lt. Comdr. John W. Shakespeare, '28, recently reported to Great Lakes, Ill., for reassignment to duty after he spent a thirty-day leave at his home in Kalamazoo. Lt. Comdr. Shakespeare had been overseas for 36 months. Eighteen months were spent on the tiny island of Eniwetok in the Marshalls of the Central Pacific.

He was sent to the Pacific in February, 1944 as executive officer of an organization which was to help build a new naval bomber and fighter base on the island. The men landed on Eniwetok two days after the marines had made their initial landing there, and twenty-three days later the first American fighter plane landed and took off from the first airstrip. Now, approximately 7,000 officers and men of the navy and marine corps are stationed at the island airbase.

Lt. Comdr. Shakespeare entered the navy in 1942 and served with the naval intelligence staff in the Caribbean area for 14 months before transfer to his Pacific assignment.

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PRESIDENT OF MICHIGAN GOLFERS

Dr. E. A. DeWaters, '99 was recently elected president of the Michigan Senior Golf Association. In commenting on his election, he said, "The association is made up of congenial souls—and all golfers are such—of the tender age of 50 or more—most of us are more, considerably more. The association has some 350 members. They meet for tournament play usually twice a year."

Kalamazoo has a goodly number of members including Mr. Campbell and Dr. Light of our board."

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Wolff In California

Fritz Wolff, '31, nephew of Dr. Thomas O. Walton, '14, college mathematics professor, recently departed with his family for California. Wolff, for ten years, had been a violinist in the NBC radio orchestra of Chicago. He took a bachelor's and a Master's degree in music at Northwestern University.



Miss Charlotte Rowland, '43, and Harry A. Howard were married July 7 in St. Peter's Episcopal church, Lakewood, Ohio.

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Miss Marian Grove, '44, and Lt. Dick Manley were married June 17 in the First Baptist church, Berwyn, Ill. Miss Mary Duke, '44, acted as bridesmaid.

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The engagement of Dr. Anthony R. Shemiot, '32, and Miss Lynn S. Hickok was recently announced. Dr. Shemiot served in Africa and Italy as a member of a plastic and maxillo facial surgery team and is now on inactive status.

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Louise Remynse, '24, and Mrs. Lucille Krum Walker were married August 8 in Kalamazoo. Clarence L. Remynse, '25, acted as best man for his brother.

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Dr. Richard A. Lemmer, '41, and Miss Margaret E. Bilkert were married August 11 in Stetson Chapel. Paul Van Keuren, '41, served as usher.

Dr. Lemmer is an assistant in surgery at Henry Ford hospital, Detroit. He received a commission as lieutenant in the army in August, but will remain on inactive duty until his training in surgery is completed.

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Edmund Johnson, '28, and Miss Irene Holshuh were married July 26 in the Emanuel Lutheran church, Lansing, Michigan.

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Miss Ruth Demme, '37, and Allen Hayes, '35, were married July 10 at Evanston, Illinois.

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Miss Jean McColl, '43, and Pfc. H. Lewis Batts Jr., '43, were married August 4 in Stetson Chapel. Robert Barrows, '42, acted as best man, and

S/Sgt. Edward Peel Thompson, '43, was usher.

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Sgt. Robert E. Mason, ex'44, and Miss Jean Blomquist were married July 29 in the Epworth Methodist church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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The engagement of Charles E. Shilling '42, and Miss Elizabeth Ruth Ficker was recently announced.

Miss Mary Rosso, '43, and Lieutenant John F. Williams were married June 11 in the Alameda Naval Air Station chapel.

Mrs. Williams is working on her master's degree in physics and electronics at the University of California, Berkeley, and her husband is serving with the marines on Oahu, Hawaiian Islands.

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Sgt. John F. Clarke, ex'45, was married May 8 in Brisbane, Australia.

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Miss Edith Hoven, '45, and Ensign F. Carleton Strome, ex'45, were married July 7 in Detroit. Ens. Strome received his commission at Columbia University July 5 and is now stationed at Bowdoin college in Brunswick, Maine.

Miss Marilyn Sharpe '46, and La Verne Wetherbee, Jr. '46, were married September 8, in Elkhart, Indiana.

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Cpl. James Kerchner, '43, and Miss Barbara Brennan, ex'46, were married August 4 in Port Austin, Mich. Kenneth Krum, '45, (Ann Thompkins, '44) acted as best man.

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S/Sgt. Richard Yonker, ex'46, and Miss Mary Lou Richardson, senior student at the College, were married August 15 in Stetson chapel.

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Miss Antoinette Blake Jacobs, ex'43, and Walter E. Knapp were married June 22 in Worcester, Massachusetts.

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Miss Rosemary Allen ex'43, and Richard P. Mueller were married September 15 in the First Presbyterian church, Kalamazoo.

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Miss Elizabeth J. Godley, '45, and Lieutenant Watson F. Walker, Jr., were married July 2 in the post chapel at Boca Raton, Florida, Army Airfield.

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Miss Dorothy Hart, '42, was married to T/Sgt. George W. Thompson August 21 in the Congregational church, Seward, Ill.

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Major Edward A. Van Dyke, ex'42, and Miss Clara Holmes were married September 7 in the chapel at Randolph Field, Texas. Major Van Dyke is a member of the general staff at Randolph Field.

Arnold Mulder

"SPEAKING OF BOOKS"—

If you want to make a certain type of person see red, suggest mildly that some of the more popular American "classical" writers are not as great as they are supposed to be. Those writers won their reputations in the days of American chauvinism, when we bumptiously felt that one untrained American soldier was more than a match for five European trained men. The Americans of that day became beligerently convinced that their poets and novelists were superior to the writers of an older civilization. And those inflated reputations have carried over into our own time, for the simple reason that most people never actually read these writers for themselves; they accept the word of others, who themselves have accepted the word of still others.

All of which is introductory to the statement that I believe James Fenimore Cooper is a greatly overrated novelist. Quite a few people do actually read Cooper, but they do so as immature children. High school teachers who would yawn themselves into lockjaw if condemned actually to read him, cheerfully assign "The Last of the Mohicans" to their boys, and those boys are forever after under the impression that they have been reading a supremely great novel. They never by any chance read Cooper critically with the judgment of maturity.

As an experiment, recently, I re-read "The Last of the Mohicans" almost universally regarded as the best of the Leatherstocking Tales



Arnold Mulder

and hence as the best thing done by Cooper. I found it sorry going, and as a result I am confirmed in an impression I had that Cooper is greatly overrated. Only I did not realize that he was quite as bad as I found him to be.

For one thing, I was surprised to find that the "Last of the Mohicans" is dull; I had been under the impression from boyhood reading that it was an exciting story. The characters, almost without exception, are wooden and stereotyped, even Hawkeye the scout. They give the impression of having been built from models. There is no blood in their veins, only ink colored like blood. They are literary robots; they were manufactured, not born.

But the greatest weakness of the book is the dialogue, much of which is stilted and absurd. There is seldom a speech in the book that you could imagine being uttered by the person supposed to be saying it.

Cooper employed oratory as the base of what he put into the mouths of his characters, not the broken,

inconsecutive patterns of which actual human speech is made up. Admittedly speech was more formal and stilted in those days than it is now, but there were not a few writers even in Cooper's day who came much nearer to achieving a semblance of the actual tones and idioms of actual men and women than did Cooper—Anthony Throllope, for instance, and Thackeray, and even George Eliot.

It does not seem unfair to me to compare Cooper's dialogue with that of such American contemporaries as Hawthorne and Melville, who were also weak in the imitation of human speech but who had compensating merits. Cooper's weakness is not compensated for by philosophic depth, as in the case of Melville, or by the witchery of the prose-poetry of Hawthorne. His descriptive skill in the evocation of scene is a credit on the other side of the ledger, but it hardly saves him from emerging finally as a second-rate novelist.

His legend, however, has placed him in the first rank, and there very probably he will remain in the estimation of his countrymen, who for the most part honor him without taking the trouble to read him. I have tried to set down an honest, personal reaction to my re-reading of his best known and most highly honored novel. Before you get out your tomahawk to scalp me for my crime, take down "The Last of the Mohicans" from your shelf and try to read it untrammeled by the Cooper legend.

Lt. J. Graves Killed

Lt. Jack Graves, ex'44, who was reported missing on a mission over Merseberg, Germany, July 30, 1944, has been officially declared dead by the war department. Lt. Graves entered the army air forces in 1943 and went overseas in February, 1944. His wife received his Air Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters and the Distinguished Flying Cross at ceremonies conducted at Selfridge Field in March.

Missing

Ensign Glen G. Haynes, ex'44, has been reported missing in the South Pacific, according to a telegram received from the navy department. Ensign Haynes entered the service in January, 1943, and received his commission as ensign, and gold wings as a naval flyer, at Pensacola, Fla. in June, 1944. He received training at Wildwood, New Jersey, and Norfolk, Virginia before he went to the South Pacific.

Hospital Head

Anne Godfrey, ex'41, has accepted a position as supervisor of the children's wards in the Vanderbilt University hospital, Nashville, Tenn.

Miss Godfrey received her bachelor of science degree in nursing from Vanderbilt University. Before she accepted her present position she served in the St. Thomas hospital in Nashville where she installed a pediatrics ward.



A L U M N I L E T T E R S

**The Return**

To the Editor: I have only one postwar plan and that is to return to school at the earliest possible opportunity. I have been wondering what arrangements have been made at Kalamazoo for the return of former students. Have you any information to give out along those lines? (Ed. Note: G. I. Bulletin will reach men in service soon.)

It is hardly possible that I could be a civilian in time to enter the spring term, but if it should happen that my discharge does come in time, I would like to enroll for that term.

I have sincerely enjoyed the Index and other publications that have been mailed to me during the past months. Part of me has become a permanent fixture of Kazoo and I am eagerly looking forward to once more being on the campus.

My army life has been mostly routine with no experiences out of the ordinary. My classmates have all the exciting tales to tell.

Lt. Leonard N. Russell, ex'44

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Sunshine

To the Editor: The March edition of the Kalamazoo College Alumnus reached me yesterday, and I wish to thank you for sending it. I enjoyed reading the words of faculty members and former classmates once again. The Magazine made me quite reminiscent of the happy days spent on the campus and, also, proud of the way the college has carried on through the hardships that war has brought.

It is rather difficult to keep from getting sentimental about our "fellowship in learning" because it has left its deep imprint in the lives of those who have been at the college. During the past few months that I have spent in the Philippines I have felt myself slipping away from the college family. Your magazine has given my morale quite

The Old Days

To the Editor: After traveling thousands of miles and seeing many places, I have decided that "there is no place like home".

I can imagine that "Bobby Cornell is pretty busy. There is a lot to do down there. I can well recall the "staff meeting" at Walgreen's at South and Burdick. It consisted of Jack Foster, Don Simpson, Jack Montgomery, Quinton Vierdire and self. It was real refreshing in the middle of the afternoon.

I am planning on sending in a donation to the Improvement Fund soon. It is a pleasure to contribute to the college so others may enjoy the "Fellowship of Learning".

I have often thought of Dr. Goodsell. He could make this war a very interesting subject in a few years. He surely could make old history live. I would compare him with Ernie Pyle in his interesting stories of human adventure.

Lt. James Young, '41

a boost. "Firm are the ties that hold us"—the Alumnus is definitely doing its part.

The navy has made me communications officer and put me aboard an L.S.C. (landing craft support). My ship, a rocket gunboat, took part in two initial assault landings on Borneo last month. Although General MacArthur was with us, these operations seemed highly insignificant compared to the part the navy played during the conquest of Okinawa. Art Reed, '43, and Ken Schweitzer, '43, were up there in the landing craft. A few days ago I went ashore and was astonished to find parts of Eric Pratt's, '42, ship spread out over the base. It was good to hear that Eric was well and that he was home in Kalamazoo on short leave. Now, if somebody will tell me where Bill Culver is I'll be happy.

Ensign Ernie Bergan, ex'43

Never-too-Old

To the Editor: Mrs. Hamilton Cary's Seattle informant, reporting my participation in a never-too-old nation-wide broadcast, erred slightly in the matter of my age. A man 84 followed me on the program. He was quite a kid when I arrived some 70 years ago.

I am happy to witness that my Alma Mater has not lost track of me. Mrs. Beckwith (Dollie Pierce, '99) and I are both graduates of Kalamazoo College. I am also proud of an honorary degree from Kalamazoo given in 1922.

I am president of the California branch of our alumni and likewise of the Michigan-California Society.

Floyd I. Beckwith, '04

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Contact

To the Editor: I still work in the Base Operations Office on the airfield (Western Pacific). We have a considerable amount of business which keeps the personnel quite occupied. Yet it settles down to becoming routine and therefore monotonous. That is the problem of army life on an island such as this.

Kalamazoo College publications have been coming through in great shape. I received my copies of the Index regularly throughout the school year. The Alumnus arrived last week and I can say that I enjoyed it.

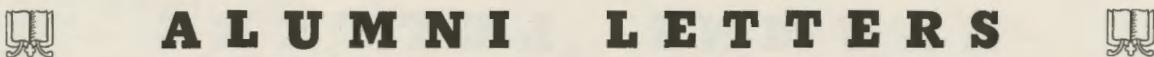
The type of thing I like to read best are the letters from Bob Nulf. The reasons are rather obvious as I want to hear where the other fellows are and what they are doing.

Robert Aaron, ex'44

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Grad to Europe

Hasmer Stone, ex'16, associate professor of chemistry at University of California, recently left for an Army University Study Center in Europe. Stone will teach G. I.'s.



ALUMNI LETTERS

Enjoy Alumnus

To the editor: Luel, '42, and I both enjoy the enlarged and improved edition of the former Kalamazoo News—he in the Pacific and I just a few blocks from the College campus. There are no prospects for a reunion in much less than a year.

Marian Wilson Simmons, '42

Bill Culver

To the Editor:

I'd like to have you take the enclosed money and try to make me a "member in good standing of the Alumni Association of Kalamazoo College." If something is left over from that difficult job, please use it as you see fit.

You certainly must have a feeling of pride when you look back over accomplishments of the college for the past few years. I am anxious to get back there and see the old place, though I won't recognize many of the people.

Bill Culver, '42

G. I. Crandall

To the Editor: Enclosed is my check for the Fund, both for old time's sake and for the future. After the war, I hope to send a larger "deposit"—about 160 pounds of young Crandall, who will be getting out of the Navy and looking for a good college to spend his G.I. money on.

Incidentally, a friend wrote me that he had seen my picture in the Kalamazoo Gazette on my "hospital ship." This is a transport, armed more heavily than most destroyers, and we have just now come from a spot closer to the Nips' solar plexus than they would like to admit. Part of our load is composed of casualties, so we nearly approximate a hospital ship on the return voyages. I have some prospect of getting an assignment to a combat ship in the near future, and I hope that my next contribution may come from that station.

Mace Crandall, '26
Chaplain, USNR

'44 News

To the Editor: I guess as far as mail is concerned I'm "out of this world," for I have just now received a letter dated January 5.

I am very anxious to continue receiving the Kalamazoo College Alumnus to keep up with college activities and also to hear from the former students.

I was particularly interested in the article about Sam Myerscough in the January edition and also others concerning the class of '44. I am now going into my 15th month overseas, and of all the places I've been I'd pick this one for all around conveniences. I'm eating well enough to put on a few pounds, but at the same time we have all athletic equipment necessary to keep fit.

I hear from my wife, Betty Zick, ex'43, often, and she keeps me up on the latest concerning our baby, Cynthia Carol. I am always looking forward to the time when I will be with them again.

Earl H. Wright, ex'44

Mail From Home

To the editor: I just received the July issue of the splendid publication Kalamazoo College Alumnus. This is the first that I have seen any mail from the college in quite some time, and it was like a visit back home.

I have been away from Kalamazoo for nearly three years since I enlisted in the Signal Corps and, as all of the fellows, am anxious to get back again. I haven't been at Camp Crowder, Mo. so very long now, but I can't complain as I have been able to see a lot of the country around here which I might not have seen otherwise.

Thank you for the magazine both for myself and for the fellows in the outfit here who are finding it interesting reading. I'll be looking forward to the next issue.

Cpl. Richard VandenBerg, '41

Life

To the editor: I am working in the Civilian Personnel office here in Chungking, China, as the second clerk. We do the hiring of the Chinese that are needed to work here.

India was most interesting to me, but the shortness of my stay there limited the amount that I was able to learn about it and the people.

I like the Chinese and their land much better than I did the Indians and India. The people here are so clean, so friendly and really so American that it is a pleasure to associate with them. I like to walk around the city of Chungking just to observe them and their ways of life.

Never in the States have I been waited on as I am here. A boy shines my shoes, makes my bed, sweeps my floor, and tucks my mosquito net in for me at night. Our meals are super and all served to us by Chinese boys. We are living in big brick buildings that are a far cry from the pup tent in the mud that I expected to be living in when I came overseas. I believe these buildings were once a mission school. Anyway the general arrangement of them makes me think some of the K campus. It is quite hilly here the same as it is in Kalamazoo.

John Jeffries, ex'44

No Nothin'

To the Editor: We have no gold mine, nor money hidden away in the cupboard, but would like to make a small contribution to the Improvement Fund.

All that stuff about playing tennis on the Stowe Courts makes me feel envious. I'm out here in Colorado running a Prisoner of War camp—and we have NO tennis courts, no golf course, no movie in town, no nothin'!

My PW's are busy digging spuds and other work, and I'm busy seeing to it that they are busy.

Edward J. Lauth, '32

CHICAGO ALUMNI ACTIVITIES

Many thanks for the replies to the post cards which were sent out in July and if your news doesn't appear in this issue of the "Alumnus," don't be disappointed because there will be a Chicago Column in each issue.

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Norm and Wilma Erway, '44, have a new address since their marriage this summer and it is Apt. 301, 5442 S. Harper Avenue, Chicago 37. The newlyweds spent two weeks of canoe travel on the Minnesota-Canada border during early August.

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Dr. and Mrs. Winthrop Hudson, (Lois Austin) both of the class of 1933, became members of the Chicago Club about a year ago when he took a teaching position at the University of Chicago. Formerly they were living in Rochester, N. Y., where Dr. Hudson was on the faculty of Colgate-Rochester Divinity school. Their two young daughters are named Judith Ann and Susan Camille.

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Also a newcomer to Chicago is Eula Jane Besemer, '43, who is in the Civilian Personnel Division of the 6th Service Command. Her particular duty has been to recruit girls for work in Washington, D.C., and she has traveled around the Command as well as to Washington.

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Walter Yoder has a new church and is now minister at St. Paul Congregational church, 2255 N. Keeler Avenue, Chicago. Next spring Mr. Yoder expects to receive his B.S. degree from Chicago Theological Seminary.

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Our old favorite, Dr. C. J. Kurtz, class of '94, writes to us that Major J. F. Kurtz, ex'31, of the Army Medical Corps, has had a 30-day furlough in this country after 18 months of service in Europe. St. Luke's Hospital (Chicago) on its 80th anniversary in June gave service pins to its staff, of which Dr. Kurtz is a member.

Laura Kennedy Clark, '12, says that their family is glad to be in the United States during these war years even though other summers have been spent in traveling through Europe, South America, Australia and the Hawaiian Islands. Mrs. Clark has had the pleasure of welcoming one of her two sons in service back home after his discharge from the Army.

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Even though this couple didn't let anyone know of their visit to Chicago, Fred and Helen Pinkham (classes of '42 and '43 respectively) were in the city before leaving for their new home in California. This news item is to remind Fred not to wager that an out-of-towner could sit in a Chicago railroad station for a week before seeing an old friend. At least, don't say it about the La Salle Street Station where your reporter has met more than one of her fellow alumni.

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Other fleeting visitors to Chicago have been Marion Johnson (class of '42) who spent a week here before returning to Muskegon Heights for another season of teaching kindergarten, and Carol Summers, '39, who can be called a visitor to Chi-

cago only because she got "bumped off" an airplane between St. Louis and Detroit. Miss Summers had spent the early part of the summer at Washington University in St. Louis, Missouri.

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The Cordon Club was the scene of our annual pre-registration tea for freshman girls from this area. Alumnae who helped with the arrangements were: Mrs. (Jean Matthews '36) David Chapman, Miss Jane Besemer '43, Miss Virginia Dye '39, Mrs. (Jane Blaylock '39) Monroe Cattell, Miss Frances Estes '40, and Miss Marjorie Sundstrom '41. Twenty-five girls and their mothers attended. Upper-class girls who helped provide the program were Mary Lou Wilhjelm '48, who presented a musical portion, and Catherine Kreller '48, who spoke on dormitory life.

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And now we'll close the Chicago Column for September with a reminder to send in any news about yourself and family so that we can make this a big column in the Alumnus.

Marjorie Sundstrom
President—Chicago Alumni Club

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By Jimmy Hatlo



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LETTERS AND NEWS NOTES



Great Kazoo

To the Editor:

For the past seven months I have been residing in an apartment in Foggia, a pre-war city of 60,000 Italians (strongly Fascists). Their loyalty to Fascism is understandable when one observes the improved living conditions brought to them by Mussolini. He is responsible for all the beautiful modern buildings in the city. Even the water and sewer systems were made possible by his government. Naturally, these influencing factors, the improved living conditions and increased employment provided by such public works, made him popular with the civilians.

My hopes of returning soon to Michigan and my favorite campus, "Kazoo," have been greatly deflated by the credit system of demobilization. With my 54 credits, I feel much the same as the housewife must feel when she discovers she doesn't have the required points to purchase the steak she has selected at the market.

I'm convinced that any school, college or university, is only as good as its alumni association, and that's what makes "Kazoo" among the great. I assure you it will be a genuine thrill to be able to return and stroll across the campus once again. There will be many improvements, which are to be expected over a period of years in a progressive institution. Regardless of these many changes necessitated by time itself, my fondness for "Kazoo," as a loyal alumnus, will never change.

Kindest regards to the college family, especially Dr. Cornell.

Wilson G. Eby, '38

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Carl Simon, '42, was graduated by McCormick Theological Seminary in May. He was ordained into the ministry at Kalamazoo in April.

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Ruth Spencer, '40, has been with the American Red Cross since July, 1944.

Surrender Witness

To the Editor: It has been my good fortune to have had a front row seat on the USS Missouri for the Surrender Ceremonies in Tokyo Bay. Attached to Admiral Halsey's staff for two years, the Missouri has been the flagship throughout the last four months of our operations. Previous to that we had used the USS New Jersey, USS Louisville, and four smaller ships, in addition to duty on practically all the Pacific Islands.

This week we have transferred to the USS South Dakota and shortly I shall be homeward bound in time, I hope, for homecoming festivities at Kalamazoo.

Thus far it has been quiet ashore. The Japs are most humble and polite, and bow and salute us and seem almost to enjoy being occupied.

They were a badly defeated nation, but seem to thrive on suffering as well as the Chinese did.

Mount Fujiyama makes a beautiful setting for a sunset, but I've seen nothing in Japan which would make me want to linger any longer than I have to.

Bob Balfour ex'39

Spiritual Atmosphere

To the Editor: In a highly disorganized world it is nice to remember the orderly pattern of College. The strongest justification for any educational institution is a spiritual one, namely, the sense of satisfaction it gives the student of having a place or purpose in life. Kalamazoo College strikes through the many impersonal relationships that surround the average individual and gives him a deep feeling of belonging in the forward march of mankind that remains with him years afterward.

My only comment to make to those molding the day-by-day life of the college family, would be to constantly create the warm, intimate atmosphere we all remember.

Sidney S. Harry, '39

Any News?

To the Editor: I'd sort of like to hear about the college—any additions or subtractions? How has the college fared since I last saw it? Is Professor Walton still holding forth in the math. room? If he is give him my best and tell him I'm still no better in Analyt than I was.

Pvt. R. R. Shinnick, ex'47

Dr. Paul G. Schrier, '22, (Mildred Sagendorf, '24) has been promoted to commander in the U.S. navy. He was stationed at the navy's ammunition depot at Crane, Ind. the later part of August. Commander Schrier served 25 months in the Pacific theatre where he headed the bone and surgery department of a 2,000 bed naval base hospital on one of the small islands in the New Hebrides group.

His daughter, Joan, enrolled in the College in September.

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George W. Hess, '06, is teaching navigation and integral calculus to navy V-12 students at Birmingham, Alabama.

Kline Gives Demonstration

Dr. Ernest R. Kline, '26, head of the chemistry department at Connecticut State College, Storrs, Conn., recently presented a demonstration of glass blowing at a meeting of the Escanaba, Mich., Kiwanis club.

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grads can't help but come back and visit the place. I'm not quite sure of the status of our Alumni dues, but I will have someone contact you about them and also see that there is a donation for the Improvement Fund given.

Both of us are tutoring this summer, so in view of the fact that a student is coming soon, I'll close wishing the best of luck to you and the College in the future.

Mary Hosford Williams, '43

Ella Osborn Adams '71 Oldest Grad Reminisces

The first autumn was the coldest I ever knew. On the opening morning we went through a drizzling rain to the chapel, which was supposed to be heated by wood stoves. We new students were given seats on the front benches facing the platform, on which sat three professors in their overcoats, and two women enveloped in dark waterproofs. The rain beat on the windows and we poor little new lambs shivered and wished we were home with our mamas. Then the door opened and President Gregory came briskly in bidding us good morning, saying he was glad to see so many out on such a cold, wet day. He said we must not be discouraged, soon the sun would be out and we would have Indian Summer. Kalamazoo was usually very beautiful and we newcomers would soon feel at home. He would not keep us long this morning, and we could go to our classrooms where it was warm. He gave out a few notices. He said he was forming a teachers' class in his room which any regular student who had time might attend. At the appointed time I presented myself to find perhaps a dozen teachers from different parts of the state who seemed middle-aged to me. Those were the days of immense hooped skirts and dresses dragging on the floor and huge chignons of false hair on the back of their heads. I must have seemed very young with my ankle-length dress and yellow hair curling about my face, for when I came to register President Gregory said, "My child perhaps you have mistaken the room. This is a class for teachers." "Oh," I said, "but I am a teacher. I have taught two terms in a country school." He replied, "That qualifies you as a teacher. How old are you?" "Sixteen," I replied, "but I'll be seventeen before next year when I will be a freshman. I am only high prep now, as our high school did not

GRAD AUTHORS POLITICAL PAMPHLET

Sgt. Everett M. Claspy, ex'27, is author of a pamphlet published by the U. S. Office of War Information on political parties in Australia and the United States. Sgt. Claspy, who recently returned from extended service in the Southwest Pacific, in his pamphlet gives a thumbnail sketch of the development of political parties in the United States, as well as a comparison of the American and Australian systems.

F. A. Bland, professor of public administration at University of Sydney, Australia, said "Sgt. Claspy's Political Atlas should be especially valuable to teachers and students in schools and universities alike, but it cannot fail to interest a much wider public. If, in addition, it assists in an understanding of the political systems of Australia and America, it can help to cement a friendship that must have an influence far beyond our two countries.

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Dr. Frank S. Tomkins '37, worked on the atomic bomb in the University of Chicago laboratories for two years. He went to the Melrose Park, Ill. plant of Buick, in 1941, as spectroscopist, working in the laboratory of the plant which manufactured Pratt-Whitney aeroplane engines. He received his Ph. D. degree from Michigan State in 1942, and in 1943 was invited to join the laboratory staff of the University of Chicago.

teach Latin, which I must have." When he saw my name and address he said, "Oh, you are David Osborn's daughter. He told me he would be sending two of his children here this fall. I am glad you have come." I was glad and always have been that I started my college career under Dr. Gregory. The inspiration he gave me has lasted to this day. I think all the students felt the same.

FRESHMAN TEAS AT GRAND RAPIDS, DETROIT

The Kalamazoo College Alumnae of Grand Rapids entertained women students from the Grand Rapids area at a tea at the Women's City Club, Monday, September 10, at 3:30 o'clock.

Mrs. (Margaret Cady '21) Fred N. Searl, president of the group, introduced Miss Birdena Donaldson, Dean of Women, and Mrs. Joseph Parsons, the Director of Mary Trowbridge House. Both Miss Donaldson and Mrs. Parsons spoke briefly. Mrs. (Florence Montgomery '30) Morey Butler represented the alumnae in reviewing the Kalamazoo College life of a few years ago. Esther Carlyon '48 spoke from the student's viewpoint telling the freshmen girls what they might expect at the College. Mrs. (Mary Hallet '17) Miller poured.

Among the alumnae who attended were Mrs. (Margaret Russell '17) Buckingham Mrs. (Florence Montgomery '30) Morey Butler, Miss Elsie D. Davis '13, Mrs. (Coral Sedam '16) E. W. Hartwell, Miss Ethel Louise Knox '13, Miss Kathleen Smith '29, Mrs. Robert J. Douglass, Jr., Miss Doris Reynolds '17 Mrs. (Mary Hallet '17) Harry H. Miller, Miss Dorothy Caukin '42, Mrs. (Margaret Cady '21) Fred N. Searl, and Mrs. (Maxine Wirick '33) Charles E. Wilcox.

The committee in charge of arrangements included Mrs. Searl, Mrs. Buckingham, Mrs. Butler, Mrs. Douglass, and Miss Smith.

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Mrs. Osborn H. Ensing, wife of Dr. Osborn Ensing ('17), entertained at a tea planned by the Detroit Alumni Club at the Detroit Golf Club, Tuesday, September 11. Janet Ensing, senior at Kalamazoo College this year, was in charge of the program which featured a talk by Jacqueline Buck '48, of Birmingham. Most of the twenty freshman girls from the Detroit area who entered Kalamazoo College this year were present at the tea.



MILITARY PARADE



Lt. Reginald Butler, ex'29, is now stationed at the army service forces training center at Fort Lewis, Washington. He spent more than two years of service in Persia with the 113th general hospital, army medical corps, before he returned to the States.

Lt. Butler received his commission in January, 1943, at the medical administrative corps officer candidate school, Camp Barkley, Texas, and was on duty at Camp Chaffee and Fort Smith, Arkansas, before he went overseas.

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Lt. (j.g.) Walter L. Graham, Jr., (MC) U.S.N.R., '38, has been ordered to active duty at St. Albans Naval hospital, Long Island, New York. **Lt. Graham** recently received his M.D. degree from the school of medicine, Western Reserve University, Cleveland, Ohio.

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Frank M. Baumann, ex'44, has been promoted from private first class to corporal in the 63rd Infantry regiment of the 6th Infantry division. **Baumann**, who attended the college for three years, entered the army March 3, 1943 and went overseas in July of the same year. He spent six months in Hawaii before moving to New Guinea where the 6th division fought through the Maffin Bay and Sansapor campaigns.

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S/Sgt. Edward P. Thompson, '43, recently returned to San Luis, Obispo, California, after a 30-day redeployment furlough with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Paul Lamont Thompson. Sgt. Thompson had had six months combat duty as first scout and rifle squad leader with the 113th regiment of the 104th (Timber Wolf) Infantry division in the European theatre of operations.

He entered the northern Belgium lines in October, 1944, with the American and Canadian First armies on the Western front. He was with his division in the Leipzig area 90 miles from Berlin when Germany surrendered.

Sgt. Thompson fought with the Canadian First army in the Belgium-Holland sector until November when his division was transferred to the American First army to relieve the veteran U.S. First infantry division at Verlautenheide on the outskirts of Aachen. Later he took part in the battle of the Bulge, the assault and capture of Cologne, and the push through the German lines at the southern end of the Ruhr pocket.

Harold Simpson, '37, naval ROTC instructor at University of Minnesota, has been promoted to the rank of lieutenant(lg).

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Midshipman 2/c Robert E. Wilson, ex'47, began his second year of study as a cadet at the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. Wilson was a V-12 student when he received his appointment from Senator Homer Ferguson.

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Richard H. Weaver, ex'42, began his internship at the naval hospital, Long Beach, Calif., after he received his naval reserve commission as lieutenant (jg) and his degree of medicine from the University of St. Louis medical school.

Lt. William L. Olvitt, ex'44, recently spent a leave with his parents in Parchment, Mich., after he had completed 16 combat missions as squadron gunnery officer. Lt. Olvitt enlisted in the army air forces in 1942 and was sent to Italy last February. He was awarded the Air Medal for meritorious service in a bombing attack April 4 at Calliano, Italy.

Capt. James H. Bestervelt, ex'40, recently completed 35 ETO bombing missions and returned to the United States to spend a leave at home in Kalamazoo. He is a member of the Eighth U.S. air force and served as a squadron operations officers during 18 months duty overseas.

Capt. Bestervelt was graduated by the militiaary academy at West Point in 1943.

Sgt. Robert E. Mason, ex'44, reported August 21 to Camp McCoy, Wis., redeployment center after he had spent a 30-day furlough with his parents in Kalamazoo. He had served 12 months overseas with the 671st service and supplies company of the American First army.

Sgt. Mason rejoined his company at Fort Jackson, South Carolina.

Major Clyde S. Price, '21, Army Services Forces, was sent overseas on a two-year mission. He had been stationed at Fort Sheridan, Ill., as executive officer at the base prisoner of war camp.

Major Price was chemical warfare officer in charge of training personnel in defense against chemical warfare at Fort Custer, Mich., for nearly four years. While there, he worked out a successful method for nurses to adjust gas masks to helpless patients. All nurses now receive this training.

Kathryn Kuitert, '39, American Red Cross Hospital aide, recently arrived in Hawaii for further assignment in the Pacific area.

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T/Sgt. George N. Hale, ex'36, 17th Bombardment group, has taken part in the campaigns of Tunisia, Balkans, Sicily, France, and Germany, and is now in Austria with the occupational army. Sgt. Hale has been in the army for four years.

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Major Robert J. Barnes, ex'38, has been awarded the Navy and Marine Corps medal for his help in the rescue of nine members of a flight crew of a plane which crashed in March, 1944 at Cape Cloucestor, New Britian. Major Barnes is serving at the marine corps depot of supplies in San Francisco.

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Lt. George D. Cutler, ex'41, who spent a 30-day leave at home in July, is a press relations and intelligence officer with the 93rd Bombardment Squadron of the U.S. Eighth Air Force. Lt. Cutler's bomber group reassembled as a unit in July at Sioux Falls, South Dakota, for reassignment.

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Donna R. Brink, '43, pharmacist's mate third class is attached to the medical department staff, Atlantic fleet naval training station, Newport Rhode Island. PhM Brink entered the Waves in October, 1944, received her training at Hunter College, New York, and prepared for her present assignment at the naval hospital, St. Albans, N. Y.

Her brother, Ensign Merrill Brink, ex'45, is serving aboard a ship.

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Ensign Wayne H. Thompson, ex'43, is stationed at the Atlantic Fleet's Torpedo Boat Training Center, Melville, Rhode Island. When his instruction at Melville is completed, Ensign Thompson will join a PT squadron in the Pacific.

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Wendell C. Zeluff, '36, has been promoted to captain at Lt. Gen. Barton K. Yount's AAF Training Command headquarters at Forth Worth, Texas. Capt. Zeluff is assistant air communications officer there.

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KALAMAZOO COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

FINANCIAL REPORT

August 31, 1944 to June 30, 1945

Bal. on Hand Aug. 31, 1944	\$ 396.45
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Itemization of Receipts, Aug. 31 to June 30:

Dues	1,367.99
Atlantic Monthly	14.00
Slocum Memorial Book Fund	16.00
Total Receipts	1,397.99

Receipts, Plus Cash on Hand

Itemization of Expenditures:

To Dr. Bacon for Alumni Research Project	50.00
Postage and Stationery	280.39
Alumni Club Activities	94.03
Homecoming-Commencement Expenses	85.68
Toward Binding for Smith-Bacon Memorial Books	50.00
Printing	58.50
Post Office Fee for Changing to Magazine	10.00
Art Work on new "Kalamazoo College Alumnus"	37.75
May Issue "Kalamazoo College Alumnus"	330.10
Engraving for Magazine Cuts	7.62
Bank Service Charges	12.64
Stenographic Help	34.35
	1,051.06

Balance on Hand June 30, 1945

743.38

IT IS NOT TOO LATE
 to
*Make Your Annual Gift To The
 1945 Improvement Fund*

Report to September 1

Friends and Corporations	\$20,139.75
Alumni	7,440.80
Total	\$27,580.55

Giving by Classes:

Class	Number Contributing	Total Contributed	Class	Number Contributing	Total Contributed
1883	2	\$ 40.00	1921	8	\$ 80.00
1885	1	5.00	1922	11	152.50
1889	1	200.00	1923	7	52.50
1892	1	25.00	1924	7	150.00
1894	3	180.00	1925	10	182.50
1895	1	300.00	1926	18	170.00
1896	2	60.00	1927	11	80.50
1897	3	17.00	1928	11	127.50
1898	3	85.00	1929	10	97.50
1899	4	460.00	1930	6	42.50
1900	1	250.00	1931	15	107.50
1901	7	37.50	1932	11	74.50
1902	9	55.50	1933	8	71.50
1903	8	110.00	1934	10	64.87
1904	5	50.00	1935	11	43.38
1905	5	47.50	1936	17	94.50
1906	13	109.00	1937	17	79.50
1907	4	19.50	1938	7	419.50
1908	3	50.00	1939	16	127.80
1909	8	76.75	1940	11	77.50
1910	5	35.00	1941	18	135.00
1911	6	65.00	1942	15	231.50
1912	8	267.00	1943	18	141.00
1913	11	237.00	1944	17	597.00
1914	10	147.50	1945	3	20.00
1915	13	235.00			
1916	14	219.50	Total	485	7,500.80
1917	14	342.00			
1918	7	53.50			
1919	9	219.00	Percent of Alumni Giving		19.4
1920	11	82.00	Average gift		\$15.46

Improvement Fund Year Ends December 31