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## Aluminaries

# William La Tocha

"What is the matter with you, are you sick?" In a moment of better humor Bill LaTocha answered, "No, I'm just lazy.

This is the spirit which has carried him through the rough spots of life since that summer of 1931 when a swimming accident permanently paralyzed him from the 6th cervical vertebre on down. Now he is the successful operator of a country store at Pellston, Michigan. Pellston is a small village in Emmett county, about midway between Petoskey and Mackinaw.

He came to Kalamazoo College in the fall of 1930 from Petoskey and roomed in Williams Hall with Anthony Shemiot '32. During the following summer he secured a job in his home town as a motion picture projector operator. His great desire to learn to swim led him to Lake Michigan or to Walloon Lake every day. He was the second man to dive from the dock into the rather shallow water and the boy right behind him slipped and fell on top of him in the water.

He was pulled from the water by his two friends, on the verge of drowning. His spine was fractured and the nerve was injured. Within a few days he was operated on and later taken to Ann Arbor where another operation was performed but both were to no avail. His spine was irreparably damaged.

Last summer he consulted with a leading spinal specialist from the University of Illinois who confirmed previous investigations in that nothing could be done and he was foolish to spend any more time or money in search of treatment. The doctor told him if he were operating a store and was a self-sustaining citizen, he truly deserved a medal.

In 1939 he bought a general store, selling groceries, meats, hardware and feed, from a brother and now operates this store successfully with only his mother for help.



William LaTocha in front of his store.

Locomotion about the store and his home are by means of a four wheel cart mounted with a special frame which permits him to lie on his stomach and wheel himself about. In this way he is able to carry on his work and render himself a useful, self-sustaining citizen of his community.

During the past war Bill served as a lookout for the army airwarning service, reporting flights of planes to Fort Brady at Sault Ste. Marie. At the conclusion of the war he was awarded a medal of merit for his service.

Summer finds him an agent for the conservation department of the State of Michigan, selling licenses, issuing fire permits, and reporting fires to fire towers. He also keeps the books for the local telephone exchange, acting as secretary and

treasurer for the group. All of this is done by a persevering man who finds it necessary to hold a pen with both hands in order to write.

People give great pleasure to Bill.  
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### Cover Picture

Homes for members of the faculty were first constructed in 1927 and now number seven, in addition to the president's residence. They are of red brick and harmonize in a New England colonial design.

Pictured are, left to right, the homes of Dr. Ethel Kaump, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Nulf, Dr. and Mrs. Robert Cornell, and Dr. and Mrs. John Hornbeck.

Others occupying faculty homes are Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. Hames, Dr. and Mrs. Arnold Mulder, and Dr. and Mrs. Luike Hemmes.



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## George Williams

# Turkish Schools

At the time when Turkey and the Middle East have been and probably will continue to be in the limelight for sometime to come, perhaps the alumni might be interested in the work being done in that area by a group of American schools of college level. Each has a separate board of trustees and administration, though they are loosely associated through the Near East College Association in this country.

Since Robert College was founded in 1863, in Istanbul, the former Turkish capital, the number of these schools has increased to eight, located in the capitals of Greece, Bulgaria, Syria, Lebanon, and Iraq. There is no longer any missionary connection though the influence was marked in the early years. One of the strongest factors leading to their success is that they are privately endowed and thus have no direct tie-up with the United States Government, which is important when dealing with small countries fearful of the political implications that such a tie-up would have if other big powers were to follow likewise.

The war has hit several of these schools very hard, and Sofia College is yet to be reopened, while expansion programs are hoped for in the others. At present a drive for \$15,000,000 is being made by the Near

East College Association under the chairmanship of Lowell Thomas to meet these needs.

In Istanbul there is the Woman's College where my wife (Mary Hosford '43) taught for two years, as well as Robert College, a 45-minute walk further up the Bosphorus, where I taught from 1942 until this fall.

A discussion of the work at Robert College might give a clearer picture of the type of work that these schools are doing.

In trying to compare the work at Robert College with the work in American colleges, our connotation of the word college differs from the European, and hence the Turkish, for generally speaking, their educational system is patterned after the French. It is most unfortunate that in naming the school, the founders were unable to name the school Robert University rather than Robert College, for at the present it doesn't fit in perfectly with the Turk-

George Williams '42 is the son of Mynard Owen Williams '09 and the husband of Mary Hosford '43. George taught at Robert College in Turkey from 1942 until 1946, when he returned to the United States. His wife taught at the Women's College from 1944 until returning here.

ish system, and most of our graduates find it financially impossible to continue their studies in the United States, though most of them would like to. For those students who plan to continue their work in the Turkish Universities, their studies at Robert College prove to be extremely expensive—though most of them seem to find it worth it—for Robert College is the most expensive school in Turkey, and they only receive credit for *lise* (high school) work as graduates of the liberal arts branch or *Teknik okul* (Technical school) work if they are graduates of our engineering branch.

Robert College is divided into three main departments: The Academy, the College, and the Engineering school. During the war years it has been necessary to strictly limit the number of non-English speaking candidates for these three branches, as the number of applicants has sharply increased. Candidates for the Academy must have completed the Turkish primary school, for the College, the *orta okul* (middle school), and for the Engineering School, the *lise*. A very small number of students who already know some English are also accepted, though they must pass a stiff oral and written examination first. In general, we prefer beginners to have

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## Milton Simpson

# The Eugene O'Neill Mystery

From the publication of *Days Without End* to the publication of *The Ice Man Cometh*, October, 1946—a lapse of twelve years and nine months—nothing in the way of dramatic creation appeared from the pen of Eugene O'Neill. (I use the word pen literally for O'Neill was too impatient even to try to master the art of typing and hated to dictate lest he might later wish to change his phrasing.) These years, incidentally, were spent partly in Florida but for the most part on the Pacific Coast. Yet climate offers no solution to the mystery.

Reasons aplenty have been advanced for this unusually long silence. Strange tales of his having permanently retired from authorship, of his having become entirely disgusted with his previous efforts in drama, of his wishing again to think through this whole matter of dramatic creation, of his wish to take a long, long rest from writing in order to recharge his creative battery, of his being too ill to write even were he so inclined—all these and other explanations of his inactivity have been rather flippantly presented. While none of these tells the whole story, while all of these combined fall short of doing so, yet there is a modicum of truth in some of them and much more than a modicum in all of them taken together. Not until the recent publication of *The Ice Man Cometh*, however, was the entire explanation given, the mystery fully clarified.

Immediately after the publication of this recent, unexpected play, however came a designedly long delayed statement from George Jean Nathan, O'Neill's most intimate friend and most understanding critic through all the dramatist's years of creativity and of subsequent silence. Undoubtedly Nathan's illuminating statement of conditions received the approval of O'Neill himself for its publication since it contains most personal, even intimate, bits of information hitherto unrevealed.



Dr. Milton Simpson

And just what has Nathan told us? Many, many things; news of allotted space permits me to present only the more important ones. Yes, O'Neill did temporarily retire from the more strenuous activity of writing plays—he has written sixty-five one-act and longer plays in twenty one years—and the equally strenuous activity of supervising rehearsals for most of these plays. Incidentally, since the performance of *Dynamo*, the rehearsals for which O'Neill did not supervise and which, consequently, became primarily a show of ankles on the part of the

leading lady, O'Neill has taking supervisory charge of all rehearsals for first performances.

But this lessening of strenuous activity had another determining cause. O'Neill's always delicate health, coupled with the overdoing above referred to, prepared the way for a rather disturbing paralysis that was later diagnosed as *Parkinson's disease*—a disease, as I understand it, that is incurable. Today he shakes so violently that one wonders how he could have done so much work as he did during these twelve years; how he could not only have written

but also, having returned to New York, have supervised the rehearsals for the first performance of *The Ice Man Cometh*.

As intimated above and as George Jean Nathan tells us, these years of supposed creative inactivity were by no means entirely so. Both O'Neill's mind and his wife's typewriter—she being one typist upon whom he felt sure he could depend—were for the most part busy. Another reason for his retirement, so-called, was first to think through, then write a cycle of nine—really eleven—plays as the last two were planned as duplex plays, each to exceed *The Strange Interlude* in length. This contemplated panoramic cycle was to bear the rather suggestive and certainly weird title of *The Possessor Self-Dispossessed*. The notion that *The Ice Man Cometh* was originally planned as one of this series Nathan tells us is wrong. O'Neill wrote it after he came to doubt the desirability and wisdom of completing this series, seven plays, not consecutive, of which were written and the eighth well started. Of these seven, two were the proposed duplex plays. Consequently his retirement seems only alleged although his place of residence is changed. The first play, planned as an introduction to the series and bearing the fascinating title *A Touch of the Poet*, has been completed but its production has been delayed until the entire revised series is ready for publication. Eight of these plays Nathan tells us he plans to have produced: two of them, the duplex plays, he has destroyed. The new cycle will vary considerably from the one first planned.

This unusual amount of creative work O'Neill has contemplated, and the somewhat smaller, 'tis true, but great amount of work he has done, together with the fact that he has returned to New York to reside, where he will be close to production circles, lead us optimistically to hope that other and, we trust, greater plays will enhance the present fame of America's, and one of the world's, greatest dramatists. True, his temperament and his interest lead him into the world of the underprivileg-

ed, the exploited, the depressed, for subject matter. Yet this is the world he best knows from the firsthand experience of his earlier days; and this world of damaged souls is the one which we, who are apt to feel so smug, need to be most informed upon and dynamically interested in. Here O'Neill is dramatically at home; here he best reveals that amazing microscopic insight into the motives of his characters, into even the springs of action out of which motive arises; here he most comprehensively and illuminatingly shows the souls of these so unfortunate ones in a death grip with destiny in their desire "to belong"—a desire that for so many years O'Neill experienced and finally responded to. Consequently here is our unusual opportunity to understand and constructively respond to how the other half is compelled, it would seem, to live. Such understanding surely cannot help arousing our sympathies and prompting us to remedial action. If O'Neill has accomplished or is even accomplishing this he has not lived or written in vain.

## COLIN NOW LIVING IN METZ

### ALSO LETTER FROM BROTHER AT DEATH

Martha Colin ex '22 has returned to her home in Metz and is now Chargee d'Enseignement au Lycee de jeunes filles de Metz, Moselle. In November 1946 she was decorated by the French Government with the *Nommee Officier d'Academie*. Since leaving Kalamazoo College she has served in the Lycee de jeunes filles at Metz, the College de Loverne, Alsace, and then back to her original position which she held since 1927 except for the period from 1940 to 1945 when she was at the Lycee de jeunes filles de Montpellier. The following letter is one which was written from one of her older brothers to another just prior to his execution by the Germans.

My dear John: The minister of the Gospel has just been to give me spiritual comfort; within the next two hours my life on earth will have come to an end. Praise be to

God who has made me feel His presence during all these last weeks.

Sentenced to death at Montpellier on January 17th, I was transferred to Lyons till the decision concerning the recommendation to mercy of myself and two comrades should be taken. We have been refused a reprieve.

Be courageous and full of hope as I am. And you, dear brother, be my messenger to my darling, my sons, my mother and sisters.

I shall depart as a Christian and as a soldier, confident and peaceful. May our enemies be forgiven, may our children not be brought up in a spirit of hatred, may they always be ready to carry out, or submit to God's decrees. God be with you all! I bid you all farewell in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Pierre

*Editor's Note: Pierre Colin never attended Kalamazoo College but his sister, Martha Colin, one of two French girls to come here after World War I, was well known on campus. Recently she sent us the above letter and we felt that it was an example of great writing during a time of such stress and strain that it should be passed on to all alumni to read.*

*While France was still in the war Pierre Colin served as a major in the French air force and after the collapse of the government he became a chief of resistance forces and it was in such a capacity that he was arrested in Montpellier by the Gestapo, October 9, 1943. He was killed by the Germans in Lyon La Doua, February 21, 1944.*

## GRANDIN ACCEPTS NEW PASTORATE

Hartley T. Grandin '23 has accepted the call to be pastor of the First Baptist Church, Holden, Massachusetts. He will begin work February 1. He has held a similar position in Natick, Massachusetts since May, 1938 and prior to that had been at the Harlem Street Baptist Church, Worcester, Massachusetts, and the Oak Park Avenue Baptist Church, Berwyn, Illinois.

# Letters To Alumni

Dear Folks:

Just imagine how many personalities have been exposed during the past twenty-four years to the variously concocted biologic dishes I've set before them as part of their academic repast at this fine old college. What a large family to have acquired, and what a meaningful adventure in fellowship and learning it has been!! So many pairs of feet—some fast some slow, but all trying to keep pace as they tread along the highroad to truth and knowledge—continue on as constant academic challenge.

Around the biology corners the significance of youth groping to express itself scholastically, is best exemplified on Tuesday afternoons in our unadorned Seminars. Yes, tea is always served, and Professor Praeger still dominates the group, presiding as he does in characteristic Praeger pose caught so expertly by CHARLES KRILL in that photograph with which so many of you are familiar. Indeed, it means much to me to go into Room 106 and salute him when the going gets tough—he remains an abiding inspiration. If he were to step out of that picture, Professor Praeger's old-world courtliness and kindness would charm everyone of us as with affection and pride, he'd start enumerating the achievements of our scientific family as he so often did during the Biology Breakfasts at Commencement time.

Let's see, there would be the KURTZ twins, coupled with ARDELL JACOBS and ROSCOE FORTNER; PEARL ROSS and LILLIAN ANDERSON; the famous HELEN GOING—BOB BLACK basketball combination. And do you remember BILL SCOTT who got us in on those worthwhile clinics at the State Hospital—imagine him in partnership with ED. WILLIAMSON who, as everyone knows, never missed a midday snooze all through his four years of growing up at old Kazoo. No wonder he still has those pink cheeks! ARLIE TODD, one of the original "OSCARS", HAROLD BROWN, DALE PORTER, GILBERT OTTO, all big shots in parasitology and tropical medicine; how anxious Otto made some of us by developing that awful charlie-horse after every track event. And what has become of LULU MAYNARD, who grew into a dandy zoo assistant at the U. of Mich.? And KATZMAN and COHN—what a team they made with their blue prints of the circulatory system of the cat! NELSON WADE (pituitary gland expert) was another meticulous worker as was little snake-charmer JACK FINERTY—they along with Phil Katzman and that biological artist, ELSIE HERBOLD, must see one another occasionally since they are all dignified professionalists down in St. Louis.

One cannot forget MILDRED DOSTER and her love of winter sports despite a broken leg when her M. D. was almost in hand—or ADELAIDE KAISER. Oh, yes, and there is MARGARET RHOADS (my pinch-hitter), who with BILL ANDRES surely had a big year for themselves while I was on leave in '27 out at

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Dear Alumni:

Always have I believed that life at each stage holds worthwhile and joyous adventure. Do you remember those bustling exciting hours when the magic word vacation whisked you on to bus or train and to the four corners of the mid-west at least? Unless you lived in town you could not know how quickly dormitories and halls can become empty and the campus take on the appearance of a ghost-town. Nor could you experience that indescribable sensation that engulfs one when the exodus is completed and he is left behind.

This year I joined the travelers, lured by a Christmas in Wellesley with the Hodgmans (nee Kathryn Albin) and their three lovely children. For where could one find the spirit of Christmas if not with little children?

Even an upper berth in a dilapidated pullman did not spoil the fun.—(Fortunately the ladder was strong.) My fellow-travelers were mainly friendly professors on their way to the Boston meetings of the Association for the Advancement of Science. They talked shop—kidney worms, atom bombs, plastics, malaria. Those years of association with the Biology department began to pay dividends! We had in common deep concern over the quality of our American education for the challenging and frightening world in which we hope to live. The obligation of all persons, both lay and professional, to determine and demand the kind of education needed called forth much earnest discussion.

In an unbelievably short time I had reached my destination. A vigorous welcome from the children warmed my heart; a special variety of clam chowder gave me sustenance to enjoy Christmas eve festivities with a group of faculty members and their families from Wellesley and Harvard Medical School. Their concerns and satisfactions professionally, differed little from those of the men and women on the train. But we laid these aside to gather round the huge fireplace, to read the Christmas Carol and watch the starry eyes of the children until sleep sent them off to bed. Then the oldsters vied with one another to fill the stockings and arrange the gifts for the morning's ceremony. Quite the sprightliest contestant was the lovely 88-year-old mother of a Harvard doctor who, by the way, spoke in high praise of the work and family of Ralph McKee.

How quickly the days have passed. This morning I am in fairyland. The birches and pines are coated with slivers of frost and ice which do not yield to the wiles of a brilliant sun. The beauty is indescribable. As the train bumps along toward Kalamazoo I am weighing some of the priceless intangibles of a teacher's life which are etched as deeply on one's heart as is the beauty of this glittering world. Those fundamental values which were of importance to my fellow-travelers, like the "Acres of Diamonds" were found at home. They are imbedded in our concept of "A Fellowship in

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## Alumni Family

# 1946 Obituaries

During the year just past 15 members of the college family passed on. They ranged from members of the class of 1883 down to the class of 1943, a span of 60 years. Eight of this group have been reported in previous issues of the *Alumnus* and will only be listed at the close of this article.

Two persons who were never students at the college but were close friends for many years are also listed.

Mary Peck Fuller ex '83 died in April at her home in Findlay, Ohio. She is survived by her husband, A. G. '85. Oren G. Quick '98 was the only other 19th century graduate and he passed on October 27 in Riverside, California after an illness.

We recently learned that Floyd L. Hewitt '02 died August 21 in Waynesville, North Carolina of a cerebral hemorrhage. William C. Schrier ex '06 died December 1 in Kalamazoo where he had served for 45 years as the organist and choir director of the Second Reformed church.

Grace Simmons Lewis ex '14 died after an illness June 30 in a nursing home in Marshall, Michigan. For 27 years she served as a teacher at Kalamazoo Central high school. Recently a memorial service was held for her at which a tribute was read that had been written by Sue Slayton '15.

William S. Taylor '18, a prominent athlete both in high school and college, who was a salesman for the American Cyanamid and Chemical Corporation before entering Bronson Hospital in Kalamazoo last June, died November 21 in Ann Arbor, Michigan. He won varsity football letters in 1913, 1914, 1915, 1916, basketball letters in 1914, 1915, 1916, 1917, and baseball letters in 1914, 1915, 1916. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Marvin Taylor '16, and daughter, Virginia Taylor Hilf '44.

Ernest Robinson '40 died in Ann Arbor, Michigan December 26 after an illness of several months. Since graduating from college he had been

associated with numerous engineering projects and was a research associate in the University of Michigan's department of engineering research. He was the brother of Joan Robinson '49.

Those previously reported are:

Walter H. Merritt '85, November 15 in Chicago.

Alva M. Cummins ex '92, August 8 in Okemos, Michigan.

Harry Howard ex '95, June 28 in Kalamazoo.

Fred G. Burnett '03, September 2 in Sandusky, Ohio.

John Minar ex '05, in Chicago.

Herbert Wood '08, February 23 in Bangor, Michigan.

Rex O. Holman ex '17, in Midland, Michigan.

Kenneth Schweitzer, ex '43, May 14 in New Orleans.

Two who were not students at the college, but were well known, were Lewis H. Kirby, a member of the board of trustees who was reported previously, and Lillian Stetson, daughter of the late president emeritus Herbert Stetson, and sister of Elizabeth Fulegal '17, who died November 29 in Kalamazoo.

May they rest in Peace.

### Aluminaries

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The children from the school across the road are regular visitors and during the summer tourists descend on the store in swarms. He also corresponds regularly with a woman in Tours, France as he is making a conscientious effort to improve his French which he started while attending Kalamazoo College.

Bruce Perry '31 is a regular visitor or as he sells drugs in that area. Memories of Kalamazoo College shared with other alumni are a constant form of enjoyment to Bill. So as you take US 131 north from Petoskey next summer stop at the general store in Pellston for an inspiring visit with a persevering gentleman.

## HAYNE GIVES ATHLETIC MEDALS

Coe Hayne '99 recently presented to the historical collection of Kalamazoo College a series of medals which he won at various times during his college days on the campus.

Hayne was a member of the first Kalamazoo College track team to enter a meet of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association and the medals were presented on the fiftieth anniversary of the entrance of Kalamazoo College into the group.

The medals were mounted on a portion of a sweater bearing a "K" which Hayne won while in College. Hayne won medals from the MIAA in the running high jump, running broad jump, running high kick, running hop-step-jump, and the 120 yard hurdles.

## WEINREICH GIVES PAPER

Dr. Marcel Weinreich, associate professor of modern foreign languages, gave a paper on "The Ideological Antecedents and Genesis of the Brothers Karamazov" before the Slavonic languages and literature division of the Modern Languages Association at their annual meeting in Washington after Christmas.

### Walker In Kalamazoo

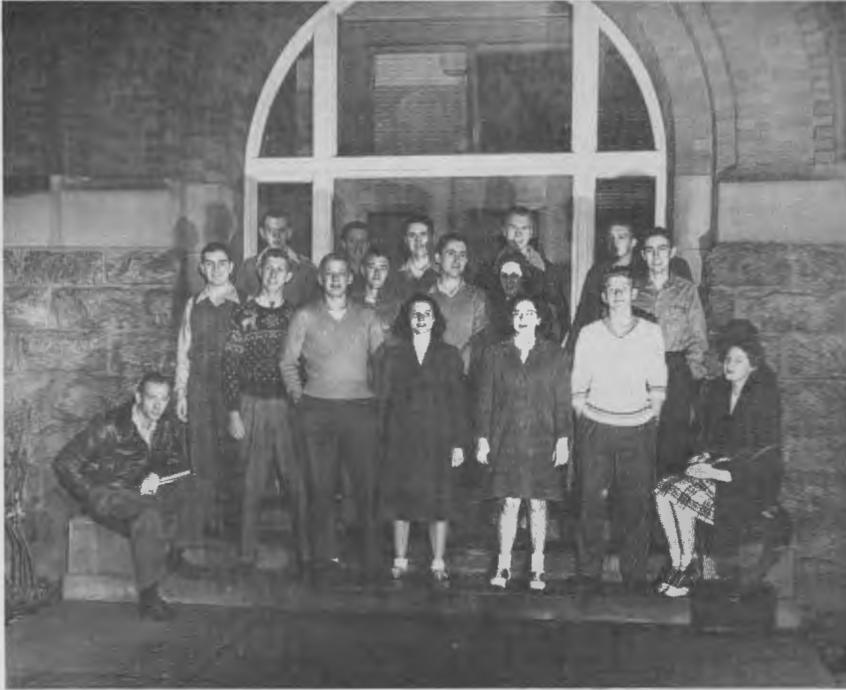
Dr. Richard A. Walker '41 has opened dental offices in Kalamazoo. He completed work at the University of Michigan 1944 and since that time has served in the Navy.

### PAY YOUR DUES

Dr. Raymond Hightower, head of the department of sociology, has been named chairman of the listening post committee to make recommendations for the annual winners of the George Peabody Radio Awards. This award is made by the Grady School of Journalism of the University of Georgia.

## Students

# Second Generation



Front row, l to r: Monteith Bilkert (Anna Monteith '15), J. Warren Bunyan (M. Frances Sikkenga '25), Richard Ferguson (George K. '12 and Esther DenAdel '19), M. Lee Pinel, (Emil C. '21), Lorraine Glass (Stanley '22 and Lucille Wells ex '25), Bradley Allen (Harold B. '21 and Ethel Denison '21), and Margery Davis (Cameron ex '23).

Second row, l to r: Charles Hessmer (Everett L. ex '27), Richard Brown (Harold W. '24), Fletcher DesAutels (George F. '21), Ellen Jickling (Clare '15), Bruce Bowman (Winifred Merritt '26).

Third row, l to r: Harold Reverski (Pauline Newhall ex '25), Albert Nutten (Hazel Barber ex '17), William DesAutels (George F. '21), Horace Webb (Clarence '23), and Kenneth Youngs (C. A. ex '15).

Absent when the picture was taken were Roderick Hill (Harry W. ex '24) and Lawrence Mayer (Margaret Fleming '26).

One of the largest groups of former student's children ever to appear on the campus of Kalamazoo College enrolled this fall. Among them there were 14 second generation students but what was even more amazing still was the fact that there were FIVE third generation students. Within a few years it is planned that there will be a fourth generation student.

The earliest year to be represented among grandparents in the third generation group was the class of 1879. Charles W. Barber graduated in that year and his daughter, Hazel, is an ex '17. Now her son, Albert Nutten, is a freshman at Kalamazoo College.

Next comes Bruce Bowman who's grandfather, Walter Merritt, graduated in 1886. Bruce's mother is former Winifred Merritt '26. William W. DesAutels was in the class of 1890 and his son, George, graduated in 1921. Now on campus as freshmen are the DesAutels twins, Fletcher and William.

Last of the group is Lawrence Mayer whose grandfather, Oren Fleming, was a graduate in 1913 and whose mother, Margaret Fleming, received her degree in 1926.

Bowman and the DesAutels twins are graduates of Kalamazoo Central, Mayer graduated from Kalamazoo State High, and Nutten is the only out-of-town student, being a graduate of Detroit Redford high.

## PRESIDENT TRAVELS EAST

### ATTENDS CONVENTION IN BOSTON

During the past month President Paul Lamont Thompson has been a frequent chapel speaker on campus in addition to making a trip East to attend a convention and also meet numerous alumni.

Recently he traveled in the East to attend a meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities where he actively participated as member of a committee which was studying and devising a plan for

strengthening and subsidizing the colleges associated with the Northern Baptist Convention. His membership on this committee is the outgrowth of a plan which he authored early in 1946 which was outlined to "strengthen the relationship between the Northern Baptist Convention and its affiliated educational institutions."

Following this meeting he journeyed to New York for a conference and then on to the Peddie School, Rahway, New Jersey. For a talk here he chose as his topic "The Place of the Liberal Arts College in the Technological World."

On January 30 he spoke in Port Huron at a noon meeting of the Rotary Club and during the evening delivered the commencement address at the Port Huron high school. He chose as his topic "The Tune the Piper Plays."

February 9 he will journey to Evanston, Illinois, to deliver a sermon at the First Baptist Church entitled "Motivation for Living."

## PAY YOUR DUES

## Ernest Casler

# Alumni Dues

\$5,416 is needed from members of the alumni group in order that the association may function properly during the coming year. This figure is arrived at by multiplying the number of alumni in the files currently by \$2 which is the minimum fee for dues and a year's subscription to the *Alumnus*.

Slowly through the years since the inception of the old *Kalumni News* the figure received has increased but as yet there has not been a sufficient rise to insure the success of all alumni activities. Last year's receipts of \$1,853.75 will not, in itself, cover the cost of printing and mailing six issues of the *Alumnus*. It is necessary for the College to make up the deficit.

Percentages show only a quarter of the alumni are lending their support to the group activity which will benefit all alumni in club activities, special homecoming and commencement meetings, the *Alumnus*, and the directory which last came out in 1940 and is planned again for this year. In order that all of these features may be carried out successfully it is necessary that all members of the alumni family get behind the association now and lend this financial support so that it may continue to function as a living, growing organism.

Your share in this organization

will require only \$2 of your money and two minutes of your time to fill out a check. Also, don't fail to return your ballot and news note.

### BALLOTS DUE FEBRUARY 15

#### SIX CANDIDATES FOR ALUMNI POSTS OUTLINED

Ballots for the 1947 election of officers of the Kalamazoo College Alumni Association are due back in Kalamazoo by February 15. If you haven't mailed yours you'd best get it in the mail at the earliest possible time.

Candidates this year for president are Morlan Grandbois '31 and Mary Jane Ross '30. Grandbois was defeated in last year's race for the same office while Miss Ross was elected vice-president. Both persons were members of the Drama Club and Miss Ross was a Kappa. Grandbois earned his letter in track. He now is associated with the Bryant Paper Company and Miss Ross is a teacher in the Kalamazoo public schools.

Charles Venema '33 and Raywood Blanchard '38 are candidates for vice-president. Venema lettered three years in football and was named at guard on the 1930 all MIAA team. He was a Philo and received his M. A. degree from New

York University. Blanchard was track letterman, in various musical organizations, and on the *Index* staff. He served overseas as a pilot in the 8th Air Force and now is residing in Kalamazoo.

Retiring president Don Hellinga '34 is a candidate for a position as a member of the Executive Committee. Opposing him is "Chick" Garrett '42. Hellinga was in the band and a Debater while in school and is now advertising manager of the Shakespeare Company in Kalamazoo. Garrett was president of the Sherwoods one year and also served as vice-president of the men's Union. He served overseas in anti-aircraft. He is now living in Kalamazoo.

### ALUMNI OFFICERS HOLD MEETING

#### DISCUSS PLAN FOR COMING YEAR

The Executive Committee and the Alumni Committee of the Faculty held a meeting recently during which a variety of items were discussed. President Donald Hellinga, '34, presided.

Ralph Ralston reported on plans for the 1947 Improvement Fund. The possibility of getting Wedgewood service plates with campus scenes for sale to alumni through the alumni office was discussed in detail. The secretary was instructed to get facts and figures for presentation at a future meeting. The financial report covering July 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946 was read and approved.

Plans were made for a new directory and a committee headed by Mary Jane Ross was appointed to recommend a questionnaire to be filled out by alumni and former students prior to publication.

The secretary reported on anticipated changes in the *Alumnus* scheduled for the March issue which will

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#### KALAMAZOO COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION FINANCIAL REPORT

June 1 to December 31, 1946

Balance on hand June 1, 1946 .....	\$ 615.52
Itemization of receipts June 1 to December 31:	
Dues .....	255.27
Receipts, plus cash on hand .....	871.27
Itemization of Expenditures:	
Alumni Research .....	\$ 50.00
Alumni Club Activities .....	164.86
Commencement .....	211.25
Homecoming .....	386.93
Stationery .....	2.58
Secretarial help .....	6.55
Stamps .....	3.52
Bank service charges .....	2.03
	827.72
Balance on hand December 31, 1946 .....	\$ 43.55



These pictures are described in some of the better material formed for Kalamazoo College's synopsis of basketball on page 12.



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basketball teams which have per-  
college in years past. A brief  
nce 1910 is also printed on



## HORNETS MAINTAIN BASKETBALL SUPERIORITY THROUGH THE YEARS

### FIFTEEN TITLES COME TO KALAMAZOO CAGERS

Through the years the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association has been dominated on the basketball court by Kalamazoo College. Since the sport became official in 1910-11 the Hornets have easily copped 15 titles while its nearest rival, Alma has won only seven times.

The longest string of titles to be won was seven and this would have been extended to ten had not Hillsdale been awarded the title in 1916 because the Hornets did not play five conference battles which were required under a new ruling.

From the 1911-12 season until the close of the 1945-46 season the Hornets were victorious 329 times while dropping 243 games. This will be altered somewhat as the MIAA Handbook now has some lapses of the records which we hope to fill before the next copy of the booklet is printed. Later in this article there will appear a listing of the games which are incomplete.

Only one unbeaten season appears down through the records and that came in 1914-15 when "Murph" Mather's boys won seven straight victories. Ralph Young's went unbeaten in the MIAA in 1921-22 and only lost three games all year while winning 21 and tying one. This team lost in the finals of the NCAA tournament to Wabash, 43 to 33. This team was made up largely of the group which the following year won 18 and lost 8. The only other team which went to an invitational meet was the 1916-17 team which played in the AAA tournament for the world championship and lost its second game to Montana State, 26 to 16, after defeating Berwyn in the opener, 57 to 18.

In all the MIAA championships that Kalamazoo College has won the most unique victory came in 1938-39 when Albion, Hope, and Kalamazoo closed the season tied for the title. A three way play-off was arranged in the Western Michigan College gym to be held all on one night. The games were 30 minutes long with ten minutes rest

periods between 15 minute halves. Kalamazoo won its two halves by identical scores, 30 to 29, and thereby won the MIAA title for the year. Albion beat Hope in the other half, 36 to 26, and finished second.

Since 1930 an official MIAA all-conference basketball team selection has been made. Kalamazoo has not dominated this to a great extent for the big share of great teams came before that time. In 1930-31 Cameron Murdoch won a guard post and the following year Maynard Schau was also picked as guard. In 1933-34 Steve Selmecy was chosen at guard from the Hornets.

In 1936-37 Don Spalsbury placed at forward and the following year Kalamazoo placed two men on the squad for the first time with Harrison Jones being picked at a center post and Spalsbury repeating. In 1938-39 Spalsbury made it three years in a row and teamed with Bob Warren who was picked at center.

Since that last championship aggregation the Hornets have placed two men on the team. Dick Lemmer placed at forward in 1940-41 and Gerald Gilman was at guard in 1941-42.

Year	Won	Lost	Pct.
11-12	5	1	.833
12-13	1	4	.200
<b>13-14</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>.750</b>
<b>14-15</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1.000</b>
15-16	5	3	.625
<b>16-17</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>.955</b>
<b>17-18</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.850</b>
<b>18-19</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.500</b>
<b>19-20</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>.611</b>
<b>20-21</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>.678</b>
<b>21-22</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.875*</b>
<b>22-23</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.692</b>
23-24	7	8	.466
24-25	7	7	.500
<b>25-26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>.850</b>
26-27	16	6	.727
<b>27-28</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.588</b>
28-29	3	8	.272
<b>29-30</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>.777</b>
<b>30-31</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.618</b>
31-32	10	9	.526
32-33	3	14	.176
33-34	10	9	.526
34-35	9	11	.450
35-36	2	14	.125
36-37	10	8	.555
<b>37-38</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>.750</b>
<b>38-39</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>.618</b>

39-40	9	12	.427
40-41	8	11	.421
41-42	8	10	.445
42-43	5	12	.294
43-44	2	7	.222
44-45	5	8	.384
45-46	8	8	.500
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	329	243	.575

Black type indicates MIAA championships won or tied for. Scores are needed for 11-12 Albion game, 15-16 Hillsdale game, 16-17 Alma game, 17-18 Hillsdale game, and 20-21 Adrian game.

\*One tie game played with Michigan State, 39 to 39.

## PICTURES ON CENTER PAGES DESCRIBED

### CUTS SHOW SOME OF GREATEST TEAMS

Pictured on page 10 and 11 are several of the basketball teams which have won honors for the Hornets in years past. Most famous of the group is the large center cut which was the team of 1922-23.

On the right of the large picture is Tim Meulenberg, captain of the 1925-26 team and a four year man in the cage sport. He was an outstanding member of the 1927-28 team. On the left is Bob Black, a member of the 1923-24 team and outstanding all-around athlete.

On the left below is the 1927-28 team which dropped its only conference game to Alma and won the title easily. The 1930-31 group dropped two games and tied with Hillsdale for the title.

Letter winners on the 1922-23 team were Bob Black, Fred Doyle, Robert Grant, Milton Hinga, Richard Morley, Marcus Mundurler, Victor Petschulat, Harold Voorhees, Harry Voorhees, Tom Vroegindewey, captain, and Darwin Markley. "K" men with the 1927-28 group were Curtis Davis, Donald Hackney, captain, Colin Hackney, Bruce Maselink, Tim Muelenberg, Edwin Schrier, and Richard Watson. The 1930-31 squad included Michael Hachadorian, Cameron Murdoch, captain, Maynard Schau, Ralph Schau, John Stroud, and Clark Breen. If this listing is in anyway found in

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## Leroy Hornbeck

# 50 Years Ago in Sports

To the Editor: I am glad to identify the men in the picture which appeared in the Homecoming Edition of the Kalamazoo College Index. This I am able to do with but one exception. I will also give you a brief review of the part they took in athletics at the College.

This picture was taken in the spring of 1896. In the back row, left to right: Anderson, Dodge, Gregg, who was physical director at the Y M C A, Ralph Boyden, and Charles McHarness. Middle row, left to right, Bert Stripp, Alfred C. Gilbert, William C. Stripp, George Strobe, unidentified, Charles Edbury. Front Row, left to right Enos A. DeWaters, Hilton D. Girdwood, Coe Hayne, and Leroy Hornbeck.

This picture represents only a cross section of those who participated in athletics during the years 1895-99, inclusive. Anderson, Gilbert, Girdwood, and Strobe were members of the relay team which won the intercollegiate championship three years in succession. Gilbert was a member of the team each year, and the third year the team consisted of Gilbert, Strobe, Dodge, and Arthur B. Tredway, who later gave the gymnasium. Gilbert Girdwood, and Strobe also participated in other running events. Boyden was a member of the football team in 1895. McHarness, as I recollect, participated in the hurdles. Wm. C. Stripp, always a courageous man, played left end on the football team. Bert Stripp started as a pitcher and ended up as a first-class catcher. DeWaters was a star shortstop on the baseball team and also managed the football teams until his graduation in 1899. I played end on the football team in 1895, '96, '97 and halfback in '98 and '99.

The picture shows only a small number of the athletics of those years and I will list some of the others who were members of the football team all or part of the time from 1895-'99, inclusive: John W. Hoag, halfback; Maurice G. Waterbury, quarterback until his gradua-



tion in '99; Ernest A. Wright, quarterback in '99; O. P. Lineau and Emery D. Bixby, centers; Frank Millar and Wilbur E. Post, tackles; Guy D. Smith, guard; Edward H. Woodhams, tackle and right end in '98; Ira R. Bullock, left tackle; Fred Bohnet, guard and Kinney now a resident of Texas, halfback.

I want also to name two outstanding pitchers on the Kalamazoo baseball team: Henry C. Calhoun and Guy Johnson. Also, Edward O'Brien a star baseball player and a member of Company C. Ed did not want to leave Kalamazoo College, but he went South with Company C and passed away while in service. I quote him, "I am going. I will not have anyone say that I am a slacker."

I want especially to say that we had one of the best coaches of the time, Charles C. Hall, who coached the football team during the three consecutive years it won the championship. He was devoted to the work and an inspiration to the members of the team. Charlie passed away a few months ago. He always looked back on those years with great pleasure, regarded highly the members of the teams and enjoyed a visit from them immensely, even during the period of his long illness.

I am informed that at the game

recently played between Kalamazoo College and Albion at Albion a circular was distributed which named some other teams as winners of the championship two of the three years that Kalamazoo won, 1897-1899, inclusive. This was an error. In 1897 Kalamazoo won easily, in fact, too easily. The scores ran 50-60 to 0 in favor of Kalamazoo.

In 1898 it was not so easy. Kalamazoo for the most part, won around 24-0, while Michigan State, then Michigan Agricultural College, teams were winning 50-60 to 0. Our last game was against Michigan State at Kalamazoo and 500 came from Lansing on a special train, including a band. Our coach had gone to see one of the Michigan State games and observed that most of the gains were made by George Wells, right half, around end. He was an all around athlete, both fast and strong. We were in high school together at Ithaca, Michigan. Hall moved Woodhams, then playing right end, to half back on defense to help smash the interference, and I was moved from halfback to end on defense to get Wells. The first play was Wells around right end. Michigan State defense was smashed and I got Wells for a loss of five yards. My recollection is that we won by the score of 16 to 0.

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# ALUMNI LETTERS



## oskar and his boss

To the Editor: The November issue of the Alumnus arrived today and as usual I read it from cover to cover. While reading the article on "Homecoming-Noteworthy Incidents," I noticed the "Oskar" and the paragraph explaining it. In it, you mentioned that "Oskar" first appeared in the College Index in the fall of 1941.

I beg to differ with you as to its first appearance in the Index. I'm not sure as to the exact date but "Oskar" was in the issues of the Index as early as February 1936, if not earlier. I have a group of them in my College scrapbook, and one is taken from the February 21, 1936 issue of the Index. If you will peruse through the 1935-36 and 1936-37 issues of the Index, I'm sure that you will find many Oskar columns which were a weekly feature on College affairs and gossip, written in the same style, and the identity of writer was unknown too. At the top of the column was a cartoon drawn by Robert Hotelling '38, illustrating "Oskar" at work.

Sophia Zmuda Bacon '37

## PAY YOUR DUES

Dear Kalumnut: St. Peter must have had the same feeling the Roman centurions had when the lions roamed the streets of Rome amid lightning flashes

I'm referring to happenings in heaven when a copy of the K-College Alumnus reached Celestial Regions and the hollow eyes of oskar (don't capitalize that!) limned a paragraph of Page 5, Nov. '46, issue.

To shed a bit of Lux Esto in a shamefully murky corner, a bit of assigned reading for the writer of the paragraph under discussion: Index, May 22, 1942; page 2.

No reading report will be asked for, but to make sure the errors are corrected, may I present a few facts? In the prescribed reading the guilty writer will find the only history of oskar and his boss I know to exist. And he will learn that the Todd family, once of Bangor, Mich., bears

the uncertain distinction of originating oskar. Denver Todd '36 started the column in his senior year, and Arlie Todd '37 kept it going the next year. I believe that Red Heeren's '38 was next on the list, but on his graduation, oskar had a snooze until Fall '41 with the exception of a couple of columns in '39 by the third Todd, Floyd '41.

At the suggestion of Doug Braham '42 that I write something for his volumn of the Index, I recalled this column which my sister had liked six years before, and the revival came out in '41-'42.

Would you be so good as to convey to Bill Burke '42 my sympathy at his being endowed with the creation of that ghastly column that gave Doug Braham more than his editorial due of gray hairs? I'm sure Bill has found the fatherhood of The Column, starring Murphy (capitalized), an event large enough to eclipse many college memories, and doubtless a matter that gives Bill an idea of how Faust felt. To do more for Bill is not only a shame but an act that may well bring out the SPCA.

Bob Barrows '42

*To the alumni, former students, of oskar (all lower case): To quote Dr. Simpson, "My head is bloody but unbowed!" Yes, I committed the gross sacrilege which appeared in the November 1946 issue of the Alumnus for in the dimly lit stacks of the sixth floor of Mandelle I was able to find nothing better than that Bill Burke might have had something to do with the origin of oskar.*

*I spent a lot of time hunting for that article which Mr. Barrows describes as describing oskar but my hunt was in vain. I didn't find it so I was tricked into printing the misinformation which I did. It was pure ignorance and faulty research but it had one gradififying returns PEOPLE DO READ THE ALUMNUS. The best way to find if your public is reading your product is to make a mistake. Letters have come in from numerous people interested*

*in oskar and the just deliverance of him from the hands into which his discovery was so rudely put.*

*The letters have been most welcome. Thank you.*

*The Editor*

## PAY YOUR DUES

### California

To the Editor: It may interest you to know that the U.S. Census shows 161,000 former residents of Michigan, now living in California. We have a well organized Michigan Society of California of which I am president. We aim to keep the old home ties alive while we help adjust the new ones to this land where the sunshine spends its winters and the mountains come down to the sea.

Floyd I. Beckwith '04

## PAY YOUR DUES

### The Jackson Clays

To the Editor: We came to Jackson in November 1940 and expect to stay here the rest of our days. My wife, Ruth Angell '23, is with the State Employment Service here in Jackson, and I am traffic manager for the Michigan State Prison Industries, with my office at the Prison here in Jackson.

I was very sorry to hear about the death of Bill Taylor. We just received a card from Glen Thompson '21. He and his family have retired to a small farm near Belding, Michigan. Perhaps we shall be able to come to Kalamazoo for a ball game next fall.

Ralph Clay '22

## PAY YOUR DUES

### Stanford Rooter

To the Editor: The Fred Pinkhams '41 came over for a few days at Christmas time. We took in the Stanford-Michigan basketball game. The losing Stanford team had at least one rooter, but Fred couldn't make them win alone. That's loyalty though—traveling this far east with the team.

Frank Howard '42, came over too. Those two ex-roommates had many

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## Arnold Mulder

# "SPEAKING OF BOOKS"—

Since 1947 is the centennial year commemorating the Dutch mass migrations to America, this is a good time to recall how the most famous book about Hollanders came into being. "The Rise of the Dutch Republic" is almost certainly the best known book in the world dealing with Dutch history. It is startling to learn that its author, John Lothrop Motley, had a hard time breaking into print with it.

It was just about a hundred years ago that Motley began work on his famous history. While he was not yet actually doing his research in 1847, the subject was beginning to boil over in his mind by that time. Few Americans in those days knew much about Holland or cared much about it. To most of them Holland was just one more small European nation that had gone through a good deal of stormy history. Motley's book made Holland news.

Motley was not a Hollander—he did not have so much as a single drop of Dutch blood in his veins. He was a New England Brahman with the very highest social and financial connections. His family had money, and so he could indulge himself in his hobbies. Eager for literary fame he had tried his hand at writing a couple of novels, but by the middle forties of the nineteenth century he had become convinced that he couldn't write a novel.

So he turned to history, a form of writing that at that time was a-



Arnold Mulder

about as popular as fiction. Unfortunately for him there was no interest in the subject of Holland; the chances were that publishers would think twice before they would decide to publish such a book. But in his desultory reading Motley had become obsessed with the fact that Holland's battle for liberty under William the Silent was a part of a broader struggle and that it was tied up with America's fight for independence.

He expresses it this way: "The maintenance of the right by the little provinces of Holland and Zeeland in the sixteenth, by Holland and England united in the seventeenth, and by the United States of America in the eighteenth centuries, forms a single chapter in the great volume of human fate; for the so called revolutions of Holland, England, and America are links in one chain."

So he wrote his great two-volume history of Holland's part in that u-

niversal battle for human freedom. It took him seven or eight years to do so. He had to teach himself Dutch so that he could read the source books out of which his material came, and he spent several years in the Netherlands doing his research.

By 1854 the manuscript was completed. The noble story of William the Silent from the abdication of Charles V to the assassination of the Prince of Orange was finished. The period covered is only 29 years, but the implications of the story are such that all the revolutions of peoples battling for freedom are involved in it. It was a great history, in spite of certain faults; and better yet, it was, and remains, a great work of art.

But the world cared little about Holland, and so Motley had a hard time getting his book published. He took it to London and offered it to England's most famous publisher. That firm rejected it. Then he took it to an American publisher who had connections with the London firm. The two of them finally agreed, with great reluctance, to print the book—but it had to be at Motley's own expense; the risk seemed too great to them.

They made plans for only a very small edition. Within a year after publication in 1856 it had become one of the biggest sellers in the field of history. And it has held its own for nearly a century.

### Basketball

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accurate it would be appreciated greatly if the interested persons would contact the editor of the *Alumnus*.

—K—

Elaine Hendershot, a freshman student, was chosen as the Spirit of Christmas for the annual Christmas carol service which was held in Stetson Chapel December 14. Joyce Greene Rabbers of Kalamazoo served as reader.

### Teachers Needed?

Do you have a teaching position open or room for a new administrator? If so, contact Mrs. Mary M. Warner, director of teacher placement, at Kalamazoo College.

### Clarence Taube

Clarence Taube '34 recently authored an article on the oppo-sit in "Outdoor Life" magazine. He now lives in Ann Arbor where he is associated with the Institute for Fisheries Research at the University of Michigan.

### COMMON GROUND HAS SEIFERT STORY

Mary Seifert, wife of former professor Howard Seifer, was the author of a story, "Faces in the Sun," which appeared in September 1946 issue of *Common Ground*. The Seiferts now live in Pasadena, California.

### PAY YOUR DUES

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Helmer '42 (Alice Cooley '43) are now living in Denver with their two children where Jim is director of training for the Veterans Administration.



Bernard Willage ex '34 and Miss Phyllis Ornstein were married January 12 in the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York.

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Dorothy DeSmit Schau '37 and Harry E. Morse were married in Chevy Chase, Maryland, October 11.

—K—

Louis W. Sutherland, Jr., ex '40 and Miss Mary Eaton were married November 23 in Kalamazoo.

—K—

N. Baird McLain '43 and Miss Barbara Williams were married November 30 in the First Presbyterian Church, Evanston, Illinois.

—K—

John E. Sarno ex '44 and Miss Marguerite DiGiancomo were married October 13 in All Saint's Church, Briarcliff, New York.

—K—

John Pendergrass '45 and Janet Hall '45 were married November 28 in St. Luke's Episcopal Church, Kalamazoo.

—K—

Mary Pratt '46 and Harold A. Nash were married November 10 in Stetson Chapel.

—K—

Marion Stutes '46 and Miss Leora Moore were married January 1 in the First Methodist Church, Ionia, Mich.

—K—

Alice Bell '47 and Douglas Brown were married December 21 in Stetson Chapel.

—K—

Jean Armintrout '48 and Leon Koopsen '50 were married November 23 in Stetson Chapel.

—K—

The engagement of Thomas Froom '48 and Miss Barbara Glendenning was announced recently.

—K—

Warren W. Johnson '48 and Miss Marjorie Benjamin were married November 24 in New Rochelle, New York.

—K—

George Sterling '48 and Martha Eby ex '49 were married November 10 in Kansas City, Missouri.

Robert Bohner '50 and Miss Margaret Grathwohl were married November 27 in St. Mary Church, Niles, Michigan.

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Margaret Ralph '50 and James Blease '50 were married November 27 in the Stockbridge Methodist Church, Kalamazoo.

—K—

Harold Burt '43 and Miss Patricia Lake were married December 8 in Kalamazoo.



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Vogan (Freida Op't-Holt '36) announce the birth of a son November 25 in St. Joseph Hospital, Ann Arbor.

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Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Hurless (Virginia Dodds ex '36) announce the birth of a son, Michael, July 10 in Milwaukee.

—K—

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Cooper (Charlotte Bacon '30) announce the birth of a son October 24 in Borgess Hospital.

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Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Dryer (Wanda Luikens '33) announce the birth of a son, Shawn Peter, November 3 in Mercy Hospital, Manistee, Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. William Rapley '32 announce the birth of a son, William Henry, October 20 in Washington, D. C.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Reed '39 (Elinor Rapley '35) announce the birth of a daughter November 11 in Bronson Hospital.

—K—

Mr. and Mrs. W. Harry Rapley '38 (Jane Meyer '37) announce the birth of a son December 5 in Bronson Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Nelson '49 announce the birth of a daughter November 27 in Bronson Hospital.

—K—

Dr. and Mrs. J. P. Lambooy '37 (Irene Slattery '42) announce the birth of a son November 22 in Strong Memorial Hospital, Rochester, New York.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Lindsay (Harriett Plasterer '36) announce the birth of a daughter, Joyce, November 10 in Hollywood, California.

—K—

Mr. and Mrs. Oren Presley '40 announce the birth of a son, Mark, October 24 in Valley Stream, New York.

—K—

Rev. and Mrs. Walter Yoder '44 announce the birth of a daughter, Colleen, September 8 in Chicago.

—K—

Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Bohls ex '49 announce the birth of a daughter, Andrea Lee, in Butterworth Hospital, Grand Rapids, November 29.

### Notice

News notes were sent to all alumni and former students of Kalamazoo College the first of the year. They are most important to the well being of this magazine and it is sincerely hoped that everyone will return this slip soon. If you failed to return it with your ballot slip it in an envelope now with a bit of information about yourself.

Along with this it would be appreciated if the Alumnus would be added to your mailing list when you tell people about your engagement, your marriage, or your new son or daughter. We want to know so that we can tell everyone.

Clippings come to us constantly from various clipping bureaus throughout the country but they don't and can't cover everything of interest to Kalamazoo College. If you see your Alma Mater mentioned in a story clip it out and send it to the editor. Constitute yourself as an individual clipping service. If someone in your town does something and you know this person to have been affiliated with the college at one time let us know, too. Don't be bashful, if something about yourself appears in the local paper send us the clipping for our files.

Your aid will aid us in aiding you to get more and better news of long lost friends.

The Editor

### James Blackman

Dr. James Blackman '27 recently gained considerable attention for the performance of a rare heart operation. As a chest specialist he served in the army during the war and is now in private practice in Seattle, Washington.

## Turkish Schools

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no knowledge of English so that we may give them a strong foundation for their further work, unhampered by the type of errors commonly picked up in learning a foreign language through extensive use of translation.

These beginners are given an intensive course in English their first year with us, and the best students then make the jump into the regular classes of the Academy, College or Engineering School, whichever the case may be, where at least half of all their work is taught in English. In teaching this beginning work, as well as in all their other English work, no Turkish is used at all. It may sound difficult, but it gets results. The two higher beginners classes finish up their year's work with "The Good Earth." The average and poor students take a second introductory year.

Of course, these introductory years devoted principally to English mean virtually a year away from the rest of their work, while certain courses are required by Turkish law. To meet these requirements, the students carry a much heavier load than we are accustomed to here. Twenty-five periods a week is the average, and thirty periods is not uncommon. Does this mean that Turkish students are unusually studious? Not necessarily. An average student there would fit into the work here and do about as well. Mention of the latest movie (from Hollywood) or hot tune is as sure-fire a topic of conversation as it would be in this country, and comic books can be found in most of the younger boys' lockers. Their love of sports is keen, and Robert College has done much to introduce American Sports to Turkey: especially basketball and track.

Several people have asked me about conditions in Turkey, and I must admit with the impatience of youth that things seem quite backward. However, if one can picture things as they were thirty years ago, Turkey has made vast strides forward. A lot has been done to increase the literacy and educational standards of the country. Just re-

cently a change was made in army requirements which indicates that progress is being made. Previously all *lise* graduates were automatically sent to officers' training school. Since the new change, this no longer holds true. Another example, which even more strikingly points out changes that have occurred, is an experience we had this summer. Mary and I and a close friend of ours took an eleven day trip on the Black Sea. At Trabzon we visited a student of ours, a lad right out of "Tom Sawyer." Two attractive sisters considerably older than he, were our hostesses. The ease and finesse with which they kept the conversation going despite the language barrier—neither spoke English and our Turkish was very poor—was amazing. The fact that we were foreign guests just come unexpectedly from Istanbul and that we were teachers (teachers are highly respected in Turkey; much more so than in America, I would say) put a lot of pressure on them, yet they handled the situation masterfully. I have seen few American girls who would have done so well. This would have been impossible twenty years ago. We would never have seen them even. This change was brought out even more strikingly: it wasn't until we called again on our way back that we met the mother just briefly; we took her for a servant until we were introduced.

Similar progress is being made in the rest of the Middle East, and in many cases it is graduates of these schools who are leading the way.

## NEWS SHORTS

On January 1 Donald J. King '31 left on an 8,000 mile trail-blazing trip from the United States to Tokio, Shanghai, and Manila. Vice-president of Northwest Airlines, King is pioneering a run which his company will put into use about February 1.

Louise Dilley ex '32 is now in Los Angeles taking a course in photography. She was discharged from the SPAR last summer and has been staying in Lacota, Michigan.

Katharin denBleyker '35 is now studying in the graduate school of the University of Chicago following

## RELIGIOUS WEEK

### MARCH 10-13

#### GENE BARTLETT WILL SPEAK IN CHAPEL

Kalamazoo College students and faculty will observe the fifth anniversary of Religious Emphasis Week March 10 to 13. The program this year is under the direction of the Reverend Roland Pickhardt, campus pastor.

During the first four days of the week hour long chapel sessions will be held with the Reverend Gene E. Bartlett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Columbia, Missouri, the main speaker. Mr. Bartlett filled a similar position last year.

The theme for the week will be "Thinking of the Thought Divine." Daily themes will be: Monday, "Toward a Personal Faith," Tuesday, "Toward Better Family Relationships," Wednesday, "Toward Ethical Responsibility," and Thursday, "Toward a World Community."

Assisting Mr. Bartlett during the week long program will be the Reverend Val Wilson, director of student work for the West Virginia Baptist Convention. Also Miss Marie Shaver, an associate director of the American Youth Foundation at St. Louis, will be present. Along with Mr. Bartlett, these two other persons will lead discussion groups at various times and will be available during the week for private consultation of individual students.

her discharge from the Red Cross.

Ethel Cronkite '20 has moved to Nashville, Tennessee, where she will teach in the National Baptist Missionary Training School, a college for Negro girls.

Ralph M. Ralston '16 was recently the recipient of the Rotary Club's Red Rose citation for outstanding community service.

Ina Warren Welmers '33 has been appointed an instructor in mathematics at the University of Buffalo for the coming school year.

Patricia Wilson '45 spent most of the month of January in Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo.



## ALUMNI CLUBS



### SOUTH BEND

The South Bend Alumni club will hold a meeting February 7 in the Hoffman Hotel in South Bend.

### BOSTON

The first meeting of the Boston Alumni Club of Kalamazoo College was held Sunday afternoon and evening, January 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Staake '21 (Marion Hoek '21) in Wellesley Hills, Massachusetts. Mrs. Jeriene Ward McKee '35 served as general chairman for the party.

Following a tea, which was attended by 23 alumni and former students of the college, an election of officers was held. Ralph W. McKee '34 was named president for the coming year and Staake was picked as secretary. It was also planned that meetings would in the future be held four times each year.

Belle Richards Bunker '87 was the oldest class representative attending and the youngest was Phyllis Ralston '46. Others at the meeting were Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Bradford '31 (Winifred DeYoung '31), the Reverend and Mrs. Hartley Grandin '23, Charlotte MacEwan '19, the Reverend and Mrs. Frederick Groetsema '31, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Speyer '39, John Montgomery '41, Elizabeth Tuller '40, Anne Kirby Steele '32, Mrs. Fay Luder, Dr. and Mrs. Edward Hinckley, and Dr. and Mrs. Albert Hodgman.

### FLINT

On Wednesday, January 8, the Flint Alumni Club held a meeting at the First Baptist Church. Sophia Zmuda Bacon '37, president of the club, presided. Those in attendance were: Mr. and Mrs. Enos A. DeWaters '99 (Sarah Allis '00), Philip Vercoe '24, Lillian Weller '26, Dorothy Henshaw Bowersox '27, Martha Matson Tallberg ex '46, Barbara Ferris '45, Peg Stone ex '44, Rachel Crick Blue ex '46, and Everett R. Hames, alumni secretary.

Miss Ferris was elected secretary of the club to replace Mrs. Tallberg, who is leaving Flint. Pictures of the homecoming football game were shown by Mr. Hames and records made of the dedicatory service were also played.

Mr. and Mrs. DeWaters extended an invitation to hold the club's annual spring meeting at their home in April.

### DETROIT

A tea was held in Detroit January 11 at the Women's City Club for alumni women of Kalamazoo College. General chairman for the event was Elinore Hoven '41. Louise Every Crothers '22 and Evelyn Glass Kurtz '40 poured. It is planned that a similar event will take place in the near future.

Those attending were Lourine Polasky ex '17, Elva Stinson Greer '29, Charlene Ransom Quick ex '27, Mary Howlett Barrett ex '23, Nellie Jacobs Thompson '22, Ruth M. Smith '12, Lou Arthur Piper '14, Carol Summers '39, Harriette Barton Connolly ex '37, Marilyn Barton Wilhelm ex '39, Elizabeth DeYoe Palmer '04, Dorothy Simpson Palmer '36, Barbara Gleason Somers ex '40, Ruth Huizinga Webb '34, Marian Randall Fullenwider '37, Mary Lou Gullberg '46, Arlene Black Bates '28, Charlotte Wenzel Sadler '18, Betty Wykkel Johns '29, Martha Smith ex '47, Charlotte Pinckney Smith '20, Charlotte Thompson Shaw '32, Dorothy Sack '46, Pauline Redman '35, Joyce Williams Wiese ex '45, Zelma Simpson Knight ex '25, Margie Kiefer '45, Marjorie Moore, Florence Cressina MacGregor, and Mary Margaret Burnham.

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Following the Kalamazoo College-University of Detroit Basketball game December 14, alumni, board members, and associates gathered at the Normandie Restaurant in Detroit for a smoker. Following a buffet lunch movies were shown of the Albion College football game with a commentary by Coach Robert

Nulf. David Kurtz, president of the Detroit Alumni Club, was in charge of arrangements and a good representation was there from both Detroit and Kalamazoo.

### NEW YORK

President Paul Lamont Thompson was honor guest at a meeting of the New York Alumni Club, January 17 at the Hotel Holley. Following dinner an election of officers was held and Dr. Thompson reported on the college and held an informal discussion.

New officers of the group are Donald Tourtellotte '28, president; Charles Bock '29, vice-president; Yeteve Rogers Falk '34, secretary; and Charles Krill ex '39, treasurer. Others attending the meeting were Dr. and Mrs. M. Forest Ashbrook '40, Dr. J. H. Coleman '22 Roberta Williams Conrad '13, Cleora Gagnier '39, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lundy ex '24, Dr. C. Fulton Oursler '46, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Shackleton ex '14.

### CHICAGO

A smoker was planned for alumni of the Chicago area following the Kalamazoo College-DePaul basketball game but due to late hour at which the game ended this part of the program had to be cancelled. However, a great many alumni from Chicago area did attend the game and Doug Braham, Chuck Venema, and Ernie Casler journeyed from Kalamazoo to meet many friends at the game.

#### Executive Committee

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be a new cover design.

A report was made on club activities during the fall and early winter. Plans for the heavy schedule of club activities for the balance of this college year were discussed. New clubs at Ann Arbor and South Bend are in the process of organization. The Boston Club has completed its organization recently.

### PAY YOUR DUES

## Alumni Letters

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dirty deeds to talk over.

Later the Pinkhams, Vander-Roests '41, and Yehles left their heirs with Grandmas, and had dinner at the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit. Afterwards we watched Blackstone, the magician, and jointly solved every mystification except the "floating lady." Any alumnus figure that one out?

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Yehle '41  
(Mildred Hoff '43)

### Biography

To the Editor: I have just written a history of my mother's life for my nieces and nephews. My brother, Winthrop, suggested that you might be interested in adding it to the historical files of the college.

While my mother was not a student at the college, many members of the family were. Her grandfather and great grandfather, William and Delamore Duncan, were both early trustees of the college. Both her husband, Grant Hudson '94, and her brother, Frank D.

## Hornbeck

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In 1899 the Kalamazoo team very nearly lost two of its games. Kalamazoo had played Ann Arbor one Saturday and the next Saturday played at Olivet. Some of the members of our team had not fully recovered from the effects of the game against the University of Michigan. Olivet was ahead 12 to 11 with 2½ minutes to play and the ball in the center of the field. Coach Hall told Wright to "Give Hornbeck the ball everytime, and give him what he wants." I chose going through the line. There were no signals and Bixby passed the ball immediately. Do not get the idea that this was a one-man team. Every member of the team pitched in and played as though his life depended on it. There was little left of the

Gilchrist '01, were graduates as, well as four of her children, Helen '18, Richard '18, Ruth '21, Winthrop '33. Arthur '33 and Herbert '34 Gilchrist were also grandsons of Delamore Duncan.

Helen Hudson '18

Olivet team when I crossed the line on the 11th down for the winning score.

Our last game in 1899 was against Albion at Kalamazoo. Albion had a strong team and was ahead with the ball on our 20-yard line with about two minutes to play.

After a series of plays I scored and that touchdown gave Kalamazoo the winning score and won the cup three years in succession.

I have always been glad that I chose Kalamazoo College. I appreciated Dr. Slocum, "Tuffy" Williams, Dr. Reid, all the other members of the faculty, and the instruction I received.

They were all certainly a fine bunch. Leroy Hornbeck '00

*Editor's Note: A letter concerning this picture was also received from Enos A. DeWaters '99, who Mr. Hornbeck mentions as being a prominent athlete at the time. Such letters are greatly appreciated for it gives us a chance to bring up to date historical data which in a few years would be of negligible value for lack of proper identifications.*

## Letters to Alumni

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Whitman College. VADA BENNETT and her love for tamales—those were good times we had together in Stockbridge, weren't they?

Our family, what a flood of memories crowds in: ART HEMING, who introduced us all to a unique variety of necturus, the Zippered Mudpuppy; The HOWLETT pranksters who served the girls at Trowbridge those expertly selected cuts of pickled dogfish steaks and fins; that famous foursome—DONALD DUCK DAVIDSON, ARTHUR FOO WHITELEY, ROBERT PESKY HEERENS and BILL SOREBACK BURT—who kept the fires burning at Trowbridge and helped wait on table and shoveled snow and put their willing shoulders to any task the College Family proclaimed needed skillful attention!! Surely, those were and *are* the glorious days of youth when work—and a lot of it—can be happily and profitably linked with play!

And to think my first Sunday in town I needed MILDRED TANIS' graciousness and her model-T Ford and Kalamazoo's celery beds and Dr. Dunning's sermon, entitled "Painting Sunsets on the Morning Skies", to snap me out of my young smugness of 1923 so that through these many crowded years no preoccupation has ever again permitted me to forfeit in any measure one of the greatest blessings that life affords—the trustful company of perennial Youth. Yes, it is true that upon entering this fine fellowship which *is* Kalamazoo

Learning." The old "Spirit of the institution" transcends its form. Success wears many garbs. The pride I may feel in the administrative achievement of a Ted Thomas or a Henry Weyland is not a whit stronger than that with which I view the splendid teaching accomplishments of a beginner like Evelyn Burns (The first recipient of the Christina Munroe Fund); or of Margaret Blymeyer Timmer a teacher-principal of distinction; or of Mary Jane Ross who, more than any one other person, has helped our students to achieve success in their directed teaching. I am thinking of the many others who have given distinction to Kalamazoo College through their lives and the work for which they were peculiarly fitted, and I am glad that there are so many patterns of success.

Why is the train so slow? Those messages which I had to leave on my desk are filled with news of your plans, your ambitions, your accomplishments. My thesis is substantiated. This adventure has helped me to celebrate my twentieth year at Kalamazoo College. I am looking forward to the next one.

Affectionately,  
Mary M. Warner

College, no one need shiver or feel lonely, abandoned, ignored, left out in the cold; one does discover an oasis.

Good luck and best wishes to you all,  
Frances Diebold

**?? DO YOU KNOW ??**

Who are planning honeymoons soon?

What hands are rocking the cradle?

What books Dr. Mulder is talking about?

Who's new in the news?

*Send in your dues and get the  
Alumnus*

Then

**!! YOU WILL KNOW !!**