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Dr. John W. Hornbeck

Dr. John Welsey Hornbeck, professor of physics at Kalamazoo College since 1925, died in Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, Tuesday, Feb. 27. He had been admitted to the hospital on Feb. 21.

His death came as a shock to the college and the community. Dr. Hornbeck's close friends knew that he had not been in good health for many years, but he carried on his class work and conducted his personal affairs in his usual careful, thorough, and stimulating manner. He met with his classes until a week before his death.

As is reported on page 4, Dr. Hornbeck received the Oersted Medal at the Feb. 2 joint meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Physical Society. This recognition from his colleagues was of national and international significance.

The cover picture on this issue of the ALUMNUS was prepared early in February as a salute to Dr. Hornbeck in connection with his having received this Medal for distinguished service in the teaching of physics. The picture is now dedicated to his memory.

"Kalamazoo College has sustained a major loss in the death of Dr. John W. Hornbeck, professor of physics," states Dr. John Scott Everton, president. "The College takes great pride in the enviable reputation Dr. Hornbeck established here as a scholar and a teacher. We remember with gratitude the recognition which came to him so recently in the award of the Oersted Medal. The memory of his life will be a constant source of inspiration and strength to all who knew him.

"The real heart of any college is in great teachers, and Dr. Hornbeck ably exemplified the ideal of teacher and friend to many generations of students. The John Wesley Hornbeck Scholarship Fund which is being established for graduate and undergraduate students in the field of physics is an appropriate memorial to the outstanding work of Dr. Hornbeck through more than a

quarter of a century at Kalamazoo College."

Memorial services were held in the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo, March 1. Dr. Charles K. Johnson '32 was in charge of the service. He was assisted by the Reverend Elvin Olson, Dr. William Keith, and Dr. T. Thomas Wylie. Remarks were made by President Everton, and Dr. Paul Austin Wolfe, minister of the Brick Presbyterian Church, New York City, brother-in-law of Dr. Hornbeck. Surviving members of the family are: his wife, Frances; two daughters, Mrs. Harvey J. Lhost, Appleton, Wisconsin; and Mrs. Wilson P. Tanner, Jr., Ann Arbor; and one son, John Austin Hornbeck, New Providence, N. J., and six grand children; two in each family of Dr. Hornbeck's three children.

Religious Emphasis Week Program Listed

Religious Emphasis Week will be held March 5 to 8, it is announced by the Reverend Roland C. Pickhardt, director of Stetson Chapel, and general chairman for Religious Emphasis Week.

Convocation Pictures

Pictures of the Kalamazoo College Convocation, on "Education For a Free Society," Jan. 8 to 13, will be found in the center pages of this issue.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Lessingstrasse 6
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Germany U. S. Zone
December 21, 1950

Dear Editor,

Since I so enjoy reading in the **Alumnus** what my alumni friends from K College are now doing, I would also like to pass on some information about my activities. I graduated from Wayne University in June of this year and in September I sailed on the S. S. Nieuw Amsterdam with two of my friends for Germany. Since we arrived here, we have traveled a great deal through the western zone of Germany and our travels have also taken us through parts of Switzerland and Austria. When we are not traveling,

we stay with relatives of mine here in Germany. We intend to sail for home on the 23rd of February on the Queen Elizabeth, leaving Germany in time to be able to visit Paris and London before sailing time. I feel very fortunate in having had this opportunity to see something of the world and it is an experience what I shall never forget.

My parents have forwarded the last few issues of the **Alumnus** to me and I have certainly enjoyed reading them. When I return home in March, I shall send in my subscription fee, in order to be able to continue to receive the **Alumnus**.

Best regards to K College.

Sincerely yours,
Irmgard Kretzing ex'50

In a recent letter to Mrs. H. Clair Jackson, Kalamazoo, Elizabeth E. Hay '14, principal of the Normal Training School at Nowgong, Assam, India, tells of some of her recent experiences:

"You asked about the earth-quake. It was terrific even here. An English nurse was here. She and my little national teacher and I ran out together. The earth moved like a bucking bronco, mostly up and down, but also rolled and twisted. We semi-cried and called on God to please stop it. We were afraid the earth would split as it did so many places even 3/4 mile from here and all over Assam. It seems that the whole half of a mountain range loosened and slid down on to the plains. Whole forests of big trees came down the Brahmaputra river.

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Development Program For K College is Announced

By Dr. Maynard O. Williams '10, National Chairman

The Board of Trustees of Kalamazoo College has undertaken an eight year development program designed to finance the principal needs of the institution. The project, scheduled for completion in 1958, is called the 125th Anniversary Development Program.

President John Scott Everton announced the launching of the program at a dinner on February 14, attended by representative residents of Kalamazoo and vicinity. He said, in part:—

"There is no more important investment in a free society than the investment we make in our privately supported liberal arts colleges.

"Kalamazoo College has a long record of distinguished service in higher education. The further enhancement of that record depends upon the continuing support of loyal and devoted alumni and friends of the college. We anticipate with confident expectation the successful completion of the current phase of our program looking toward our 125th anniversary."

Much sound thinking and planning have been done in selecting the needs which most deserve financing. The principal objectives of the 125th Anniversary Program, expected to cost some three million dollars, are:

1. Replacement in the permanent endowment fund of monies used to build Harmon Hall in the post-war emergency — \$300,000.
2. New wing on R. E. Olds Science Hall, and equipment for it—\$220,000, in addition to \$80,000 willed by Mr. Olds.
3. Endowment for maintenance of Science Hall — \$55,000.
4. Modernizing furnishings of Mary Trowbridge House — \$25,000.
5. Instructional budget improvement, scholarships, and library books — \$90,000.
6. Reconditioning of Bowen Hall.
7. New Fine Arts Building.
8. Additional residence space for women students.
9. Endowment of three professorships, library resources, scholarships, and maintenance.
10. Enlargement of Tredway Gymnasium.
11. Improvement of facilities at Angell field.

The first step in the Anniversary Program, already under way, consists of a campaign for \$750,000 to be raised in 1951, by alumni, parents, faculty and friends of Kalamazoo College. The \$750,000 is expected to finance the first five items listed above, plus the 1951 Annual Fund.

The costs of these are, recapitulated:

Item 1.....	\$300,000
Item 2.....	220,000
Item 3.....	55,000
Item 4.....	25,000
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Total capital funds	\$600,000
Item 5.....	90,000
1951 Annual Fund	60,000
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Total expendable funds	150,000
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	\$750,000

Pride in Kalamazoo College

We all know, but need to appreciate more keenly, perhaps, that the present College is the heir to a creditable past and is ambitious to serve in the future. It faces the future with the confidence given by its high standing in scholastic circles. Its graduates have achieved high success in the best graduate schools in the country. Amid the oaks of its beautiful campus it has enriched the lives of an ever-widening circle of students.

Kalamazoo College has justified the faith of its founders and is determined to advance in pace with the times. It is resolved to maintain leadership among liberal arts colleges. It knows that the Kalamazoo Family expects it.

A Distinctive College

You can be proud that you are interested in Kalamazoo College. It pioneered higher education in Michigan. It is known for its high academic standards, its thoroughness, its breadth of vision, its emphasis on culture, religious training, moral principles, sense of honor, and its emphasis on the Christian way of life. One of its most important aims is

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KALAMAZOO AREA LEADERS CONFER



In Conference in Welles Hall, are pictured leaders for the Development Program Campaign in Kalamazoo. From left to right: Dwight L. Stocker, general chairman, Kalamazoo area; Samuel H. Rickard, vice president; Dr. Richard U. Light, vice chairman, Kalamazoo area; Ralph M. Ralston '16, chairman, Leadership Gifts Committee; and Cameron L. Davis ex'23, vice chairman, Kalamazoo area.

Dean's List Published

Kalamazoo College has inaugurated a Dean's List, to give recognition of superior scholarship, it is announced by Dr. John Scott Everton, president of the college. The list is to be issued each semester.

On the basis of work done during the past semester, the following list is released by the Dean of Students, Mr. Everett R. Shober, and the Dean of Women, Mrs. Louise S. Cassady—from Kalamazoo: Seniors, Richard Dam, Alice Koning, Marvin Mertz, Melvin Reed, and Glenn Werner; Juniors, James Miyagawa; Sophomores, Donald Ball and Carolyn McLaughlin; and Freshmen, Louis Brake-man, Jr., Elizabeth Brenner, Richard Crawford, and Fred Sauer.

Other students named include: Seniors, Robert Hopkins, Parchment; James Corfield, Grosse

Dr. John W. Hornbeck Receives High Honors From Physicists

Pointe; Bettye Field, Dickson, Tenn.; William Ives, Birmingham; Helen Keating, Chicago; Richard Draper, Detroit; Louise Lacey, Canton, Ill.; John Leddy, New York City; Wayne Magee, Big Rapids; Phyllis Millspaugh, Brooklyn, N. Y.; and Richard Ralph, Grosse Pointe; Juniors, Donald Horning, Edwardsburg; Joan McGeechey, Lapeer; and Fred Smith, Albuquerque, N. M.; Sophomores, Marilyn Jager, Grand Rapids; and Clyde McIntyre, Joliet, Ill.; Freshmen, Marilyn Aust, Elmhurst, Ill.; Herbert Grench, Brookfield, Ill.; Jean Hathaway, Mansfield, Ohio; William Rogers, Scotia, N. Y.; and Ted Tiffany, Pontiac.

Dr. John W. Hornbeck, professor of physics and head of the department since 1925, was honored at the meeting of the American Association of Physics Teachers and the American Physical Society, at Columbia University, Feb. 1, 2, and 3, when he was awarded the Oersted Medal at the joint meeting of the two organizations on Feb. 2.

Described as the "highest honor in the field of teaching of physics," the award was the 14th annual presentation of the medal. Previous award winners include such men as R. A. Milliken, G. W. Stewart, and Arnold Sommerfeld, the celebrated professor of physics at the University of Munich, Germany.

In the 26 years Dr. Hornbeck has been teaching physics at K College he has built his department into one of the recognized training centers for future physicists. He and his colleagues in the science department have secured for Kalamazoo College national recognition in the field of science, and have been responsible for the fact that Kalamazoo College was ranked fourth in the nation in the production of successful Ph.D. candidates in science per 1,000 students.

Congratulatory messages to Dr. Hornbeck included a telegram from members of the faculty of K College sent to him at the New York meeting. Dr. Everton pointed out that the award to Dr. Hornbeck "serves to emphasize the tradition of good teaching in Kalamazoo College and will be an inspiration to all of us."

son, president of General Motors.

Summarizing impressions of the week, the MICHIGAN BAPTIST said, "As an event carried through to a tremendous climax, the Kalamazoo College Convocation might well have said of it adjectives such as 'colossal, stupendous, unequaled in the history of small colleges'... Vitality and vision were demonstrated at Kalamazoo College during the week of Jan. 8 to 13."

Kalamazoo College Convocation Presents Successful Program

The Kalamazoo College Convocation of Jan. 8 to 13 on the topic, "Education For a Free Society," surpassed the hopeful expectations of the many persons engaged in preparation for it. Capacity audiences were the mark of the week, and expressions of pleasure and appreciation were many.

The speakers, of national and international fame, brought important messages to the audiences of the week; but they contributed more than that to the success of the Convocation. Highlight of the week, to many students, was the fact that the speakers attended the coffee hours in Welles Hall to converse with the students, and most of them took part in the panel discussions in Stetson Chapel.

Student participation in the Convocation, and student discussion with the personages on campus, was direct and stimulating.

The Convocation opened Monday, Jan. 8, with an address by Christopher Mayhew, who flew from London to deliver the British

viewpoint on international affairs. Senator Homer Ferguson of Michigan followed on Wednesday to discuss national affairs and to give his viewpoint on international affairs. Dr. Althea K. Hottel, president of the American Association of University Women, spoke of "Our Heritage," Thursday afternoon, and Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, president of Johns Hopkins University, spoke on the topic of Science, Thursday night.

Canon Bernard Iddings Bell, speaking on Religion, Friday, and Professor Charles A. Siepmann, speaking on the Fine Arts, Saturday, concluded the public addresses. At the presentation of alumni citations, Saturday, Dr. Willis Dunbar gave the opening address of the afternoon when he described the contributions of Kalamazoo College to a free society.

Concluding event of the week was the invitational banquet in Welles Hall for leaders of industry in Southwestern Michigan to hear an address by Charles E. Wil-

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To the alumni of Kalamazoo College,

The January Convocation was, without question, one of the most outstanding events held at Kalamazoo College within recent years. The response from alumni and friends to the addresses and special events was especially fine, and several thousand people participated in this program during the course of the week. There were many alumni and friends of the college who shared very actively in the planning with students and faculty, and we are very grateful to all those who gave of their time and effort to make the Convocation possible. Special mention should be made of Dr. Richard U. Light, general chairman of the Convocation, who gave so unstintingly of his time and effort in its behalf.

Dr. Loy Norrix, superintendent of the public schools in Kalamazoo, in commenting on the program, stated, "I consider this program as one of the outstanding educational programs that has been brought to Kalamazoo throughout its history." Christopher Mayhew, former under-secretary of the British Foreign Office, who spoke in place of Sir Gladwyn Jebb, stated that "British views about American college life (not always based on first hand evidence) are mixed; and I shall enjoy telling my friends about the reassuring picture presented by vitality and serious purpose that I found at Kalamazoo College." Florence Winslow '06, recipient of one of the alumni citations, stated that "it was a wonderful experience that Kalamazoo College provided not only for the alumni but for the community, and I am sure that all who attended the many meetings were as thrilled as I was." Charles J. Manby of Battle Creek, father of James '46, stated that "the week devoted to the discussion of the important phases of influence which go into the making of the free society was an outstanding service by Kalamazoo College to the community of Southwestern Michigan. It greatly helped to coordinate and

crystalize sporadic thinking." I quote from these alumni and friends of the college simply to share with you their feeling concerning the Convocation.

In this issue of the *Alumnus*, we are printing in full the address of Charles A. Siepmann on "The Arts and Education for a Free Society." Many have expressed a desire to have the addresses of the Convocation in permanent form. If you would like to see the other addresses



JOHN SCOTT EVERTON

published in subsequent issues of the *Alumnus*, we would appreciate it if you would write to the editor, indicating your interest in them. We have published the Siepmann address because there were many who particularly wanted a permanent record of it.

Many people have raised the question as to whether a similar Convocation will be planned in the future. While it might not be possible for us to have such an extensive program as this year, we are certainly open to suggestions concerning possible future programs comparable to the one which we have just had, as a major educational service to our wider constituency. The Convocation served its purpose of not only clarifying the problems of education for a free society, but of centering attention on the important role of our liberal arts colleges

and, specifically, Kalamazoo College in educating for a free society.

Now as we enter upon the next phase of our development program and seek to undergird financially the work of our college, we hope that there will be an equal measure of response on the part of both alumni and friends, so that when the 1951 phase of this larger program is complete, we may be able to see the realization of the \$750,000 objective for the further improvement of the life of our college.

Two events of major importance of the second semester will be the Bach Festival on Friday and Saturday, March 2 and 3; and Religious Emphasis Week from March 5 through March 8, with Dr. Harold Bosley, minister of the First Methodist Church of Evanston, Ill., and formerly Dean of the Duke University Divinity School; and Grace Sloan Overton, a foremost lecturer and counsellor on marriage and family. The Bach Festival is now a well-established program and has a wide measure of support from Kalamazoo. The Religious Emphasis Week serves to underline the importance of religion on the campus, and we are particularly fortunate in the leadership secured for this year. Both of these events will serve Kalamazoo College, but their influence will extend also to the wider community.

There are many ways in which the current world crisis is making itself felt on our college campuses, and I wish that there were space here to report to you fully on this. May I simply say that we are making every effort to conserve the values of our program in spite of the necessary adjustments which we shall have to make in order to meet the present emergency.

John Scott Everton

Article to Appear

William Burke '42, instructor in English, will have an article in the Spring issue of *SOUTHWEST REVIEW*. The article, based on literary research, is entitled, "The Poet-Philosopher and the Hermit-Philosopher."

NATIONAL LEADERS



DR. ENOS A. DeWATERS '99
Honorary Chairman



DR. MAYNARD O. WILLIAMS
National Chairman

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training citizenship for a free society.

Its students are selected from diverse social, national and academic backgrounds, to the benefit of each.

The Goal

A devoted staff and a splendid campus have enabled this progressive college to make steady progress in the education world. It is time now for another step forward.

The immediate years ahead present a golden opportunity to accomplish this long-contemplated project. In the competent judgment of our Board of Trustees, it is a "must step" if the College is to be master of its fate.

President Everton, as chief administrator of the College, must depend largely on the leadership of trustees, alumni, parents, and friends for leadership in the achievement of these important financial objectives.

We are fortunate in having as Vice President of the College and Director of the Development Program, Mr. Samuel H. Rickard. His experience, background, initiative and organizing ability are already proving to be great assets in carrying out this great project.

Effects of the Times

There will be, here and there, an occasional doubter who will

question the advisability of raising funds now. A well-considered answer to pessimism is that it is being done successfully by numerous colleges, churches, hospitals and other institutions.

Who Will Give?

The days are past when the nationally known foundations are likely to give hundreds of thousands of dollars to colleges unless all friends of our College unite in generous giving to accomplish the required purposes.

Our friends fall chiefly into three groups:

1. The alumni, who, as beneficiaries of Kalamazoo College, themselves profited through the gifts to the College from past generations.
2. The parents of present and former students, who appreciate the benefits derived by their sons and daughters, at half cost. (In general, a student's tuition pays about one-half the cost of his college education.)
3. The citizens of Kalamazoo, who know how much the presence of the College means to the city.
4. Other friends who appreciate the value of Kalamazoo College as an asset in the framework of a Free Society.

A Going Concern

The campaign is meeting with a fine response in Kalamazoo, where the first phase is being organized for completion in early April. Representative men and women are

enrolling as leaders and several pre-campaign subscriptions of a substantial nature have been made. There is a feeling of real confidence.

This is the first concerted financial endeavor for many years, and the greatest in the history of the College. This is the time for all graduates to help improve the national standing of their College. This endeavor represents a big opportunity to alumni to show their appreciation.

In a scientific survey of a few months ago, a majority of the alumni and friends indicated their belief that we should go ahead.

If the College can produce and achieve so well with what it now has, think what it can do if we will bolster its strength with these ad-

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News Notes

1871

Mrs. Ella Osborn Adams celebrated her 101st birthday, Feb. 15, at her home in Santa Monica, California.

1925

Fred W. Des Autels is the Republican candidate for the position of supervisor of Redford Township.

1926

Leroy D. Stinebower has been named the U. S. representative on the economic, employment and development commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council. Appointment was made by President Truman.

1932

The Reverend Stanley Buck is the new pastor of the Methodist Peace Temple, Benton Harbor.

1938

Joseph Howard has been named store manager of the Doubleday Bros. & Co., Kalamazoo.

1939

Lt. Comdr. Stanley Lane sent greetings from the Pacific in response to mail pertaining to the Convocation. He indicated he would like to attend, but would be "a little late."

1940

Mr. Spencer L. Waters and Mrs. Waters (Virginia Walton '40) are now living in Saginaw. Mr. Waters was transferred there last May to manage the Saginaw office of the Underwriters Adjusting Company.

1941

Mrs. N. W. Riser (Jean Folz) now resides at Nashville, Tennessee, where her husband is associate professor of biology at Fisk University.

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Olson Receives Blakeslee Fellowship

Bernard C. Olson, Kalamazoo College senior from Gladstone, Michigan, has been awarded the Blakeslee Fellowship in Public Administration at Kalamazoo College, it is announced by President John Scott Everton.

Olson, a mid-year graduate of the college, will begin his graduate work at once at Kalamazoo College and will serve as senior staff assistant at the Municipal Research Bureau under the direction of Mr. Elton Ham, director of the Bureau and head of the department of political science at the college.

The Fellowship is provided by Mr. Arthur Blakeslee, president of the Kalamazoo Stove Company, and a member of the board of trustees of Kalamazoo, College.

Olson is a political science major, and has been doing work with the Municipal Research Bureau during the past year. He is a veteran of service with the army.

Dr. Vernor C. Finch '08 Receives High Honor

Dr. Vernor C. Finch '08, Madison, Wisconsin, was honored at the annual banquet of the National Council of Geography Teachers at the Edgewater Beach Hotel, Chicago, Friday, Nov. 24, by being named recipient of the Distinguished Service Award Citation for outstanding service in the field of geographic education. "No one has done more than he to provide the colleges of the country with well-organized, challenging, teaching material," the citation read.

Dr. Finch, now retired, was chairman of the department of geography at the University of Wisconsin. He is the author of textbooks for high schools and colleges and he has prepared series of wall maps and atlases. His graduate students are now spread throughout the U. S. and in foreign countries.

JOANNA H. LONGLEY

Miss Joanna H. Longley '03 died, February 13, in Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo, after a long illness.

Admissions Office Faces New Enrollment Situation

Mrs. J. W. Hornbeck, associate director of admissions, makes this statement about admissions and recruitment in the absence of Bob Braithwaite who is on a well-deserved vacation:

"Here in the admissions office we refuse to be discouraged by rumors or by the draft or by any situations which have stirred our educational scene. We have the utmost confidence in our alumni and friends to give us practical help. As this *Alumnus* goes to press, the Detroit alumni through their President, Elsen Burt '34, have just completed a two-weeks schedule of visits to high schools in the Detroit area.

Stan Chalmers, January '51 graduate, new admissions counselor, has spent a week in Grand Rapids, following through on the schedule set up by the Grand Rapids alumni through the special efforts of Miss Ethel Knox '13, and Miss Elsie Davis '13. The South Bend club is helping also. These individuals have done a more effective and efficient job than would ever have been accomplished through correspondence. We are most grateful to them. And the rest of our alumni can be similarly helpful by sending in names on the blank appearing in this issue. You people can solve any enrollment problem for us. It is a BIG OPPORTUNITY for you to serve your Alma Mater."

TO YOU: *Kalamazoo Graduate, former student, or one of our good friends:— You can give immediate help to Kalamazoo College by sending us the names of young people who should be interested in joining our student-body. We are convinced that, with the aid of our alumni, our students, our faculty, and our friends, we will be able to bring to the campus in September of 1951 a capable group of students. And we shall continue to maintain the high academic standards which have won outstanding recognition for the College and its graduates.*

Please cut-out this blank at once and return it, filled in with the names and addresses of high school students whom you recommend as future Kazooites.

Mr. Robert W. Braithwaite
Director of Admissions
Kalamazoo College
Kalamazoo, Michigan

Dear Bob:

Here are the names of young people who should be interested in K-College:

Name	Address	City	High School Year
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Signed: Class.....

Address

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

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ditional advantages! So, we are going to do this big, challenging job for our College, for the boys and girls to come, and to trade the compulsion of a troubled time for the satisfaction of the "Second Mile."

The College Begins the Second Mile

"Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."

In the Sermon on the Mount, the way to self-realization is shown. Kalamazoo College seeks to follow this ideal.

Our times furnish the challenge which Kalamazoo College was designed to meet—Education for a Free Society.

Leadership to Date

Enos A. De Waters '99, trustee and former chairman of the Board of Trustees, is honorary national chairman and George K. Ferguson '13, present Board Chairman, is associate national chairman of the 125th Anniversary Development Program.

In Kalamazoo, many prominent citizens are accepting positions of leadership. At press time, the roster of chairmen, co-chairmen and other leaders includes the following: Former trustee Dr. S. Rudolph Light, honorary chairman Kalamazoo; Dwight L. Stocker, president, Michigan Paper Mills, general chairman; Cameron L. Davis ex'23 and Dr. Richard U. Light, vice chairmen; and L. W. Sutherland of Sutherland Paper Company, honorary chairman, Leadership Gifts Committee.

Other members of the executive committee include: Harold B. Allen '21, Harold L. Bills, Robert M. Boudeman '40, Mrs. Kenneth L. Crawford '27, Miss Lucile Desenberg, Fred C. Fischer, Edwin G. Gemrich '26, Mrs. H. Loree Harvey '29, William J. Lawrence, Jr., '41, Edward J. Lauth '32, Robert R. Milroy ex'23, Charles J. Monroe and Mark B. Putney.

Ralph M. Ralston '16, Samuel H. Rickard, Joseph Schensul '20 Elwood H. Schneider, Dr. Harold T. Smith, Herbert J. Stapleton, Mrs. E. Gifford Upjohn, Mrs. Claude G. Wirick, and Dr. T. Thomas Wylie.

Fifth Annual Bach Festival to be Presented March 2 and 3

Mrs. John W. Hornbeck Named to Staff

Mrs. John W. Hornbeck, formerly dean of women at Kalamazoo College, has been named associate director of admissions, it is announced by President Everton. Mrs. Hornbeck had been associated with the College from 1929 to 1937. First serving as a field representative for the college, she was appointed dean of women in 1933.

Her work has been in personnel and public relations, she having been executive secretary of the Cancer Society from 1943 to 1948, and secretary of public relations for Bronson hospital in 1948 and 1949.

She received the B.A. degree from Park College, Parkville, Missouri, and the M.A. degree from the University of Michigan. An active member of the American Association of University Women, she is a former state president of that organization. Her husband is head of the physics department.

Dr. Strong Elected

Dr. Laurence E. Strong, '36, professor of chemistry at K College, has been named chairman-elect of the Kalamazoo Chapter of The American Chemical Society. He will serve as program chairman for 1951, and will assume the chairmanship in 1952.

Wins Speech Meet

Miss Gwendolyn Schwarz, Kalamazoo College senior, won first place in the Women's Oratory contest of the Michigan Inter-Collegiate Speech League held at Albion College last month. Her oration was entitled, "Ralph Bunche." Miss Schwarz is Forensic Manager on campus. Dr. Ethel Kaump, head of the speech department, is her coach.

The Fifth Annual Bach Festival is to be held in Stetson Chapel March 2 and 3, it is announced by Mr. Henry Overley, director. The Festival Chorus, under his direction, has been rehearsing for this event since last fall.

A community project sponsored by Kalamazoo College, the Bach Festival has become one of the outstanding musical events of the year in Kalamazoo.

THE CHRISTMAS ORATORIO will be presented this year. Guest artists will be Gretchen Garnett, soprano; Lillian Chookasian, contralto; Ralph Nelson, tenor; and Robert Morton, bass-baritone. The organist will be Mr. Frank Owen, Kalamazoo, and the pianist is Mr. William Boyd of the music department faculty. Mr. Marvin Feman of the music department faculty is arranging the scores.

The Friday night program will be given by the internationally known Moyses Trio. The Trio consists of Marcel Moyses, flutist; Blanche Honegger-Moyes, violinist; and Louis Moyses, pianist and flutist.

The Saturday program will begin at 5:00 p.m., and there will be a supper intermission at 6:30. Supper for 400 persons will be available in Welles Hall. At 8:15 the program resumes with the Motet, JESUS DEAREST MASTER, (unaccompanied); two cantatas for soloists; and then THE COFFEE CANTATA will conclude the program.

Mr. Voldemars Rushevics, concert-master of the Kalamazoo Symphony Orchestra and a member of the music department faculty, will be concertmaster of the orchestra on Saturday.

Grow Leads Coaches

Lloyd "Dob" Grow, head coach in football and basketball, was honored at the annual meeting of the MIAA coaches by being elected president of the group.

LETTERS

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"The results have not ended, for the river beds are filled with sand and when the monsoons come no one knows where the rivers will make their new beds. Whole villages of hill people were buried and other villages washed away. It was more than an earth-quake; it was a big adjustment in the structure of the earth. The centre was about 200 miles from here. We slept in a little mud hut for two weeks. The quakes came often. They still come. I got up twice this week, but each stopped so I did not run down. But then we do not have those awful lightning storms as in Pennsylvania, nor sand storms as in Arizona, nor hurricanes as in Florida. We have lovely sunshine from middle of October until 1st of March when we get showers.

"I am staying over for a year. I am put down for retirement in May, 1952."

A letter received by President John Scott Everton from Mr. Ben R. Marsh, chairman of the board of the Michigan Bell Telephone Co., Detroit, included the following comments:

Thank you for your prompt reply to my request for information concerning my uncle, General Nathan Church.

I realize now, since receiving your letter, that the period of his school record had to be considerably ahead of the Civil War period which is almost 25 years after the founding of your school.

You will remember the incident which brought up the entire matter was my query as to whether you knew what handicaps there were in transportation in the earlier days of Kalamazoo College; and that young Nathan and another boy from Ithaca came all the way from that city to Kalamazoo on a "ride and tie" basis. That means: one horse and two boys—one riding a mile, tying the horse and blazing a trail ahead, and alternately switching the other boy to lessen the walking fatigue by half, as you can readily see. It gives you a little insight as to what the price of college education was in those days and how a very few people could spare their sons to take advantage of them.

The "General" title he used the latter years of his life was not really

Ralph A. Hayward, Trustee, Dies After Brain Operation

earned on the battlefield. He was one of the youngest Colonels on the north side of the Civil War. He received the title of "General" from some state office he held after the war. He was one of Gratiot County's outstanding citizens.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely,

Ben R. Marsh

Golden Anniversary

Dr. and Mrs. Justin H. Bacon celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on Christmas Day. A family dinner in the home of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Bert H. Cooper, Kalamazoo, marked their golden anniversary.

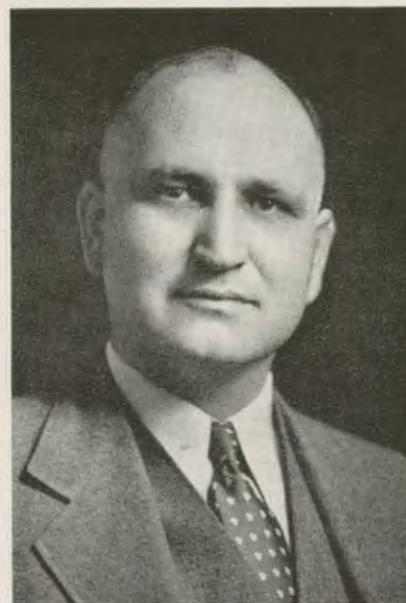
Dr. Bacon, now retired, joined the faculty of Kalamazoo College in 1907. He became the first registrar of the college in 1918, a position he held until retirement in 1944. Dr. Bacon continues his keen interest in college affairs and is often a visitor on the campus.

Mid-year Grads Listed

Sixteen members of the senior class and one graduate student have completed required work for degrees at the end of the first semester, it is announced by Mr. Everett R. Shober, dean of students. They will receive their degrees at the June Commencement.

Students listed include the following: For the M.A. degree, John Jurgenson, Kalamazoo; for the B. A. degree, Illene Wright and Jack Ziegert, Kalamazoo; Arent Noble, Coloma; Clayton Campbell, Belding; Stanley Chalmers, Flint; James Corfield, Grosse Pointe; Edward Glaser, Val Jablonski, Earl King, and Edward Rzepka, South Bend, Indiana; Donald Hassberger, Detroit; Richard Windisch, Scarsdale, N. Y.; John Leddy, New York, N. Y.; Stanley Michael, Schoolcraft; Bernard Olson, Gladstone; and Fred Winkler, Plainwell.

Ralph A. Hayward, president of the Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment Company and a member of the board of trustees of Kalamazoo College, died Jan. 11 in University of Michigan Hospital. He underwent a brain operation Jan. 4 to relieve inter-cranial pressure being caused by a cerebral hemorrhage, and did not regain consciousness.



RALPH A. HAYWARD

Mr. Hayward, formerly a professor of chemical engineering at the University of Michigan, had wide experience in the paper industry, and became general manager of KVP in 1924. In 1928 he was named president of the company.

"Kalamazoo College has lost a good friend and wise counselor in the death of Ralph Hayward," said President Everton. "He will be greatly missed from the Board of Trustees and as one associated with the college. We are grateful for the memory of his good life and all that it has meant to us."

Mr. Hayward is survived by his wife, Marion; his son, John M. of Parchment; and his mother, Mrs. George W. Hayward, Chicago.

Killed in Korea



THOMAS L. THOMSON, JR. ex'43

Lt. Thomas L. Thomson, Jr., ex' 43 was killed Thanksgiving Day near the Chosin reservoir. He was a member of the 17th Marine Battalion.

His wife, Norene, 19845 Moross Road, Detroit, received the news of his death from Thomson's company commander, Capt. M. A. Hull. "Tommy's dependability and leadership was outstanding," he wrote. "His men would have followed him any place and he was admired by all who knew him."

Thomson attended K College for three years, and was a varsity member of the football squad. He received his B.A. from Albion College and he graduated from the Detroit College of Law. He was called to active duty by the Marines on the same day that he was admitted to the bar, Sept. 1. He is the first K College casualty reported in the Korean conflict.

He is survived by his wife and a 17-month-old son, Thomas George.

LOUISE SCRIMGER WEEKS

Louise Scrimger Weeks '01 died at her home at Lynden, Washington, October 18, after an illness of seven or eight months.

Candidates Named For Annual Alumni Election

The time for the annual election of officers for the Alumni Association of Kalamazoo College has once more rolled around. Ballots for this election soon will be in the mail along with the yearly questionnaire to all our alumni. We hope you will return them to us at an early date. The slate of officers as proposed by the nominating committee is as follows:

FOR THE OFFICE OF PRESIDENT:

Russell V. Carlton, '34, received his law degree in 1937 from the University of Michigan Law School. He became prosecuting attorney of Kalkaska County and now is practicing law in Kalamazoo.

In his undergraduate days, Mr. Carlton served as captain of the track team, played football, and was president of his senior class. He has served this past year as vice president of the Kalamazoo College Alumni Association.

Mrs. Carlton is the former Rosemary Walton, '38. The two children of the family are Paul, age 11, and Candy, age 7.

Charles K. Johnson graduated from Kalamazoo College in 1932, from McCormick Theological Seminary in 1935, and received the degree of Master of Sacred Theology from Union Theological Seminary, New York. He holds a D.D. degree from Kalamazoo College, awarded at Commencement in 1950.

Dr. Johnson has served as professor of religion and ethics at Alma College and as Command Chaplain of the 12th Tactical Air Command, holding the rank of Lt. Colonel. He is now the minister of the First Presbyterian Church of Kalamazoo.

In his undergraduate days, he served as student body president and was very active in debate.

FOR THE OFFICE OF VICE-PRESIDENT:

Andrew F. Murch graduated from Kalamazoo College in 1928. While in college, he served as president of his senior class and business manager of the Boiling Pot. He is

president of the Michigan Wineries in Paw Paw.

Mrs. Murch is the former Grace Hutchins '27. Daughter, Nancy, is a sophomore on the campus, and other members of the family include John, Judy, Mary, and Tommy.

Lester A. Graybiel, after graduating from Kalamazoo College in 1922, became a public accountant, and since 1931 has been the owner of the Little Michigan Sandwich Shop in Kalamazoo. He is special auditor for the Grand Lodge, F. & A. M. of Michigan.

At the college, Mr. Graybiel was a charter member of Pi Kappa Delta. He was an active member of the *Index* staff and the College Singers. Mrs. Graybiel is the former Doris Androus '22. They have one son, Allen.

FOR THE OFFICE OF SECRETARY-TREASURER:

Miss Lula Baker graduated from Kalamazoo College with the class of 1908. She has devoted thirty-one years to teaching, most of them at Woodward Junior High School in Kalamazoo.

While at the college, Miss Baker served as president of the Euros.

Ruth Scott Chenery, '24, taught English in the public schools of Kalamazoo after graduation, and became the wife of Howard Chenery, director of dramatics at Central High in Kalamazoo. In college, she was president of the Alpha Sigs—a charter member of that society—and was vice-president of her senior class. She has just completed a term as vice-president of the local Kalamazoo Alumni Club. She is a member of the Kalamazoo Service Club and is on the board of the Salvation Army.

MEMBER OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

Paul J. Van Keuren, '41, captained the football squad his senior year and was all MIAA tackle the last two years at "K". He was on the

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Basketball Team Hits Snag in Defending Crown

By John Stommen

Kalamazoo College's basketball team, defending champion of the M.I.A.A., had more than its share of trouble during the first half of the season, winning only five of eleven contests and only two of five in league play. That record left them in fourth place in the conference.

The Hornets opened the season with a convincing 79-61 win over Assumption College of Windsor, Ontario, but followed that up with three consecutive losses on the road. They were the victims of the University of Detroit and Calvin in non-conference play and lost to Hillsdale in their first conference start.

Kazoo then returned home to play Adrian and defeated the Bulldogs 67-45 in the last game before the Christmas vacation.

With only four days of practice under their belts, the Hornets traveled to Albion after Christmas and for the fifth consecutive year were defeated on the Albion floor.

Assumption College fell for the second time in a return match at Windsor. This time the score was 68-48. Losses to Lake Forest and Alma followed before the Hornets could get straightened out for wins over Hope and Olivet.

Coach "Dob" Grow's squad played perhaps its best game of the season in defeating Hope 85 to 70 at Kalamazoo. At one time during the first half, the Hornets trailed by seventeen points and only a spurt near the end of the half brought Kazoo within nine points at 43-34.

The Orange and Black came out fighting for the second stanza, caught up with the Dutchmen with eleven minutes to go, and won going away.

The Kazooans had to do without the services of two of last year's lettermen for the better part of the first half of the schedule. Tom Willson, one of two starters from last year's team, broke his wrist in

a practice session after the fourth game, and Lee Van Haaften, a first string forward this season, joined the Coast Guard.

Three sophomores led the squad in scoring for the first eleven games. John Stommen, a 6' 4" forward from Kalamazoo, totaled 165 points; Phil Dillman, all-conference quarterback from Oak Park, Ill., tallied 97; and Roger Winter, 5' 7" guard from South Bend, Ind., has hit for 76. The three played on last year's frosh team which won ten out of eleven games.

This year's freshman team has not fared too well, either. The Hornet yearlings won two and dropped three of their first half games. Bill Green, a guard from Downers Grove, Ill., led the frosh in scoring for the five games. The 5' 10" speedster averaged 15.6 points per game. Roger Gill, Gary, Ind., was next in line with an average of ten points per contest. The freshmen defeated Hillsdale and Shakespeare, the latter a Kalamazoo city league quintet, and lost to Calvin, Hope, and Indiana University Extension of Ft. Wayne.

ADDITIONAL TENNIS HONORS COME TO KALAMAZOO AND DR. STOWE

NEWS NOTES

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1944

Dr. Russell Becker is serving as one of two discussion leaders for a new course for adults, sponsored by the University of Chicago, to explore the meaning of religion as seen from different points of view. Mrs. Donald D. Forward (Beulah M. Liddicoat) is a Saginaw housewife. "I'm busy as can be with my two little girls and their artist daddy," she reports.

1945

Neil Plantefaber was elected chairman of the Kalamazoo College class of 1945 at a recent dinner meeting. June Alyce Wilmsen took part in the 30th annual program of the Elmhurst Woman's Choral Club with a report of a current Broadway production. The local paper gave her a nice write-up.

1946

Dr. and Mrs. Robert D. Johnson (Priscilla McCartney) reside at Willow Village,

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Athletes Enlist

Twenty-one athletes left school during the first semester to enter various branches of the armed forces. The football squad was the hardest hit, losing thirteen men.

Neal Bond, Norm Burland, Jack Davis, Bill Glennon, Bill Grogg, Ralph Herrick, Darrell Ihrig, Bob Millard, Ken Mosier, Bill Olmsted, Dick Sheets, Bob Stelle, and Bob Stevens have left the gridiron ranks.

Coach Henry Lasch is bemoaning the loss of eight men from his baseball squad. The eight are Clarke Bertrand, Art Gilman, Dick Hassan, Glen Brown, and Stan Pavlick, in addition to Herrick, Ihrig, and Mosier, who don baseball uniforms in this spring.

Lee Van Haaften, Fred Winkler, and Tom Hastings round out the service group. Van Haaften was a basketball player, the other two were track men.

Track Men Win

Coach Ernie Kirkman took a four man 880 yard Relay team to the AAU games in Ann Arbor for a special half mile relay between conference schools. The Hornets won.

The team of Bob Van Horn, Lloyd Johnson, Roy Stricker, and Mel Reed negotiated the distance in the time of 1:38.

Two important events took place in the tennis world last month to further establish Kalamazoo College as a big time tennis school. First, Dr. Allen B. Stowe, tennis coach at Kalamazoo, was re-elected president of the Western Lawn Tennis Association and then Kalamazoo was awarded the National Junior and Boys tennis championships for another five years. The two announcements are a credit to Dr. Stowe, who has furthered the cause of tennis not only in Kalamazoo, but throughout the United States. Dr. Stowe's tennis teams have longed ruled the roost in the MIAA and have met and played on even terms the strongest teams in the country.

KAPPA PI SOCIETY IN 1907



Kappa Pi was the infant society at Kalamazoo College in 1907

Front Row (left to right)—Ethel Masales, Lena Griswold, Helen Hoy, Bonnelyn Hollinshead, and Mary Kimmerle. Second Row—Hildur Lindgren, Jean McPhee McCabe, Gertrude Taylor Burns, Leila Rushbrook Courter, Nina Packard Des Jardins and Bessie Rumsey. Standing—Helen Fletcher Chisholm, Florence Earl Heimback, Edith Walworth Martin, unidentified, Esther Olsen Gotas, Inez Krogen Hope, Marion Daniells, Sheila Ellsworth, Acelia Leach, Lenna Wells, Mable Barker Stoddard, Louise Warnshuis, Mabel Esterbrook, and Lillian Earl.

Living members include: Mrs. Burns, 2412 Althea Street; Mrs. Hope, R. R. No. 8; Mrs. Stoddard, 1318 Mount Olive Place; and Miss Lillian Earl, 518 West Lovell Street; all of Kalamazoo; Mabel Estabrook, 623 North Gremps Street, Paw Paw; Mrs. Courter, 3456 Brookline Ave., Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Heimback, R. R. No. 2, Three Rivers; Mrs. Martin, Ames, Iowa; Mrs. Gotas, 5758 Bernice Ave., Chicago, who has been a missionary with her husband in Africa, (Her husband is now preaching in Chicago); Miss Marian Daniells, 507 Stanton Ave., Ames, Iowa, now teaching math at the University of Iowa; Dr. Acelia Leach, 515 West Shiawassee, Lansing; and Miss Lenna Wells, 2023 Tuxedo Avenue, Detroit.

Mrs. Burns, third president of the Kappa Pi Society, recalls that the meetings of the Society were held in Kalamazoo Hall, which was located on Academy Street, near the present campus.

Editor's note: This is another of a series of articles on the history of the societies at Kalamazoo College. Histories of the Sherwoods and the Alpha Sigs have already been published.

The Kappa Pi Literary Society, organized in 1906, is one of the three women societies on campus. Meetings are held every two weeks in the Kappa room, third floor of Bowen.

Kappa Pi was the second society to be formed; Eurodelphian Gamma being first. Euros could not accom-

modate the increasing number of girl students each year. The Dean of Women asked two members of the Euros to withdraw from their society in order to form a new one.

Meetings at first were held in the lower college buildings between Oakland Drive and Lovell Street. Attics and barns were searched for furnishings for the old classroom. This yielded an artistic life-size bust of Lincoln and one of Athena. Kappas carried these in their arms up Lovell Street with a parade of admiring small boys behind them. A committee painted the floor of the gas-lit room and with borrowed

funeral parlor chairs, the room was complete.

The Kappas felt that they needed a piano so they began a piano fund which took fifteen years to grow into the necessary amount. Kappas earned the money themselves by sandwich sales, recitals, rummage sales, a circus and publishing a Kappa cook book. Finally paid for, the piano was the society's prize possession which was used at every meeting. At the close of the regular literary meetings to which their brother society was invited, the Kappas held a short prayer meeting. Anyone who wished to be invited to stay; almost everyone did because, we are told, these meetings were converted into dancing parties which were forbidden. A freshman girl was posted at the door as guard; if she saw a faculty member approaching, she would give the high sign, the dancing would cease, and all voices would join loudly in a hymn. Hence the faculty were never suspicious (we are told). Programs of the past include a debate held in 1907, resolved "that high school life is pleasanter than college life." In 1912, a subject hotly discussed was "Justification of the Strikers of the Kalamazoo Corset Co."

Many of the activities of Kappa Pi Literary Society have indeed changed throughout the years but the Kappa spirit is still the same.

J. R.

New Book Published By Former K Collegiant

"Gerrit J. Diekema, Orator," is the title of a new book by Dr. William Schrier ex'24, now head of the department of speech at Hope College. Diekema served two terms in Congress and as Minister to the Netherlands. At the time of his death in 1930, he was recognized as a distinguished figure in America's diplomatic service. The book is primarily a discussion of his speechways.

Dr. Arnold Mulder, chairman of the department of English, wrote the foreword.

Alumni Organizations Are Active — Many Meetings Held

Since publication of the last issue of the ALUMNUS, ten alumni groups have held meetings. Mr. Samuel H. Rickard, vice-president of the college, was present at these meetings to discuss plans for the Convocation and the development program.

Alumni in the following centers have taken part in these discussions:

Grand Rapids. The Grand Rapids alumni met on Monday, November 27, in the English Room of the Rowe Hotel for a dessert meeting. Kalamazoo College students providing the program included Miss Cynthia Quick, pianist, and Miss Anne Davison and Mr. Bill Ives, winners of first places in the State Poetry Reading Contest. Maxine Wirick Wilcox '33, president of the Grand Rapids group, presided.

Battle Creek. November 29 was the date of the dinner meeting at Post Cereals Club House for Battle Creek alumni of Kalamazoo College. Mr. Charles L. Swan, member of the sociology department faculty, was the speaker. The Reverend Stanley Buck '32 was chairman of the meeting. Mr. Buck has now accepted a call to the Methodist Peace Temple in Benton Harbor, Michigan, and Bryce A. Becker '29 will be chairman of the Battle Creek alumni group.

Jackson. The Kenneth Wrights '41 (Yvonne Gibson '43) were hosts to the Jackson Alumni Club at a dinner in their home on November 30. Mr. and Mrs. Rickard attended the meeting.

Ann Arbor. Dr. Milton Simpson was the guest speaker as the Ann Arbor alumni met in the Founders Room at the Michigan Union on December 4 for dinner. Dr. Anthony R. Shemiot '32 was chairman of the meeting.

Detroit. Twenty of the Detroit alumni met with Mr. Rickard on December 5 at the Detroit Leland Hotel to discuss phases of the col-

lege program. The meeting was arranged by Elsen K. Burt '34, president of the Detroit Alumni Club.

Flint. A group of Flint alumni met on December 6 at the home of Miss Lillian Weller '26 for a meeting arranged by Sophia Zmuda Bacon '37.

Chicago. The Quadrangle Club at the University of Chicago was the scene of the Chicago alumni dinner meeting on December 11. "The Far East in Transition" was the subject of a talk by Mr. Samuel Rickard. The chairman for the dinner meeting was Miss Marcia Bach '44, president of the Chicago Alumni Club.

South Bend. Mr. and Mrs. Richard G. Hudson '18 (Marian Monteith '18) opened their home to the South Bend Alumni Club on the evening of December 12. Jim Helmer '42, president of the South Bend alumni, presided over the meeting.

ORGANIZATION OF TWO ADDITIONAL ALUMNI CLUBS —

Lansing. On November 28, the Lansing alumni met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Buchanan and formally organized. Newly elected officers are W. C. Buchanan '14, president; Mable Woodard Fiske '15, vice president; Vivian Summers Hunt '38, secretary-treasurer. Mr. Robert Braithwaite spoke to the group on the admissions program.

Lansing alumni are planning a Washington's Birthday Party at the home of William W. Bouck '14, 534 S. Walnut Ct., Lansing, on February 20. Parents of Kalamazoo College students from the Lansing area are to be invited.

Southwestern Michigan Alumni Club. The alumni of southwestern Michigan met for the first time in a number of years on December 13 at the Whitcomb Hotel, St. Joseph, for a meeting arranged by Jessie Hayne Howard '06. Officers elected to head the group include Robert

H. Ludwig '26, president; Mabel Benson Ratcliffe '13, vice president; Margaret Fellows Gilmore, ex-'32, secretary-treasurer; and Esther Den Adel Ferguson '19, Dr. George Loupee '30, and Charles Kramer '40, directors. The program for the evening was highlighted by an account of Dr. Milton Simpson's trip abroad. The college male octet, composed of Gene Karnafel, Dick Barnett, Don Johnson, John Fonner, Milton Meux, Dick Crooks, Bill Rodgers, and Jack Price, provided the musical entertainment under the direction of Mr. William E. Boyd. Others attending the meeting from Kalamazoo were Mrs. Milton Simpson, Miss Marilyn Hinkle, and Mr. Samuel Rickard.

In the late spring, Dr. John Scott Everton is planning to revisit the alumni clubs on the east and west coasts. Further information will be forthcoming as soon as the schedule has been completely set up.

ALUMNI ELECTIONS

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track team, and he served on the Student Senate.

Mr. Van Keuren is now on the sales staff of Sutherland Paper Company in Kalamazoo. Mrs. Van Keuren is the former Lois Ingersoll '41. They have two children, James, age 6, and Nancy, age 1.

Albert Van Zoeren, '23, is owner of the Alvan Motor Freight Company in Kalamazoo. Prior to making his home in Kalamazoo, he was in Holland, Michigan, as secretary of the Holland Furniture Company.

As a student at the college, Mr. Van Zoeren was president of the student body, president of the Centuries, and circulation manager of the *Index*. Mr. and Mrs. Van Zoeren have three children — Dorothy, Paul and Charles ex-'53.

HOWARD M. WHITNEY

Howard M. Whitney '27 died Friday, January 5, in Kalamazoo after a long illness. He was in the employ of the Checker Cab Co., and had formerly been a paper chemist at Time, Inc. He is survived by his wife, Bess; a daughter, Margaret; and a son, Howard.



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THE CONVOCATION

Typical scenes at the Kalamazoo College Convocation, Jan. 8 to 13, were caught by the camera. Pictures are identified as follows:

1. Alumni Luncheon, Jan. 13, in Welles Hall. The speaker's table is shown.

2. Alumni Citations were awarded at Central High School in the final public event of the Convocation. Dr. Willis F. Dunbar '24 is being congratulated by Dr Paul G. Schrier '22, alumni president. Dr. Everton, Edward J. Lauth '32, secretary of alumni association, left; and Marilyn Hinkle '44, alumni secretary for the College, right, assisted in presentations. Awards were made by George K. Ferguson '13, chairman of the board. Citations are listed in this issue. See page 24.

3. Senator Homer Ferguson and students hold serious conversation in Welles Hall lounge during Coffee Hour.

4. Scene on the stage of Central High School for three addresses given there. Senator Ferguson is the speaker pictured.

5. Mrs. Everton converses with the Senator.

6. Mr. Charles E. Wilson, president of General Motors Corporation in action at the invitational banquet for leaders of industry and business, Sat., Jan. 13.

7. Dr. Althea K. Hottel, president of University Women, speaks at the First



IN PICTURES

8. Dr. Everton and students enjoy point made by Sen. Ferguson at Coffee Hour.

9. One of the five student panels in Stetson Chapel following addresses. Canon Bernard Iddings Bell is pictured here with moderator Eugene Thomas and students discussing Dr. Bell's address on Religion.

10. Speaker's table at the Saturday night banquet. To the right of the microphone are: Mr. Charles E. Wilson, Dr. Enos A. DeWaters '99, Mr. George K. Ferguson '13, and Dr. Richard U. Light, general chairman of Convocation. Nearest camera, profile, is Dwight L. Stocker, general chairman, Development Program, Kalamazoo area.

11. Dr. Everton speaking at the banquet. Mr. Louis C. Upton, toastmaster, at left. Mr. Wilson at right.

12. Dr. Detlev W. Bronk, president of Johns Hopkins University, gave a penetrating analysis of training of scientists in address at First Methodist Church, Thursday night. He spoke highly of students trained at K College.

13. Professor Charles A. Siepmann speaking at Central High School. His address is printed in full in this issue. See page 18.

14. Christopher Mayhew flew from London to open the Convocation. He presented the British view-point on international relations and the crisis in Korea. The address was profound, but not without humor.

Kalamazoo's mayor, Pau' H. Todd ex'09, background, was chairman of the opening



Marriages

Florence M. Blymeir '50 became the bride of Hugh J. Kennedy, Jr., '50, December 24, in a ceremony which took place in Grand Rapids.

Paul E. Winans '53 was married to Marcia Ann Marshall on December 25, in Kalamazoo.

The marriage of Doris Esther Daub ex'51 and Everett S. Bierema, Jr., '51, was solemnized in Stetson Chapel on December 30.

Samuel Folz '47 and Ada Shipley were married January 6, in Richland, Michigan.

Wen Choa Chen, faculty member, was married to Miss Lilia Choa in First Congregational Church, Webster Groves, Missouri, on December 21.

On February 3, Alice Marie Dickens and Leonard Boers, III, '53 were married in Kalamazoo.

Ralph E. Schau '32 and Mrs. Wilma Mary Buder were married in the Church of Christ, Dowagiac, February 8.

The Reverend John H. Clements '47 and Cynthia L. Foster were married October 14, 1950.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Polly Linderman ex'52 to Cpl. Robert J. Ott at Camp Rucker, Alabama on November 11.

Dr. Roscoe F. Snyder, Jr., '29 and Jean L. Wiley repeated their marriage vows in a ceremony on December 29, in Kalamazoo.

On December 24, Richard Longnecker ex'52 and Josephine Ann Quesnell were united in marriage in Wilmette, Illinois.

Mary Frances Miller '36 was married to John S. Patton on December 19, in Stetson Chapel.

Dr. and Mrs. Allen B. Stowe announce the marriage of their daughter, Harriet '48 to Louis Rosenbaum II, on December 23, in Stetson Chapel.

Mary Eleanor Lake ex'45 and Turiddu F. Cartaino were married in Ann Arbor on October 5.

Harold V. Rohm, Jr., '49 was married to Gloria Ann Byrd in a ceremony performed over the Holidays.

On January 27, Patricia Hammond ex'53 and H. Rex Holloway ex'51 were married in Detroit.

Gloria Ann Matson ex'53 and Kenneth L. Mills '51 exchanged their marriage vows on December 23, in Kalamazoo.

Norma Jean Wright and Ronald J. Burland ex'52 were united in marriage on January 27, in Battle Creek, Michigan.

Dallas D. Bachelder, Jr., '53 and Betty VanderVeen were married February 2, in Kalamazoo.

On January 27, Joanne Schrier '49 and the Rev. Kenneth B. McCandless were married in Kalamazoo.

Ellen J. Alberda ex'50 and Donald G. Hassberger '51 were married in Grand Rapids on February 17.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Donald McLean (Evelyn Lee '40) announce the adoption of Ann Lee, born October 31.

Mr. '40 and Mrs. Spencer L. Waters (Virginia Walton '40) announce the birth of Robert M., October 28, in Saginaw.

Gloria Patricia has joined the family of Mr. '50 and Mrs. Robert Culp on January 16.

Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Feman of the College faculty announce the arrival of a daughter, Carol Holly, on November 20.

On December 2, a daughter was born to Mr. '48 and Mrs. Richard Tacket. Her name is Tamara Jean.

Mr. '41 and Mrs. Richard C. Howlett of Stockbridge, Michigan, announce the arrival of a daughter, Rebecca Ann, on October 27.

Announcement has been received of the birth of Alan Bruce to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Little (Muriel Joyce Green ex'47) on November 26, in Dearborn, Michigan.

On December 7, Shelley Elizabeth was born to Mr. '50 and Mrs. Robert Distin (Bettie Olmsted '49) at Borgess Hospital, Kalamazoo.

Mr. '52 and Mrs. John Sentz (Helen Zeedyk '50) announce the birth of Judith Lynn, on January 17, in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Thompson (Barbara G. Taylor '38) of Jackson, Michigan, announce the birth of Katherine Jane on November 20.

Mark Alan joined the Mr. '49 and Mrs. Douglas Griffiths' (Jane Braithwaite '47) family on December 4. He was born in Westfield, New York.

On December 7, Ann Marie was born to Mr. ex'49 and Mrs. John Hogan of Battle Creek.

Engagements

Announcement has been made of the betrothal of Jean E. Treash to Richard N. Schmitt '52.

Miss Anna Marie Van Drasek and Douglas E. Wendzel '53 have announced their engagement.

Alyce Eggeman and William B. Meanwell '52 have announced their engagement.

The engagement of Mary A. Burr '51 and William L. Stearns '52 has been announced.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Phyllis Gemberling to Maurice C. Kaser '51.

A June wedding is being planned by Louise Lacey '51 and Richard Brown '50.

Plans are being made by Nannette A. Pierce '51 and Wayne E. Magee '51 for a June wedding.

Mary Osborne '51 and Melvin Reed '51 are announcing their engagement.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Geraldine Lee '49 to Duane L. Day.

The engagement of Mary H. Richards and William C. Bungert '43 has been announced.

Carolyn J. Hubbard and Kermit O. Pike '51 are announcing their engagement.

Mardell Jacobs '51 and Noble P. Arent '51 have announced their engagement.

Announcement has been made of the engagement of Joan M. Dymmel '53 to John Immel.

Beverly Gorby and Richard M. Huff '50 have announced their engagement.

The engagement of Joan Seabridge '53 and Victor Braden '52 has been announced.

Mary Jean Stover ex'53 and Richard S. Thomas '51 have announced their engagement.

Joanne French and Gerald M. Adrianson '51 have announced their engagement.

The engagement of Shirley M. Bouckhout and John H. Fonner '52 has been announced.

Patricia Doty '53 and William Gershon '52 have announced their engagement.

Joan M. Beard '48 and James L. Bailey plan a summer wedding.

K College Family



Representative members of the Kurtz-Bennett family, which may lay claim to holding the record for attendance at K College, are pictured at a family dinner held in Kalamazoo on Thanksgiving Day.

From left to right, front row: Mrs. Ardell O. Jacobs (Pauline Kurtz '24), Mardell Jacobs '51, and Mrs. Roscoe Fortner (Margaret Kurtz '24).

Back row: Charles Jacobs '54, Ardell O. Jacobs '24, Dr. Roscoe Fortner '25, and Dr. Charles J. Kurtz '94.

The Thanksgiving dinner was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacobs in Kalamazoo. Charles and Mardell are their children now in K College. Mrs. Fortner, Three Rivers, is the twin sister of Mrs. Jacobs. Dr. Kurtz, a practicing physician for more than 50 years, lives in Chicago.

Members of the Kurtz-Bennett family, related to Dr. Kurtz, by birth or marriage, who have attended Kalamazoo College include the following:

Isabella Bennett Cadman, ex 1860, aunt
 Capt. James P. Cadman, A.B. 1863, uncle.
 Rev. Edward H. Brooks, A.B. 1874, brother-in-law.
 Minnie Bennett Brooks, ex 1880, sister-in-law.
 Jennie Bennett Cheney, A.B., 1884, sister-in-law.
 John E. Cheney, A.B. 1885, brother-in-law.
 Edith Kurtz Swayze, ex 1887, sister.
 Elizabeth Fletcher Kurtz, A.B. 1889, sister-in-law.
 Frank Kurtz, A.B., D.D., 1892, brother.
 William T. Sevener, ex 1892, cousin.
 Charles J. Kurtz, A.B., 1894, M.D.
 Isabella Bennett Kurtz, A.B., A.M., 1896, M.A., wife.
 Robert S. Bennett, ex 1899, brother-in-law.

Mildred Powell Kurtz, A.B., 1908, cousin.
 Reuben J. Kurtz, A.B. 1910, cousin.
 Alma E. Kurtz, A.B. 1911, cousin.
 Herman F. Kurtz, A.B., Ph.D., 1918, nephew.
 Edith Kurtz King, ex 1923, niece.
 Katheryn Bennett Bardeen, ex 1923, niece.
 Pauline Kurtz Jacobs, A.B., 1924, daughter.
 Ardell O. Jacobs, A.B., 1924, son-in-law.
 Margaret Kurtz Fortner, A.B., 1924, daughter.
 Roscoe J. Fortner, A.B., M.D., 1925, son-in-law.
 Dorothy Ward Kurtz, ex 1925, niece.
 L. Thomas Bennett, Jr., ex 1934, nephew.
 Garrett Bennett ex'45, nephew.
 Lt. Col. James Franklin Kurtz, ex 1931, M.D., son.
 David M. Kurtz, A.B. 1939, cousin.
 Evelyn Glass Kurtz, A.B., 1940, cousin.
 Ann Garrett Bennett, ex 1945, niece.
 Gordon F. Kurtz, A.B. 1948, cousin.
 Melissa Truett Kurtz, ex 1949, cousin.
 Ronald J. Kurtz, ex 1947, cousin.

K College Offers Children's Play

The first of a series of plays to be given for children in Kalamazoo this year was held in Bowen Hall, February 20, 21, and 22. Matinee performances only were presented for the young play-goers.

"Mr. Popper's Penguins," an amusing children's play, was presented by a cast composed of college students who took the parts of adults and children in the play. The part of three baby penguins were taken by three faculty children, Ann Cassady, Jean Van Liere, and Mark Van Liere.

The K College play is to be followed later in the year by children's plays to be produced by the two other colleges of Kalamazoo and Central High School. This action comes as a result of a conference of drama teachers of the city and at the suggestion of the Civic Theater.

Members of the cast of "Mr. Popper's Penguins" included: Irene Glent, Mary Kersjes, and Elizabeth Brenner, Kalamazoo; Theodore Tiffany, Grand Rapids; Kathleen Flemming, Hempstead, N. Y.; Richard Kline, Elkhart, Ind.; Richard Crooks, Saginaw; Maynard Dewey, Hickory Corners; Richard Nelson, South Bend, Marilyn Snyder, Parchment; and Doris Todd, East Gary, Indiana.

Miss Eleanor Baum directed the play.

Doctorate Received

Eugene R. Beem, associate professor of economics and chairman of the department at Kalamazoo College, received the Ph.D. degree in economics at the mid-year graduation exercises at the University of Pennsylvania.

The thesis submitted by Dr. Beem was entitled, "Consumer Financed Testing and Rating Agencies in the U. S." His work for the doctorate degree was done under Dr. W. C. Plummer of the department of economics of the University of Pennsylvania.

Siepmann Makes Arresting Address at Convocation

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen:

I want in effect to speak to the words spoken in the invocation, the wonder and the mystery of life, and to ask how many of us know that wonder and that mystery and how we come by such knowledge. I suppose we come by it through the perfection and refinement of our native talents and abilities, but more so as experience is fed to us through an environment, rich or poor; and it is that aspect of the understanding of the wonder and mystery of life, the aspect of environment, that preoccupies me and about which I want to talk to you with today because the crucial test, it seems to me, of the extent which you and I can grow to the fullness of human maturity and richness of personality is bounded by the environment and what feeds experience to us in and through that environment.

Now, I want to pose and explore a paradox with you. The paradox of poverty in the midst of plenty, in this context of cultural growth. Let me explain the paradox as I see it. We live, I think, by common consent in what we might call communication's golden age. Never in the history of man have we had such phenomenal resources for communicating with one another; press, radio, films, and now the new miracle of television, provide us with resources undreamt of even by our fathers, and miraculous things of wonder still to many of us in the present.

Now the meaning of this extraordinary growth is quite revolutionary in its implications. Years back in the Sixteenth Century, Lord Bacon, speaking of money, said something which I feel far more applicable to this world of knowledge and ideas. "Money," Bacon said, "is like muck, not good, but it be spread." Far truer is it that knowledge and ideas and sensibility, are like muck, not good but they be spread. And the fact is that there is not a thought that was conceived in the human mind and that was recorded, there is not a note of music that was ever composed, that cannot now, at least in our country, be transmitted through the land for the enjoyment of every citizen.

Convocation Speaker



CHARLES A. SIEPMANN

Editor's note: In response to request for copies of the address by Professor Charles A. Siepmann, "The Arts, and Education For a Free Society," the following transcript has been made from the recording of the address delivered at Central High School, Jan. 13. Professor Siepmann is chairman of the department of communications at New York University, N. Y.

We have a genuine marketplace of thought in which the whole people for the first time in history are, or can be, gathered. Not only have we through mass communication, as it is known, universal range, but also we have, of course, a tremendous enrichment in the means of communication. Each of these new media, the radio, the films, and television, are new art forms with distinctive and enriching possibilities of communication. We go be-

yond the printed word to the spoken word, to the curious intimacy of communication that is associated with radio, and in films and television the eye and ear are combined as the recipients of impressions with a richness that has never been possible before. We live, in fact, in communication's golden age. It seems difficult to suppose that it could be ever richer than it is today.

We are unique also, at least in our country, in that we live also in the golden age of leisure. No people in human history have enjoyed the extent of leisure that we enjoy here. And it is the double implication of communication's golden age and the golden age of leisure that I want to explore. Of leisure I would say this: Leisure I think can be fairly held today in some sense of measure of a culture of a civilization. According to the amount of leisure that we have, we have the prospect of being civilized. And that is perhaps truer today than before in that the daily round of labor and of work is less human, less creative in this technological age of machine-minding than it has been in the past.

Few of us, relatively speaking, pursue avocations which are an enrichment of personality. In that sense the teacher is a privileged person. But for most people, life at the conveyor belt in the factory is not entirely a rewarding experience, which put a premium upon leisure. And when I say that leisure is the clue or the test of a civilization and a culture, I have to say obviously that it depends not only on the amount of leisure that we have but also significantly on the use to which we put that leisure.

Now, let's put the two problems together. The paradox of an age of plenty, poverty in an age of plenty, seems to me to derive from the fact that the uses to which most of us put our leisure are, as I would judge them, in broad terms, unfruitful uses. The significant fact of which few educators have yet taken any considerable notice is the fact that the bulk, the very large bulk, of the leisure time of the great majority of the people of America is taken up with attention to one or other of the modern mass media of communication: radio listened to on an average around four hours a day; movies attended by some sixty to seventy million Americans a week; newspaper reading, television, now an absorbing occupation, of an almost

morbid character. Put them all together and the statistics, like statistics often, make no sense. Total up the statistics that you are told, and you find that the occupation with these media exceeds the conceivable leisure of people other than those who never sleep. There, however, is the social, the psychological, and the cultural fact I want to examine in terms of its implications because the theoretical implication is surely that we have reached also the golden age of culture, the cultural millennium. Never were resources so rich, never was leisure so rich. And the paradox is that some of us doubt whether we have achieved a cultural millennium. There is something wrong in the flow of communication, and it is to an examination of that flow I want to address myself this afternoon.

There are those who fear lest far from an enrichment of our culture we may be witnessing as of this moment and in the years to come an impoverishment and conceivably a debasement of our culture, and their thought stems from an examination of the practices of the mass media of communication, the nature of the flow of that communication and what research is disclosing more and more to us of the response of that Communication.

I have been a student of these media for some years past, have combed the literature; and at the risk of speaking in over-broad, general terms, I take that risk. This statement needs some qualification. **My conclusion, and the conclusion of others, is that among the the dominant characteristics of these leisure avocations of our people, are characteristics of which three are outstanding: a high degree of credulity, a high degree of passivity, and a high degree of escapism.**

More and more people are becoming credulous. They believe what they hear. More and more people are sitting back and receiving impressions registered on their eyes and on their ears by others; and more and more it would appear people are seeking some kind of escape out of the realities of life into a world of fantasy. And it is this world of unreality and fantasy which is catered to through long hours of the day in broadcasting and in various forms through the other media as well. This is not a total angry indictment of mass communication. Please do not take it as that. This is a selective emphasis upon aspects of modern mass communication which are not inevitable, which

can be changed, but which have to be diagnosed before the cure can be realized; and they are tentative suggestions that I submit for your judgment and consideration only.

There is about modern mass communication one evil, as I see it, that those who manipulate these agencies have tended more and more to conceive of their audiences in the mass, that we, the public, the audience, have become figures on statistical tables and not faces. Our individuality disappears as we are toted up in statistical returns of audience sizes such as I have already cited some examples of. We tend to be recorded in terms of box top returns, in the bars of soap purchased by women. These are the significant indices of response.

In radio it is the mass response that is the determinant of output. In films it is the mass response which is determinant of the flow of the character of the films displayed. Now when you are dealing in masses in which individuals are no longer differentiated, it becomes obviously profitable and perhaps necessary to work through to common denominators of taste and interest. And so stereotypes are created; stereotypes which compound the common aspects of taste of a great mass. However, what distinguishes us as individuals is not our commonness with others, but our differentness from others. **We are tending to forget that we are individuals, and I submit in all seriousness that it is a problem today for us to discover the meaning of individuality and to sustain it under the impact of environmental experiences which tend to dwarf the individual, to absorb him into a mass, to reduce his facial characteristics to a common norm.**

The struggle to survive in terms of individuality is a challenge and a strain, and part of the strain stems from the pattern of mass communication to which, willingly or unwillingly, the bulk of our people submit themselves through the bulk of their leisure hours. Now the danger of the stereotype is just that it denies individuality. When radio, when movie when television conform to the stereotype in their supply, they are doing a very dangerous thing because what they are doing is taking people as they are and in consequence keeping them where they are, thereby denying that which they have it in them to become. By feeding people the common denominators of their present tastes, we preclude the development of

those latent tastes and interests which are in all of us if they are only explored, if they are only fed.

Now, we can see the danger of the stereotype by moving our eyes over in this same realm of mass communication to the Soviet Republic. There the mass media of communication have been advisedly used to create stereotypes. There the stereotypes conforms to the political requirements of a tyranny. Musicians are required to write the music that is prescribed. Artists and writers write as prescribed, and the public thinks and reacts as prescribed, and the viciousness and the demoralization emerges in the destruction of personality.

But let us cast our eyes back again to ourselves and recognize that the stereotypes of any kind as it becomes dominant in a significant medium of communication, and mass communication is inherently significant, that the stereotype is a danger whatever its occasion. The consequence is disastrous, and it is particularly disastrous and threatening to a democratic society because what it fails to recognize is the essential, the proud, and the lovely fact that a democracy thrives and is rich, not in spite of, but because of the existence of individuality and difference. **A democracy exists to create the possibilities for each of us, you and me, to flower to fullness of our capacity, and we are each individual and distinct flowers.** To a democracy the development of stereotypes of taste, of outlook, are danger signals. We see here the possibility of the operation in the realm of culture, of Gresham's law of economics, that bad coinage turns out good.

Now let me turn to another aspect of mass communication. I doubt whether you see much reference to it in any published critical work. I speak now of the invasion of privacy that has come about increasingly with the development of mass communication. Radio inherently is the invasion of privacy because it comes into the home. That is its merit, its opportunity, but a very important question arises. How often and how far does radio respect the privacy of the place on which it intrudes? How far has the concept of privacy become distorted and vulgarized as announcers in wheedling voices proclaim and protest a seeming intimacy with us, speak to us as though we were friends, and destroy the reality of the meaning of those terms. There is something bogus about that to which as

we become accustomed to it we lose a sensibility and a refinement of distinction.

The whole realm of privacy, the importance of being a private person, of having the privacy of one's home and of one's life respected, I think again relates to the democratic way of life. When a newspaper man invades the privacy of a home when the tears are not yet dry upon the face of some bereaved person to report to this gargantuan public, whose claims upon us individuals apparently are limitless, the nature of the woman's feelings, the circumstances under which the tragedy took place, there again you see examples of an insensitive invasion of privacy that has bearings upon the standing and the status of our culture.

That is a theme I could develop at some length, but let me pass now to perhaps one of the most important aspects of modern mass communication. **What is happening to the English language? That is not an academic question. Anybody who conceives of language as an academic issue is much misguided.** Language, words, are the vehicles, the symbols, of meaning and of value, the only means we have effectively perfected to communicate with one another, the only means by which we can get out of the prison house of our individual selves and communicate that which is in us and receive from others the communication of their experience. Now if that experience is to be a true communication, it means the preservation of the language.

Now, I simply invite you to observe with perhaps more critical and alert eyes and with more critical and alert ears the flow of communication as it comes to you in advertisements, in magazines, over the radio and in films, and watch for the number of occasions on which the prostitution of language is beginning to obscure and to destroy the true significance of priceless words, "love" among them. The most lurid example that I can think of goes back some years. I like to quote it because I think it has the essential ring of prostitution in it. It was an advertisement that appeared in *Life Magazine* during the early years of the war at the height of the air blitz in Britain. It was an advertisement full-page with very little print on it. It was the picture of a man sitting in his living room in his arm chair, the floor littered with newspapers with scare war headlines,

and he himself prostrate in his chair, his arm over the arm of the chair holding a paper, across which you could see in banner headlines the one word "INVASION." And under this picture was this modest subscription, "In times of conflict there is peace in beer." In these bewildered times where shall a man turn to replenish the wells of his courage, to repair the walls of his faith? Peace, courage, faith, beer! (laughter) Well, you may laugh, or you may cry. I think it is dangerous to laugh too loud.

We are getting very used to vulgarities, the outcome of which result in a habituation on our part, a blunting of our sensibilities that leads to a crudeness of response which is in part responsible for that which is degraded in the modern flow of communication. The danger I speak of is the danger of habituation. I revert back to where I began.

We are enriched or impoverished by our environment as we yield to it or as we make it, and I see increasing tendencies for people to respond to the flow of communication with lowered standards of critical expectation, with blunted sensibilities to the invasion of privacy and the prostitution of language, among other things. The wresting of words into the context of vulgarity might well prove a useful form of study for classes of literature in college. I ply that trade myself and find it an extremely useful technique. Now what occasions all this and more that I might speak of? I think essentially what occasions it is an absence of a sense of public responsibility on the part of those who operates these great and powerful agencies of communication, an absence of the sense, and the urgent sense, of a responsibility for leadership. It is not entirely your fault and mine that we get the flow that we do get. We respond to it because we are mostly passive people, but I would contend that in this age, and in this country, a responsibility attaches to leadership that is inherent in the power that is accorded to those who have this power, and without that leadership, without a sense of conscience of the public responsibility attaching to the determination of this flow of communication, we can look for nothing but demoralization and the impoverishment of culture.

Unless we substitute service for exploitation, we can look for nothing but evil from mass communication. The

villainy, the crime, I think, of mass communication as it deals in these defects is perhaps the worst crime that can be committed in a democratic society. It is the crime of taking a human being and treating him or her as a means to an end. You and I are ends in ourselves, and we in our society have the right to be respected in that entity. The day a man treats you and me as a means to an ulterior end, he performs a crime of which he should not be guilty in a democratic society.

Now, some of the consequences of this general tendency that I have tried to describe in briefest outline, this response, to mass mindedness, affects art, the artist, and his place in our society. There is little scope for an artist in the medium of communication that is concerned with box top returns, with lowest common denominator responses, which denies the individuality of which the public at large is composed and which does not seek to develop those great minor-majorities and major-minorities of latent interest and latent capacity that constitute you and me, the true public. So the artist has in a sense been exiled from these new fields of exploration, which, as I suggested, are rich in their artistic possibilities. Radio and film and television have enormously enriched the scope for artistry. It is not like painting; broadcasting is not like talking or writing. Each has its own individual, distinctive quality and presents problems of artistic achievement challenging and diverse in the opportunity that they offer to the artist.

The danger is not only, therefore, that the artist is put as it were into an involuntary exile, but also that at the same time we move towards the establishment of the sovereignty of ignorance. Where in the realm of culture, in the realm of values, we substitute head counting for qualitative judgment, I think we face the prospect of a future doom. We see the operation, as I suggested, of Gresham's law developing in an area where it is far more disastrous. The danger of the contagion of mediocrity, that is the problem that I speak of.

Now, what is wrong with all this? What I suggest is wrong is that these representations over the air, through the movies, on television, these representations are a distorted representation of life. They are life denuded and deprived of some of its essential dimensions. I suggest to you that life,

the wonder and the mystery of it, depends upon our capacity to know experience at three levels, or if you will, in three extensions of possible experience.

The first extension is that of the daily round of getting and spending. There the manly virtues of cooperation, of honesty, of hard work, of intelligence are brought into play. There the moral excellencies are exemplified.

The second extension of experience is the experience that comes from exploring the world of the imagination, the refinement of our own imagination and the taking flights of fancy, if you will, on the wings of others' imagination. Imagination offers a new dimension of experience to living, and without it we are only half men, half-developed.

And thirdly there is that extension of experience which comes from addressing ourselves to unanswerable questions. What is life, and who am I? These questions we are born with and these questions we die asking still. But as we stop asking those questions again the whole context of living is distorted and the meaning of existence is deprived. . .

The artist's life in my judgment is related to the life of the educator. Having talked of them, I now want to turn to the tasks of education as they relate to the artist and to art. I would say that in one sense the function of education is to make artists of us all, not Michael Angelos, not Shakespeares; let us not aspire too high. But it is surely the function of education to train our faculties in such a sense that we can attempt to be artists and through the attempt live at the three levels and extensions of experience that make life whole, so that the daily round of getting and spending is informed and enriched and sensitized by parallel life at the level of imagination and in the exploration of the unanswerable questions, so that a dignity and a depth and a sense of humility attaches to our daily round as it is informed by experiences at these other levels.

To teach us discrimination and to teach us a great love of excellence in all its forms seems to me a first prerequisite of any true education "Teach us to care and not to care, teach us to sit still." Those are lines of T. S. Eliot, and likewise lines of his as they occur to me: "The only wisdom we can hope for is the wisdom of humility; humility is endless."

There it seems to me are the touchstones, there are the criteria by which we can measure our awareness of the true dimension and significance of living; and as our environment, and our media of communication deprive us of experiences of this kind, they make half men of us by, as I said, denying that which we have it in us to become.

Now it seems to me also the task of education to reckon as yet it has not with the fact that to our people there are two voices speaking, the voice of education and the voice of mass communication, and the two voices are not in unison, and until they are in unison there will be the prospect of a schizophrenic development of our society and our culture. We train children to honor certain disciplines and certain values, and the mass media of communication invite them to honor other gods, and the conflict, the inevitable conflict, produces, I think, something of the confusion of mind that is so prevalent among the young as well as the old of our present generation.

In other words, what I see as a new and important challenge to education is the mobilization of a conscious counter-attack against that which is the realm of mass communication is debasing and impoverishing, and the preparation, as it were, of the legionaries of a new mobilized force conscious of the three extension of experience and their bearing upon mass communication and its output. When we have trained students to have a great love of excellence, we have then to train them to apply that love in the relevant context. It seems to me a tragic thing that education at different levels has thus far failed entirely to relate the disciplines of education to the immediate environmental experiences of people which are, as I described them, response to mass communication. We teach literature in one compartment of the mind, but do not relate it in any sense to the judgment of the literature of radio, the literature of the movies, the literature of television.

Unless we can train critical minds and professional critics, we shall not be able to join issue with these great forces and bring the counter-attack into full operation. I believe myself that it involves some recasting of our curriculum, some redirection of emphasis. There is no time to explore that now. What essentially I want to suggest to you has been expressed by

a modern writer in somewhat allegorical terms, but I think you will get the intent of the remark which epitomizes everything that I have tried to say to you today. Cyril Connolly wrote this:

"We cannot think if we have no time to read, or feel if we are emotionally exhausted, or out of cheap materials create what will last. We cannot coordinate what is not there."

We cannot think if we have no time to read, or feel if we are emotionally exhausted, or out of cheap materials create what will last. We can not coordinate what is not there.

That dreadful vacuum, that vacancy, is the problem, in some sense, of education in our time. And the problem, I think, described in other senses, in another sense, is the problem of bringing home to individuals the enormous responsibility they carry for self-discovery to stop the chatter of those who seek constantly for the convenient answers to unanswerable questions from others, to hold the credulity which turns to others for solution and which redirects attention inwards to the self. There is a poem by a very great English lyric poet, a great classical scholar who became converted to catholicism in his years at Oxford and who became a Jesuit and served the Jesuit order until his death. In the last year of his life in his penultimate sonnet he turned on God and spoke the despair that he felt of the world that he lived in and the poor rewards for a servant of God. And yet implicitly as he turned on God, he recognized the necessity that was the true source of his disturbance, the necessity of searching out himself and discovering himself afresh.

THOU art indeed just, Lord, if I contend

With thee; but, sir, so what I plead is just.

Why do sinners' ways prosper? and why must

Disappointment all I endeavor end?

Wert thou my enemy, O thou my friend,

How wouldst thou worse, I wonder, than thou dost

Defeat, thwart me? -Oh, the sots and thralls of lust

Do in spare hours more thrive than I that spend,

Sir, life upon thy cause. See, banks and brakes

Now, leave'd how thick! lace'd they are again

SIEPMANN ADDRESS

(Conclusion)

With fretty chervil, look, and fresh
wind shakes

Them; birds build—but not I build;
no, but strain,

Time's eunuch, and not breed one
work that wakes.

Mine, O thou lord of life, send my
roots rain.

Rain to our roots, the redirection
toward self-discovery. The imposition
of the discipline of self. In that seems
to me to lie the major mission of edu-
cation in our time. The environment
is not in some sense an enriching one.
The only enrichment that can come
of it can be by a restoration of a
positive desire for things not yet
pleaded for because not yet known.
But above all else, it seems to me the
moral imperative of our time is to
seek for solutions of problems out-
side ourselves and to recognize what
Shakespeare said, "that the fault Dear
Brutus lies not in our stars, but in
ourselves that we are underlings."
(Applause)

John B. Martin Speaks at Washington Banquet

John B. Martin, Jr., auditor-general
of the State of Michigan was the
speaker at the annual Wash-
ington Banquet in Welles Hall,
Feb. 17.

Following the banquet, a pro-
gram of entertainment was present-
ed in Hoben Hall lounge while
Welles Hall was being prepared
for the dance which concluded the
program of the evening.

MRS. WILLIAM KIRBY UPJOHN

Mrs. William Kirby Upjohn
(Helen Louise Bryant '06) died at
Kansas City, Mo., in Bell Memorial
Hospital on Dec. 19, after having
been in ill health for some time.
Her husband was branch manager
at Kansas City for the Upjohn Com-
pany prior to his death on Jan. 1.
Surviving is a son, Bryant, and
three grand-children.

CAREY R. JOHNSON

Carey R. Johnson '07, attorney
and former Bureau county state's
attorney, died at Princeton, Ill.,
Feb. 15.

Population Survey Statistics Given

"Men graduates of the class of
1940 who are now celebrating
their tenth annual college reunion
can boast of families 37 per cent
larger than could their brother
graduates of the class of 1936 when
they celebrated their tenth reunion,"
states the report of the Population
Reference Bureau in a release of
information received from its fifth
annual survey of the birth rates of
college graduates.

Kalamazoo College was a partic-
ipating college in the survey con-
ducted among members of the 1925
and 1940 graduating classes. "The
increase in size of family among
women graduates for the class of
1940 was 21 per cent over their
sisters of 1936," the report states.

The survey shows that the K
College men of the class of 1925
report three children per parent
reporting. The score stands at an
average of 2.33 children per par-
ent, with reports received from
95% of the married men gradu-
ates. Women graduates of 1925
report 3.33 children per parent
who reported, with an average of
2.14 children per married grad
who reported. Reports were re-
ceived from 82% of the women
graduates.

The men of the class of 1940
reports 1.80 children per parent
reporting, with an average of 1.67
for married grad reporting, or an
average of 1.5 for all men grads
reporting. Reports were received
from 75% of the class. Women of
the class of 1940 report 2.11 chil-
dren per parent reporting, with an
average of 1.27 for married grad-
uates reporting, or .95 for all grad-
uates reporting. Reports were re-
ceived from all of the married
grads.

Leading colleges in the reports
were: women of the Utah State
Agricultural college, 3.44 children
per parent reporting; and men of
Brigham Young University, Utah,
with 3.64 children per parent re-
porting for the class of 1925. The
1940 classes were led by the men
graduates of Hillsdale College,
Michigan, with 2.50 children per

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

January 25, 1950
38 Vivian Way
East Finchely
London, N. 2

Editor,

The October and December copies
of the **Alumnus** have arrived. It is
wonderful to have all this news of
friends and to go back to the cam-
pus for awhile via reading. Thank
you so much for sending these issues
so far. I had decided not to bother
you with another address, but I am
delighted that Dr. Bacon gave you
the new one and that you so kindly
followed through with the maga-
zines.

My best regards to all at the Col-
lege, and again let me thank you for
sending these copies of the **Alumnus**.
They have already given me hours of
pleasure, for I read and reread every
issue.

Yours truly,

Constance Peck Reps '43
(Mrs. John W. Reps)

A TOAST TO K-COLLEGE

When the years arrive at twenty,
On the magic wings of time,
And when youthful hopes aplenty
Still with "faith" and "future"
rhyme—

It's then we fill our glasses abrim with
learning's brew,
And drink in all our classes a toast
to Kalamazoo.

When the clock of life strikes later,
Tolling forth the march of days,
As of old to Alma Mater
Voices strong and clear we
raise—

When life was fresh in flower she
held our purpose true:
We pledge in harvest hour a toast
to Kalamazoo.

Ere at last the clock stops chiming,
In the fulness of the years,
And the decades cease their rhyming
With all human hopes and
fears—

Until the end of living, and to the
last adieu,
We'll ever still be giving a toast to
Kalamazoo.

parent reporting, and the women
graduates of Brigham Young Uni-
versity, with 2.33 children per par-
ent reporting.

"SPEAKING OF BOOKS"—



ARNOLD MULDER

Agnes Repplier is dead.

It is doubtful if that means much of anything to the average person of the present generation. The chances are that few readers below the age of 30 even know her name, and perhaps still fewer have any clear idea of what the name stands for.

Yet Agnes Repplier was one of the graceful writers of her day that America has produced. From her lifelong home in Philadelphia came a stream of essays during an unusually long writing life that brought courage and enjoyment and even aesthetic excitement to many thousands.

But her writing career came to a close so long ago that the newest generation of readers knows her not. She was one of those authors who live much longer physically than as producing writers. Miss Repplier was 95 years old at the time of her death. But she had been silent for about a quarter of a century. True, she might now and then come up with a kind of footnote to her literary career, but for all practical purposes she was no longer a practicing writer.

What is more unfortunate, in terms of the public's enjoyment of vigorous writing, is the fact that the art form she used almost died with her. For Agnes Repplier expressed herself best in the personal essay, and the fact is well known that the personal essay has become all but obsolete in our war-torn world. Occasionally some voice out of the past

will continue to express itself in the personal essay form, but invariably it sounds like the expiring gasp of a sobbing child.

The "article" has taken over the job formerly performed by the personal essay. At the beginning of the twentieth century, at the time when Agnes Repplier was in her prime, the leading magazines gave a large proportion of their space to the personal essay. The writers were not concerned with practical affairs. They might try to make clear the psychology of cats, a subject about as lacking in practicality as can well be imagined. (Agnes Repplier, by the way, was a fanatical cat lover and she wrote several essays on the subject.) Or the essayist might speculate on woman's alleged superior powers of intuition, or on America's love for the second-rate in literature, or on anyone of a thousand other subjects that interested the essayist personally.

All those subjects had this in common that they could not help anyone to become richer or to make a better living or to become healthier or to aid him in his professional life. They were subjects of the kind that occur to many people, idle speculations that are generated by the very act of living but that have no connection with making a living. The best known master of the personal essay in Anglo-Saxon literature is, of course, Charles Lamb.

That was the type of writer Agnes Repplier was. During the first quarter of the century she appeared constantly in the "quality magazines," and after her essays had been printed there, they were invariably collected in book form. As a result the books that bear her name on the title page fill a considerable amount of shelf room.

But the first World War wrote a kind of period to the personal essay as an art form. The late Katherine Fullerton Gerould bewailed the "death" of the essay long ago in a famous "article." Miss Repplier did not leave the field im-

mediately when the practical considerations of global war turned readers from the essay to the more practical article. But like other essayists—Samuel McChord Crothers, for instance—she gradually disappeared from the literary scene.

And now at last she has disappeared from the physical scene as well—at the ripe age of 95.

ALICE LOUISE McDUFFEE

Alice Louise McDuffee '98 died Dec. 2 at the Schon Nursing home in Kalamazoo following a long illness. A graduate of Central High School and Smith College, she received the Master of Arts degree from Kalamazoo College.

NEWS NOTES

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Ypsilanti, Dr. Johnson is a resident physician at University Hospital.

1947

The Reverend John H. Clements is the minister of education at the Underwood Memorial Baptist Church in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin.

1948

William R. Garbrecht is working on his Ph.D. in chemistry at M.S.C. Theodore E. Troff was admitted to the practice of law in all courts of Michigan, in a ceremony in circuit court, Kalamazoo, Jan. 5.

1949

Joanne Schrier, (now Mrs. Kenneth B. McCandless) received her master's degree in embryology from Iowa State University at the mid-year graduation. Mrs. Robert Kauffman (June Weaver) is now living in Zanesville, Ohio, where her husband is the director of the Y.M.C.A. Patricia Dunbar sent Christmas greetings from Seattle, Washington. She is assistant critic and drama editor of the Seattle DAILY TIMES.

1950

Capt. Lyman W. May is on duty with the 375th Recon. Sqdn. George Berry is employed in the public relations department of the Ford Foundation, Detroit. Mr. ex'50 and Mrs. Burton V. Swan (Verdonne Peterson '49) are living in Hopatcong, New Jersey. Both are employed at the Picatinny Arsenal in Dover, N. J.

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Harold Lucius Axtell '97



John Bert Jackson '98



George Gottlieb Stroebe '98

Harold Lucius Axtell '97

The authorship of a book, *Deification of Abstract Ideas in Roman Literature*, gives a hint of the ruling passion of Dr. Harold L. Axtell, for forty-four years member of the Faculty of the University of Idaho. His Ph.D. was from the University of Chicago. During 1901-02 he was a student at the American School of Classical Studies in Rome, Italy. He also did research at Harvard University. His contributions to classical and educational periodicals are numerous, and he holds membership in many professional societies and honor groups. Listed in *Who's Who in America* and *Leaders in Education*.

John Bert Jackson '98

Although he spent his professional life in the local scene of Kalamazoo, Dr. John B. Jackson won a national reputation in the field of x-ray. In 1915 he became associated with the late Dr. A. W. Crane, a pioneer roentgenologist. Together these men profoundly affected medical practice. As the science of radiology grew, they kept pace and pioneered in the x-ray therapy of tumors, and from their experience contributed to medical literature. Dr. Jackson was a Fellow of the American College of Physicians and of the American College of Radiology, and a member of the American Roentgen Ray Society, Radiology Society of America, the Trudeau Society, and a former president of the Michigan State Medical Society. His interest in community affairs was a vital part of his life. He served St. Luke's Parish and the Episcopal Diocese of Western Michigan as Vestryman, Warden, member of the Executive Board of the Diocese. Dr. Jackson died on November 3, 1950, and his award is being presented posthumously.

George Gottlieb Stroebe '98

While at Kalamazoo College, George G. Stroebe was an outstanding student and athlete. He received his B.S. from the University of Michigan in 1904. His profession as an engineer took him to Manila, Shanghai, Nanking, and Hankow, to design water supply systems, irrigation works, etc., involving hundreds of millions of dollars and affecting the lives of millions of people. From 1940 to 1947 he engaged in flood control work in Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California. He played a prominent part in World Wars I and II and retired in 1947 as Lieutenant-Colonel.

Royal Haigh Fisher '06

Twenty-eight of the working years of Royal H. Fisher were spent in Japan with the American Baptist Foreign Missionary Society. This was from 1914, when he received his M.A. from the Divinity School of the University of Chicago, to 1941, when he returned to America. In 1919 he was co-founder of Mabie Memorial College in Yokohama. From 1942 to 1945, as Western Representative of the American Baptist Home Missionary Society, he served as a wise and helpful worker among Pacific Coast relocated Japanese Americans. Since 1945 he has been on the secretarial staff of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America (interdenominational), with special responsibility for Japan, Okinawa, and Southeast Asia.

Florence Winslow '06

Miss Florence Winslow has had a career of thirty-nine years of distinguished service in Michigan high schools, thirty-three of them in Kalamazoo Central, twenty of those as assistant principal. She served for four years as executive secretary of Region 8 of the Michigan Education Association and is a past president of the Michigan Association of Deans of Women and Counselors of Girls. Her community service activities include work in many organizations, among them membership on the board of directors of the Y.W.C.A. Miss Winslow's academic degrees are: Ph.B., Kalamazoo College; Ph.B., Chicago University; M.A., Columbia University.

Florence Bell Robinson '08

Three higher degrees; five published textbooks; articles in numerous professional and general magazines; lectures before many organizations; radio addresses; community services of a wide variety—those are some of the statistics of the working life of Florence Bell Robinson. The degrees include Ph.B., University of Chicago; B.S. in architecture and M.L.D. in landscape architecture, University of Michigan. The textbooks are widely used. But all this activity was merely a by-product of her position as a Professor of Landscape Architecture at the University of Illinois.



Royal Haigh Fisher '06



Florence Winslow '06



Florence Bell Robinson '08



Ethel Louise Knox '13



Henry Cole Parker '15



Walter William Lucasse '17

Ethel Louise Knox '13

For more than 30 years *Miss Ethel L. Knox* taught English, most of the time in Grand Rapids Central High School. Author of various publications in the field of education, biography, the essay, drama, and poetry, she has been an inspiration to thousands of young people, and her work has embodied the highest ideals of Kalamazoo College. When she retired from teaching she signed up with American Friends Service, volunteering for editorial work. Recently she has taken work in connection with the United Nations at Lake Success. Her degrees include an M.A. from New York University.

Henry Cole Parker '15

Dr. Henry C. Parker, patent lawyer, chemist, inventor, and author earned his Ph.D. in chemistry at Clark, in 1920, and won national fame with the discovery of what is known as the "Parker Effect." For several years he worked on the general problem of applying electrolytic conductivity and hydrogen ion methods to the control of various industrial processes, as a result of which twelve patents were taken out in his name. Later, he received his LL.B. from Southeastern University and as a patent attorney in Washington, D.C., took out six more patents, one of which, dealing with clarifying equipment for separating solids from aqueous suspensions, is in commercial use. As a hobby he grows dahlias and is presently vice-president of the American Dahlia Society. He holds membership in numerous scientific organizations and is listed in *American Men of Science*.

Walter William Lucasse '17

It was the privilege of *Dr. Walter W. Lucasse* to play a major role in greatly increasing the course offerings in Physical Chemistry at the University of Pennsylvania, to the point of making it a major department at the institution. He did this at a personal sacrifice of time and energy taken from productive scholarship, in the conviction that it was in the best tradition of Kalamazoo College. But in spite of these humbler activities he has some forty publications to his credit, primarily in the fields of thermodynamics, phase relations and conductance, together with some papers in chemical education and along sociological lines. His Ph.D. was from Clark University,

1921. He is a member of the American Chemical Society and a Fellow of AAAS. Listed in *Who's Who in Pennsylvania*, *Chemical Who's Who*, *American Men of Science*.

Albert T. Huizinga '19

Some K-College graduates become captains of industry. Among them one of the most successful is *Albert T. Huizinga*, who is best described as a "manufacturing executive." Born in India, the son of a missionary, he graduated from Kalamazoo College magna cum laude, and later did graduate work at the University of Chicago and Clark University. A banking career led to the position of assistant treasurer of Montgomery Ward & Company. Since 1943 he has been vice president and treasurer of the National Supply Company of Pittsburgh. He has contributed articles on banking, financial advertising, hunting, fishing, and natural sciences to various magazines. Listed in *Who's Who in America*.

George Walkotten '22

George Walkotten's numerous activities range from president of the Michigan Association of School Administrators to service in an advisory capacity to the Michigan State Legislature on appropriations to public schools. And there are many professional and civic services of local, state, and national scope between these two examples. He has held positions in the field of school administration in Kalamazoo and in Albion and is superintendent of the Albion Public Schools at the present time.

George Francis Cartland '24

Since receiving his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 1928, *Dr. George F. Cartland* has served the Upjohn Company continuously, making original investigations in the fields of hormones, vitamins, diabetes, ergot, hypnotics, hypertension, and antibiotics. Author and co-author of some thirty publications in scientific journals, he holds a number of patents for medicinal products and their methods of manufacture. During the war he was a group leader on penicillin research under the Office of Scientific Research and Development. He holds membership in several scientific and honor societies, and is a member of the Advisory Council of the biology department of Princeton University. Listed in *American Men of Science*.



Albert T. Huizinga '19



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Willis Frederick Dunbar '24



Philip Henry Vercoe '24



Wilfred Franklin Clapp '25

Willis Frederick Dunbar '24

Dr. Willis F. Dunbar is Director of Public Affairs of the Fetzer Broadcasting Company. Earlier he served his Alma Mater with high distinction in the Department of History and as Dean. His Ph.D. was from the University of Michigan, 1939. He has become an authority on Michigan history, and he holds membership in many historical associations and honor societies. With the late Dr. Charles T. Goodsell he was co-author of *Centennial History of Kalamazoo College*. In his most recent capacity as a radio commentator he has won a large following in the field of politics and public affairs throughout the Middle West. His career represents a refutation of the adage that a prophet is not without honor save in his own country.



Philip Henry Vercoe '24

Philip H. Vercoe has invested his richly fruitful life in secondary education. Principal of the Flint Central High School since 1944, he has played a leading role not only in the school life of his own community but in that of Michigan and the Middle West. He is president of the Michigan Secondary School Association, chairman of the Michigan State Committee on Community Schools. He has played a leading part in the College Agreement Plan movement, and has served on numerous other bodies in his home community and the state. Listed in *Leaders in Education*.



Wilfred Franklin Clapp '25

Wilfred F. Clapp is on the staff of the Michigan Department of Public Instruction in the field of school building planning. He is a past president of the National Council on School Construction and has taken part in national, regional, and state conferences on school building planning in various sections of the country. His career also includes service for the U.S. Office of Education, making surveys of school building needs in war-impacted communities in Illinois, Indiana, and Wisconsin. Articles by him have appeared in many publications in this field.



Gilbert Fred Otto '26

Since earning his Sc.D. at Johns Hopkins in 1929, Dr. Gilbert F. Otto not only served as Professor of Parasitology at

that institution but has filled several extra assignments, one of which took him to the Pacific Islands. He has been consultant to the U.S. Public Health Service and to the Secretary of War, and has served as Assistant Dean of the Johns Hopkins School of Hygiene and Public Health. By-products of his professional activities include the study and control of the hookworm disease and the successful treatment of elephantiasis. His publications include two books and over 60 magazine articles. Listed in *American Men of Science*.



Versa Viola Cole '27

After her graduation from Kalamazoo College, Dr. Versa Cole received her Ph.D. and M.D. from the University of Chicago, the former in 1931, the latter in 1938. She served as an Upjohn Fellow, a Douglas Smith Fellow, and as Research Associate at Ohio State. Later she became Assistant Professor and then Associate Professor of Pharmacology at Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, and still later Assistant Professor and Associate Professor at Indiana University, which latter position she now holds. She is on the membership list of many scientific bodies. Her special fields of investigation are: metabolism of iodine, metabolism of procaine, and prolonged action of barbiturates. Author of more than thirty scientific publications. Listed in *American Men of Science* and *Who's Who in the East*.



Gordon V. Smith '28

On April 20, 1950, *The Right Reverend Gordon V. Smith* was consecrated as Bishop of Iowa in the Episcopal Church. As such he serves as president of the board of trustees of Saint Katharine's School and Saint Luke's Hospital, in Des Moines, and he is honorary president of Saint Monica's School. He graduated from the General Theological Seminary, New York City, in 1931, and since then he has held a large variety of community and ecclesiastical positions in Albion, Michigan, Blackwell, Oklahoma; and Des Moines, Iowa. In the Oklahoma field he received a Junior Chamber of Commerce award as an outstanding citizen. In Iowa he became a trustee of Grinnell College, and he serves on the boards of many state and national organizations.



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Gordon V. Smith '28



Louis Levin '29



Curtis Williams Sabrosky '31



Burton Lowell Baker '33

Louis Levin '29

Since 1929, Dr. Louis Levin has been conducting research on the biochemistry and physiology of the endocrine glands and their products, the hormones. The results of these investigations have been published in about fifty papers, reviews, chapters in books, etc. He received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from St. Louis University in 1934, and he has served at Columbia and at the Michael Reese Hospital Research Institute, Chicago. He is now in administration of the research program of the Office of Naval Research, Department of the Navy. Dr. Levin is a member of leading scientific research societies and is listed in *American Men of Science*.



Curtis Williams Sabrosky '31

Curtis W. Sabrosky has been described as "one of America's leading taxonomists." After receiving his M.S. from Kansas State College, he served for eight years in the Department of Entomology at Michigan State College and later with the U.S. Public Health Service in endemic malaria research in southeastern United States. At the present time he is with the U. S. Department of Agriculture as specialist in the taxonomy of flies. During the summer of 1950, he was sent to Egypt as a consultant on fly identification. He has written nearly one hundred scientific manuscripts and is a member of many scientific societies. Listed in *American Men of Science*.



Burton Lowell Baker '33

Dr. Burton L. Baker is at present Associate Professor of Anatomy at the University of Michigan, where in 1947 he was given the Henry Russell Award for the best young faculty member. He received his M.S. from Kansas State College and a Ph.D. from Columbia University. He has held several academic positions of importance and holds membership in several honor societies and scientific bodies. He is author or co-author of twenty-seven scientific publications. Listed in *American Men of Science*.



John Richards Miles '34

The professional career of John R. Miles really began at Kalamazoo College. As a student he built a small observatory

for the College and various laboratory instruments. After attending the University of Rochester he designed 120 optical instruments for the Bousch and Lomb Optical Company; various cameras, telescopes, etc., for Argus, Inc., Ann Arbor; driftmeters, binoculars, sextants, for the Bendix Aviation Corporation; telescopes, gunsights, lenses for the Swain Nelson Company of Glenview, Ill., which he served as vice president. In 1948 he established John R. Miles Industrial Designs. Two of the firm's products are: large periscope for the Federal Reserve System for security purposes; large, complex optical devices to be used in modern military planes for bombing, reconnaissance, and navigation. Mr. Miles' avocations are drawing, painting, astronomy.



Walter Amos Good '37 and William Earl Good '37

The names of Dr. Walter Good and Dr. William Good should be bracketed in this record, because they were usually so joined in college. The Goods are twins; they were so alike in appearance during college days that some instructors had a hard time telling them apart; their interests were so much the same that they took identical courses for the most part. Today both hold positions of distinction in the field of physics: Dr. Walter as a physicist in Applied Physics Laboratories of Johns Hopkins, Dr. William as a physicist in the Electronics Department of the General Electric Company in Syracuse, New York.

Dr. Walter received his M.S. and Ph.D. from the University of Iowa, Dr. William the same degrees from the University of Illinois and the University of Pittsburgh. The former is a member of the American Physical Society and of the Academy of Model Aeronautics, the latter of the American Physical Society and the Institute of Radio Engineers. Both are listed in *American Men of Science*. Dr. William has published several scientific papers on nuclear physics. Dr. Walter has received the Naval Ordnance Development award, Certificate of Merit from the Office of Scientific Research, and the Certificate of Appreciation from the War and Navy Departments. In college the two were often referred to as the "Good boys," with a kind of mental smile at the correspondence between their names and the twinkle of mischief in their eyes. Since graduation they have more than established their right to the descriptive term; they have become the "good boys" without the uppercase G.



John Richards Miles '34



Walter Amos Good '37



William Earl Good '37

THE CITATION PROJECT

By PAUL G. SCHRIER, M.D., '22, *President*

Kalamazoo College Alumni Association

The Board of Trustees, President John Scott Everton and the Executive Committee of the Alumni Association inaugurated the project of honoring outstanding alumni with the award of Citations as one of the features of the Kalamazoo Convocation. All alumni were requested to submit nominations. A large number were sent in. Members of the Board, the Executive Committee, and the Faculty were ruled ineligible, as were holders of honorary degrees from Kalamazoo College.

The Executive Committee selected as judges nine older faculty members and alumni. The names of the judges remain anonymous. Theirs was an arduous assignment, and they worked long, faithfully and conscientiously. They endeavored to distribute the awards to men and women in the various chief vocational areas.

The judges join the Executive Committee in the recommendation that the Alumni Citation Award be established as a recurring project.

The biographical sketches have been prepared by Dr. Arnold Mulder, head of the English Department, and Miss Marilyn Hinkle '44, Alumni Secretary.

THE CITATION WORDING

The Citations read as follows: "Upon recommendation of the Alumni Association and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, this Alumni Citation is awarded to in recognition of outstanding achievements and services which reflect honor upon Kalamazoo College. Dated at Kalamazoo, Michigan, this thirteenth day of January, A.D., nineteen hundred and fifty-one."

They are signed by the President of the College, the Chairman of the Board of Trustees, and by the President and the Secretary of the Alumni Association.