President Harold W. Dodds of Princeton University might well have been referring to Kalamazoo College when he said “We have no illusions of grandeur which size will satisfy.” Long before Kalamazoo had come of age or gained academic respectability, its leadership had dedicated itself to the ideal of the small college. In the glorious twenties, when other institutions were expanding, we built a new campus, not with the dream of physical growth, but with the purpose of offering our limited enrollment the best that money could buy. When many small colleges believed that 600 was the ideal number, Kalamazoo chose to remain at 450. In the post-war emergency, Kalamazoo expanded to more than 600, though here again growth was more limited than that of comparable colleges.

Actually, a tragic attitude has developed in the minds of the people of America. Today our society has come to associate greatness with bigness. This is an era of bigger and bigger business. The small is being swallowed up by the big, and the big by the bigger. This is applicable to business and unions, to churches and clubs, to inventions and research, and even to nations. When one hears of something new, the first thing one asks is, “How big is it?” “What is its size?” “What is size?” The dimension of size has almost become our God.

This state of mind has unfortunate connotations for higher education. Today more and more colleges and universities are bending every effort to grow larger until they become all things to all students. Consequently, many mammoth institutions of higher learning are educational mills in which they are losing the basic pattern and purpose of college training.

Education soon will face its greatest problem of modern times. In the next fifteen years the number of students glutting our campuses will double. For many educational institutions the present is the time of decision. Are we as private institutions, responsible to and serving the public, expected to double our enrollments in order to accept our rightful quota in this expanding situation? Are we also to remain as America falls under the spell of bigness until the intrinsic qualities of the larger institutions are lost through sheer force of numbers?

But what of our College? What should be our role? Under the leadership of the Board of Trustees, we have been planning constructively for the impending enrollment crisis. First, the Buildings and Grounds Committee has been appraising the campus to determine the needs of the “perfect” small college. Second, the faculty has been evaluating courses and departmental offerings to find the number of students which would be optimum for this institution. After a thorough study in which every professor participated, the special committee assigned to the project concluded that the most “efficient” size for Kalamazoo College would include 600-650 students.

Naturally the conclusions are subject to alteration and refinement as we return again to the post-war registration. In addition, none can foresee the pressures which may be placed upon all institutions as the bulge becomes a reality. It may be that in the future we should move to a slightly higher plateau of enrollment. But all agree that at Kalamazoo there are certain basic concepts of education which must not be sacrificed. We believe that Kalamazoo College can best serve its public with a restricted student body comparable to the number accommodating the law in the late 1940s.

For the last quarter of a century

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FORD FOUNDATION GRANTS
OUR COLLEGE $151,700

No event in the history of educational philanthropy has taken place to equal the Ford Foundation grants announced in December. A record $100,000,000 was allotted to more than 4,000 of the nation's private colleges, hospitals, and medical schools.

Kalamazoo College was among the 615 regionally accredited, private four-year colleges and universities to share in this program. The grant to Kalamazoo College was in the amount of $151,700. The sums awarded to the privately supported liberal arts and science schools approximated their 1954-55 payrolls for instruction. The grants are to go into endowment, with the income used for increasing faculty salaries. Payment of the grants will be spread over an eighteen-month period ending in June of 1957, and colleges will benefit from the full annual income in June of 1958.

In his statement, Henry Ford II said, "All the objectives of higher education ultimately depend upon the quality of teaching. In the opinion of the Foundation's Trustees, private and corporate philanthropy can make no better investment of its resources than in helping to strengthen American education at its base — the quality of its teaching... Nowhere are the needs of the private colleges more apparent than in the matter of faculty salaries. Merely to restore professors' salaries to their 1939 purchasing power would require an average increase of at least 20 per cent... Industry, commerce, government, the arts, the sciences and the professions — indeed our whole way of life depend heavily upon the quality of our education."

While no formal matching requirement has been made, it is the expectation of the Foundation that colleges receiving the grants will seek during the next few years, through present or future sources, equal financial support to increase further their faculty salaries.

It is important that the grant be placed in its proper perspective to avoid misunderstanding with respect to the annual giving programs. The Ford grants are for endowment. Only the interest can be spent. The Ford Foundation action does not affect the needs and opportunities for gift support, and particularly for expendable operating funds.

As analyzed by Benjamin Fine in the New York Times, five major significant results of the grants are:

1. an increase in the salaries of all the 615 institutions concerned;
2. an indirect effect on colleges and universities everywhere;
3. stimulation of business, industry and other foundations to provide additional financial help to the colleges;
4. renewed efforts by the colleges themselves to improve their financial standards; and
5. greater interest by the public in the plight of the college professor.

In amplification of point (4), he notes that "the Ford funds can serve as a rallying point for the colleges to get their students, alumni and friends to help raise more money for the cause of higher education."

Kalamazoo College has contributed more than its share of professional leadership. Its success has come not through buildings nor public relations programs nor numbers, but rather through the impact of a fellowship in learning in which students are challenged in a personalized educational opportunity. The writer recently attended the annual Conference on Higher Education sponsored by the University of Michigan. Significantly, the theme of the Conference was the dual system of education in Michigan. Aware of the dominance of public education in Michigan, the leaders of the Conference emphasized the contributions of Michigan's independent colleges in the production of scholars. In quoting from the talks of Carnegie Corporation, the Chairman gave Kalamazoo more

than its share of recognition, as he reminded the group that in the production of scholars Kalamazoo College stood third percentagewise in America in the number of its scientists who had earned doctorates, and sixteenth nationally in all fields. What greater proof could one ask to justify the raison d'etre of our College?

Ahead will lie many temptations to expand. We must keep constantly before us the basic pattern of the College. Mere size will never enhance the educational offering of Kalamazoo College. Instead, our greatness will be determined by the extent to which we fulfill our mission as a small college. Our first duty is to strive for excellence, to do our job well. We must provide the moral and intellectual climate necessary to help young men and women prepare for the hard task of life. We must continue to develop within them this thirst for knowledge which leads many into graduate work. We must keep our academic program abreast of the times. And finally, we must constantly foster that intangible spirit that is symbolized in our expression, "A fellowship in learning." This will be achieved when Kalamazoo becomes increasingly a living, vibrant community of scholars dedicated to the search for truth and to the Christian ideal.

This, then, becomes our quest. We build upon firm foundations. We have reason to take pride in the accomplishments of the past. That past should serve as the stepping stones to the future, but there must exist "no illusions of grandeur that size can satisfy."
IT has been almost two years since we left India, and looking at the picture shown, we can readily feel that we are living in quite a different world; but in many ways not nearly so familiar to us as that in which we spent over thirty years.

That cart you see, with its seat cushioned with springs from a T-model Ford, its space beneath for carrying part of our camp supplies, and the crude hand-made cover, travelled many miles over rough country roads to our more distant Christian villages. The Brahman bullocks were so very thin, for fodder for them while on our tour had been very difficult to procure even at high prices. In spite of their slim ration of rice-straw and a little jonna (kaffir corn), the bullocks had taken us at their usual speed of 2½ miles an hour. We were home again, thankful for the privacy denied us in our small tent almost constantly surrounded by curious villagers. "Those white people, how queer they are! Look at their clothes. See this cloth house. That's the kind they have in America. Behold their food and their eating utensils; and of all things, husband and wife are eating together, instead of the wife waiting as she should until her husband has finished." These words we often heard, as they gathered about us at the tent. Besides the wonder and curiosity revealed by those who came to visit, was the realization that they knew that we had come with a purpose greater than to merely display superficial, external differences. To our question, "Why do you think we have come?" they would answer, "To tell us about God." There existed a heart hungry that needed to be satisfied.

George and Jothi who are standing at the head of our cart are two of our school boys. Invariable Jothi was alert and the first one to the job when any special task was to be done: quick, imaginative, often into mischief, yet interesting and lovable. We wonder how he is developing and what he is doing now — yes, and George also, and the

... with the Reverend '14 and Mrs. Leon E. Rowland (Gladys Martin '14) who spent thirty-seven years in India as missionaries of the American Baptist Convention
There is a new spirit in India, a real awakening to what can be accomplished by even the most simple villager. A community pride is appearing along with a sense of being able to work together for a common good in spite of old caste barriers. Large boulders in the middle of the village streets, which were causing damage to country carts, are being removed; tank bunds destroyed in former years of floods, are being repaired. Previously, the answer to our question as to why the needed repairs were not made was, "Who will do it?" or "That is the Government's work"—and the people waited in poverty and helplessness for some fairy godmother, who never appeared. Then came the new incentive that followed independence, and encouraged by such foreign help as the Point Four Plan of the United States. The "do-it-yourself" movement started by U.S. Ambassador Chester Bowles and the American Agricultural expert, Horace Holmes, has caught fire and is spreading.

At the right, the picture shows children of Jangaon harvesting kaffir corn.

In many other boys and girls too, who have lived and studied in our community. For, besides our touring in the villages, we had charge of a school with a connected boarding department of some eighty-five children of village Christian parents. These children were preparing to enter our Mission Central High School in Jangaon. To help maintain the school boarding on a minimum fee for food, the children worked each day after school in fields and garden.

On the 105 acres of mission land, besides the church, the school and dormitories, the hospital, the missionaries' residence, and pasture for cattle, there still remains considerable acreage for garden and crops. Joy and George, along with the others, took their turns at the various farm tasks of helping to care for the cattle, plowing, cultivation, weeding, and harvesting. In the second picture, you will see a group of the children harvesting jonna (kaffir corn), and will notice that this is being done in a very primitive way—with sickles. It was in Jangaon, some months before we left India that Communist leaders tried to break up our Mission High School which was helping young people to gain the education they needed. There were strikes, street processions with placards, burning of books, breaking of school equipment, and all such activities. Then came sober second thought and a return to normalcy after some months. Jangaon was not the only place affected. In some villages acts of extreme cruelty were committed in order to frighten the people into submission to the Communist program. This type of coercion antagonized the people and made them run away from the movement—and the fact that many promises had been made which were not fulfilled. When we left India, we felt that Communism was losing ground except perhaps in large cities where riots can rather easily be organized. However, only time will tell. We have been much encouraged by Pandit Nehru's firm reply to overtures made by recent Russian visitors to India.

Looking at our picture again, we are reminded of one evening meeting which we held in the street of a large village. The people had listened very intently to the preaching, and it was almost midnight when we closed. Then, walking to our cart, we found about ten men standing defiantly at the head of our cart holding the oxen so we could not leave. We were inwardly rather frightened by their attitude, for much trouble had been caused by such groups. But by questioning, we realized that these men were earnestly seeking a way out of their difficulties. They wanted our advice on such problems as inequality in the distribution of land, the necessity of bribes to secure some justice, and the burden of heavy taxes. Politically, it was not wise to counsel with them, but we did stress the importance of doing justly and not compromising right and truth for temporary gain. We were surprised and pleased at their reaction, for they backed away, and then helped us find the best path out of the village.

As the right, the picture shows children of Jangaon harvesting kaffir corn.
FOREIGN LANGUAGE

New Laboratory for the Study of Foreign Language Now in Use

A language student is pictured in closeup as he participates from laboratory booth.

A return to the campus by an alum would not be complete without stopping in at Hoben Hall to see the latest in the study of foreign language. In fact, the exceptional facilities of the new electronic laboratory at alma mater present a longing "to be a student again."

The laboratory, now available to students of French, Spanish, and German, applies the principle of mass output and individual response. Mass output is achieved through two electronic recorders used to teach the oral use of a language to as many as twenty students at a time. Individual response is accomplished in twenty booths. In them, a student can listen and respond to the recordings in his own way and in line with his individual ability. This system shortens the time required for learning of languages, as well as greatly increasing proficiency in their use.

Here is how it works: The recorders play tape recordings of voices fluent in the language being taught. There are pauses at intervals in the recordings. Students with earphones listen to the recordings in the booths. At the pauses in the recordings the student speaks his reply in the language taught. A monitor at a central control panel can cut in on any student at any time to listen to progress and otherwise aid the student.

Five other booths are also located in Hoben Hall where individual students can make recordings of their own voice in a language and play them back.

Students spend two hours at a time in the laboratory. Sound movies are also shown with descriptions given in the native language to further increase students' comprehension. All types of printed material are projected on a screen as a phase of the instruction.

The language laboratory is the result of an experiment started on a small scale two years ago. Facilities for the language laboratory were constructed by the college maintenance staff. The electronic installations were made by Carl Stevens, engineer for radio station WKMI. Market cost of installing the language laboratory is estimated at $25,000. However, with much of the work and planning being done by campus personnel, the actual cost was around one-fifth that amount.

And so, alums, pay Hoben Hall a visit and see another forward step in the instructional program at Kalamazoo College—the latest in language laboratories. Hasta la vista!
The first group of local business and industrial executives completing courses in the newly established Industrial Relations Center conducted by Kalamazoo College received their diplomas at graduation exercises on December 15. The Industrial Relations Center works closely with industry in the general fields of management, personnel, and industrial relations, and at the same time provides an applied field of training for advanced students of economics on the campus. The program is conducted in affiliation with the University of Chicago which pioneered the approach in cooperative research with 70 leading American companies in developing tested standards.

Diplomas were presented to top executives from twenty-six Kalamazoo industrial and business concerns who are presently participating in the program. The program is financed by the participating concerns on a non-profit basis. The executives had completed a course in leadership and human relations, conducted by Dr. Robert W. Carney, assistant director of the Industrial Relations Center and former assistant professor of management and industrial relations at the School of Business of the University of Louisville. The director of the Center is Dr. Edward M. Rickard, head of the Kalamazoo College department of economics.

Dr. Laurence Barrett has been appointed Dean of the Curriculum at Kalamazoo College. Because of the increased growth of the College, this position has been created to coordinate the planning and development already taking place in the departments of the College.

The new academic dean joined the Kalamazoo College faculty in 1953 as associate professor of English. He was the first of six professors to join the Kalamazoo College faculty under the supplementary salary program. The purpose of this program was to bring to the campus outstanding men in their prime to augment the work of the faculty which had built the high academic standing enjoyed by Kalamazoo College. During his first year on the local campus, Dr. Barrett, with the joint leadership of Dr. Walter War-
16th ANNUAL FUND DRIVE EXCEEDS GOAL

At the present figure, the Kalamazoo College 1955 Fund Drive has gone over the $85,000 goal by a sum of $5,969. This total of $90,969 compares to the previous year's total of $92,000. It is expected that, by the time all gifts are in, the $92,000 figure of the 1954 Drive will be surpassed. Together with the $15,000 challenge gift, Kalamazoo College alumni and friends have contributed $105,969 through this 16th Annual Fund Drive.

Alumni Participation Jumps to 33%

Alumni participation has gone up to 33% which is a gain of 6% over the previous year. Alumni contributions reached a total of $38,001. Six classes had over 50% of their members contributing to the Drive. Top honors go to the class of 1915, with a participation of 63% of its class members. Other classes with over 50% were the class of 1901 to 1903 — 58%, 1919 — 58%, 1913 — 56%, 1914 — 53%, and 1924 — 50%. A large group of classes recorded a participation between 40% and 50%; they were 1904 to 1906, 1910, 1911, 1916, 1920, 1922, 1923, 1926, 1929, 1930, 1942, and 1954.

The Fund Drive records list over 500 new donors among alumni and friends. Every class maintained or bettered its net total of contributors. Classes gaining from ten to 20 new donors were 1927, 1938, 1941, 1943, 1949, 1950. The class of 1950 had the largest number of donors for any one class — 56. Substantial contributions were made by all classes, and those exceeding $1,000 were 1913, 1914, 1919, 1923, 1927, 1930, 1941, and 1944.

Heading this year's Drive was M. Lee Johnson '29, general chairman; Charles J. Venema '33 was chairman of the alumni and general division, and Albert Van Zoeren '41 was co-chairman. Division leaders were Robert M. Boudeman '48, Richard Meyerson '49, Wayne F. Stone '47, and Paul J. Van Keuren '41. The advance gifts division was headed by Donald E. Bowen, chairman, and Ralph M. Ralston '16, co-chairman. Leaders in this division were Harold B. Allen '21, Dale A. Bloom, David H. Greene, and Harry C. Harvey '16.

A follow-up report on the Drive will be forthcoming, and any alterations in the statistics and list of donors will be noted.

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% of Alumni Contributing

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1955 REPORT INCOMPLETE
16th ANNUAL FUND DONORS LIST

Kalamazoo College is deeply grateful for the support and interest of the many alumni whose names appear below. Their tangible expression through the 1955 Fund Drive has made it possible for the College to balance its 1955-56 operating budget, an enviable achievement for the private college.

1904
*Charles J. Kuritz

1905
*William C. Oldfield
*Erwin B. Taft

1906
*Harry G. Burns
*Royal H. Fisher
*L. Ethelyn Gibson
*Jessie Hayne-Howard
*George W. Hess
*Vera LaV-Schorer
*Ora Scott-Wiley
*Ethel Shandrew-Hayne
*Ruth Wheaton-Johnson
*Forbes B. Wiley
*Florence Winslow

1907
*Warren H. Carlton
*Anna Crosby-Stetson
*Ralph V. Hinkle
*Alexandrine LaTourette-Hemp
*Maurice E. Post
*William J. Puffer
*Gertrude Taylor-Burns
*Ethel Todd-Williams
*May Warren-Lockhart

1908
*Lula P. Baker
*Vernon C. Finch
*Louise Lassoff-Finch
*Florence E. Robinson

1909
*Donald R. Becher
*Harvey J. Bouck
*Andrew Lenderink
*Ethel Maxson-Carpenter
*M. Elevia Pengelly
*Anna Puffer-Lendrink
*Earle Shock
*Paul H. Todd

1910
*Jessie Benbow-Arndts
*Lillian Earl
*Martha J. Giford
*Lee M. Hutchins
*Bert L. Kitchen
*Florence J. Lucasse
*Elmer H. Nevins
*Mabel E. Stanley
*Maynard O. Williams

1911
*Florence M. Best
*Harry R. Carage
*Ruth Cooley-Bigelow
*Claude V. Courey
*Maibelle Geiger
*Lillian Krogan-Walcott
*Fred C. Windoes

1912
*Alice DenAdel-VanderVeen
*Agnes Greswell-Goss
*Edith Hallock-Pintcham
*Samuel J. Lewis
*John A. Peterson
*Ray A. Pinkham
*Anna Rushbrook-Courter

1913
*Mabel Benson-Ratcliffe
*Leroy J. Buttolph
*Frances Clark-Bouman

*Helen Crissman-Thompson
*Jacob A. Dalm
*George K. Ferguson
*Elise F. Kappen
*Minerva M. Kees
*Lucile Lester-Iddles
*Mary Munro-Morris
*Pearl Reedy-Tuns
*Donald K. Strickland

1914
*Helen Bagnall-Fraser
*William W. Bouck
*William C. Buchanan
*Coleman R. Cary
*Frank W. Clark
*Frances Eldridge
*Gladys L. Hobbs
*Charles H. Kamermer
*Gladys Martin-Rowland
*Nellie Reller-Barlow
*Leon E. Rowland
*Paul Shackleton
*Katherine Stuart-Russell
*Bessie Todd-Rivenburg
*Dorothy Upjohn-Dalton
*Thomas O. Walton
*Marie Welch-Garrett

1915
*Earl J. Becher
*Lewis L. Dunnington
*May Fraser-Thompson
*Bernice Goodrich-Gilbert
*Pearl Horst-Thomas
*Mack S. McKinstry
*Anna Monteith-Harrison
*Joe H. Mountain
*Lucile Owen-Kerns
*Henry C. Parker
*Nellie Rank-Harvey
*Edgar F. Raseian
*Donald C. Rockwell
*Sue E. Slayton
*William H. Sweitzer
*Mildred Welsh-Shackett
*Mabel Woodward-Fiske

1916
*J. Burt Bouman
*Sara Brown-Friddy
*Esther DeWater-Abbott
*Robert J. Eldridge
*Bessie Freeman-Rickman
*Dorothy Garrett-Rockwell
*Lindsey R. Goss
*Harry C. Harvey
*Leland J. Keas
*Donald G. Little
*Gertrude F. McCallagh
*Elizabeth Marvin-Taylor
*Leon W. Nichols
*Margaret Peteryl-Peck
*Ralph M. Ralston
*Frank L. Ryan
*Gladys Voight-Little
*Charlotte Wrightman-Ireland

1917
*Charles Barkenbus
*Howard Bigelow

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Below is the list of the class agents now in service with the Alumni Council. They are the alumni directly responsible for the increased alumni participation in their respective classes.

### 1955
- Samuel Allerton
- Sandra Barth-DuPont
- Charles Bell (Hon.)
- Robert L. Copeland
- Lawrence Dieterman
- Leland Doan (Hon.)
- Arleigh R. Dodson
- Stanley Dunham
- Stanley Glass
- Arthur E. Hill, Jr.
- Howard Hirschy
- Elaine M. Johansen
- Marion Johns-Dodson

### 1956
- Norma Durham-Grench
- Marilyn Everett-Wilson
- Roberta Sinks
- Ann Thompson-Kimball

### 1957
- Beverley Nun Price

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- Margaret Lawler Machin, 1932
- Charles Venema, 1933
- Marshall Rutz, 1934
- Virginia Kibler Aldrich, 1935
- Ruth Schlobohm Anderson, 1936
- Robert H. Powell, 1937
- Harry Rapley, 1938
- John Graham, 1939
- Lawrence Kurth, 1940
- John D. Montgomery, 1941
- William Burke, 1942
- Hugh Anderson, 1943
- Esther Anderson, 1944
- Jerry Richardson Tarr, 1945
- Helen Glaser Reed, 1946
- Robert D. Dewey, 1947
- Esther Carlon White, 1948
- Albert C. Grady, 1949
- Donald Culp, 1950
- Sally Ann Wise, 1951
- Thomas Wilson, 1952
- Robert Neese, 1953
- Anna Shimer Dewey, 1954
- Catherine A. Rutherford, 1955

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"SPEAKING OF BOOKS"—

By Dr. Arnold Mulder
Professor Emeritus of English

Whom would you name as the most famous character in American fiction, the world over?

That question is suggested by a book published not too long ago called The Leatherstocking Saga. Its publisher, in cooperation with Columbia University's Allan Nevins, advanced the thesis that the most famous character in American fiction is Natty Bumppo, Cooper's creation better known as Leatherstocking, Deerslayer, Hawkeye, Pathfinder, or Long Rifle.

The Leatherstocking Saga is of course made up of the five Cooper novels in which Natty Bumppo plays a leading part, under his various nicknames. The editor, Allan Nevins (who, by the way, is a famous historian but who has never given evidence that he knows very much about fiction), reprints all the scenes in which Natty appears as Cooper wrote them. All other scenes are summarized in Nevins' own words.

The project is an interesting experiment. But the chances are that not all readers will agree with the publisher and his editor that Natty Bumppo is the "most famous character" in America's fiction.

And even if it could be shown that the publisher and the editor were right, it would of course not follow that the "most famous" character is the greatest character. I, for one, am ready to assert that Natty Bumppo is often so absurd as a fictional creation that his actions and speeches are frequently almost grotesque.

Especially his speeches. Nowhere in the five Cooper novels are we told that Natty ever had a single day of schooling. Yet he is ready at any moment to indulge in speeches a whole page in length that are so carefully phrased, whose sentences are constructed with such meticulous rhetorical precision, that a professor of post-graduate composition might be proud of them.

As for the things Natty Bumppo does in the five Cooper novels, Mark Twain called the turn on them in a famous piece of literary criticism that has become a classic in American writing. As Mark Twain marshals his evidence, Daniel Boone was almost contemptible compared with Natty. Cooper's hero engages in feats of valor and skill and ingenuity and precision that could not possibly have been accomplished by anyone who was not a combination of Davy Crockett, George Washington, Julius Caesar, Patrick Henry, and, among others, Paul Bunyan and Hiawatha.

But Cooper never flutters an eye-lash while he asks the world to believe that the things Natty does were actually achieved by a human being. And from the angle of popularity, he was right in assuming that millions of readers would be ready to believe.

For it is just a little over a hundred years ago that Cooper created Natty and gave the world a record of his words and alleged deeds. And to this day Natty is a folk character in many, many languages.

But again, "famous character" is not by any means synonymous with "great character," as the compiler of The Leatherstocking Saga seems to imply. To illustrate this principle with another fictional creation, could there possibly be a more absurd character in any literature than Elsie Dinsmore, who through some 40 novels made our great-grandmother shed delicious tears? She is so absurd that no one today has a good word to say for her. Yet millions of nineteenth century readers doted on her.

Natty Bumppo may be the "most famous" character in American fiction in terms of world judgment. That does not make him America's greatest fictional creation. I, for one, would feel inclined to cast my vote for Huckleberry Finn.

DEAN OF THE CURRICULUM
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ing of the English department, completely reorganized the English curriculum. The two men set up a program for the English department which has earned lively interest and hearty support from teachers in English from colleges and universities throughout the country. Dr. Willard Thorp, chairman of the committee on graduate studies at Princeton, has commented, "I was much excited by Kalamazoo's proposed plan in English when I had my first look at it. In its final form it pleases me even more. It is admirably designed for its purposes and would seem to be entirely workable. It will be an exciting and challenging program for English majors and will certainly prepare them thoroughly for graduate study. I like the orderliness of the plan and I am particularly taken with the feature of the moderate use of 'outside' examiners. This will help to keep standards high and will do much for Kalamazoo's reputation, as the honors program at Swarthmore has done for that college."

Dr. Barrett graduated from Amherst College in 1937, and has a Ph.D. from Princeton. He has taught at Middlebury College, the University of Minnesota, and Bowdoin College. Dr. Barrett is well-known for his authorship of several articles and books in his field. Among these is a freshman grammar text, "Writing for College," now in publication with the American Book Company.

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CAROL SERVICE HERALDS THE HOLIDAY

Stetson Chapel, at right, in candlelight setting

A capacity audience in Stetson Chapel formally heralded the holiday season on the Kalamazoo College campus at the traditional Carol Service on December 8. Forty women's voices were heard in the candlelight sing, under the direction of Henry Overley.

In the role of the Spirit of Christmas, an honor going to an outstanding freshman girl, was Miss Anne Colley from Holland, N. Y. The Christmas Reader, traditionally a member of the senior class, was Miss Lois Frey from Downers Grove, Ill.

BACH FESTIVAL APPROACHING TENTH YEAR

Festival Dates Set for March 23, 24, and 25

The tenth annual Bach Festival will be held in Stetson Chapel on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, March 23, 24, and 25. It will be presented with a festival chorus of ninety voices under the direction of Henry Overley, and a twenty-five piece symphony orchestra with Voldemars Rushevics as concertmaster. Assisting solo artists will be Lillian Chookasian, contralto; Ralph Nielsen, tenor; Jan Rodriguez, soprano; and Kay Graves, bass-baritone. This will be the third performance in the Kalamazoo Festival for both Miss Chookasian and Mr. Nielsen.

This is the calendar of events:

Friday — program of cantatas and chamber music; Saturday — The Mass in B-Minor, first half at 5:00 p.m., second half at 8:15 p.m. with supper intermission at Welles Hall at 6:30 p.m.; Sunday — chamber music performance featuring Mr. Rushevics in solo violin and Dorothy Lane, harpsichordist.

During the nine years of its existence, the Bach Festival has annually attracted a capacity attendance. The business affairs of the Festival are administered by a council of fifty representative citizens of the community including twelve members of the college administration and faculty. Financial support is obtained from over one hundred special patrons.

Illustrated brochures giving complete details of the Festival will be available by mid-February. Copies will be gladly sent upon request.

COLLEGE SINGERS PLANNING SPRING TOUR

In April, the Kalamazoo College Singers will go on their annual tour, this year in the Detroit area. They will open on Sunday evening, April 21, at the Jefferson Avenue Baptist Church, and will sing on Monday evening at the Northwestern Baptist Church. Tentative plans have been made to sing at Pontiac and Saginaw the following two nights. In the mornings and afternoons, the Singers will perform for high schools in the area; they will return to the campus on Thursday, April 25.

The featured number for tour performances will be a cantata written in the 17th century by Giacomo Carissimi. Entitled "Jephthah," this dramatic cantata is based on the Biblical story of Jephthah in the days of the Judges.

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The Parents' Council of Kalamazoo College met in December for a buffet supper at the home of President and Mrs. Weimer K. Hicks. Under the co-chairmanship of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Venema, the function of this organization is to bring the parents of the college students into closer contact with the college and its activities.

In addition to Mr. and Mrs. Venema, the Council's membership includes Dr. and Mrs. Kenneth Mehaffie, Kalamazoo; Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Crandell, Battle Creek; Mr. and Mrs. Albert S. Koeze, Grand Rapids; Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Ford, Kalamazoo; Mr. and Mrs. Howard G. Crissman, Utica; Mr. and Mrs. Wayne M. Yekoik, Edwardsburg; and Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Leth, Oak Park, Ill.

The International Relations Club is sponsoring a series of lectures on the "Arab-Jewish Conflict." Dr. Marion Dunsmore gave the first talk in the series; Dr. Joseph Danner, professor at Grinnell College, gave the second talk, lecturing on "Zionism, Israel, and the Arab World." Speakers will be brought to the campus in January and February to discuss other aspects of the topic.

The Club has also begun plans for the Model Republican Convention, which will be held on the campus in the spring.

Eleven seniors on the campus have been selected for listing in "Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges." They are Duane Arnold Jackson; Gretchen Bahr, Waukesha, Wis.; Richard Brown, Milwaukee, Wis.; Thomas Hathaway, Mansfield, Ohio; Marylou Howell, Lansing; Frederick Hudson, Skaneateles, N. Y.; Fleurette Kram, Chicago, Ill.; Jacob Slonimsky, New York City; Stewart Stafford, Jackson; Robert Thomason, Newton Highlands, Mass.; and Paul Van Stone Albion, N. Y.

These students have achieved high academic standing and have shown outstanding leadership in extracurricular activities.

Robert E. Brice of Mount Clemens has begun classes on the campus this fall with a four-year tuition and expenses scholarship given through the General Motor Corporation.

Du Pont Company Grant Recently Announced

Kalamazoo College will receive $4,000 from a fund of more than $900,000 in grants to over 100 universities and colleges in its annual program of aid to education announced by the Du Pont Company. The grants are for the next academic year.

Kalamazoo College is among 90 privately supported liberal arts colleges and smaller technical schools which will each receive $4,000 grants to aid them in maintaining the excellence of their teaching. The grant to Kalamazoo will consist of $2,500 to provide assistance in chemical education and $1,500 to support work in other subjects.

"In the face of increasing student population at all levels, a paramount problem is to maintain the quality of teaching and at the same time develop enough teachers," Crawford H. Greenwalt, president of the Du Pont Company, said in announcing the grants. "We hope our program will encourage more young people to go into teaching."
... In Football

Kalamazoo College's 1955 football season turned out to be a big success, despite a rather disappointing record at the start of the season. The Hornets, crippled by injuries, lost their first two games, but then came back to win five of the last six contests and win undisputed possession of second place in the MIAA standings. The cross-country team also enjoyed a successful year, winning second place in the conference. The Hornet football team gave Kalamazoo a firm grip in first place in the All-Sports trophy competition.

Coach Rolla Anderson's football squad dropped a 15-0 decision to Eastern Illinois and a 15-6 game to Alma, and then started to click in a 20-7 victory over Hope. After four, only unbeaten Hillsdale beat the Hornets, that by a 41-7 tally. Victories were scored over Defiance, 12-12; Adrian, 26-19; Olivet, 26-0; and Albion, 13-0. The Albion victory in the final game of the season was especially satisfying for the team, for it not only marked a win over a traditional bitter rival, but also gave Kalamazoo a winning 5-3 mark for the entire season.

The cross-country outfit went abroad until its final meet of the season, when champion Albion edged the harriers in both a duet format and in the conference run. The season was a real success, though, despite the fact that the Hornets couldn't quite catch the perennial champions from Albion.

At the fall sports banquet held following the end of the season, it was revealed that John Sweet and Phil Perry had been elected co-cap­tain of the 1956 football team. Sweet was named Most Valuable Player for 1955, and Bob Urschalitz was voted Most Improved Player of 1955. Perry, Sweet, and Urschalitz were all named to the All-MIAA first team. Dick Ehrle was named the Most Valuable Member of the cross-country team.

... In Basketball

Kalamazoo's basketball prospects looked better than average after the first four games of the 1955-56 campaign. New Coach Ray Steffen had no previous experience in MIAA competition, and could not predict just how this season's team would develop.

In the season opener, the Hornets ran over Adrian's defending co­champions, 61-50, and then the team dropped a close 61-58 decision to Hillsdale. The Hornets made it two out of three in league play with a 74-61 decision over Olivet, and then looked especially sharp in a non-league win over a good Wabash team, 81-63.

With three wins in four starts, the prospects of a winning season began to look bright. But Kalamazoo still had to face stern competition against Manchester and Lake Forest in the holiday tourney at Tredway Gym. In addition, it appears now that Calvin and Hope are the class of the league, and both will be met for the first time after the holiday season.

Looking Ahead

JAN. 10 BASKETBALL, CALVIN, THERE
 13 BASKETBALL, ALMA, HERE
 16 BASKETBALL, ILL. TECH, HERE
 21 BASKETBALL, HOPE, THERE
 25 CLASSES CLOSE
 27 BEGINNING OF SEMESTER EXAMS
 28 BASKETBALL, ILL. TECH. HERE

FEB. 3 BASKETBALL, HILLSDALE, HERE
 7 BASKETBALL, OLIVET, THERE
 11 CLASSES RESUME
 14 BASKETBALL, ALBION, THERE
 18 BASKETBALL, HOPE, HERE
 20 WASHINGTON BANQUET
 21 BASKETBALL, CALVIN, HERE
 25 BASKETBALL, ADRIAN, THERE

MAR. 4 COLLEGE YESHERS
 16 COLLEGE PLAYERS
 17 COLLEGE PLAYERS
 23-25 BACH FESTIVAL
 29 SPRING VACATION

APR. 9 CLASSES RESUME
 15 COLLEGE PLAYERS
 20 FOUNDERS DAY
 28 REPUBLICAN NOMINATION CONVENTION

MAY 5 MOTHER'S DAY WEEK END
 6 COLLEGE YESHERS
 11-12 MAY FETE
 17 MICHIGAN INTERCOLLEGIATE CHORUS
 19 M.I.A.A. FIELD DAY

JUNE 9 ALUMNI DAY
 10 BACCALAUREATE
 11 COMMENCEMENT
CLUB ACTIVITY

St. Louis Area alumni gathered at the home of the Reverend '50 and Mrs. Richard Broholm on the evening of January 10. The meeting provided an opportunity to meet President Hicks who was in St. Louis for a conference on that date.

Alumni from South Bend met at the Hoffman Hotel for a "smocker" on December 5. Prior to the meeting Coach Rolla Anderson, Robert Braithwaite '43, and Roger Winter x'53 appeared on a television program. Traveling from Kalamazoo for the meeting were Stuart Simpson, Henry Lasch, and Anderson, all of the College Staff, as well as Al Grabarek '49, president of the "K" Club, Dob Grow, Jack Weng '52, Val Jablonski '51, Ernest Piechocki '51, and Charles Stanski '50.

Twenty-three Rochester alumni participated in a "progressive supper" on November 14. The first course was served at the home of Mr. '48 and Mrs. Elmer Corson, the second by Miss Alma Hendrickson x'49, and the third by Mr. '42 and Mrs. Robert Barrows.

On December 15, eight prospective students and their parents met with the Rochester Club at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Milton Froyd. Stuart Simpson of the College staff was also present to interpret the College program to the high school students.

The Toledo Alumni Club met on Wednesday evening, January 11, at the Toledo Tennis Club, together with ten prospective students and their parents. Stuart Simpson, who is directing the admissions program for the College, met with the group. Ruth Gildersleeve Neuhaus '38, president of the Toledo Club, was chairman of the occasion.

The Lansing Club is making plans for a meeting in February. Lansingites will receive further details by mail.

Alumni Notes

Deaths

Alonzo M. Wheeler of the class of 1897 was killed instantly in an auto collision on Thanksgiving Day near Niles, Michigan. Dr. Wheeler received his M.D. from Rush Medical College. He was a physician in Chicago for more than fifty years. Since his retirement in 1953, Dr. Wheeler had been a resident of Berrien Springs, Michigan. Dr. Wheeler was preceded in death by his wife, the former Pearl Brownell, and his daughter, Virginia.

Edwin G. Pierce '22, prominent chemist, metallurgist, educator and author died on December 1 in Euclid, Ohio. He had been a professor of chemistry at DeMedions University, Westminster College, Washington and Jefferson College, and was head of the chemistry department at Muskingum College. Dr. Pierce was a member of the U.S. Reclamation Reserve, consultant chemist for the U.S. Special Service Reserve, the founder and first editor of the magazine Isotopics, and originator of the Creative Chemistry Award Society. During World War II he operated the Pierce Laboratories at Cleveland and was the inventor of the vest pocket radioactive filter mask for civilian defense purposes. He is survived by a niece and a nephew.

James M. McGee '05, one of the Flint area's best-known ministers, died in August. He received his B.D. from the University of Chicago and was given an honorary Doctor of Divinity by Kalamazoo College in 1922. He had been pastor of the First Baptist Church from 1925 to 1933 and of the Goodwill Methodist Church from 1939 to 1942. He also served as a welfare investigator and did rehabilitation work among transient men and boys. In 1954 Dr. McGee was one of thirty Flint area pastors who were honored for serving in the ministry for more than fifty years. Dr. McGee is survived by his wife, the former Ruth Goss '17, his mother, and three daughters.

Robert J. Eldridge '16, associate professor of chemistry at Western Michigan College since 1922, died suddenly at his home in Kalamazoo on December 9. Mr. Eldridge did his graduate work at the University of Chicago and at the California Institute of Technology. Mr. Eldridge is survived by his wife, the former Ruth Goss '17, his mother, and three daughters.

Dr. Osborn H. Ensing '17, widely known obstetrician and a trustee of Kalamazoo College, died in Detroit on December 17. Dr. Ensing, who received his M.D. from the University of Michigan in 1921, was president of his graduating class at both Kalamazoo College and the University. He was the recipient of one of five certificates of honor for case histories, from among sixty initiates into the American College of Surgeons in 1940. He was first elected to the Board of Trustees of Kalamazoo College on June 12, 1949, and had served continuously since that time. Dr. Ensing is survived by his wife, Barbara, and two daughters, Mrs. Barbara Ludington '47 and Mrs. Janet Skillman '46.

ALUMNI CONSTITUTION ADOPTED

ALUMNI-TRUSTEE ELECTION
TO GO FORWARD THIS SPRING

The Constitution and By-laws of the Alumni Association of Kalamazoo College, as appearing in the fall issue, has been accepted by alumni vote. Several names have been suggested as candidates for alumni-trustees to be submitted to the nominating committee. If you would like to suggest further candidates for this office, please send us their names as soon as possible. The nominating committee will be meeting within the next few weeks and a mail ballot will be sent to you this spring.
Engagements

The engagement of Miss Marjorie A. Wright '54 and Stanley J. Pavlick '53 was announced on December 18. Miss Janet J. Hughes and A. John Church '58 announced their engagement on December 18. No date has been set for the wedding.

An August wedding is being planned for Miss Sue H. Stapleton '54 and James P. Bambach '54.

The engagement of Miss Elizabeth Rabolt '58 and Douglas A. Rogers '57 was announced on November 6. No date has been set for the wedding.

A wedding on February 4 is being planned by Miss Sandra J. Bell '53 and Dr. Charles D. Louch.

Miss Judy Ulrich and C. Burris Cooks '55 announced their engagement on November 24. The wedding will be an event of spring, 1956.

Marriages

Miss Margaret A. Haerting was married to Richard S. Thomas '51 on December 17 in the Chapel of the First Unitarianist Church, DeKalb, Ill.

Miss Barbara J. Crawford '57 and Robert E. Cross were married on December 18 in Stetson Chapel.

Miss Maria V. Romera-Navarro and Robert H. Hopkins '51 were married on December 26 at St. Austin's Church, Austin, Texas.

Miss Nancy J. Clark became the bride of Arthur K. Gilman '54 on November 26 at People's Church in East Lansing, Mich.

Miss Patricia A. Kennedy was married to H. Leon Taylor '46 on November 26 in Cortland, New York.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. John O. Glendening of Kalamazoo are the parents of a son, Andrew Roe, born on November 18 in Kalamazoo.

June 7 was the birth date of Dwight J. Aaker, who was adopted on December 31 by Mr. and Mrs. Richard K. Osborn of Dwight Rich '43.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. Stark of Marion Hall '45 announce the birth of a son, John Charles, on November 18 in Kalamazoo.

Mr. and Mrs. Mark Allen, born on November 4 to Mr. and Mrs. Dean C. Allen, are the parents of a son, Daniel Lusso (Ruthvala Summerlott '53) of Kalamazoo.

Beverly Lynette, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Lusso (Nanita Wetherbee '51), was born on December 5 in Kalamazoo.

Mr. '50 and Mrs. Richard R. Broholm are the parents of a son, Paul Richard, born on May 29 in St. Louis, Mo.

The magazine "rescinds" an announcement published in the last issue. The Charles Large listed as a parent was not our Charles Large of the class of 1949.

News

1901

The Reverend Wilbur Nelson is minister of the First Baptist Church, Tiverton, R. I., which recently celebrated its 257th anniversary. "The Old Stone Church" is the third oldest in the state. Dr. Nelson is one of the ten living classmate who graduated in 1901. Kalamazoo College honored him with a Doctor of Divinity degree in 1938.

1914

Frank W. Clark retired from the Consumers Power Company in Flint in August, 1954. He is now making Sarasota, Florida, his permanent home.

1920

Joseph Schensul, operator of Schensul's Cafeteria, has been named by the restaurant to the place in the Restaurant Hall of Fame maintained by American Restaurant Magazine. Mr. Schensul is a director of the National Restaurant Association and chairman of its research committee.

1922

Dr. Warren C. Johnson has been advanced to the position of Dean of the Division of the Physical Sciences at the University of Chicago. Last sum- mer, he attended the International Conference at Geneva, Switzerland, on the Peaceful Uses of Atomic Energy.

1931

Ann Eas Dunning Morrow, teacher in the Pontiac High School, has become a frequent contributor to educational journals. Her latest article, "Taut Question," in the November issue of the MICHIGAN EDUCATIONAL JOURNAL, wittily describes how the young teacher, just out of college, learns to fit herself into her job, bridging the chasm that lies between theory and practice.

1933

Walter E. Scott has recently been appointed administrative assistant to the director of the Wisconsin Conservation Department.

1936

Glenn S. Allen, Jr., was re-elected Mayor of Kalamazoo and Willis F. Dunbar '24 was elected Vice-mayor. Cameron Davis of the class of 1923 was elected to membership on the Kalamazoo Commission.

1937

John C. Finerty was recently elected to head the Texas Academy of Science and was also elected president of the University of Texas Medical Branch (Galveston) Sigma Xi Chapter.

Harold Simpson participated in a panel discussion on Educating the Technical Writer at the winter meeting of the Association of Technical Writers and Educators at the Hotel Stateler in New York. Also participating on the panel were Professor Bartlett, head of the Humanities department of M.I.T., Professor Olmsted of the English department of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, and Professor Hunter, head of research at Iowa State University. Mr. Simpson also gave a paper on Teaching Technical Writers in the Engineering and Administration Program. He is an engineering writer and advisor at Westinghouse Electric Corporation, Air Arms Division, and also holds a part-time teaching position at George Washington University.

1954

Richard D. Crooks, chapel organist and president of his class at Colgate Rochester Divinity School, has been named Chaplain of the Eastman School of Music. Dick is also choirmaster-organist at the Immanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Webster, N. Y.

1955

C. Burton Crooks is the assistant minister at the Durand Congregational Church, Pt. Pleasant, N. Y.

Robert Stelle was elected president of his class at the University of Michigan Medical School. Robert Anderson '56, another former "K" College science student, has been elected president of his class at the University of Michigan Dental School.

Alice Hyers is teaching sophomore and junior English at the Manitous High School in Manitowoc, Wisconsin.

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BEST WISHES FOR THE NEW YEAR