



## Six New Professors Are Appointed

### Hold Stadium Rite Saturday

The Bahlke Stadium, completed this summer, will be dedicated in ceremonies to be held Saturday, Sept. 18, when the Alma Scout meet the Ravens of Anderson College, Anderson, Indiana.

Dr. Harker will open the program with an introduction of the present athletic leadership of Alma College. Greetings from the Alumni association will be extended by Dr. Russell H. Wilson, '23.

#### Past Stars Will Attend

Alma College gridiron stars of the past have been invited to attend the ceremonies and will be introduced by Mr. Herb Estes, immediate past president of the Alumni Association and trustee of the college.

Mr. Fred Gannon, contractor, will present the stadium to Alma College. Formal acceptance speeches will then be made by Dr. Stephen S. Nisbet, '19, president of the board of trustees, and by Dr. Harker on behalf of the college. Acceptance for the students will be made by Robert Kenrick, president of the student council of Alma college. Mayor Everett Thompson, of the City of Alma, will express the appreciation of the city.

The ceremonies will close with the Ritual of Dedication, prepared and conducted by Dr. William J. McKeefery, Dean of the college.

Bahlke Stadium is a bequest from the Estate of William and Mary C. Bahlke. The stadium has a seating capacity of 3100. Facilities below the stands include locker rooms, refreshment stands, and the north end contains a workout room.

In addition to the stadium, four tennis courts located southeast of the field have been completed this summer. To the east of the football field the college baseball diamond is in development. Eventually a track will surround the football field, and the entire facilities will be enclosed by a wire fence.

### Dance Sat. 8:30-11:30

There will be an all college dance tomorrow evening, Saturday, Sept. 18, from 8:30 to 11:30 p.m. Don Faught's Orchestra has been engaged for this all college function.

### New Faculty Members Gather at Tyler



Left to right: Dr. Robert Larson, history and business administration; Dr. Florence Kirk, English; Dr. Rex King, economics; Dr. Grace Nichols, Spanish; Dr. Samuel Thorndike and Mr. Walton Myhrum, mathematics.

### Housemothers Also Arrive

Faculty members have been appointed in the departments of economics, English, mathematics, Spanish, and physical education, and a professor has been added to the departments of history and business administrations. Four of the six new professors now have their doctorates.

Other administrative personnel include an assistant director of admissions and two head residents for women's dormitories.

#### Econ Professor is Native

Dr. Rex M. King replaces Dr. Ellis Lamborn as head of the department of economics. Born in Eaton county, Michigan, he received his E. S. degree from Michigan State College in 1944. From 1944-46 he worked as advertising copywriter for National Cooperatives, Inc. He left this position to take his Master's degree from Washington State college, Pullman, Wash., in 1947. His Ph. D. is from Michigan State College, 1950.

Dr. King taught in the School of Business at Oklahoma City university from 1950-54 in the fields of Business Administration, Economics, and Marketing.

Dr. King is an honorary member of Delta Mu Alpha, and the Oklahoma City chapter of the National Transportation club. He has had articles published in *Hylgeia*, *The Journal of Farm Economics*, *News for Farmer Cooperatives* (Bulletins from the Extension Department of Michigan State College.)

His wife, Janet, has a B.S. degree in Commerce from Winthrop College, Rock Hills, S. C. The Kings have two daughters, Peggy, 7, and Marianne, 20 months.

#### English Prof. Has Taught in China

Dr. Florence Kirk is a native of Saskatchewan, Canada. Her formal education covers both Canada and the United States. She is a graduate of the University of Saskatchewan and holds a Master's in English and French from that university. Her Ph.D. is from Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois, and much time has been spent in study as a Visiting Scholar at Columbia University, New York, City. Dr. Kirk has circled the globe three times, was a resident of China for 14 years. Her travels have taken her to Africa, India, Europe and England.

Dr. Kirk was on the staff of Ginling college, Nanking, China, from 1932 to 1950. During that period furloughs allowed her time for completion of her doctorate at Northwestern. After receiving the degree, she returned to China to continue teaching. She served as chairman of the English department at Ginling college from 1932 to 1950.

Ginling college is a college for women, but co-operation with the University of Nanking brought men to the classes, so class work was virtually co-educational. Close contact with the University of Nanking for complete co-operation on the English major level was maintained. The special administrative responsibilities involved were ably handled by Dr. Kirk.

Dr. Kirk felt compelled to leave China only because of the extreme measures taken regarding all westerners. On her return to the states in 1951, she became associated with Delta State Teachers' College.

In addition to this wide and varied background, Dr. Kirk has been keenly interested in dramatic and fellowship groups; book review groups and original writing groups; active in religious organizations—twice a delegate to Student Movement Conferences in the U.S.A. She is a Phi Beta Kappa and member of University (continued on page 4)

### Announce Tryouts For Music Dept.

According to Professor Ernest Sullivan and Professor Robert Rufener, the music department, Alma College, is scheduled for an active musical year. Professor Robert Rufener has stated that the band will play at the Anderson-Alma College football game on Saturday, September 18. If you can play the trombone or flute, contact Professor Rufener.

Choir rehearsal will be held on Monday, September 20, in the chapel. Auditions for the A Cappella choir were held Thursday, Sept. 16. If anyone has missed the auditions they should see Professor Ernest Sullivan.

All are invited to the student recitals held in the chapel on the first three Wednesdays of the month.

Those interested in the women's trio or the male quartet should contact Professor Ernest Sullivan. Private instrumental and voice lessons will be given by the music department. Announcements about the Christmas and Spring tours will be made later.

### Convocation Begins Year

Faculty members in their academic robes marched in procession into the college chapel this morning to open the college chapel programs for the year.

The chapel address, as is the custom at Alma, was delivered by President Harker. Dr. Harker prefaced his address with a cordial welcome to campus to the entire student body, especially our entering class and new faculty members. He pointed out that the faculty has again been increased by one additional staff member. He expressed the delight of the faculty with the quality as well as the size of this year's entering class.

Dr. Harker built his convocation address around the old Spanish proverb, which runs, "God said, 'Take what you want in life, but you will have to pay for it.'" First, he pointed out that this proverb forces us to think accurately about self-indulgence and self-sacrifice. He argued that self-indulgence and self-sacrifice are trick words. Self-indulgence merely means that we

waste our life seeking the worst, and that costs run awfully high. Self-sacrifice means that we give ourselves to the highest. Here again the price is high, but the end attained is worth everything invested. His argument was illustrated by the contrasting lives of Benedict Arnold and George Washington.

Second, he argued that the good things of life must be purchased cash on the dotted line, but the evil things of life can be bought on an installment program. This argument he illustrated with two of his college classmates. The first man wanted to loaf his way through college. He did that and flunked out his freshman year. The second man set his sights on the top of his class. He attained that distinction. What is more, he is today one of our nation's leading attorneys. Dr. Harker said that the last he knew of his first classmate he was serving time in a Pennsylvania penal institution. In short, each man got what he was willing to buy and pay for.

Finally, Dr. Harker held that the wisdom of this old proverb points up our most deplorable hypocrisies. We all claim we want the best of life, but the question is, "Are we willing to pay for it?" This conclusion was illustrated by the technical economic term, "effective demand," which means the demand of a prospective purchaser who has both the cash and is willing to pay the price asked for the definite article.

President Harker concluded his address with an appeal to every Alma student to make an effective demand for the best of life. His conclusion was highlighted by the story of Fritz Kreisler's life. As a young man, Kreisler decided to become a great violinist, but he was unwilling to pay the price of mastering the violin. He attempted many careers and was ending up a dismal failure, but out of a vital religious experience he returned to the violin, but now a new Fritz Kreisler. He not only mastered the violin and is acknowledged today as one of the great violinists of all time, but, more than that, he mastered Fritz Kreisler and became the man who was willing to pay the price for the highest.

## Alma Gets New Ad Building

Alma College has just received a large gift from Mrs. Annie Reid Knox of Manchester, N. H., widow of the late Colonel Frank Knox, to finance the construction of a new administration building, according to an announcement made early this month by President Harker. The new structure will be named the Reid-Knox Administration Building. The gift also covers the cost of all furnishings and modern office equipment, and in addition the landscaping of the campus in the immediate area. Construction will start as soon as possible on the new structure which will be of colonial design and it is expected that the building will be completed in time for formal dedication ceremonies in conjunction with commencement exercises next June.

#### Will House Administrative Offices, Knox Trophies

The Reid-Knox Building will be located in the center of the campus directly in front of the library and facing Superior street. The new structure will have three wings; one will include the President's of-

fices and a beautiful large conference room, to be dedicated as the Colonel Frank Knox Board Room; the main wing will house the personnel offices including those of the dean of the college, the dean of women, the dean of men, the director of admissions, the college chaplain, and the registrar; the third wing will provide quarters for the business offices, public relations, publicity, and a mailing room. The main corridor will have attractive cases in which the many awards and honors of Col. Knox will be on display.

#### Members of Class of 1898

Both Mrs. Knox and the late Col. Knox attended Alma College and were members of the class of 1898. Col. Knox enrolled in Alma College to prepare for the ministry, and was a member of Zeta Sigma fraternity. He later entered the Navy during the Spanish-American War, and was for several years owner of the Chicago Daily News.

In 1936 Col. Knox was nominated to the vice-presidency on the Republican ticket. He made his ac-

#### Benefactor and Late Husband



Col. and Mrs. Frank Knox. This picture, taken in 1936, was sent to Alma by Mrs. Knox.

ceptance speech before a huge crowd at Bahlke Field.

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## Developments Plus New Spirit

The recent gift of Mrs. Annie Reid Knox for the erection of a new administration building here marks another gratifying step in the growth of our college. The new stadium and athletic field completed this summer should be pleasing to the sports-minded. This latest development should give some satisfaction to those who fear that athletics are overemphasized on this campus.

But without students and faculty, without school spirit these new facilities are shells. A suitable text for these days might be "Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it."

A conversation this summer with a prominent alumna of Alma College reveals her as one who looks for a spiritual awakening here. We therefore examine a few of the more human, less material factors involved in our campus scene.

A new year at Alma College stands before us. We have been advised not to think of our job as a mission of "Saving Alma College" via these columns; that will be a matter of opinions, attitudes, goals already formed. The worth-while-ness of that mission will also depend upon our individual worthiness.

To students who are new to the campus this year, freshmen and transfer students, we extend a hearty welcome. The motto "Where Friendliness Links Learning to Living" is still a byword here at Alma. Its observance on our campus by a smile and a friendly "Hi" need not involve hypocrisy.

The day of quasi-political campus feuds is gone. We refer, specifically, to the fraternity and sorority rivalries which are often "more than friendly." In the fellowship of these groups, who also extend their welcome to all newcomers to Alma, we need to gain a sense of the brotherhood which binds all of us.

In speaking of political feuds we refer also, but with somewhat less specificity to the not-so-obvious battle between artificial groups labeled as "Philistines" and "Intellectuals."

To some, the above statements will seem piecemeal. To others, they will seem tacit approval of "peaceful coexistence", a theory which America is scrapping on the foreign scene. To us, they seem but a call for balanced growth-study, recreation, social life, sports, each in its right proportion, each with recognition of the worthiness of the others.

The buildings are here. More are promised. With a spirit of loyalty to Alma and a willingness to permit free flow of ideas (the aim of higher education) we may indeed see the Alma campus become a Civitas Dei in the fullest sense of that term.

Welcome from the almanian to students old and new; we look forward to 1954-55 as a banner year.

E. H. P.

## Publication Schedule, 1954-55

Date of Issue	Deadline (4:00 p.m.)
October 1 (Friday)	Sept. 27 (Monday)
October 16 (Friday) HOMECOMING	Oct. 11 (Monday)
October 29 (Friday)	Oct. 15 (Monday)
November 12 (Friday)	Nov. 8 (Monday)
November 23 (Tuesday)	Nov. 17 (Wednesday)
THANKSGIVING	
December 14 (Tuesday)	Dec. 8 (Thursday)
CHRISTMAS	
January 14 (Friday)	Jan. 10 (Monday)
February 4 (Friday)	Feb. 1 (Tuesday)
February 18 (Friday)	Feb. 15 (Tuesday)
March 4 (Friday)	March 1 (Tuesday)
March 18 (Friday)	March 15 (Tuesday)
April 1 (Friday)	March 29 (Tuesday)
April 15 (Monday)	April 12 (Tuesday)
April 29 (Friday)	April 26 (Tuesday)
May 17 (Tuesday) CAMPUS DAY	May 12 (Thursday)

## Announce Rank of Campus Groups

The listing below gives to the order of their scholastic rating various groupings on campus for Semester 136 (last spring) according to Molly Parrish, registrar:

1. Junior Women	2.24	9. All Juniors	1.77
2. Senior Women	2.19	10. All Women	1.76
3. Kappa Iota	2.11	11. Sigma Phi	1.74
4. All Seniors	1.96	12. Wright Hall Women	1.74
5. Alpha Theta	1.86	13. Non-sorority	1.68
6. Town Women	1.82	14. All Sophomores	1.60
7. Senior Men	1.80	15. Delta Gamma Tau	1.59
8. Sophomore Women	1.78	16. Phi Phi Alpha	1.59
		17. All Students	1.53
		18. Junior men	1.53
		19. Delta Sigma Phi	1.52
		20. Veterans	1.49
		21. Sophomore men	1.48
		22. Freshmen women	1.41
		23. All men	1.40
		24. All Freshmen	1.25
		25. Non-fraternity	1.19
		26. Freshmen men	1.15

## Freshmen Arrive

When Alma opened its doors Sunday for the incoming freshmen, 191 reported for room assignments and instructions. Dean Stielstra and Mrs. Thomas Kain received freshmen boys at Pioneer Hall, while Dean Esther Vreeland, Dr. Florence Kirk, and Mrs. Mildred Hall received the girls at Wright Hall, Braske House, and Ida Cole cottage, respectively, for room assignments.

Following a Sunday brunch in the college chapel and supper at Van Dusen Commons, freshmen and upperclassmen who had returned early were entertained at the President's Home.

Dr. William J. McKeefery presided at the Monday morning session where the testing program was explained in detail. All freshmen were required to write a theme as part of the English placement program. Monday afternoon freshmen took the Cooperative English test which is used for the purpose of sectioning students in the freshmen English courses.

Monday evening the freshmen gathered in Tyler center for a "mixer". Art Turner introduced Dr. Harker, and following introductions of the faculty, ten groups put on skits for the entertainment of the group.

Tuesday, the freshmen completed the testing program when they took the A.C.E. Psychological Examination.

The faculty advisors to the freshmen met their advisees at 12:00 and had lunch with them in Van Dusen Commons in preparation for individual conferences which were slated for Tuesday afternoon.

Wednesday morning the freshmen registered and were enrolled in their classes.

## Mikle Issues Call for Speakers

Professor Harold Mikle, head of the speech department, has issued an invitation to all students interested in participating in college forensic activities to meet Monday, September 20, in room 302 of the administration building. At this general meeting, which will begin at 4:00 p.m., plans will be made for college participation in oratory, debate, discussion and extempore speaking. Interested students may also gain information on pledging to the college chapter of the national honorary speech society, Tau Kappa Alpha.

Novice debaters will gain their first tournament experience at the State Novice Tournament, scheduled early this semester. This year's debate topic will concern the recognition of Red China as a nation.

## "Make Courses Their Own", Advises Michigan Prof.

The Alma College faculty pre-school conference opened September 10 in the Jerry Tyler auditorium with a worship service conducted by Dr. Ross Miller, Dean of Religion. Prof. Ernest Sullivan sang "The Lord's Prayer."

Following the introductions of the new faculty members, Dr. Harker gave a report on recent developments on campus, singing out the new stadium and plans for the Reid-Knox Administration Building. Prof. Henry Howe gave the report of the nominating committee and new members were elected to several committees.

Dr. Algo Henderson, Professor of Higher Education and Secretary of the University Committee on College Relations at the University of Michigan spoke informally at the 11:00 a.m. meeting about the general problem of a liberal education, outlining such points as effective teaching, students on faculty committees, institutional traditions, and the honor system.

Dr. Henderson suggested that the importance of the problem method in effective teaching is to keep students and faculty alert. He said, "I urge my students to make the course their own rather than depend on their college notes."

In the matter of students serving on faculty committees, Dr. Henderson pointed out that while students will not have as much experience as faculty members, the important matter is to give students experience, because students are living now and not just preparing to live when they graduate.

He emphasized tone and tradition in an institution, and called for a display of tolerance and responsibility.

Dr. Henderson said that although the honor system brought a good deal of criticism when it was used at Antioch college, it had worked well. Students left on their own honor displayed honesty. He emphasized that the honor must be used sincerely, and with re-



Dr. Algo Henderson

trictions cut to a minimum.

Dr. Henderson quoted from one of his books on liberal education: "Liberal education . . . is an education that tends to produce the liberal individual—the person, who, because of his perspective of history, his critical observation of contemporary society, and his understanding of social dynamics, helps to facilitate needed change in the world."

The Saturday session was concerned with faculty reports and discussion of school's opening. Mr. Merritt, business manager, explained that all student help this year would not receive checks for their work; rather the money would be applied on their bills at the college.

## Former Dean at Muskingum

Miss Mary W. McKinney, former dean of women at Alma, has been appointed dean of women at Muskingum College, New Concord, Ohio, it was announced recently by President Robert N. Montgomery.

Miss McKinney holds her bachelor's degree from Northern Illinois State Teacher's College and her master's degree from Syracuse University. She was dean of women at Alma from 1947-52, and

has been a counselor for the past twelve summers at the Burr Oaks Camp for Girls at Mukwonago, Wisconsin.

## VAN DUSEN SCHEDULE

Monday through Friday:  
 Breakfast: 7:15 to 8:00  
 Dinner: 12:00  
 Supper: 5:30  
 Sunday:  
 Breakfast: 8:30 to 9:00  
 Dinner: 12:30 to 1:15  
 Supper: 5:00

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Ed. Note): The almanian will consider for publication any letter concerning campus, state, or world affairs submitted by any student or faculty member, subject to limitation only by good taste and reader interest.

All letters must be signed, and names will not be withheld except under extreme conditions. The opinions expressed in these columns do not necessarily represent the personal or public opinions of the editor or any member of the almanian staff.

Dear Editor:  
I have been so impressed with Alma College in my first few days on the campus that I thought I would express some of my feelings to you.

I have always had the impression that you were supposed to feel very ill at ease when you entered college, but the faculty and all the students are so friendly, and make you feel so welcome, that I can truthfully say that I was at ease.

I was especially impressed with the faculty. I had always heard that professors were stuffed shirts and you wouldn't dare speak to them, but they certainly are different at Alma.

I think the orientation program has been marvelously planned to give us a great variety so that everyone can participate in something they enjoy.

After entering Alma College I can plainly see why the three teachers from Lowell High School who attended Alma College were so wonderful.

Alma College is really a college "where friendliness links learning

to living" and I think I will really enjoy my stay here.

Shirley Colby

Dear Editor:  
Previous students of Alma College had told me of the friendliness of this school and I had wondered just how much of it was actually true. As a freshman I would like to express my realizations to you, the editor.

I was rather surprised at the friendliness and activity of this college. The staff has done a swell job in planning entertainment for the incoming freshmen. I would like to express my thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Harker for their cordial reception in their home Sunday night.

Also my personal thanks extends to Dean Stielstra for providing transportation to and from the Conservation Park picnic. I'll admit it was a bit cold for a picnic but the singing made it a lot of fun. And to Eddie Williams (my big sister) for all her helpfulness. Thanks also to the fella's who carried our books from the Varsity Shop. (I don't know their names.) Judging from the dorm parties, the friendliness of the upperclassmen and faculty I think Alma is going to be very good to me.

A Fresh,  
Virginia Adams

On coming to Alma, I was immediately caught in the hurry-scurry and excitement of the freshman class.

It was a matter of hours after I arrived on Sunday the 12th, that I really felt the warmth and friendship that everyone on the campus offered.

I've heard about how the freshman at college get homesick their first week or so. It will be a long time before I get home so I hope that it is not true in my case.

Coming from a large school it amazed me how friendly the faculty are with the students.

Before coming to college I had heard my friends complain about how awful the food was at college. In my opinion the food at Alma has been magnificent and I do not think that there is another school that could compare with it.

Alma has two new beautiful buildings, and I believe that the building program should continue, for a fast growing college needs plenty of classrooms. So far the only thing I dislike about Alma is the weather.

A freshman's first view,  
Dave Nicholas

On Sunday, Sept. 12, I crossed the threshold of my new home as did several other companions. My new home isn't quite like I expected it to be—some things for the better and some not for the better. It wouldn't be Alma College if it were my home on Cass Lake. It is part of college life getting adjusted to your new home.

I was very impressed as I was riding up Superior street toward a grove of mature trees which was the entrance to my new home. The trees add a lot to the appearance of our campus.

My next stop wasn't so beautiful, but it looked like home to some extent. This was Pioneer Hall. This could be improved in many ways. This would be cost-

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ly but a nice asset to the Alma College campus.

As for the objects that impressed me most, well, that isn't hard to guess. Of course, the Jerry Tyler Student Center and the Van Dusen Commons. These are the two most beautiful structures of their kind I have ever seen. I surely hope that the students take care of their wonderful gifts.

The most astounding thing is the friendliness of everybody. I had heard of this but didn't think it could exist. This is the nicest thing a college campus could achieve.

These are my opinions of Alma College as a freshman. I surely hope they aren't changed in the next four years at my new camping ground.

A member of the freshman class,  
Harry Bertrand

**Faculty**

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Fellowship, Northwestern university, and has been awarded the Bateman Memorial Essay prize.

Dr. Kirk will also serve as resident counselor at Bruske House, newly opened dorm for girls.

**Two Replacements in Math**

Dr. Samuel L. Thorndike will replace Dr. Clack, who retired last spring, as head of the department of mathematics. He is a graduate of Harvard university, Cambridge, Mass. He attended Trinity college, Cambridge, England. His Ph.D. is from the University of California.

A varied teaching background from 1937 to 1949 includes the following associations: Instructor in astronomy at Wellesley college; instructor in Naval Programs at Williams college; associate professor of mathematics at Winthrop college, Rock Hills, S. C.; for three years, chairman and assistant professor at the University of Maine.

Dr. Thorndike came to Alma from the College of Emporia, Kansas, where he has completed his fifth year as head of the department of mathematics.

In addition to this background of training and experience, Dr. Thorndike's interest in astronomy has led to participation in astronomical research at several well-known observatories, including

Harvard and Mount Wilson. He has published technical papers in this connection.

His memberships include the principal and astronomical and mathematical national societies, such as: The American Astronomical Society; The American Mathematical Society; Mathematical Association of America; American Association for the Advancement of Science; Sigma Xi and others.

**Mr. Myhrum Replaces Miss Heator**

Mr. Walton B. Myhrum replaces Miss Helen Heator as assistant professor of mathematics. He is a graduate of Concordia college, Moorhead, Minnesota. His M. S. is from the University of North Dakota.

After fifteen years of teaching mathematics, six years at the college level, Mr. Myhrum comes to Alma with a long abiding interest in the church affiliated college. Four years of undergraduate work at a midwest Christian college instilled this desire for service in this field. His church, civic and related activities all lead in this direction. He has served as church trustee, choir member and delegate; president of the city library commission and past president of P.T.A., Ellendale, N. D., Community Band director, Playground Supervision and Boy Scouts.

In 1948, Mr. Myhrum joined the staff of the State Normal and Industrial college at Ellendale, N. D., where he remained until coming to Alma. Prior to that, his teaching experience was obtained in the Minnesota and North Dakota schools. He has found time to travel over much of the United States, and Europe.

He is a Phi Delta Kappa and a member of the North Dakota Educational Association. His college honors include citation for scholarship in music.

Mr. Myhrum is married and has three children.

**Spanish Professor Has Wide Travels**

Dr. Grace L. Nichols, professor of Spanish, has had residence, teaching and travel background in Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, Central and South America. She is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin, and holds a master's degree in Latin from the University of Colorado. Her Ph.D. in Spanish is from the University of New Mexico. Many summers were spent in language houses, at Middlebury, Boulder, Berkeley and Colorado Springs. Summer study also included work with the Spanish Club in Mexico, chiefly in Guadalajara; and a sojourn in eastern South America, Rio, Montevideo, Buenos Aires and Iguassu.

On completing seventeen years teaching experience in Colorado and South Dakota schools, Dr. Nichols entered military service. She spent four years with the WAC's (1943-47) from enlisted wo-

man to captain, and served as "Language Officer," librarian and censorship officer. Three years of this period were in the Pacific area, Australia, New Guinea, Manila and Tokyo. In Tokyo, where the last year of Army service was spent, Dr. Nichols was assigned to do research work in education for the Civil Information and Education Division of GHI. Her study of the development of teachers' unions in Japan was summarized in an article published in 1948 in the Delta Kappa Gamma bulletin.

In 1947, Dr. Nichols joined the staff of Phoenix college, leaving for the specific purpose of completing her doctorate at the University of New Mexico in 1951. In addition to this educational, teaching and travel experience, Dr. Nichols has included editorial work and association with the American Dental Association in her career, editing technical articles, with occasional translation and review of foreign dental books.

She is a member of Phi Beta Kappa, Phi Kappa Phi, Delta Kappa Gamma, Phi Sigma Iota (Spanish) and Phi Alpha Theta History). She is also a member of the A.A. U.W. and Pan American Council.

**Replaces Coach Lawrence**

Mr. Gary Stauffer replaces Coach Fred Lawrence who resigned last spring. Mr. Stauffer was born in Vestaburg, and graduated from high school there. In 1948 he received his B. S. degree from Central Michigan college and at the present time is taking graduate work during the summer sessions at the University of Michigan.

While at Central Michigan college, he participated in basketball and baseball, winning three letters in each sport. In his senior year he was chosen co-captain of the baseball team. Upon graduation from Central, Mr. Stauffer was employed by the Vicksburg Community schools, where he has been teaching for the past six years.

**Dr. Larson Is Addition to Faculty**

The appointment of Dr. Robert L. Larson as assistant professor of history and business administration is an addition to the college faculty. Dr. Larson is a graduate of Northwestern university. His Master's in American and World History is from Northwestern. His Ph.D. is from Columbia University.

Following graduation from Northwestern in 1942, Dr. Larson's program of study was interrupted by service in the U. S. Navy for three and a half years. He served at the Great Lakes station, and escort duty on board, in the Caribbean area. After honorable discharge in 1945, he resumed study in Northwestern on the graduate level.

While completing his doctorate at Columbia University, Dr. Larson was research assistant on the NYC Museum Committee on American Social History, and Library assistant at the New York public library. He also taught at the Latin American Institute.

In 1950, Dr. Larson joined the staff of Fairleigh Dickinson college, Rutherford, New Jersey, as instructor in social sciences. His teaching included such varied courses, as U. S. history, principles of economics, contemporary society (survey of the social sciences) sociology and ancient civilization. His work at Fairleigh Dickinson was completed in July, 1953. On terminating this association, Dr. Larson became a member of the staff of the National Records Management Council, N.Y.C. an organization subsidized by Rockefeller Foundation, set up for the purpose of analyzing business and government papers, with a view toward determining their historical and archival value.

Dr. Larson is a member of the American Historical Association and the Mississippi Valley Association.

He is married and is the father of a son and daughter.

**Mrs. Hall at Wright Hall**

Mrs. Mildred Hall of Muskegon replaces Mrs. Frank Powell, who resigned last spring. Mrs. Hall is a member of the Muskegon Women's Club and Extension group courses, in which she has served as leader on many occasions. In addition, business training and experience prior to her marriage lends a sound basis for management ability.

As a former resident of Grand Rapids, she took part in both church and Civic activities, and was an active member of the Woid she directed teen-age Sunday men's Fellowship. During that period she worked with the Parent Teachers association in various official capacities and committee chairmanships. For many years, she was a

group guardian with the Camp Fire Girls in the city wide organization. She has done much volunteer work with the Red Cross and other charitable drives.

Mrs. Hall's husband, prior to his death last May, was the city engineer and director of public works in Muskegon. She has one married daughter and two grandchildren.

**Voska to Replace Finchem in Admissions**

Mr. William Voska, 1953 graduate of Alma, replaces Mr. Paul A. Finchem as admissions counselor in the Detroit area. Mr. Finchem resigned this summer to go into the army.

Mrs. Lena Hyde will be head resident of Ida Cole cottage.

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College Students  
Come in and register and win free show tickets.  
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Come in and sign our register. For each issue of Almanian one name from this list will be selected to receive a free tie. Watch our ad for your name.

**Church's Jewelers**  
The Store Confidence Built  
Gifts for Birthdays,  
Weddings and  
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You used good judgment in selecting Alma College. Our best wishes to you.  
Welcome back upper classmen.  
And to all of you, come in and see us. We will be glad to meet you.  
**SAWKINS MUSIC & FURNITURE**  
Since 1902

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Phone 673 Alma  
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Quality Wear at Prices You Can Afford to Pay

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717 E. SUPERIOR ALMA  
PHONE 1083

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NEW MOON mobile apartment homes are built of the best materials by expert craftsmen to provide you with every possible living comfort at the lowest cost.

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Corner of State and East Center

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The Friendly Service

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Full Line of Baked Goods

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