The 1940’s Print Shop in the Industrial Arts Building featured Intertype typesetting machines. Instructor Lawrence J. Brink, wearing suspenders, is seated at one of the Intertype keyboards. Brink founded the Printing Management program in 1957.
Western trained 300 pilots in the Navy V-5 program during World War II. Above, instructors Fred Huff and Henry Beukema conduct a drafting class in the Industrial Arts Building.
~ 1941 ~

Western State Teachers College becomes
Western Michigan College of Education

In 1945 the College was organized into three Divisions:

General Education
Teacher Education
Vocational Education and Practical Arts Education

Dr. Deyo B. Fox was the first Director of the Vocational Education and Practical Arts Education Division. The Division was divided into four departments:

Business Training
Home Economics
Industrial Arts Education
Trade and Industrial Education
The Mechanical Trades Building was completed in 1941. A new two-year program in aviation mechanics inspired the four stylized bas-reliefs of radial aircraft engines that flanked the front doors.

The building was razed in 2003 but the bas-reliefs were saved and removed to the Parkview Campus.
The 1946 acquisition of 155 acres to the west of the railroad tracks nearly quadrupled the acreage of the Western Michigan College of Education. Enrollment increased from 2,620 in 1941 to over 4,800 in 1951 due to the post-World-War-II education boom.

LEGEND: 1- Waldo Stadium; 2- Hyames Field; 3- U.S. 12 (Stadium Drive); 4- New York Central Railroad; 5- Michigan Avenue; 6- Angell Field (Kalamazoo College); 7- temporary housing for World War II veterans and families; 8- Presidential Residence (The Oaklands)
1949

The Industrial Technical Education program was started in 1949 as part of the Division of Vocational Education and Practical Arts Education.

Degree programs:
~ Air Transportation
~ Electrical
~ Paper Technology
~ Radio Technology
~ Refrigeration and Air Conditioning
~ Vocation Industrial Teacher Education

Non-degree programs (2- and 3-year curricula):
~ Aircraft Mechanics
~ Air Conditioning and Refrigeration
~ Airline Hostess
~ Auto Maintenance
~ Drafting
~ Machine Shop
~ Printing
~ Radio