President Dwight B. Waldo to join the speech staff of Western State Normal School and "do" dramatics for State High. She later became head of the Speech Department and, except for one year in Japan where she taught at Tokyo Women's College, she remained at Western until her retirement in the spring of 1953.

It was not surprising to Miss Shaw that her teaching assignment included a course in story-telling, the usual fundamentals of speech and interpretive reading. It was a surprise that her extra-curricular duties included not only directing State High dramatics, but also coaching men's debate. What really surprised her though was to learn that she had been chosen as the first faculty sponsor for the Forum, the men's debate fraternity.

Theatre was Miss Shaw's first love. When she began her career the Little Theatre Movement was burgeoning. The influence of the Moscow Art Theatre was just beginning, and the Theatre Guild was dreaming dreams.

Theatre at Western meant Players, and Players meant Miss Shaw, for she served as faculty sponsor for the group during her entire career at Western. Players' activities were highlighted of the students' calendars: fall tryouts, pledge play, the Homecoming Tea, the Midwinter play (which was the big dramatic event of the Players' year) and the Players' banquet.

The playhouse was Miss Shaw's academic home during the first twenty-four years of her tenure, the center of Players' and the lodge for many a dedicated student. She loved the place as did every player and left it reluctantly to move to a new theatre building on Oakland Drive in 1942.

Players and her classes were Miss Shaw's major interest and concern. In 1937 another major interest was added—her house.

She built a home, and the Cape Cod sandstone house on Greenleaf Avenue became the setting for her loved antiques and oriental treasures. Here she generously opened her doors on many occasions to students who will never forget the good times they had there: the Players' Christmas parties; the spring picnics in the backyard for graduating Seniors; and the alumni breakfasts on Sunday mornings of Homecoming weekends.

The respect and esteem with which she was regarded by her students was expressed in the program at the recognition dinner given by the Players when she retired.