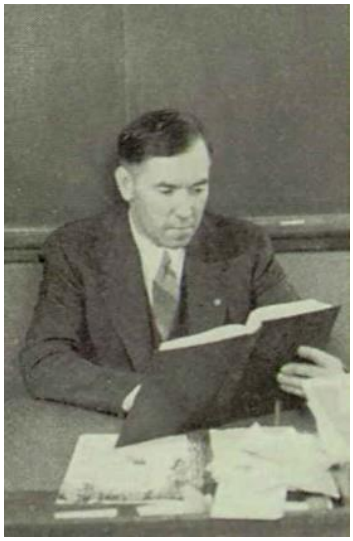
Floyd James Leuben

Floyd Leuben was born on Christmas Day in LeSueur, Minnestoa in 1896 to Samuel R Leuben (1861-1926) and Emma L Lund Leuben (1867-1936). Samuel was Minnesota born and an experienced tin smith and plumber. Emma was born in Canada. Floyd enlisted in the United States Marines on April 21, 1917 at the age of 21. He was first sent for training in Quantico, Virginia but was given the opportunity to test for advancement. He passed and was sent to Mare Island, San Francisco to learn the role of a corporal. He wrote home "I will now wear a red stripe down the leg of my blue trousers and two straps on the top of my coat". He was now Corporal of the Grenadier Squad of Supply Company, 5th Regiment, 30th Base Detachment. After arriving in France, Floyd was assigned as Transportation Clerk, and as such he was responsible for the movement of German prisoners around France. Towards the end of the war, they called for volunteers to go to the front and Floyd agreed to go. He was injured and spent a short time in the hospital with a wounded thumb. Generally, Floyd had an amazing experience in the Marines. He was able to see much of the country both in America and in France. On June 10, 1919 he left France as a Sergeant, on the SS Roanoke. He was released from the Marine Barracks – Navy Yard in Charleston, South Carolina.



Floyd moved to St Paul, Minnesota where he moved in with is mother who was in 1920 working and living in a University of Minnesota Fraternity nick named the "farm house". We couldn't locate the records but Floyd must have attended college during this time. His father died in a tragic, work related fall just one month before he married Helen Staples (1901-1997) on July 15, 1926. By this time Floyd is the Head of Commercial Department of Laverne Minnesota High School. In 1929 the couple's only child, Richard Cole is born. He will serve in WWII with the U.S. Marines. Floyd took the job as Commercial Instructor at St Cloud Technical High School and his mother moved to St Cloud with the family. He then became Director of the Austin Area State Vocational School. In 1956 he became Chief Advisor for a special project financed by the Ford Foundation where Dunwoody would supply advisors to help establish vocational training center in Rangoon, Burma. When the project ended Floyd worked for the State of Minnesota until he retired. The couple moved to Sun City Center, Florida where Floyd died eleven years later on March 8, 1974 at the age of 77. Floyd is buried at Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota.