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## PHI PHI BANQUET

Louis E. Anderson as Toastmaster Keeps Things Lively

## HELD IN CHURCH PARLORS

Picture of Lincoln Presented to Society by Frank Locker and "Scotty" McDonald

It may be that there is nothing new under the sun but if you know of an Alma college banquet which was more enjoyable and pleasurable than that of last Friday evening, please raise your left hand. All things, including the delicious viands, were disposed of in a neat and clever manner.

An upward movement in the chestnut market was very noticeable all day Friday, and the season was very apparent when the surplus stock was unloaded at the banquet board. But everybody was in such excellent humour, you know, that the old jokes were quite as effective as the real good ones originating with the versatile master o' toasts, Mr. Louis E. Anderson. Granting that there was a little attempt at horse play, nevertheless the whole program went off without a hitch.

Promptly at the stroke of one, between the hours of eight and nine, twenty-six, jubilant couples marched joyously into the banquet hall of the Presbyterian church, where the ladies of the church had provided a delectable five course spread. After the invocation by Frank Hurst, the attack began. The printed menu quoting Grant demanded that there be an unconditional surrender and there was. The advance guard commanded by "Oscar" Kefgen was quickly executed. The main army followed and the ladies were in a great deal of haste. Refreshments were carried forward and the girls were served. Early in the evening, the girls took over and the boys were left during the winter months. The boys were in a great deal of haste. There was a little horse play, but no serious injuries were reported.

So when all questions as to rations had been settled to his entire satisfaction of all concerned, Mr. Louis E. Anderson, who made Omena famous, one of the most popular men who have attended

Alma college asked Mr. Robert VonThurn to read letters and telegrams of greeting and good wishes from old Phi Phi men, St. Cyr, Marshall, Marchmont, Cobb, Allured and David Johnson. In all of them the fact that Phi Phi Alpha meant a great deal to the writers was very evident, and furthermore it was also plain to be seen that they remembered with the kindest feelings the toastmaster Mr. Anderson, then introduced a number of his own inimitable stories, a limitless supply of his he had stored up somewhere about him, and incidentally Mr. Ralph Yonker, representing the Freshman class, who responded to the toast, "Lincoln and his Live Affairs." Mr. Yonker's remarks were in lighter vein and his hearers were kind enough to laugh at the usual quota of mummyhood almost jokes.

Miss Edith Hewitt, of the Philomatheans, spoke of "Lincoln the Boy." She pointed out that Lincoln when a boy lived the life of a hero and made him great in manhood. He was not in idleness, he made use of his moments. His success as a man was due to his untiring efforts as a boy.

Frank H. Locker of the class of 1912, gave a carefully prepared talk on "Lincoln the Statesman." He said that Lincoln was a man who fitted into his time. His was the particular moment at which circumstances so arranged themselves that he was exactly the man necessary to save the state.

The toastmaster announced the good news that Mr. Hurst wanted to tell a story. Mr. Hurst responded to the demand of the hour by one of his clever tales, given in that budding way of his that makes a hit. With apologies to the three Andersons present he gave in closing a poetic version of the Swede's version of George Washington.

Miss Jane McKinney, speaking on the "Droll side of Lincoln" told very effectively a number of Lincoln's best stories. Miss McKinney represented the Forebel society.

Cass Chase, '10 gave the toast "The Heart of Lincoln." He began by telling the story of Lincoln's climbing a tall tree just to put two birds which had fallen out back into their nest. He showed how this kindly feeling toward man and beast actuated Lincoln all through his later life. His tenderness and yet his strength were brought out emphatically.

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## CLASS NOTES 1910

As a brace for the final spurt over our college course the Juniors gave us a spread Saturday evening February 5th that was fully up to their reputation as feeders and entertainers.

The date could not have been better chosen as it came between semesters following two hard weeks of grind and preceeding several days for recuperation. And we surely needed recuperating after attempting to do justice to the quality and quantity that was set before us and listening to such an elaborate program given by uninvited performers.

Theron Crane was called upon to open the amorphous program with a whistling selection and responded with "Les Miserables" "Où l'Heure Est Donc Brive" and drew round after round of applause from his thrilled listeners.

Lindley was next called upon for a speech and responded with such readiness and grace that he was accused of having prepared something for the occasion.

Miss Reid then delighted us with a very witty dialect monologue followed by a passionate rendering of My Bonnie Lies over the Ocean by the talented artists Duncanson & Campbell. This number brought the crowd to its feet and after considerable threatening the singers were induced to stop.

The next number was a buck and wing dance by "Speedy McComb and Bob Von Thurn.

Miss Creaser again brought the crowd to its feet by singing Pony Boy three times with no time out for breath.

After we had gained our self-composure Misses Carey and Sevear gave us an instrumental selection Annie Laurie with variation (mostly variations.)

Kefgen and Fraker closed the program with a clog dance turn that would have given credit to any Nichelodian in the Michigan circuit. After having soared to such height in music we were treated to Heavely slush, angels food ann ambrosia in such quantities that even Graves would have been staggered had he been able to have been present.

Here's thanks to you 1911 and may you in turn received such hospitality.

Fred Dickinson, who did a year's work in Alma with the present Sophomore class, is employed as a clerk in the post office at Tecumseh.

## MT. PLEASANT--ALMA

Alma Wins in Overtime From Central Normals

## VERY EXCITING GAME

Speed of Team With Fraker's Clever Work Won the Game

An exciting game of the season was witnessed when Mt. Pleasant last Friday defeated the Central Normals before the Alma boys. The normals scored first before the Alma boys made their bearings. Soon the tide turned for Alma by the clever work of Fraker, scoring two field baskets and throwing five free goals in the first half while the normals secured four baskets from the field.

During the second half the normals put up a rough fight to tie the score, but did not succeed until the last minute of play. At this time Kefgen was shifted to center and Hooper placed at right guard. In a few minutes later Fraker rolled the ball into the basket and the game was over. The points stood 23 to 21 in Alma's favor.

The team played throughout as a unit and every member of it put up a fight from start to finish. Fraker's foul throwing caused many a cheer from the crowd while his field work was only equaled by Hoolihan, both securing four field baskets. Captain Kefgen was a star on defensive work, picking the ball from the high places and passing it to his team mates. Cook played a good consistent game at center, while Phillip's and Campbell's passing was good.

Coach Helmer's refereeing was perfectly satisfactory giving both sides a square deal. The teams treatment was first class and they look to it with the highest respect.

Coach Carrithers was perfectly satisfied with the work of his team and deserves much credit for the victory over the normals. He has worked up an all around team which Alma can be proud to own.

On Feb. 17 Adrian will play here. Every effort will be put forth to show our visitors a good time. Alma has found Adrian a worthy rival and we look forth to that.

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### BY THESE EYE SHALL KNOW THEM

Elsie Bona—"You know Roger's mamma left him in my care."  
Hazel Bona—"Gee, get out of it."  
Esther Stevens—"When I live in my old track hall."  
Bessie Seaver—"All be God pity the King, it w'd ont bring back my music-box."  
Ethel Carey—"Oh, if Rudolph was only living!"  
Jean Douglas—"Once there was a man. He had \$1.10."  
Kathleen Gillard—"Miss Cook, he like Emerson on Love."  
Ruth Hovey—"Two years and I haven't made a hit yet. I'll never come back."  
Edith Harper—"Oh, I must see Lloyd. Stanley has another tooth."  
Jane McKinney—"Honest to John!"  
Lena Drake—"I got my letter from Detroit. It is the most serious ever."  
Nina Martin—"Gee, if I were only a boy."  
Ada Hobbs—"I sat up all last night listening to my bed ticking."  
Marion McKinney—"Shut your kisser."  
Mary Putnam—"Wait till house council gets rouning. I'll do a few things."  
Julia Reed—"Dagas, daga! Dog-on-it!"  
Carrie Rowland—"Oh, Honey-co-bunch, I love you so."  
Irene Peasely—"Girls, just come and see the hair nets I brought from Chicago."  
Irene Burton—"Girls, if 'Fleety' ever caught his button in my hair the whole top of my head would come off."  
Florence Carmen—"If I had some ham, I'd cook some ham and eggs if you'd give me the eggs."  
Margaret Boag—"Laziness, did I ever offend thee!"

Edith Hewitt—"I like Adelbird best but I am being 'rushed' and 'chased.'"  
Esther Halverson—"He's a sh."  
Margaret Bilby—"Oh, I buy at the drug store."  
Dorothy Baker—"Oh, I came to Alma College to see the and the Ladies' Home Journal."  
Susan Fear—"Auntie says I've got to cut out calling Mr. Graves 'Pum.'"  
Clara Hanel—"Cook! Pine! Monteith! Oh, for a Von Thurn!"  
Katherine DeVries—"Grow like a short girl, longer, longer."  
Myrtle Ryan—"Didn't I ever tell you about my man at the U. of L?"  
Minnie Lacom—"All the boys in Pioneer Hall know that I swam."  
W. Johnson—"Shakespeare's 'A Tale of Two Cities' is a good one."  
Ruth Robinson—"Lifeless said."  
Della Blumenthal—"Holy Cow!"  
Grace Shair—"You can't always, sometimes tell."  
Hazel Conner—"Oh, I sigh for S."  
Ruth Ray—"What's a ten cent tray in a German exam?"  
Vesta Wilson—"Heavens, my roommate and I are just such good friends."  
Bernice Latson—"Exams, Exams! God have mercy on my poor soul."  
Della Struthers—"Let me show you how the fellows dance at home."  
Louise Mitchell—"My, I love triters."  
May McGill—"Who can I get to take this box to Babe? Tomorrow's Sunday and I wout see him."  
Helena Randall—"Wilhelmia is such an inspiration."  
Fannie Cox—"Please may I be excused, Miss Booth?"  
Irene Reiser—"Blessings on the man who invented sleep."  
Ruth Robbins—"Gee, why aint you got anything to eat?"  
Irene Bier—"The Dean's got her eye on me."  
Edna Austin—"If I skipped would I have to go home?"  
Selma Hahn—"Did you ever hear about this—you'd probably heard this before."  
Luella Warner—"I boom Alma when I go home."  
Emma Bachi—"How did the girls ever find out about Ann Arbor's attraction?"  
Miss Albertson—"Girls, Girls! Stop wasting the water. You must clean your teeth in your mugs."

### COMING EVENTS

Thursday, February 17—Adrain-Alma basket ball game at Alma.  
Saturday, February 19,—Classical Club.  
Saturday, February 26,—Basket ball; Olivet at Alma.  
Saturday, February 26,—Scientific Club.  
Friday, March 4,—Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest at Lansing.

The Philomathean Chapter of the Phi Kappa Phi Fraternity...  
The Y. M. C. A. met on the Association room for the purpose of electing officers, and the following men were chosen to hold the positions of responsibility:  
President—Adelbert Lindley '11  
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ALUMNI NOTES

ALLA-NOTCH

Saturday night Mr. Box was nearly Miss Alice Hubbard, kg. 'OS, p is(nved under, Tite vaUmine in charge of the kindergarten work ,or t,le ones and the brave in two of the city schools of Kala\* comPrised all that the art of man mazoo.

" or beast could contrive- everything A. J. Helmer's Pontiac high ,l,m ,iil most K<h>geous flowers, school team seems to be putting up jMk \* as ^ou St'I\* growing in the a remarkable game of basket ball ,l"nl 'vjp^ows "Ladies Hat this year, having the scalps of all Factories" to paner hearts and teams played thus far. sugar plums.

After everybody had laughed at the annual meeting of the everybody else and had been Michigan Press Association at Bay , City, February 23-4, C. F. Knox ll,u'le'lat ^ everybody else,'we ,tlii a r\mm . . . . . .. proceeded to make merry. Grand

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the state and the News under his<sub>2</sub> until rudely, there came the sum- management is the leading daily ° j. e Utll Fig-new-tons, paper of the upper peninsula. sv'lersan icecream. So valiantly

f did every contestant busy himself L. E. Anderson came down from ithat the enemies were sooyrn out of



# PHI PHI BRANQUET.

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"Greek" met the "Greek" when Joy S. Pettitt, representing the Phi Phi Alpha literary society of Olivet college faced a room full of friends. Mr. Pettitt said in pre-facing his speech, "As I look into your faces, I see a great wonderment. You are wondering what I, a stranger to you all, am going to say. And to tell the truth I also am wondering what I am going to say." He told the story of the two Irish immigrants landing in this country, one of whom had lost his passport, or as he called it, his "character." On discovering his loss he had his friend write out a statement which he thought would admit him to this country. "My friend Mike Mahoney" wrote Pat, had a character when he started but he lost it on the way over." Mr. Pettitt tried to make his hearers believe that he had had a speech but had lost it on the way. However, he at least found another very quickly and delivered it in a pleasing way. Mr. Pettitt's presence at the banquet was a continuance of the affiliation formed with the Phi Alpha Pi of Olivet two years ago, when Roy Thomas of Olivet, class '09, attended the Phi Phi banquet.

"Lincoln, the Phi Phi Alpha Ideal" was ably handled by Adelbert A. Lindley of the Junior class. Mr. Lindley proposed a toast to Phi-ism which was drunk with hearty accord. "Lincoln," said Mr. Lindley, "was the type of man in his traits of character who is the ideal of the Phi Phi Alpha literary society. The function of a literary society is to assist in the development of men of executive ability, men of character, men of mental grasp, and of all men possessing these qualities, Lincoln was the noblest. Such men the world needs."

Clark Hull, for the Alumni, responded to the toast "P. P. & A.," which being interpreted means Phi Phi Alpha or Past, Present and Afterwards as you please. He told of the struggles of the society when it was emerging from its life as an organization of academy students into that of college men: He spoke of the time of such men as Johnson, Butler and King, the first great triumvirate. He urged the present members to strive for the attainment of those ideals on which the society was founded and wished for them the greatest success.

Following Mr. Hull, Ralph Von Thurn, in the name of Frank Locker and E. Blake McDonald, the latter now of Auburn Seminary, presented a fine picture of Abraham Lincoln, handsomely framed. The picture is a token of the affection in the hearts of the donors for their society.

Mr. Andersou in bidding his

friends goodnight touched upon the interdependence of the two present men's societies in Alma. He pointed out that it was the Zeta Sigmas who had made the Phi Phis and likewise it was the Phis who were constantly spurring the rival society on to greater efforts. In token of the good feeling of friendly rivalry between the two societies, he proposed a final toast to the Zeta Sigma literary society and when that was drunk one of the happiest events of the college year was over.

## MT. PLEASANT ALMA

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game with much pleasure.

The line up.

Alma		
Kefgen	r g and c	Crawford
Campbell	l g	McCarty
Cook	c	Dickerson
Fraker	r f	Barnham
Phillips	l f	Hoolihan
Hooper	r g	

Baskets, Hoolihan 4, Barnham 2, Dickerson 3, Crawford 1, Kefgen 1, Cook 3, Fraker 4. Fouls, Fraker 7 out 9, Hoolihan 1 out of 5. Time of half, 20 minutes, referee—Helmer Mt. Pleasant.

### ADRAIN VS. ALMA.

It will be well to remember that one of the classiest and most exciting games on last years schedule was the one with Adrain. Not only was it close but it was one of the cleanest played and most friendly. This year the Adrain team comes to us just as strong and with a good record behind them. Two weeks ago they defeated Hills dale by a large margin and since have been playing very close games with Detroit College and St. John's of Ohio.

This game is of special importance to Alma because it is the first intercollegiate contest and the result of this game will do much to determine the final championship. As the race is at present Adrain, Olivet and Alma are unbeaten. The winner Thursday evening will be the one to play Olivet, last years champions, for the title. Since Olivet plays on our court one week from Saturday it would be quite fitting that Alma defeat Adrain and then settle the question with Olivet a week later right here at home.

Without question the maroon and cream have the best team that ever represented them and they deserve the loyal support of the entire student body.

The game is called at 7:30 P. M. and it is expected that everybody will be on hand and give the Adrain team a good time by the most courteous treatment while the team is doing their best to reverse last year's score.

Miss Anna Niles, kg. '08, has charge of the primary department of the Longfellow school at Elk Rapids.

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