

# The Weekly Almanian

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## COLLEGE

### GLEE CLUB

The Glee Club has been working strenuously the last week to shape themselves for their annual tour through Michigan. A preliminary trip was taken last week end.

The club made its second appearance at Howell where they met with such success last year. On Saturday evening they gave their concert in the Presbyterian church at Northville. Sunday evening Rev. Webber, a graduate of Alma, gave the club charge of the service and they presented a sacred concert. At the young peoples' meeting short talks were given by several members of the club.

Mr. Brooke of Howell and Mr. Webber of Northville had made splendid preparation for the club. Large and appreciative audiences greeted them. Early training in preparation for the regular trip was given the members of the club on their return to Alma by way of a mid-night train.

Below is given the itinerary of the regular trip. After the return concerts will be given in Ithaca, St. Louis, Shepherd and Alma.

The following constitute the club: Prof. Veatch, Prof. Fannell, Mr. Davis, Miss Amsbury, Messrs. Austin, Higbee, Johnson, Patterson, Goodrich, Hodge, Ludwick, Anderson, Butler, Chisholm, Beyer, Hoimes, McCloy, Cole and Gallagher.

The itinerary: March 27, Stanton; March 28, Big Rapids; March 29 and 30, Cadillac; March 31, Traverse City; April 1, Elk Rapids; April 2, Charlevoix; April 3, Harbor Springs; April 4, Gaylord; April 5, Grayling; April 6, West Branch.

O. M. A.

### TRIANGLE DEBATE

This is the last number of the Almanian before the triangle debate with Hope and Olivet, Friday, April 10. The squad is working hard on the question and it will not be at all surprising if Alma puts out two winning teams. The men now on the squad are: Hogan, Gates, Fred Johnson and French for the affirmative; and Creaser, H. Friedman, Cole and Ferson for the negative.

The question for debate is: "Resolved, that the United States should own and operate its railroads."

Much of Alma's success depends upon the student body. This week is already too late to begin plans of support. There should be several mass meetings this week to learn special songs and yells for the occasion. Any body who is gifted with the ability to write parodies should get busy at once and get a few songs ready to sing to visiting team. Plans should also be made to have a few go to Hope with the negative team. Beyond any doubt, Olivet will have a bunch of rooters here.

Alma students, get busy and work up some enthusiasm for your team. Get something started to show the teams that you are for them first last and all the time. Do it now.

## CAMPUS GLEANINGS

The next Almanian will appear April 14.

Bryson McCloy was called to Fairgrove Tuesday because of his father's illness.

Several Pioneer dwellers took a mid-night hike four miles east and back Saturday.

Mrs. Woodruff of Dewitt visited with her daughter, Lorna, at Wright Hall a week ago.

Coach Bleamaster refereed basketball games at Saginaw Friday and Saturday evenings.

Addison Wilson and Fred Johnson attended the vocational conference at Detroit last week.

Hymie and Isadore Friedman were called to Bay City Monday by the death of their grandmother.

The following people enjoyed supper at the Park Hotel in St. Louis Saturday night: Archie Maybee, Beulah Thompson, Walter Vogt, Lois May, Art Simenton, Berniece Ireland, Heime Friedman, Pauline Markham, Wm. Schultz, Beatrice Whitlem, Grant Cook, Margaret Robinson, Allen French and Florence Henderson.

Those to pay their Almanian subscriptions the past week are: Lou Farley Whitewater, Wis.; Neva Jenkins, East Jordan; Nell Chisholm, Breckenridge; Mary L. Allen, New York City; Theron Chapel, Parma; Louise T. Strange, Jackson; Hazel Crosby, Alma; Elisabeth B. Hunt, Holland; Mary L. Clark, Ann Arbor; Mrs. Carpenter, Bad Axe; Lester Sharp, Chicago, Ill.; Frank Withey, Marquette.

## EXCHANGES

ALBION—A fresh-soph debate has been instituted at Albion so as to begin early to train college students who may take honor in their junior and senior years.

KALAMAZOO NORMAL—Normal students will have an opportunity to display any ability they may have in cartoon work as a result of the contest inaugurated by the Kalamazoo Commercial club. The best cartoons produced in the contest will be published in the daily papers as a preliminary to and educational course of lectures to be held under the Club's management.

OLIVET—A "Push Club" has been organized at Olivet to lend support to all campus activities. This club will probably look after getting special trains for trips and working up enthusiasm. Might organize one in Alma.

ADRIAN—The music faculty of Adrian College are putting on a concert to raise money for new base ball uniforms.

A State peace contest will be held at Olivet, March 20, and representatives from Michigan, M. A. C., Ypsilanti, Albion, Hillsdale and Olivet will participate. There are to be two prizes, one of \$75 and a second of \$50. The first winner will go to Lake Mohaw, N. Y., to represent the state of Michigan in an inter-state contest.

YPSILANTI—Governor Ferris addressed the State Normal students last Thursday.

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## ALUMNI NOTES

Theron Chapel, '11, is teaching in the high school at Parma this year.

Louise Strange, '08, is General Secretary of the Y. W. C. A. at Jackson.

Mary Clark, a student here two years ago is attending the University at Ann Arbor.

Lester Sharp, '08, is an instructor in the Department of Botany at the University of Chicago.

Bess Lou Farley, former K G instructor, is teaching in the State Normal school at Whitewater, Wisconsin.

John Y. Brock, '03 is pastor of the Trinity Reformed Church at Plainfield N. Y. He has ordered a Maroon and Cream for '13-'14.

Frank H. Withey, former Alma man, has a Collection and Adjustment agency at Marquette. Mr. and Mrs. Withey are the proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, born on St. Patrick's day.

Mark L. Marshall, '09 who has been supply for the Presbyterian church at Paw Paw, was unanimously elected pastor of the First Presbyterian Church at Ionia. The Ionia people have just completed a fine new church building and both Mr. Marshall and the church are to be congratulated.

E. W. Sebring, '12, is doing splendid work as Superintendent of schools at Elkton. The following clipping is from the county commissioner's report concerning Mr. Sebring: "The school bears the ear marks of his efficient and up to date methods in school administration. Loyalty and enthusiasm are very noticeable all through the school with teachers and students. We were pleased with the methods in language and arithmetic and with the conduct of the school in general. We trust that patrons of the school appreciate what is being done by the superintendent and his teachers."

## BLANKET MONFY

The result of the vote last Wednesday to see whether the students of the college should tax themselves thirty cents each to purchase blankets for the athletic teams, was very gratifying. Although less than half of the students voted there were fifty eight who showed themselves to be back of the proposition to blanket Alma's athletes, and it is believed that these fifty eight represent the wishes of the entire student body. There were several that went to Coach Bleamaster and told him that although they did not vote (not desiring to destroy their Almanians which were being saved to be bound) they were in harmony with the movement to purchase the blankets.

Wednesday morning, and in fact all week there will be a list of all the students names placed in the chapel and each student will cross his or her name off when they deposit their thirty cents in a box placed there for the occasion (honor system). Although this seems like a trifling thing, nevertheless, it is mighty important to the track men and each student should give it immediate attention.

## ALPHA THETA PLAY GOOD

A very pretty play was given in the college chapel Friday evening by the Alpha Theta society. The title was "Breezy Point" and the characters were very well rendered.

Miss Lucile McQuade as "Ashrael Grant a Poorhouse Waif" was especially good and was the cause of much merriment throughout the performance.

Miss Pauline Markham very ably played the difficult part of "Fantine a French Maid" and by the excellent portrayal carried the audience with her at all times.

Mihitable Doolittle played by Miss Lois May in which she showed herself very proficient in the "Manufacturing of Catarrh Snuffs and Bitters" was well rendered.

Miss Louise Thayer as "Mrs. Hard-scratch" and the Misses Beulah Thompson and Marion Parsons as the "Hard-scratch Twins" would have been hard to improved upon.

"Old Clew a Gypsy" as portrayed by Emily Beach was very realistic.

Very much credit to the success of the play must be given to Miss Ethel Thompson as "Aunt Debby Dexter" and Miss Edna Wood as "Eleanor Pearle an Orphan" who acted these parts very professionally and at all times held the sympathy of the audience.

The parts of girls of four summer boarders taken by the Misses Berniece Ireland, Lorna Woodruff, Mary Blaisdell and Margaret Allen were rendered in a very charming and pleasant manner.

The play as a whole was given in a very pleasant way and was enjoyed to the utmost by the audience present.

Financially and otherwise the play was a huge success. M. A.

## SPELLING (DE)FORM

A conference of Michigan college representatives at Lansing last week voted in favor of a recommendation that Michigan colleges recognize the simplified spelling reforms found in modern dictionaries.

Possibly such reform should be started in colleges but is it not rather presumptuous for Michigan to take the lead. The leading magazines of the world have failed to see the value of reform spelling to the extent of using it in their columns.

The Almanian will remain conservative until further announcement, at least, so contributing students may continue to spell "hed" h-e-a-d, "kist" k-i-s-s-e-d and "thru" t-h-r-o-u-g-h.

## CORNER ON DATES.

Tonight—Kryl concert.  
Tomorrow—Prayer meeting.  
Thursday—Pack-up.  
Friday—All aboard.

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The most interesting and commendable thing that happened in connection with the Wellsley fire was the manner in which all the girls were gotten out of the building. If you read it you were impressed with the calmness with which the fire drill was carried out. The students whose duty it was, pounded on each door announcing the fire and commanding the girls to put on their wraps. Marching lines were formed and all marched to the office for roll call. Who ever heard of stopping for roll call at such a time of danger? But that roll call revealed the fact that eight girls were missing. These girls were rescued from the flames without loss of life. Suppose two or three girls had left the hall that night to stay with a friend in some other hall or at some neighboring farm house. Suppose these or two or three girls had failed to sign up. Suppose the roll call had revealed them missing. It does not take much of an imagination to see two or three firemen risking or losing their lives while ransacking an empty room to save the life of some silly girl who is peacefully sleeping a few blocks away, simply because that silly girl failed to sign up, either on account of forgetfulness or because she did not propose to submit herself to authority. The college graduate is supposed to become a leader. How can anyone assume authority as a leader who does not know what authority is? Danger of life does not usually accompany breaking college rules, but harm always comes to the breaker. It is a false pride that fails to submit to proper authority.

To The Editor:-

In last week's issue under the heading, "Oratorical Enthusiasm" keen regrets were expressed that our loyalty to our representatives could not be measured in ample atmospherical units and that a passive approval was the best which Alma students gave their orators before their journey to Albion. It was pointed out that Olivet received a trainload of Alma football enthusiasts November 22. But is our college loyalty to be depreciated because Albion, Olivet and other colleges can outshout and outyell us? Did our football team play magnificent football because Alma students "rah rahed"? It seems that Alma students need not feel down hearted because they prefer to express their true blue loyalty by other means than by robbing the great firmament of its contents.

Not in the space of ten years, at the least, have oratorical contests at Alma College enjoyed better attendance than they have during the past year. Never have more or better speakers contended

for the prize of victory and never have they been supported by a more interested and appreciative college body.

Oratory has experienced an unparalleled growth during the past two years and that next year will see both of our representatives victors in the Intercollegiate contests is the fondest hope of every student; and whether the laity exercise their minds or their lungs is of small moment to the orators.

It is felt that athletics does not encroach upon oratory in the slightest degree, but each is fulfilling its duty in supplementing an all 'round college life.  
Sidney P. Cook.

We appreciate and gladly print this critique of our last week's article. Although our oburgation passed the inspection of interested faculty members still it was perhaps a little too drastic and we trust this letter will smooth out the wrinkles. We are glad to know that more enthusiasm has been shown this year than for ten years and we hope the "infant" will grow rapidly. It is not our intention to depreciate athletics, nor do we think we could; and we unite with our friend in saying that athletics does not encroach upon oratory; but oratory as well as athletics should "fulfill its duty in supplementing an all 'round college life." It is a fact, however, that the orators do care "whether the laity exercise their mind or their lungs" or not if we are to take the statements of the orators. May they do both to a greater extent.

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**ZETA-ALPHA PARTY**

Monday night, March 16, the Alpha Theta society was entertained by and presented a program to the Zeta Sigma society. The affair was given in a manner of "the cart before the horse;" the first feature of the evening being the motion to adjourn, and the last the calling of the meeting to order.

The program rendered by the girls was well received:

- "Mock Art" Merl Seaver
- "Famous Paintings of the Past" Ethel Thompson
- "Famous Paintings of the present" Pauline Markhan
- Original poem "Campus Sophistry" Lucille McQuade
- "Works of Art" Lula Huber
- Original Story "Two Picutres" Emily Beach

Everyone enjoyed the evening to a great extent and hoped to enjoy a similar affair soon.

**PHI-PHILO PARTY**

On last Monday evening the Phi Phi Alpha society were most pleasantly entertained by the Philomatheam society in the latter's hall.

The members were most carefully guided and instructed in their perilous ascent to the society room, to which they were admitted after all had succeeded in solving the mysteries of the "Blarney Stone."

Then followed the program in which Irish stories predominated; and electrical demonstration by Thomas Edison II, alias Ray Besgetoor and a philosophical treatise on humor by L. D. Gray.

Then every body "loosened up," attached themselves to an affinity and vied in showing each other a good time. The time passed all too quickly, and at last the company broke up, each with a feeling of having had a jolly, good time. R. C.

**FROEBEL NOTES**

During the past week Miss Dexheimer, a critic teacher and institute worker in the University at Normal, Ill., has been giving a series of lectures on primary principles and methods. These lectures have been along the line of fundamentals in reading, phonic work, spelling, writing and number work in the first three grades.

The members of the department and others who attended lectures feel that they have derived a great benefit from them. Miss Dexheimer has been an inspiration to all of those who expect to take up primary work. B. W.

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ATHLETIC SCHEDULES

BASEBALL

- Bryson McCloy, Captain
- April 11, Open
- " 14, Mt. Pleasant Indians at Alma
- " 18, U. of M. at Ann Arbor
- " 24, Bethany College (W. Va.) at Alma
- " 28, Mt. Pleasant Normals at Alma
- May 2, Olivet College at Olivet
- " 5, M. A. C. at East Lansing
- " 8, Adrian College at Alma
- " 9, Adrian College at Alma
- " 14, Hillsdale College at Hillsdale
- " 15, Albion College at Albion
- " 16, Ypsilanti Normals at Ypsilanti
- " 22, Kalamazoo College at Alma
- " 23, Kalamazoo College at Alma
- " 27, Mt. Pleasant Normals at Mt. Pleasant
- " 30, Ithaca Independents at Ithaca
- June 2, Ithaca Independents at Alma
- " 5, and 6, M. I. A. A. Field Meet at Albion
- " 10, Ithaca Independents at Ithaca
- " 13, Open

TRACK TEAM

- "Ole" Anderson, Captian
- May Local Meet, date uncertain
- " 9, Triangular Meet, M. A. C., Olivet, Alma at E. Lansing
- " 23, Duel Meet, Ferris Institute at Big Rapids

FOOTBALL

- Paul Austin, Captain
- Sept. 26, Bay City Western High School at Alma
- Oct. 3, Notre Dame at South Bend
- " 10, M. A. C. at East Lansing
- " 17, Ypsilanti Normals at Alma
- " 24, Open. Date pending
- " 31, Albion at Albion
- Nov. 7, Ferris Institute at Alma
- " 14, Olivet at Alma

LADDER BRIGADE

A large number of the fellows in the hall turned out early Friday morning and loaned a helping hand at the fire in the house on Maple avenue, formerly occupied by Coach Bleamaster. Everybody was at breakfast when the call of "fire" was first heard, and the fellows made all haste to the burning house, but the girls remained to finish their breakfast table chat. Everybody pitched in and broke as many dishes as possible, and tried to do some mighty original stunts, such as getting a table about six by six through a window about one eighth that size. One person was seen trying to toboggan down Clizbe's hill on a pane of glass; ask Chisholm how successful that person was. We hate to reveal the character of our track Captian, but we feel it our duty to inform the students of the college, that "Ole" was seen going around the corner of the burning building with a couple "skirts" on his arm (so to speak). It was due to the early arrival of the college "volunteer department" that practically all the household goods were removed without being partly damaged by water and smoke.

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WHEATON, ILL.—The woman's number of the Wheaton College Record is interesting. It beats all how a persons's personality is brought out in their journalistic efforts.

WELLSLEY—Wellsley College closed a week early for spring vacation this year on account of the burning of their oldest building, College Hall. Because of the exact carrying out of their efficient fire drill no lives were lost. Do all college have an efficient fire drill?

Bohemian Kyril and company, the world famous cornetist and his two daughters are the next attraction of the Alma Lyceum Course at Realty Opera House next Thursday evening, March 24. Admission 50c. Reserved seats may be secured at Mitchell's.

"Say Tom," said Jack "did you know that Bill was going to sue the company for damages?"

"No, you don't say!" was the answer.

"Wot did they do to 'im?"

"Why," explained Jack, "they blew the quitten' whistle when 'e was carryin' a 'eavy piece of iron, and 'e dropped it on 'is foot."

Jack—"I was just admiring Mabel's hair. How pretty it is."

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