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ADVANCE ANNOUNCEMENT—ALPHA THETA ENTERTAINMENT, DEC. 18TH

## FRESHMEN DOWN THE SOPHOMORES

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Sophs.	2	1	.666
Fresh.	2	1	.666
Seniors	1	1	.500
Juniors	0	2	.000

But one class game was played last week, due to injuries to members of the senior team, which necessitated the cancelling of their game with the juniors. In the one game played the freshmen defeated the sophomores 28 to 19, giving them a tie in the class standings with the heretofore undefeated sophomores. It has been thought best by Coach Bleamaster and Manager Anderson to discontinue the class games until after the holiday vacation in order that the varsity squad may have that much more practice before the Xmas trip north which is scheduled to start December 28th.

As it now stands the freshmen and sophomores are both tied for the lead—each having won two and lost one—while the seniors are in second place with one game won and one lost. The juniors have an undisputed claim to the cellar championship with two losses and no victories to their credit. Should the seniors win their game from the juniors three teams will be tied for the class honors, necessitating another series of games.

### Fresh 28—Sophs 19.

In one of the scrappiest tussles ever staged in the high school gymnasium the freshmen succeeded in downing the sophs for the first time this year by the score of 28 to 19. The game was not the closest, nor perhaps the fastest, but there is no question but what it was the most exciting class game played thus far this year. From start to finish the contest was fast and clean, and comparatively free from that rough playing which usually characterize these contests between the underclassmen.

At the very start the freshmen took the lead and kept all the way through except for a short time in the first half when the sophs made it 12, all after a great spurt. At no time during the game did the verdants have a lead great enough to make them sure of a victory until the very last 30 seconds of play.

Marks was easily the star of the freshmen team, scoring seven field baskets. The floor work of Steggal was great, time after time this man dug up the ball for his teammates and at all times was conspicuous in the working of the freshman machine. Jessup, Hodge, Gaffney and Richards were in the game every minute and are deserving of as much praise for the first year men's victory as Marks and Steggal.

Freidman, with three baskets to his credit, was the biggest point scorer for the sophs, and is deserving of much of the credit for the game fight put up by the second year men, as is Spinney also, who, though pretty much covered by the freshmen's guards, was in the game every minute fighting for all he was worth. Ludwick, McCauley and Hyde all played good games.

The spirit shown by some of the freshmen supporters in hooting the referee and kicking on decisions, was decidedly poor to say the least. It may be—and probably is—customary in some parts of the state to roast the official, and evidently some of the freshmen have brought this reminder of their high school days to college with them. Let it be said that Alma does not stand behind this kind of spirit. Try and do better next time freshmen (or at least those of the freshman class who were guilty of this act). It looks bad to kick when your own team is winning. Line-up:

Fresh—28.	Soph.—19.
Gaffney, Rich's.	C. Ludwick
Staggal.	R.F. Spinney
Marks.	L.F. Hyde
Jessup.	R.G. Freidman
Hodge.	L.G. McCauley
Baskets From Field—Marks, 7;	
Gaffney, 2; Staggal, 1; Richards, 1;	
Freidman, 3; Ludwig, 1; Spinney, 2;	
Hyde, 1; McCauley, 1. From Fouls—	
Staggal, 6 out of 10; Hyde, 0 out of 1;	
Spinney, 3 out of 8; Freidman, 0 out	
of 1. Referee—Goodrich. Timers—	
Wildermuth and Maxwell. Scorers—	
Hoyt and Simenton.	

Dr. Randels was out of the city for several days last week.

## FROEBEL PARTY

Saturday evening a very charming dancing party was given by the Froebels to all the other college girls. Miss Albertson gave them full charge of the big dining room at Wright Hall, and as if by fairy fingers, it was transformed into a lovely bower. The windows were latticed with green and red crepe paper and the posts were wound in the same. Festoons in the same holiday colors were draped from the ceiling, and the lights gleamed out from the center of red flowers. Effective cozy corners welcomed the tired dancers while the big fire place at the end of the room with its artificial fire added an air of cheerfulness without inconvenient warmth. Everywhere candles twinkled. To complete the exquisite decorations, in the very center of the hall was a big Christmas tree, gloriously trimmed and sparkling with snow.

The guests assembled at eight and dancing began at once. Music was furnished by Mr. William Gallagher at the piano and Mr. Floyd Oswald on the traps. The Christmas feeling seemed to pervade everything, and only the touch of masculinity was lacking among the gay-colored frocks and bright faces of the dancers to make a perfect picture.

There were two feature dances. One in which each couple received from the wonderful tree a little peaked cap in green or red crepe paper, which they immediately donned, the green-colored caps distinguishing the "men" of the occasion from the ladies. Then there was a beautiful moonlight waltz during which each maid wore lighted Joss Sticks in her hair. The effect of the hundred tiny points of light moving about in the semi-darkness to the rythmical beat of the music, was like that of a revel of Christmas spirits.

Dainty refreshments of strawberry ice and wafers were served and the party broke up all too soon with everyone exclaiming over their good time and congratulating the Froebels on the splendid success which always attends anything they plan.

## ZETA SIGMA

The Zeta Sigma meeting of December 7th was one of the best meetings of the year thus far. A number of the members were on the sick list including President McCloy, Mr. Harry Staver, taking charge of the meeting.

The programs continue being bigger and better. The program of the evening consisted of an exceptionally fine paper by Leo Miller, "Colonel Goethals and His Work at Panama," giving a detailed account of the misery and suffering at Panama as well as showing the kind of a man that it took to solve these problems.

Tacitus Geis read a splendid paper on "Jane Addams and the Hull House," which was very instructive and well liked by everyone.

The humor of the evening was furnished by Elmer (Scoop) Hanna in his paper, "Beta Sigma Memories," and—well the title speaks for itself so no comments are necessary.

Glimpses of the private as well as public life of ex-Governor Osborn were given by F. Burnell Wight in his "Character Sketch."

Merrill J. Hyde delivered a splendid declamation which was enjoyed by all.

Prof. Ritchie was present and recommended two books in the library for future use. We are very glad to have Prof. Ritchie with us and to have him take an interest in our work because his knowledge and experience in literary work cannot help but be beneficial to the society. Visit us often, Professor.

Following the appointment of Chester R. Robinson as Almanian reporter by President Pro Tem Staver, the society adjourned. —C. R. R.

## M. I. A. A. BASEBALL GAMES

The base ball games scheduled by Coach Bleamaster while at the meeting of the scheduling committee at Albion two weeks ago are as follows: May 1.—Albion at Alma. May 7.—Olivet at Alma. May 11.—Adrian at Adrian. May 21.—Hillsdale at Alma. May 28.—Albion at Albion. May 29.—Kalamazoo at Kalamazoo.

The "Messiah" given by the Choral Club at College Chapel Tuesday evening, December 22nd.

## PHILOMATHEAN GIRLS HOLD FAIR

Saturday afternoon the Philos held their annual Fair in the Wright hall reception room. The exhibits were exceptionally good and showed lots of work in preparation. You could buy nearly anything from a pocket handkerchief to a long look into the future, at a price ranging from five cents to two dollars.

One of the features was the big Christmas tree which was loaded down with presents of all shapes and sizes. Each present was numbered and the numbers placed in a jar. All persons had the same chance and for five cents you drew a number from the jar for which there was a corresponding number on the tree as well as a package to go with it. It was a surprise, too, to see what a "jitney" would produce. Neckties, emma cups, beauty pins and all sorts of things neatly covered with bales of cotton were drawn by various ones.

The calendar table contained some very tasty and original designs in calendars at the lowest prices. One very pretty pattern, done in maroon and cream, represented a little man and was exceptionally good, while very pretty blotter calendars could be purchased for a song.

Very pretty gifts for mother could be found on one of the tables consisting of dresser scarfs, guest towels, face cloths and handkerchiefs, all hand embroidered; the last named were exceptionally pretty, being hem-stitched and bordered with different colored tating.

There were numerous other tables containing pop corn balls, pictures, muff holders, pump holders, and at the end of the list the candy table in charge of Miss Elizabeth Brown, (Sue's sister.) Here all the young men were found purchasing "Divinity" gum drops, plain fudge, and other very palatable grades of confectionery.

After the circuit was made of course one couldn't leave without a drink to take the chill off before going out of doors, so Miss Adelaide Ballou of Stanton, Mich., very thoughtfully had a steaming pot of delicious cocoa ready with "permits" to cheer one up.

Last but not least we mention "The White Squaw," a dealer in futures, brought to this country at a very great expense from Ohio and known far and wide to be the greatest reader of palms in existence. For the small sum of a dime, ten cents, one could have their past read, the present diagnosed, and the wonders of the future made as plain as the rising sun on a cloudy morning. Life lines, heart lines, fate lines, financial lines, marriage lines, fish lines, railroad lines, steamship lines, clothes lines, and every other kind of lines were made clear by "The White Squaw," the Queen of Palmistry. Naturally after the seance with "The White Squaw," one felt sort of spooky or hilarious as the case might be. This was true of "Issy," who came out of the "Palace of Futures" shouting and throwing his arms as though inoculated with the fountain of joy and we believe he heard something very pleasing, but as a pledge of secrecy had to be given before the prophecy commenced we will never know.

The Fair was a decided success from beginning to end, and well worth the time and attention, as well as the money; but we should worry about expenses for we've got lots of them. —C. R.

## STUDENTS RECITAL

Some very fine vocal and instrumental selections were heard at this week's recital. Among those to appear were:

1. The Violet ..... Mozart  
Miss Healy
2. Danse l'Etoiles ..... Godart  
Miss Wiles
3. The Birthday of a King ..... Neidlinger  
Mr. Clark
4. Chaconne ..... Durand  
Miss Doane
5. Elegie ..... Massenot  
Ich Grolle Nicht ..... Schumann  
Mr. Butler

Miss Eva Barnes acted as accompanist, in which capacity, she filled a very necessary part of the recital.

Alpha Theta entertainment Friday evening, December 18th.

## BASKET BALL

Last Wednesday Coach Bleamaster cut the squad of over sixty trying out for positions on the basket ball team to fourteen men; and the coach promises a further weeding out of his candidates just before or shortly after the holiday vacation. The men to retain their places on the squad thus far are: Cook, Wood, Goodrich, McCloy, Anderson, Nisbet, Spinney, Staggal, Marks, Gaffney, Jessup, Schultz, Richards and Hodge. From this material there seems to be no reason whatever that can possibly prevent Alma from having the best team in her history. Surely Alma has never had better material to select a quintet from. Exactly half of the men mentioned above are freshmen which speaks well for future teams.

## Soup League.

Those who were not selected for the varsity squad have been divided up into nine teams and formed into what is to be hereafter known as the Soup League. Seventy-two games will be played in this league, each team playing all the others twice. A banquet has been promised the winners by the coach and this has tended to arouse considerable enthusiasm among the various teams. This league is bound to develop some good material for the varsity squad; it will furnish good preliminaries for the big games, and it is giving to a large number of students—who otherwise would not get a chance at this game—an opportunity to learn the game, and perhaps develop themselves into future stars. This is one of the ways in which Alma can furnish athletics for all students.

## The Team.

It will be a hard task to pick the first team as there is so much good material available. At the center position there are three men—Cook, Nisbet and Gaffney—trying out. All three are good jumpers and equally good basket shooters, but Cook seems to have the edge on the others because of his ability to guard, and from the fact that he can outjump the others.

For the two guard positions Wood, Gallagher, Jessup, Anderson and Hodge are trying out and all are good, but it appears that Wood and Gallagher will get the call over the other three, who will have a merry fight on to see which one will get the sub-guard position.

Spinney, Goodrich, McCloy, Marks, Staggal, Richards and Schultz are fighting it out for the two forward positions, and it is here that coach will have his most difficult work in selecting his men as they are all extra good. From the games so far and from the practices held to date Marks, Spinney, Staggal and Goodrich have shown up to the best advantage.

There is one thing sure and that is that when the team is finally picked it will be one that will cause every Alma man and woman to feel proud that he or she is a supporter of the Maroon and Cream.

## SCIENCE CLUB

The second regular meeting of the Science Club was held on the evening of Saturday, Dec. 5, in the Biological laboratories. Officers were elected for the new year as follows:

- President—Miss Johnson.
- Vice-President—Mr. Beverly.
- Secretary—Miss Hatt.
- Librarian—Mr. Bettner.

A paper on "Birds of the Mexican Frontier" was given by Mr. Papworth, who recently returned from that country. Following this, Dr. McCurdy gave a talk on the general question of heredity and its relation and interest to individuals.

It is the plan of the Club in its meetings to follow a general topic throughout the year, so that a gain in systematic education will be accomplished. Beside this, at each meeting will be given shorter papers on particular subjects of interest.

While the aim of the organization is an increase in scientific knowledge, its work is not technical in character. In the programs will be something of value to every person at all interested in the study of the natural world, and no advanced education will be required in order to take part in the work. Students of all groups and classes have an opportunity to work out together, with the assistance of willing instructors, some of the problems of the day. —A. G. P.

"Feast of the Little Lanterns" will be given in the College chapel by the Alpha Theta girls, December 18th. Get your tickets now.

## SENIOR CLASS PRESENTS PLAY

An entertainment, which most certainly would do credit to professionals, was staged on Thursday night, in the College Chapel, by the members of the Senior class. Not enough can be said of the splendid talent, and excellent coaching which the cast displayed every moment of the performance. A considerable amount of the credit for the success of the undertaking is due to Mr. Joseph L. Kennedy, who not only had more than his share in the entertainment, but also had entire charge of the directing of the players. Credit is likewise due to Mr. Alger Wood, as business manager, and Mr. Ralph Peacock, as stage manager.

The performance consisted of three parts; first, selections by the Senior quartette; second, a reading from Dickens' "Christmas Carol," and lastly, the play of the evening, "An Unexpected Guest."

With the Chapel nearly taxed to its capacity, the program opened. Messrs. Butler, Goodrich, Austin, and Cole made up the quartette. All of these men are members of the Glee Club, and their work is worthy of much high praise. Decked out in their "boiled-front" shirts, and swallow-tails, they sang that charming selection, "Sleep, Baby, Sleep." So thunderous was the applause that the singers were twice recalled. With Mr. Butler at the piano, they sang "Aunt Margery," and "It's a Long Way to Tipperary," which, it may be interesting to know, is the marching song of the allies in the present European conflict.

Next came the reading from Dickens' Christmas Carol. After a brief summary of the tale, Mr. Kennedy launched at once into his reading. From the beginning to the final word, the eloquent young man held his audience spell-bound and charmed. Mr. Kennedy's interpretation of Dickens takes first rank, while his presentation is par excellence. In mimicking the different characters, both in features, voice and action, the reader showed remarkable skill and control. A bright future may well be promised for a young man of Mr. Kennedy's ability. As an encore the short, humorous reading, "Our Parents," was also given.

Fast, furious and funny characterizes "The Unexpected Guest." The plot commences to deepen and muddle up from the very first. Every moment seems to make affairs worse than the previous moment. Finally, however, when things have worked up to a climax, the events unfold themselves with swift rapidity.

A word must be said about those composing the cast. Miss Lu Huber, who, perhaps, had the hardest part in the play, must be complimented on the charming way in which she played the part of hostess. Mr. "Dusty" Austin, as her husband, not only looked the part, but played it well. On account of a business (?) engagement on his part, the whole fracas occurs. Miss Beulah Parr acted as the serving maid, placing a sumptuous meal upon the table consisting of bread—and regular stage (ginger-ale)—soup. Mr. Clarence Goodrich and Miss Irma Johnson, his wife for the evening, were guests of the hostess, playing their respective parts with ease and fluency. Mr. McCloy, who was taken ill a few days previous to the play, was also to have been one of the principals, but was not able to play his part. Mr. Joseph Kennedy stepped into the breach and filled the bill. Last, but not least, must come "the unexpected guest," in the person of Miss Margaret Allen. Hers was a character part, and she certainly was a charming "old hen"—a regular old maid aunt.

A little later—some time in the Spring—the class intends to give some other entertainment. With such excellent advertising as last evening's performance, there can be no doubt as to the success of another venture of a similar sort.

## NOTICE

Football men meet at Pioneer Hall Thursday evening at 5:30 and do not forget to be there on time. The old men will not—the new men will wish they hadn't.

Local Oratorical Contest Jan. 6th. Get busy.



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The following editorial was taken from the Olivet College Echo, and is worthy of reading. When reading substitute "ALMA" for the word "Olivet":

**Judge Not!**  
More efficient than an R. F. D.—faster than wireless—surer than Uncle Sam's trusty mail service—and deadlier in its effects than any of these—is that form of communication which is known as GOSSIP. Always to be found in a small community, where people have more time to attend to other's business than their own, and generally in evidence where the group is small enough so that each person has a passing interest in every other person, it is carried to its limit in Olivet.

What sort of an opinion have you of the person who cannot keep a confidence, or even worse, cannot refrain from repeating a malicious "hearsay"? And how many times do you delight in casting a reflection on some fellow student's friend or foe, which has probably been exaggerated in its journey to you and which probably will be more twisted before it reaches its destination? There are people today who come into our room and we presume the rooms of others, and refuse to be shut up until they have imparted the current bits of gossip in regard to each individual on the campus.

And how many false impressions are perpetuated in this way? How many persons do we hear thus discussed and without caring to make a personal investigation allow the impression to remain? How many persons are thus wronged and misunderstood from the day they enter college? A very small thing, a sarcastic remark, even an inflection of the voice at the proper time, can create an entirely wrong impression of an individual which it will take months to outlive. A little care will work a world of good in this matter. Few of us there are who are in any way justified in passing judgment on any others of us. "Judge not" may be taken home as a motto worth following.

The above is a good article for every student in Alma college to read and it hits Alma just as much as it does Olivet—or at least we imagine it does for they must be pretty good "gossipers" down there if they have anything on us. There have been instances already this year where students have made mountains out of ant hills just through GOSSIP. When you get hold of a little scandal be sure and tell the person you tell not to tell anyone else, because you must recall that the person who told YOU told YOU not to tell.

The following letter was mailed to the Almanian the day following the Fresh-Soph game in the high school gymnasium. It shows what outsiders think of our spirit:

Alma, Mich., Dec. 7th, 1914.  
Editor Almanian,  
Dear Sir.—I attended a basket ball game in your city this afternoon between the freshmen five and the sophomore five of your college and while enjoying the game by both teams there was one feature with which I was not pleased and which is in itself very unsportsmanlike. This unpleasant feature was from a small section of the rooters who by their continuous crabbng and disputing decisions became thoroughly disgusting. A little good-natured kidding is all right at a game but no matter who is playing the referee is the official and the rooters are not running the game, so the less they have to say the about decisions, the better the game looks. It doesn't hurt the fellows themselves much except to belittle them in the sight of their fellow-students, but it does hurt the class they represent and if very much of such things continued they would hurt the college, too, so let's not crabb. If a decision looks wrong let's keep still for it's easier to observe from the outside than it is to do it yourself. I trust this letter will be received in the spirit it's given for we can only profit by our mistakes.

An Outsider.

The Almanian staff believes that those who kicked on the official's decision last Monday did not realize that they were, in a way, giving our Alma spirit a black eye, and we believe that in the future this will not happen again.

**HOOT MON:**

It has been customary at Alma for the students to purchase "Bob" some small remembrance at Xmas time. In fact "Bob" rather expects it. So far as we know nothing has been done

about it as yet this year. We ought not to let this Xmas pass by without letting the "old Scotchman" know that we appreciate his rousing us from our slumbers at six-thirty every morning; his picking up the chapel hymnals after we recklessly toss them on the floor; his cleaning the snow off the walks; his work on the lawns; his staying up every Monday evening to lock up after society; and his help in getting things ready for entertainments in the chapel, etc. This is just a reminder. Let's show "Bob" that we appreciate his services.

Students: When purchasing your Christmas gifts, don't forget to patronize those who patronize us. The merchants advertising in our paper are all stocked with Xmas wares. Now is an excellent time for you to commence making selections. Shop early, thus securing a first choice of all articles.

Will the reporters for the various societies see to it that an account of each week's meeting is written up, and handed in by Friday noon. There has been altogether too much laxity in regard to this news.

We should be very glad to receive and publish articles of interest from former students, and graduates. Drop us a word, or two, and let us know what you are doing.

Guess we'll have to read that criticism of the Vermont colleges ourselves.

From the agricultural standpoint restaurants have it on Wright Hall.

**INVITED TO SIX O'CLOCK DINNER**

The following letter received by Coach Bleamaster from Mr. C. H. Smith, a down-town business man, is self-explanatory:

Alma, Mich., Dec. 9, 1914.  
Mr. W. C. Bleamaster,  
Alma, Mich.

Dear Sir:—  
You and your football squad of 1914 are cordially invited to attend the Second Annual Six O'clock Dinner at my residence, 207 W. End St., Thursday evening, December 17th.  
Respectfully yours,  
C. H. Smith.

The invitation was readily accepted and the football men began at once to fast in order to be in a mood to enjoy this scrumptious feed, for well do they remember last year's dinner at Mr. Smith's residence. Mr. Smith has always been a loyal Alma booster, and it is men like this business man that are bringing the college and town into a closer and friendlier relationship. At the beginning of the year Mr. Smith offered the football men a banquet should they beat Olivet, and consequently after that 7 to 3 defeat the fellows were somewhat down in the mouth—thinking they had lost the feed—but all is well that ends well.

**DR. MACCURDY WRITES BOOK**

The following clipping, taken from the Detroit Free Press may be of interest to Alma students as it concerns Dr. George Grant MacCurdy of Yale University, a brother of our own Doctor. Dr. MacCurdy will be remembered for his lecture given in the college chapel last year under the auspices of the Science Club:

Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—It is a curious coincidence that on the very day there arrived in this country the news that the Australians had captured the colonies of Germany in the Bismarck Archipelago and had taken the island of Neu Pommern by storm, there should have been issued by the University Museum a work on human skulls in Neu Pommern by Dr. George Grant MacCurdy, of Yale. It seems that when the last general work on general craniology was issued it contained accounts of practically all the skulls of the human race except those from Neu Pommern, or New Britain, as it once was called, and one was known to be in civilization. It turned out that the University Museum had a dozen of these skulls and they were considered so important to science that Dr. MacCurdy wrote the monograph in question.

This is not a book for light summer reading, as note this summary: "The skulls are dolicocephalic, prognathous, platyrrhine, platyopic, phaeozygous and megadont. They also involve hypistenocephaly." This and more to the same purpose, might suggest to these came of an extraordinary race. As a fact they are from a mild sort of mixed race of that portion of the world which has changed hands often in recent years. The University Museum considers the fact that the only skulls of the kind in any collection are to be found in its own is a fine example of its wide range of activities and the value of its scientific and archeological treasures.

State Oratorical Contest Here on March 5th. More about it in next issue.

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Miss Riker was on the sick list Tuesday and Wednesday.

Ward Hodge is taking the part of Sapo in a home talent play at Breckenridge.

Addison Wilson, who was operated on at Brainerd's hospital for appendicitis two weeks ago, is now gaining rapidly. Ad will not be back in school until after the holidays.

Prof. Mitchell had charge of the chapel services Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings.

No more class basket ball games will be played until after Xmas.

The new chapel hymnals made their appearance for the first time Wednesday morning. They are the gift of friends of the college.

Mrs. J. H. Lancashire, a member of the board of trustees, visited in the city last week. Mrs. Lancashire has given much to Alma college during the past few years.

The Almanian will be \$1.25 after the first of the year. Don't forget to bring that amount back with you. Show this little item to "dad" and tell him you must have it.

The picture hanging on the wall of the chapel platform during the senior play was that of our genial janitor, Robert Fredricks.

Dr. Blaisdell was out of the city several days last week in the interests of the college.

Alger Wood and "Brud" Hyde were the "big noise" at the rink Friday evening.

Many of the students attended the Red Cross benefit at the Vaudette Friday evening.

Students will be surprised to hear that Mr. Watkins—the old gentleman from the Masonic home who attended so many chapel exercises last year—attempted suicide Thursday afternoon by cutting his throat. Mr. Watkins, who is at Brainerd's hospital, will probably live.

Saturday the Pioneer Hall Rough-necks defeated the Wolfe Fraternity basketball team 50 to 35 in an hour's scrimmage. French's line plunges and Beyer's tackling featured the game.

There is one man in Alma that has no reason to rejoice over the fact that twenty-one football A's were given out this fall—that's Mr. C. H. Smith.

Miss Hazel Tuck of Marlette expects to enter Alma college at the beginning of the second semester.

"The Feast of the Little Lanterns" at the College Chapel Friday evening, December 18th.

Earnest Bacon was on the sick list for several days last week.

The Ladies' Advisory Board of the college met in the office of the dean at Wright Hall Saturday morning.

"Court" Wilson, who has been ill for several days, left for his home Friday afternoon. We hope Mr. Wilson will be able to return to his studies in the near future.

The only disappointing feature about the Senior entertainment last Thursday evening was that the president of the senior class—Alger Wood—did not appear in full dress and announce the various numbers. Perhaps the seniors will have another entertainment before long. Let's hope so.

One more issue of the Almanian before Xmas.

Rudolph Beyers was in Breckenridge Tuesday evening practicing for the home talent play, the "Gypsy Rover," which is to be put on in that town December 17th. Mr. Beyers is playing the part of Lord Craven.

Don't forget the Alpha Theta entertainment December 18th.

Arthur McIntyre attended the executive meeting of the Michigan Prohibition League at Jackson last week. It was decided to hold the state Prohibition Oratorical Contest at Adrian this year. In all probability next year's contest will be staged at Alma.

Ward Hodge was in Breckenridge Tuesday evening.

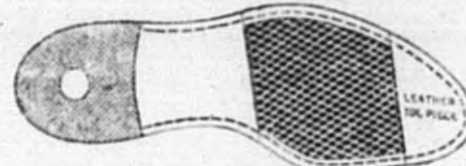
Vote for Baseball Coats at your class meeting. Don't knock—boost.

Bryson McCloy, Montie McFarlane and Arden Johnson were on the sick list Tuesday.

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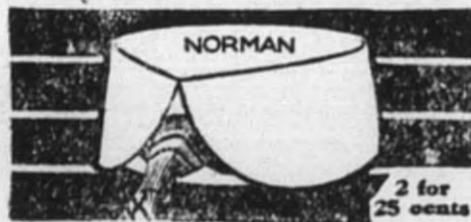
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**ALUMNI NOTES**

"WHO'S WHO AND WHY"



J. E. WEBBER

Rev. J. E. Webber, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Northville, entered the college academy from Alma high school in the fall of '98, and after six years in the academy and college, he graduated from the scientific course with the class of '05. Webber was a leader in all branches of college activities being prominent in the work of the Glee Club, Choral Union, and Y. M. C. A. He was a member of Zeta Sigma Literary society. Webber was a star on the baseball team for five years.

After leaving Alma he entered McCormick Theological Seminary, and then after leaving the Seminary he taught school at Omena for a short time. He was called from Omena to take the student secretaryship of the Y. M. C. A. at M. A. C. From the East Lansing college he went to Alpena where he was pastor of the Presbyterian church for some time before he accepted the call to the Northville church, where he is now located.

Mr. Webber was married to Miss Ida Chapman September 6th, 1900.

Webber has been in Northville a little over a two years and in that time has rebuilt the church at an expense seven thousand dollars; he has just installed a new pipe organ costing two thousand dollars. The attendance at the various services has doubled and over sixty have been received into the church. At the present time they are considering the erection of an addition to the church to be used for gymnasium purposes.

The Almanian wishes to congratulate Mr. Webber on the fine work he has done in the short time he has been at Northville.

Why doesn't some kind friend give us the particulars of "Bob" King's wedding and also of Harry Bastones? It would be appreciated. In fact any alumni news whatsoever will cause us much joy. Why not make the Almanian a Xmas present of some news of the old students?

Mabelle Dean, Kg. '12, is teaching at Brown City. This is Miss Dean's second year in that city.

Frank and George Anderson, former Alma students, recently sold out their business in Hart and are now in partnership at Omena with a third brother, Louis, who also attended college here.

Miss Winifred Trapp, '01, is teaching in the public schools of this city. Miss Trapp has had charge of the work in the sixth grade in Alma for many years, and has always been a leader in things scholastic in this community.

Edward Thompson, '13, is attending Yale University this year and has charge of the church at Green Field Hill, Connecticut, which is about 16 miles from New Haven. Five days of the week Thompson spends in a dormitory at Yale which gives him quite a touch of college life. His church is one of the oldest in the United States and he has one hundred and seventy-five members. It was this church that Timothy Dwight served before becoming president of Yale. Ed says he has no such aspirations.

Word was received here from Milwaukee of the death of John Sidebotham, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Sidebotham. The students and faculty of the college extend their sympathy to the bereaved parents in their hour of sorrow.

Those to join the "Live Wire Club" the past week are: Jacob Foote, Bloomsburg, Pa.; Leslie Koefgen, Newberry; Miss Robertson, Alma, and Miss L. Baker.

ATTENTION ALUMNI

This week we are taking the liberty of sending out copies of the Almanian to several of the alumni who are not on our mailing list, but whose names have been given us as possible subscribers. Those who receive their first copy with this issue may have the Almanian for the remainder of the year for seventy-five (75) cents. If you want to accept this offer please send in your money or at least let us hear you will remit later. If you are not desirous of keeping informed on former students, write and let us know that we may take your name from the mailing list. When you write let us know what you are doing. We are thirsting for alumni news.

Clifford Edgerton, '13, is teaching in the high school at Cass City and has charge of the athletic teams. "Ox" had six of his football team at Alma for the Olivet game and Homecoming. We have heard a rumor to the effect that he will enter Harvard next fall.

Can any kind friend give us the address of Chalmers Montieth, '13-

Ethel Carey, '11, is teaching English in the high school at Fenton. Miss Carey has held this position for the past two years.

June Collins, Kg., ex. '14, is teaching in the schools at Big Rapids.

Henry Bush, '01, is county commissioner of schools at Caro.

Marion Hartnes, '13, is teaching in the high school at Alton, Iowa. This is her second year at that place.

The Almanian will be \$1.25 after the first of the year.

Lois May, a student here last year, is teaching the eighth grade at Haslett.

Leaf Fellows, Kg. '14, is teaching in the schools at Sandusky.

Gladys Gorton, '12, is principal of the high school at Morrice.

MESSIAH BY CHORAL CLUB

Musical Alma will be given an additional treat Dec. 22, when the Choral Club, with assisting artists, will present Handel's "Messiah," under the direction of Prof. Veatch. The Club has been diligently preparing for the presentation of this most famous oratorio since September and a worthy rendering is expected.

The "Messiah" was written by Handel in 1871 in the incredibly short space of 23 days, the most potent fact in judging him a genius. The theme of the oratorio is the foreshadowing, the advent, the sufferings and the final triumph of Christ.

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The second part describes the sufferings of the Messiah, closing with His victory over the grave, and His ascension into Heaven.

The third part notes the effect of Christ's sacrifices upon the world and expresses the aspirations of religious faith. In this closing part Handel gives free rein to intense religious enthusiasm and presents a remarkable climax.

The "Messiah" will be presented by a chorus of 50 people, an orchestra of 20 pieces, and assisting artists, and will unquestionably be the biggest musical treat of the year. Ticket sale will be announced later.

Heard in the Class Room.

"I didn't hear the question."  
"I didn't study that far."  
"That is as far as I got."  
"Did we have that today?"  
"I was absent yesterday."  
"I know it, but I can't express it."  
"Where's the place?"  
"I studied the next chapter."

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**THAT CHRISTMAS SPIRIT**

Just listen to those bells! How clearly and distinctly they sound in the keen frosty air. Could anything express so well the peace and happiness in the world? Another Christmas Day has dawned bringing with it all the joys of former years, and filling the hearts of all mankind with a flood of sunshine and contentment.

Let us enter, for a moment, that large, white house across the way. As we open the door, we are greeted with the noisy shout of a group of jolly youngsters, eagerly examining their many beautiful toys, which dear old Santa left them, and vieing with one another in the manifestation of their delight over each treasure. Their elders are glancing approvingly into their midst, evidently enjoying the sport as much as possible. See the large Christmas tree in the corner, resplendent with gay ornaments, a candle here and there gleaming out from among the dark branches. If we glance farther on, we will see a table, fairly tottering under its load of goodies, turkey, plum pudding; and what not.

We will leave this scene of happiness, and pass on to a home, which is not so beautiful. Here we see poorly clad children, touching with an air of reverence the home-made and ill-shaped toys, which have fallen to their lot. By their sparkling eyes and eager voices we can tell how they love their new presents, while perhaps their mother or father sigh contentedly over the knowledge that their loving labors for the enjoyment of the little ones have not been in vain. Where are the pretty things, the table luxuriantly spread, the large Christmas tree, which lent grace to the last scene? Fortune has not dealt out her riches with such lavish hands to our humble friends. Nevertheless we find the same happy faces, wreathed in smiles, expressing by their joyousness the goodwill felt toward each other, do we not?

Go with me now into the city street. Here we find many a person, hurrying to and fro, calling out hearty greetings to their friends as they pass them by. There stands a ragged urchin, into whose out-stretched palm a gentleman slips a coin, and saying a pleasant word or two to the child, continues on his way. A number of birds are enjoying their morning meal of crumbs from the hand of a gentle little maiden, whom they seem to regard as a dear friend. See yon hungry dog eagerly snatch up the fragments of meat, thrown to him by some kind-hearted housewife.

Wherever we go, we notice the same loving and grateful spirit although Christmas may not mean as much to some as to others. Therefore this is a time when all sorrow and trouble should be laid aside and gladness should fill the hearts of all our fellow beings.

**ALPHA THETA ENTERTAINMENT**

The "Feast of the Little Lanterns" is the name of the Chinese operetta to be given by the young ladies of the Alpha Theta society in the college chapel Friday evening, December 18. The operetta will start promptly at 8 o'clock, and the admission price will be 25 cents. Tickets are now on sale by the various members of the society. The Alpha Theta girls have been practicing on this pretty little operetta for several weeks, and it is bound to be one of the best entertainments of the year, and more than worth the price of admission. Don't depend on the Almanian account of this entertainment, but go and see it yourself.

**WHOSE PICTURE?**

The portrait of the young man with the full black beard which hung on the stage of the chapel during the Senior play was a matter of curiosity and admiration to all present. It is the property of "Bob," and is a portrait of himself, made in Scotland when he was but nineteen years old. At that time our esteemed janitor was engaged in temperance work, spending his spare time seeing that the law was not evaded. He was also engaged in another way, for it was at this time that Robert was united in marriage. What Freshman can raise a beard to equal that of "Bob?" We believe that Bob would be willing to give this picture to any student who could do so. —J. L. K.

**BASKET BALL**

**SQUAD ORGANIZES**  
Coach Bleamaster has divided the fellows outside of the varsity basket ball men into teams and games will be played during men's gymnasium classes.

The squad composed of Stafford, Friedman, Ludwick, C. Robinson, Beyers, Robt. McAllister, Hyde and Cummings, organized on Wednesday evening choosing the name "Speedos." The following officers were elected:  
Captain—Errol Stafford.  
Treasurer—Robt McAllister.  
Almanian Rep., Pub., Mgr. and Sec.—C. Robinson.  
Root for the "Speedos."  
—C. R., Alm. Rep.

**ALMANIAN**

**RULES FOR THE RINK**

1.—Never ask a girl to go; just go alone as you can find plenty of them there to skate with. This way you save 15 cents to spend at Stevie's.

2.—When you do skate with a girl you want to stick by her all afternoon, and never give her a chance to skate with anyone else, because you are just about the only real skater on the floor and you just know she loves to fly around the floor with you and wouldn't look at anyone else.

3.—Just as soon as you see a fellow sitting down with his partner for a chat the proper thing to do is to put on full speed, head right for the girl, bump into the wall, and perhaps fall in her lap (in this way you can show her how adept you are at stopping quick) and then ask her to skate with you.

4.—If you see a fellow falling or a trifle unbalanced, give him a shove into one of the iron posts, and then laugh. This adds to the gayety of the afternoon.

5.—If someone kicks your feet out from under you with a lienrette side stroke, and the next fellow that comes along happens to plant his number ten in your face, don't get peeved but get up and tell what good fellows they are. They just did it for fun.

6.—Never try to do any fancy steps near the north end of the rink, as you might stick your feet through the window. It has been done.

7.—If at any time while you are skating with a girl, a couple should tumble in front of you, shove the girl into the couple that is sprawled out on the floor, and for yourself, just skate around them. In this way you can continue to tell around the table

at dinner time, that you have never taken a header.

8.—If while you are skating alone, a girl falls, never help her up. In this way you can stand back and laugh when the unfortunate one's feet shoot out from under her in an attempt to right herself.

9.—When you start out skating with your partner, be sure and complain about the bum pair of skates you have. This is a good way to make her believe you are a better skater than you really are.

10.—If a girl is learning to skate, never help her as it is more fun to watch her. Of course you never had to learn yourself. It just came natural to you.

**Anybody Found It?**

**LOST**—A silver track medal. Finder please return to any member of the Almanian staff or myself and receive reward. The medal was lost sometime during Thanksgiving vacation.

Sidney Perry Cook.

**Get One.**

Pictures of Bope leaving for Bad Axe will be on sale next week. The laundry bag shows up plainly.

**What Say You, Alger?**

"Omnipotent" and "attribute" are hard words to pronounce.

**Let's See—Isn't it "Dutch?"**

Who is it that is all the time singing: "Has Anybody Here Seen Rover?" We wonder why he sings it?

**Did They Have a Good Time?**

"Brud" Hyde and Hobert Chapel attended the Froebel party Saturday evening (?).

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