

# The Weekly Almanian

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## STATE CONTESTS HELD AT ALMA

The annual State Oratorical contests are to be held in this city Friday for the first time in nine years. We have never won first place in either the Women's or Men's contests, and in fact we have never had higher than third place. Friday night must OLD ALMA'S representatives carry off the highest honors. To do this every student in Alma college must be in attendance at both the afternoon and evening contests to give our orators backing the likes Maroon and Cream orators have never seen before. ALMA has always stood at the top of the ladder in athletics. WHY NOT IN ORATORY? If every student in college turns out Friday we will break all our previous records in oratory.

### Our Guests.

There is no question that all the colleges will be represented with a delegation of rooters. We are responsible for the impressions they carry away concerning our college. Shall they be good or bad impressions? This will be up to you—men and women of Alma. Make a guide of yourself and show these people around the campus and around the city. Extend every courtesy in your power that they may go away from here thinking of Alma as we do—THE BEST SMALL COLLEGE IN THE MIDDLE WEST.

### Our Representatives

Miss Jessie Duncanson, with her oration entitled, "A New Patriotism," is as capable a representative as Alma ever sent in the Women's Contest. Miss Duncanson has an oration that will rank with the very best in composition and thought, and her delivery is above reproach. Alma looks to Jessie to win for her the highest rank she has ever attained in these contests.

Maurice Cole is our representative in the Men's contest and we look for him to win a high place with his oration entitled, "The New Citizenship." Mr. Cole is an exceptional speaker and with his fine oration should give the best of them a merry race.

With the proper support these two orators will win for us the highest honors of the day. They have worked all year to bring honor to Old Alma. There is no glory for them for the work they have done, it is all for the student-body of Alma college. Miss Duncanson and Mr. Cole have worked hard all year not for the glory they will get out of it, but that the students of Alma will be well represented. Are we going to be there Friday?

### The Program.

The Women's contest will be held Friday afternoon. Following is the order of orations:

- "A New Patriotism"..... Miss Jessie Duncanson, Alma
- "The Renaissance of America"..... Miss Shirley Regden, Hillsdale
- "Apples of Sodom"..... Dorothy H. Pieters, Hope
- "The Cry of the Children"..... Susan E. Slayton, Kalamazoo
- "The Neglected Factor in Civilization"..... Eva R. Arent, Ypsilanti
- "The Sport of Kings"..... Miss Eva R. Arent, Ypsilanti
- "The Womanhood of Tomorrow"..... Miss Butler, Adrian
- "A Living Sacrifice"..... Miss Amy Fee, Albion

### Decision of judges.

### Evening Contest.

Friday evening will occur the contest for Men, and the following is the order of Orations:

- "The New Citizenship"..... Maurice Cole, Alma
- "The Practical American"..... Carleton Miller, Hillsdale
- "The New Patriotism"..... Cornelius R. Wirenga, Hope
- "American Freedom Imperiled"..... Homer T. Townsend, Kalamazoo
- "The Perils of Civilization"..... Charles Thornton, Olivet
- "A Voice from the Past"..... Wood Stanberry, Ypsilanti
- "The Toll of Industrial Conflicts"..... Mr. Soule, Adrian
- "The Next Battlefield"..... Guy Fox, Albion

### Music on Program.

To open the Women's contest the Misses Velma Gilmore and Lorna Woodruff will sing a duet. While

waiting for the judges' decision these two young ladies will render another duet. In the evening of the Men's contest the Glee Club will be the first number on the program, and will do the entertaining while waiting for the decision of the judges. The committee has surely been fortunate in securing these numbers for the program.

### M. A. C. NOT ENTERED.

It will be seen from the above program that the Michigan Agricultural College will not be represented in the state contest this year. It appears that there is not enough interest shown at the down-state college to make it advisable to enter contestants in the state oratorical contest. It is to be hoped that next year M. A. C. will be back in the fold once more.

### PHILOMATHEAN.

The Philomathean Literary Society held its regular meeting February 15 in the society room. The roll call was responded to by Lincoln Stories and after the business was transacted Miss Marcia Carl gave the reading, "A Perfect Tribute," for which she deserves much credit. The rendering of this masterpiece, which shows the great love of Lincoln for humanity is well worth the time of any young man or woman and all would do well to learn it.

We were pleased to have our honorary members, Miss Riker, and Miss Klinefelter, with us and hope they will come again.

The Philomathean Society held its regular meeting Monday evening, February 22.

The roll call was responded to by quotations in honor of the day. Many new incidents in the life of George Washington were presented.

After the business a very interesting and instructive program was given. Miss Jean Eggleston read a paper on the "History of Panama," dating back to its discovery and the great improvements in agricultural, commercial and sanitary lines which have been brought about since that time. Miss Auda Gill gave a talk on the "Construction, Cost and Benefit of the Panama Canal," America's great gift to the world and the most stupendous job the world has ever known.

Both of these articles showed much preparation and the young ladies presented them in a very pleasing manner.

The society has printed programs this semester which are very cleverly gotten up and aid greatly in the study of the year.

### M. I. A. A. STANDINGS

	Won.	Lost.	Pct.
Kalamazoo	6	0	1.000
ALMA	5	1	.833
Hillsdale	3	4	.428
Olivet	1	2	.333
Albion	1	5	.166
Adrian	1	5	.166

Kalamazoo college put a little emphasis on her claims to the Michigan Intercollegiate Championship in basketball by defeating Hillsdale 16 to 14, on the latter's floor Friday evening. The Baptists have set a record in Intercollegiate basketball circles by finishing the season without a defeat. Once again we wish to congratulate Kazoo on her fine showing during the present season. By her 52 to 14 victory over Adrian Friday evening Alma is able to finish the season just half a game behind the Champions. Alma's claim on second place is undisputed and she is the only other team besides Kazoo to finish the year with a percentage above five hundred. Should Olivet defeat Adrian in the remaining Intercollegiate battles she will finish in third place.

## MINSTREL SHOW GREAT SUCCESS

The Minstrel show for the benefit of the college band, held in the chapel Saturday evening proved to be one of the very best entertainments ever given by the students of the institution. Advertised as "two hours of solid fun," it more than fulfilled what was said about it on the placards strewn about the city. The chapel was fairly well filled and it is believed that the bandmen realized a nice little sum to help pay for their new uniforms.

### Band Features

The college band directed by Ray Tomlin featured the evening's entertainment. All who were present will affirm the statements made all year in the Almanian that Alma has the best small college band in the state. The band rendered several numbers with a fiery dash and brilliancy that was pleasing to the ear. All the songs were also accompanied by the band. One of the finest numbers on the program was the cornet and trombone solo, "Night in Venice," rendered by Messrs. Charles Ward and James Stauffer. It might be interesting to the readers to know that Mr. Ward has the reputation of being one of the best cornetists in the country, and that Mr. Stauffer, who will enter Alma college next fall, was a member of the United States Marine Band, one of the best organizations in the world, which is known as the "President's Own," because of the fact that it plays at all the functions at the White House. Every man in the band is deserving of the highest praise for the fine showing made Saturday.

### The Sons of Ham.

A rapid fire of jokes with much local color—other than the black—was kept up between the interlocutor, Mr. Chester Robinson and the endmen Messrs. Beyers, McCloy, Anderson, and Garlock. The jokes which were clever and pointed were handled in real darky style by the endmen, and brought the house down continually. The dialogue between Messrs. Anderson and Beyers made a big hit.

In the chorus were Arden Johnson, Linton Melvin, Ralph Chisholm, "Bud" Wight, Tom Blaisdell, Lynn Clark, "Dusty" Austin, Vern Van Duzen, "Bope" Butler, "Jack" Wax, "Dutch" Coleman, and Robert McAllister.

### "Jack" Wax in Monologue.

The big hit of the evening was the monologue, "Hochlovitch," given by "Jack" "Shorty" Wax. Mr. Wax's makeup was enough to send any ordinary person into hysterics, but if that couldn't do it his impersonation of two Jewish business men dining in a restaurant would give the necessary impetus. The loud and prolonged applause "Jack" received proved him to be the headliner.

Not to be outdone by Mr. Wax, our illustrious tenor, Vern Van Duzen, rendered Harry Lauder's famous song, "Roaming in the Gloamin'" in such a manner as to warrant his being called back several times. Mr. Van Duzen is a "finished" musician and has a voice of mellow quality and wide range.

Robert McAllister as Ping Pong, a Chinese laundryman, sang in a very pleasing manner "China Town."

"Bope" Butler made a hit as La Belle Fatima in his rendition of "Bagdad." "Charlie" was right there with the harem skirt.

The Banjo Song rendered by Paul Austin was up to the high standard of singing expected from him.

The songs, "Back to the Caroline You Love," and "Swanee River," sung

by Messrs. Anderson and Robinson, were irresistible and called forth encores.

"Crooning Melody," sung by the college quartet, composed of Messrs. Anderson, Chisholm, Butler and Austin, was the big song hit of the evening.

Following is the full evening's program:

- Opening chorus, "Tipperary."
- "Pond Lilies," by the Band.
- "Organ Echoes," by the Band.
- Solo, "Back to the Caroline You Love," by Mr. O. Anderson and chorus.
- Solo, "Roaming in the Gloamin'" by Vern Van Duzen.
- "Stilly Night," by the Band.
- "Crooning Melody," by the college quartet.
- "The Courier," by the Band.
- Monologue, "Hochlovitch," by "Jack" Wax.
- Solo, "Banjo Song," by Paul Austin.
- Trombone and Cornet solo, "Night in Venice," by James Stauffer and Charles Ward.
- Solo, "Bagdad," by Charles Butler and chorus.
- Solo, "Chinatown" by Robert McAllister and chorus.
- "Wayneta," by the Band.
- "A Charge to Victory," by the Band.
- Solo, "Swanee Rose," by Chester Robinson.
- Closing number, "Back to Michigan," by chorus, accompanied by the band.

### BASEBALL COATS.

Manager Anderson announces that the baseball coats which will be purchased for the team in the near future will cost five dollars and seventy-five cents each. Those who have agreed to purchase one for the team will confer a favor by remitting the above amount as soon as it is possible to do so.

So far nine have been promised by alumni and students, and a fund for another was started by Miss Marjorie Chase of Chicago. Anyone who feels that they would like to help this cause, but who feel that they cannot quite afford to purchase a coat single handed, are at liberty to give any amount they so desire, and it will be greatly appreciated.

We have not heard from the Mt. Pleasant alumni who were contemplating purchasing one of the remaining coats. We will be glad to give information to any person or persons desiring it concerning this project.

### FIFTEEN POINTS LOST TO TRACK TEAM

At the M. I. A. A. field and track meet at Albion next June Alma will be minus three of her stars who are still in college, but who will not be able to participate. Through the absence of these men we will lose fifteen points. Captain Wilson, who won three points at the last meet will be unable to run this spring because of his recent operation. Sidney Cook, who won eight points at the same meet will be lost to the team because of parental objection. Mark Spinney, who won four points for the Maroon and Cream, will be ineligible to compete as he is not taking the required number of hours to make him eligible under the Intercollegiate ruling. It is needless to say that we are sorry indeed to lose these men.

## ADRIAN COLLEGE EASY FOR ALMA

Coach Bleamaster's men finished the season in a very suspicious manner by defeating Adrian college on the local floor Friday evening by the overwhelming score of 52 to 14. Adrian came here with a much improved team from the one that represented them earlier in the year, and they were confident of holding the locals to a close score, but Captain Cook and his men soon convinced them of the falsity of their expectations.

### Big Lead in First Half.

Alma obtained a good lead in the very first few minutes of play as a result of field baskets by Steggle and Wood and two free throws by Gallagher. Adrian's first points came from two successful attempts from the foul line. With the score 6 to 2 for the locals, Wood, Steggle and Gallagher began a veritable shower of field baskets which brought the spectators to their feet time and again. Wood scored five from the field in this half, Steggle three and Gallagher two besides four points from the foul line. Teachout made the visitors' only field goal during the half. Score—Alma, 24; Adrian, 4.

### Easy For Alma.

In the second period Adrian managed to count up ten more points with five baskets from the field. Of these five baskets Coombs secured two, Richardson two and Teachout one. Of the fourteen field baskets scored by Alma during the second session Gallagher made six, Wood five and Steggle three.

As in previous games the local's passing had the opponents bewildered at all times. The team never looked more like a machine than Friday night. Adrian put up a plucky fight but were no match for the Presbyterian quintet.

For Alma, as in all the other games this winter, every man was a star and gave his best that victory might rest with the Maroon and Cream. Wood led in the number of baskets scored from the field with ten to his credit, and everyone was delighted to see him end his basketball career at Alma in such a brilliant manner. Gallagher tied Wood in the number of points scored with eight field baskets and four free-throws. "Digger" is a worker every minute and is without doubt one of the best basketball men Alma has ever had. Steggle made six field baskets, and with his wonderful passing proved to be one of the stars of the evening. Again we repeat what we said in a previous issue that Gallagher and Steggle are the best pair of forwards seen here in years. Captain Cook ended his basketball career at Alma in fully as brilliant a manner as did Wood. "Hap" broke up Adrian's offense time after time, and worked in with the three forward men in great style. Nesbit was the fifth star in Alma's crown. His defensive play has been one of the features of every game played this year.

Coombs, Teachout and Richardson starred for Adrian.

In a fast preliminary game Alma high school trimmed Cadillac high by a fairly good margin. The Cadillac team is coached by "Ham" Hamilton, a former Olivet star.

The band was out as usual and did good work.

"Baldy" Spencer's officiating was satisfactory to both teams. Alma is fortunate in being able to secure such a capable official for her games. Summary:

Alma	Adrian
Cook	C..... Teachout
Gallagher	R.F..... Hart
Steggle	L.F..... Coombs
Wood	R.F..... Rogge
Nesbit	L.F..... Richardson

Field baskets: Wood, 10; Gallagher, 8; Steggle, 6; Coombs, 2; Teachout, 2; Richardson, 3. Foul goals: Gallagher, 4 in 8; Coombs, 2 in 8. Referee, Spencer, M. A. C.

### A Correction.

In the "Jack, the Peeper" article of last week our attention was called to the fact that the last statement was misleading. We wish to state that the person mentioned "Cook" was not Sidney Cook.

"Sandy" Duncanson spent part of the week-end with friends on the campus.

### A FEW FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW

The State Oratorical Contests will be held in Alma Friday, March 5th. There are two contests, one for men and one for women. Both contests will be held in Wright Opera House. The Women's contest will be held in the afternoon and the Men's in the evening. The contest for women will commence promptly at 2 o'clock and the Men's contest will start at 7:30 P. M. The price of admission will be 25 cents for each contest. Alma will be represented by two very capable contestants in Miss Jessie Duncanson and Mr. Maurice Cole. We have never won higher than third place in any of these oratoricals. We have the contest here but once every nine years. If Alma is to make a good showing every student must be present afternoon and evening. Where will you be during these contests, in your room, at the rink, out for a stroll or at the opera house? We believe you will be at the latter place.



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Friday of this week we are to have our first opportunity in the past nine years to entertain the Michigan Oratorical Association. It is up to each one of us to make this a day that will go down in the history of the college. To do this we must do everything in our power to show our guests from down the state a fine time. And, too, we must—each and every one of us—attend the afternoon and evening contests and give our representatives the kind of support that will bring victory to Alma. We know that Jessie and "Hi" will give everything there is in them for Old Alma, whether we are there or not, BUT think how much better they will do with row after row of seats in front of them filled with Alma students cheering them on. If we would have Alma triumph Friday we must be there in a body. If YOU are not there (without a good and sufficient reason for not being present) Alma will consider you a well, it's hard to say what she will think of a man or woman that would not do their part. Don't forget both afternoon and evening. BE THERE.

Freshmen, Sophomore, Junior and Senior classes should see to it that the five dollars and seventy-five cents for each baseball coat pledged earlier in the year, is paid at once to Manager Anderson. In order to get this very reasonable price on the coats, Mr. Anderson must place the order at once, and this he cannot do without the various classes coming across with the amount guaranteed. This is important and should be given immediate attention.

Several of the "big leaguers" were outdoors last week warming up their arms a little in anticipation of the strenuous baseball season ahead. It's bad enough for freshmen to be out using their arms up this early in the spring (?), but when it comes to men who have been playing college ball for two or three years it begins to look as if they had turned a deaf ear to years of coaching. It's encouraging to see so many iron arms in college, but the coach would probably be just as well pleased if the verdants would work out in the gymnasium for a while longer.

It is reported by good authority that the initiatory service of the Royal Order of Beta Sigma has been entirely revised. If this is true it ought to prove to be a good thing for two reasons: First, if the program has been altered a trifle it will enable some of the old men, who really didn't appreciate the first degree, to take the second and third degrees without feeling too much at home with the order of events. Secondly, it is well known that some of the men who joined this fraternity last fall have not kept secret all of the initiatory service, which they swore upon the Royal Book to do—but have told their freshmen friends all about it. Now it is easy to see that this new service will be of great assistance to the charter members of the organization in that the new candidates will not be familiar with the order of events as would be the case with the old ritual. A full account of the manner in which the new ritual works out will be given in a future issue of the Almanian, that is, if we can persuade some member of the staff to attend.

Have you filled out those cards Dr. Blaisdell gave you for names of prospective students? If you haven't you ought to give it your immediate attention, as bulletins are being sent out constantly that these people should receive. Be sure and get the addresses on plainly and correctly. Do it now.

Although some of you may doubt it, we are not fond of continually reminding you of the fact that your Almanian subscription has not been paid, but it is necessary for us to get some money in to pay this month's printing bill. If you can tell us how to pay a seventy-five dollar bill with twenty-five dollars in the treasury we will gladly let you have your Almanian gratis. Please try and get paid up before the twenty-eighth of this month.

Anyone having articles to be published in the Almanian should get them in several days ahead of time as they have to go through so much red tape before being sent to the linotypist that the issue may be delayed somewhat. Articles for the Tuesday issue should be dropped in the item box early Friday, and if you are not able to get it ready by that time hand it to one of the staff and it will be taken care of.

Remember, that if Jessie is to win Friday afternoon, and "Hi" the evening of the same day, every Alma man and woman will have to be on hand to do their part. If these two can work all year to represent us in this contest, then we surely can spend a few hours Friday lending our assistance to them. Everybody out afternoon and evening. This opportunity comes but once in nine years.

Friday night this week is Alma College Night at the Tabernacle. Why not now set aside this night for a full attendance of college students at this special service?

Hope and Olivet colleges have had their public tryouts for selecting their men to represent them in their debates with Alma. When are we going to hold ours? We ought not to delay it too long as we must win both debates this year.

It's hard lines on a fellow when he spends his spare time working for Alma in athletics not to be able to enjoy the privilege of taking a young lady from Wright hall as other fellows do, without having demerits chalked up against her, because she had to wait a few minutes after the game for him to change his wardrobe. Are we to understand that the man who gives to Alma is not to have the same rights as others?

Jessie and "Hi" will be expecting to see you at the Opera House Friday afternoon and evening. Are you going to disappoint them? Not much!

Manager Whittington is deserving much credit for the fine service he has rendered the college in organizing the best small college band in the state. "Whit" worked hard in planning the minstrel show and deserves special mention for the fine entertainment given Saturday evening.

The Almanian is greatly indebted to several of our sister colleges for the use of cuts of their representatives in the state contest, which we have run in the last two issues. We wish to take this opportunity to thank them for their kindness.

!!! HELP !!!

For the College Band.

A few weeks ago you will remember we ran the cut of Mr. Fred Slater, the popular young Alma merchant who has so generously agreed to help us to cover our college band expenses. We want to REMIND you that on SATURDAY, MARCH SIXTH, he will donate the net proceeds of the day's business for this purpose and he guarantees at least \$25.00. It is up to you college students to use Mr. Slater generously on that day so that he will not have to sacrifice personally in this affair. You will also be ENTERTAINED. The college orchestra will play during the opening from 2:30 to 4:30 p. m. and the quartet and Beyers & Co. will assist also in the afternoon. In the evening the entire band will furnish music from 7:30 to 9:30 p. m.

WILL YOU BE THERE and buy that new spring suit or that new necktie which you have been planning on for such a long time?

**LOCAL ITEMS**

Addison Wilson preached at Harbor Beach last Sunday.

Prof. A. P. Cook was in Saginaw on business Friday.

Wright Opera House Friday.

J. Knoertzer, Jr., entertained the crowd at the basketball game Friday evening with a fine exhibition of hand-springs.

About forty people enjoyed the skating at Wyant's rink Saturday afternoon.

Joe Kennedy, '15, was about the campus Saturday.

Jessie and "Hi" want to see you at the Opera House Friday.

Guess we slipped up on that mail box for Pioneer hall in last week's issue. We really were informed though that such a thing was to be installed there at once.

Conversation heard on the campus last week:

"How many demerits did you get this week?"

"Three."

"Was that all?"

"That was all I got, but I was eligible for thirty-three."

Kenneth Merriman was about the campus over the week-end. "Merry" says he is going to ride his bicycle to Frisco.

Dr. Clizbe is recovering from his recent injury very rapidly.

Remember Alma must take a high place in the state contests.

"Brud" Hyde was once more the "big noise" at the rink. Chapel hustled him some though.

Many of the students attended the dedication of the new tabernacle Friday evening.

The college band will play at Slater's big opening March 6th.

Hope and Albion colleges are planning on sending big delegations here Friday to the state oratorical contests.

Everybody out afternoon and evening, Friday, March 5th. Where? Wright Opera House, of course!

Schultz and Harris were honored by the Vigilance Committee last week to the job of removing the latest signs of winter from the campus.

Remember that Friday is the day. Clarence Goodrich officiated the Mt. Pleasant Normal-Adrian College game at the former place Thursday evening.

This snowstorm had to come along just when everyone was thinking of getting their canoes out for a fresh coat of varnish, and a few alterations.

Are you attending the meetings at the Tabernacle? If you aren't you are missing something good.

Give Jessie a crowded Alma section Friday afternoon.

A call for baseball men will probably be issued in the near future.

Dr. Blaisdell has been out of town for several days in the interests of the college.

Prof. Mitchell returned from Chicago in time to meet his Corporations class Monday morning.

Don't forget to turn out and give "Hi" your support Friday evening.

Many of the fellows attended the Fireman's Ball at the Masonic Home Monday evening.

Alfred Papworth returned to the campus Monday after being absent several days.

Many of the old Alpha Theta girls attended the dinner in the Wright Hall dining room Thursday evening.

It takes several days of good thawing to bring to the eye the "beautiful scenery" surrounding Pioneer Hall. College day ought to come about once a week to keep things looking respectable around the boys' dormitory.

Prof. R. H. Ritchie has been in Cincinnati, Ohio during the past week. While there he attended the conference of the National Educational Association, which were held in that city.

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ATTENTION!  
HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

You who are anticipating on entering Alma's walls next fall will be delighted to hear that Dr. Randels has requested the students in his classes to leave plenty of room on the desks in his classroom for coming generations to carve their names upon. When the Doctor discovered that the desks were becoming practically covered with names he asked the men and women in his classes to put a stop to it that there might be a little room left for newcomers.

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**DATES TO REMEMBER**

March 5th.—Friday—Afternoon—Women's Contest.  
Evening—Men's Contest.

March 6th.—Saturday—Science Club.

March 12th.—Friday—Lecture Course.

March 13th.—Saturday—Alpha Theta—Zeta Sigma at Wright Hall.  
Phi Phi Alpha—Philomathean at "Ad" Building.

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**ALUMNI NOTES**  
"WHO'S WHO AND WHY"



MR. JOSEPH KENNEDY, '15.

The following article, taken from the Alma Record concerning Joseph Kennedy, who will graduate with this year's class, will be of interest to his many friends. Mr. Kennedy has already finished his college career, but will return to receive his diploma with the class of '15 next June:

Joseph Kennedy, a very well and favorably known young man, among the townspeople and students at Alma college, completed his course at the college the 29th obtaining a degree of Ph.B. He left for Carson City, Saturday, January 30, and will occupy the pulpit of the First Congregational church of that city, until September when he intends to continue his schooling, at McCormick seminary in Chicago.

Kennedy was born in Chicago and received his education in the public schools of that city, graduating from the high school in 1909. Next attended the Chicago Musical college for one year and then entered Alma college where he has been for the past three years.

During his college career he has taken an active part and interest in all of the affairs of the school. Has supplied churches in Clare and Carson City.

Rumors have been circulated that Kennedy is to be married some time during April.

One of the staff received a post-card from Vernor Rogers, '14, who is teaching at Hastings in the high school. He also has charge of the athletic work there. The message on the card was as follows: "My basketball team has not lost a game this year. They are a clever, aggressive bunch. Expect to go through the season without a defeat."

The Grouard Hardware company of Grouard, Alberta, which is partially owned by Allen Hooper, '13, will soon open a branch store at McLellan, Alberta. This company has had an exceptional growth since the time it was organized, and much of this success is due to the business enterprise of Mr. Hooper. From now on "Hooper's" address will be McLellan.

Irvin E. Bradfield, a student here in '09, was recently called from the Harbor Beach Presbyterian church to the Forest Avenue church of Detroit, where he is assistant pastor. Mr. Bradfield met with unusual success in the Thumb city. The Almanian extends congratulations to Bradfield, and wishes him much success in his new field.

The following article taken from the February 18th issue of the "Continent" will prove of interest to the friends of Rev. Sherman L. Divine, '98, pastor of the Presbyterian church at Bozeman, Montana:

**A Race Around the World.**  
An efficiency contest recently held in the Bible school of First church, Bozeman, Mont., resulted in large increase in regularity of attendance, growth in all departments and doubled gifts to missions. The contest took the form of a world missionary cruise.

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**WE THANK YOU**  
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A. J. McIntyre,  
Alma, Mich.  
Dear Sir:  
Enclosed find money order for \$1.25 for this year's subscription to the Almanian.  
Yours truly,  
EDITH M. HEWITT.  
Decatur, Mich., Feb. 16, 1915.  
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Sailing westward from Seattle, the pupils were supposed to stop at the more important mission fields, a lecturer giving a ten-minute talk—pithy and pointed—on each country visited. The school was divided into two cruise parties, each with its captain and other ship's officers, and each assigned to the Aquitania or the Emperor. A large world map hung before the school showed the route to be taken and indicated the progress of the two ships.

Distances were covered by a system of mileage, according to the following table: Each scholar present, 10 miles; new scholar, 25; perfect, class (every enrolled member present at opening exercises, including the teacher, and each with an offering), 20; new member on cradle roll, 50; new member home department, 30; visitor, 5; birthday offering (at least 1 cent for every year, given to missions), 50. For captains only: Perfect offering on ship (gift of at least 1 cent from every scholar, teacher and cruise officer on the ship that day), 100; completely officered ship (every cruise officer and every teacher present that day), 40.

At the end of the cruise the Emperor was 1,900 miles ahead. Its members gave a banquet to the passengers and crew of the Aquitania. A record was made each Sunday of the day's run. Rev. Sherman L. Divine was cruise manager.

Following is an article taken from the February 4th issue of the "Continent," which will be of interest to the friends of George P. Horst, '08, pastor of the Beacon Avenue Presbyterian church of Philadelphia:

**Debt Engine Reaches Sea.**

Beacon church, in the northeastern part of the city, under the four years' energetic pastorate of Rev. George P. Horst, his first, has relieved itself of a many years' indebtedness and caused the miniature locomotive which hung over the pulpit the past year and slowly moved across a map of the United States, as gifts of \$25 were made toward paying the debt, to disappear in the Pacific ocean. At the celebration of the event there were addresses by Justice W. P. Potter of the supreme court and Rev. George W. Marr, and congratulations from presbytery by Doctors J. B. Lee, W. P. Fulton, J. R. Swain and W. B. Greenway.

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Belding, Mich., Feb. 23, 1915.  
Mr. Arthur McIntyre,  
Alma, Mich.  
Dear Sir.—I am sending you one dollar and a quarter for my subscription to the Almanian.  
I certainly have enjoyed reading the paper this year as never before.  
Respectfully,  
(Miss) CELIA CREASER.  
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**BROWN WRITES**  
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B (St. Louis, Mich., Feb. 17, 1915.  
Almanian Publishing Co.,  
Dear Sirs:—Enclosed find money order for \$1.25 for my subscription. Beg pardon for keeping you waiting so long. Enjoy your paper, tho don't suppose I would feel much at home at Alma.  
Respectfully yours,  
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**"DICK" TO "BILL"**

Alma, Mich., Feb. 28, 1915.

Dear "Bill":

It's been a considerable time since I have wrote to you, but it aint been my fault cause I've ben sick down to this here hosepistel with the threaten-ed down break of the diptherry but I didn't have any of them germs so after keeping me there four months they let me come back to college. There's been heaps doing since the last time I wrote you. I don't have nothing more to do with my girl anymore cause she got jealous when I was in the hosepistel and thought I was in love with one of them nurses, but you know Bill I didn't though it is kinda hard to be true to your girl when all the nurses is dippy over me. But do you know nothin' like that ever can phase me cause I can get all of the girls I want. Why do you know Bill them there girls over at the hall are so crazy about me that it makes everybody think they can get one, and it was just a week ago tonight that two fellers about the size of mutt and jeff (you know them fellers what is in the papers) come up there to the building and whistled to the girls thinking they would come out and see em (gues they didn't kno about them rules in wright hall or they wouldnt have thought so) but the girls instead of coming out sent for "Brud" Hyde and had him chase them. Brud caught the small one and brought him back, but not without resistance of the highest type for the feller threatened to shoot but that didnt mak no diff with Hyde for he marched him right up to Wright hall where the feller was questioned by Professor Cook. When the feller said his name was Cook and he knew Rev. Wilson and Matty McIntyre we was pretty unanims that he was a bad character and needed watching. They took him over to the secretaries office to look up the family record at least that's what Miss Robinson said, but I guess he wasn't any relation to the Prof. cause he didnt jump on us about our board bills in chapel next morning. Rumer has it that Beta Sigma is going to hold another iniciatshun soon. They can nishiate all they want—I belong. Say, Bill, my girl, you know the one up home there, well she wrot me she was comin' but as I didnt want her interferin' with my plans I just wrot her a spesil delivery. (it costs me ten sents to) and told her to stay home and she did, too. Our band give a minncetrl show last night and it was pretty good too, specilly one by the name of Hairy Van Louder Dusen who sang some scotch song. I cudnt just catch the name of it but it sounded like "Moaning in the Groaning." It's pretty hard on us basket-ball players when we have to take our girls to the games as the girls have to wait for me after the game until I get dressed, and then I'm a few minutes behind the others and so when I get up to the hall the dean or somebody anyway gives my girl a daymerit, and it was at night when we had the game. I tell you it ain't justice no way you look at it. Well Bill you probly are tried out readin' this here letter ans so I guess this will do for this time.

"DICK."

P. S.—Say there was some fellers around here that really stole some chickens and they didn't pay a dollar apiece for them either, and they was all blooded hens too, but I dont kno weather it was before or after they had their heads cut off.

"DICK."

**Michigan Intercollegiate  
Oratorical Contest**

**Friday, March 5**



**MISS EVA R. ARENT**  
Who Will Represent Ypsilanti in the  
Women's Contest.



**MR. ELWOOD STANBERRY**  
Who Will Represent Ypsilanti in the  
Men's Contest.

**ALMA COLLEGE ALUMNI  
ASSOCIATION**

The Alma College Alumni Association of the Northwest held its annual reunion and banquet at the "Tip-Top Inn" in Chicago on Friday evening, February 19th. And if one is to judge of the Inn by the banquet furnished the Alma Association and its music, which accompanied it, surely it is well named.

There were 18 of the alumni and old students present. Among them were:

Henry E. Hawkins, who produced the famous "Gold Dust Twins," and more recently the author of what is said to be altogether the best book on advertising which has yet been published.

Dr. and Mrs. Jamison, with Mrs. Jamison's sister. The Doctor will be remembered as the famous sprinter of the last century,—now one of Chicago's busy and prosperous physicians.

Mrs. Cora Mason Flint, a student of the early days, now living on the "North Side," in Chicago.

James S. Wight, whom tradition still labels a "shark" in his studies,—now one of Chicago's prominent lawyers.

A. J. Van Page, '97, president of the Association, and manager of Western Sales for the Passaic Metal Ware Co., of New Jersey.

Mrs. Carolyn Butter Fairman, '01, president-elect of the Association, and a recent Master of Arts of the College.

Rev. and Mrs. George A. Hill, 1900, than whom Alma has no more useful workers in the ministry.

Rev. Francis James Martin, at the head of one of the most successful institutional churches of Chicago.

Laurence C. Laughlin, auditor for Alexander Revell & Co., of Chicago.

Maynard A. Cook, '09, with a firm of consulting engineers of Madison, Wis.

Miss Helen Adams, and Miss Isabel Adams, secretary-elect of the Association and one of the well known "Adams Twins" of 1907.

Chalmers A. Montieth, '13, of baseball fame, now with the Western Electric Co. of Chicago.

Lester McAllister, with the municipal water department of Oak Park, Ill.

After the banquet speeches were made by President Van Page, Rev. Geo. A. Hill, Mr. Hawkins, Mr. Laughlin, Dr. Jamison, and Prof. Mitchell, representing the college. Everyone was bubbling over with enthusiasm and expressed a determination to work more for Alma than they had ever before.

"Well, Bill, wat's the matter? You're lookin' worried."  
"Work, work, nothin' but work from mornin' till night."  
"How long have you been at it?"  
"I begin tomorrow."—Ex.

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**KAZOO vs. ALMA (?)**

At Grand Rapids.

According to the Grand Rapids papers the fans in that city are anxious to bring the Alma and Kalamazoo college basketball teams to that city for an exhibition game. Although Kazoo defeated the locals early in the season the Grand Rapids people are of the opinion that Alma would give them a merry battle. Bleamaster's men are anxious to see this game arranged as they are naturally desirous of getting another crack at the "Celery City" aggregation.

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We take the following article from the "Annual Report of the Mutual Aid Society and Neighborhood Club," of Grosse Pointe, Michigan. It has to do with a former Alma graduate, F. Roy Phillips, who is now making good as director of athletics at the above-mentioned place. The gymnasium in which Mr. Phillips holds his classes is a brand new one, costing something over \$3,500. We congratulate Mr. Phillips in behalf of students and faculty friends, for the splendid work which he is doing. Alma students and graduates always "make good", whatever line of work they adopt.

"The work of the gymnasium director, generally speaking, is to conduct the several classes along gymnastic lines. However, the work here cannot be placed on so definite a basis. Besides the athletic work, a more interesting phase is added, namely, social service. Of course, the athletic side can all be developed in the gymnasium and on the playground, but the director feels the necessity of more time to make calls on people who do not come to club meetings, and especially young men, and boys.

The Men's Club has voted all their meetings, except the first of each month, as open—and in this way, with the introduction of games, we are prepared to attract the men of the community.

Young men and boys have to be followed more closely, however.

The following figures will give an idea of the number of people we are dealing with who belong to clubs—and does not include any visitors. The report is from September to December, 1914.

Total classes and clubs formed.....	5
Total training classes held.....	21
Total present at manual training classes .....	154
Average present at manual training classes .....	7
Total present at club meetings.....	873
Total number meetings held.....	38
Average number present at club meetings .....	23

Total number met in classes in clubs .....

Besides our regular work, we had seven public entertainments and parties, each of which have had a great effect in developing the community spirit."

**F. ROY PHILLIPS,**  
Director.

**ZETA SIGMA**

At the regular meeting of Zeta Sigma, held in the society room last Monday evening, the following program was given:

A progressive impromptu story by Anderson, McCloy, Garlock, Geis, Fitch, Murphy and De Pew.

Debate, Resolved, "That the United States Should Subsidize Her Merchant Marine." Affirmative—Melvin, Stafford and Melvin. Negative—Ludwick, Garlock and Shifflett. The society acting as judge, decided in favor of the affirmative.

Impromptus were responded to by Hyde and Smith.

Judge: "What's your name?"  
Swede: "Jan Olsen."  
Judge: "Married?"  
Swede: "Ja, ay ban married."  
Judge: "Who'd you marry?"  
Swede: "Ay marry a woman."  
Judge: "Well, you fool, did you ever hear of anybody who didn't marry a woman?"  
Swede: "Ja, my seester, she marry a man."

**YES, INDEED.**  
"My country 'tis of thee  
Sweet land of literacy,  
Of thee we tell  
Land of the reading test  
Banish the unwelcomed guest  
Till all from East to West  
Know how to spell."