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## ALMA COLLEGE FOOTBALL SQUAD--1911



Pohly Yerex Wood Hyde Marks F. Johnson A. Johnson Edgerton Misenar Stinson Von Thurn Goodrich Vogt Rogers Coach Grady

### REVIEW OF THE SEASON

Alma's 1911 Squad Made Up of Fighters

### COLLEGE PROUD OF THE TEAM

Good Work for Scrubs—Something About Each Man

An Alma team has always had the name of being made up of fighters. Her slogan has been to fight to the end and to let the best team win. This spirit has been present more than ever this year. When defeat was a certainty the team always came back strong and fought to the end. This statement cannot be denied even by our Olivet friends who were more than glad that there was not another five minutes of play after Alma got her touchdown. The fact that four of Alma's men were placed on the All-State team convinces us that our team was on a par with the down state aggregations even if not piling up a clean list of victories. Yet something ought to be mentioned at this time which may look like excuses, but if taken in to a fair consideration will not be thought of as such by the well informed person.

Alma has never gone through a season where obstacles and hard luck have had such a prominent part as this fall. To begin with—three of last year's men were off the squad. The positions which these men hold could not be filled by one year's training. Yet through the combined efforts of Coach Grady and the men these vacancies were filled in a most creditable manner. Never has Alma's hospital list been so large and stubborn as this year. Formerly it was exceptional if a player was injured beyond the little jolts which are bound to occur. This year even, besides the injuries sustained by the men and which withheld several from entering all the games, the weather has been "agin us," the squad being forced to wallow in the nice yellow clay which covers Davis Field all season in order to get in their practice. But despite all this, the men fought hard to the last. The team which went out to represent Alma this fall will be remembered as consisting of as brilliant a bunch of players as ever fought for the Maroon and Cream.

The Scrubs, some one says, in a sarcastic manner. But what would we do without those lowly "guys" who are willing to come out every night for ten weeks and face the attacks of the 'varsity, just for the fun there is in it? The second team men have certainly shown the Alma spirit and a word of commendation should be given to every member of the bunch. For the first time since nobody knows when, the scrubs were given a trip this fall. Defeat was the result, but it broke the ice and gave these stand-patters an outing.

The interest which both the students and the townspeople have manifested during the 1911 season was an inspiration to every man on the team. When defeats were coming fast every student was "on the job" and showed his Alma spirit by never ceasing to root until the whistle had blown. Alma citizens lent their assistance by being present and also by many of them purchasing season tickets at the opening of the year. It is this kind of enthusiasm that helps and is never forgotten.

A round-up banquet for the squad was held Monday evening at Wright Hall and a better time has never been experienced. A big "feed" had been prepared and after a training table for all the fall, the fellows did it justice. "Ephie" Johnson, of Cadillac, at this time was elected captain to lead the team next year.

The following men will receive sweaters and "A's": Captain Edgerton, Von Thurn, Wood, A. Johnson, F. Johnson, Misenar, Hyde, Goodrich, Rogers, Marks, Stimson and Pohly.

#### THE SQUAD.

Clifford Edgerton—"Ox."

"Ox" has filled the tackle job for three years and at present he is one of the best in the state. He was given the All-State tackle position this year. He comes from the Thumb and will be with us next fall.

Lester Von Thurn.

This is Von's junior year in college and he also will finish. Two years ago he held down a half position, but was out last year owing to sickness. Von was placed at full early in the season and played a consistent and hard game.

O. M. Misenar.

Alma's centre was a hard position to fill when Chapel left last year, but Misenar certainly did fine work when such odds had to be overcome. He was a sure passer and because of his weight was strong on the defensive.

Alger Wood.

Wood is a freshman and comes from Alma high, where he played for four years. Wood's playing at half was fast and steady. His record as a ground gainer, and also on defense is one to be proud of.

Fred. Johnson.

"Ephie" was one of the great line men this year. His breaking through the line was exceptional, while in carrying the ball he was one of the best. The fellows have made fine choice for captain next year in selecting Johnson.

Dewitt Marks.

Marks comes from Plainwell. He has played two years on an Alma team, and has made a great record as an open field runner. Marks is fast and heavy which make him a valuable man.

Clarence Goodrich.

Goodrich is entering his freshman year and hails from Cadillac. His nerve and great defensive work at end won him a place on the team.

Carroll Hyde.

Hyde has played two years in an Alma team and has done credit to himself both years. Being played as an all state end, marks him as one of the best in the state.

Arthur Johnson.

Johnson was not considered much when he first appeared on Davis field. But he soon proved to be a valuable man, and did credit to himself and to the team.

Vern Rogers.

Rogers comes from Tecumseh, when he began his football career. "Stub" ran the team in good shape, and on the side won the all state quarter position.

Stimson.

Stimson was another of those who d'd not make a good impression at first. He was soon needed at guard and his enthusiasm and nerve cinched the place for him.

William Pohly.

Pohly certainly was there with the goods. No man, as light as "Bill" has ever played as well, in an Alma team. He would certainly find the holes.

Coach Grady.

Last in the picture, but first in the hearts of all Alma, is Coach Grady—At Depa<sup>nw</sup> he was a star, playing on all the teams in all branches of

athletics. At Alma he has made an enviable record, and next year, with the new freshmen material we've promised to bring to college, he will certainly give Alma another Inter-collegiate championship.

#### SPECIAL MEETINGS PLANNED.

The cabinets of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. met with a committee from the faculty last week and made arrangements for a week of special meetings, similar to those conducted by Dr. Boyd last spring. It had been previously planned to have these meetings in February or March, but the matter was reconsidered and it was thot best to have them before the holidays, that all might have the benefit of them earlier in the year.

The meetings will undoubtedly be held during the week which begins December 10th. The associations are planning special preparations, such as a series of prayer meetings and conferences in order that the meetings will be a great success.

The Board of Education is sending us a speaker of our own choice, which will probably be one of the following: Rev. J. W. Cochran, D. D., of Philadelphia, and secretary of the Board of Education; Rev. C. B. McAfee, D. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.; Rev. R. F. Coyle, D. D., of Denver, Col.; Rev. S. S. Palmer, D. D., of Columbus, Ohio; and Rev. J. T. Stone, D. D., of Chicago. It is hoped that every student will avail himself of this opportunity to help, and in return, receive greater benefits.

Later—We are informed that the meetings announced below will be held early in January, and not in December.

#### JUNIOR SPREAD.

The Juniors were certainly doing things last Thursday evening, for after defeating the Seniors in the annual interclass basketball game by a nice score, they had a fine spread in Wright Hall dining room. An hour was spent at the festive table in doing justice to the many good things that were before them. Then, after giving several rousing yells, they retired to the gymnasium where they heartily joined in playing games and doing stunts until about 8:30, when they made "Stevie" a pleasant visit, and returned to Wright Hall in the best of cheer. The Juniors have the finest class spirit and unity possible, and for that reason always have a jolly time at their spreads and meetings.

Miss Matie Hill, '93, of Flint, has been visiting in Alma during the last week.

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## Advertising Rates on Application

We have thoroughly discussed the question of summer football for college students with representative members of the faculty and student body, and believe that the position which the Almanian takes is the position of the college.

In the first place, the Almanian wishes to declare its belief in the M. I. A. A. we believe the intercollegiate to be a splendid thing. Its organization makes it possible for the colleges to meet on an equal footing, it furnishes a keen, but wholesome rivalry; its championships give our colleges a tangible honor for which to strive; it facilitates the scheduling of games; and most of all, it binds the colleges together in a union, the value of which would be difficult to over estimate. The Almanian and Alma college believes in the M. I. A. A., and is proud to be regarded as one of its leading and influential members.

Alma, in common with the other colleges of the intercollegiate and, in fact, with all the colleges of the country, feels keenly the embarrassment caused by the present ruling concerning the playing of summer baseball by college students. When Dr. Williams of Minnesota declares that the ruling was making performers of our athletes and bars of our athletics boards, we are alarmed for the future of college athletics. We know that such methods are all wrong, but that, nevertheless, they are indisputable facts. Something is wrong, and we believe it is the ruling. For a number of years it has been ignored by the M. I. A. A. board, but the question has been raised again this winter. All the directors are agreed in declaring the rule impracticable, but two believe that since the ruling exists it should be enforced. One is from a college that is endeavoring to justify a deceit for which the intercollegiate is justly angry, and so far as we know, the other is conscientious in his attitude. But the fact remains that the M. I. A. A. is not satisfied with its present ruling and that the majority of its members are anxious for a change yet puzzled concerning just what regulation to substitute.

It must be admitted that a bona fide college student, who ranks well in scholarship, is entitled to the privilege of participating in college athletics. We do not believe that anyone who attends college during the entire year and ranks well in his studies can be justly denied that privilege, whether or no he has been able to make his skill remunerative during his vacations. Believing this, the Almanian takes the position that a discrimination against those who play summer baseball is more than

impracticable; it is unfair. We believe that the removal of such a ruling would not lower the standard of college athletics, and certainly it would improve the quality of both summer and college ball and remove the uncertainty and embarrassment which exists at present. Moreover, it would induce many fine boys to enter college who now refuse because they fear they will be discriminated against. We personally know of several such cases.

In view of these things the Almanian suggests that the ruling, which declares that no college students who play summer baseball for wages can participate in college athletics, be annulled, and one be substituted which requires all students to be in school during the entire year in order to be eligible. We are not disloyal to the M. I. A. A., and do not believe that Alma college will attempt to dictate to that organization, but we do believe that the suggestion made above, if adopted, will do much for the advancement of intercollegiate athletics, and earnestly urge that it be given careful consideration by the directors.

We desire to commend the football squad upon its election of Fred Johnson to the captaincy. He is a fine fellow, popular, a brilliant player and a good leader. Oral Misenar, who gave Johnson such a close race for the honor, is a splendid player of the quiet, fighting type, and equally deserving of the position. The team would be well led by either of these two men.

By Christmas time the Almanian will have paid out over \$250.00 to the printers. We have received less than \$50.00 on subscriptions. We have a circulation of six hundred. See the point?

## FOOTBALL BANQUET.

Monday evening the football squad banqueted at Wright Hall. The tables arranged in the shape of a "T" groaned with chicken and other delicacies. George Shepherd, resplendent in full evening dress, looked after the wants of the boys and a Victrola discoursed sweet music. Beyond doubt, it was the big spread of the year. During the evening Fred Johnson was elected Captain, being given a close race by Oral Misenar; in fact, the first vote was a tie. After the spread, the squad was the guest of Coach Grady at the Yacquette. Besides the guests, Prof. James E. Mitchell and Edward Brehm, the following were present.

Head Coach, Dennis H. Grady; Coach of Reserves, Allen Hooper; Captain "Ox" Edgerton; "Bill" Pohly, "Log" Misenar, "Chesty" Von Thurn, Rex Van Duzen, "Pat" Marks, "Stub" Rogers, "Doc" Hyde, "Archie" May, "Ephie" Johnson, "Stub" Vogt, "Yens" Johnson, "Bill" Stinson, "Goody" Goodrich, "Pug" Wood, "Dusty" Austin, Maurice Rushmore, Oscar Anderson, "Xerxes," Yerex.

## GREETING FROM NEW YORK.

Tuesday morning in chapel Dr. Brucke read a telegram of greeting from the alumni of New York City, who had banqueted the evening before. It read as follows—

"August F. Brucke, D. D., President of Alma College—

The New York Alumni Association and greeting to the president and faculty—May the quarter century year be filled with continued signs of progress. The association here is growing in numbers and interest. The student body are included in these greetings.

Committee E.

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**ALUMNI.**

Miss Bernice Hunting, daughter of ex-president Hunting and one of Alma's first graduates, and who has been at Tripoli for several years, has severed her connection with the school in which she has been teaching. She has taken a house about three miles out of Tripoli which is to be her home, and from this as a center she is to work among the townspeople in evangelistic work. Miss Hunting writes most hopeful and is very happy in her work.

The Alumni association of New York City and vicinity held their annual banquet in New York City last Monday evening, to which President Bruske was invited but was unable to attend.

One of the interesting features of the twenty-fifth anniversary will be the hanging of the pictures of all the graduating classes of Alma. It is hoped that all alumni will furnish photos. Rev. J. E. Webber has already written that he will be responsible for the class of '05, and hopes to be able to bring the picture in person next June.

A letter came from C. D. Wolfe, of Netcong, New Jersey, where he is engaged in the lumber business. Wolfe has not been upon the campus since June, 1902, and asks many questions in regard to students of his day. Some of his questions run as follows: "Where is Jim McBride, where are Herbert Wilcox and Wirt Dunning and Miss Mahoney? Is Miss Ireton still teaching? Kindly remember me to her if you have opportunity. I appreciate the many things she did for me. It would be a delight to be in Alma tonight. I'm there in spirit many times. Is Wright Hall all filled? And do the waiters' squad have the good times we used to have? I'll never forget those days, but I have already forgotten some names. I think, however, that Bill Miller will always remain in my mind."

Mr. Wolfe has been married seven years and is the father of a girl five and a boy three years of age.

President Bruske has written to one member of each graduating class asking for a picture to be placed on exhibition at commencement time next June.

Among the frequent visitors to the college is Theron Chapel of last year's class. "Chape" has attended the Albion game, the Zeta Sigma banquet and several other college functions during the past few weeks.

A telegram came to Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Hall, November 27, announcing the birth, on that day, of Hugh Norman Ronald, Jr., at the Presbyterian manse in Thorntown, Indiana.

Harry Helmer, '08, of Mt. Pleasant, acted as field judge between Arthur Hill and Saginaw, East Side, High schools Thanksgiving Day.

George D. Law, com. '10, is employed in the bank of Harrietta where he has been located for the past six months.

Several of Alma's former athletes have been acting as coaches of college and High school teams the past football season. Among them are R. R. Campbell at U. of D.; Harry Helmer, Central State Normal; Ralph Von Thurn, Ferris Institute; Leslie K'fgen, Newberry; John St. Cyr, Vassar; and Theron Chapel at Elsie. Frank McComb has managed the team at Caro where he is assistant principal and teacher of English and history.

We are in receipt of the following interesting letter from C. F. Angell. He is now the secretary of the Delta

county Y. M. C. A., way out in Colorado:

"I am sure you will be glad of a letter from me even though we are not much acquainted, but still we are friends because you are at a college that is nearer my heart than any other school in North America. I only hope that the present student body are fully appreciating what Alma is doing for them.

"I wish the scores of the M. A. C. and Olivet games were reversed, but I am satisfied to know Alma is a game loser and not discouraged because someone else wins occasionally. Bill Brown the star halfback on the team which defeated M. A. C. once lives only twenty miles from here, but this is such a busy world we see each other seldom.

"Give my regards to Professor Cook, Mitchell and Ewing, and maybe Randels will remember my inability at geometry.

"Hoping I may get the Almanian regularly.

"I beg to remain,  
"C. F. ANGELL."

**HILL-HOOVER WEDDING.**

Steven B. Hill, of Bad Axe, and Miss Elvena Hoover, '08, of Harbor Springs, were married at the home of the bride in Harbor Springs, November 23. Miss Hoover is one of Alma's most accomplished graduates and during her college days was one of the most popular students on the campus. She was a student of high grade and one year represented the college in the state oratorical contest, winning second place in the list of contestants. "Big Steve" is remembered as Alma's big first baseman, he having played that position on two championship teams, those of '07 and '08. He is one of the immortal nine who took the university over the jumps to the tune of 4 to 1 in 1907. He also played center and tackle on the football teams of those two years.

Della Struthers spent Thanksgiving at her home in Pontiac.

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### What Became of it.

I missed my bath robe from its hook,  
The one I got last Christmas day;  
Last week the garment mother took  
And made an overcoat for May.

Some of the students went home  
Thanksgiving to see father and  
mother. Some to escape classes, and  
some to get a square meal. We hope  
they all succeeded.

He (at the Kalamazoo) "That's  
Harwood out there throwing the ball;  
he will be our best man in a couple  
of weeks."

She—"Oh, this is so sudden!"  
—Hillsdale Collegian.

### Hit Him with an Axe.

She—The works of the old masters  
were very well done.

He—And yet they are very rare  
now.

### Are You a Latin Student?

Boyabus kissibus,  
Sweet girlorum,  
Girlibus likebus,  
Wanti Somorum.

Inibus lapibus,  
Siti girlorum,  
Thenibus boyibus,  
Kissi somorum.

Popibus hearibus,  
Soundus sonorum,  
Kickibus boyibus,  
Outi dororum.

Apologies to the "Tramp and the  
Lady."

"Ezry," said Farmer Hay "I see  
since you went back ter college you  
wear yer hair combed back'ards mop-  
ped down, now hyur's all I have ter  
say: If yer expect ter feed out'n my  
trough, yer got ter let yer mane fall  
on one side."

Life is all joy.

One round of laughter;  
The night before  
The morning after.

My tongue is thick,  
My head is sore;  
The morning after  
The night before.

A man in Luther met a widow and  
married her. She had a step-daughter.  
His father, a widower, visited them  
and married the step-daughter. The  
man's wife thus became the mother-  
in-law of her father-in-law and the  
man's step-daughter became his step-  
mother. His own father was there-  
for his step-son. After a while his  
step-mother, who was also the step-  
daughter of his wife, had a son. This  
boy became the Luther man's brother  
being the Luther man's father's son,  
but the boy is also the son of his  
wife's step-daughter and so her grand-  
son. Thus the Luther man becomes  
his brother's grandfather. Then the  
Luther man's wife had a daughter.  
His mother-in-law is this new daugh-  
ter's step-sister, and also his grand-  
mother. His father is the brother of  
his daughter, who is also the daughter  
of his grandmother. The Luther man  
is his mother's brother-in-law, his  
daughter is his father's niece and he  
has finally figured out that he is his  
own grandfather. Help!

### BOYS ENTERTAIN.

D. Royal Blaske and Bope Butler  
gave a very successful entertainment  
last Tuesday evening in the K. P.  
Hall, under the auspices of the Ben  
Hur lodge. Blaske gave a miscel-  
laneous program of readings, mono-  
logues, etc., while Butler presided at  
the piano. They expect to take their  
program to Ithaca and other nearby  
towns.

## ABOUT THE CAMPUS.

Carrie Rowland entertained her  
mother from Hesperia over Sunday.  
Gladys Landon of Detroit visited  
her brother last week and was one of  
the guests at the Zeta Sigma ban-  
quet.

Miss Mullenbach left Wednesday  
for Plainwell where she will visit  
over Thanksgiving.

Della Struthers and Bernice Har-  
rison spent Sunday in Mt. Pleasant  
the guests of Normal friends.

Mary Morrison of Elk Rapids was  
entertained by Clara Hanel last week.

Marion Kosecrans of Albion was  
one of the guests at the Zeta Sigma  
banquet and while in town was the  
guest of Beatrice Jackson at Wright  
Hall.

Harry Lyons, ex-'11, of Mason, at-  
tended the Zeta Sigma banquet and  
returned home Monday morning.

Florence Hood, '11, who is teach-  
ing in St. Charles, spent Thank-  
sgiving with Miss Bernice Pollasky of  
Alma.

Lois Fraker spent her vacation  
with her parents in Alma.

## CLASSICAL CLUB PLAY.

At the recent meeting of the Clas-  
sical Club, it was decided upon that  
the club would give a classical play.  
Professor Ewing brought the sub-  
ject very vividly before its members  
and "Phormio" is the play decided  
upon. This will be given sometime  
during commencement week so the  
club will have the necessary time in  
which to prepare. The "Phormio"  
has already been studied by those  
taking an Elective course in Latin,  
and it is the plan of Prof. Ewing to  
have the Freshmen and Sophomore  
classes read and study it before the  
end of the year.

The following students have be-  
come members of the club:

Faith Welton, Caroll Gray, Mar-  
garet Allen, Angelo De Carlo, Isa-  
belle Henderson, Marcella Adams,  
Paul Austin, Leon Osborn.

The friends of Robert Wilson, ex-  
'13, will be pleased to know that he  
arrived at San Luis, Cuba, where he  
is now holding a responsible position  
as chemist for a sugar company.  
"Bob" is receiving a salary of \$115 a  
month with traveling expenses and  
room besides. This certainly speaks  
well for one of Alma's young stud-  
ents and we all wish him success in  
his new work.

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## College Students have their Shoes repaired

Because---

By so doing they keep their old shoes  
looking like new, and because they can  
save money by this means. If you have  
plenty of good places for your money  
**you should make all you have  
go the longest distance**  
by letting us keep your old shoes look-  
ing like new ones.

## E. A. LINDNER

Across from Sanderhoff's

## Alma. Vaudette

Change of Program Daily

## Vaudeville

Thursday, Friday and Saturday

## Matinee Saturday

Afternoon at 3 o'clock.