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ORATORICAL CONTEST

To Be Held in College Chapel, Monday, January 15

CONTESTANTS OF EXPERIENCE

Close and Interesting Contest Expected—Four Contestants

The annual men's Oratorical Contest, at which the intercollegiate orator is chosen, will be held in the college chapel on the evening of January 15 1912. Although the number of contestants is small, they have all had experience, and a contest of more than ordinary interest is expected. In fact, there is every reason to believe that it will equal that of last year, which was reported to be one of the best in the history of the college. Some time this week the judges will be requested to serve, and on the day after we return from the Christmas vacation the manuscripts will be placed in their hands.

So far as we are able to learn, there will be but four contestants, three from Phi Phi Alpha and one from Zeta Sigma. Claude Satterlee, '13, who expects to speak on "The Cosmic Harmony," took part in the Chicago Medal contest last spring. Joseph Kennedy, '15, who will take for his subject, "The Reasonable Unrest," a discussion of the times, has had considerable experience and took second place in the Chicago contest, being given first in delivery. Edward Brehm, '14, who will deliver an oration on "The Newer Day," an argument for universal peace, won first place in a hard fought contest in the Cadillac High school two years ago, took part in the men's contest a year ago, and won the Chicago Medal contest last spring. He is the only representative of Zeta Sigma. Harold Wilcox, '14, has had considerable High school experience, and represented the college in the State Intercollegiate contest at Ypsilanti last March. In addition to the orations, a splendid musical program will be presented and there will be every reason why the chapel should be packed as it undoubtedly will.

We are in receipt of the following letter from Ruth Pierson, '08:

"Enclosed please find my check for this year's subscription. (Thanks.) I always enjoy the college paper, and am glad to see that the old-time Alma spirit continues. My thoughts are often back at Alma, and I wish her all the prosperity and happiness that a college can have. At present, I am acting as chief bacteriologist of the State Board of Health, during the absence of Dr. G. F. Swarts, who is in Cuba attending the American Public Health Association convention. Dr. Swarts was recently elected president of the A. P. H. A. With the best wishes for the success of the Almanian, and the kindest regards to my Alma friends, I am as always,
Very sincerely yours,
RUTH O. PIERSON.

COLLEGE BULLETIN FOR JANUARY

The mid-year bulletin is now on the press and will be ready for distribution in a few days. This number deals with the Department of Pedagogy, and is a splendid exposition of the work and needs of that department. In the introduction a glowing tribute is paid to Dr. George B. Randels, whose scholastic achievements in Alma College and in the Universities of Pennsylvania and Jena have given him an enviable position in the pedagogical world.

The bulletin emphasizes the fact that the course in pedagogy, as given in Alma is not narrowly technical, but has features of great cultural and practical value. Its first object, says the bulletin, is to develop in the student a true perspective, without which success as a teacher is impossible.

An effort is being made to establish at Alma an educational museum, to contain specimens of text books and school equipment from every period in the history of education. Plans for an experimental laboratory for the use of the classes in pedagogy and psychology are announced.

The Christmas vacation will start Wednesday afternoon and continue until Tuesday, January 2. Wright Hall will be closed Thursday noon and will re-open on New Year's.

M. I. O. A. DIRECTORS MEET

A meeting of the directors of the Michigan Intercollegiate Oratorical Association was held in East Lansing Saturday afternoon. E. A. Thompson, who was Alma's representative, brings back a very favorable report. The financial condition of the Association is the best since its organization. Each director submitted a list of judges for the state contest to be held at Olivet in March, and from these lists one hundred names were selected and will be submitted by the secretary to the nine colleges for ratification. Great interest seemed to be manifested by each representative and this year's contest is expected to be a record breaker. Albion and Hope have selected their contestants and are coaching them for the intercollegiate.

ALPHA THETA OFFICERS.

The Alpha Theta literary society have elected the following officers for the coming term:

President, Gail Peacock, '12.
Vice-president, Ella Bittner, '12.
Secretary, Emily Beach, '14.
Treasurer, Beryl Broderick, '13.
Cor. Sec., Esther King, '14.
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Almanian Reporter, Marguerite O'Neil, '14.
First Critic, Carrie Rowland, '12.
Second Critic, Hattie Mills, '12.

OF COURSE YOUR INTENTIONS ARE GOOD

WE HAVE HEARD SOME OF OUR SUBSCRIBERS WHISPER THAT THEY INTENDED TO SAVE A QUARTER BY PAYING THEIR SUBSCRIPTION BEFORE JAN. 1ST. WELL, WE ARE FROM MISSOURI.

JUNIORS WIN CHAMPIONSHIP.

Twice during their college career the class of 1913 has walked away with the class championship in basket ball. At the beginning of the year it was doubtful whether the followers of the "Y" would be able to still hold the record. But the exhibition of class playing which was manifested last Thursday and which snowed the wearers of the green completely under, removed all doubt from the minds of the students that the class of 1913 has the best class team that has ever played on the Alma court.

The game last Thursday was the wind up of the class games which have been going on during the last three weeks. From the start it was seen that the game would be a fight from beginning to end, and it was. The freshmen came with a rush which ran the upper men off their feet for the first half and allowed them to finish the period with the big end of the 18 to 14 count chalked up in their favor.

But what a slaughter took place as the second half was started. A shift was made which put Ox as basket forward and virtually won the game. The Juniors took a brace and threw the sphere for counts from every conceivable position. The 1915 men were not accustomed to the gait

and were only able to tally three points during the period. The game was the fastest class game that has ever been played here and while the Juniors like to see the Freshmen do well they could not break our record which they have set, namely, to stick for four years.

For the Freshmen all showed their class spirit and put up the best game they were capable of. Cook displayed himself in good manner while others of the team showed coming ability.

Juniors.	Freshmen.
HooperL. F.....	Wood
EwingR. F.....	Rushmore
EdgertonC.....	Cook
Von Thurn...L. G.....	Austin
MisenaR. G....	Goodrich
Final count: Juniors, 35; Freshmen, 22.	
Referee, Coach Grady.	

Among the teachers who met the Central Michigan Round Table were several former Alma men who are occupying positions in schools of this part of the state. The Alma men present besides the Alma college faculty were: Howard Potter, '06, commissioner of the Gratiot schools; P-of. R. P. Brooks, '07, of Central Normal; R. G. Swigart, '04, Principal of Mt. Pleasant H. S.; and Theron Chapel, '11, Principal of Elsie H. S.

DETROIT Y 47--ALMA 27

Alma Lost Hard Fought Battle On City Court

GAME RALLY IN SECOND HALF

Boys Surprise Opponents by a Brilliant Finish

Alma opened her basketball season last Monday night at Detroit when the Y. M. C. A. of that city came off in the lead of a 47 to 21 tally. The game was fast and spirited throughout and although defeated, the local men showed considerable class for this early in the season. In speaking of the game, the Detroit Journal says: "The college men exhibited an excellent example of 'sticktoitiveness' and after a combination of stage fright, bashfulness and strange surroundings, which was prevalent in the first half, was over, they started in and played the 'Y' men off their feet."

For the college, Fraker, no doubt, owing to his steadiness and speed played stellar ball which brought considerable applause from the galleries. It was mentioned after the game that Frak put up one of the best offensive games ever seen at the "Y." Hooper and Wood, after settling down in the second period, exhibited themselves in a creditable manner. Von was injured during the practice last week and was a little off color on that account. Edgerton, "the mighty Hercules," was there with the jump and played his usual game.

Johnson, Wilson, Hanna and Krietz were Detroit's point makers. Judging from the opinions of those who witnessed the game and also from the Detroit papers, Alma has a quintet this year which displays championship class. The basket throwing and the team work of the men has improved a hundred per cent during the last two weeks, which is particularly gratifying to the coach and to the followers of the team.

Alma.	Detroit.
Hooper, Capt.....L. F.....	Krietz
Fraker	R. F.....
Edgerton	C.....
Von Thurn, Austin..L. G.....	Wilson
Wood	R. G.....
Hanna	
Final score: Detroit, 47; Alma, 21.	
Baskets from field: Branston, 10;	
Fraker, 5; Johnson, 4; Krietz, 4; Wil-	
son, 2; Wood, 2; Hooper, Hanna.	
Fouls: Detroit, 5 in 9; Alma, 5 in 9.	
Referee, Harfst. Umpire, Lerchen.	
Both of Detroit.	
Time of halves, 20 minutes.	

Among the former Alma men who attended the Alma "Y" game at Detroit Monday evening were Arthur Henderson, "Pum" Graves, "Dave" Inglis, "Johnny" Johnson, "Doc" Iseman, Ray Moon, Ralph Yonker, "Bob" McKenzie, Earl Porter, "Pete" Rohns and sister, Paulus Voegel and Roy Campbell.

Speaker Clark made his first fee when a young man by writing an oration for a college student who had been elected class orator and wanted to get off something particularly fine.

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An effort is being made to have Alma college make a splendid appearance at its twenty-fifth anniversary next year. New class memorials on the campus, an enlarged museum and library, and Davis Field with its new gate will be among the improvements which will be noted by commencement week visitors. We are thoroughly in accord with all efforts toward a greater, more beautiful Alma, and we have a suggestion which we believe will be heartily seconded by the students and all friends of the college. We believe that if that portion of the campus which lies to the west of the gymnasium, and the grove across from the administration building were made into lawns, and carefully cared for during the year, the attractiveness of our campus would be increased many fold. Such an improvement would doubtless have its effect upon prospective students, and the small expense entailed could be counted as an excellent investment. Certainly it is worthy of consideration.

The basketball team was cordially welcomed and splendidly entertained by the Detroit Y. M. C. A. last Monday. And the wearers of the Maroon and Cream so won the hearts of their hosts that the "Y" has requested a date for a game at Alma. We would be more than glad to play and entertain the boys from the city here, and we recognize the additional prestige which we would gain, especially if we should win, which Coach Grady and his warriors are confident they can do on the home floor. But with the other strong games which are scheduled to be played here, the Athletic Association hesitates to sanction the expenditure necessary. In fact, it is up to the students to raise the money, or at least guarantee a large enough attendance, if we play Detroit "Y" here. What do you thing about it?

This will be the last issue of the Almanian for 1911. Our next will be January 15. We wish to thank you for your many kind words and hearty support and encouragement during the thirteen issues of the past term, and wish you a Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year, and a Safe Return.

PACIFIERS BY PETE.

If John Drew his salary and found it insufficient for his needs, would Will Levington Comfort him?

Even Professor Mitchell has adopted the popular nickname of "Jack" for our old friend Mr. Ephie Johnson.

We wonder to what extent the average college man's correspondence has been cut off during the past few weeks, seeing that the 25th is coming on at a rapid clip and the copecks in the strong box are beginning to look like diminutive beans on a platter.

What's that, reform you say? Who by? Marks? Hum-nun, are you trying naturally trying out for the reform contest? It's true? Well, you know about that. It's probable that De would be a member of the year, but he's undoubtedly has his reasons. I'm sure you're not grazing off the film? Well, there is no other word for it. I'm Gomered. His percentage on church had doubled, that he's active member both of the Wednesday evening he'd quit using slang gum, but as for reform, I shall go around and Dewitt at the earliest opportunity.

We desire to commend the Bishop of Charlotte and the Butler of Elk River a masterful way in which served harmony and among themselves and a young man of good an attack of the blues ago. Great. One of the in question is certainly marked ability.

It might be a wise plan for Mr. William Y. Pohly to promote the building of a pony line from Alma to Breckinridge, and thereby cut off the enormous revenues that the P. M. gets for his tri-daily trips to the seventh heaven, namely, the aforesaid Breckinridge. We will also lay a wager that Bill doesn't attend the evening worship at the Breckinridge First Presbyterian, that is, unless SHE warbles in the choir. In that case it would be permissible.

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During the vacation of the past summer Misses Edna and Emma Swigart enjoyed an extended visit in the western part of the United States making a six weeks' trip to New Mexico, Colorado, California and Oregon. On the journey west they made a three days' stop at Santa Fe the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Bradfield. At the Grand Canon they remained two days viewing points of interest, and from there went to San Francisco, where they made a stop of three days more. Nearly all of the remainder of their time was spent at the home of an uncle in Klamath Falls, Oregon. Miss Swigart and Miss Edna have many beautiful kodak views of the country through which they passed. Among the most interesting of the pictures is one in which they with the family of their uncle are seen in an automobile blocked in a four-foot snowdrift on the way from Klamath Falls up to Crater Lake. The trip was made over the Santa Fe while the return journey was over the Canadian Pacific.

Otto Powers, for several years district manager for the Bell Telephone Company in northwestern Michigan, recently resigned the position to take up work with Grinnell Brothers, with headquarters in Traverse City.

Harry Craig, '09, has been in charge of athletics at Charlevoix High school during the past football season and assisted in the coaching of a team that was placed well up among the schools of northern Michigan.

It is expected that, as last year, there will be a large number of former Alma men and women in the old college town for the Christmas vacation, and expressions from many are to the effect that we should hold another reunion similar to the one of last December. No one will soon forget the delightful gathering at the Robinson home on that occasion, and it is felt by nearly everyone that a reunion should be held at this time every year. It is needless to say that the local alumni will arrange for a grand and glorious meeting to bring all the old one together for another jollification some time during the holiday time. So come home prepared to see them all.

"Johnny" Johnson, ex-'12, is now working for the International Correspondence Schools in Pontiac.

Chas. Hunt, a student in Alma in 1908-9, is secretary of Devotional Exercises at the Bay City Y. M. C. A.

Wednesday will be the last chance to get a year's subscription to the Almanian for \$1.00. Subscription bargains end with the year, and after January 1 the price will be \$1.25, with no discount.

CARRITHERS STILL MAKING GOOD.

Ira T. Carrithers, for two years director of athletics at Alma, and at present holding the same position at Knox College, Galesburg, Ill., has made an enviable record for himself since his connection with that institution. During the football season which just closed he not only produced a championship team but he has gained the distinction of being one of the foremost coaches in the state of Illinois.

Perhaps the best way to judge of what the Knox splendid record was made speaks Coach Carrithers believes in the motto "win or lose" and he instills in the hearts of his truest sportsmen sportsmanship with whom he comes in contact. Knox certainly has reason to be proud of her coach.

OTHER MICHIGAN COLLEGES.

Olivet—Phi Alpha Pi gave its fiftieth annual public at the Congregational church, December 8.

M. A. C.—A movement has been started by the engineers to change the name of the school to Michigan State College. They claim that engineering graduates are often placed in an embarrassing light because of the present name.

Hope—"Once more Hope is in the race for the intercollegiate and State basketball championship."

Hillsdale—"The Men's Glee Club made their first appearance Thursday evening, November 16, at Church's Corners, being the first number of the Wheatland Citizen's lecture course. Church's Corner is a church and a store twelve miles from Hillsdale. The church is an impressive brick edifice and the store is quite up-to-date maintaining a cash register and six brands of cigars."

Albion—Funk was elected captain of the football team for the coming year.

M. A. C.—The age of the football squad this year averaged a little over twenty-two.

Field Secretary Hurst made a scouting trip through the northern part of the state last week.

The arrangements for special services during the week of prayer are all up in the air. Illness and previous engagements have made it impossible for the speakers, who were promised, to be present. Just what arrangements will be made are as yet unknown.

Robert von Thurn, '11, who is attending Auburn Theological Seminary, is expected to arrive at his home near this city the last of the week for the holidays.

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