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WAS EXCITING CONTEST

Harold V. Wilcox Again Wins First Honors

WAS CLOSEST IN YEARS

Society Spirit Ran High—A Good Crowd Was in Attendance

The annual men's contest in oratory, held in the college chapel Monday evening, was won by Harold V. Wilcox, '14, of St. Louis, who will represent Alma in the state inter-collegiate at Olivet on the evening of March 1. Edward W. Brehm, '14, of Cadillac, was a close second. The judges were Francis E. King, L. A. Sharp and Rev. J. Frank Jackson of Alma, and Prof. Densford presided.

The four literary societies attended in bodies and society spirit ran high. The program started promptly at eight o'clock with a piano solo by Miss Vivienne Miller, which was followed by the invocation by Rev. H. L. Crain and two vocal solos by Miss Beatrice Jackson, which were greatly enjoyed. Edward Brehm delivered the first oration of the contest, making a stirring appeal for world-wide peace under the title, "The Better Day." He drew a vivid word picture of conditions under militarism and concluded with a dramatic prophecy of "the better day." He was followed by Claude W. Satterlee, '13 Detroit, who spoke on "The Cosmic Harmony." His oration probably excelled the others in literary merit, being a strong discussion of the relation to orthodox Christianity. He delivered it well and gave the other contestants a good run for honors. The last speaker was Harold Wilcox, who spoke on the subject, "Is It Worth While?" After a tribute to American progress, he drew a brief picture of conditions which threatens to make us trouble, and noted the need for young college trained men in public life. But, in view of past political conditions, he raised the question as to whether it was worth while for a young man of ability to risk his career in public life, and then answered it, from a young man's view point, in the affirmative, evidently to the satisfaction of the judges.

Following the orations, Robert Hume sang a tenor solo and Miss Laura Amsbury played another enjoyable piano solo.

In the opinion of a number who are in a position to know, the contest was one of the best in enthusiasm, quality and closeness, which has ever been held at the college.

Visited the Northwest.

Miss Lillian Jackson, a former student in Alma and a sister of Beatrice Jackson, has just returned from an extended visit and pleasure trip thru the Canadian Northwest. She spent a large part of her time with D. D. Aughton, her uncle, in Calgary, Alberta. She made several trips to the coast where she visited friends in Seattle and Vancouver. Miss Jackson left Michigan last Labor Day and returned January first.

M. I. A. A. TO ALLOW SUMMER BASE BALL

At a special meeting of the M. I. A. A. directors held at Albion Friday the rule prohibiting summer baseball was rescinded, Olivet casting the only dissenting vote. F. R. Hurst represented Alma.

ALPHA THETA PLAY POSTPONED.

The Alpha Theta Literary Society regret very much that their play "The Rainbow Kimona," which was advertised to be given in the chapel, January 26, has been postponed, because of one of the characters not being able to appear that evening. Watch the next issue of the Almanian for the date.

SCIENCE CLUB MEETING.

The first regular meeting of the Science Club, for this term, was held in the biological laboratory on Saturday evening, January 13th. After the usual preliminaries, we listened to a splendid talk on "Colloidal Solutions," by Prof. West. He made his address doubly impressive by means of the solutions and charts which he used. At least, we got the idea that these minute floating particles bear about the same relation in size to a human blood corpuscle that a peppermint lozenge does to a cream cheese. All of you absentees missed a valuable talk, valuable both because it was intensely interesting and because it was highly instructive.

But take heart, ye disconsolate! The next meeting (on January 27th) will be devoted to a lecture about the moon, illustrated by means of lantern slides. It will be well worth an effort to get out and hear this address by Prof. Notestein.

CHANGE IN EDITORS.

Because of increased duties on the St. Louis Independent, which requires his presence in St. Louis on Monday, the Almanian press day, and need for time to prepare for the inter-collegiate oratorical contest, the managing editor resigned last week. At a meeting of the Almanian Association held Thursday noon, Edward A. Thompson was elected managing editor and Lester von Thurn associate editor.

CLASSICAL CLUB.

An exceptionally good program was presented before the classical club on Saturday evening. The attendance was better than usual and a great deal of enthusiasm was manifested in the initial work of the play which the Club expects to give during commencement week.

Program.

Translation I and II, Scenes of Phormio Miss Hooper and Miss Rowland
Roman Business Life as portrayed by Horace.....Wm. Pobley
Comparison of Greek and Latin Comedy.....Prof. Ewing

Albion—Leroy Robinson won the oratorical contest with an oration entitled, "The Edict of Industry," and will represent Albion at Olivet on March 1. He was Albion's representative in the state peace contest in 1909 and won the Silliman contest the same year and was also a member of the team which debated Lawrence last year.

STUDENTS FORM BIBLE CLASSES.

Acting in accordance with a movement throughout all of the Michigan colleges toward a more thorough knowledge of the Bible on the part of the college men, a number of Bible study classes have been organized in Alma college. They will meet in several of the boys' rooms on each Thursday, and each class will be led by a student. Quite an interest is being taken in the work, and it promises to be very successful. The student leaders are E. A. Thompson, John Landon, Leon Kolvoord, Claude Satterlee, Lester McAllister and Oren Osborn.

THE YPSILANTI-ALMA GAME

Owing to the fact that the train was over three hours late last Thursday night one of the largest crowds ever seen in the local gymnasium was kept waiting until ten-thirty before the Ypsilanti Normal basket ball aggregation hove in sight. While the hour was late enthusiasm ran high and a hard fought and fast game resulted, in which Alma came off victor by a 21 point lead. The final count was 35 to 14.

The game was Alma's from the start, Ypsi being unable to keep up to the pace set by the locals. The down-staters had it all over the Alma men in team work, but they were poor in judging their basket shooting both in free shots and in those from the field. The points which they might have made if McMillan could have made an average number of his throws from the mark probably would have resulted in a victory. On the contrary, the local men found the basket from all points of the floor and Hooper made a record in foul shooting by getting 9 out of 11.

The entire local five showed considerable improvement over the M. A. C. game both in handling the ball and basket making. For Alma, Hooper and Wood played star games, the former making 23 points and latter being exceptionally strong on the defensive. Hunt and Hinderlaing of the Normal proved to be hard propositions.

Ypsilanti, Alma.
HuntL. F..... Fraker
McMillanR. F..... Hooper
HinderlaingC..... Cook
RhodesL. G..... Wood
MonfordK. G..... Von Thurn
Baskets from field: Cook, Hooper 7, Fraker 3, Wood 1, McMillan, Hunt, Hinderlaing 3. Fouls: Hooper 9 out of 11; Hinderlaing 3 out of 17. Referee: Cook.

THE M. A. C.-ALMA GAME

Alma was overwhelmingly defeated last Tuesday evening by the Michigan farmers at East Lansing by the score of 53 to 14. Alma was not in the pink of perfection, Edgerton, as was the case in the Mt. Pleasant game, being confined to his bed, while M. A. C. was in her best trim. They were expecting a hard game and they got it from start to finish although the results would lead a person to think that the opposite conditions existed. The main trouble with the local men was their inability to hit the mark. Their team work was undoubtedly the best that has been demonstrated in any of the games this season, but basket throw-

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GERMAN PLAY SUCCESS

"Der Bibliothekar," Given by German Department

COLLEGE CHAPEL FRIDAY NIGHT

The Glever Acting Made a Great Hit With the Audience

An event full of interest and unique in every respect was the German comedy "Der Bibliothekar," given by the department in the chapel last Friday evening. This is a very popular German farce and required a tremendous amount of work in preparation, and the greatest amount of credit is due the department for the excellent manner in which the undertaking was handled.

The work of preparation was begun last October. The freeness of speech, accurateness of pronunciation, and naturalness of action plainly revealed the fact that there must have been a persistent grind ever since it started.

The costumes, all the way from John in his "full dress" to the hunters in their scarlet jackets, and from "Sarah" in her gentry robe to "Frau Dixon" in her plain servant dress, were appropriate and elaborate, adding much to the fun furnished by the players.

Miss Mullenbach, head of the department, is to be congratulated and deserves greatest praise for the excellent training that was displayed in the work of every actor. Everything was in readiness, and there was nothing lacking, even to the minutest detail that could have added in any way to the success of the event.

This is an innovation in the history of the college, as heretofore the German plays were lighter and given in Wright Hall.

Just a word about the players. W. A. Vogt, the leading character had a very heavy part and carried it in an excellent manner. C. R. Goodrich, was exceptionally natural, and showed all the traits of a real actor, while Simenton also was a calm, natural and unruffled English butler. Kolbe was a natural "Dutchman" and could spiel the German by the yard. Robert Cook with only three semesters work in this department, had a prominent part and carried it with skill. The Misses Nelson and Hovey acting the part of society maidens, proved themselves very much at home in all their actions and won many suitors. Miss Bitner made a typical "wirtin" and always had the German on her tongue. Hyde was the tailor that made so much fun and knew how to collect his debts. Miss Clark's part was the achievement of the evening, and she certainly was the person for the part. Claud Satterlee proved himself to be a dignified man of wealth, while Frank Anderson, although not successful, was there with the winning ways. Omens and Brock were officials of no mean ability. Every person was just the one for the part and all deserve great praise.

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The following extract from the state press report of the M. A. C. Alma basket ball game last week throws some light on why Alma teams are always welcome throughout the state and games in which Alma figures are always well attended.

"It was the best game that has been seen on the local floor in some time and was spectacular from start to finish. * * * While Alma did not lead any in the scoring, they kept the Aggies busy for the most part."

The score was 53 to 14 in favor of the best team which M. A. C. has had in years, playing on their own court, yet Alma put up a scrap which made the game spectacular and unusually interesting to those who have the privilege of seeing the biggest teams in the West in action. It is but another instance of the "Alma spirit."

The observance of college traditions give rise to the fondest memories which an alumnus has of his Alma Mater—their observance should be an almost sacred rite to a college man. Alma is now twenty-five years old. She is old enough to establish traditions and we believe that more attention should be given to that phase of our college life.

We cannot say much here on the subject, but we desire to advocate the founding of a custom similar to that of almost every school of prominence. It is the wearing of a cap or toque of decreed design for a part of the year on the part of freshmen and academy students.

We do not desire to humiliate in any way first year men and "preps." We do not believe that they will feel so concerning it. A boy, when he first comes to college, expects to be considered as a freshman, and is often disappointed if he is not so considered. He is more or less filled with reverence and respect for college, and especially college traditions. He will consider his toque as a badge of honor, rather than humiliation, and at any rate, it will help him realize that he is in college and not an advanced high school. And then, the night on which he burns his cap could be made a festival which would be unique and memorable. Think it over.

This issue is the last to be published by the present editor. In saying farewell to our readers, we wish to thank them for the courtesy and interest which they have shown in the Almanian's welfare, and for the kind words they have had for the paper. We also desire to thank the members of the staff, whom we have found to be prompt, efficient and willing, and to commend to them the

new managing editor, Mr. Thompson. That he may make the Almanian the fairest, the newsiest and the most readable college weekly in the Middle West is our earnest wish.

In our last editorial we desire to harp on an old subject. We may have a record-breaking year next year. The only person in the world who can make it possible to the extent of Alma student and alum are the students themselves, who by their own efforts, and persuasion of their own friends and attend OUR college. a greater, more loyal than to "talk Alma" you get.

ABOUT THE GAME

Mt. Pleasant defeated Ypsi Friday night with a score of 35 to 19.

The Phi Phis will give their Lincoln Banquet February 9.

The Sophomores expect to feast and roller skate at St. Louis Friday evening.

Beryl Broderick is confined to her room in Wright Hall because of illness.

The Ypsi basket ball team was entertained by the fellows over Thursday night.

Oral M. Misener was called home last week by the illness of his wife. A card reports that she is much better.

Laura Brown spent Wednesday afternoon and Thursday in Saginaw and while there attended the Nordica concert.

We are compelled to leave the report of the concert, given by the College Quartette Saturday evening, until next week.

The basket ball team leave next Friday for a trip which will include Adrian college, Hillsdale college and Jackson Y. M. C. A.

Mrs. St. John has been giving lessons in her home the past two weeks because of the freezing of the pipes in the Founder's room.

While waiting for the Ypsi team to show up Thursday evening, Ed Yerex and Tom Cooper (Alma High school) put on a boxing match at the gym.

Word has been received from Saginaw that Handel's "Messiah," in which the Alma chorus was to sing, has been indefinitely postponed from January 16th.

D. Royal Blasko, '14, left college last week and expects to attend a Catholic University in Washington, D. C., where he will fit himself for religious work.

Paul H. Bruske, '08, was in Alma last Saturday and was accompanied home to Detroit by his son, Paul Wheeler, who has been visiting at the home of our president.

Announcement has been received of the marriage of Miss Martha Peters and William E. Myers at Ventura, California. They will be at home at 12:20 S. Oliver street, Los Angeles.

Lena Drake, who has been teaching in Alma's public schools, and living at Wright Hall, has resigned her position because of ill health. Miss Drake was accompanied to her home Wednesday by a brother.

The last number of the lecture course appears Tuesday, January 23, when Edmund V. Cook appears. The students feel that this has been most instructive as well as enjoyable course and are all sorry that it has come to an end so soon.

Elon P. Borton, national traveling secretary of the inter-collegiate prohibition-association, delivered a strong address before a large body of the students at the First Methodist church on Saturday morning. On Monday he did personal work among the students in interest of the prohibition oratorical contest.

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G. V. WRIGHT

GERMAN PLAY SUCCESS

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The continued effort of the young people in preparation, certainly is a great credit to the department. In a play of this sort a great deal of it is done, that only those who have undertaken to memorize a number of lines of a foreign language can appreciate. Much rehearsing must have been done, in order to follow the cues as smoothly as did the members of this play.

Act I. The curtain rises with Lothair in his bachelor quarters reading a letter from his uncle, who announces that he will visit his nephew in London. When Harry entered upon the scene all felt that the movement of the play had really started and that success was assured. The hit of this act was when Robert, the librarian, appeared with all his luggage and is left to meet the creditors. The comedy of the play seemed to be in the hands of Robert.

Act II. The hit of this act was Miss Sarah the governess, in her rich costume. Spiritualism as she advocates it is a thread of humor that runs through this act. Edith controlled the movements of the love episode of the play, by her animation and natural naivete.

Act III. Gibson, after having been thrown from his horse, appears and causes much excitement. Lothair intrigued by McDonald, decides to dispose of Gibson, so he conceals him in the library and takes his coat to prevent his reappearance. For the amusement of the young ladies Lothair promises to produce a medium which he had previously promised Miss Sarah. Consequently on returning to the drawing room they find Robert asleep and believe him to be a medium.

Act IV. Uncle McDonald is imprisoned for nephew's debts, and the identity of Lothair as his nephew is required. Lothair and Harry unable to dispose of Gibson, Harry decides to cover him with confusion and drive him away. Gibson, well drunk, is made to believe that he proposed to Miss Sarah. McDonald, in his attempt to extricate himself, discovers the ruse of the young men, which is the occasion of the identification of several characters. Uncle McDonald pays the bills and has Gibson make his wedding suit. The young ladies find which of the young men is most pleasing to each and Eva falls to the lot of Harry and Edith to Lothair.

Cast of Characters.

- Marsland, owner of an estate.....
- Robert Cook
- Edith, his daughter.....Carrie Neilson
- Harry Marsland, his nephew.....
-Clarence Goodrich
- McDonald, man of wealth.....
-Claud Satterlee
- Lothair McDonald, his nephew....
-Walter Vogt
- Eva Webster, friend of Edith.....
-Ruth Hovey
- Sarah Gildem, governess.Mary Clark
- Leon Amadale, suitor of Edith....
-Frank Anderson
- Patrick Woodford, friend of Amadale.....Paul Omens
- Trip and Knox.....Paul Omens
- Gibson, tailor.....Carroll Hyde
- Robert, librarian.....Frank Kolbe
- Dixon, landlady to Lothair.....
-Ella Bitmer
- John, butler.....Arthur Simenton
- Griff and Commissioner.Dallas Brock

A large and appreciative audience enjoyed the play, and all joined in praising the successful efforts of the German department and in thanking them for the excellent evening's entertainment.

Adrian—Efforts are being made to make the Adrian College World a forty-page monthly and to make it a denominational as well as college paper.

THE MAN WHO WINS.

The man who wins is the man who works—
The man who toils while the next man shirks;
The man who stands in his deep distress—
With his head held high in the deadly press—
Yes, he is the man who wins.

The man who wins is the man who knows
The value of pain and the worth of woes—
Who a lesson learns from the man who fails
And a moral finds in his mournful wails;
Yes, he is the man who wins.

The man who wins is the man who stays
In the unsought paths and the rocky ways,
And perhaps who lingers, now and then,
To help some failure to rise again.
Ah, he is the man who wins.
—Baltimore News.

"Who are busy now? Why the Alpha Thetas."
"Why?"
"Don't you know? They are rehearsing their play. The one thing they give every year. Surely you remember the successful one last year. So good that you could not afford to miss it this year. What is the name? Why the 'Rainbow Kimona.' It is a play of two acts, funny and interesting all thru. The cast of characters have been chosen after careful thought and care, and each fills her place to perfection."
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We are asked by Ox to brand the report that he has the chickenpox an unqualified falsehood.

"Pa, these burglars that blew up a store—"

"Go on."

"Are they shoplifters?"

The funniest thing this week.—Brillmyer running all the way from the Vaudette to the gym so that he wouldn't be late for the Ypsi game.

Heard Over the Transom.

"Pil"—"Say, if a boat was for sale would the cyclone cellar?"

Lamb—"I don't know—dynamite."

He Was It.

He—"Aw, weally, dontherknow, you do know a thing or two."

She—"Oh, yes, indeed, I know three or four dudes."

Uneasy lies the tooth that wears a crown.

The following ditty we ran across in the Hillsdale Collegian, and we believe it clever enough to pass on to our readers:

Dere vas vunce a town named Ypsi,
Dey tought dey het a team,
But you should hef seen dem scatter
Ven Hillstale puht on steam.

Dere's Alpions a colletch town
Perhaps dey knew de game
But vy didn't play us
Makes us vunder all de same.

Now comes der set, set story,
Ach Himmel! sooch a score,
Ve vent py stage to Olifet,
Undt—Ivont say no more.

Adron tought ve vas easy,
Because ve het got peat,
But ve surprised dem shust a pit
Undt dose professionals velly neat.

Oh, yes, dere's Kazoo Normal
De furst game of de year,
Ven Hillstale playt de white-warsh,
Undt mait de score lookt queer.

Now brodders, dis iss scripture
Dat dem pig poys of ours
Knows ven dere playing feets ball
Widt all dere playing powers.

Undt now dat all iss over
Ve kin look aheadt undt say,
Next year v'll peat dose udder teams
Undt make dings come away.
—Yon Suffermore.

OTHER COLLEGES.

Olivet—Owing to lack of funds in the Athletic Association, Olivet has canceled its entire schedule and will play no basket ball this winter.

Ypsilanti—One of the biggest sensations ever in Normal college athletics was sprung Wednesday by basket ball Coach Benjamin when he suspended two men, Becker and Rynearson, from the team for breaking training rules and dancing the night before a game. Durgan and Millis, two subs, were fired for the same offense.

We received the following letter from David A. Johnson, a former Alma man and now pastor of the First Presbyterian church at Marengo, Iowa.

Dear Editor—I am enclosing a dollar in payment of my subscription to the Almanian. I have enjoyed its weekly visits to my home. It seems every week when reading the paper that I am again a student at college. I would not do without it. I would gladly pay the dollar and a quarter, but seeing that you make this offer, I want to take advantage of it.

DAVID A. JOHNSON.

THE M. A. C.-ALMA GAME

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ing was out of their line Tuesday. The Farmers' team work and shooting was perfect and at times branched into the extraordinary.

Fraker was again the whole show for the locals, playing a cool and consistent game throughout, several times bringing applause from the galleries. Misener played his first big game and made a good showing. Chamberlain and Goss were the M. A. C. point makers.

Alma, M. A. C.
Fraker.....L. F..... Vatz
Hooper.....R. F..... Gorenflo
Misener.....C..... Chamberlain
Wood.....L. G..... Spencer
Von Thurn.....R. G..... Goss

As a curtain raiser to the Ypsi Normal game the scrubs amused the crowd by crushing a pick-up team consisting of foot ball men to a pulp. The game was needless to say a fight from start to finish full of rushes and tackling. Rogers of the foot ball team finished with the largest number of fouls credited to him. "Liz" McAllister was the shining light for the second team men, while Anderson and Archie Maybee stood the abuse of the foot ball men in good shape.

Elton Brock, who has been working in Detroit the past few months in the interests of the Brock-Hardie Lumber of Durango, Mexico, expects to leave in a few days for his timber tract near the latter city. He will visit Alma a few days before leaving Michigan. At the Alma dinner in the Library Park Hotel in Detroit, Friday evening, Mr. Brock entertained the entire company with interesting stories of Mexico and her people. He is enthusiastic over business prospects in Mexico and believes thoroughly in the future of the country.

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