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WIN ONE; LOSE ONE

Affirmative Wins Unanimous Decision From M. A. C.

NEGATIVE 2-1 DECISION

Against Alma in a Very Exciting and Close Contest

In the first annual debate of the M. A. C.-M. S. N. C.-Alma Debating League, held Friday evening, May 17, Alma's affirmative won a unanimous decision from M. A. C.'s negative in the college chapel, while the negative lost by a two to one decision to the affirmative of Ypsilanti Normal at Ypsilanti. The question debated was, "Resolved, That the Federal government should impose a graduated Income Tax, constitutionality granted."

E. A. Thompson opened the debate by proving that we need an additional federal tax: first, to remedy the present evils of regressivity; second, to fulfil the demands of justice, and, third, to lend elasticity to the present system. However, he was not up to his usual standard of delivery, perhaps due to the fact that he was the first speaker and had not gotten into the spirit of debate. Mr. P. J. Vevia opened for the negative, by admitting that the conditions at present are very dark, but said that the negative expected to show that our people are not so over-taxed after all. He proposed three questions which he said it would be necessary for the affirmative to establish, hoping thereby to put Alma in a dilemma, but as it turned out these were just the things the affirmative had prepared on. He claimed that an income tax is essentially a war tax, and as there is no war in sight, the income tax is not needed.

R. H. Cook continued the constructive case, by showing that the graduated income tax is practical; that it is successful in other countries and has been successful in the United States. This was Mr. Cook's first appearance as a debater and he certainly won the audience by his pleasing manner and forceful arguments. R. M. Snyder tried to show that there are only two methods of collecting an income tax—lump-sum and stoppage-at-source, and that neither of these can be used to collect a graduated tax. His delivery was pleasing and commanding.

D. R. Marks closed the affirmative construction by showing the equity of the income tax, and that it can be collected by the assessment-at-source method. Mr. Marks delivered his speech in a calm but forceful manner, and had great weight with the judges. D. L. Clute closed the constructive argument for M. A. C. by system proposed by the affirmative. He was the most forceful speaker on the negative.

Mr. Vevia rebutted for the negative but lacked the force shown in his main speech. He contended to the last, that the affirmative must collect their tax by the stoppage-at-source plan, or self-assessment, which

he evidently took to be the same as assessment-at-source, as proposed by the affirmative. Mr. Thompson, in what is said to have been one of the best rebuttal speeches ever delivered on the local rostrum, closed the debate in a very forceful manner. He met every contention of the negative and completely crushed every hope of M. A. C. for victory. The audience was very attentive throughout, and greeted both visiting and home teams with hearty applause and splendid spirit.

H. E. D.

The negative lost in the most exciting and closest debate ever staged in Ypsilanti by a two to one decision. Both teams were complimented by the judges on their delivery. The affirmative pursued the following line of attack. R. W. Ward opened the debate by showing that the income tax is necessary for immediate fiscal purposes. O. H. Gillett followed by claiming that the income tax is needed for justice; and L. G. Hubbell closed the affirmative construction by showing that the tax was practical.

E. W. Brehm opened the first negative speech by showing that we certainly do not need the income tax for revenue at present, judged by the huge surpluses of the past two years; and by a chart forcefully showed that a true graduated income tax could not be collected. This was one of the strongest speeches of the evening. H. V. Wilcox showed that the income tax would be evaded, and stated that it was not even needed as an emergency measure. He proposed that the present internal revenue system could be easily extended to meet all the governmental demands for revenue. That the income tax, because of its unpopularity, could not be collected in this country. E. W. Sebring closed the negative construction by giving a powerful speech proving that the income tax is inelastic, unjust and exceedingly complex.

Mr. Wilcox handled the rebuttal for the negative, but was not as force-

ful as in his constructive speech. However, his delivery was very pleasing and gained favor with the judges. Mr. Ward practically cinched the debate for the teachers by his exceptionally strong and clever rebuttal.

F. S. J.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

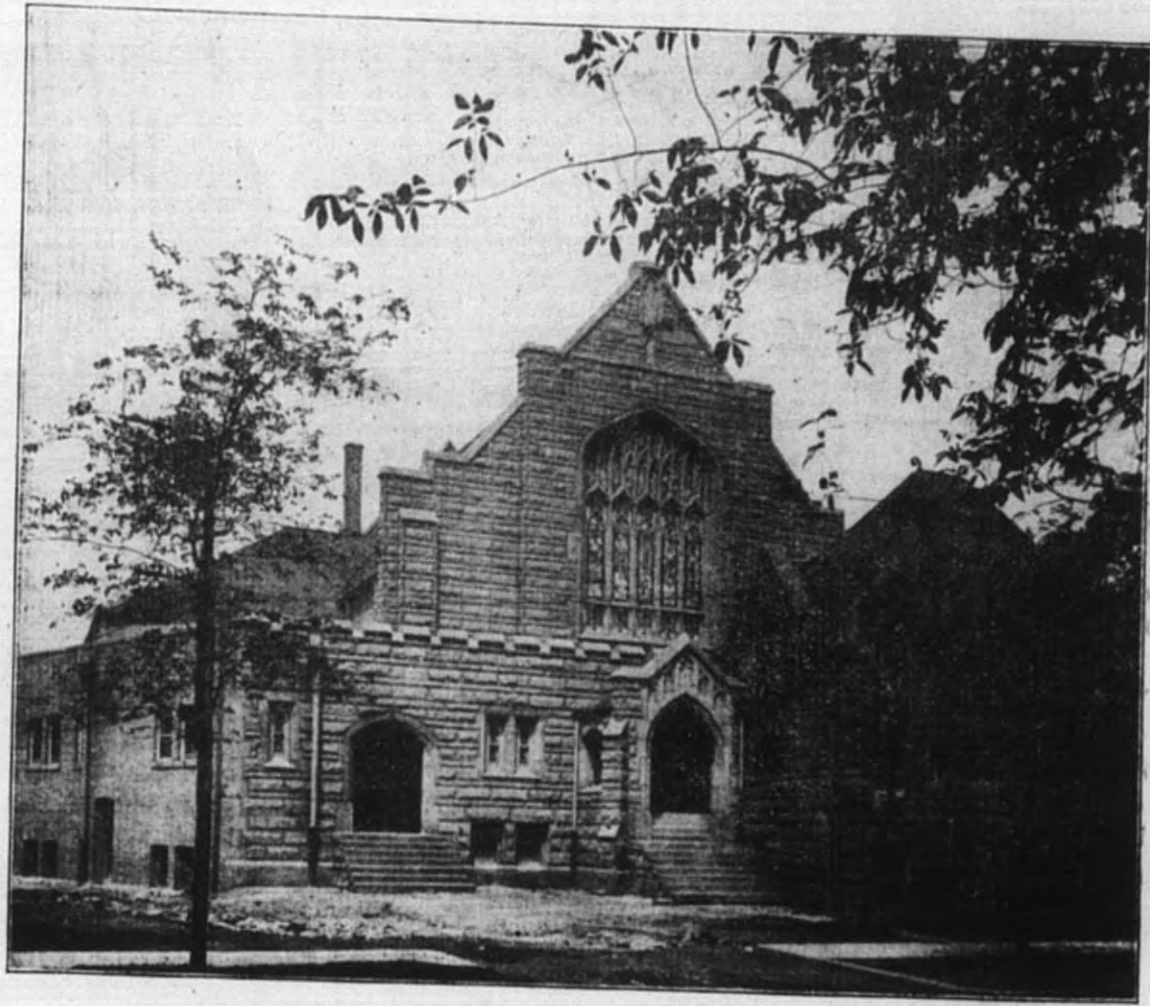
We are presenting a cut this week of the Millard avenue Presbyterian church of Chicago, presided over by Rev. A. J. Van Page, of the class of '97. Mr. Van Page took up the pastorate of the Millard avenue church in May, 1905, and since that time the organization has experienced a remarkable growth. When he began his work there the church was comparatively new and under the care of the mission board, but in 1907, less than two years after he assumed the leadership a fine church building was dedicated which is valued at \$55,000, and in 1909 the church became entirely self-supporting. A mortgage of \$5,500 has also been paid off during this time.

The membership at the time of the organization of the church was 44 and today there is a total of nearly 400 members with a Sunday school of over 400. Mr. Van Page is highly deserving of this marked success, being one of Alma's ablest graduates.

THINKS ALMA IS ALL RIGHT.

Professor F. S. Kedzie, Head of the Department of Chemistry at the Michigan Agricultural College makes this statement regarding Alma "Alma has always seemed to me to be a college with the right kind of spirit and located in one of the best portions of Michigan for the development of a good college."

Y. W. C. A. Strawberry festival will be given next week. Everybody plan to be there.



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AN EVENING IN JAPAN.

The Japanese entertainment, which will be given by the Froebel Society, Saturday evening, May 25, will include an operetta entitled, "The Japanese Girl," a synopsis of which follows.

Act I—A number of Japanese girls are visiting O Hanu San, a young Japanese beauty who is about to celebrate her eighteenth birthday, regarded in Japan as "the becoming of age." Some amusement is caused by Chaya, her faithful servant, who appears to be overburdened by work.

The story is told in the dialogue and songs and contains many amusing and interesting situations.

Act II—Two American girls, Dora and Nora, who are touring in Japan with their governess, Miss Knowall, for education and pleasure, are impelled by curiosity to enter the house, and while their governess is sketching they slip away from her. The Japanese girls returning, resent the intrusion of a foreigner and awake the governess, who has fallen asleep at her easel, and pretend not to understand her explanation. O Hanu San comes to her rescue and in the end invites the American ladies to remain as her guests and witness the interesting and quaint ceremonies which are about to commence. They accept gratefully and win the hearts of all.

The Cast of Characters.

O Hanu San.....Bess Bishop
O Hitu San.....Joyce Fairweather
O Kayo San.....Helena Gilray
Chaya.....Rosalie Netzorg
Miss Knowall.....Purl Moreland
Dora, twin.....Eva McBain
Nora, twin.....Neva Jenkins
Chorus.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS.

The speakers for commencement from the senior class are as follows: Robert F. Hume, Carrie E. Neilson, Loretta B. Clum, William Y. Pohly, Leon W. Lauderbach and Anna L. Sebring, who is valedictorian.

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CORNER ON DATES.

Friday, May 24, Baseball, Albion at Alma.

Saturday, May 25, Japanese entertainment by Froebel girls in Kindergarten room.

M. A. C.-Olivet-Alma track meet at Lansing.

Tuesday, May 28, Baseball, M. A. C. at Alma.

Public Recital in College Chapel.

Saturday, June 1, Baseball, Albion at Albion.

Friday and Saturday, June 7-8, Inter-collegiate Field Meet at Albion.

Sunday, June 9, Baccalaureate.

Tuesday, June 11, Annual Concert.

Thursday, June 13, Commencement.

Eva McBain visited in Mt. Pleasant over Sunday.

Miss Mildred King visited Gladys Gorton over Sunday.

Mrs. St. John spent last Sunday in Detroit, visiting her brother.

Bernice Harrison entertained Merrill Sharp of Olivet over Sunday.

Alice Kennedy spent Tuesday evening at her home in St. Louis.

Helen Hovey of Howell spent Sunday with her sister at Wright Hall.

Marian Ball ex '14 of Midland visited Dorothy Baker for the week end.

Neva Jenkins entertained her cousin from Harbor Springs on Sunday.

Gladys Dershem has been entertaining her sister from Chicago for a few days.

Bessie Young of Bay City has been visiting Joyce at Wright Hall.

The annual public recital of the School of Music will be held Tuesday evening, May 28th, in the College Chapel.

Don't forget the Japanese entertainment given by the Froebel girls, Saturday evening, May 25, in the Kindergarten room—only a quarter of eight.

The Music department congratulates themselves in the annual concert of the artists provided for the Annual Commencement Concert. The Detroit Quartette, under the direction of Mrs. Renger, the world famous quartette, will furnish the instrumental numbers. It is a special pleasure to announce that Don Alexander, a former Alma student, since graduated from the University of Michigan Conservatory of Music, will be the soloist of the evening.

BIOLOGICAL CLUB.

A few valuable biological charts have been received for the Biological Laboratory. These are the first of a series which it is hoped may be secured in the future. It is needed in addition to the other equipment.

SMALL COLLEGE.

Adelbert Lindley, who graduated from Alma College last June and is now a student in the Law School of Columbia University, New York City, writes thus:

"A big university has its advantages, the brainiest students to set you a merry pace, and the best instructors obtainable, but the man who takes his undergraduate work in a university misses much that he would gain at a 'freshwater' co-educational institution. The small college for me. I may say this is the opinion of graduates from small colleges as I hear their ideas expressed."

EARLHAM MAXIMS.

The following maxims which occur in the year book of Earlham College, are so good we transcribe them here:

If you've given to your college the best you had, then the best will come back to you.

Don't wait for things to turn up; get busy yourself and turn things up. Don't worry if you are not at once spotted as a genius.

Everybody is interesting if only we were not too dull to see it.

Better are potatoes without salt, than college life without fun.

The snob cheats himself out of half of his college education.

Neither a grind nor an idler be.

Happy is that freshman who knoweth his place, and knowing it, keepeth it.

SCIENCE CLUB.

The Science Club held its regular meeting in the Biological laboratory on Saturday evening, May 11th, this being the last regular meeting for the year. The program for the evening was one concerning birds, and was given by the K. G. girls and Dr. MacCurdy. First was "Birds and Their Music," by Miss May; followed by "Audobon Societies," by Miss McBain; "Theories of Bird Migration," by Miss Lewis; "Spring Migrants," by Miss Jenkins; "Henry Ford's Bird Farm," by Miss Fairweather. After the papers, essays and explanations, Dr. MacCurdy, showed us about forty slides, presenting many different kinds of birds, with bird houses and bird haunts. Considered as single numbers or as a whole, the program was very interesting and exceedingly instructive, and the club members who were not present missed one of the good meetings of the year. Much credit is due the K. G. girls for presenting the subject of bird study from so many viewpoints.

SENIORS ENTERTAINED.

Last Tuesday evening the Seniors added another good time to their already extensive list. With the Senior Club, Mr. Hall and Mr. Egan, and Mr. Loderbach as entertainers, what a party!

The boys and girls converted into a party, and the first of the night, thirty at one time, enjoyed a pleasant evening.

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It was a jolly time and the boys and girls had a very good time.

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After Olivet had cancelled her game for last Friday, Coach Grady arranged a game with Ferris Institute and took his Maroon Sox over to Big Rapids. The game was in no way thrilling as the Alma boys began in the first inning to clout the ball and kept it up through the entire contest with the result that nineteen hits yielded fifteen runs. The "Prep. School" boys were by no means a slow fielding team but the preachers had their bats swinging in the proper manner. Myers worked seven innings in the box and Brilmeyer handled the throwing for the remaining two. Wood featured at bat with two homers and two singles out of six chances. Vogt also secured four safeties out of the same number of chances, and Brilmeyer made three out of four.

The score:

Alma	AB	R	H	E
Simenton, 3.....	5	1	0	1
Rogers, 2.....	6	4	3	1
Wood, m.....	6	3	4	1
McCloy, l.....	5	1	1	0
Vogt, c.....	6	1	4	0
Myers, p-1b.....	6	1	2	0
Kitchen, r.....	3	0	0	0
Carey, r.....	3	0	1	0
Goodrich, s.....	3	1	1	1
Brilmeyer, 1b-p.....	4	3	3	0
	47	15	19	4

Ferris	AB	R	H	E
Loomis, 1b.....	4	0	0	1
Isenberg, 2.....	3	0	0	0
Wilden, c.....	4	0	0	0
Martz, m.....	4	0	1	0
Williams, l.....	4	0	1	0
Batey, 3.....	3	0	0	0
Parker, s.....	4	0	0	1
Watson, r.....	3	0	0	0
Sonnehatal, p.....	4	0	0	0
	33	0	2	2

Alma	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Alma	2	3	1	0	0	3	2	0	4
Ferris	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Two-base hits: Brilmeyer 2; Martz.
Three-base hits: Rogers, Brilmeyer.
Home runs: Wood 2.
First base on balls: off Myers, 2; off Sonnehatal, 2.
Struck out by Myers, 6; by Sonnehatal, 5.
Left on bases: Alma, 9; Ferris, 8.

Alma ran away from Mt. Pleasant Normals last Saturday morning in the first dual track meet held on Davis field this season. The final count was Alma 67, Mt. Pleasant 23. The Normalites were unable to keep up with Alma's pace and as a result were able to land only one first place. Enthusiasm was lacking, only a small crowd of students manifesting their interest by being present. The weak condition of both teams did not allow any exceptional work to be pulled off.

HORST MAKES GOOD.

The following item in reference to Rev. George P. Horst, class of 1908, appeared in "The Continent," issue of May 9, 1912. Rev. Horst graduated from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1911, also received Master of Arts degree from Princeton University: "Beacon church, Rev. George P. Horst, pastor, received at its April communion forty-two new members, making 146 additions in ten months. Reports showed the church to be in the best condition in twenty years. An increase has recently been made in the pastor's salary.

OTHER COLLEGES.

Albion.
The St. Cecilia Musical Club of Albion College and of which Miss Mariona Rosacrans, who was an Alma student last year, is a member, gave an excellent recital in the M. E. church at that place.

Olivet.
Well it is still laughable to hear them quibble over the M. I. A. A. situation. But they still claim the foot-ball championship which they won with ineligibles.

Ypsilanti.
The two debating clubs of Ypsilanti entered into a duel in the way of a baseball game.

M. A. C.
M. A. C. won from both Michigan and Syracuse in baseball, the latter game was an eleven inning struggle with the score of 2-1, the winning run was scored by an M. A. C. man stealing home.

Hillsdale.
The collegian has it that "Carnes took a hundred-yard dash in ten flat with Fry close at his heels. The 220 they ran together in pretty close to M. I. A. A. time."

Hope.
The May number of the "Anchor," the Hope College weekly, was the senior number and gives a history of the class and snapshots about each member.

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Miss Neilson—"I've looked for them but have never seen any."

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In Search.

Butler wants to find the girl who said she would be afraid to put her face against his pompadour.

Not Too Far.

Austin (Translating German)—"Thrice I strove to put my arms around her neck;—thrice I strove to put my arms around her neck;—That's as far as I got Miss Weise."

Miss Weise—"That was far enough Mr. Austin."

Why It's Done.

Prof. MacCurdy—"Why do we dissect the squid?"

Miss Butler—"To get inside information."

Wright Hall Meat.

Miss Albertson—"How do you account for the fact that I found a piece of rubber tire in one of the sausages I bought here yesterday?"

Mr. Eckert—"My dear madam, the motor car is replacing the horse everywhere."

Warning.

Miss Hanel—"Lester, be careful what you put in the Maroon and Cream about us, because it goes down to posterity."

Miss Struthers—"And don't forget it goes down to Pontiac too."

Zero.

Absence makes the marks grow rounder.—Ex.

A Good Idea.

"Mary!" Father's voice rolled down the stairs and into the dim and silent parlor.

"Yes, papa, dear."

"Ask that young man if he has the time."

A moment of silence.

"Yes, Clarence has his watch with him."

"Then ask him what is the time."

"He says it is eleven forty-eight, papa."

"Then ask him if he doesn't think it about bed-time."

"He says, papa," the silvery voice announced impersonally, "he says that he rarely goes to bed before one; but it seems to me that it is a matter of personal preference merely, and that if he were in your place he would go now if he felt sleepy."

Life's Comedy in Three Acts.

Act I—Maid one.

Act II—Maid won.

Act III—Maid one.

Twas Ever Thus.

The guy I'd like to mangle—

The one I'd like to soak,

The one that I'd annihilate

Is the would-be funny bloke—

Who let's you tell your story,

And marvels at your art,

Then at the crucial moment

He springs the funny part.—Ex.

BORROWED JINGLES.

Les Miserables.

There's a hunted look in the student's eyes,

And he bones at his books till the morning skies

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But sit up there with a half shut eye

And think of the days that are now gone by

When you had stumps in your own hard row

And drank to the dregs your cup of woe.—Ex.

JUNIORS.

The Junior girls invited the boys of the class to a party last Thursday night. This in itself would ensure "somethin' doin'." But a farmers' party—come in costume to be held in Hooper's barn! Well, everyone came. In spite of down-pouring rain, they gathered together at about five o'clock, looking like Rubes from the really truly end-of-everywhere districts.

In about fifteen minutes after the arrival of the eats the loft of that barn looked a veritable "joy for ever." The long improvised table was heaped high with sandwiches, doughnuts, bananas, baked beans, etc. But the farmers brought their farmers' appetites and things vanished in a twinkling.

Then the tables were cleared away. To the music of a graphophone the hayseeds danced a Virginia reel and didn't stop with one, nor one grotesque Grand March either. Then tired of such vigorous exercise, the party was divided into three companies of seven each, and three startling shows were staged. The cookie prize was awarded to Lester von Thurn's troupe, who staged Jesse James as it has never been staged before. The cast, Ewing, Edgerton, Brilmeyer, Marguerite O'Neal, Marion Rounsefer and Bernice Walker deserve mention for great dramatic ability.

The party broke up with the usual songs and yells, and many "Do it agains" from the boys. Have you signed up for that Maroon and Cream yet?

THE PERFECT YELL.

The Baltimore Sun makes the following comment on the college yell: "Authorities hold that the perfect yell is based on the bray of the Missouri mule, alternating with the notes of the game rooster modified by the trumpet of the auto horn. War-whoops and the sound of a keg of nails falling down the cellar steps furnish an impressive crescendo, while the most effective farewell is a cross between the song of a dying calf and a lost soul. These finer shadings express the deeper emotions of a freshman turned loose on a civilized country."

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