

# The Weekly Almanian

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## ALMA SCORES ON MAG

For First Time In Ten Years of Football

## GOODRICH GETS DROP KICK

The Boys Play a Great Game in Spite of Illness

In the hardest fought battle seen on the M. A. C. field in many a day, the Maroon and Cream went down to defeat before one of the best teams in the Middle West last Saturday by the score of 14-3. But this setback at the hands of the Farmers is far from an inglorious one for the Alma team put up such a game as is a credit to their alma mater and reflects honor on Alma. Strangely, it happened to be the decennial anniversary of Alma's scoring on M. A. C., and when coupled to this fact is the memory of the royal treatment received from their hosts the sting of defeat is greatly lessened. But one excuse could be offered, and that would not have materially changed the final result. The team journeyed to the Farmer stronghold in the worst physical condition imaginable and suffered quite a great deal because of that fact.

Captain Johnson won the toss and chose to receive the kick and defend the south goal. "Bill" Schultz grasped the wandering spheroid out of the unsupporting air and tore off a twenty yard run to the thirty yard line and immediately followed up that admirable spring with two smashing line plunges which netted ten yards. At this point the Agies line held and the brother Harry punted with considerable asperity. This was followed by an exchange of punts when the ball was lost to Alma by an unfortunate fumble which enabled the Farmers to gain possession of the ball in the very shadow of the visitors' goal. A couple of line smashes and a beautiful forward pass brought them their first touch-down. Ribblet kicked goal and the score stood 7-0.

From then on to the end of the half the ball see-sawed back and forth the length of the field with Alma repeatedly piercing M. A. C.'s line and circling their ends, but unable to cross their goal for the much-desired touch-down.

Though the enemy scored again in the third quarter it was in this quarter that Alma played such plucky foot-ball that even the home rooters begged and pleaded their team to "Hold 'em, M. A. C., hold 'em." After catching one of Ribblet's long punts, Harry Schultz ran through the whole M. A. C. for a pretty fifty-five yard run, which looked like a sure enough touch-down until the Aggies' quarter accidentally stumbled against the Flying Dutchman and stopped him long enough for the rest of the secondary defense to pile on him. Vogt, who played a wonderful game at quarter, ran another of the punts back twenty yards and got an appreciative glad hand from the crowd.

A long forward pass which might possibly have been intercepted paved

the way for the other seven points and this ended the locals' scoring. But in point of tangible results the fourth quarter was all Alma's for in that time was pulled off the biggest thing Alma has done in the foot-ball line for some years. With the ball on the Aggies' ten yard line Goodrich was rushed on to the scene; he made good with a vengeance, for from the twenty yard line he booted over a pretty drop-kick and M. A. C. had been scored on.

In reflecting on the three points, it must be remembered that Michigan is the only team which has scored a point against the Agricultural college on their home field for ten years.

The line-up:  
Alma. M. A. C.  
Hyde, Goodrich, R. H. . . . . Deproto  
Johnson, Yerex, R. E. . . . . Gorenflo  
Anderson . . . . . R. T. . . . . Gifford  
Mizner . . . . . G. . . . . McCurdy  
Austin, Gootz . . . . . L. C. . . . . Chamberlain  
Edgerton . . . . . L. G. . . . . Campbell  
Vonthurn . . . . . L. T. . . . . Chaddock  
Vogt, Wood . . . . . E. . . . . Miller  
W. Schultz . . . . . R. Q. . . . . Ribblet (capt.)  
H. Schultz . . . . . L. H. . . . . Serviss  
Henning . . . . . F. B. . . . . Julian  
Touchdowns—Deproto and Cobb.  
Goals from touch-down—Ribblet 2.  
Field goal—Goodrich.

Final score—Alma, 3; Aggies, 14.  
Referee—Halligan, M. A. C. Umpire—Kennedy, Albion. Head line-men—Spencer and Cook. ●

### GLIMPSES IN RETROSPECT.

"Ox" and "Eph"—uff sed, except that as usual they were the big men for Alma. The Captain's exhibition of fight and nerve with his handicaps of weakness from sickness was a source of comment to all and particularly to the rooters who loudly applauded his efforts.

Press correspondents scored Macklin for Chamberlin's presence and playing at center. It is very evident that they failed to remember that Misener is the best center in the state in college foot-ball. He spilled the quarter many a time.

Besides that drop-kick, "Goody" did some superb blocking. It was the fairest and squarest crowd the team has ever played before on a hostile field.

"Ole" entertained "Cowboy" Campbell with the merriest little scrap he could wish for. The Aggie guard withdrew in the third quarter. Yerex soliloquized on his physical and mental condition.

The Schultz brothers were the big ground gainers and Harry's punting compared very favorably with Ribblet's.

Henning played a great game at full-back and in defense.

Hyde received a bad shoulder but will be in shape for the game next Saturday.

Deproto looks like a second Exelby. He is a remarkable player.

Ribblet still is the particular star on the team.

It is not rash to predict that Michigan will "come a cropper" when they meet M. A. C. next Saturday. We sincerely hope they do. All the students are pulling for the Aggies to win.

Arthur Thomas Adams is the name of the young son of Prof. and Mrs. J. C. Adams, born Sept. 18, 1912. The happy parents are now in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, where the professor is entering upon his second year as head of the department of oratory and debate in Louisiana State University.

## LEARN THIS. ALMA COLLEGE SONG.

Glory and love to our College dear,  
Pride of her students far and near;  
Gladly we gather to give a cheer,  
And raise aloft her colors high—  
Maroon and Cream!

Alma! Alma! Rah! and once again,  
Alma! Alma! Rah! is our glad refrain.

Alma, our praises to thee we sing!  
Long may our voices in chorus ring!  
Loyal to thee we shall always stand,  
Tho' scattered afar in every land!

Many a memory dear recalls to mind  
The happy hours we spent together,  
The grove and jungle haunts, the rhythm  
Of the plashing oar upon the Pine.

Soon we bid adieu to college days  
And dear old scenes we love so fondly,  
But long will tarry in our hearts the glow  
Of youth and ties that bind us evermore.

Glory and love, etc. P. J. A.

## PROHIBITION LEAGUE ELECTS OFFICERS.

The Alma Chapter of the National Intercollegiate Prohibition Association started its work for the year by electing officers last Friday. The Association at Alma prepares three programs a year, which are given by both of the men's literary societies. These programs are given, one each term, and do much to keep the men of the college in touch with the liquor problem. One at least of these programs will consist of a debate on some phase of the liquor question. Every man in college should become a member; you can do so by subscribing for the Intercollegiate Statesman, which will cost you only twenty-five cents for the year. This is a splendid little paper and has the outline of a debate in every issue.

President—Fred S. Johnson.  
Vice-President—John Landon.  
Secretary—Milo Hogan.  
Treasurer—Albert Esseltyne.

## CAMPUS PICKED UP.

At Dr. Blaisdell's request a new precedent was started. Classes were shortened to forty-five minute periods last Friday afternoon, so that the period from three-fifteen to four-fifteen was vacant. The student body met in the chapel and all were turned loose to "Pick Up" the campus and it was surprising to see how much rubbish there was found. The Alma campus is beautiful and this is a splendid way to keep it so. When everybody "put his shoulder to the wheel," as Shakespeare didn't say, it didn't take long to do a lot of good work. DON'T DROP PEELINGS AND PAPER ALONG THE STREET OR AROUND THE CAMPUS AND THINGS WILL REMAIN LOOKING AS THEY SHOULD.

## BIBLE INSTITUTE.

The Bible Institute held there during the last part of the week was a splendid success. Delegates were present from Ferris Institute and Mt. Pleasant Normal. This was a great incentive to the Bible study that will begin this week. Alma expects to have the greatest year in this study that she has ever had.

## INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Will Be Big Day in the History of Alma College

## SENIORS WEAR CAPS AND GOWNS

President Blaisdell and Dr. Barkley Leading Speakers

The inauguration of President-elect Thomas C. Blaisdell, Ph.D., of Alma College, on Friday of this week, will be one of the big events in the history of the institution. Large delegations are expected from the Synod of Michigan, Board of Trustees, and other colleges. Two thousand invitations have been sent out to alumni, former professors, and friends. Representatives are invited from over a hundred different educational institutions.

The first part of the program will be in charge of the Synod of Michigan. At 9:00 a. m. will be a business meeting of the Synod, with the Moderator presiding. This meeting will be for the discussion of the interests of Alma College. Reports will be heard from the Board of Trustees, visiting and special committees. There will also be the election of trustees.

At 10:00 a. m. will be the celebration of the twenty-fifth anniversary of the opening of Alma College. The Moderator will also preside at this meeting. The program for that part of the day will be: 1—Music by chorus, "Unfold ye portals, everlasting" (Redemption), Gounod; 2—Prayer by Rev. Jay Clizbe; 3—Alma College Song by students; 4—Commemoration address, "The Logic and the Men that made Alma," Rev. James M. Barkley, D.D., LL.D.; 5—Hymn, "God of Bethel."

Dr. Barkley is the leading Presbyterian in Michigan and is one of the leading Presbyterians of the country. He is the only Michigan man to have the distinction of being Moderator of the General Assembly. Dr. Barkley is a powerful speaker and this is an exceptional opportunity to the students and friends of the college.

The Inaugural program begins at 11:15 a. m., and will be by all means the big event of the day. Dr. J. M. Barkley, president of the board of trustees, will preside. The program follows: 1—Prayer, Rev. Sherman L. Divine. 2—Administration of the Vows of Office and presentation of the keys of the college by Rev. James M. Barkley. 3—Inaugural address, President Thomas C. Blaisdell, Ph.D., "The Renaissance of the Denominational College." 4—Hymn, "God of our Fathers." 5—Benediction.

This too will be an exceptional opportunity for the friends of the college to hear the new president in his address on this splendid subject of interest to all college people.

Following this, at about 12:15, a procession made up of members of Synod, Board of Trustees, invited guests, faculty and students will march to Wright Hall, where an informal luncheon will be served. Followed by addresses by many of the

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## ASSOCIATION MEETINGS.

Union Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening—"Possibilities." Wade L. Frost, leader.

Y. M. C. A. Sunday evening—"Leadership." F. S. Johnson, leader.

Y. W. C. A. Sunday afternoon—"Geneva Echoes." Ruth Robins, leader.

## SOPHS ENTERTAIN.

Thursday evening of last week was a jolly one for the Juniors. Right royally did our host, the Sophomore class, entertain. The jungle, being slightly effected by the humidity of the weather, was not a desirable place for a spread, so all piled into the gym. Oh, what a delicious blend of odors arising from the many chafing dishes met us at the door. What better welcome could be desired? After the repast, music and games were thoroughly enjoyed. Coach Bleamaster, wife and daughter, were, as might be expected, the best of chaperons. The closing act was, as usual, one that touched our vanity, namely, that of having our pictures taken.

## REV. GAUNT RECEIVES CALL.

Rev. H. G. Gaunt of Wheaton, Minn., has accepted a call to the second Presbyterian church in East Liverpool, Ohio. The call comes because of Mr. Gaunt's ability as a minister and as a reward for excellent work done in Wheaton during his pastorate of the past three years. The new church is one of more than 400 members in a city of 30,000 population, which offers an exceptional



opportunity. Mrs. Gaunt and the young daughter have been visiting at her old home west of Alma for several weeks.

## PROSPECTS IN OTHER COLLEGES.

Judging from press reports, the struggle for championship honors in the M. I. A. A. football race will be a pretty one. Other colleges besides Alma are rich in material and all seem to have a chance for the honors.

Albion has four veterans back but her freshman class is furnishing excellent material and the other colleges may expect that the "Albion" determination will show itself, in the character of their playing this season.

Olivet has lost some very good men, but the most versatile coach, "Toot" Hall, who is too well known among the other M. I. A. A. colleges, has returned to them and something of an extraordinary nature may be expected from the Crimson and White.

Kalamazoo, for the first time in years are to meet the Maroon and Cream on the gridiron. They are rich in prospects and hopes and are sure to be a factor in the title struggle.

After the splendid showing made by Hillsdale last fall, and knowing that they have most of their material back, much is expected of that institution in the way of football. They have not figured much in the race for many years but this seems to be the year of awakening all around.

## MR. JOHN ANDERSON

## BASE-BARITONE.

It is with pleasure that the School of Music announces the engagement of Mr. John Anderson, base-baritone, as a member of its faculty. Mr. Anderson, who is a former pupil of Mr. Veatch, will be remembered as having appeared in concert here recently assisting Miss Sharpe, soprano. He has had a wide experience as a singer, having appeared in concert frequently and always with success. He was soloist last season with the Big Rapids Lyric Glee Club, and is at present director of the First M. E. church choir at Big Rapids. Mr. Anderson will teach voice, sing bass on the college quartet and direct the Episcopal church choir of this city.

## DUNHAM REPUBLICAN CAMPAIGNER.

John M. Dunham of the class of 1910, who is an attorney in this city, recently received notice that his name has been placed upon the list of sepaers to be sent out during the fall campaign by the Republican State Central committee. This honor came to Mr. Dunham as a surprise as it was entirely unsought. He, with Judge Searles of Ithaca, are the only two attorneys of Gratiot county to receive the honor. Mr. Dunham's eloquence has early and justly gained recognition among the political leaders of the state.

## FOOT-BALL SUITS.

Coach Bleamaster and Professor Veatch, seeing the need of new suits for the foot-ball men, advanced the funds necessary and the boys are now wearing fine new togs on the gridiron. This is the kind of spirit that makes the fellows feel that the faculty is with them. They are all shouting the praises of the two men who are responsible for the new suits.

## ALPHA THETA SPREAD.

Twenty-one Alpha Theta girls gathered around the big bonfire in the Jungle, Monday night, and roasted "weenies" and corn in abundance. Add to the aforesaid, buns and pickles, salad and wafers, and Alpha Theta coffee and you will believe it was "some" spread. College and society songs and yells served as a last course and the girls hurried back to initiate Miss Mary Blaisdell into the mysteries of Alpha Theta. The spread was given by the old girls in honor of the eleven new members.

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**FRESHMEN SPREAD.**

The Freshmen made their initial debut in a social way last Wednesday evening, when they went to the Jungle for a spread. Although a few sly Sophs succeeded in capturing some of their spread, they still had capital enough left to get more and went ahead as if nothing happened. They showed the best of social qualities and enthusiasm. Their yells filled the air about the campus when they returned. Much is expected of this jolly bunch during their college career.

**MUSIC RECITAL.**

The recital at the college chapel last Friday was a success in every way and certainly showed that the School of Music does things right. Miss Fuller, lyric soprano, more than charmed the audience. Her singing of the Indian theme, "From the land of the sky-blue water," was a unique feature of the program. Miss Rose pleased her hearers by her playing of Leschetizky's "Nocturne." Miss McGraham needs no introduction, as her splendid contralto voice and delightful interpretations are familiar to all Alma people. She went even beyond her usual high standard of art last Friday. Her singing, especially Mendelssohn's "But the Lord is mindful of his own," from "St. Paul," was a magnificent musical treat long to be remembered by all present. Miss Mitchell plays with rare artistic finish. Her rendering of Lacks Waltz Arabesque was a fitting conclusion to this fine program.

**CABINETS SPREAD.**

With sunrise the members of the Y. M. and the Y. W. C. A. met in the gymnasium for breakfast last Tuesday morning. All members were on time except one, who managed to come strolling in after all was eaten up. The breakfast was well cooked and enjoyed by every one. After breakfast and a jolly time, a business meeting was held and plans for the future discussed. Reports were given by the different committees of both associations, and everything seemed to be in a prosperous condition. It was decided to keep the meetings of both associations at the time now conducted and not change the hour. Reports were heard from the Bible Study committees.

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guests and those interested in Alma. 2:30 p. m.—Concluding session of Synod. 3:00—Inspection of grounds and buildings.

Special preparation is being made in the way of music for the big day. There will be no classes and the present seniors will make their first appearance with caps and gowns. Every student should be on hand full of enthusiasm and help make this a big day in the history of the institution.

Prof. J. E. Mitchell attended the M. I. A. A. meeting of the board of directors, held at Albion, Saturday. A report of the business of that meeting will be published next week.

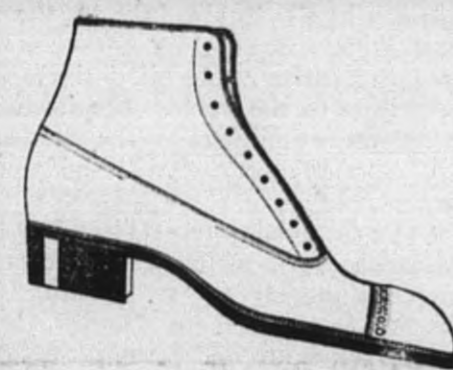
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Mr. Frank Wise entered Alma college about seven years ago as a special student in chemistry. He felt that he could not remain and graduate and so was advised by Professor West to try the Civil Service examination in chemistry, which examination was held in Saginaw.

Mr. Wise passed the examination and was later assigned to one of the Government Food Laboratories in Washington, D. C. Still later he was transferred to the Denver Food Laboratory, and while here was visited by Prof. West, who found him very much interested in his work and spoken of as a young man with exceptional ability.

About two years ago he left the government employ and was placed in charge of a research laboratory which was fitted up in Denver by the Anheuser-Bush interests and Greenstreet, the Boston millionaire.

The men interested were so pleased with his work that they placed him in charge of a more complete laboratory in St. Louis, Mo. It was here that he was killed on the afternoon of July 20.

The Denver Post, in speaking of his work, says:

"In the death of Frank Wise, the Denver chemist, in a laboratory explosion at St. Louis, July 20, the secret which was to have revolutionized the entire crude oil business has been lost to the world. The formulas which meant millions to the Standard Oil company perished with the young expert.

"The financial interests backing the research work which he had carried on continuously for two years, both in St. Louis and in Denver, have given up hope of finding a single scrap of paper that might contain even an inkling of the great secret. Wise feared to trust the labor of years to paper. He kept his formulas entirely in his head. Time and again he was implored to write them down. He always refused. 'I know how to do it,' he would say. 'That's all that's necessary.'

"Now that knowledge is lost, lost for years to come probably, possibly for ever.

"The research work upon which he was engaged was for the purpose of discovering some method to cut out the enormous yearly waste in the production of gasoline. The oil business has been revolutionized since gasoline has been so extensively used for automobiles and gas engines. Each year millions of barrels of kerosene are stored away by the Standard Oil company. The demand for coal oil is almost nil in comparison with the great amount of gasoline that is used. The trust could actually afford to give it away, but prefers to store it, hoping that some time the baffling secret may be revealed. Those closely associated with Wise declare he had solved the mystery; that he had found a way whereby the kerosene waste in gasoline production could be eliminated. He had again and again taken the crude oil, converted it into gasoline and demonstrated to the entire satisfaction of his backers that he had solved the problem. There were only a few tag ends of his work remaining to be done when he died.

"The cause of the accident has always been a mystery. At no time was there ever more than a half pint of highly inflammable oil in the laboratory. No one knows what caused the explosion. It may have been gasoline, it may have been some new dynamite force, created accidentally in the course of some experiment. At any rate, it was sufficient power to blot out the life of a young man destined to be one of Denver's most famous men."

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