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FOOT BALL PROSPECTS

Brightest in Many Years. Line Is Experienced

BAY CITY BOYS LOOK GOOD.

Much New Material that Easily Fills Places of Those Missing from Last Year's Team.

Alma college has never had such brilliant foot ball prospects as she has this year. Neither has Alma ever had twenty men on one squad with as much natural and trained foot ball ability as is found in the bunch which is now trying out for places. Besides the eight veterans who reported for practice the first week one more has been added to the list. "Ole" An'erson of the championship team of 1910 is out in suit and looks good to repeat his good playing.

The appearance of "Ole" has solved the problem of picking out one guard and leaves but one line position open, that of the other guard. For this place VanDuzen, Porter, A. Johnson, McIntyre, Austin and Yerex are all looming up as strong possibilities with the last mentioned having a shade more chance because of weight, experience and aggressiveness. Porter met with a rather unfortunate accident which will keep him out of the game for a week or ten days. This injury hurts the team to some extent, for he was developing into a very good punter, although it is his first year in foot ball. Two other men who are showing up particularly well are Beshgetoor and Blaisdell. Both are greatly handicapped by their lack of weight but by their speed and scrap are making a very favorable impression.

But one backfield veteran has returned to college. For each of the open places at least three new men are working, so that no gloom can be furnished because of the scarcity of material for those jobs. W. Scultz and his brother Harry stand forth as the most promising halves which we have had for many a day. Both are heavy and fast and besides are handy with the forward pass and much is expected of them in our big games. "Bill" is a deadly tackler and strong on defense. Goetz and Henning who hail from the same town, Bay City, are both heady players and either would make a splendid fullback. Henning comes with a reputation as an exceptional line plunger and punter.

With men of such caliber trying out for places in the backfield it doesn't look very much as though that part of the machine would fail in its duty. And the same might be said as to the quarterback job. Both Wood and Vogt are fine field generals and have a natural aptitude for carrying the ball. Wood, because of his experience in high school and one year on the college team, has a slight advantage over the lighter man, but Vogt makes up for his lack of avoirdupois by his inclination to outspurt his opponents and by his skill in receiving a forward pass so that it

would not be strange to see him playing on one of the extreme outposts of the line. He tackles with unerring sureness and would cover punts well.

There are several other men who art strong players but whose only fault is their liability to embarrass the scores, and but for that fact would be due to make the team. A year's seasoning will make them valuable men next football season.

One noticeable feature of the practice this week has been the harmony between the players and the confidence which the coach and men have in each other. The results of this spirit are always reflected in the work of the team and does much to make a winning eleven. There is no reason in the world why Alma should not win the Intercollegiate championship for we have a team second to none among state colleges.

DR. BLAISDELL'S ADDRESS.

President Blaisdell gave the opening address of the college at the Presbyterian Church last Sunday morning. His theme was service. He began with the story of a college student who throughout his course was ever ready to help in every activity, and who at the end of his course was given a loving cup by his college mates, on which they had inscribed the motto "Ich Dien," ("I serve") in appreciation of his constant willingness to help. He then by means of frequent and effective illustrations emphasized the possibility and potency of serving with kind words, with helpful acts, with smiling faces, and with sympathy. He urged upon students that they make unselfish service the purpose and end of education and of life, and he put before the Alma people the wide opportunity of service brought to them by the body of students in attendance at Alma College. In closing he dwelt upon the meaning of Milton's line "Who best bear His mild yoke, they serve Him best."

KNOX SELLS OUT AT SOO; GOES TO NEW HAMPSHIRE.

Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Sept. 18. Frank Knox and John A. Muehling, owners and publishers of the Sault Ste. Marie News, have sold out their entire holdings to George A. Osborn, son of Governor Osborn. Messrs. Knox and Muehling have removed to Manchester, N. H., where they will, Oct. 1, begin the publication of an evening newspaper. The News, under the management of Knox and Muehling, has been made one of the successful dailies of the state.

The new field which they are invading has a population of about 100,000 without adequate afternoon newspaper service. The Manchester paper will be the progressive organ in New Hampshire. Both Governor Bass and Winston Churchill, the progressive candidate for governor, were active in promoting the enterprise.

Knox is an alumnus of Alma College and the Almanian wishes him the greatest of success in his new field of labor.

A letter from Leon Lauderback, who is principal of the Grand Marais schools, reports that he is enjoying the work and closes with these words, "I will be glad when the Almanian is published because it will look better than ever to me."

MARY L. ALLEN TAKES 'DECIDED STAND.

Former Dean of Wright Hall Quoted in New York Papers in Regard to Rooms for Young Women.

New York, Sept. 18.—A woman at 25 may be old to the directors of the Young Women's Christian association in Chicago, but that rule does not go in New York. This was made plain here today by Miss Mary Louise Allen, secretary of the publicity department of the New York Y. W. C. A. Discussing the action of the Chicago organization in ordering all women of 25 and over to vacate their rooms because they had "arrived at the age of discretion," Miss Allen said:

"Of course we give the preference to the younger girls who come here, but we do our best with small and limited quarters, to care for all women. We have no need to make an age limit as the majority of our older girls, realizing the dangers of a big city, willingly move and make way for the inexperienced. But at 25 a woman is far from being old."

RECEPTION.

Once more the opening reception of the Y. M. and Y. W. C. A. has come an'gone, being the initial impulse of the social life of the college year. The new-comers were there in large numbers and the old students were there ready to extend a cordial greeting to the "Freshies." Mrs. Fancher, the new dean, headed the dignified reception row, which quickly scattered when it had sufficiently served its purpose.

When everybody had shaken hands with all the persons they knew, remarked that it was a nice evening and that it would probably rain before morning, the master of ceremonies initiated all into the mysteries of the "I am who are you cards," and business started with a rush after some judicious prodding. Gallant youths, who had their eyes on certain fair maidens for over a week, rushed in to cement an acquaintance founded on stealthy glances while the maidens shyly encouraged them, laboring under the delusion that Friday night was the night of Fate."

When time had been allowed for all to become sufficiently acquainted and the "Wright Hall Dance Programs" filled out, all lined up for the grand march. Then came the "Two Sits," "Moonlight Walks" and the "Three Sits." This was the time to watch the progress of the Freshies, even some of the Sophomore boys showed more signs of progress than at any time last year. The "Virginia Reel" as usual was one of the games indulged in by the happy bunch. These more active games were followed by a short program furnished by Joe Kennedy and Miss Ansbury.

Shortly after this program, ice cream and wafers were served by the committee and the company settled down, either on the floor or any other convenient place, for more substantial enjoyment. The great number present indicates the splendid interest that is shown by all in all the affairs of Alma college. All are not only hoping but expecting that this fine feeling of fellowship will continue to grow all through the year.

THE SONG RECITAL

Given by Miss Mary Sharp with Mr. John Anderson Assisting.

CHAPEL FILLED TO OVERFLOWING

Miss Sharp Was Enthusiastically Greeted. Her Voice and Stage Presence Shows Great Training.

The song recital given in the college chapel Wednesday evening by Miss Mary Sharp, soprano, with Mr. John Anderson, bass-baritone, assisting, was an auspicious fore-runner of the many delightful musical treats that we understand are in store for the student body and friends of the college this year. The old saying about the lack of honor for a prophet in his own country is certainly not true of Miss Sharp. She was greeted enthusiastically by a large audience that filled the chapel to overflowing. The demonstration was entirely sincere and spontaneous. Miss Sharp sings very artistically the very difficult selections she elected to present. Her voice is a pure colorature of great range and flexibility. Her stage presence is charming and she should succeed in operatic work.

Miss Sharp was ably assisted by Mr. John Anderson, bass-baritone, of Big Rapids. He is a former pupil of Mr. Veatch and sings with great beauty of tone production and interesting interpretations of his songs. His voice shows volume, great range and a smooth, mellow quality.

Miss Velma Sharp and Miss Grace D. Roberts presided at the piano each playing very sympathetically.

All the participants were recipients of handsome bouquets.

NEW KINDERGARTEN TEN TEACHER.

Miss Florence Ward of Galesburg, Ill., has accepted the position of assistant in the kindergarten department of the college, to succeed Miss Farley, who is head of the department in Whitewater Normal school. Miss Ward comes to us after five years of work in the Gertrude House—home of the Chicago Institute. Her life and work in this interesting kindergarten center makes her possibilities for helpfulness in the life of Wright Hall unusually good.

The kindergarten department considers itself very fortunate in having the co-operation of Miss Ward and looks forward to a year of great progress in all activities.

FRESHMEN CLASS.

The Freshmen met for the first time last Monday and selected the following officers:

President—Oscar Anderson.
Vice-President—Thos. C. Blaisdell, Jr.
Secretary—Isabel Henderson.
Treasurers—Milton Jackson and Lila Redman.
Reporter—Bertha Wagoner.

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Prayer Meeting Wednesday evening—"Our Covenant" Marian Hartness leader.

Y. M. C. A. Sunday at 6:00 P. M.—"Start Right," A. C. Edgerton, leader.

Y. W. C. A. Sunday P. M.—"Reverence to God," Carroll Gray, leader.

HOORAH!

Four things are needed for a championship team in foot ball this year or any other year. First, there is the material, that is the men to make a first and second team, the regulars surely want someone to try their strength on before they meet other teams in real battle, so every fellow that can, must be on the field with a foot ball suit every night. The first thing is pretty well supplied as we have the material, and as good material as ever played on Davis Field only lack a few subs. Second is the Coach and this one is all supplied, putting it mildly we have in Coach Bleamaster one of the best coaches in Michigan if not in the middle West. Third is the schedule. This too, is the very best, as Alma has eight first class games. Manager Hooper has spared no work in getting Alma College the best schedule in many years. Fourth—well—that's the rub—ROOTERS on the side lines every night ready to encourage the boys that are working so hard to uphold the glory of the **Maroon and Cream**. Coach Bleamaster and Captain Johnson are willing to have the bleachers placed conveniently for the ladies if they but show that they are willing to do some work by their presence on the field. To sum it all up—We have the team, we have the coach, we have the schedule—now we want the spirit and the rooters. **EVERYBODY GET BUSY, ROOT AND BOOST FOR THE BOYS.** That is what will put Old Alma on top.

OPPORTUNITY.

Every student should enroll in the Choral Club, it is a privilege to have the opportunity of voice training under the direction of Prof. Veatch. His enthusiasm coupled with his superior knowledge of music and leadership should with the hearty assistance of the student body and the town's people make one of the best College Glee Clubs in the state. Don't forget the meeting tonight in the Chapel at 7:30.

MEN MEET AT ALMA.

A Bible institute is to be held at Alma October 4, 5 and 6. Representatives will be here from Ferris Institute, Hope College, Calvin College and Mt. Pleasant Normal. Trainers will come from different parts

of the state. All the Alma Y. M. C. A. is asked to do is to provide rooms for the delegation. This should be made one of the big affairs of the year. Speakers will be here from Saginaw, Lansing and Detroit. Every fellow should remember the time. It's up to us to show what Alma college Y. M. C. A. can do.

NEWS ITEMS.

Miss Jean McGill and Arthur Simenton of Marlette arrived in Alma last Thursday evening where they expect to spend the winter months. They report a happy summer and also a successful day of shopping in Saginaw.

Mrs. W. H. O'Neill from the Soo is visiting her daughter, Miss Marguerite O'Neill.

Miss Sadie Crawford, a former Alma student and who is now teaching in the kindergarten department in Cadillac, is visiting in Alma.

Miss Ruth Bleamaster was an enthusiastic spectator of the Freshman-Sophomore rush Wednesday morning.

B. B. Johnson, state student secretary of the Y. M. C. A., was in Alma Wednesday making arrangements for the Bible Institute in Alma a week from Friday.

Wm. Y. Pohly, '11, was married to Miss Jessie Saxton of Breckenridge last Saturday. "Bill's" trips to that town during the last two years have not been fruitless. Congratulations, Bill.

Sandy Duncanson, Carrie Rowland, Elsie Bond, Sadie Crawford, Gladys Gorton, Hattie Mills and Dorothy Baker were back for the reception Friday night.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Rev. J. W. Dunning received a call recently from the First Presbyterian church of Battle Creek. Owing to the importance of the work in his large church of Portsmouth, Ohio, he was forced to decline the call. This is a distinct honor for Mr. Dunning since the Battle Creek church is one of the leading churches of Michigan, and the organization over which he presides at present has a membership of more than eight hundred.

Miss Sadie Messenger recently underwent a severe operation at Peterson's hospital, but has made a fine recovery. She returned to her home in Alma September 14.

Miss Lois Fraker is teaching Latin in the high school of Alma having resigned from her work in Grand Ledge to return to her home and college town.

Theodore Nelson has resigned from his high school work in New Bremen, Ohio, and now occupies the position of teacher of mathematics in Ishpeming high school.

"Sandy" Duncanson, who superintended the schools of Wolverine last year is principal of the Ithaca high school this year. He is in charge of the athletics of the school and expects to put out a winning team. He and Dewitt Marks who is in charge of athletics of Fenton high school have hooked up for two battles during the present season. These will be two of the best high school games to be played in Michigan this year for both teams will be coached to the finest point by these two ex-Alma stars.

Leslie P. Koepfen goes back to Newberry high school as principal after a year of most successful work in that place. In his work as director of athletics he was a decided success last year, turning out a championship foot-ball team and standing well up in all other branches.

Katharine Louise Guigon is the name of a six weeks old daughter in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Guigon at Esquella, Oklahoma. Mrs. Guigon was Miss Addie Sweeney Kg '02, and the "Louise" in the young daughter's name is in honor of Miss Louise Wescott of Detroit, who was Miss Sweeney's room mate while in college.

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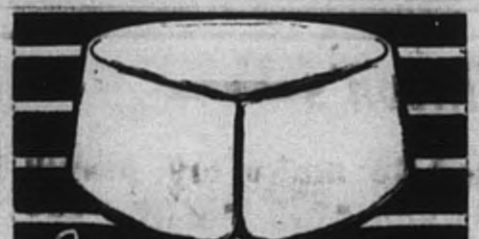
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THE CHORAL CLUB.

It was an enthusiastic student body that met Wednesday evening in the college chapel to organize a choral club. Professor Veatch was well pleased with the splendid showing and, too, with the way the voices blended in the "Bridal Chorus" from The Rose Maiden. He read a proposed constitution for the organization, but all business arrangements were postponed until the next meeting, which will take place tonight at seven-thirty.

Mr. Moore was asked to represent the business men and express his sentiments concerning the new club. Mr. Moore was very enthusiastic and assured Professor Veatch of the interest and loyal support of the townspeople. As a representative of the student body, Mr. Hooper gave great encouragement to the undertaking and lent ardor to the occasion by his hearty endorsement of the plans.

Don't fail to put in your appearance at the next meeting, September twenty-fourth at seven-thirty. All of you who can sing ever so little, or ever not at all, come and learn the plans for associate and active membership of the club. Show your spirit.

H. A. DRAKE '11 ORDAINED.

At a meeting of the Saginaw Presbytery held in St. Louis, Tuesday, September 10th, Hurd Allyn Drake was ordained and installed pastor of that place. One of the examiners in commenting on Mr. Drake's examination said, "Mr. Drake passed the best examination of any man in Saginaw Presbytery during my experience." The following is an extract from the St. Louis Independent:

The evening service was a memorable one. A splendid program had been arranged for the occasion. The musical features were the prelude by George Buck, for which he used Traumeri by Schuman; a solo, "The Day is Ended" by Bartlett, rendered by Mrs. A. J. Davison; another solo, "Fear Not Ye, O Israel," by Dudley Buck, rendered by A. A. Glockzin; an anthem "I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes," by J. A. Parks, rendered by Mrs. W. G. West, Mrs. Robert Hamp W. G. West and George A. Vliet. The sermon was by the Rev. H. R. Stark, D. D., of the First Presbyterian church of Saginaw, who spoke forcefully on the text, "O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness." After the singing of a hymn the rite of ordination according to the Presbyterian form was carried out. The Rev. Stark V. Reagan, Ph. D., presided and propounded the constitutional questions; the Rev. J. Ambrose Dunkel, Ph. D., of the Warren avenue church of Saginaw, made the ordaining prayer and gave the charge to the minister; and the Rev. J. Humphrey Fleming of Grayling delivered the charge to the congregation. The charges were of double interest because of the fact that Dr. Dunkel had been Mr. Drake's pastor and that Rev. Fleming was at one time a member and elder in the St. Louis Presbyterian church.

Rev. William H. Mason, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Xenia, Ohio, preached at both services in the First Presbyterian church last Sunday. A large number were in attendance.

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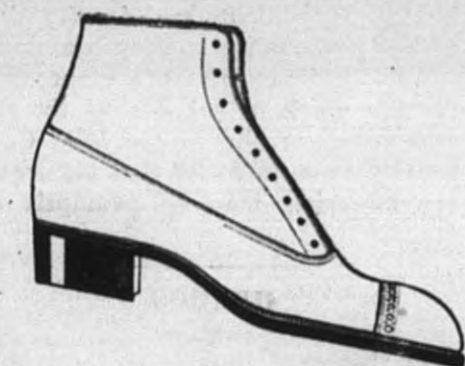
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NEW ART TEACHER.

The resignation of Miss Booth on the day the college opened made necessary the securing of a new art teacher to take the work that Miss Booth has cared for ever since the opening of the college. Miss Marie Cornwell of Ann Arbor has been secured to do this work.

Miss Cornwell is a graduate of the Chicago Art Institute, where she spent two years. Before going to Chicago she had a year of work at the Boston Museum of Fine Arts. Two years she has spent abroad, studying the art collections of the famous galleries in Great Britain and on the continent. She speaks both French and German.

Her plan is to develop a complete art course, basing the work on the fundamental principles of drawing which must precede any vital knowledge of the subject. It is believed that such a plan will be more in harmony with real college work than will be the plan of emphasizing some particular field of art before the firm foundation has been laid. Miss Cornwell will introduce work in mechanical drawing, as well as in blackboard drawing, and other work of special interest to teachers. It is hoped that the work along the line of school drawing may be specially developed, and that classes made up of teachers may be organized for Saturday work.

Miss Cornwell is sure to be popular among students and faculty alike, as her personality is very pleasing.

Any students who are planning to do any work in art during the present semester should see Miss Cornwell at once, in order that all necessary materials may be promptly ordered.

JUNIORS

Twelve rare Juniors met on Monday and elected the following officers for the year.

President—Walter Vogt.

Vice-Pres.—Joyce Fairweather.

Sec. and Treas.—Ruth Cook.

Assistant Treas.—Milo Hogan.

Reporter—Joe Kennedy.

FRESHIES BEAT SOPHS.

After both classes had flouted challenges in the faces of each other for the better part of half a week, the Sophs and Freshies got together at six thirty Wednesday morning, in the annual flag rush. The sophomores had their 1915 banner attached to the top of the famous pole in front of the Museum and were to keep the Verdants from getting it for a period of fifteen minutes. When time was called the Freshies came with paper sacks filled with water and nearly drowned the dignified Sophs. Then the big scrap began, which by the way was as scrappy and clean as has been pulled off in some time although it was the shortest. The Freshmen succeeded in getting the much coveted bunting in less than four minutes.

SOPHOMORE CLASS.

The class of 1915 held its initial conclave last Monday and elected officers for the year. Mr. Clarence Goodrich of Cadillac, the social, athletic and scholastic star of the class was chosen president; Bess Bishop, vice president; Margaret Mahoney, secretary and Josephine Butler and Bope Butler, treasurers.

SENIOR SPREAD

Contrary to all plans, it rained Saturday afternoon and evening, and compelled the Seniors to abandon the idea of a Jungle spread as the opening event of their year. Nothing daunted, they betook themselves and all their feast to the gymnasium and there had as fine a time as they ever enjoyed.

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