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Class of 18

Philomathean Society Acts as Hostess to the New Girls.

On Friday evening, if one had been watching, there could be seen numbers of dainty little Japanese maidens, dressed in regular Japanese style, fluttering around Wright Hall. These little maids were to be the guests of the Philomathean girls at their Japanese Fete held in the gym. When they arrived there they were given a hearty welcome by the Philos, also in Jap attire, who conducted them to the Japanese garden, hung with lanterns and lighted by the new moon. Here and there were cozy comers, which beckoned invitingly to the little maids weary from dancing, for dancing was the main entertainment of the evening. After the maids had arrived and the dainty programs had been distributed, the members of the illustrious Alma

while the programs were being filled out and then when all was in readiness the orchestra struck up in the

large chrysanthemum, to adorn their hair and how pretty they looked with the lovely flower, in shades of pink, blue and yellow, placed so bewitchingly on either side of their faces. At the beginning of the next dance queer little rolls of paper were distributed to each reveller and then the fun began. Varied colored streaks

began to flash across the room and all that was left of the tiny rolls were the bright strips, of a serpentine which encircled the dancers. Through all this cloud of colored serpentine we danced the Gieaha one-ate. Then one of those Philomathean girls had a string hidden in a remote corner and

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rain or sun a rainbow appeared. The per classmen. Therefore

HELEN BAKER, Government work, Washington D. C.

OLIVE BATIE, teaching in Deckerville.

FRANK BITTNER, Detroit.

BESS BROWN, teaching in Lansing.

EARL COLEMAN, Officers Training School, Camp Taylor.

MARION COOPER, teaching in Tensing.

ELIZABETH CREASER, teaching in Three Rivers.

MARIE DOANE, teaching in Midland.

LULA ELLIS, principal at Carsonville.

FRANK ELLSWORTH, Kalamazoo.

OCTAVIO GUERRA, instructor in Spanish, Culver Military Academy.

RITH HOOPER, teaching in Charlevoix.

CHARLES KENNEDY, A. E. F., France.

HAROLD LAMPMAN, Camp Custer.

EDITH LAYER, attending U. of M.

LINTON MELVIN, A. E. F., France.

LAURA RATHER, teaching at Gladwin.

VEJRNE RICHARDS, Great Lakes.

LUCILLE SMITH, now Mrs. Dick Young, teaching in Dowagiac.

CARL STREET, teaching in Bessener.

DELORA BRETZ, Maumie, Ohio.

BERNICE BROOK, Holland, Mich.

MARGARET BURNETT, Rexton, Mich.

MARGUERITE CRAWFORD, Traverse City.

ELEANOR CURRY, Detroit.

MARGUERITE DYER, Brown City.

OLIVE EGGLESTON, Marshall.

ARLENE MCKAY, Lapeer.

NELLIE MILLIGAN, Breckenridge.

JUTH MITCHELL, Sault Ste. Marie.

BERNICE BROOKS, teaching in Holland, Mich.

GENE RAMSDELL,

RAE STEIN, Munising.

LEONE TATROE, Monroe.

KATHERINE VAN LOPHC, Grand Haven.

BERTHA VOGT, Tecumseh.

RESUME WORK

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ALMA OVER THE TOP

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much disappointment was caused by the present war program would necessitate the withdrawal of our literary

misglon to moderate about men have out so far and from the times we are all hoped that the pledges will be made to the following: Erma Gate, Eva Ardis, Veraie Green, Lura Miller, Florence Thompson, Lee Sharrar, Carrol Wenger, William Newton, Frank Pelton, Lysle Earnhardt or William Richarda

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& basketball team Coach Helmer announces that a work funds Alma is doing her part. will arranged and already shown

HoWard Moore who was on last year's reserves is out and putting up a good fight for a guard position. Crittenden of Howell gives promise of iKCOMia« a good forward, but he has a lot of fundamentals to master.

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In the national campaign for war The pledges which were received during the week ending November 21,

William Newton, Frank Pelton, Lysle Earnhardt or William Richarda

Martha Bain is studying nursing in Grace Hospital, Detroit. Mrs. Jennie Reynolds has announced the marriage of her daughter, Madeline Young, to Cortland

Miss Florence Henderson, Kindergarten 17, is taking special work in

NEWS NOTES

during the intermission so that when-society until he can learn of the con- Uraim^of th. T 7 8trU7 UPm.the dtl0n1 that *Ciety' N° man U° ° coHee antl a'°o a new man at a new PL>udy ^ begin the revels again. Now the lights slowly flickered out and only the moon shed its soft light over the dancers and

the formal initiation and has been a smile every time he sees Temple received before the men of that society, and for that reason change his mind at any time and for are the kind he likes, you don't have recovery.

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THANKSGIVING DAY PROCLAMATION

(By the Governor)

"Now, therefore, our God, we thank Thee and praise Thy glorious name."

We, the people of Michigan, have many reasons for thankfulness.

We are thankful that our fertile fields have yielded abundantly of their fruits.

We are thankful that a dread epidemic has been stayed, through the prompt measures taken by the public health authorities throughout the state and the intelligent cooperation of the whole people.

We are thankful that our Michigan soldiers and sailors, by their deeds of valor, have written a glorious chapter in the annals of the Great War; and that the indomitable spirit of our people has manifested itself to the end.

But most of all we are thankful that this terrible, devastating war, which for more than nineteen months has dominated our thought and dictated our action, is at last practically ended and we shall be free to devote our energies and activities to the constructive arts of peace. The long night of darkness and sorrow and travail and tears and blood is over and the day of blessed peace has dawned upon the world—peace with victory.

Therefore, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby join the president of the United States in designating, "Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November next, as a day of Thanksgiving and Prayer."

Given under my hand and the Great Seal of the State, this eighteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen and of the Commonwealth the eighty-second.

WHEN THINGS GO WRONG

Did you ever get up in the morning with a feeling in your bones that everything had gone wrong? Probably it was raining, or at least misting, and when you got out of bed you found that it was one of those nasty cold rains so dear to the heart of every pessimist. Finally though, you got dressed (after you'd found at least two buttons off and your shoes an inch thick with mud). Then you "stalked" in to breakfast (as much as you could with a couple sergeants and guides at your heels) and found the coffee cold and dwarf snow-apples instead of jam! Then you happened to think that there were at least two classes you hadn't studied for and like as not you'd have a snap quiz. You'll make a grab for your books hoping to cram a little, but instead you tip your ink bottle over on your table, and then there's that mess to clean up. You get into lab. and you smash every breaker you lay hands on, you go to English class and you have forgotten your theme. You try another class and you find your prof. has a grouch. Probably, you'll find you have a cold in your head. And to make things worse you're on for K. P., buzzer duty (bell hop) or something similar. From 6:30 a. m. until 10 p. m. everything is in one grand mix-up. And chances are you prob-

President Proclaims Victory Thanksgiving Day for All America

"It has been our custom to turn in the autumn of the year in praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for his many blessings and mercies to us as a nation. This year we have special and moving cause to be grateful and to rejoice.

"God has in His good pleasure given us peace. It has not come as a mere cessation of arms, a mere relief from the strain and tragedy of war. It has come as a great triumph of right.

"Complete victory has brought us, not peace alone, but the confident promise of a new day as well, in which justice shall replace force and jealous intrigue among nations.

"Our gallant armies have participated in a triumph which is not marred or stained by any purpose of selfish aggression. In a righteous cause they won immortal glory and have nobly served their nation in serving mankind.

"God has indeed been gracious. We have cause for such rejoicing as revives and strengthens in us all the best traditions of our national history. A new day shines about us, in which our hearts take new courage and look forward with new hope to new and greater duties.

"While we render thanks for these things, let us not forget to seek the divine guidance in the performance of those duties and divine mercy and forgiveness for all errors of act or purpose, and pray that in all we do we shall strengthen the ties of friendship and mutual respect upon which we shall assist to build the new structure of peace and good will among the nations.

"Wherefore, I, Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November next, as a day of thanksgiving and prayer, and invite the people throughout the land to cease upon that day from their ordinary occupations and in their several homes and places of worship to render thanks to God, the ruler of nations.

"In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done in the District of Columbia, this sixteenth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and eighteen, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-third.

"By the President:
"ROBERT LANSING,
"Secretary of State."

WOODROW WILSON.

ably haven't any prospects for Saturday night either. Worse luck!

Did you ever stop to think that maybe you were the one that started the grouch? Could you imagine that you were a little conceited to think that there was enough of YOU to make everything turn upside down for YOUR special annoyance? Try thinking once that you might be the one who was out of joint and see what happens. Face life with a smile and see if it won't reflect one back.

OUR COLLEGE BOYS

Our few months at war have brought many long-suffering and cynical parents to realize that American colleges are institutions with a deeper and more permanent purpose than the encouragement of athletics, the origination of haberdashery fashions and the breeding of silk-sock socialists. Hardly a college of any description, even correspondence, but has representation in the ranks, and an impartial analysis would demonstrate that the football heroes of the schools were far more prompt to respond to the call for real battle than are the gunmen bravados of the big cities.

When the full, authentic story is told of the part played by college men in this war, the hackneyed sneer, so popular with imperfectly self-made men, at the college education, will be about as vogue as the iron cross.

DO IT NOW

The pledges for the War Work Fund should be paid by the end of this week. Everyone should see to it that his payment is promptly made. To delay or retreat in this matter is to shirk one's imperative duty. Senator Townsend writes that the money for this war work is very essential, for the work is unlimited. Even though "this service may not be as spectacular as that of battle it is quite as essential and its importance cannot well be over-magnified." Therefore, if you have promised to do your bit in this work, do it immediately. Save the committee in charge from collecting by paying your pledges at once.

A young couple went to a minister's house to get married. After the ceremony the bridegroom drew the clergyman aside and said in a whisper: "I am sorry, I have no money to pay your fee, but if you'll take me down into your cellar I'll show you how to fix your gas meter so that it won't register."—San Francisco Argonaut.

Hooray! College activities are reviving.

Y. W. C. A.

The grate fire glowed cheerfully Sunday afternoon, November 24, when the Y. W. C. A. members gathered around to hear Mrs. Hosmer's Thanksgiving message. After a few minutes of silent prayer and thanksgiving, several members were called upon for special messages. Irma Gates told us why the nation should be thankful. Charlotte Hawes showed us the many blessings for which college students should be grateful. Esther Friedrich told of the many blessings for which the Y. W. C. A., as an organization, should thank God. We agree with her that its greatest blessing has been its ability to render such great service in the war. She concluded her talk with these lines from "The Thankful Heart":

"I thank Thee, Lord, for simple good. Full well I know it comes from Thee. Its gifts of gladness understood, O'erbrim the thankful heart of me. Before Thee, Lord, I would praise These treasures which are soul of me, So with such broken words of praise I left a thankful heart to Thee."

Mrs. Hosmer, in her talk, showed how the blessings which come to us as a nation, a group, and individuals, come from one source, Christ. Taking the status of women as a standard, she compared non-Christian nations with Christian. Mohammedans worship God but they have no Christ and their women are little better than donkeys. Buddhists worship God but they have no Christ. They dedicate the most beautiful girls to lives of shame. And so it is with all peoples who do not accept Christ and his teachings. Mrs. Hosmer showed us a few more of the manifold blessings which Christ brought to us and then asked the question: "Shall we not try to praise and thank Him every day and hour, and to try to live Him? There is no room for unkindness, jealousy or criticism if we do." In conclusion she said: "Let this year be one of thanks-living as well as thanksgiving that we may have the peace and joy of the Master." We enjoyed Mrs. Hosmer's talk very much. Vernie Green then sang, "The Lord is My Shepherd," which was a beautiful closing to a very enjoyable meeting.

The armistice has not yet been signed between conservation and waste. And it never will be.

Retort Courteous

Tommy—Drink to me only with thine eyes, mon petit.

Celeste—Say, what do you think this is?—a W. C. T. U. convention or are you broke?—Pelican.

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FROM OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

Creaser Writes from Russia

Archangel, Russia,
Oct. 4, 1918

Dear Folks:

It seems a little bit different writing this time than it has before, as I have a letter or two of yours to answer. Our first mail came yesterday and was read and re-read and may be worn to threads before we get anymore. The indications seem to be that it will be more regular hereafter, now that they have located us.

I told you in my last letter that I was getting ready to leave the hospital (Spanish influenza). I am now in the convalescent department with light duty. Walking down the street today, I noticed that most all of the allied countries have soldiers here with us. So far I have seen French, Italian, Serbian, English, Russian, and American troops. And the Japs are not far away. As you might suggest, it is somewhat of a cosmopolitan group that we have here. The Russians drive the Bolsheviki out of their country, and to look at the samples of Bolsheviki that are sent back to us, they must have been set up to do it. They certainly are not a brainy looking lot. Most of them look real young. Once in a while we find a German amongst them. They are the bad birds to handle.

The reports that reach us from the western front seem to indicate to me at least, that Germany soon will be fighting alone. And it should be a short job to finish them after that.

You tell dad that we here do not especially appreciate the English. We and all the other American, French Canadian and Australian soldiers that I have talked with are firm, and desperately so, in the conviction that they are all wrong in their ideas.

I hardly know what I will do when I go back to the company. The squad I was with took special courses in signal and wireless and are now using it. I probably will not rejoin them for a while, but it is hard to imagine that I will remain idle long for such is not the nature of the American army. I am still weak and a mile or two of walk is sufficient. It is getting ready to freeze up here now and then it will be much healthier for this is a low and swampy country, and the Russian idea of sanitation is somewhat primitive. They say when it breaks up in the spring that mosquitoes are as big as black birds and as thick as hair on a dog's back.

Part of the equipment wears netting over the face, but we are living in hopes that it won't take 'till spring to finish our work. Part of Thomas Stitt's regiment came in the other day, but diligent inquiry revealed that his company was not here. For my sake I wish they were here, but for their sakes I am glad they are not.

I might quote you a few prices to show you how things are at present so that you can get an idea of the situation. Eggs when you can get them are \$1.80 per dozen; milk is \$3.50 a quart. Some things like fish are reasonable. There is a great deal of money around. Some of the kids have rolls of bills that would startle you but the fellows say that about all you can get with it is a car ride and a bath—and you can steal car rides and go without a bath. (We always reckon time in the army from the last day we had a bath.) We don't spend very much for car fare, a smile is usually enough.

Yours,

Pvt. C. J. Creaser.
H. G. Co. 339 Inf. A. N. R. E. F.

Heard in French class: "Mr. Richards, is 'they love each other' reflexive?"

ALUMNI ATTENTION

If "Hap" Could See Us Now!"

If Hap or Calky or Frenchy could see us now, they sure would think the old place was upside down. They would be shocked to see lights in the museum from six to ten; and blankets hanging from the windows twice a week. They would see a long line very similar to a sheep path extending 15 feet in front of the building, now Barracks No. 2, or Barracks No. 1. (formerly known as Pioneer) They would see trenches on the athletic field and football in front of Wright Hall on Sunday!

But Pioneer! Boots off at the door before you enter; mops and broomsticks in use all the time; windows scrubbed every week; doors off to give circulation of air; windows open always (to let the dirt blow out) and yet, at first inspection Lieutenant Kruse said it was the dirtiest barracks he had ever seen! But then 50 years accumulation is rather hard to remove.

Imagine Babe Burch and the rest of the gang in overalls marching across the campus for detail work—some with shovels, some with pickaxes, saws or rakes. Could you believe it?

The whole force on hands and knees, picking chips and cigar stubs—yes cigar stubs—off the grass. And Wright Hall dining room! they should see it—a six foot partition divides it in halves, something similar to the Jewish synagogues as described by Geikie, where "over the top" is the only communication. The men after a few formations and the call, "Last man in rear rank fall out and take the door," enter the dining room thru the rear entrance. Here, after flypaper has been on the tables all day, and after the K. P.'s have pared the potatoes and set the tables, mess begins. It's mess all right! Mess sergeant Adams kicks because the men are leaving sugar in their coffee cups, claims they are using too much axle grease, and says "slinging gravy must be stopped." The men cease to worry as long as they get their share and are still in good humor when the young women enter their half of the room 15 minutes later. Sergeant Adams cries "at ease!" and Dean Roberts says grace. Then "at rest!" and the rumpus begins again. The khaki boys seem to think it part of their duty to entertain the feminine element by power of voice, feet and silverware. Occasionally the sergeant orders the use of the soft pedal, and then, after a few minutes the singing begins. The old Alma songs are brought up to date, and along with "What'll we do to Kaiser Bill" and "Germany, Germany Boo" we hear "Mr. Zip, Zip" and "Katie," etc.

Then it is time for the mail delivery. Brother Kreuger and his assistants act as carriers for the mail which is necessarily large because of the intense realization on the part of the young women that "a soldier's mail is his only comfort." After this delivery or exchange as the case may be, the whistle blows and the mess department files out and leaves the coeds to finish their meal in peace.

These are only a few of the changes that Hap would see. He would have to think of the bygone flag rush, the M. I. A. A. team, and the time when study was the thing. He wouldn't worry tho when he saw the prospects for basketball and heard of the blanket parties. He would laugh at Prexy Crooks hunting for his pass to Pioneer and would forget all about the changes in the student activities, for regardless of these changes Alma is still Alma with the same old spirit, loyalty and traditions and ready to welcome her old students back at any time.

Advertise in the Almanian.

Notice to our Patrons.

Our theatres have been closed indefinitely by an order of the city officials.

We are sorry to be obliged to deprive the citizens of Alma of their much needed recreation during these times of stress. The closing order was served upon us without giving us an opportunity to arrange anything and we are therefore obliged to fulfill our contracts with the film people and with our employes at a tremendous expense.

We think enough of the welfare of the people of Alma to endure these burdens as long as the people wish us to remain closed and hope that upon our reopening we may be rewarded with your continued good will and patronage.

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JOKES



JUST LIKE AUGUSTUS

Augustus was going to a party, and when Augustus appears at a function of this sort he is a wonderful sight to behold. And Augustus was engaged in a collar hunt—a very serious occupation indeed. He had already visited three establishments, but none kept the article for which he hungered. Every depth and shape the shop boasted had been laid before him till the maximum of four inches deep had been reached.

"What! Do you mean to say that you haven't anything taller in the shop?" he asked, irritably.

"Sorry, sir," said the assistant, softly, "but our next size is cuffs!"

The Battle Cry of Feed 'Em

Yes, we'll rally 'round the farm, boys, We'll rally once again, Shouting the battle cry of feed 'em. We've got the ships and money And the best of fighting men, Shouting the battle cry of feed 'em.

The union forever, the beans and the corn,

Down with the tater—it's up the next morn—

While we rally 'round the plow, boys, And take the hoe again, Shouting the battle cry of feed 'em.—
—New York Sun.

Almost as absent-minded as the professor who poured the syrup on his ankle while he scratched his pancake, is Professor Mitchell who, during class the other day, picked up and ate a peanut which a mischievous young lady had placed in his desk. If you were to ask him he would probably deny that there ever was such a peanut.

An Apt Definition—A Scottish farmer being elected a school-manager, visited the village school and tested the intelligence of the class by his questions.

His first inquiry was: "Now, boys, can any one of you tell me what naething is?"

After a moment's silence a small boy in a back seat rose and replied, "It's what ye g'ied me t'other day for holdin' yer horse!"—London Tid Bits.

That the peace armistice has been signed, seems to have made little difference in the matter of the Student Army Training Corps. Word has been received from the committee on education and special training, saying that the work of the S. A. T. C. shall be carried on as before.

Prosperity gives us friends and adversity proves them.

You can complete a good work, but you can never end it.

All our thoughts are original—either with ourselves or others.

Ignorance and egotism are inseparable companions.

If a man is a liar why does he get mad when he's called one?

Friends who are a disappointment in trouble are something else.

It's well to begin at the top of the ladder and go down—in case of a fire.

Inveterate optimists buy round trip tickets when they go to war.

Man wants but little here below, but he never get quite enough.

Another Fairy Tale: Once upon a time there was an assistant who didn't think he did all the work.

It isn't always the people who jolly you most who are your best friends.

Men who are born great may get over it. The czar did.

The worst disappointment you can experience is disappointment in yourself.

If you can't play fair, solitaire is your game.

Do not mistake every yellow streak for a golden opportunity.

Kicking ceases to help when it becomes a habit.

Join the Ordnance Corps

Glendora—Did you know I was an ammunition girl?

Alphonse—Do you mean you make a lot of noise?

Glendora—No, I like to have arms around me.—Orange Peel.

No, Not One

Breathes there a man with soul so dead

He never to himself hath said:

"I'd like to bust Prof. Hoozis' head!"

—Purple Cow.

Dean of women: Young man, the lights in this house are put out at 10 o'clock.

Freshman: That's alright with me. Don't delay on my account.

Next

Frosh—What's your idea of good luck.

Soph—Being "next" in a crowded barber shop.—Awwgan.

PHILOMATHEAN LITERARY SOCIETY

On Monday evening the Philomathean Literary Society had its open meeting for the new girls. Roll call was responded to by quotations from recent war poetry. The business of the meeting was dispensed with and we proceeded with the program. Virginia Blick gave one of her readings, "The Phonograph Dog." Virginia's readings are always enjoyed and this one was given in her usual delightful manner. The next number was a piano solo by Blanche Mashin. An impromptu was given by Louise Bacon on the subject of "War Posters." She gave us the history of several striking posters for the Liberty Loan campaign and also told us of the way in which the government drafts the services of the artists of the country for this work. Following this interesting talk by Miss Bacon, Dorothy Reed read a paper on "The Effects of the War on Literature." As yet this question is undecided for not until a few years after the close of the war can the real effects be known. Some writers think that a romantic movement will follow this war as it has former wars. Few advances have been made in literary production excepting in the line of poetry.

Jean Jackson discussed the question of war poetry, dealing for the most part with "American War Poetry." This war has brought forth some most eloquent poets. Among the number of poems written "In Flanders' Fields" and the "Man of the Marne" were especially spoken of. This subject of war poetry is a broad one for men seem to have been inspired to put most of their thought into the form of poetry.

After this Ellen Doty gave a most interesting review of two recent war books by Conningsby Dawson. These were "Out to Win" and "The Glory of the Trenches." The first discusses the reasons for entering the war and also asks that there may be a better feeling between the United States and England. "The Glory of the Trenches" is a most wonderful description of the religion of the men in the trenches.

When Miss Doty finished her report Laura Tenny, a Philomathean girl of last year, sang the "Gypsy Maiden." We were glad to have her with us again and hope she will sing for us another time. The final number was a farce "The Train to Maurs." The characters were a woman, her small son and the station agent. These parts were played by Virginia Blick, Jean Jackson and Louise Bacon respectively. The trouble the lady had in getting the train to Maurs furnished much amusement. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The meeting was then adjourned.

FROEBEL

The regular meeting of the Froebel society was held Tuesday evening, November 19. Roll call was responded to by the name of a prominent general. After the business of the evening was dispensed with, Beulah Garland read the bible story "Ruth." Following this Florence Thompson read four of Aesop's fables. As there was no meeting November 11, the program announced for that evening was given Tuesday evening. Jennie Dudley read a paper on the development of the story and Geneva Curren read an interesting article of current history which dealt with the horrible experiences of an American soldier in France. Miss Sandorf, a member of last year, who is now in Kalamazoo has sent us a copy of the Froebel song which she composed. We all wish that she were here to play it for us.

ALUMNI

Attention has been called to the fact that a former Alma college man and famed as a football and baseball star, Dan Duncanson, a lieutenant and graduate of Plattsburg has been a bayonet instructor at Camp McArthur, Texas, and is now stationed at Camp Gordon. "Sandy" Duncanson, the greatest hurler that Alma college ever sent out on a baseball field to win a game, rented a farm near Mt. Pleasant and faithfully tilled the soil to hold up his end of the great game for democracy. The results of his work in backing up his brothers, for he has two more in the service, consisted of 800 bushels of potatoes, 285 bushels of beans, 324 bushels of rye and other crops in proportion. Aside from the planting "Sandy" did all of the work himself.

HA HA!

Helen: I ought to go to see "Jimmy" this morning.

Dorothy: Why don't you go now?

Helen: I'm scared to. He has a room full of war "aims."

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