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## Men's Oratorical Contest Tonight—College Chapel

### WOMEN'S ORATORICAL BIG SUCCESS

Miss Alberta Bowman Wins in Women's Contest; Miss Mashin Takes Second.

The Women's Oratorical contest which was held in the college chapel Tuesday evening, January 13, is conceded by all to have been one of the best the college has had for some years. All of the orators acquitted themselves very creditably and showed a thorough knowledge and good command of their subjects.

Mr. Floyd Kruger acted as chairman of the contest. The program began with a pleasing piano solo by Miss Stevens, taking the place of Miss Crosby, who was unable to be present. There were five contestants, Miss Alberta Bowman, who was awarded first place by the judges for her oration, "Education a Means of Americanization," Miss Mashin, who spoke on "The Voice of Freedom" and took the second place in the contest, Miss Esther De Puy, Miss Leona Waber and Miss Jean Jackson.

Miss Bowman spoke of the social unrest which is at present rampant in the world. America is experiencing this unrest. The war taught us that the melting pot which made into Americans the heterogeneous mass of foreign born immigrants, has not functioned properly, that our nation is the most composite in the world and is not firmly welded together as it should be. The people who have come to America have not become Americans. They still retain the language and to some extent the customs of their native lands. Such conditions are a weakness in our nation and to remedy that weakness we must turn to education. Education, first in the English language, not by forcing it on unwilling foreigners, but by making them see its advantages and wish to master it. When the foreign population of our country knows the language of the country, the foundation of their Americanization will have been laid. Then must come a betterment of hygiene and living conditions, bringing these people to the American standard of living. Finally, the principles of citizenship and patriotism must be inculcated in every one of these new citizens. Our holidays must be days of education in patriotism. When this has been done, and only then, the work of Americanization will be accomplished and the work of the melting pot will be done.

Miss Mashin made an appeal for the right of the people of this country to free speech. The first constitutional amendment gives that right and from the beginning this country has stood for that principle. With the war free speech was restricted to some extent, because such restrictions were necessary for the safety of the country, but now the United States is no longer at war, there is no excuse for restriction on the right of free speech and free press. We cannot hope to suppress Bolshevism by silencing the Red orators. A nation which does such a thing shows its own weakness. We must let them talk and when they are done the danger is gone, because no sane person will accept their rabid doctrines. But if we suppress them, they will plot and scheme and grow strong by oppression. We must, therefore, allow to the American people, the right of the freedom of the press and the freedom of speech. Miss Mashin's oration was very effectively delivered and left a deep impression on the audience.

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PROF. CLIFFORD ROYER

### ALPHA THETA PARTY

Joint Festivities Bring Much Enjoyment to Participants.

The men of Zeta Sigma were very cordially entertained by the girls of Alpha Theta Saturday evening in the latter's society rooms in Wright Hall. Everyone was dressed to the nines. The book or periodical. The questions were varied and a number were questionable as to their correctness. The Book Review included important works from Lady to Black Beauty and Dick to Vogue. The Man's a Man" was in the that "Little Women" was The "Call of the Wild" also deserves mention.

In the "Leap Year Quiz" Boyne was forced to tell who chewed his ear. Peggy found out that Forrest didn't care, and Krueger said that it was a great life in the moonlight if you didn't weaken. The Biographical Sketch brought to light the past life, hidden characteristics, ambitions, and futures of all present. Then came the rougher sports of the evening: the divorce case, the wedding, the Eggfootball game, starring Wyatt and Krueger, and the Suitcase race which was won by the French speed merchant. Prizes were then awarded to the best book review, Back Beauty, represented by Beauty Maltby and the winner of the Suitcase race, Frenchie Hebert.

Last but far from least refreshments were served, songs and yells given, and goodnight said just as we used to do.

### PRAYER MEETING

The usual mid-week prayer meeting was held this week in Wright hall, and a decided improvement was noted in the attendance. Possibly, this is a very forward step in the action of the committee as a drawing card for a greater attendance.

Reports of the International Student Volunteer Convention were given by the Alma delegates, Miss Wihelmine Ritter, Miss Johanna Ritter and William Amos. The whole trend of thought was centered around the fact of the necessity of making Jesus Christ a more potent factor in the actual lives of men and women. Today, as never before, there is a need of devoted servants in the field of Christian activity, and the call cannot go unheeded. The reports were filled with interest and the student body felt that in every way the delegates had fulfilled their highest expectations in obtaining all that they could from the Convention and bringing back to Alma the spirit of the whole affair.

Word has been received of the death of the mother of Miss Lucy Fellows, a member of the freshman class. The Almanian wishes to voice the sentiment of the college by extending to her their sympathy in her affliction.

Read all the ads—it pays.

### ALMA VOTES ON LEAGUE

Interesting Figures Shown as Result of Student Vote on League of Nations.

Two referendums on the League were taken at Alma last week. The first ballot was taken on Tuesday as was announced would be the case. The questions presented, however, were not satisfactory because the proposition stating "I favor the ratification of the League and Treaty without reservations or amendments was left out." A number expressed their desire to vote for this proposition.

Printed forms having arrived cordially on a second vote Tuesday. It was as follows: Proposition number 1: "I favor the ratification of the League and Treaty without reservations or amendments." 5 faculty were cast. Proposition number 2: "I favor the ratification of the League and Treaty in any form." 10 member and 10 faculty votes.

Proposition number 3: "I favor the League of Nations with the Lodge reservations." There were no faculty votes but 12 students in favor of it.

For proposition number 4: "I favor a compromise between the Lodge and Democratic reservations in order to facilitate the ratification of the League." There were 7 faculty votes and 40 student votes.

The totals thus were 40 for proposition No. 1, 11 for proposition No. 2, 12 for proposition No. 3 and 97 for proposition No. 4.

### LEAD IN CHAPEL

Professor Hamilton led a most interesting chapel service last Thursday. He spoke on our beliefs, which were based sometimes on reason and sometimes on faith. He also spoke of the large part which our belief in the miracle has played and is playing not only in religion but in everyday life. We are sometimes prone to leave things to fate, to willing to say, "Oh it will be all right in time," he said, and gave a timely warning against thinking that a miracle will be performed for us in the coming examinations.

On Friday Dr. Brokenshire led chapel and as usual his remarks were very uplifting. "There is a little blue corner in every man's soul" he said, "in which we keep many beliefs we never avow." "That through the faiths, inspirations, and beliefs which spring from and are a part of this little blue corner, we shall find the most worth while things in life 'even unto life everlasting'" was the keynote of his talk.

We have printed elsewhere in this issue a copy of the Maroon and Cream sales contract for this year. The book will be out in May and we hope to include many features of interest to alumni especially to those of the last two years. There will be some dope on that Big Red Team of '17 and various college activities during '18 and '19. We want every alumnus to enclose a dollar with this contract to our Business Manager, Howard H. Handley, Pioneer Hall, and reserve one of the books. The supply is limited, and you must act quick!

Maroon and Cream Editor.

The path of glory is always rugged. —Van Dyke.

### SPLENDID GIFT TO ALMA

Portrait of Ammi W. Wright To Be Unveiled Today.

At 11 o'clock on Tuesday the portrait of Ammi W. Wright will be unveiled in the College chapel. This portrait, a magnificent oil painting, is the gift of Mrs. J. Henry Lancashire of New York city. The painting is by an Austrian artist, J. M. Gaugengigl, and is an exact duplicate of the painting that hangs in the Lancashire home in New York.

Gaugengigl is an artist of international reputation and this portrait as a work of art is unquestionably one of the finest to be found in this part of the state.

There will be appropriate exercises accompanying the unveiling. Rev. James M. Barkley, president of the board of trustees of Alma college will speak on the significance and value of Ammi W. Wright's work for Alma college. Dean James E. Mitchell of the faculty will speak on the life of Mr. Wright and his relationship to the college. A more complete account of the exercises will be given in the next issue of the Almanian.

### M. I. A. A. GAMES

College Five Meets Maroon and Cream in Foreign Court Battles.

The Alma College basketball quintet will meet Adrian, Maroon and Cream at those places this week in the games of the Michigan intercollegiate championship series for the local colleges, and hopes are being entertained that the Maroon and Cream will be able to stow away both bouts in spite of the serious loss that was suffered in the injury that is keeping Anderson, crack center, from the games.

The return of Gaffney, Alma's polar bear, to the squad last week, which resulted in his being sent to the center job, and Crittenden going back to his old guard position, has seemingly strengthened the team, causing hope to rise anew in the minds of the fans, who are backing the Alma cagers. Crittenden is putting up his old reliable guarding game, and once Captain Tebo hits the pace that he displayed last year Alma will have a pair of guards that will rank with the best that the M. I. A. A. can show. A lack of a valuable sub-guard lost Alma the title last year. This year in the veteran Mills, there will be a man in whom dependence can be placed, and he will deliver when needed.

Gaffney is putting up a very acceptable game at center, although it must be conceded that he is not in a class with "Andy." The Alma lad is not as fast as the Breckenridge star, but has a happy faculty of being where he is needed at the right time, and that counts for a great deal in the court game. He is also a fair basket shot, and can be counted upon to yield a few points for the Presbyterian five.

Smith, Richards, Boyne and Howe, are all showing improvement at the forward places and with the additional practice this week will show a still better brand of basketball.

With Anderson out of the game Alma's M. I. A. A. prospects are not of the best, but the team ought to be a hot one and much can happen. The Maroon and Cream will be ready to grab every opportunity that is offered. The team must wage an uphill battle, but Alma has a team that has shown such fights for the past two years and come through in fine style.

### FAMOUS TEAM

Alpha to Omega.  
Dan to Bersheeba.  
Tip to toe.  
Ocean to ocean.  
Morning to night.  
Cover to cover.  
July 1st.—Princeton Tiger.

Read all the ads—it pays.

### TAKES FIRST HOME GAME

Bay City Swamped by Alma in Fast Game Friday Night.

An even split was the result of the double-header in the high school gymnasium Friday evening, the Alma Collegians winning from the Union Truck Company five of Bay City with ease, the score being 31 to 14, while the high school quintet was defeated in one of the hottest contested high games ever seen here by the Midland cagers to the tune of 21 to 14.

The Alma College team looked far better than it did a week ago, Coach Wood throwing a revamped team onto the court that played a speedier game than last week, and displayed a far better brand of headwork. While the team play was not all that could be asked for by any means, the improvement during the week was very noticeable, and speaks highly of the coaching staff. Mills and Cream in the Maroon intercollegiate race.

Tebo, against forwards that had scored twenty even field baskets in their last game before coming to Alma, was counted upon highly, as these two forwards, Gallagher and Steggall, former Maroon and Cream stars, annexed just five baskets, Steggall getting four of those. Crittenden was at his old guard position, and worked with Tebo during the first half and a portion of the second, before the Alma captain was pulled to make room for Mills. The underlying reason for taking Tebo out, however, was his bad shoulder, which with the M. I. A. A. games starting next week, Wood did not care to take unnecessary chances with.

The offensive work of the Alma five was of a high order, Richards, Gaffney and Smith snaring field baskets with such ease, that in the second half the Alma forwards were replaced by Howe and Boyne.

The first half ended with Alma leading by a 21 to 4 score, but after the three substitutions were made the Truckmakers put up a stronger brand of ball, and played Alma even in the second half.

Line-up and summary:  
ALMA—31 UNION TRUCK—14  
Smith ..... L. F. Gallagher  
Richards ..... L. F. Steggall (C)  
Gaffney ..... C. Thomas  
Crittenden ..... R. G. Liste  
Tebo (C) ..... L. G. Miller  
Substitutions—Mills for Tebo, Howe for Smith, Boyne for Richards. Field baskets—Richards 5, Gaffney 5, Smith 4, Boyne, Steggall 4, Gallagher, Liste 2. Fouls—Richards 1 out of 1, Gaffney 0 out of 3, Gallagher 0 out of 2. Personal fouls—Miller 2, Steggall, Richards, Crittenden.

Referee—Thompson, Detroit. Scorer and timer—Dunham.

### ALPHA THETA

The danger and importance of Bolshevism was studied in the Alpha Theta Society on January 12. The members "Bolshevism Spiritually Interpreted" and "Student Radicalism" were given by Irene Anguish and Arvid Kellie. In an interesting paper, Maxey Cook brought out very vividly the insidious evils of Bolshevism. There was an impromptu debate on the question that college traditions should be done away with. Harriet Miron, Louise Buck and Leo Harwood, upholding the affirmative with Esther Friedrichs, Leona Waber and Alberta Bowman representing the negative. The judges decided in favor of the negative. After a short business meeting the society enjoyed a delightful treat served by the new officers.

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**THE BOOKWORMS**

Recently a rather severe and disastrous earthquake occurred which Washington failed to record. The results are such that they do not affect the greater part of the world but local calamities which resulted in no small measure developed. Luckily no buildings were damaged, other than the interior parts, such as book racks, card indexes and books themselves received a considerable jolt. All happened in one small building on the Campus, a building too, which has been held in reverence by most of the students at all times, and too, all happened with such perfect organization and completeness of detail that no one on the Campus seems to know anything about the Library quake other than those who were small enough to be implicated in such a childish and destructive affair.

College pranks and tricks are always in place on a college campus, feckish would be the person who tried to stop Young America from entering sacred domains, and tying faculty chairs or removing chapel seats. These are all the part of the student's normal life, but there seems to be a decided difference between a college prank as has been usually played on the Alma campus as compared with the disgusting act of last Thursday night. To enter the library and deliberately take shelves of books and throw them right and left on the floor and to hide cards of reference which are of inestimable value to not only the college, but to the entire city, is without doubt, the mark of the lowest degree of intelligence. The brave invaders of the midnight hour of course, realize that they were cutting their own throats as well as those of the faculty and rest of the student body. That is the sad part of it, it seems. Why people should have spent from one to three years in college and then have acquired no greater amount of sense balance than to attempt to deliberately destroy valuable property.

This is a case where the Student Council as soon as it is organized should act, and act immediately. There should be no dilly-dallying with such a serious and obnoxious offence, but the guilty ones should be dismissed from the College immediately. If two students were dismissed for alleged hazing, surely this is a case where expulsion is most justified.

The Almanian is expressing the sentiment of the greater part of the student body, and is voicing its disapproval in no small way, of such actions on the Campus. It is decidedly contrary to the spirit of Alma. It breeds discontent, and surely does not set an example for other colleges. These men should be traced down and made a public example of, and that immediately. Alma does not sanction such sets of foolery, and it is just as well for these men to know it as well as the rest of the readers of the paper. Sentiment is absolutely against such actions, and it is the regret of the majority of the student body that there are in the midst of the College family men of such small caliber who will stoop to such smallness and meanness, comparable only to that of a man who has lost his right mind.

**GIRLS' BASKET BALL**

Physical culture and physical education are two related subjects which have been called into prominence by the war but which are in danger of lapsing into their former insignificance now that that crisis is passed. The statistics which the findings of the draft boards brought to light showed not only to our own people but to the whole world the deplorable state of our young manhood. We found that while we were producing a small class of young men who were physically fit, really superbly healthy, an astoundingly large percentage took no exercise, lived in unhygienic surroundings, knew little or nothing

about taking care of themselves and in short, were not physically fit.

In the year 1917, alone, 2,500,000 men between the ages of 21 and 31 years were examined for the National army. Of these 34 per cent were found unfit for military service and were rejected. Of those who were accepted as being without physical defect a large proportion were lacking in the strength, endurance and general organic power necessary for intensive military training. That this should be true of our young men is no doubt much more true of our young women. That there is a certain physical standard varying for men and women, below which no one ought to fall. It is no doubt true that the average young woman takes proportionally less physical training than the average young man. On this basis, since the plight of our young manhood is known to be bad, it can safely be assumed that our young women need physical training as much if not more.

Emily O'Keefe, inspector of athletics for the public schools of New York says, "There is no longer any doubt in our minds regarding the advisability of girls taking part in athletics. The fundamentals for it are suitability, all inclusiveness, competition between teams rather than the individual and no interschool competition.

Educators all over the country assert this and even the politicians are beginning to acknowledge it. Naturally Alma is interested in athletics, in physical training and, because we want to turn out symmetrical men and women, we hope, devotes sufficient attention to the problem.

Gymnasium classes for the girls of the sophomore and freshman classes have been a regular part of our curriculum, but that is not enough. Only two hours a week are devoted to the work and those only to the two lower classes.

Miss Pollock, the physical director for women has been alive to the insufficiencies of this program and has endeavored to strengthen it. An interclass basket ball league is the plan in mind and it is hoped that a sufficient number of girls will come out to make the thing a success. Practice games will be held regularly on Saturday mornings. From those who enter these practices the class teams would be chosen and finally an interclass tourney would be held. There is without doubt a wealth of material among the girls from which four teams could be picked. The success of the venture depends entirely on the spirit shown by the girls in the way they come out for practices. There is no reason in the world why Alma girls should make wall flowers of themselves leaving the athletic field entirely to the men. Other colleges all over the country are having huge success with such plans. The American girl has a reputation for being athletic and wholesome—physically fit. She certainly cannot be that without physical exercise. Unless all of them take private exercise—which would be surprising—very few of our upper class girls take any physical exercise at all and the rest could take more with benefit. Without doubt letters could be awarded to those making the teams and a pennant given to the winner of the tourney. There is a world of interest, school spirit and physical good to be gleaned from the plan. Let us see all four classes out to practice Saturday mornings and start the new semester right.

It has been noted that some of the old students are making the excuse upon receiving a statement for the Weekly Almanian that the paper is being sent them by some one who is interested enough in those persons who are attending College. In this way, the paper is being received by them free of charge, and at the same time they are on the regular mailing list of the paper. This seems hardly right to the managing staff of The Almanian. Not that it has any objections to Alma's friends receiving the paper, but it does seem rather like a blow to the finances of the paper to receive such a reply to a statement. Let all be loyal in this matter. The Weekly Almanian needs the hearty support of every one who is receiving the paper this year as never before. The subscription price has been raised twenty cents, while the price of publication has been raised to exactly half as much again as what it was two years ago. This plainly shows that every dollar is needed if the paper must be carried on. It is hoped

that this means of calling attention to this fact will meet with the hearty approval of those who are concerned, and that in the very near future, checks will come rolling in.

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**THIRD NUMBER**

Dennis Will Lecture on Bolshevism at M. E. Church.

The important subject of Bolshevism will be presented here on the Lyceum course Wednesday evening by Prof. Ralph B. Dennis who will lecture on "Russia and the Bolsheviks." Professor Dennis went to Russia in the first part of November, 1917. When the revolution put Russia out of the war he entered the service of the United States government as vice-consul, attached to the Moscow consulate-general. The lecture will be given at the Methodist church. During his stay in Russia Prof. Dennis traveled thousands of miles in that vast country. He lived for a period of weeks or months in the following cities: Moscow, Rostof-on-the-Don, Novo Cherkask, Kharkhof, Petrograd and Nizhny Novgorod.

He had in his travels a chance to see the Red army in action, cities taken, industry taken over, people hunting food and shelter, transportation paralyzed. Prof. Dennis recently gave testimony before the Senate committee investigating the question of Bolshevism. What he had to say was counted so important that numerous metropolitan papers gave much space to his views and opinions.

**READY SOON**

Alma's \$60,000.00 Strand Theatre Expected to be Ready in March.

The new \$60,000.00 Strand theatre as Alma's new showhouse is to be known, is expected to be ready for use early in March if the present rate of construction is continued.

The walls are going up rapidly in spite of cold weather, and once this is done and the roof is in place, it is expected that the work will proceed more rapidly than at present, and it is the hope of Manager Miller of the Idlehour theatre, that the new place can be opened during the early part of March.

With this expectation orders are being placed for equipment for the new theatre, which the management expects to be one of the finest in this part of the state. Already an order has been placed for a new \$10,000.00 Bartola Orchestral organ for the new theatre, for delivery at that time. This makes it very evident that the owners of the showhouse intend to give Alma the best that can be secured in the new theatre.

Professor T. J. Gates of Penn State University, Penn State, Pa., visited with Alma friends the first of the week. Professor Gates is a graduate of Alma high school with the class of 1912, and also attended Alma college, and has a wide circle of friends in this city.

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Y. W. C. A.

The regular Y. W. C. A. meeting was led by Miss Johanne Ritter. After the singing of several hymns, Miss Ritter read from a pamphlet by Dr. Sherwood Eddy on the "Supreme Decision of the Christian Student," or the choosing of a vocation. The main emphasis seemed to be on the personal devotion and obedience to God and his son, Jesus Christ, and a great ambition to be of utmost service to mankind. Sketching briefly the callings of the different professions, Miss Ritter read those sections which dealt mainly with the career of teaching and the opportunity offered in the foreign field, especially in South America. This neighbor of ours is the epitome of religious neglect, and teachers more than preachers are needed. The chief thing is the spirit in which we serve. The greatest service is done in foreign fields and also the greater harvests are reaped. The spirit which should permeate all the work is that of Christ, and we may all help in our gifts and prayers, to propagate His kingdom here on earth.

I mean that life is a terrible, a wonderful thing. You can't kill it. All the soldiers in the world, with all their hate, can't kill it. It comes back, it can't die, it rises again.—Kennedy, "The Terrible Meek."

When we find ourselves fading into the shadows and unrealities, it seems hardly worth while to be sad, but rather to laugh as gayly as we may and ask little reason wherefore.—The Marble Faun.

Centuries and centuries to come shall reveal ever nobler chances to the Republic. America is a lasting young empire at whose rich bosoms uncounted multitudes shall nurse.—Herbert Kaufman.

The board of trustees of Alma college will hold their regular semi-annual meeting on Tuesday, January 20.

Word has been received that a son has been born to Mrs. Ralph Kayser. Mrs. Kayser is an old Alma student and lives in Hastings, Michigan.

Ray Cheney, an old Alma man, was in town last week. Mr. Cheney is now principal of the Mt. Pleasant high school and was down with the high school debating team which defeated Alma high school.

Steven Nisbet, principal of the Ithaca high school, class of '19, was in town Saturday.

An educational conference was held in Mt. Pleasant, January 15 and 16, to discuss the junior high school and other high school problems.

"I am Moliere, and Moliere shall know no king, nor any rule, save to serve the world with truth."

Just So

Great oaks from little acorns grow.  
Great roars from little statesmen flow.

Great tragedies occur, you know,  
'Cause she said "Yes," instead of "No."

Of all the battles won  
The greatest is to hold  
A squalling baby in your arms  
And laugh instead of scold.

"Jack, your mind is running along shady lines."

"That keeps it cool."

No nation lives for itself, no nation lives but through the service it renders to humanity.—Paul Richard.

You cannot run away from a weakness; you must sometime fight it out or perish, and if that be so, why not now and where you stand?—Robert Louis Stevenson.

Human life is a mission of which the aim is service, the law sacrifice, the strength fellowship with God.—Bishop Westcott.

A. C.: "This parcel post package is being delivered in unusually quick time. How do you account for it?"  
Mail Carrier: "The department thought it contained a time bomb, sir."

The Hope college basketball five made a Christmas trip to Wabash college, Bluffton and Fort Wayne, Indiana.

C. Overmeyer of M. A. C. and a University of Michigan man have been selected for the Rhodes scholarship.

If I should quite forget to pray  
And only love to live each day,  
I wonder if I should not find  
A God most wonderfully kind.

I'd like to find a God Who smiled  
On every man, and beast, and child  
Who did not need to hear us pray  
Before His anger passed away.

I hope that such a God may be  
Who in His garden waits for me;  
For when I'm very glad all day  
I feel as if I really pray.  
—Harold Begbie.

The Dawn is not distant  
Nor is the night starless—  
Love is eternal.  
God is still God, and  
His faith shall not fail us  
Christ is Eternal.—Longfellow.

Poetry is the highest form of literature, and a vital element in the human life.—Henry Van Dyke.

The God filled life the richest fruit shall bear.

For manners are not idle things  
But the fruit of loyal nature and noble manhood.—Tennyson.

Gratitude, the language of the heart, the music of happiness. There is no perfect joy without gratitude.—Van Dyke.

What they learn matters less than how they learn it. The great thing is the living out of the individual character so that it will find its place in the social harmony.—Van Dyke.

Bill Richard's Soup

"With Campbell's fare so rich and rare,  
Just give me a husky spoon  
Then every day will bloom like May  
And smile like sunny June."

In olden days when a couple were "hooked" it was the custom of the minister to place a kiss upon the fair one's lips. It is very easy to see why Fred Moore is so strong for "ye old tyme religion."

Has anyone noticed the close companionship of Jackson, Kruger and Knowles? Don't be bashful, Fluey, ask either one. They will tell you how it is done.

Johnson: "The night breeze is chilling to the bone."

Bailey: "Why didn't you wear a hat?"

Maltby: "Three cheers for Alma."  
H—

Maltby: "That's right; every one should stick up for his own country."

Bacon: "Do you know anything about light?"

Beshgetoor: "Sure thing."  
Bacon: "What for instance?"

Beshgetoor: "I know it moves 192,000 miles per second."

Bacon: "Oh, you've been studying your light meter, too, have you?"

**New Era Lyceum Course**

RALPH DENNIS, January 21.

THE WHITEMORE TRIO AND WILLIAMS, February 2.

MAUD BALLINGTON BOOTH, February 12.

MARGARET STAHL, March 3.  
All numbers will be held at M. E. Church.

WOMEN'S ORATORICAL BIG SUCCESS

(Continued from page one)  
Miss Waber in "The American School Teacher" presented the problem of the American school teacher. There is need for educational leadership in this country, in order that our children may be brought up right, yet we are unwilling to pay our teachers as much as we pay our ditch diggers and coal miners. Consequently we get a low grade of teachers, because those who might take up the profession, turn instead to other more lucrative kinds of employment. We must pay our teachers higher wages if we would have our children properly educated. It was evident from Miss Waber's oration that she had carefully investigated her subject, and was well informed at all points.

Miss De Puy speaking on "Universal Citizenship" contended the rights marriage to a foreigner deprives an with men. In this country, citizenship lies with the husband so that marriage to a foreigner deprives an American woman of citizenship, while marriage to an American by a foreign woman gives that women the right to citizenship, although she may not be qualified for it. We must in justice to the women of the nation make provision so that they may keep their citizenship for all time unless they voluntarily renounce it, and we must restore to those women who have lost their citizenship by marriage to foreigners. Great earnestness marked Miss DePuy's presentation of this very important subject.

Miss Jackson chose as her subject "Industrial Democracy and Americanism" She showed how more and more, labor is becoming a dominant factor in the government of our country. The industrial unrest which we are experiencing here must be solved by reform rather than repression. The Socialist party is working toward this end and they are the only party that is working for definite ends. Unfortunately, certain radical Socialists have brought the party into disrepute by their conduct. But the true Socialist party points the ways to industrial democracy and true Americanism. This oration showed deep thought and careful consideration and Miss Jackson is entitled to great credit for her work.

During the evening the Women's quartette, made up of Misses Green, Hawes, Moore and Quichers and accompanied by Miss Purdy, rendered two numbers which were exceptionally well received.

The judges for the contest were Professor Cornelius, Supt. Kelder, Rev. Gelston, Mrs. Charles Goggin and Miss G. Carroll.

Alma can look forward to the Women's State Contest with rosy expectations.

Kalamazoo planned a Junior carnival for January 17.

320 short course men have been enrolled at M. A. C.

The Hope basketball team defeated M. A. C. 21 to 16.

God of Truth, direct me in the holy path, the way of wisdom which Thou only knowest.

CARD OF THANKS

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## PRaisEWORTHY EFFORT

French Memorial to Go to Kin of  
Soldier Dead.

On Washington's birthday, February 22, it is planned to present a memorial from the French Republic to the nearest of kin of every American soldier who made the supreme sacrifice in the World war. This task has been allotted to the Army Recruiting Service in co-operation with the American Legion.

Colonel Ralph McCoy, recruiting officer, has written to the commander of every American Legion Post in Western Michigan, giving the details of the plan and asking that the post compile the names and addresses of the nearest kin of each man who died in service during the war, from its respective territory. The diplomas, with the names of the nearest deceased already inscribed, will be mailed to the recruiting officer at Grand Rapids by the Adjutant General, and from there will be forwarded to the various posts for final distribution as near as possible on Washington's Birthday.

The diploma, representing one of the bas-reliefs of the Arc de Triomphe in Paris, will bear the name of the deceased soldier with a recognition from the French people signed by the President of the Republic, Raymond Poincare. Above his signature appear in French the following decisease:

To the Memory of

of the United States of America  
France's Homage.  
The President of the Republic,  
(Signature)

The principal figure of the group symbolizes the soul and spirit of the American Army which helped France to maintain alive the flame of the torch of liberty and justice. At the foot of the cenograph the flags of France and America are joined together by a wreath, which is the mark of gratitude and homage which France pays to our sons who gave their lives in the struggle.

The lines engraved on the wall behind the group are taken from one of Victor Hugo's famous poems, and, when translated, read:

"Those who died piously for their Country

Have the right that at their graves  
the people come to pray."

### THE "Y'S" DRIVE

The splendid way in which the men of the college have been responding during the drive for membership, the past week, has been very encouraging to the cabinet members of the Y. M. C. A.

Many helpful suggestions and several constructive criticisms were given to the cabinet members who were conducting the canvas.

As all reports have not come in we can not give a detailed report in this issue.

The attendance at the Sunday meetings has been increasing.

Fellows you have responded and co-operated in a splendid way by signing up as active or associate members as well as in your pledges in support of the "Y," but the best way in which your support can be shown, and appreciated by others as well as yourself will be by your attendance at the meetings where something is given and something received. Acts 3:6—Then Peter said, silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I unto thee.

Every Thursday at 10:00 p. m. there will be a short service in the "Y" room for prayer only.

The Sunday afternoon meeting from 2:15—3:00. Mr. Murdick, the county secretary, will lead and there will be special music next Friday afternoon.

### FROEBEL

The meeting of the Froebel society was held, January 12, 1920. Roll call was responded to by an anecdote. After business matters were briefly discussed, Miss Gladys Edgar read Henry Van Dyke's, "The Mansion." This was followed by a song by Miss Fromilda Young. The meeting was adjourned after the reports of the critics.

Wm. J. Hicks, a member of the Junior class has had the misfortune to suffer the loss of his father. The college extends its deepest sympathy to him in his affliction.

Jesus came into the world to make us not of a sad countenance, but glad and happy.

## LIBRARY NOTES

A large order of new books has been received at the library, most of which will be ready for use in a short time. A list of these will be included in the Library Notes of next week.

A Rand, McNally Atlas of the World may now be found in the Reference Room. This is from the memorial collection of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Elliott, and is a valuable addition to the Reference library.

On the wall near the Reserved books is a "weather chart calendar" which gives the weather forecasts for each month, the month flower, month birthstone, rising and setting of the sun, and important historical events of the month. This calendar was donated by Mr. Chas. L. Murphy.

### PHI PHI ALPHA

"The best meeting of the year" was the verdict of all on the Phi Phi Alpha meeting of January 12. After a business meeting presided over by President Vender the literary program was given. President Vender delivered his inaugural speech in which he outlined his plans and hopes for Phi Phi Alpha in the future and expressed his unqualified desire that it might be the aim of every member to promote not only the interests of the society but also of Alma. Alma first, Phi Phi Alpha second he said. Charles Kennedy regaled the members with a humorous reading.

Ted Gates of the class of '15, an Alma graduate and at present a professor in English at Penn State University, Pennsylvania, spoke to the society. As an old Phi man his mind naturally hearkened back to former days and he expressed his conviction that we could make no better use of our time than to use it in an active participation in the literary work of the college.

A social period followed the meeting in which games were played. (one game especially), songs were sung and most important of all, refreshments, the gift of our president, were served. (a la cafeteria). The ice cream was peculiar for its plentuousness and the cake was most excellent.

### ZETA SIGMA

The regular meeting of the Zeta Sigma society was held in the society room Monday night. After the opening exercises the literary program was suspended in favor of the election and installation of officers. The officers elected for the ensuing term are:

President—Miller.  
Vice president—Krueger.  
Secretary—Hanley.  
Treasurer—Tebo.  
1st critic—Boyne.  
2nd critic—Kern.  
Janitor—Marks.  
Adjournment.

### PHILOMATHEAN

The regular meeting of Philomathean was held Monday evening in the society room. Roll call was answered by a current event. Miss Jean Jackson represented Philomathean in the local contest Tuesday evening with the oration, "Industrial Democracy and Americanism," and Miss Mashin with her oration, "The Voice of Freedom." Miss Mashin received the second place in the contest.

### BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

January 23—Adrian College at Adrian.  
January 24—Albion College at Albion.  
January 30—Hope College at Alma.  
February 6—Hillsdale College at Alma.  
February 13—Hillsdale College at Hillsdale.  
February 14—Kalamazoo College at Kalamazoo.  
February 20—Albion College at Alma.  
February 21—Adrian College at Alma.  
February 27—Kalamazoo College at Alma.  
February 28—Michigan State Normal at Ypsilanti.  
March 2—Central State Normal at Alma.  
March 5—Grand Rapids Junior College at Grand Rapids.  
March 6—Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A. at Grand Rapids.

"Yes sir," said Harold J., "it was funny enough to make a donkey laugh. I laughed 'till I cried." And then, as he saw a smile go round the room, he grew red in the face and went away mad.

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