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## CAMPUS DAYS APRIL 23 - 24

### HOPE WINS FROM ALMA

Hope College Takes 2 to 1 Decision from Alma—Kazoo Postpones.

Friday night April 16, one third of the Hope-Kalamazoo-Alma debate was held in the chapel of Hope College. The non-existence of the other two thirds was due to the defalcation of Kalamazoo, Kazoo having postponed at the last minute for reasons of her own. Kalamazoo stated in the telegram postponing the debate that a letter explaining the action would follow. No such missive has yet been received. It was not thought wise to cause still further inconvenience by postponing the Alma-Hope debate also.

The subject of the debate Friday night was: Resolved, That the United States should adopt a system of compulsory arbitration for the settlement of industrial disputes in basic industries."

The team which upheld the affirmative side of the question was composed of Visscher, Scheurmans, and Burgraf. Alma's negative team consisted of Paul Cash, Lyle Barnhardt, and Frank Vreeland.

Visscher started things off for Hope by picturing the deplorable industrial system of the country and urging the justice of the proposed remedy. Barnhardt led off for Alma. In a masterly introduction he outlined the burden of proof devolving upon the affirmative. He further explained Alma's method of attack. The Alma team confined itself to proving that Compulsory Arbitration was impracticable, holding that by thus disproving one of the links in Hope's necessary chain of argument they necessarily overthrew their whole case. Mr. Barnhardt discussed the practical working out of compulsory arbitration in Australia, and showed how the scheme had failed wherever it had been tried. Mr. Scheurmans was the second speaker for Hope and he dwelt on the necessity of the measure. He was followed by Paul Cash. Cash took up the question of enforcing the awards of the arbitration courts and showed that there were but five methods of enforcing such awards, none of which were feasible in the United States. Burgraf outlined the system by which the proposed plan would work, for Hope. The affirmative based their claim for the practicability of their plan on the system of regional boards which he presented. Vreeland closed the constructive portion of the debate by showing that compulsory arbitration was impracticable because it was fundamentally wrong in principle.

The rebuttal was hotly contested throughout, Cash finishing very strongly for Alma with a summary which enumerated, concisely and clearly, the points which Alma had made and the burden still devolving upon the affirmative.

The decision of the judges was two to one for the affirmative. Mr. Winters, Holland business man; a Zeeland lawyer, Mr. Colburn; and Atty. Kingston, of the firm of Taggart & Kingston, Grand Rapids, were the judges of the contest.

Hope made themselves liable to censure by selecting two judges from districts near the college. One was from Holland itself, and the other from Zeeland, a town adjacent to Holland. It is generally recognized as better policy to secure judges from

neutral territory. However, in extenuation, it may be said that, due to Kalamazoo's unforeseen action in postponing the debate as far as they were concerned, the exact date of the Alma-Hope debate was for a time in doubt. Mr. Kingston, who is a law partner of the Grand Rapids city attorney, and who was the only outside judge, voted for Alma.

It may be said here, that should Kalamazoo permanently cancel her debates with Alma and Hope, Hope's negative team will come here to debate our affirmative team.

The team wishes to express their appreciation of the courteous treatment accorded them by Hope. Their spirit of hospitality is fine.

Don't forget the Glee Club Home Concert tonight

The Old Spirit Can Beat Adrian Saturday

### THINGS AHEAD

- Dates for the future:  
April 20—Glee Club Home Concert.  
April 22—Glee Club banquet.  
April 23-24—Campus Days.  
April 23—Y. W. C. A. Carnival.  
April 24 — Pioneer Open House.  
April 24 — Baseball Game, Adrian here.  
April 29—Alma-Mt. Pleasant Kg. Day.  
April 30—Alma at Hillsdale, baseball game.

That which calls out the largest response from college students is the challenge of a hard job for a great cause.

### FUSSING AS A SCIENCE

We Recognize Hicks' Choice Dissertation on Fussing as a Classic.

Among the many different aspects of the subject, "Fussing," some stand out more prominently than others; for instance, the subjects, "Fussing as an Art," "Fussing as a Political Issue," and "Military Tactics of Fussing," came to my mind but "Fussing as a Political Science" appealed more to me. However, I considered the first for a time but that being a topic for a dreamer and poet, I was obliged to turn it down and take the subject from a more practical side. Such birds as Bailey, Boyne, Handley, and Bill Richards and the Klu Klux Klan, could give a very interesting discussion on the first thought. However their time is too fully occupied to be distracted by such a discourse. Dean has passed all stages of development or rather, should have attained the culmination of his efforts which so many are anxious to attain? Some say he was wise and some say he was otherwise, but those who are intending to take the fatal step (K. K. K.), shake their heads and say in hushed accents, "I wish I had as much nerve." This is the artistic side but what about the scientific side? Webster says that a science is accumulated and established knowledge, which has been systematized and formulated with reference to the discovery of general truth or the operation of general laws.

The student says, "I must have the material and the laboratory; also an instructor." In vain, he asks help from those who should give him advice. Kruger, when asked, gives the laconic response, "You will know when you get there." As a last resort, the student falls back upon his own limited resources. It is a well known and established fact that when research work is to be done, the library is the place to do such work and here is where the student gets his knowledge from those who have accumulated this precious learning.

On entering the library for work in history, you find the history room occupied by some of those noted characters. One almost imagines these words over the door: Reserved for those who are making college history. Of course the student does not intrude but jots it down in his note-book. If this is done on successive days, one accrues enough truths and facts to satisfy any science teacher. Also, he keeps watch of the shifts and when the right shift is on duty, he has another chance for getting some useful facts. One thing he notices is two persons reading from one book and they are of opposite sex. If the student should look over their shoulders, he would see that the book is Colvin's "The Fussing Practice," and the strange thing about it is that there are plenty of other books of the same title, on the reserved shelf.

The library soon becomes full and overflowing, hence one sees so many couples on the streets. A cause of this is that only half of the library can be used at once. This makes a very tense situation since the bleachers have gone to their happy hunting grounds. To relieve this congested situation, I suggest that the steps of Wright Hall be used and that the Jungle be enlarged. Bill did this.

### Pioneer Hall Prison Registry

Cell	Prisoner and Alias	Charge
1.	Gerald Bates—Bats	Invented a new system of freeze-out
1.	Harry Balhoff—Hoppe	Shoots a wicked stick
2.	Frank Vreeland—Cicero	Catches us without gas-masks
3.	Thomas Jackson—Fluey	Forgery. Changed the size of my shirt
4.	Ralph Dean—Cheesy	Forgot his marriage license. Pardoned
4.	W. J. B. Hicks—Cupid	Addicted to indoor sports.
5.	Oswald Knowles—Ossie	Voted for Brian
6.	Floyd Kruger—Dad	Has already met his Fay(t)
7.	Bert Millett—Bert	Small town stuff. Life sentence.
8.	Orville Hastings—Orful	Camouflaged his door knob
9.	Milon Leposivich—Pat	Eating soup with cut-out open
9.	Alex. Milichevich—Mike	King of the Loop Hounds
10.	Howard Ainsworth—Edna	Larceny of powder puff
10.	Alfred Sidebotham—Side	The man who corrupted the Tiffin
11.	Henry Johnson—Hank	Leading the simple life
12.	Wallace Kemp—Lightnin'	Speeding
12.	Russell Wilson—Rusty	An ex-bugler. Words fail us
13.	H. C. M. Walker—Chet	Proud of Almont. Death penalty
13.	William Richards—Ching	Attending those Swift Y. M. C. A. Conventions
14.	J. Thomas Dasef—Dizzy	He took the Signs
14.	Stuart Pratt—Izzy	Yiddish Anti-water Conspiracy
15.	Donald Martin—Dang	Attempting to room in the Chapel
15.	Trudeau Des Jardins—Bub	"Purdy" slick grafter
16.	Richard Waggoner—Wag.	Piracy on the Pine
16.	Clarence Hendershot—Hen.	Held as suspicious character
17.	Melvin Vender—Mel.	Chronic swipe and boner
17.	Clair Perrigo—Venus	Singing without warning
18.	Lyle Barnhart—Barney	Once caught without book in his hand
18.	Glenn Richards—Ping	Accessory a posteriori with Waggoner
19.	Allan Follette—Al.	Misjudged a perfect 36
20.	Howard Handley—Pretty	Candidate for Cashier's Row
21.	Dale Van Dusen—Juno	Drunk and Disorderly
22.	Neill Calkins—Romeo	Assault and battery. Mayhem
23.	Edwin Boyne—Eddie	Cruel and unusual treatment of English
24.	Gordon MacDonald—Mac	Wilful destruction of fences
25.	Sidney Foster—Sid	Notorious parlor athlete
26.	Harold Johnstone—Melba	L'Enfant Terrible. No adequate penalty
27.	Lawrence Dunning—Larry	Alienation of affections
27.	James Hopkins—Hop.	Voluntary enlistment in the cavalry
28.	Walter Tomion—Sam	Extreme cruelty and non-support
28.	Victor Crittenden—Crit	Frosh tactics when a Soph
29.	James Hale—Baby Jim	Rough-housing the Quartette
29.	Richard Bailey—Dick	Mentioning names in his sleep
30.	William Amos—Bill	Larceny of pillow at Belding
30.	Edward Knighton—Taussy	Head of janitors' strike
31.	Ewald Swanson—Dib	Watering stock on the Pere Marquette
31.	Clarence Williams—Kookoo	Co-respondent in divorce suit
32.	James Beattie—Bunny	Vagrancy. Thousandth offense
33.	George Swanson—Gish	Refusal to shave. Siberia for him
34.	Arthur Petersen—Pete	Suspected of being a Swede
35.	John Finlayson—Fin	Attempted suicide with boxing-gloves
36.	John Anderson—Buck	Kept the home fires burning

### PADDED CELLS

No.	Name and Alias	Cause of Insanity
1221.	L. Smalldon—Smuey	Resemblance to Wallace Reed
7777.	L. Marks—Jerry	Fancied resemblance to Abe Lincoln

### CHAIN GANG—PORTER ADDITION

Count Ellett, Brute Beaudin, Doggie Dahlgren, Homer Hosmer compose the chain gang, who are doing time for the high crime and misdemeanor of violating the housing code. Claud Mills, otherwise Razoo, s the Warden of the prison, although he has little regard for "Law."



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**CAMPUS DAY**

The large part of the student body has not the privilege of seeing the campus when it is the most beautiful of any time of the year. Between the middle of June and the middle of July this spot is indeed very pretty as any one who has been here at that time of year, will affirm. The trees and shrubs are then in full foliage and the flowers in bloom; then the campus is at its best and is a great credit to Alma College.

At the present season the campus is at its worst, for the friendly snow which acted as a covering to acts of carelessness has at last departed and the need of a clean up is revealed. Some junk man could have made a fortune around Pioneer Hall. The ground littered with most everything from broom straws and paper to rubbers and jerseys has already been raked over by Mr. Bacon, thus giving a good start to beautifying the campus, but there is yet much to be done in other sections. Now that the spring weather is here making the place so conspicuous, let us bring ourselves into a receptive mood for the clean up spirit. From now on until the close of school, we shall want to be outside a great deal, and the more pleasant our surroundings, the more will we enjoy life. During the next few weeks nature will produce marvelous changes to delight our souls, but for the best results it is up to us to assist nature by preparing the ground and trimming the trees, that the energies of the growing plants may work to the best advantage.

Campus Day when everybody is supposed to help transform the campus has been set for Friday, April 23. Only a few years back Campus Day was a time when people worked about four hours, and then went up the river for the rest of the day. The first part was fun, and so, of course, was the latter, but it didn't improve the campus. This year especially there is need of a full day's work by every student and on account of the delapidated condition of Davis field, let us try to spare a few hours extra on the following Saturday or some other day.

On Friday morning when the fatigue whistle sounds, let us all turn out ready to work wherever we may be asked to apply ourselves. With the girls renovating Wright Hall from the cupola to "Doc's" office, and the fellows dynamiting Pioneer from the attic to "Bakes" carpenter shop, and raking various parts of the campus, this section of "Piety Hill" will show an improvement that we may well be proud of.

Lloyd C. Douglas, whoever he is, says that there is an epidemic of gambling in the colleges and universities of the country. Perhaps he knows. We were not able to find him in the Whose Who so we will not say that what he says contains as much truth as he would have us believe.

Sometimes it is hard to distinguish a cold from the "flu." Then too the lesser may develop into the more terrible one. A cold is sometimes a thing of light and contempt. But the "flu" no one thinks lightly of it.

Penny ante and playing for "checks" may be looked upon as a measly sort of a game played only by those who haven't gumption or plain ordinary nerve to play the bigger game. The very fact that there are such men that will spend the greater share of their time and money dallying around a card game in which the only stakes are "trade checks" explains a majority of the "Little" things which have annoyed the student body and the faculty.

No one, however, thinks lightly of real gambling. No secret is made of the fact that employers are inclined to look with suspicion at the employe

that bets on anything. He will not trust his money to the man who is risking his own money on games of chance.

We are not trying to pull any sob stuff. We are just dropping this hint for the one who may be experimenting in this rather costly pastime.

Pioneer has witnessed not a few fistic combats of late. Our own nose is still rather over size like a cord tire as a result of one of these. C. Wenger and Finlayson are the most constant in their worship of the boxing glove. Look out fellows, you had better leave their fair ones alone or you may feel the effect of their science.

Its a manly art and an American one too. Pistols and swords are well enough for the European and the Mexican, but the American finds them dreadfully in the way. Just as fingers were made before forks so fists were made before pistols. The cowardly Greaser must needs reinforce himself with a six shooter, the Bosch adheres to his butcher knife, but an American, if he feels he should defend his honor, will use his fists only.

Of course now that the divorce court has taken so much of a man's troubles into its hands it is not so necessary for a man to be able to defend his home and his honor. He can make the other man pay in cold cash. Still its good sport to take and give in the amateur ring.

By the way we might remark here that Buck Anderson is not taking on all comers since his bout with Going. He says a mule's hind leg has nothing on Going's uppercut.

**GLEE CLUB HOME CONCERT**

Home Concert at the Presbyterian Church April 20th.

The Glee Club home concert which was postponed from the 13th is to be held tonight in the Presbyterian church at eight o'clock.

This is one of the best musical events of the season and a large crowd is expected. The members of the club have been working hard and they promise their audience a rare treat. The trip which they took during the spring vacation was a great success and the men are all primed for a rousing finale.

Harold Millard, who made such a hit on the tour, will appear in his feature number and Lee Sharrar, who never failed to bring down the house, will give his popular readings. There will be two quartettes, one giving the more serious numbers, in which the "black boys," who were everywhere conceded one of the great successes of the Club, will make their first and last appearance before an Alma audience. The men have worked hard and they surely merit a large college audience.

**NAVIGATION SEASON OPENS**

A few daring sailors ventured forth on the Pine early in the month, but it was on last Saturday that General Goodweather declared the season of navigation open. Several canoes made the trip up this beautiful stream and there were spreads at different points, from "The Pines" to "Third Grasmere." The Almanian has not heard of any more "announcements"; perhaps the weather is still too cool for sitting still long enough to talk business.

While the vessels on the Great Lakes, making early trips are having difficulty forcing passages through the ice fields in the upper lakes, the mariners of our adjacent stream are finding the sailing very pleasant, except for low water which causes the submerged stumps to have closer acquaintance with the canoe bottom. The ice in the lakes will soon melt but the stumps in the Pine are differently constituted and will not be pushed out of the way either. However if you follow the channel, which is not always easy to locate, the going is pretty fair.

From now until the big Exodus in June, canoeing on the Pine will furnish a great deal of pleasure and real recreation. If you have never been up this river make the voyage at the first good opportunity. If you don't ride in canoes, walk up, your feet will get you there just as soon, if not sooner, than the paddle. After viewing the scenery and hearing the birds along the banks you will feel more than repaid, and want to go again. After all, a canoe is a rather tame plaything providing the occupants don't get wild, but it is well to begin early in the season to train yours not to roost on stumps.

**MURPHY HOUSE CONFESSIONS**

As we are going to press, word comes to us from the dissociated press, owned and operated by Des Jardines & Co., of the untiring efforts of our fair city's board of trade.

In this 20th century, captains of industry realize the feasibility of concentrating allied industries in a given community. Having brought a College for Character to their midst some years ago, our illustrious board also obtained a truck factory.

In the course of years it has been found that their foresight was more than prophecy. These two institutions work well together. Defunct nuts cast out from the one are made nuttier than ever after four years in the other. Cranks that will not crank never fail to become crankier after a course in the institute. Many types of "en-jines" have been developed of late. The late models of the Kruger-Knowles design are guaranteed by the promoters to be "jined" indefinitely. The engineering department is now working on a somewhat speedier type. The object is to obtain a combination of a Wagon and yet being fast enough to Chase.

Now we have a new concern which is incorporated as the Murphsonian Institute for the Rejuvenation of Ultra-Extinct Bypedes. Professor Ericson B. V. D. is head of the department of commercial (?) correspondence. The magnitude of the correspondence enables it to be classed as commercial although there is some question as to the contents. Professor Ericson has his degree (Being Very Delightful) from the northern part of the state. He insists that from a strictly commercial viewpoint, letters in pink envelopes are of highest importance.

To secure a fitting Botanist, Chicago was drawn upon. At an unheard of salary Charles Bawlingfor Kennedy P. D. Q. was interested in the project. Kennedy is a world authority on ROSEes.

Ross Schermerhorn, for many years connected with Mrs. Lotsa Wiggles, has charge of the department of aesthetics. To have the original "Shimmie" is enough to insure the popularity of the Institute.

The Wenger Bros. are also spending their spare sleeping hours for the benefit of the institution. Carrol says he would like to give few courses in the prompt and efficient way of beating the High Cost of Haircuts. He is so enthusiastic over his Hair Remover that he feels certain that in his own case he can smile in peace as barber prices soar, in a few months. He is also giving a course in eye coloring. He can give you that exquisite dark ring effect so much worn by vamps in the movies. If you are sick of life and its monotonous round of fussing, call on Wenger in the "Y" room most any evening.

It is hoped that the younger Wenger can be induced to remain in Michigan, although he is considering very strongly a tentative offer in Ohio. He is to take charge of the outdoor work, specializing in short hikes not too inconvenient for high heels or necessitating the negotiation of too many fences. He is also to give a course in the "Effective Driving" of a Ford through the downtown districts. He has a hobby of collecting and classifying hair pins.

We feel that in a few more semesters this institution will rival our College for Characters in its own field.

**PIONEER HALL OF YORE**

As this is an attempt at a Stag Editon it would be well to mention the days when Pioneer was otherwise than it is now. This old cut was resurrected from the dusty alcove of our Morgue to go with this article.

Those were the days when there was no sundial for the freshmen to tell time by at midnight. Freshmen inmates carefully kept the cinder paths clean of anything but cinders. Not a hairpin was allowed to remain among the bits of oxidation on which the dainty feet of the pioneers of that time trod their way to the "ad" building, that epitome of knowledge. In those distant days a board fence ran the length of the campus terminating at the rear of Pioneer hall. Here the college "tomcats" were wont to peal forth their serenades.

Not always did wild mankind make the halls of Alma's architectural pride ring with their discordant ravings. In the dim and antiquated channels of the past the fair sex ruled supreme from third to the basement. Those were the days of high necks, high backs, and long sleeves

with a ruffle thrown in for good measure. It also was the time when Pioneer was the model of superb neatness. Never was there known to be a hole like the "Buzzard's Nest." The sound of cans rolling from third to basement scattering the contents along the way had never broken the silence of study hours. At the glorious hour of midnight the antiquated "dean" sang the timely chant, "Lights out, gurlies." In those days of kerosene, however, she had no comeback as it took loads of time to curl their tresses before retiring. But ere the clock struck one, silence reigned in the halls which Chet and Des Jardines keep in an uproar until "the rosy fingered Dawn, the daughter of the Morn" appears upon the eastern horizon.

As runneth the tale: "Hickery dickery dock, The mouse ran up the clock; Thee lock struck one and down he run."

So must I say no further of the happenings after the hour of one.

**THE Y. W. C. A. MEETING**

Miss Mabel Field called the meeting to order Thursday night, and led the sentence prayers. Before we started on the lesson, Jeanne Miller gave us some music on her ever ready violin.

Miss Boissott read to us the story of the adulteress and Christ's indulgence in dealing with her. We, she said, would be more indulgent if we would recognize our own weaknesses and the difficulty of understanding the motives for peoples' actions. We cannot tell what their environment has been, or how they have been influenced by conditions. In being indulgent, we must avoid being merely indifferent. It is our duty to judge between good and bad; to hate sin but pity the sinner.

The meeting was closed with the benediction and we went away silently resolving to be more indulgent.

Don't forget the Glee Club Home Concert tonight in the Presbyterian Church' at 8 o'clock. Better Be There.

**Giving Consecrated Dollars**

Your parents and all friends of Christian education throughout this land during the week of April 25th to May 2nd will be canvassed for pledges toward benevolent and missionary objects of the denomination which supports the college you attend.

Of the \$23,000,000 it is hoped to raise from Presbyterians during this week, at least \$2,000,000 is definitely set aside for the endowment of Presbyterian colleges. It is the purpose of the New Era Movement to raise a total of \$35,000,000 for college endowment during the next five years. Your college will profit from these yearly campaigns.

Cultivate the habit during college days of giving to benevolent causes. Make a pledge, no matter how small, through a local church. Every Presbyterian student should keep in touch with a Presbyterian church during his student days. Active alliance with such will go far toward helping you over difficult college moral hurdles.

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THE GOOD SHIP STAG

This noble craft was launched on a Sunday evening last Autumn and may be seen each Sunday evening at cocoa and sandwich time gracefully riding at anchor in Wright Hall dining room. Its brave crew is made up of men who believe that Sunday is too sacred a day for "fussing," and who haven't time to wait upon the ladies on other days. Proudly the "Stag" has sailed the troubled sea of "Co-education" and weathered the wintry gales of "Privileges." The storms of "Friday Nights" have made the old ship quiver from bow to stern, but "HE" is strongly built and will not break while the trained crew with constant watching and great effort guides it away from the dangerous rocks of "Dates."

As in every organization no matter how high its purpose, here is usually one or more faithless members, so once in a while our crew is joined by an "unworthy" who, not being adapted to stormy weather soon deserts the ship. For the most part our personnel is loyal, and on account of their steadfastness and devotion to duty, the "Stag" sails on.

As we approach Spring, the waters become exceedingly dangerous and as there are beautiful islands to "Starboard," and the mainland on which is a grave, to "Port" of us, the men lose their devotion to the ship and suggest leaving it "just to take a walk." We fear the result and so continue with desperate effort to "stand by the ship." The sailing is made all the more rough on account of this being an odd year when the waves fairly Leap at the ship. At this critical stage of the voyage when the utmost stead-fast-ness of every man is needed to measure its success, a few members of our crew cast longing eyes toward the mainland and their efforts to guide the ship grow feeble. Some say that they are going to desert, and exclaim, "Let the old thing sink. "Loyal members of the crew shout, "Fly the colors; keep the old craft afloat." What is to be the fate of the Stag?

COOK IS SUPERVISOR

At a special meeting of the city commission held Saturday, Professor Albert P. Cook of Alma College, former mayor of the city, was named as supervisor of the third ward, the commission unanimously confirming the appointment that Mayor Murphy made.

Mayor Murphy, true to the spirit of the commission form of city government, laid down party lines in the selection of Professor Cook, the latter being a strong Republican. Mayor Murphy felt, however, that no stronger man for supervisor could be picked from the third ward than Professor Cook. Those who know Professor Cook feel certain that he will make one of the strongest supervisors that Alma has ever had on the county board, and one who will prove to be highly efficient.

Y. M. C. A.

A very helpful meeting of the "Y" was held Sunday afternoon. It opened with a song service, after which Dr. Reed of Auburn Theological Seminary spoke to the men present on the advantages of the ministry. When in college, he said, he had never thought of becoming a minister; but circumstances led him on and he felt more than satisfied with his life work.

In considering the ministry, Dr. Reed said, there are three things to consider, fitness, advantages, and rewards. These three points, he developed, dwelling upon advantages and rewards. The talk was a great help and inspiration to those who heard it. The Y. M. C. A. is greatly indebted to him for his kindness in talking to its meeting.

The time of the "Y" meetings has been changed from Sunday afternoon to Thursday evening at 7:30. Drop around, fellows. Let's make these meetings count for what they should.

Last Thursday night's meeting was well attended. Devereaux dropped in and gave us a splendid talk on the value of our lives after we have been with Christ. Next Thursday evening Bill Richards will give us his impressions of the Ann Arbor conference.

It has been suggested that the Stag edition be printed with red ink, but this innovation would be very expensive, and seems entirely unnecessary, for when our readers have perused a column or so they will no doubt "see red."

THE JOYS AND SORROWS OF A MAIL CARRIER

When considering the joys and sorrows of the mail carrier of this institution I find many inspirations. These inspirations are manifested when the mail fee is collected from the males of Pioneer. When I ask for the delinquent "sows," some dig down in their pockets, and bring forth the enormous sum of two cents. They exclaim that this sum is all they possess in this world, but expect to get more in the next. Still other fellows pay after a lengthy discussion on the subject, "Profiteering in Peace Times." Again many appreciate the poor service and pay without further trouble on my part. The joy comes to me when I forget the key that unlocks a certain mail box. I am informed the next day that a certain gentleman wants to see me. I know at once the subject of such an interview. I try to avoid it, but without success. We meet and have a friendly chat together, but, however, I find it convenient afterwards to have two keys—one to use and one to lose.

When I return from a vacation I find another joy awaiting me at the post office. Boxes of every description remind me that I am still a mail carrier. These boxes contain every thing from socks to hair brushes.

My sorrows are few, and I pass them on to my successor; hoping that he will charge only the shriveled up sum of a dollar a semester from the males of Pioneer.

The pleasure that I have had in the transmitting of the mail I hope may pass on to my successor and may he never falter in his bounden duty of collecting the necessary fees. May the male of the mails never fail, but always smile at the sight of the heaped up piles of mail.

WRIGHT HALL NEWS

The occupants of Wright Hall were startled out of their beauty sleep yesterday morning, when Miss Ava Lanche, fell from fourth to second floor.

The study hour has been unusually quiet as Miss Lotta Pepp went to Prairie Dog Center for the week end where she attended three big dances, besides making arrangements with a local construction gang for several new gowns.

Miss Thompson would be glad if Bill Hicks would return the heart which he swiped at Open House. Hicks is getting too big to do such things especially as he is aware that Miss Thompson does not like boys over sixteen years old.

Miss Myrt Elmroot of Kaskaskia has renovated her green fussing bonnet and has decorated it with mistletoe. She believes in Christmas all the year around.

The Housing problem is being heroically solved by the Kg girls, who have turned the grill room into a carpenter shop.

Doris Dean has built a very successful automobile but owing to Jim's prejudice against any thing but army mules as a means of transportation it has been discarded.

PHILOMATHEAN

The regular meeting of Philomathean Literary Society was held Monday evening. It was a Hoover meeting. Roll call was responded o by an American current event or a fact about Herbert Hoover. After a brief business meeting the literary program was taken up. Gretta Iutzi responded to the impromptu, "American Politics" in 1920." Miss Iutzi brought out the uncertainty of party platforms, and the qualifications of the possible candidates, especially Mr. Hoover, very clearly. A piano solo by Mildred Gerow was especially enjoyed. Edith Doty read an unusually interesting paper on "Herbert Hoover." Then the meeting was adjourned.

PRAYER MEETING

Last Wednesday evening we had an unusually good prayer meeting. Everyone seemed interested and the meeting was carried through with much enthusiasm. Edward Knighton was the leader and he certainly made us feel his message most strongly. He read as his scripture lesson, Philippians three. After his talk, we all felt a renewed desire to "press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

WE WANT TO KNOW, KNOW, OR OUGHT TO KNOW

It is understood that Edith Hughes talks in her sleep. Does she do the same when she is walking with Walker? "Al" seeks this information.

Johnstone persists in telling that old time gag: "I am a detective, if you don't believe me look at my heels. I run them down."

Prof. Hamilton: (Seductive question No. 1) Did you ever have any dead love hung about your neck, Miss Ritter?

(S. Q. No. 2) After we get thru with this rambling will we ever come down to earth?

Hello girl to Eddie (calling Wright Hall) after a half hour's session of conversation with "Bea"—Time that girl went to bed, some one else wants the phone.

What Would Everett True Do to This?

Henry answers the phone. Second party—Whosit? "Hank"—It's me.

Have you noticed that Charley Kennedy looks very forlorn?

Cheer up, Charles, the "Rowena" Roses will bloom again. Perhaps some day they will "everbloom" just for you.

His classmates want to know why Vender falls to sleep in class and murmurs of Detroit.

Certain inmates of Wright Hall don't know what Don means when he speaks of HER. Poor inmates! Mart could only mean the girl with the black hair and the snappy bangs.

Spring is here, now Fluey will have a Harold Lloyd suit added to his competition. All he can see is CHECKmate.

Si. Hank Johnson—Why are all great men conceited?

Harold "Melba" Johnstone—Why, they aren't all conceited. I am not.

Warning! Warning!

DesJardins is duly warned to lay off Buck Anderson's prerogative as an upper classman to throw water!!

L. Johnson would like to know how to "jimmie" Jennie's heart. Sammie says it cant' be did.

Heart Play at Wright Hall Open House

If "Bill" Hicks hadn't persisted in playing for the "tray" of hearts, he might have won Eunice for his queen of hearts.

It pays to play for bigger stakes, Bill.

Kern sat in the restaurant, restless and ill at ease, His fingers wandered listlessly over the crackers and cheese.

Sharrar—Really Kern you ought to eat something.

Kern—I know that they say that one cannot live on love and kisses.

Sharrar—No, they can't, old man, but they make mighty fine dessert.

Why did Bill Amos liken the Alma Quartette to his choir in Rosebush? (Ans) They are both in the same margin of utility.

Fay (sparring for time after Kruger had said those fatal words last Nov.) Is this what we came out here for this afternoon?

"Dad" (Impatiently)—Well, what do you think we came out here for, to pick daisies?

"Kelley" Roses were in full bloom this week end. This new variety was seen twining around the "Castle-on-the-Nile" under the floral skill of undertakers, Swift-Coldwater Bill.

Just as we are going to press "Dig" Gallagher drifted in to inquire concerning the progress of his kid brother.

ALPHA THETA

The regular meeting of Alpha Theta was held on Monday. Roll was answered to by the name of a short story writer and one of his stories. The impromptu, "Some Facts About Enduring Peace," was given by Leona Waber. Florence Purdy gave a resume of current events from April 6 to April 12. A paper on Oscar Wilde was read by Edith Hughes. Persis Robinson gave a very interesting story, "The Selfish Giant." After a short business discussion, the meeting was adjourned.

Don't forget the Glee Club Home Concert tonight in the Presbyterian Church at 8 o'clock. Better Be There.

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## PHI PHI ALPHA

Phi Phi Alpha was entertained with a splendid program Monday night. The first number was a vocal solo by Mr. Lyons, who responded to many encores. Mr. Otto gave an excellent paper on "The Restoration of Palestine." "Luther Burbank and the Theory of Evolution" was ably presented in a paper by Mr. Findlayson. Mr. Schermerhorn read one of O'Henry's stories which was very aptly chosen. The inside story of the Glee Club trip was given by Mr. James Hopkins in his paper on that subject. Messrs. Dasef, Olmstead, Kemp and Amos responded to impromptu on "The Value of Small Colleges." Bob Schultz, who is a student at the University of Michigan, concluded the program with a short talk on "Phi Fellowship."

## FROEBEL

The regular meeting of Froebel society was held on Monday, April 11, 1920. Roll call was responded to by the name of an Irish poet or novelist and one of his most important works. A short business meeting followed. The program consisted of an impromptu, "How Ireland looks to a man from Wisconsin," by Elizabeth Anderson, and a review of William Butler Yeats drama, "The Land of Hearts' Desire," by Helen McConkey. Adjournment.

## A SWIPE'S FATE

If Fate decrees what man shall be This is what it meant for me: It's the result of a "table spread"— They all declared I would not wed; For in the cake which they did share A tiny thimble was made bare. So their "Poor Mister Waiter," Though not a woman hater, Forever must a bachelor be And mend his socks eternally.  
—Reluctant Swipe.

## ARMY ORDERS

Hdq., General Radi Cal.  
The war department of the Bolshevist government, which by the way, is the only department it possesses, announces the following orders:

- (1) General W. J. B. Hicksovich promoted to corporal in charge of all mounted forces.
  - (2) Serg. 1st cl. L. D. Barnhardt-sky promoted to Private 1st class, on special duty as orderly to Corporal Hicksovich's favorite steed.
  - (3) The practice of occasional beard trimming and casual shaving indulged in by a few of our troops will be immediately discontinued.
- By order of General Radi Cal.  
Capt. B. Whiskered,  
Adjutant.

## HILLSDALE DOPE

With ten letter men back and abundant new material to fill the weak positions there is no reason why Hillsdale College cannot equal the basketball record in baseball. The team leaves tonight for Chicago to play Armour Tech tomorrow and Valpraiso the next day. Coach Taylor will take twelve men on the trip including Manager Richards and himself. Coach Taylor wishes to state that it is impossible to do justice to all of the men out for the team as because of the inclement weather men better than those who will make the trip have not had a chance to show up. Those taken, however, will be the men who have earned the right to go and who look now to be most capable of representing Hillsdale College in the two games.—Hillsdale Collegian.

## A STOMACH THROB

Oh! what a friend was Marie,  
Oh! what a cook was she.  
Miss Albertson found her last summer,  
Who'd been taught to make other than tea.  
Taste like our taste had Marie,  
Ways of our ways to dine.  
Now that shes' gone  
Hunger hangs on;  
Oh! what a cook was she.

Frosh! Get out those caps and wear them!  
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A victory by boys for the first time in its existence of four years was the result of the Minnesota High School Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, February 27.

## MAC'S DOPE SHEET

When one of our brilliant Soph was under the influence, he was won't to exclaim, "If my girl could only see me now." Stuck-up? Sure.

Chet Walker says the only way he can get them to believe his preposterous yarns, is to tell it to them in strictest confidence. Get wise, boys.

Kemp—It is a fine sunshiny day, ain't it? Look at that sun.

Krupp—Yes, but we don't need it today. Why don't they save it for the dark days?

Hale—Why did you enlist in the Navy?

Bailey—Because I've got two floating ribs.

Hicks—What would you rather have, a kiss or a book?

She—It always did hurt my eyes to read.

Question—What did Hicks do then?

Doctor Randels—Why is it that most of the men in prisons are single?

Dean—Because they would rather be in jail than be married.

Spring is here, because Kruger was out in the grove this morning, not alone.

B. M.—I have been eighteen years upon this earth.

Izzy Pratt—Where were you the rest of the time?

Beattie's Girl—You kiss like you were used to it.

Beattie—How do you know?

I would not have a suspicious man around, would you?

We are glad that Ossie will have assistance in cleaning his room now. Heretofore it reminded us strongly of the habitation of that choice insect called the buzzard.

Chet—Why do you say that Bill reminds you of an aeroplane?

Norma—Because he is no good on earth.

There is a movement on foot, to build a sound-proof, water-proof, and bullet-proof telephone booth in Pioneer. Your contributions will be received by Pratt or Follette. Me too.

We asked Ainsworth if he ever thought of getting married. It was no surprise to us when he answered soberly, "Constantly." Attention, ladies.

Trudeau was just telling us a good one. Cannot say if it is personal experience or not. You got three guesses. What? Right the first time.

He—If I asked you for a kiss, would you scream for your parents?  
She—Not unless you wished to kiss the whole family.

When we asked Kemp if he were really speedy, he modestly replied, "I'm speedy all right, but I lack control." This may be construed as "A Word to the Wise." Would welcome any comment.

We took the gentleman from "15" to see our girl and when returning, we asked what he thought of her. He said, "If she's got a steady job, I'll propose to her." Needless to say, he goeth not again.

We are proud to announce that Alex. has joined the Baptists and has undergone total immersion. While learning the gentle and necessary art of canoeing on the Pine, Alex found that the strong wind kept turning him around. He decided to pull a brilliant stunt and craftily, he starts to promenade to the other end and thus still be headed into the wind. Along about this time, the canoe executed some evolutions of its own and Alex plumbed the depths of the Pine. He waded valiantly ashore only to discover the terrors of the cemetery but managed to reach haven at some friendly Samaritan's house. The latter robbed him in glory in garments which were nothing if not ample and Alex started to return. In attempting to call up Pioneer, Central switched him to Prexy which complicated matters a trifle but discouraged our Alex not a bit. He tells it in his own graphic manner, so get the particulars. Note, he still has the canoe, Wright Hall, also the paddles. Note 2: This happened at night. Note 3: He was alone, so be not alarmed.

Robert Schultz of Ypsilanti, a former student of Alma, spent a few days the first of the week visiting with Alma friends.

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