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A Day Spent On The Pine

A CHRONICLE OF A VOYAGE FROM SUMNER TO ALMA.

It will undoubtedly be of great interest to the readers of the Almanian to see this first-hand account of a river trip on Alma's own beloved Pine. The narrative of the canoe trip was obtained immediately following the completion of the voyage before the memories had faded into the whirl of classes and school work of the ensuing days. The account is a fair representation of a typical day's outing on the Pine.

"On a bright Saturday morning during the last part of April, two couples of us decided to drive to Sumner, a short distance by land but many miles by the winding waters of the Pine, and paddle back to the college dock, taking a whole day for the trip. Hiring a truck from a local garage, we drove the few miles to Sumner with the canoe and our luggage, arriving there a little before nine o'clock. It was not long before the canoe was in the water and all our luggage arranged systematically so that we would be as comfortable as possible. Having decided that we should be the ones to paddle first, the other couple made themselves comfortable in the bottom of the canoe, and my friend and I began to drive the canoe through the water. The day was ideal for such an outing! Overhead the bright spring sun shone brightly and took the early morning chill off the air, making it very comfortable. The trees had not burst into leaves yet but they showed tints of green here and there showing us that spring was really here. Soon the time came for the other couple to do their share



of the paddling for a while so we relinquished the paddles to them and took our places in the bottom of the canoe, resting ourselves upon the lazy-back. We glided leisurely along for several miles when suddenly we stopped with a jerk. A stump! Nothing more or less and we had to wiggle around and back off so that we would not capsize. A little further down the river a huge fallen tree obstructed the way and we had to portage the canoe and the girls through the mud, and around the obstruction.

By this time the "inner man" was making a definite and decided plea so we began to keep our eyes open to find a suitable place to build a fire and eat our dinner. The ideal spot was located after about an hour's wrangling concerning the merits and disadvantages of this spot and that. While we two fellows gathered the wood for the fire, the girls unpacked the grub and peeled the potatoes. It seemed an eternity before everything was ready to eat. The aroma which rose from the dinner, cooking on that campfire, certainly made our mouths water and we could hardly wait until things were cooked enough for us to "pitch in" and get rid of them. There is simply no use in spending much time and many adjectives describing that meal. It was sumptuous!

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"The Rhythm of the Splashing Oar Upon the Pine"



CANOEING A PLEASANT AND HEALTHFUL RECREATION

It can be justly said of the Alma student that he certainly can wield a paddle. Perhaps those of the earlier College days will misconstrue the meaning of "the wielding of the paddle" but to the Alma student of the present this can refer only to those memorable trips up the Pine. The advantages which Alma has along this line can hardly be described—they must be seen to be appreciated. Memories! Sacred to those old Alma students who recall journeys to the grassmores, the cement bridge and the gravel pit. Memories! Perhaps not so sacred to the Alma students of today but in a few years, when Alma College has taken a place as the stepping-stone to their success, those students will look back upon their college days and rejoice that they chose Alma as their Alma Mater. Do you ask why? Perhaps not only because of better instruction. Perhaps not alone because of its nearness to home. No, it is perhaps something equally as important to the student in his college days and in his contact with the world later on. The reason for his choice comes perhaps in the line of diversions. Talk to any college man about his Alma Mater and he will certainly not glow with pride as he bores you with an hour's talk about the wonderful

Greek class which he attended. Certainly not! That is the matter-of-fact, necessary part of the college career. After the hours spent in the study room are exploded in the classroom comes a few hours spent in resting the tired mind so that the tasks of the next day may be easily accomplished. The part of college too often misrepresented as a waste of time is that portion given over to recreation. In this day and age a misguided sense of amusement may spell the downfall of a student. Alma College is indeed fortunate that it can offer the students gathered within its domain something real and beneficial by being near the Pine River. In the warm Spring afternoons and on Saturday many students can be seen lazily drifting up and down the glassy surface of the Pine. The bright sun overhead gives a healthy tan to the skin. The exercise from paddling strengthens the arms and gives a fine appetite to the wielder of the paddle. Who could ask for a more enjoyable afternoon than one spent up the Pine? A stiff pull against the current, a rest for dinner, then the drifting slowly back to the Alma dock. Canoeing is a clean, healthy, and safe form of amusement, and should be encouraged. In the springtime the Pine River, Alma's own river, is a truly beautiful sight. The winding waters bounded on either side, in many places, by woods, just bursting with Spring buds, lends a spirit of newness and freshness to the scene. After a day's work in a hot classroom nothing can refresh the tired mind as much as an afternoon spent on the Pine. The memories of the Pine will remain in the mind of the Alma student long after the memories of other days have faded into the dim past. Doubtless, many people may think, from this article that the Alma student spends most of his time on the river, paddling up and down instead of staying in his room and attending to his lessons for the next day's classes. This assumption, however, may be incorrect because the time which is spent on the Pine does not interfere with academic work. Saturday is the big day for canoeing at Alma. Sometimes during the week, if studies permit, canoes may be seen on the river but it is certain that canoeing will never be over-emphasized at Alma College. The right amount of academic work, together with the right amount of pleasure will broaden the mind and train the intellect to accomplish the tasks which the world demands, and the past shows that Alma students have ranked high, due in a large measure, no doubt, to the well-balanced education which is presented.

How to Use and Care for Canoe

A canoe should be given very careful attention, if the owner wishes to preserve its appearance and value. It should be kept in a dry, shady place when not in use, as the extreme heat and moisture are certain to crack the paint and destroy its trim appearance. By no means lend it, or allow any other person than yourself paddle it. An inexperienced canoeist can strike more stumps and jam up a canoe more in one afternoon, than the experienced canoeist will do in a whole season. A canoe should be repainted at least once a year. Before painting, the surface should be thoroughly sandpapered. Then it should be painted and the paint allowed to set well, after which a coat of varnish should be applied, both to the inside and to the outside. By varnishing the paddles, they will be kept from fraying.

In paddling a canoe one should have the knees braced against the gunwale and the feet against one of the ribs. In making a stroke, the person paddling should be very careful not to dip the paddle too deeply

into the water, as this may cause him to lose his balance, perhaps resulting in a good wetting. Always remember that it is a canoe and not a steamboat, so do not try to pace around the deck. At least one would have little trouble in counting the laps because it would not be many seconds before the canoe would gently deposit the ambitious one in the unmerciful Pine River.

RECITAL

- Miss Oneita Stevens will give a Piano recital in the College Chapel Tuesday night at eight o'clock. Miss Stevens was a student in the Piano department of Alma College several years and the last two years has been studying with Allen Spencer at the American Conservatory of music in Chicago. She will give the following program:
1. Bach—Prelude and Fugue B flat Major.
 2. Beethoven—Allegretto from sonata Op. 54.
 3. Chopin—Nocturne F sharp Ballade A flat
 4. Huteson—Prelude
 5. Albeniz Tango (arr by Godowsky)
 6. Seguidilla
 7. Moszkowski—Etude G flat Major

Canoes Safe If Used Correctly

Is canoeing dangerous? This is the question asked by many parents, who may be thinking of sending their sons and daughters to Alma College. The word "canoeing" seems to call to mind a picture of light frail craft, easily capsized if anyone evens dares to move while in it. It is the purpose of the Almanian to show that this idea is erroneous. As a matter of fact, a canoe is very hard to upset. Of course, if anyone undertakes to walk along the edges or perform gymnastic exercises, disaster may result but as long as the occupant remains reasonably still and does not try any stunts, there is no danger. If the canoe did happen to upset and its occupants dumped into the Pine, they would find few places in which they could not touch bottom. Canoeing is not as dangerous as many forms of sport on land. Parents who do not hesitate to let their children go auto riding with an inexperienced driver may be afraid to have their children go canoeing. Yet of the two, canoeing is much the safer. (Continued on page four)

Why a Canoe Is Feminine

AN EXPOSITION LIKENING A CANOE UNTO A GIRL.

She was sauntering down the street when suddenly she stopped before a window, powdered her nose, adjusted her hat, and straightened her hair; then she meandered on her way. Previous to this incident, ye Almanian Reporter had been seated on the curb pondering over the question: What is the best way to care for a canoe. Suddenly and without warning it occurred to him that keeping a canoe was similar to keeping a wife. Now, three weeks later, having adjusted himself to the shock, ye Reporter is about to relate the series of comparisons which came upon him.

In securing a girl, it is said that one looks: first, for beauty, second for grace, and lastly for "How much does she cost." No one of these virtues is in itself sufficient, but all taken together they make a pleasing combination which one cannot resist. The same rules hold true for a canoe. First, we look at the materials, second, the color, and third, the finish. We note the graceful lines along which she is built and then we unlock the canvas coin sack, carefully count out the coppers, and "Adelaide" becomes our steady companion.

Some great writer took a whole book to describe the wiles of a woman, but you who have been canoeing will realize that with all her wiles, a woman cannot keep her spick and span appearance while on such a trip. In climbing into the canoe she steps into the mud and her shining patent leathers become smeared with the oozy slush. As the trip progresses, the wind blows her hair down, the sun burns her face and neck, her nose becomes shiny, and her dress be-



comes wrinkled and soiled. In face she presents an entirely different picture than the trim little lass who started out. However, when she reaches home it takes but a short time to remove the mud by an application of soap and water. Then a smooth surface is provided by applying a coat of cold cream. The usual rouge is added, the eyebrows relined, a new hair net indulged in, and she appears as fresh as Spring. So with the canoe. It is first smeared with mud, then ripped by stumps, scratched by snags, and generally deranged, so that early in the Spring we clean the surface well and cover it over with varnish. Its appearance then so delights the owner that he decides to accept it without question, so he renames it, and "Adelaide" becomes "Mrs. Adelaide."

Having secured both the canoe and the girl it now becomes necessary to provide shelter for both of them. According to Constance, a bamboo bungalow won't do, therefore it is necessary to provide an up to date house, furnished with the best second-hand furniture which can be bought. The house should be well situated and should present an appearance which will set off the beauty of the polished inmate. As the bungalow must be made to order, so must the canoe shelter. Of course, it would (Continued on page three)

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For the past few years canoeing on the Pine has been one of the favorite pastimes of the Alma student. Up to this time the Almanian has given little or no regard to canoeing as a feature, so it was this lack of attention which has caused this Canoeing Edition of the Almanian to be issued. The staff has put in extra time in order that a representative idea of Alma's favorite sport might be presented. All sides of the subject have been given, humorous and serious, with the idea of featuring this wholesome sport so popular at Alma.

—K. D. F.

PHI PHI ALPHA

President Dasef called the meeting to order Monday evening. After disposing of the business the remainder of the meeting was devoted to the literary program. A paper "Development of American Poetry" by Arnold Zuelch gave a comprehensive outline of the growth of our modern verse clearly showing what effects different periods of American history have produced upon the writings of poetry. Mr. Gustafson had for his title "Modern American Poets." He chose four men as typical of our poets, Robert Frost, Edwin Arlington Robinson, Carl Sandburn, and Edgar Lee Masters. Mr. Gustafson dealt with each of these men separately and in a very intelligent manner, showing that he had given much thought to an estimation of the ability of these men. Mr. Boyce then read some of Edgar Guest's poems, "The Other Fellow," "Home Builders," and "On Being Broke." The impromptu which were the reciting of some modern verse or the life of its author were responded to by Pelmont, who told something of French poetry, and Kemp who read on original poem by the society poet, Harold Bailey. Mr. Wilson gave the Critics report. Adjournment.

Y. M. C. A.

The regular Thursday night "Y" meeting was led by Wilson and Boyd. They treated the subject "Hands Off" in a very forceful and characteristic fashion. The meeting was short because of the activities which were carried out afterwards. Under the leadership of Sid Foster, the men gathered on the Museum steps and serenaded the girls in Wright Hall. "Alma Will Shine Tonight," "The Old Mill Stream," and countless other melodies, both old and new, were sung with much gusto and no little harmony. The singers were ably assisted by Northcott on the piano and by Hudson and Crawford on the saxophone and clarinet. After this concert, the "eats" were brought on and the hungry men indulged in coffee and doughnuts around a blazing fire. A few more songs and some yells for the baseball team concluded the evening and the men returned to their rooms and the meeting was declared a success.

BETA TAU EPSILON

The meeting was called to order by the president. Mr. Patton read a paper, "The Drama and the Movies," which attempted to show that the drama cannot be injured by the movies, because the two are so totally different. Mr. Baker read a paper, "The Author and the Publisher." It outlined very clearly the proceedings one must go through to have a book published. Mr. Patton gave the critic's report and the meeting adjourned.

KAPPA IOTA

The regular meeting of the Kappa Iota Literary Society was called to order by the new president Henrietta Parker. The members answered roll call by giving current events. Much old business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned by repeating the benediction.

Have a person with good eyes paddling at the bow.

Prexies Meeting Held at Jackson

Last Wednesday the Presidents of the M. I. A. A. colleges, together with the Athletic Directors and the Faculty Representatives met in Jackson to take action concerning the question of athletics in the M. I. A. A. circles. The following quotation is the resolution adopted and is all the information that The Almanian has been able to glean concerning the meeting:

"We as college presidents believe in the value and place of athletics in our colleges, but we decry the present tendency toward financial competition for students. We would recommend to our several institutions that they seek to promote athletics not so much for the development of star athletes and the winning of games, but for the building up of the health and physical vigor of all students and the spirit of co-operation among them, and that to this end we pledge our effort and influence against professionalism and commercialism in college athletics.

"We further recommend to our several colleges that the promotion of athletics in these schools be kept under institutional control and that all financial aid to men playing on athletic teams be upon a purely scholastic basis.

"We regret the lack of sportsmanship sometimes shown in our college papers. We request the editors of the college papers and particularly the correspondents of the metropolitan journals to refrain from criticism of any college and from any reference calculated to breed bad feeling between institutions engaged in any competition."

Degree Conferred On Rev. Johnson

At a special chapel service held Thursday morning the degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred on the Reverend Weston T. Johnson. The ceremony was performed by President Crooks and Dr. Ewing, and was closed by singing the college song. Dr. Johnson is an alumnus of Alma College having been graduated from the academy in 1895 and the college in 1899. After his graduation from Princeton Theological Seminary in 1902, he went to Japan where he worked as a missionary for sixteen years. At present he is Secretary of the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions for the Pacific Coast Region. Dr. Johnson was to have received the degree last June, but owing to the fact that he was unable to leave his work the honor had to be deferred until the present time when he received it after a journey of two thousand miles.

In a forceful talk at the regular chapel service, Dr. Johnson emphasized the need for people with international minds. The true Christian cannot be provincial; he cannot seek to become bound up in the affairs directly around him. The conditions in the whole world demand his attention just as much as those in his immediate vicinity. Jesus had an international mind, and he was crucified because he refused to become a provincialist and head the Jewish nation. Jesus realized that the Christian religion must be all embracing, and he made no provision for nationalism or any other narrow view of human welfare or suffering. The world cannot live half Christian and half pagan; it will become either one or the other.

The call, he concluded, is to the red blooded men of energy and action. The Christian religion must be preached in every nook and corner of the world. The suffering of the more unfortunate countries must be alleviated as surely as though it were in our own country, and the best of missionaries are needed to carry out this work. The field is great, the workers limited, and the need imperative.

THE CLASSICAL CLUB

Doctor Ewing had charge of the entire program at the meeting May 13, the subject being "Greece". Dr. Ewing described the position and topography of Athens, especially that of the Athenian Acropolis. Stereoptican slides illustrated the Parthenon, the Erechtheum, and the theatre of Dionysus. In connection with the latter was a comparison of the Greek and Roman theatre. Finally Dr. Ewing read selections from Aristophanes plays, "The Knight," "The Birds," "The Clouds," and "The Frogs." He certainly succeeded in portraying the humor and human interest in those plays. Since examinations are so near this is the last meeting of the Classical Club this semester.

Hillsdale, Ypsi and Albion in Four Days

Alma has an opportunity to be the deciding factor in the Michigan Intercollegiate baseball race before the week is over, even though the Presbyterian outfit may not have sufficient power to win five straight and cop the title. Meeting Albion here Friday and Michigan State Normal on Saturday the Maroon and Cream has a chance to put the skids under the aspirations of one or both of these aggregations and possibly eliminate them from the race. A defeat of Ypsi would eliminate McCullough's nine, the team which previously won over Kalamazoo twice. Monday Alma will have another M. I. A. A. game Hillsdale coming here.

Albion will come here Friday with another strong outfit and the chances are that Coach Miller of the Methodist nine will send big "Bill" Smith to the mound to deliver the goods for his aggregation in the M. I. A. A. honors over Kalamazoo and Hillsdale looks strong and is one of the real contenders for M. I. A. A. honors.

Expectations are that Catherman, the Alma Frosh hurler, will get the assignment of stopping the Methodists on the Alma field. The new Alma hurler has not been getting the best of support so far, and has had some tough luck in the box. While no announcement has been made in regard to the possible pitching selections for the week end games, the probabilities are that Coach Campbell will desire to save Crittenden to go against Ryeerson on Saturday, the Alma Captain apparently having the number of the Ypsi star. This would put it up to Catherman to stow away the Methodists Friday, or at least to make a strong attempt to kick the props from under Albion.

Saturday Ypsilanti, regarded as the strongest contender for the M. I. A. A. title since she twice defeated Kalamazoo, will come to Alma and lock horns with the Campbell outfit. A victory for the Teachers will strengthen Michigan State Normal's chances in the race to a great extent, while a defeat will practically eliminate her as the Teachers do not have as many M. I. A. A. games as most of the other schools. Alma needs the Ypsilanti game just as bad as she does the one from Albion on Friday and it is certain that the team will be found fighting every minute of the route in both of these frays.

On Monday of next week Hillsdale College will meet Alma in the third M. I. A. A. game in four days. This team which defeated Alma last Saturday is another outfit that Alma must stop if she expects to finish anywhere near the top in the M. I. A. A. fight. The Blue and White is trotting a few good hurlers around the association this year, who are proving highly dangerous. Hillsdale with two games lost, and not playing as many as Alma, Albion, and Olivet must win to remain in the race.

"Breezy Point" Is Very Well Staged

"Tickets please" was the familiar greeting extended to the theater fans who crowded the doors of the chapel Friday night, May the twelfth. Perhaps it was because the day had been so warm that so many came to see "Breezy Point" given by the Alpha Theta girls. The play concerned the discovery of the parentage of Elinor Pearl an eighteen year old girl whom an old gypsy had stolen as a baby and of the love affairs of a group of boarding school girls who were visiting aunt Debby, Elinor's foster mother at Breezy Point.

Ashreal Grant, a workhouse ward whom aunt Debby was helping and Fantine, the French maid who ran away with Ashreal's beau added much to the amusement of the audience. The Hardscratch Twins with their voracious appetites were typical youngsters. Mrs. Hardscratch and her sister, Miss Doolittle were women who would make any bachelor's heart rejoice in the state of unmarried bliss.

The cast of characters was as follows:

Aunt Debby Dexter, Mistress of Breezy Point—Mildred Cash.
Elinor Pearl, of unknown parentage—Louise Osgood.
Ashreal Grant, a workhouse ward, Irene Anguish.
Mrs. Hardscratch—Mable Field.
Mehitable Doolittle—Lucy Fellows.
Beatrice Vernon—Marion Bradley.
Laura Leigh—Marguerite Field.
Edith Norton—Edith Hughes.
Clarice Fenleyh—Norma Messecar.
Fantine, Miss Vernon's French maid—Gladys Fryxell.
Old Clem, the gypsy—Helen Brien.
The Hardscratch Twins—Hildagard Finch—Marjory Dunton.

DEBATE

Alma vs. Hope—Thursday

BASEBALL

Maroon and Cream

vs.

Albion—Friday

Ypsi—Saturday

Hillsdale—Monday

Fry and Porter Win Doubles at Normal

Last week the tennis team journeyed to Mt. Pleasant to take a crack at the Normalites. After winning the first set, Fry lost to Calkins, whose speedy serve proved to be a deciding factor. Porter lost his singles match to Beddows. In the doubles Fry and Porter proved to be a smooth-working combination against Calkins and Beddows, winning the match for Alma in three sets.

The results indicate that Alma should place high in M. I. A. A. matches and the loss of the singles is insignificant because Calkins is one of the best men in any of the colleges of the state.

Mt. Pleasant will come to Alma for return matches on Friday afternoon of May 19. It is hoped that Alma will make a better showing than it did at Mt. Pleasant.

NOTICE

The "Thrill Ticket contest" at the Shoe-N-Hat Shop, in which \$48 in prizes are being given away, is drawing to a close. This should be taken advantage of at once, especially by those who have tickets. The ad in this paper further explains the proposition.

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After playing sensational baseball at Ypsilanti Friday and handing the Michigan State Normals a defeat 6 to 2, after the Teachers apparently had sewed up the M. I. A. A. title, Alma played ragged ball Saturday against Hillsdale at Hillsdale and went down to a 15 to 4 defeat and was forced to be content with an even split on the trip.

McCullough's Ypsi aggregation should not have scored on Crittenden, the crack Alma slabbist, errors aiding the Teachers around to the counting station "Art" yielded only three hits. Errors aided the Maroon and Cream warriors, who earned only three of their six runs.

Ypsi scored in the first inning and looked to have the game on ice as the play went on as it was not until the eighth that Alma was able to smash down the defense of the Teachers. Hole singled and took second on a sacrifice. He hit third on an error and scored on another.

In the eighth Hickerson grounded out. Wright was safe on an error. Johnston landed on one for three sacks. Shaver walked and with Johnston at third, scampered to second. Crittenden won his own game with a single that sent two more men over the plate. Crittenden was forced later at second.

Beckton was safe on an error in the ninth. Ryan walked. Hickerson landed at first and Beckton counted. While three were being retired Ryan and Hickerson reached home, on Wright's hit.

Ypsi started a rally in her half of the ninth, which lasted just long enough to score a run.

Alma	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Ryan, c	3	1	1	7	1	0
Hickerson, 2nd	5	1	1	1	6	0
Wright, 1st	5	1	1	15	0	0
Johnston, m	5	1	1	0	0	0
Shaver, rf	4	1	2	1	0	1
Crittenden, p	4	0	2	1	3	1
Williams, lf	4	0	0	0	0	0
Kirker, 3rd	4	0	1	1	3	1
Beckton, ss	4	1	2	1	3	1
Rathsburg, rf	0	0	0	0	0	0

M. S. Normal	AB	R	H	PO	A	E
Hole, lf	4	1	1	3	0	0
Hallenberg, m	3	0	0	1	0	1
Bartell, 1st	3	0	0	11	0	0
Nichols, rf	4	0	0	1	0	0
Carlson, 2nd	3	1	0	1	2	0
Gary, c	4	0	0	7	3	0
Spencer, 3rd	4	0	1	1	2	0
Dickie, ss	3	0	0	2	0	1
Ferez, p	2	0	1	0	4	0
Foster, p	1	0	0	0	0	1
Richmond *	1	0	0	0	0	0
Hansor %	1	0	0	0	0	0

32 2 3 27 11 3
*Batted for Dickie in Ninth.
%Batted for Ferez in 7th.

Innings 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9—R
Alma 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 3 3—6
Ypsilanti 1 0 0 0 0 0 0 1—2
Two base hit—Shaver. Three base hit—Johnston. Stolen bases—Shaver Crittenden, Kirker, Spencer. Bases on balls—off Crittenden 1, off Ferez 2, off Foster 1.

Struckout—by Crittenden 7, by Ferez 7, by Foster 1. Umpire—Bell.

Against the Blue and White Campbell's cohorts found things different. Hart held the Maroon and Cream to 3 hits, while the delivery of the Alma hurlers was solved for eleven bingles, taken from Catherman. The team did not give the Frosh hurler any support as is shown from the fact that eight misplays came in the field, which aided the Hillsdale team in counting up its 15 to 4 victory over the Alma clan. Alma's worst inning was the third, when five hits and a bunch of errors chased 7 sevens over the plate, which made things easy for Hillsdale.

Innings	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	R	H	E
Alma	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	3	4	3	8	
Hillsdale	0	2	7	1	0	2	3	0	x	15	11	6

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WHY A CANOE IS FEMININE

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be impossible to store the canoe under some tree for how would the lady like living in a tent. The boathouse should contain a mirror, a locker, electric lights, and other articles of warfare which the owner sees fit to afford.

Realizing that further comparisons might be dangerous to his health, ye Almanian Reporter desires to close this little article by a warning to all those who are contemplating the purchase of a canoe. A canoe leads one to securing a girl, a girl suggests a trip up the river, a trip up the river suggests romance, a romance means a wife, and then may a man crave the pity of the unsympathetic world.

Girls should not wear high-heeled shoes or tight skirts when on a canoe trip.

Alumni

The annual meeting of the Detroit Alma Alumni Association was held at the Detroit Board of Commerce at seven p. m. Friday, May 12th. A sumptuous banquet was served and a large number of former Alma students were present. The Alma spirit ran very high and the meeting was one of the snappiest and peppiest meetings that the Detroit Association has ever held.

The election of officers took place and an outline of policies for the coming year was decided upon. The following officers were elected:

President,—Rev. I. E. Bradfield
Vice President—Earle A. Tomes
Secretary—Adelbert H. Lindley
Treasurer—Bessie Sievert.

Among the policies adopted for the coming year are:

It is definitely decided to hold reunions the last Friday evening of September and December, 1922 and March and May, 1923. At which time all present students as well as former students who are in Detroit will be expected to attend.

It will be worth while as it is planned to have these meetings of a very snappy nature. The program will call for plenty of community singing of all the favorite Alma College songs as well as the late song hits. (A committee has been appointed to look after this part of the program.)

Speeches of interest will be made by some of the alumni or members of the Faculty. Their subjects will not be of the usual funeral type, but will be subjects that will have a vital message for everyone present.

It also was definitely decided to eliminate the embarrassing feature that has always spoiled the Detroit Alumni meetings. Soliciting funds of any nature will be eliminated. This will insure everyone a good time without embarrassment.

The Detroit Alumni Association felt very much slighted because no member of the Faculty or Board of Trustees was present altho they were invited. The slight was taken so seriously that a resolution was enacted that the Faculty and Board of Trustees of Alma College be censured and fined five dollars each for their neglect of duty.

It was also decided that on the first Friday of each month all Alma men would meet for lunch at the Hotel Tuller at 12:15 noon. The price of the lunch to be eighty-five cents each. All present and former students being in Detroit at the time of this luncheon are invited to attend.

During the interval allowed for gossip, most of the members of the Detroit Alumni Association were thoroughly shocked when they were informed that the College was now allowing dancing and also that smoking was being allowed in Pioneer Hall.

Cupid played another hand when Miss Alice L. Lansing, once a co-ed of Alma college, was married to Mr. William J. Sonnenburg, of Brenham, Texas. The ceremony was performed Wednesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the home of the bride's uncle. The following excerpt is taken from the Lansing State Journal:

"The bride is a graduate of Lansing high school in the class of 1918, afterward attending Alma College, where she was a member of the Philomathean society, and graduating at the Michigan Normal college, in Ypsilanti.

"Mr. Sonnenburg is Detroit representative of the Electrical Controller and Manufacturing Co., of Cleveland. He was instructor for two years at the officer's training camp at Waco, Texas. He attended the University of Texas, and Carnegie Technical Institute, and is a graduate of the Bliss school of electrical engineering in Washington, D. C."

Among the out-of-town guests was Miss Pauline Strick, of Alma College.

On Sunday, May 14, a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Caroll Wenger, of Roscommon, Michigan. Mr. Wenger is an alumnus of Alma College, graduating with the class of '20. Mother and daughter are feeling fine, and all indications show that the child will be as wonderful a girl as her dad is a man. The Almanian extends its congratulations to the happy parents.

ZETA SIGMA

Meeting called to order by President Wyatt. Talk "Tennis Matches I have seen" by Kenneth Fry.

Paper, "A Review of the Alma-M. A. C. All-Fresh Track Meet" by Shoemaker.

A few minor business details were discussed and the society was adjourned for one week.

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Dr. Notestine: Where is Man-waring?
Student: Oh, he's out in the grove playing pool (Poole).

Student (At Wright Hall): Do you call this beefsteak? It makes me laugh.

Head of table: That's good; it usually makes them swear!

Overheard at play practise: All right, run up the curtain.

Stage hand: Say, what do you think I am, a squirrel?

Gerald: Sweets to the sweet.
Henrietta: Oh, thank you. Won't you have some nuts?

Link: I saw you twice downtown yesterday! Did you see me?

Tiny: I never notice anybody in that condition.

Trud: (after waiting five minutes without being waited upon): I say, young man, isn't there anyone waiting on the nuts?

A DAY SPENT ON THE PINE

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There is nothing to do except enumerate the different things which we had. We started out with fried chicken, fried potatoes, Sun Kissed Buns, and fruit salad, and ended up with fresh strawberries and cream, a fine cake, olives, and last of all a cup of coffee. Oh, boy, it couldn't have been beaten. We ate and ate and ate and then ate some more until we could hardly move. After everything in sight had disappeared, we had the task of washing our dishes. After this job was completed, we sat down to rest awhile because there was no use in trying to start back now as we couldn't have even lifted a paddle, let alone wield one. The other fellow in the party decided to try to stand up for a few minutes but when he arose to his feet he found that he could hardly stand so he leaned against a nearby tree. To his surprise and our amusement the tree bent double, throwing him to the ground, where he lay having decided that perhaps that was the easiest place to be anyway.

About three o'clock we felt good enough to resume our journey down the Pine. It was the middle of a glorious afternoon and the four of us were in the highest spirits, singing, talking, and laughing as we paddled along. Once in a while we would stop our merry-making to catch a breath. We could not help noticing the absolute stillness which reigned. Not a sound disturbed the scene and it almost seemed as if we were in another world which knew no sound. The surface of the water was like glass ahead of us and we alone disturbed its placid surface. At times we were almost awe-stricken by the stillness of everything. Soon we began to notice familiar things, the gravel pit, the cement bridge, and finally third grassmere. Here we stopped to finish the cats which were left in the baskets. The sun was going down so we built a huge fire to take off the chill in the air around us.

By the time we finished our meal, we decided that we would have to hurry to arrive at Wright Hall by dark, in compliance with the Dean's orders. The end of a perfect day was reached when we finally arrived at Wright Hall, tired but happy, and wishing that the day could have been longer.

Truly, this was the end of a perfect day. No one can really know of the pleasures of a river trip on the Pine until he has taken one himself. It is an experience which cannot be described in words. The Pine River has a certain unfathomable fascination for the Alma student. He regards it as his river, and he rightly does so. No person can deny the advantages which the Alma student can derive from his river.

CANOE SAFE IF USED CORRECTLY

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safer. There are few fellows who attend Alma who do not understand the handling of a canoe and, as two couples must be together, there is very little danger. At the most the students can only secure a good wetting. Yes, canoeing can easily be considered a very safe form of amusement.

Never try to walk around in a canoe; keep your seat. If you want to change places, beach the canoe first.

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