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DON'T MIND THE WEATHER

Weather forecasts in Alma are about as useless as protests against the graduation fee. Weather has ceased to be the chief topic of conversation, because rain is in monopoly and such a damp subject is monotonous. Alma, according to many, the driest of dry places and a leading exponent of the dry movement looks like the wettest place in Michigan. Don't mind the rain. When it's over, the snows will be with us again. It's merely a change of form.

PHILOMATHEAN

The Philomathean Literary Society hiked to Honeyoye for a gypsy spread Monday night. The guests, Mrs. Noestein, Mrs. Randels and Mlle. Boissot, were dressed appropriately in real gypsy garb. The important number on the program was the cats which everyone enjoyed with a ravenous appetite. A paper, "The Origin of Gypsies," was very well given by Ruth King, after which Esther Oldt entertained with a medley of songs accompanying herself on the Uke.

Tennis Squad Breaks Even at Mt. Pleasant

The Alma net team composed of Vliet, James, Moore and Smith, played the Mt. Pleasant racquetters to an even break in the first dual meet of the season. The Almites split both the singles and doubles by winning two of the singles and one of the doubles matches. Every Alma player took part in a victory with Vliet and James winning their singles and the Moore-Smith combination winning their doubles.

The score:
Singles—
James (A) vs. Sisco (N), 2-6, 6-3, 6-1.
Vliet (A) vs. Larzeleer (N), 9-7, 6-0.
Beddows (N) vs. Moore (A), 6-1, 6-2.
Madison (N) vs. Smith (A), 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles—
Sisco & Beddows (N) vs. James & Vliet (A), 4-6, 6-4, 6-1.
Smith & Moore (A) vs. Larzeleer & Converse (N), 6-1, 8-6.

The team showed much better form than they did a week ago at the state invitation meet held at M. A. C. With the weather conditions much more promising than previously, the Alma netters should round out into top-notch shape before the second meeting with the up-staters which will be held at Alma, May 28.

The Alma team has a squad of much promise and the home fans will have an opportunity to see them in action at that time, before they leave for the M. I. A. A. meet at Albion during the first week in June.

AFTER GRADUATION

College Senior: "Well, I certainly worked hard for my degree."
Alumnus: "Never mind, you probably won't have to work for a long time after you get it."

PHI PHI ALPHA

President Bailey presided at the important business meeting of Phi Phi Alpha Monday night, May 12th, at which the resignation of Anderson and Pruyne as janitors was accepted. Al Moore and Stanley Fraser were the next recipients of the office, and treated the society at the DeLuxe. Plans were made for the Phi-Philo up-river breakfast. The rest of the evening was given over to the initiation of Howard Buzzard, Hubert Doudna, and Harold Filley. Adjournment.

KAPPA IOTA

The regular meeting of the Kappa Iota Literary Society was held Monday, May 12. After the business meeting a Mothers' Day program was enjoyed. Roll call was answered to by a quotation about Mother. Elsie Washburn read a paper, "What Great Men Think About Their Mothers." Margaret Morrison gave a delightful vocal solo. "Laddie" was read by Dorothy Flannegin. The meeting was adjourned.

Former Student Dies at Saginaw

Word has been received of the sudden death of Lawrence Smalldon, a former student at Alma College, a victim of an accident while on a fishing trip at Rifle River near West Branch.

A clot of blood from the abdomen, striking the heart as a result of a fall is given as the cause. Standing on the root of a tree on the river bank, he fell somehow on a projection from the root which pierced the abdomen. He was taken to his home at Saginaw and later removed to the hospital where he died Wednesday evening just before the anesthetic was administered. Everything was done to revive him but without avail.

Smalldon was a student at Alma in 1919-20 and was a member of Zeta Sigma Literary Society. At the time of his death he was a salesman for the Straebel Lumber and Salt Co., Saginaw, Michigan, and had been in their employ for the past two years. He was a member of the Saginaw Lodge, No. 47, B. P. O. E., the Antler Club and the Junior Board of Commerce. He was 23 years of age.

Campusology

The Seniors will be wearing overcoats instead of cap and gowns when Commencement day rolls around.

Love is the quality that makes a girl stand in awe of a man who can't make half as much money as she can.

Convict—"What are you doing here?"
Reporter—"Only taking a few notes."

Convict—"Well, you had better be careful; that's what Jim is here for."

Mother: "Daughter, aren't you too big to play with the boys?"
Daughter: "No mother. The bigger they are the better I like them."

My face it stings
My ear still rings,
As memory brings
Back thoughts of things,
Of thrones of kings
Our master flings
As if the things
Had fleeting wings
A woman clings;
My heart it sings
But like the kings
I went too far.

Darling we're not going to the show. I've made up my mind to stay here.

Dereone: It's too late I've made up my face to go out.

Proud Mother: "Now tell me, just what do you think of my daughter."
Visitor: "I am very sorry, but I am no judge of paintings."

I heard a fellow explain yesterday what a stag party was. He said that it was a party where little dears are not admitted.

Which is right: herd of camels or camels or a drove of camels.
I always thought they came in packs.

"Father, I've decided to become an artist."
"I've no objections, provided you don't draw on me."

Miss Wilson: "What is a synonym."
Frosh: "Madam, it's a word you use in place of another when you can't spell the other."

Wright Hall—Don't kick about the coffee. You may be old and weak some day yourself.

Co-ed: "Have you a date Friday night."
2nd Co-ed: "Why Friday night?"
Co-ed: "Well that's fish night isn't it?"

"Gone are the daze" jumbled the stew as he awoke in the morning.

The velvety softness of the spacious divan enclosed the two as the rose petals close about their mates. No sound; nothing but the gentle softness of the subdued parlor lamp fell upon them to disturb their paradise.

He had never kissed such a charming creature as she who now rested by his side. Her lips were as the exquisite touch of a spring zephyr; her eyes caressed him with a mellow tenderness. All else was forgotten; time, work, home, all save the winsome angel before him.

Again their lips met in tenderness, and he drew her to him in passionate embrace. Just then a sharp step sounded and he felt her muscles contract with fear. His heart leaped to his throat. What a fool he had been, and now her father had found them. A clink of empty bottles was heard and she gasped.

"Thank God. It's only the milk man."

Y. W. C. A.

The Sophomore girls were in charge of the Y. W. C. A. meeting Thursday night. A musical program was carried out by Helen McDougal and Dorothy Doudna. Esther Oldt sang "Mifawny," Bertha Woodhurst played a violin solo, Katherine Jenkins gave several readings, and Miss Helen McDougal played the "The Second Mazurka" by Godard. The meeting was closed with the singing of "Annie Laurie."

Chinese Letters.

Chinese scholars and patriots have recently accomplished the onerous task of reducing the 10,000 old Chinese characters to a simple alphabet of 30 symbols. The object is twofold—to enable the entire Chinese population to read and write—hitherto these were scholarly feats—and to enable the inhabitants of the various Chinese provinces to understand each other. The establishment of a national Chinese dialect will go far toward making China a nation.

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HOPS OF THE HORSEHIDE
 By P. D. Gesner

During the past week, Captain Shaver and his accomplices have taken a much needed rest. Tuesday last, the invasion was halted by Pluvius, who poured from the heavens a volume of soft water which dampened the ardor of the athletes. Due to insight on the part of Coach Campbell, both Orchard Lake games were also cancelled. "That the boys might catch up in their studies and sleep."

The Diamond Patricians have an excellent chance to win the pennant, —provided Ypsilanti drops two of her three remaining games. The downstaters have Olivet, Albion, and Kalamazoo clubs to face before Field Day.

A boxing fan asserts that most boxers are vegetarians because they have cauliflower ears.

The tennis team met with defeat at M. A. C. last Friday. Near the end of the singles, Vliet was stricken with illness, and forced to finish under a handicap.

Captain Vliet and Chuck James are the only two veterans on the tennis squad this year. Ken More and Lank Lankton compose the cream of the new material, and it is hoped that this quartet will be able to "bring home some M. I. A. A. bacon" this coming week end.

Every Michigan man is a booster Next Saturday when we play Wooster;
 Let no man fan out,
 But each get a clout,
 And run up a score like we 'uster.'

Suggestion for the next tug-of-war: Give each team 35 sacks of cement, and give them three weeks in which to dig trenches, and build parapets in the manner they desire; Any means of pulling legal including block and tackle.

MORAL: If a place is going to be picked where the winning team must pull the river bank in addition to the ten men, let's hold it on the campus and save the long walk to the river.

At patron of the college remarked at the tug-of-war that either team could have done away with four men and still have held. The breastwork of clay bank caused the rope to be lying against the ground on both sides of the river, and both teams were placed at a disadvantage. In addition, ten men and a bank were as effective as if the rope had been tied to a tree, and the physical strain endured by both teams was twice what it would have been on level ground.

Ethyl—I think that a street car hash just passed.
 Methy—How do you know?
 Ethyl—I can see its tracks.

Mt. Pleasant merchants have signed an agreement to close their stores during the Alma-Mt. Pleasant game at Mt. Pleasant this year. The morning of the game, there will be a track meet between the "friendly rivals."

The canoe traffic on the Pine was heavy during the past week end. Frank Maisley and Harley Catherman were also on the river, but they were there fishing. Due to unavoidable circumstances the McQuaig-Armstrong fish dinner has been postponed.

Harley says that some fellow who was on the river Saturday got slapped because he asked a girl if he could paddle her back. Harley refused to give the names of the parties concerned.

The golf shooters had a bad week, because the little animals hole up in rainy weather.

Sports throughout the country are making preparations for the coming of spring. Wilmer Patton claims he saw a robin last Thursday.

HOW THEY ARE HITTING

| | G | AB | H | R | Pct |
|--------------|---|----|---|---|------|
| Treadway | 6 | 16 | 6 | 2 | .375 |
| Rathsburg | 6 | 22 | 5 | 4 | .292 |
| Carty | 6 | 24 | 7 | 2 | .292 |
| McDonald | 6 | 22 | 6 | 6 | .273 |
| Wright | 6 | 23 | 6 | 2 | .261 |
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| Hunter | 2 | 4 | 1 | 2 | .250 |
| Welhoelter | 6 | 23 | 5 | 5 | .218 |
| Shaver | 6 | 17 | 3 | 1 | .177 |
| Wagner | 5 | 17 | 3 | 2 | .177 |
| Beverly | 6 | 18 | 3 | 1 | .167 |
| H. Catherman | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | .000 |

WANTED—A group of gentlemen from Detroit desire to book a base ball game with any high class team for Decoration Day. Please call Ecorse 196 Red, or leave word at McGuire's Pool Room or the Barber shop adjoining. Mike Svchoksynski, manager.

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