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EDWARD GUEST PLEAS HIS LARGE AUDIENCE

Michigan's Most Popular Poet Kaleidoscope Many People With His Rhymes.

The social evening given by Mr. Guest's most popular poem, "The Social Evening," was a delightful success. The program was informal and spiced with good things. Mr. Edward Guest proved up to every expectation and was ably assisted by the Rev. Quaker.

Mr. Lewis Harris, who knows Mr. Guest personally, introduced the poet in a most pleasing manner, referring to the old acquaintances and good times which they enjoyed together with other members of the First Street Presbyterian church, Detroit. His introduction was filled with humor and he paid a high tribute to the man who gives as much in such a short time.

That Mr. Guest is one of Central West's most delightful entertainers is not fiction to us, but a delightful reality. He was well known to most of his audience, because of the widespread popularity of his volume of "Breakfast Table Chat" in the Detroit Free Press; and his latest book of verse, "A Heap of Living."

We accept him in his own terms, "I am a 'chatterbox'"; and the well chosen selections given, showed the breadth, simplicity, directness and uniqueness of the "chatterbox." His simple rhymes, their wit, kindly philosophy, their shifting spontaneous humor, are a treasure and a delight.

With a wonderful power of pun, metaphor, and pleasing delivery, keen wit, and delightful personality, Mr. Guest recited the following verse from his latest book, "A Heap of Living," sometimes bringing a lump to our throats, but always ending by giving us a realization of joy. "Ma and the Aunt," "My Cousin," "In the Park," "Homesick," "Ma and Her Chick Book," "My First Seal Seal," "When Father Shows the Store," "What a Baby Cries," "At Breakfast Time" and "Remembering Ma." The best reading given was "Ma."

After the close of the evening's entertainment, the audience was the guest of the Bible class, and was invited to meet Mr. Guest. Nearly every one present required to be baptized in the church where a general good time was enjoyed. Light refreshments were served.

"A Heap of Living"

I takes a heap o' living in a heap o' make it home.

A heap o' run an' shadder, and ye sometimes have a' room.

When ye really 'speciate the things ye let behind,

An' longer for 'em somehow, with 'em still on yer mind,

It don't make any difference how rich ye get it be,

How much yer chains and fetters cost, how green yer money;

It won't come o' ye, though it be the place of a king.

Just sometime ye need to get o' rapped round every thing,

When ain't a place that gold can buy or get up in a minute;

After it's home there's got t' be a heap o' love in it;

Within the walls there's got t' be some labor here, and then,

Right there ye've got to bring 'em up t' women good, an' men;

And gratify, as these goes on, ye wouldn't jest

With any thing they ever need— they've given into yer heart!

The old high chairs, the playthings, too, the little shoes they were

Ye found; as if ye could ye'd keep the thumb-nails on the door.

Ye've got to keep t' make it home, ye've t' sit an' sigh

An' watch beside a loved one's bed, an' know that death is nigh;

An' in the stillness o' the night t' see Death's angel near,

(Continued on Page Two.)

SET NEW MARK

College Enrollment Now Largest in the History

President R. E. Crooks has given it out that the enrollment of Alma college is now the largest in the history of the Presbyterian institution, there being 202 enrolled students.

Two years ago Alma college had the largest enrollment up to that time and number of 185. The number of students of college students in the year having been 185. Last year Alma college had 190 students, being regular college work.

Pres. Crooks said that the fact that the enrollment of 202 students last semester was, in fact, the largest enrollment in the history of the college, and that several hundred students had returned to college this year, and that several hundred more students with the new semester, which started this week.

MADE WILLARD

It was announced by First Street Quaker, U. S. C. A. that the first of the members of the U. S. C. A. in the last week had decided to accept the offer of the position of...

The budget for 1917 was made up, and after a discussion it was decided to increase the salary of the minister to \$1,000 per year. The salary will be paid in four installments, the first being \$250 per year.

The high cost of living brought about the increase, it is said, because the board questioned whether or not the salary was received was enough in view of the extreme high price.

NEW STAFF MEMBER

The Almanian staff is glad to announce that Miss Marie Matney has consented to take charge of the Almanian news. Miss Matney is quite capable for the work, and we are sure that the news columns on the Almanian page will be more interesting and receive greater attention. However, Miss Matney and others please notice that any Almanian editor however capable he or she may be, can only do very little if you are not willing to read in your own home, and answer the letter which is sent to you. The new Almanian editor was the editor-in-chief of the splendid "World" edition of the Almanian which was issued some time ago.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

February 10, 1917, Alma vs. Hillsdale.
February 11, Hillsdale vs. Alma.
February 12, Alma vs. Hillsdale.
February 13, Alma vs. Hillsdale.
March 1, Alma vs. Hillsdale.
March 2, Hillsdale vs. Alma.
March 3, Alma vs. Hillsdale.
March 4, Hillsdale vs. Alma.
March 5, Alma vs. Hillsdale.
March 6, Hillsdale vs. Alma.
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March 30, Hillsdale vs. Alma.
March 31, Alma vs. Hillsdale.

NOTICE

Don't forget to go to Baker's studio and have your picture taken for the "Warren and Cream."

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

I have engaged R. E. Crooks, M.D., of St. Paul, who for many years has been making a specialty of diseases of the eye and of refractive work, to open the second and the fourth Mondays of each month in the hospital, where I shall be glad to have my friends see him when in need of his services.

REMEMBER

Remember
The Almanian
February
10th
Pay-Up
Day

ENDORWMENT FUND

First Goal in the Big Campaign to be Filled in this City.

Plans for the local and county campaigns are being rapidly brought to a close and the coming weeks will see plenty of action in regard to the money getting campaign for a bigger and better Alma college. Chairman Backlund of the Alma college board of trustees will speak at the Presbyterian church Sunday, February 12th, at the request of the college and the community, as the work of February 11th was ended on last night by the fact which the local campaign was a success.

The work and lists are being made up and prospects. Early this week the campaign will be carried on in the county, in which Alma college will be regarded as a big factor in financial value, and also in the development of the county, which is the greatest progress in the county.

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DEFEATING HILLSDALE

ALMA KEEPS THE LEAD

Fast Pocket Ball in the Last Few Minutes Gives Alma 24 to 26 Victory.

The Alma college basket ball team shipped one more victory to the Michigan intercollegiate basket ball championship last Friday evening, when the triple tie, which had been existing in the M. I. A. A., was broken by Alma's 24 to 26 victory over Hillsdale college in a great game played at the high school gym.

Coach Backlund brought a team of tried veterans to Alma, and had every prospect of making a terrific last. In the home and the right to fight it out with Kalamazoo for the championship. Backlund's men gave Alma the hardest game of the season here, and forced the Maroon and Cream to the limit to share over a victory. In doing so, the Blue and White showed up the local team, as we had made more teamwork before it was necessarily hope to conquer the veteran Kalamazoo team and win the present championship.

At the start of the game, the Maroon and Cream team did not seem to be able to get away in good shape, playing a loose brand of basket ball, which enabled the Blue and White to lay with the Alma squad until late in the first half, when a gradual improvement in playing enabled Alma to pull away with a slight lead by the end of the session. The work of Ed Taylor, playing center for Alma, was one of the bright spots during the first half. Three times he slipped back and laid the ball in the basket, scoring more points than any other Alma player in this session.

Follow, Backlund's all around work, better effort Foster's great work, however, by scoring the same number of field baskets during this half that the Alma men did. The work of this man deserves much credit, for he was really the Hillsdale star.

With a few minutes left in the second half, and with both teams fighting hard and playing a better brand of basket ball it evolved into one of the finest games ever seen this season. Great work on the part of Backlund during this half in scoring field baskets, when the ball was stopped by him by the guards or Gallagher, was the one big thing that allowed Alma to outscore Hillsdale in this half. Smith ran up five field baskets during the half. His first work was of a high order, as was that of Gallagher, who played the best five game that he has ever shown since then.

Toward the last of the game, Alma's guards got to going, and for several minutes both French and Johnston gave the fans a brilliant exhibition of how to keep 'em from scoring field baskets. A continuation of the work of the last few minutes can mean only one thing for the basket ball team, a victory over Kalamazoo. Nothing short of that kind of work will do it, and it must be played for an entire game.

lineup and summary:
Alma, 24. Fou. Hillsdale, 26.
Backlund, L. F. ... Crooks, Coach
Edwards, Gallagher, B. F. ... Foster, E. ... C. ... Backlund, Johnston, L. G. ... Sherman, Cochrane, French, R. C. ... Cartright, Crooks.
Field baskets: Smith 7, E. Foster 4, Johnston 3, Edwards 11, Foster 4, Crooks 3, Sherman 2, Backlund, Cochrane 14.
Fouls: Smith 4 out of 11, Foster 4 out of 14.
Score first half: Alma 14, Hillsdale 12.

Referee: Merrill, Mr. Pleasant.
It is a fact preliminary to the big game the Alma high school team will play by a score of 26 to 24. Alma led 11 to the end of the first half 11 to 7, but weakened in the final session.

In. Clifton conducted the chapel exercises on Monday morning in the place of President Crooks, who is away on a two weeks' business trip.

You haven't met a defeat yet. Is Alma going to break the record? High school gymnasium Saturday night.

PRELIMINARY

The vice-president presented the program for this semester which promise to be exceptionally interesting as well as instructive.

A very interesting debate was then enjoyed on the question—Resolved, That all college rules should be suspended between sessions. The Alma Hays, Backlund and Foster were on the affirmative and Baker, Hillsdale and Johnston on the negative. The debate was both amusing and instructive, and strange to say, the judges favored the decision in favor of the affirmative.

PREACHING

Rev. J. M. C. A. in the next future, which will conduct services in the surrounding districts of Alma.

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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

"One can always tell the strength of a church by the attendance at the mid-week prayer service..."

FEBRUARY 10, 1917

Yes, that's just what we're talking about. No, but you talk about the U-boat trap, not the "flashing" night privilege...

Men, see Lee Maltby in No. 3, Pioneer Hall, and women, Adelaide Ballou, No. 19, Wright Hall.

Alumni and other subscribers please mail to the Business Manager. Every man has an unrealized dream or two...

EDWARD QUEST PLEASES HIS LARGE AUDIENCE

(Continued from Page One.) An' close the eyes o' her that smiled, an' leave her sweet voice dim...

Ye find the home is dearer than it was, an' sanctified.

An' suggest at ye always are the pleasant memories.

O' her that was an' is no more—ye can't escape from these.

Ye've got t' sing an' dance fer years, ye've got t' romp an' play,

An' learn t' love the things ye have by usin' 'em each day;

Even the roses 'round the porch must blossom year by year.

Afore they come a part o' ye, suggest in' someone dear.

Who used t' love 'em long ago, an' trained 'em jes' t' run.

The way they do, so's they would get the early mornin' sun.

Ye've got t' lay each brick an' stone from cellar up t' dome!

The KING

(By Angela Morgan)

Stand forth, my soul, and grip thy woe. Buckle thy sword, and face thy foe. What right hast thou to be afraid...

Stand forth, my soul, and take command. 'Tis I, thy master, bid thee stand. Claim thou thy ground and thrust thy foe.

I ask no truce, I have no qualms. I seek no quarter and no alms. Let them who will obey the soul.

OUR FACULTY

"Prexy" is a merry good scout, With twinkling, small, sharp eyes. And as he laughs and talks about, He never makes one cry.

Albert P's most earnest, you bet, So to his office fly. Tho you pay your bills, but yet, He often makes you cry.

"Doc" is short, sweet and pleasant, He smiles and laughs around, And will make every one present With mirth and joy abound.

"Uncle Charlie" carries big books, Collecting here and there, Old volumes, worn out, and air looks, With diction that is rare.

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CAMPUS NEWS

Miss Robinson (while talking with Mr. Davies about a short story course)—I'm rather afraid of having men in my class.

Gladys Watkins—You've never had any men before, have you, Miss Robinson?

"Harry Leader" Van Duzen (telling a story)—The men were down on the border.

Puzzle—How can a duck lay a perfectly white egg?

Thurau (in Wright Hall)—What's the "seconds" Frim?

McCauley—Just a minute, Voice Down Stairs—There isn't...

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The Idlehour

Week beginning February 5
WEDNESDAY—Wm. S. Hart in "THE PRIMAL LURE" and two-reel Keystone comedy, "The Love Comet."

THURSDAY—Marguerite Clark in "Gretna Green."

FRIDAY—Florence Rockwell in "He Fell in Love with His Wife."

SATURDAY—De Wolfe Hopper in "Mr. Goode, the Samaritan," also "Bubbles of Trouble."

SUNDAY—"Artie, the Millionaire Kid," also "Grant, Police Reporter."

Coming—Mrs. Vernon Castle in "Patria."

Good Music Every Night.

Alumni Round Table

Where we are and what we are doing

GOODRICH—BEECHLER

Last Saturday noon Miss Floss Beechler whose home is in Ithaca but who has been teaching in Detroit, came home and the wise ones at once suspected that something might happen soon. They were right, for that evening at 8:30 Clarence R. Goodrich and Miss Beechler were united in marriage at the Presbyterian manse in Ithaca, the pastor, Rev. Roy W. Hershey officiating. It was a very quiet simple wedding. The bride and groom were accompanied by B. J. Chervenka, teacher of science in the Ithaca schools, a friend of the groom and Miss Charlotte Weller of Ithaca, teacher of English in the St. Louis schools and a friend of the bride.

The bride and groom at once began housekeeping in the home of the bride. The mother of the bride is spending the winter in California. Mr. Goodrich is one of the most estimable young men in this or any other community. Having decided to follow a business career, he obtained a place in the hardware and implement store of Brown & Davis where he has proven his worth as all who knew him were sure he would do.

Miss Beechler is one of Ithaca's excellent young ladies, a graduate of Ithaca schools and of Mt. Pleasant Normal school and has taught with splendid success in Ithaca and other places and in Detroit. She resigned her position in the latter place to accept this domestic science department of her home where all who know her are equally confident of her success. —Gratiot County Herald, Ithaca.

Mr. Goodrich graduated from Alma college two years ago. During the time that he was in college he was a member of three Alma football teams and four baseball teams, and gained considerable prominence as an athlete.

DUNHAM—ROGERS

Attorney John Major Dunham, formerly of this city, but now of Grand Rapids, was united in marriage on Tuesday to Miss Frances Rogers at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Rogers, in that city.

Miss Frances Rogers has been a popular young lady in the society circles of Grand Rapids for some years and is held in high esteem by a large number of friends.

Mr. Dunham is well known in this city, he having practiced law in Alma previous to his going to Grand Rapids, about three years ago. The former Alma man made good the minute that he went to Grand Rapids, where he is gaining an enviable reputation. Mr. Dunham is the son of Mrs. H. M. Dunham, formerly of this city, but now of New Orleans, Louisiana. He is a graduate of Alma high school, and after graduating from high school attended Alma college for two years and then spent two years at the University of Michigan.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dunham will be at home to their friends after April 1st, at 516 Benjamin avenue, S. E., Grand Rapids.

Mr. Dunham attended Alma college for two years, and was twice the winner of the local oratorical contest, and twice represented Alma at the state contest. He won third honor, placing as high as any Alma orator ever did, and the highest to that time. He was also a member of Alma's debating teams for two years. He was active in securing the change of the Almanian from a monthly to weekly publication, and was one of its first editors.

ZETA SIGMA

Frank Sullivan read a paper on the life of Mary Aulin. This was followed by a debate. The question used was:—"Resolved, That the United States should accord to the citizens of China and Japan the same privileges that are accorded to the citizens of European nations." It was a handicap match, three affirmative and two negative. Affirmative, Melvin, Maltby and Adams; negative, Smith and Warner. The affirmative won by a slight margin.

FROEBEL

A short meeting of the Froebel society was held last Monday evening. The program for the coming term was given and plans for a sleigh ride were discussed. After purely business problems were decided, the meeting was adjourned.

Ypsi hasn't met and defeat yet. Is Alma going to break the record? High school gymnasium Saturday night.

A WORD OF APPRECIATION

Zanesville, Ohio, Jan. 26, 1917.
The Almanian,
Alma College,
Alma, Michigan.

By your notes for delinquents I suppose I owe you about \$1.25, just because I don't pay up before January 1st. So here it is. Although nearly two years out of college and the state too, lend a haziness to my vision of Alma affairs, still your little paper brings much of it back to me. In a number of ways I have enjoyed the "Almanian" this year more than ever before. While I think some of it has been in myself, I am willing to give you the credit for it.

I have been deeply interested in the inauguration of your new president, and likewise the splendid honor conferred upon him by a sister college in making him a Doctor alongside of two of the foremost men of the land. Likewise I congratulate you upon the splendid accounts you gave of the inauguration. I have kept the copy on file which gave the addresses delivered on the occasion, just because I wanted them where I could refer to them again. Success to you.

HARRY E. PORTER.

P. S.—The letter head here used will indicate a movement in which some seventeen churches of this city are uniting. Today we begin the erection of a tabernacle which will seat 5,000 people. We are expecting a great meeting. H. E. P.

Editor's Note.—Mr. Porter is the chairman of the "Bob Jones" Evangelistic Campaign" which is now being conducted in Zanesville.

Parnell's Superstitions.

Several stories illustrating the superstitious nature of Parnell are told in a memoir which his brother has written. His horror of the color green has been touched on by many writers. He would not wear a coat or tie with any tinge of green in it, and he objected to anything like a green wall paper. So strong was his aversion to the color that one day when a lady whom he knew very well came to see him in the house of commons he refused to shake hands with her because she was wearing a green dress and hurried away from him as quickly as possible.

He also had a horror of the number 13. Once, during an election his brother, J. H. Parnell, tells us, he was put in a room numbered 13 in a country hotel. "What a room to give me!" he remarked. "I suppose the landlord is a Tory and has done this on purpose."

Ready For Him.

The landlady noticed with unforgotten dismay that her new lodger's fire consumed more coal than she had been accustomed to provide for it. She mentioned it.

"Oh, yes!" explained the ingenious young man. "You see, I always place the lumps of coal upon the fire in such a way that the grain of the coal is perpendicular—that is running up and down, you understand. It makes much better fires. Nothing like a little science, you know."

The unimpressed female who contracted for the supply of daily necessities spoke in a hard voice that almost stopped the lodger's watch:

"That may be so, but I always charges 1 shilling extra to scientific gents!"—London Telegraph.

The Wind and the Keyhole.

"How excellently I whistle!" said the wind to the keyhole.

"Well, that's good!" answered the keyhole. "It is I who do the whistling. I should have thought you knew that."

Just then the old lady took some paper and stuffed up the keyhole, so that neither wind nor keyhole whistled any longer, and it would be difficult to say which of the two was more annoyed.—My Magazine.

Well, Why Not?

Crawford—You seem to think your wife the most unreasonable woman in the world. Crabshaw—You see, I mortgaged the house to buy her a car, and now she wants me to raise money on the car to purchase a house for my day present.—London Chronicle.

It is never worth there again. I'll tell you at the time. Miss Robinson says no, but she says she will. Would you mind if I told you the interest of this? It is a very interesting story. It should be delivered at London Mall.

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EXCHANGES

"The Collegian" for January 11th contains an editorial on "fussing." In part, the article says:

"Hillsdale college has become a fussing institution. Upon fussing is concentrated the largest amount of time, energy and interest. No activity is so prominent, no subject is so popular, nothing is so universal as plain fussing.

"Positively, a fellow is abnormal today who does not begin with the 'A's' and end with the 'Z's'."

To raise a fund of \$10,000,000 for the unrestricted use of the university is the program announced recently by the Harvard endowment fund committee. The formation of this committee and the launching of its campaign came as a result of the constantly increasing financial needs of the university without a corresponding increase in resources.—Ex.

A cup will be given to varsity debaters, hereafter, at the University of Colorado and will serve as the varsity letter does in athletics. The cups will be given every year, but a person cannot receive more than one; the name and debate in which the debater takes part in other years will be engraved on the same cup.—Ex.

Replies to a questionnaire sent out by the senior council of the University of Washington, show that practically none of the colleges throughout the country require senior examinations for a minor degree, according to the president of the council. While many of the replies have not yet come in, every one which has been received to date has stated that nothing correspond to senior examinations at Washington exists in the respective institutions.—Ex.

Fussing can be made rational and is so when he and she occasionally get together to exchange their best selves and grow through the contact of enriched personalities.

Love, I believe, is an itchy feeling around the heart that you can't scratch. What's the use, then, kids, of overdoing the attempt, huh?—Ex.

Oakley Johnston and Miss Evelyn Hough are the orators who will represent Ypsi at the intercollegiate oratorical contest which is to be held at Hope in four weeks.

Reducing the number of hours required for graduation from 122 to 120, the faculty, in a recent meeting, decided that at the beginning of the next year 120 points as well as 120 hours will be required to secure an A. B.—The Lawrentian.

Loan state college at Ames is planning extensive improvement for this year. A new women's dormitory, science building, gym tank and bleachers are included in the requisitions.—Ex.

"The Kalamazoo College Index" is running an interesting series of articles containing incidents and details concerning the private lives of their illustrious professors, written by their wives. It's a good thing that the wives are doing it.

Hastings college (Neb.) is soon to have a splendid new central building which will be one of the best college buildings in the state.—Collegian.

Barbour—You seem warm; have you been exercising?

Waterman—Yes, indeed; went to the mutes' dance and swung dumb bells around all evening.—Michigan Gargoyle.

How a Beaver Can Work.

A young beaver in Regent's park gardens, London, was once placed at work upon a tree twelve feet long and two feet six inches thick just as the town clocks sounded the hour of noon. The beaver began by barking the tree a foot above the ground. That done, he attacked the wood. He worked hard, alternating his labor with dips in his bathing pond. He bathed and labored alternately until 4 o'clock in the afternoon, when he ate his supper of beets and carrots and paddled about in his pond until half past 5 o'clock. Ten minutes later, when only one inch of the tree's diameter remained intact, he bore upon his work, and the tree fell. Before it fell the beaver ran as men run when they have fired a blast. Then as the tree lay on the ground he portaged it out mentally and again began to gnaw. He worked at intervals all night, cut the log into three parts, rolled two of the portions into the water and resorted the other third for his permanent shelter. The work done, he took a bath.

Waterton's Climb.

The steeplejack's ability to keep his head and feet while working on a "top" which is a ledge three feet wide between abysses 500 feet deep is a gift. Like the poet, the steeplejack is born, not made. Charles Waterton, the naturalist, had the gift and would have adorned the profession—the only one into which he could not drift.

When on a visit to Rome, Waterton determined to rival the feats of the Italian climbers who yearly scaled the dome of St. Peter's and the pinnacles of the castle of St. Angelo, to illuminate their summits on the feast of St. Peter. Eighty men used to climb the dome on two successive nights, and the boldest completed the spectacle by crowning the cross with a waving torch of fire. Each night's show was said, on the average, to cost a man's life. Waterton scaled the dome by daylight and left his glow upon the vane.—Los Angeles Times.

Helping the Clock.

"Alas," said the head clerk, "I'm glad to notice that you're arriving punctually now, Mr. Staccato."

"Yes, sir. I've bought a parrot."

"A parrot? What on earth for? I told you to get an alarm clock."

"Yes, I did. But after a day or two I got used to it, and it didn't wake me. So I got the parrot. And now when I go to bed I fix the alarm clock and put the parrot's cage on top of it. When the alarm goes off it startles the parrot, and what that bird says would wake up anybody."—London Fun.

Inconsistent.

"I wish you were arrested for speeding."

"Yes, the judge was a friend of mine."

"You were in luck."

"Not at all. It's true he inquired politely about my health, but when I said I was feeling well he assessed a fine that made me sick."—Exchange.

What Would Stagger Them.

A philosopher writing in the Milwaukee Journal says:

"It is a popular diversion to talk about how dumfounded our grandfathers would be by our telephones and motorcars, and so on, but apparently no one dares imagine what they would think of the bills."

Went Too Far.

An unsuccessful lover was asked by what means he had lost the object of his affections.

"Alas," he said, "I flattered her till she got too proud to speak to me!"

Ypsi hasn't met a defeat yet. Is Alma going to break the record? High school gymnasium Saturday night.

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