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□ Kazoo Plays at Alma Friday Night—We Must Win This Game □

FRESHMEN ENTERTAINED BY DR. AND MRS. CROOKS

"Verdants" Guests at the President's Home, and Have a Royal Time.

There are parties, and parties, and parties. But was there ever such a delightfully sparkling, radiantly brilliant party as the one given by Dr. and Mrs. Crooks for the Freshman class on St. Valentine's night? Themes, orations, mathematical problems, and in fact all lessons and everything pertaining to lessons were forgotten in the jolly round of fun which started the moment the first guests came and lasted until the last ones had departed.

After every one had arrived (and almost the whole class was there) and had become re-acquainted, a most clever and original game was played. Small envelopes each containing eight candy hearts were passed around, and when every one was supplied, the game began. Everybody had to talk with every one else but the pronoun "I" had to be omitted from the conversation. If a person was so unfortunate as to say "I," he or she forfeited one candy heart to the person to whom the word was addressed. At the end of fifteen minutes the person having the least hearts and the person having the most hearts were the winners of the game. Blanche Mashin and Roland Marsh were the fortunate persons.

When the game was ended, Dr. Crooks announced that Mrs. Replogle was to play. Where before all had been gay laughter, there was now a sudden hush, a still silence vibrating with expectation—and how that expectation was met! The pieces Mrs. Replogle played fitted the mood of the evening; to say that they were played exquisitely is to say the very least. One had rare visions of moods, with sunlight scintillations through the trees, of rippling brooks, of joyous laughter, and yes, even of Pan as he played on his pipes while dancing down a green, green hillside. But when Mrs. Replogle finished playing, the spell was broken by a burst of appreciative applause.

Afterwards, baskets were passed around, containing hearts cut in pieces. Each person drew one piece, the boys, however, drawing from a different basket than the girls. Then each person tried to find the other person who had the piece of the heart which fitted with his own. In this way partners were secured for the refreshments. And such good things to eat! Creamed chicken in heart shaped patty shells, ripe olives, delicious sandwiches, hot coffee and heart shaped sugar cookies. It is really no wonder the sandwiches were so delicious for

"Cupid spread the butter,
And Cupid cut the bread;
Cupid put between the two
A ring for the first to wed;
Pills for the one to be doctor
Or the one to be doctor's wife;
A thimble for her who's a spinster
Or a bachelor all his life."

As a consequence amid laughter and congratulation, LaReine McKinney found the thimble, Mabel Jennings, the ring, and Lula Stone, the pill.

The members of the Freshman class will never forget the night of this party. It is one of those bright glowing and inspiring lights which helps to make college life more bouyant and different. Nor will they ever forget the sincere host and the lovely hostess, Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Crooks, who made the evening one of those golden links in the chain of college memories.

ADELAIDE BALLOU
Orator Chosen to Represent Alma
at Hope College March 2.



DR. LINCOLN WIRT

Experiences in the Artistic Subject of a Great Lecture.

To a fair sized audience in the Wright Opera House last Thursday evening, Dr. Lincoln Wirt, noted explorer and lecturer, delivered one of the most interesting and fascinating lectures ever given before an Alma gathering. The directness of his speech, the power of his personality, the flow of his descriptive language, and the keen touch of humor and pathos contrasted, brought this noted man up to his best.

The subject of the lecture was "Experiences in the Arctic." It was filled with personal experiences, vivid word pictures, clear descriptions and naturalness.

Alaska, with all of its possibilities, its fascinations, its grandeur, its tragedy, were brought out in a wonderful manner. The great experiences, such as may seem to those who have never heard Dr. Wirt, impossible for a human person to go through were related, at times holding his audience spell-bound. The beautiful descriptions of the Alaskan sunset, the rugged American Alps, the tragedy of the losing of the hospital material, the wonderful intelligence of the dogs, and especially "Whiskers," were but a few of the things which were brought to the people.

A great part of the lecture was devoted to the relating of experiences on the twelve hundred mile trip from the mission station to the nearest port, when supplies for the station were needed. Only a man with unimplicit faith in the Higher Power, with grim determination, with Christ-like brotherly love would ever have attempted such a task. His delivery from what seemed sure death, and the treachery of the guides, and the devotion of the dogs, with the vivid picture of the religious service were experiences which have never been told so true to life before.

Every minute of the lecture was thoroughly enjoyed by all present, and every one was well re-paid for attending.

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SONG TO THE FACULTY
Tell us not, oh powers that have been,
Are, and ever more will be,
That our lessons will be longer;
Have a heart, now, hully gee!
Lives of students all remind us
Our'n can't never be sublime.
You blamed teachers keep us working
Twenty-four hours and overtime.

It's Kazoo Friday night. Let's root.

ALMA WON AND LOST ON WEEK-END TRIP

Hillsdale Defeated Alma by One Point, While Locals Found Adrian Easy.

The two days' trip of the Alma college basketball team resulted in an even split in two Michigan intercollegiate games, Alma losing the first game to Hillsdale by one point, the score being 26 to 25, and winning from Adrian by a score of 36 to 27. The defeat at Hillsdale almost makes a Michigan intercollegiate championship an impossibility, as the chances of Alma defeating Kalamazoo twice are exceedingly slim.

One of the biggest factors in the defeat at Hillsdale was the way the Hillsdale guards played for Smith. They kept the Alma Midget covered at every stage of the game and he failed to secure a field basket against the Blue and White. Adrian played for him almost as effectively the following night, and he secured only one field basket. Both games were exceedingly hard fought and were marked by great offensive work by both Gallagher and E. Foote.

Hillsdale vs. Alma.
Hillsdale Friday night, took a lead over Alma college right at the start, the small floor and no out of bounds bothering Alma greatly at first. When the first half ended, the Blue and White led Alma by a score of 12 to 6.

At the start of the second half, Hillsdale secured three field baskets and got a twelve-point margin on Alma. Helmer then made a shift in the Alma lineup and the Maroon and Cream broke loose and started on a scoring tour, which did not end until just before the final whistle. With a minute and a half to play Hillsdale led by one point and then added a field basket on a sensational shot by Pullen and took a three-point lead. Gallagher came back with a shot equally as sensational and put Alma one point to the rear again. A foul called just as time was up gave Alma a chance to tie the score, but it was missed.

Lineup and summary:
Alma, 25. Pos. Hillsdale, 26.
Smith, E. Foote...L. F...Pullen
Gallagher...R. F...Covert
F. Foote...C...Bucheit
Richards (Capt)...L. G...Courtright
French, A. Foote...R. G...Sherman
Field baskets—Gallagher, 5; E. Foote, 4; Johnston, 10. Pullen, 4; Serman, 4; Covert, 2-10.
Fouls—Smith, 2 out of 3; Gallagher, 3 out of 5; Pullen, 6 out of 7.
Referee—Hayes, Battle Creek.

Adrian-Alma.
The Adrian game on Saturday was the second victory of the season over the Downstaters, and came by a nice margin, the score being 36 to 27.

Great offensive work on the part of Gallagher and E. Foote marked this victory, these two men scoring seven field baskets each, for a total of 28 points.

During the first half Alma gained a fine lead, but in the second half Teachout broke loose and scored time and again for the Adrian quintet and put them within scoring distance of Alma several times during the second half. Alma led at the end of the first half 17 to 8, and the work of Teachout allowed the Adrianites to score point for point with Alma during the second half.

Lineup and summary:
Adrian, 27. Pos. Alma, 36.
Teachout...L. F...Smith
Beck...R. F...Gallagher
Grimm...C...E. Foote
Hood...L. G...Richards
Legle...R. G...French
Field baskets—Gallagher, 7; E. Foote, 7; Richards, 16. Teachout, 10; Grimm, 2; Beck, 15.
Fouls—Smith, 1 out of 3; Gallagher, 3 out of 6; Teachout, 1 out of 1.

Referee—Fox, Toledo.
Notes of the Games.
One would not suppose that Malcolm Smith could go two full games (Continued on Page Four)

MARY ANTIN
Ncted Russian Lecturer at the
Opera House February 23.



ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Alma Contributes \$30,000 to the College.

The Alma college endowment campaign in this city has now closed and it has all the earmarks of a successful campaign. It started in great shape, and kept going good.

Right at the start it was estimated that \$14,000 had been pledged, and on Wednesday night the end of the first full day's campaign, the hand on the clock, which hangs from the Wright House, showed that \$20,000 had been raised. This left thirty thousand dollars to be raised in the last three days of the four-day campaign.

On Monday evening, the citizens' committee comprising a representative group of Alma's business men gathered at the Presbyterian church and went over the plans of the campaign with the college endowment committee. The citizens' committee was broken up into small groups of three and four members each, and given a list of prospects to interview.

Among the bigger pledges so far made, and which have been made public are some that caused surprise. Dr. Jay Clisbee caused some with his \$6,000 gift. F. King caused some more with his \$1,000 for every \$9,000, or \$1.00 for every \$9.00 up to a personal liability of \$4,000. The college faculty has pledged \$3,265. L. A. Sharp has made a pledge of \$1,000. Others that aided in swelling the total are one for \$600, a couple for \$500 and a number for \$250.

FRANCIS KING, ALMA COLLEGE TRUSTEE, TO MAKE EVERY \$9 A \$10

Francis King, a well known Alma resident and a trustee of Alma college will match every \$9,000 raised in Alma for the endowment campaign up to commencement time in June, with \$1,000, and every \$9.00 will be matched with \$1.00 during the period of four months.

In his letter which was made public Monday night he limited his personal liability to \$4,000, but efforts will probably be made to get him to consent to increase his gift, so as to match every \$9.00 raised, up to \$50,000, which the endowment committee is seeking to raise in Alma.

The team needs your support Friday night.

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

February 23, Kazoo here.
March 3, Kazoo there.
March 7, Olivet there.
March 8, Ypsi there.
Mt. Pleasant pending.

ANNUAL LINCOLN BANQUET OF PHI PHI ALPHA

Gathering Marks One of the Pleasant Events of the College Year.

Another Phi Phi Alpha banquet has come and gone. Again the "Phi's" have admirably celebrated in feasting and toasting the birthday of their patron, the immortal Lincoln. It was not a social evening for which the guests must forfeit one of the twelve coveted "social cuts," although we could gladly have given half of our privileges to enjoy such a banquet, but it was a decidedly social evening from the standpoint of exquisite entertaining.

Eight o'clock was the time; February 16, the day; Wright House, the place, and shortly after the clock struck that hour the reception room was filled with more than a murmuring of bees. A lovely social half-hour was spent chatting and shaking hands, and beauty and joy filled the end of that glad day.

We then went to the dining room from whence issued full notes from the piano and the sweet strains of a violin.

Dr. Notestein, in simple but impressive words, returned thanks and then the feast began around the banquet table, which was bright with flowers and lighted with the soft glow of the table lamps. All above but hanging low were streamers of red and black. Even the chandeliers were covered over in red and in that half dimmed subdued light one felt that he had been carried away to an oriental booth. At either end was an effective electric Phi Phi Alpha sign in black and red, and a Phi sign in black and yellow.

Nothing is so contagious as enthusiasm and although a sumptuous feast followed, the bright faces and strains of laughter showed that each one was enjoying the evening as well as the "eats."

After we had dined and the Phi Phi Alpha punch had been served, the toastmaster, Mr. Carl Titus, the man who always knows "howe," welcomed the guests and ably introduced the speakers with personal bits of history, for which they retaliated by "heaping coals of fire" or telling nothing about him or by giving a part of his biography, which was rather complete before the evening adjourned.

Lewis J. Sarvis, '18, responded to the toast "As We Know them," and he graciously called the ladies "the fairest work of the Great Author" saying the edition was large and no man should be without a copy.

Then Miss Rowena Rose, '19, responded with the message of appreciation from the "Philos" for the affiliation between Philomathean and Phi Phi Alpha. This she defined as "mutual helpfulness," saying, "it is this one communication, greatest usefulness and sincerest truth that so closely bind these two societies."

Mr. Samuel N. Oliver brought greetings from not only Phi Alpha Pi but also from Olivet college. In his toast on "Friendship" he showed us how the same kind of friendship which exists between individuals exists in affiliation between Phi Alpha Pi and Phi Phi Alpha.

By way of variety, Mr. Clarence Halteman sang "The Two Grenadeers" and "A Perfect Day," for we were not to be satisfied with but one selection.

"The Threshold of the Future," by J. Melvin Anderson, '20, expressed the hopes and desires of the Freshmen for Phi Phi Alpha, but was not without its reminiscences of the past.

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TO HILLSDALE

The spirit between Alma and the other colleges in the M. I. A. A. has always been one of the keenest rivalry and of good sportsmanship, yet we notice from a comment in the "Hillsdale Collegian," of last week, that a different attitude has been made manifest. Nor can we blame our rivals against Kazoo for this criticism which reads as follows:—

"A write-up from Alma in one of the Detroit papers says: 'Hillsdale may give trouble in the M. I. A. A. basket ball race but will probably drop out soon. She has had a bad habit of dying natural deaths in athletics for the last few years and this will probably be a repetition.'

"We don't know the author of this article but if he will just refer to the records of the last few years he will find that Alma has fizzled as much as any M. I. A. A. school recently. How about their track teams last year? After having the papers full of favorable Alma dope, the Alma team took less than ten points at the state meet last spring. A "regular" base ball team is the way the team was described that Hillsdale walloped 17-2 last year. Alma beat us in foot ball last year but we made a better showing than they did this fall by comparative scores. If Hillsdale has been dying a natural death, Alma has been a dead one. "Where'd you get that stuff, Alma?"

Maybe as "Kid" Wallace says, "If Hillsdale has been dying a natural death, Alma has been a dead one." Now, of course, we do not like to admit our faults, but neither are we afraid to face them when they are brought to our attention. There is absolutely no reason for the comment which appeared in the Detroit paper to be made, for this presents a wrong Alma spirit—perhaps a boastful or jealous one. The Alma spirit is neither boastful nor jealous but rather one of clean sportsmanship. Alma is not in the M. I. A. A. to be a champion at all costs or merely for winning games. However, winning our games and with clean playing, then we would want the championship. The spirit which has existed between Hillsdale and Alma has always been a good one, and we are glad that "Kid" criticized us in the way he did.

Alma athletic authorities have not published these forecasts, but rather they have come from outside sources. "The Weekly Almanian" on behalf of the student body of Alma wants the "Collegian" and other college papers of Michigan to understand that official athletic dope concerning our teams appears in the columns of "The Weekly Almanian," and so far, we feel that these columns have shown nothing but a spirit of good sportsmanship. The above quoted article and other similar statements (having in mind the comments which appeared previous to the Albion foot ball game), are distasteful to us, and we regret that they have been appearing.

Hillsdale has always treated Alma well. The past week-end, when every chance was given them to be unfair, they played fair and showed the right spirit, and we want to thank them for their splendid treatment.

It's Kazoo Friday night. Let's root.

A green little Freshman in a green little way
Some chemicals mixed just for fun one day;
And the green little grass now tenderly waves
On the green little Freshman's green little grave.

Dr. Randels—If a fellow tells you what to do, what have you a right to tell him?

Hammer—Where to go to do it.

The Irrepressible Savage

HUMANITY tends to reproduce in current experience the successive stages of its own history. Each generation bequeathes its dominant instincts to the next. This fact throws a flood of light upon our complex human nature. Much of what we are is determined by what our ancestors were, before that revolution of thought and feeling which brought to a close the somber history of the Middle Ages.

Here we find a partial explanation of the otherwise unexplainable nature of the modern boy. Between the ages of ten and sixteen the boy lives over again those thrilling experiences which were both the glory and the shame of the savage man. He has the body of a savage, the passions of a savage and the soul of a savage. His thoughts and impulses, his vices and virtues, his ideals and aspirations are the same as those of his ancestors.

Boy sports were once the stern duties of the savage. He hunts, fishes, fights, and builds huts in the woods for fun, because his savage ancestry followed these pursuits for a living. Because his forefathers hurled stones in self-defense the modern boy throws stones at everything and everybody. The gang spirit in the boy of today is merely an outgrowth of the tribal instincts of savage times. Just as the little girl and her doll represent the instinctive love of the mother for her child so the boy in his gang re-lives that life of the clan which was the basis of all organized governments.

While these savage instincts of boyhood are a heritage of the past, they are also a prophecy of the future. They are merely embryonic stages of the traits and virtues which lend strength and beauty to maturity. The fighting instinct of the boy develops into that personal bravery which enables the man to face any danger without flinching. The precision developed in throwing stones is the forerunner of that accuracy essential to all successful achievement. The faculty for leadership in the gang develops into the faculty for leadership necessary for the organization of wealth and industry. The skill and initiative of the hunt are the fundamental elements of success in all business enterprise. Boy thieving, full grown, becomes acquisitiveness, the basis of all adult frugality. Just because a boy likes to fight we need not despair of his growing into a self-respecting man. Why shouldn't he love fighting when he has come of a race that has fought its way up from barbarism to civilization? Back of this fighting instinct are a hundred blood strewn battle fields where humanity has won for itself a larger liberty and a better opportunity. We are the lineal descendants of a long line of fighting men, who with deadly steal, have carved out new empires and nobler civilizations and we must ever remember that "they have rights who dare maintain them." The men who are today fighting our battles against graft and political corruption were, we may well believe, the boys who fought each other only a few short years ago. They are the knight errants of reform, the gallant pioneers of progress.

Quite as universal among boys is the disposition to steal. They steal things to eat because they are hungry and to fill their pockets because they want to own property. But it is the desire to acquire property that makes men frugal citizens and substantial tax-payers. The boy can be cured of stealing by encouraging him to become a collector. When he is given an opportunity to acquire property by his own effort he will have due respect for the property of others.

Every boy is possessed of an instinctive wanderlust. That is why he plays truant and runs away from home. About the third time he is guilty of such an offence his parents and teachers pronounce him thoroughly bad and turn him over to the officers of the law to be committed to the Reform School. But before we can thus wash our hands of responsibility we must ascertain why he ran away. Is it not his love of adventure, his desire to see strange things and to visit new places? His migrating ancestry has marked him with a world old wanderlust which has been one of the most potent factors in moulding the civilization of the world. By it Abraham was driven out of the Chaldees in quest of a country that he did not know; by it the Aryan hordes of Central Asia were lured into Europe; by it the Huns and Vandals were emboldened to pit their naked valor against the armored discipline of Rome; by it the Angles and Saxons were induced to penetrate the danger infected forests of Britain; by it Columbus was inspired to face the perils of uncharted seas to give to the world a new hemisphere; by it the English were prompted to kindle the fires of democracy on the inhospitable shores of New England and to dedicate a new continent to liberty at Plymouth Rock. The horizon has always been a challenge to men and truant boyhood longs to repeat this ancestral experience. This instinct is so deep seated that it cannot be uprooted but it can be wholesomely directed and controlled.

The wise parent will plan camping excursions; the physical director will require cross country runs; the progressive teacher will accompany the class to historic places. Boys need to see things first hand. They need to be shaken out of their over refined homes and brought face to face with the elemental forces of nature. Hiking, camping, sleeping out of doors under the stars around a camp-fire is far better in its disciplinary effect than any possible exercise of authority or application of force. On the bank of a river, in forest glen, or on the side of a mountain, there come to all boys, feelings of awe and mystery mingled with devotion and friendship. No where else is there such an opportunity for moral instruction and spiritual inspiration.

These savage instincts have proven annoying and disheartening only because we have misconceived the true quality of boy nature. They are the vantage ground of successful education had we but the eye to see and the hand to mould their potential values. Had we but given our boys the inspiration and guidance which they demand instead of turning them over to some hired instructor who works merely for a wage we would have long since made a substantial beginning in the mastery of boy psychology and would have saved the state the shame and disgrace of the Juvenile Court and the Reform School, where society is obliged to pay the price of blood for our iniquitous avoidance of parental responsibility. The fathers of today are so engrossed in a mad chase for dollars that they

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ALMA'S RECORDS IN ATHLETICS

The following is a list of the Alma athletes who have made records, together with their records, in the various track meets. It has been compiled by Coach Helmer, and since he is anxious that the records shall be correct, it will greatly assist him if corrections will be made where they are necessary. If you know of other records which have been made by Alma men, kindly notify Mr. Helmer, Alma, Michigan, at your earliest convenience. If there are no corrections, they will stand as the college official records.

100-yard dash, 10 seconds, F. McComb, 1908.
220-yard dash, 22 1-5 seconds, F. McComb, 1908.
440-yard dash, 51 2-5 seconds, F. McComb, 1908.

880-yard run, 2 minutes and 5 seconds, F. Gallagher, 1915.

1-mile run, 4 minutes and 42 seconds, F. Gallagher, 1915.

2-mile run, 10 minutes and 21 seconds, A. Wilson, 1912.

120-yard hurdles, 16 2-5 seconds, L. Koepfgen, 1911.

220-yard hurdles, 26 1-5 seconds, B. Chapel, 1908.

High jump, 5 feet and 7 1/2 inches, H. Jackson, 1915.

Broad jump, 21 feet and 11 inches, Marks, 1915.

Pole vault, 10 feet and 4 1/2 inches, L. Koepfgen 1911.

Shot put, 37 feet and 7 inches, Edgerton, 1912.

Javelin, 144-4, Meisnar, 1914.

Discuss, 123 feet and 11 inches, R. McCollum, 1908.

*Relay, 3.31 2-5 seconds, Chisholm, Garlock, Sayles, Gallagher.

*M. I. A. A. record.

DR. BARKLEY'S LECTURE

Dr. Barkley, whom Alma college has come to love as her "grand old man," fixed even greater laurels to his brow, in his wonderful address on Abraham Lincoln, given in the college chapel last Tuesday morning.

From the great emotion and spirit he showed in the address, one could easily see that Lincoln was Dr. Barkley's type of man. The address gripped every one present and to many students Lincoln became a new ideal, a new force, a new devotion. Many instructive books and interesting addresses have been given on the immortal Lincoln, but it takes an ex-confederate like Dr. Barkley, with the heart of a child, the penetrating view of years and the intellect of a Titus to show the crucible of the heart of Lincoln. As the address continued, the audience was forced to forget the speaker imbibing in the great reality of the speaker's subject.

Dr. Barkley said there were four causes for Lincoln's wonderful life. First, he was the opportunist of Providence. God found in Lincoln the emancipator, the law-giver, the servant that he needed. Second, because of the sublime task he wrought, Lincoln pledged himself to free the slaves; and bring about peace by making law supreme in all the territories. Third, he gave himself to others. Finally, he is the making of God Almighty. He was made and no human element could have made him what he was. One thing pre-eminently, he was God's special make of a man.

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J. NORMAN KING, '05

J. Norman King, a graduate of Alma college in the year 1905, is now the pastor of the Presbyterian church in Lima, Ohio. He was graduated from Caro High school and came to Alma in 1900. While Mr. King was in Alma the Phi Phi Alpha Literary society was organized, and there were three charter members who pushed the society to a living existence, Norman King being one. He also represented Alma in debate and took part in oratorical contests.

After graduating from Alma, he attended Princeton Theological Seminary and received there the degree of B. D. In 1910, he married Kathleen Rhoades. The Reverend and Mrs. King have three children—Ada Corinne, Mary Emma and Janice Ruth. Before taking up his work at Lima, Ohio, Reverend King was pastor at the Presbyterian church at Hicksville, Ohio.

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AGED ALMA COLLEGE PROFESSOR DONATES \$6,000 TO THE FUND

At the endowment dinner, given at the Presbyterian church Monday evening, Jay Clisbe, D. D., professor of Bible at Alma college for sixteen years, at a salary of \$200 per year, arose and with his voice shaking with emotion said, that he, while not rich in worldly goods, would give to Alma college to start the endowment fund, his home on West Superior street, which has a value of about \$6,000. It was an act worthy of the pure hearted man, beloved by all who know him, whether connected with Alma college or citizens of Alma.

ALPHA THETA

A most interesting meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary society was held Monday night, February 12, 1917. Roll call was answered by quotations on war. Gertrude Peters read to the society a translation of the famous French story, "The Child Spy," by Alphonse Daudet. An impromptu debate was given on the question: Resolved, that the United States should go to war with Germany. The affirmative side was taken by the Misses Tuck, Gill and Creaser, and the negative side by the Misses Netzorg, Cooper and Boer. The decision of the judges was rendered in favor of the negative side. After singing "America," and after holding a short business meeting, the society was adjourned.

The members of the Alpha Theta Literary society were very glad to see Miss Gladys Bradner, one of its old members, at the meeting of the society Monday night.

PHILOMATHEAN

Quite in harmony with the meaning of the day was the program which was given by the Philomathean Literary society Monday evening. Roll call was responded to by quotations from some American statesman. The topic for the evening was "Present Day American Statesmen." Very carefully prepared papers on Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson were read by Jean Jackson and Helen Baker respectively. Erma Gates reported on William Jennings Bryan, and Elizabeth Reid reported on Elihu Root.

Occasionally a remark concerning one of the statesmen whom another girl was discussing was made, but although each naturally favored her own statesman, no hard feelings were incurred, and the program was one of the most interesting and instructive which has been presented this year.

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PHI PHI ALPHA

At the regular meeting on Monday, February 12th, a paper on "Michigan" was given by Lewis Sarvis. The subject is a vast one and in this paper only part was given, the rest to follow at another meeting. Diary of an Alma student was read by Charles Kennedy. "Protectionism After the War" was the title of a paper given by John Finlayson.

An impromptu on "Wright Hall Board" was responded to by Murray Martin, a non-boarder, the only sort of person who should ever be allowed to utter remarks on this delicate subject. Ray Beshgetoor responded to "Banquet Etiquette."

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ZETA SIGMA

The life of Ex-President Roosevelt was the subject for discussion at the last meeting of the society. Portions of his life given to exploring in Africa and South America were discussed by Fred Holt. His political career from Head of the New York police force to President of the United States was ably dealt with by Malcolm Smith. Impromptus, "Sugar Cured Wounds," Hicks; "Position of Holland," Simenton; "Policy of Russian Ministry," Lonie; "First Impressions of a Wright Hall Boarder," Marsh. Voluntary speeches on the life of Abraham Lincoln were given by Melvin, Szeley, Adams and Lampman.

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THURSDAY—Blanche Sweet in "The Warrens of Virginia." A special picture for Washington's Birthday.

FRIDAY—Mary Pickford in one of the most lovable characterizations, "Poor Little Peppina."

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utterly neglect either the study or the discipline of their boys. Mothers are so absorbed in keeping pace with the kaleidoscopic changes of fashion that they will not devote themselves to either the control or culture of their sons. If the parents of America are not willing to assume the responsibilities of parenthood then the nation's doom is already sealed. Are not boys more valuable than dollars? Does not the father who is a hero to his boy render a higher service to the state than the man who gluts her coffers with gold? Does not the mother who is queen to her boys occupy a larger place in society than the woman who presides over her club? Low standards of boy life today are directly traceable to the fact that the fathers and mothers of America love money, pleasure and fame more than they do their sons.

How many homes in this broad land were constructed with any thought of the moral and physical needs of the boy? Indeed, is there any place for a boy in the average American home? He cannot come in at the front door because his feet are muddy. He cannot come in at the back door because he will be in the way. He cannot play in the dining room because he breaks the cut-glass, nor in the parlor because he interrupts his sister's piano practice, nor in the attic because the clothes-line is there, nor in the cellar because he litters the floor, nor in the front yard because he destroys the lawn and flowers, nor in the back yard because he tramps down the vegetables. Where, pray you, may be a boy go and find welcome? Into the back alley with its doubtful companionships, to the hospitable picture show with its questionable exhibitions, to the pool-room with its evil influences and vulgar stories. Why should we be amazed if he falls into habits of indolence and cultivates a taste for crime? What else should we expect? For as the Spanish proverb has it: "Sow an act and reap a habit, sow a habit and reap a character, sow a character and reap a destiny."

Every home should contain some room which the boy may call his own and to which he may bring his friends. Give him a work-bench, a kit of tools and make him feel that he is a part of the home and necessary to its enjoyment.

Schools today are in many instances public nurseries where parents send their babies rather than bother with them at home. The salary of the average teacher does not appeal to men, hence women constitute the teaching force of our land. They have never experienced boy problems nor ambitions, nor can they be expected to understand them. Neither are they vocationally trained and therefore they are unqualified for the guidance of the individual qualities of boyhood. A boy needs association with men, men with high ideals. Can we not induce the tax-payers of this commonwealth to increase the salaries of teachers so that vocationally trained men as well as women shall be willing to devote themselves to the task of common school education? Shall we not instill into boys' hearts the ideals for which our democracy was founded and inspire them to become men adequately trained in the essential virtues of citizenship—to have every dweller in America a sharer in America's best ideals?

"When shall I be a man?" he said,
As I was putting him to bed.
"How many years will have to be
Before Time makes a man of me?
And will I be a man when I
Am grown up big?" I heaved a sigh,
Because it called for careful thought
To give the answer that he sought.
And so I sat him on my knee,
And said to him "A man you'll be
When you have learned that honor brings
More joy than all the crowns of kings;
That it is better to be true
To all who know and trust in you
Than all the gold of earth to gain
If winning it shall leave a stain.
"When you have learned that you must hold
Your honor dearer far than gold;
That no ill-gotten wealth or fame
Can pay you for your tarnished name;
And when in all you say or do
Of others you're considerate, too.
Content to do the best you can
By such a creed, you'll be a man."

ALMA WON AND LOST ON WEEK-END TRIP

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and only score one field basket, but it happened. One field basket by Smith at Hillsdale would have won the game, but Hillsdale kept Smith from getting it.

We hardly expected it, so Hillsdale did not surprise us greatly by winning from us.

French played a great game at guard at Hillsdale, until injured in the second half. "Hawk!" we want some of it Friday night against Kazoo.

Suppose Alma trims Kalamazoo Friday night—where will those state title claims go?

Why not trim the champs even if Alma cannot have the championship? Let's do it.

ANNUAL LINCOLN BAN- QUET OF PHI PHI ALPHA

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In a short but direct toast, Mr. Howard Burtch showed how we may link our "fellowship with education" for "so long as men shall be on earth there will be tasks for them to do."

In addition to his ability or disability to keep the society room clean, Mr. Homer Grimes demonstrated his aptitude in other vocations by playing two piano selections and reading one humorous piece. Oh, a janitor is a funny man!

Then next, in Dr. Randels' usual and unusual way we listened to a tribute to Lincoln. He said that Lincoln was a man with whom God could talk and then with whom God could work. The main idea of his toast was that Lincoln sought to prevent, through fighting for union, the establishing of a Europe of today in our fair United States, and thus, through a united land and people, posterity has been spared, perhaps countless wars.

"Fond memory brings the light of other days around me," and in his toast, "Realities," Mr. Paul Austin, '15, interpreted the past in terms of the present.

And so with the singing of the college song, ended one of Phi Phi Alpha's most successful banquets. Only the programs, place cards and a few faded flowers remain, but we will long remember the banquet of '17 through which Phi Phi Alpha so nobly pictured the high ideals for which she stands.

Napkins have a new use in the dining room at Wright Hall, namely, as shawls.

Professor Hedges (in English)—I never tell any stories, no matter how many you may tell.

Pink (in trig class)—What is your head for?

Bay—To keep my collar on.

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(73-1y) L. N. BRAINERD, M. D.