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Nightshirt Parade and Stag Party, Thursday, April 3d

REVIVES INTEREST IN Y. M. C. A. WORK

Captain MacKendricks Revisits
Alma, Creating Great Im-
pression on Students.

The past week end marked one of the greatest revivals of interest in the Young Mens Christian association and the religious life of the students of the college. In the person of Captain W. H. MacKendricks, 28th Bn., Canadian Expeditionary Forces, who has seen four years of service overseas, been wounded seven times and has been decorated five times, was found the shining radiance of the result of a practical Christianity.

Captain MacKenrick arrived in Alma on Friday afternoon, after he had suffered a nervous break-down while speaking to the students at Kalamazoo college. His physician ordered a complete and immediate rest, but the memories of the kindnesses shown him on his former trip to Alma would not allow him to cancel this engagement, so he came anyhow. After filling his engagement at Olivet the Captain is going to take a well-earned rest at his home in Winnipeg.

It was plainly evident that Captain MacKendricks was under a great nervous strain yet he presented himself and his messages to the students of the college with such force and unselfish zeal that it was impossible for every one to do anything but admire him, and he has won a place in the hearts of the students as no other man who has been in Alma on such a short visit and who has come presenting such a forceful appeal for the living of the Christian life.

On Friday afternoon at 3:30 in the college chapel the first address was given before the entire student body. The talk was made up of war reminiscences, which naturally held the listeners' undivided attention for an hour and a half.

Saturday night a splendid appeal was made to the men for "Loyalty." After the address a reception and stag party was held. It is the first of its kind this year and proved to be a decided success in every way.

Two meetings were held on Sunday, the one for men only at 10:00 o'clock in the morning, when the captain spoke on "Moral Retreat," and in the afternoon in the reception room at Wright Hall at the Vesper service the last address was given.

As a slight mark of appreciation the entire student body gave the man who has become a part of the college, a rousing send-off at the station. To say that every meeting was a success is putting it mildly and to say that the students have a broader view of Christianity is hardly expressing it. The strong personal appeal, the straightforward presentation of the Christ and the clear conviction of a man who has "seen the naked souls of men," stripped of social rank, wealth and poverty, learning and ignorance and sect and creed, cannot but create a great impression upon the lives of the students. Without exception everyone expressed greatest praise for the captain and it is the hope of all that it will be possible for him to return before long.

Keeps on the Move

"Is it true that a person in a small town 'settles'?"

"Not always. I once knew a man in a small town who was mayor, chief of police, superintendent of education and pastor of the leading church. He didn't have any more chance to vegetate than a ball of thick down in a high wind."

WERE ENTERTAINED

Phis and Philos Enjoyed Sleighride to St. Louis.

Sleigh rides have been scarce this winter so every Phi and Philo was happy when he received the invitation from Mrs. Kneeland and Helen to come to their home in St. Louis on Monday evening, March the tenth. Everybody was ready early for the sleighs were expected at seven o'clock. Of course everybody at Wright Hall had to "sign up," so Virginia wrote the names while Dorothy kept track of them on her fingers so that no one would be forgotten. It was quite evident, after the sleighs had arrived, that no one was being left behind. Carol and Myrrdn, as masters of ceremonies, proved themselves quite able always to find room even in a full sleigh. This was quite necessary for there was a large reserved seat section in the back of the second sleigh so that only a few fellow passengers could be accommodated and have room for a chaperon too. Finally everything and everybody was stored away and off we started.

After leaving the city lights we discovered what a wonderful night it was—with lots of stars and just such a moon as is made for sleigh rides. Who could resist the desire to sing? Fluey couldn't and he certainly harmonized beautifully. And what fun it was to snowball. That is Ching, George, Harold and Rich thought so. Even Babe didn't object as long as he had sufficient protection.

St. Louis isn't far from Alma after all and it was just no time before we were there. We had no trouble in finding the Kneeland home even though Emberson insisted that we weren't going around the right block. Mrs. Kneeland and Helen were waiting for us and everybody felt himself warmly welcomed just as soon as he entered this lovely home. Games were soon in full swing, some to the accompaniment of the victrola in the parlor, some to the accompaniment of the piano in the living room and some upstairs in the library. It was a noisy, happy crowd that filled the house. Only the announcement of lunch could quiet them.

From the dining room came the fragrance of hot coffee. The first sight as one entered was a table with plates piled high with sandwiches and doughnuts. Eva Ardis presided over a large silver coffee urn and Helen helped with the plates and cups. There was lots for everyone and hunger was soon a thing of the past. Plates were then gathered up but the little groups of three and four or more, which were scattered about did not show any inclination to break up until the sleighs were announced.

No one was ready to leave but the hands of the clock were pointing to a late hour so wraps were donned and after a hearty yell for the Kneeland's, the sleighs were once more loaded and we started for home. It was rather late when we reached Wright Hall but the loads were heavy and the sleighing a little thin in places, so we couldn't drive very fast. However, we know Dean Roberts wouldn't worry for we had Mrs. Beavlesley and Miss Conyne along.

After this evening of fun and frolic both Phis and Philos declared Mrs. Kneeland and Helen the best of hostesses and the Kneeland home a wonderful place in which to be entertained.

To Eat Them Up

Bacon—I saw by the paper that at one station in France, Salvation Army girls make and serve 2,000 doughnuts a day to our soldiers.

Ham—Well, I saw they were calling for more doctors and nurses over there.

NOTICE

Full particulars of the week end basketball games came too late for publication. The scores were as follows:

Adrian 27, Alma 20.
Hillsdale 21, Alma 20.

MESSAGE FROM URUGUAY

Among the many words of appreciation which are expressed to America for her ideals and work in the war, is a cordial message of hope and good will from the students of Uruguay to the students of the United States of America. The message sent from the University of Uruguay to Harvard University in part reads as follows when translated:

"The students of Uruguay express their ardent wish that peace may be impertable on all the soil of free America. * * * *"

Honorable and deeply felt aspirations of which young people with singular anticipation of common destiny had a presentiment, kindled with positive fervor and conceived as a road for persistent and never ending efforts—it is today—in the negotiations of statesmen and by the sanction of legislative bodies no more the political formula of eventual solution, but the grinding, growing political standard of the continent. Any effort in our sovereignty provokes a reaction over all America. * * * * The students of Uruguay send heartiest greetings to their fellow students of the North—strongly organized, exceptionally fit for construction work and for pacific triumph—watching your ideal with arms in hand—at twenty years ready to die.

Brethren of the North: Under the severe shadows of Washington, so dear to your national affection, who was in his time a protector of nations, the students of Uruguay do homage to your past, your present time and yourselves, because you are the future. * * * *"

Y. W. C. A.

At the meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Sunday, March 16, the usual ceremony of the installation of new officers was held. Mildred McConkey, the past president, officiated in her usual charming manner. The following officers were installed:

President, Vernie Green; vice president, Dorothy Reid; secretary, Virginia Blick; Treasurer, Esther Fredericks. The cabinet is as follows:

Religious meetings committee, Laura Miller; finance committee, Esther Fredericks; membership committee, Marion Reed; world fellowship committee, Eva Ardis; community service committee, Rosella Benson; social committee, Charlotte Hawes; publicity committee, Marlon Forrester; house committee, Beatrice Harrington.

Miss McConkey said in leaving that the task might be hard and obstacles multiply but that they should keep their light shining for Christ, and strive to do what is right for Him. Miss Green closed the meeting.

During the past year the Y. W. C. A. has progressed greatly. The meetings have been well attended and great interest taken in religious and social work. The influenza quarantine which prevented attendance at social affairs off the campus offered a great opportunity for the Y. W. C. A. in social activities. This crisis was well met and with great satisfaction to the soldiers of the S. A. T. C. Much of its success is due to the efficient officers in charge, and it is expected that its future work will be equally as successful under the new staff.

A pretty girl doesn't like winter, and you can't blame her. It is hard to keep one's nose looking just right when your feet are cold.

THE "TITE" FAMILY

These Interesting People Due for Public Notice in The Almanian.

For some time the family has been anxiously waiting to see if someone wouldn't be kind enough to give us a write-up in the Almanian. And so far there hasn't been anything in there to tell about us. Now you know we are all too modest to ask anyone to do such a thing but really, when a family has been around the college as long as this family has and been so much in the public eye that almost everyone knows the individuals, we think it about time we were explained, so here goes.

One day one of us had a birthday and to celebrate it we had a spread with chicken and everything—you know the kind—and a cake with candles on. Well, the birthday gift gave us our name but we didn't appear en famille until the Christmas party when we were formally introduced to Wright Hall. Since then we have become quite notorious (I think that's the correct word) as a family.

Our pa's name was Hezekiah. I don't remember him 'cause ma says he slipped the bucket quite a while ago. But we don't miss him much since his sister, Aunt Euphemia, has come from the city to help our ma, and to look after our manners. Our ma is just great, but you see she can't look after our health and manners, too. Of course, Hope, who is our big sister and 'most grown up, looks after us pretty well and we trip-lets, Faith, Resurrection and Charity, do our best to take care of Finis, but it's a big job.

And when our ma went home visiting her brother, who just returned from France, we felt lost. Aunt 'Phemy went off and stayed all night and even Finis took a vacation and went home to see her brother what's just been discharged from the army. Hope works in the office most of the time and the rest of us stay at home to keep things going.

Our Charity sings at meetings, and both she and Hope sing in the church choir. Our ma and Aunt Euphemy teach in the high school afternoons and even Finis teaches once in awhile. Faith is either working for the Almanian or being out in society. Resurrection has to stay home and keep up the reputation for studying. Finis thinks she studies hard, but you never can find her at home except about midnight. Perhaps you think you know which one of the family I am, but you don't and I won't tell you 'cause you might want me to give you a nice long write-up.

We can make good fudge, too, and lots of things. Our Faith bakes the bestest cakes, and once Finis brought a mince pie. She says that she can cook but she didn't make that pie. Anyway she is more inclined towards literary things. There's lots of things we can do and we try to be very good, but when we are all together at night the Dean thinks it best to be awake. Now you know we are each and every one just as quiet as can be personally, but some way the whole family makes a noise that can be heard from afar.

Well, I hope you feel better acquainted with us now that you know what we are. There's lots more that I might tell but I'm afraid you will think we take up too much space in the paper and get tired of reading about us.

Here's a Free One for a Change

It happens that Bob was small once, yes, even he. His mother tells this one.) The art of hatching eggs was a mystery to him so he tried his art on a basket of eggs in his mother's pantry. A few moments later the irate parent meandered into the store room and found her prodigy squatting patiently in the basket of eggs. He had to send his clothes to the cleaners.

FIRST TRIP TAKEN BY THE GLEE CLUB

Concert Given at Wheeler Last
Friday Night Was Decided
Success.

On Friday night, the 14th, the Girls' Glee club went to Wheeler and such a commotion as they created at Wright Hall! The dinner hour was changed, the Glee club girls had special tables and the poor "swipes" spent half of their time running from table to table in search of napkin rings to satisfy the peculiar taste of each girl. When the girls finally decided that it was time to stop eating and put on coats and hats, the lights started to wink and blink in a most surprising manner. But in spite of the fact that rubbers, pins and hats had to be found in the dark, all were ready and waiting when the "bus" arrived. Hearty cheers followed as they left the hall, and lo! they were off.

Bump, bang, rattle-t-bump! The roads were fine—they kept the journey from being monotonous! No one was crowded either, just tight enough to keep from bumping off. "You must not talk," announced Professor Hosner, "save your voices." And silence reigned, almost! Deaf and dumb language was employed at one end of the car, but from the other came peals of laughter as "Mid" waved her hands in the air to warn forgetful talkers that they were being fined for each misbehavior.

Bumps and laughter ceased when the bus stopped in front of the Methodist Episcopal church at Wheeler and out from the car stepped the singers-to-be. The assembled crowd was evidently a happy one for it was singing when the girls arrived and continued to sing during the time that the girls spent behind the screen trading hair-pins and stepping on each others toes as they stood in front of the mirror on the organ.

The concert was very enjoyable and proved to be a success in every way. The following is the program given:

"Nymphs and Fauns"—Bemberg Mathews—Glee club
Solo—"My Laddie"—William A. Thayer—Miss Green.
Reading—"The Phonograph Dog"
"The Family Plate"—Miss Blick.
"Sweet and Low"—James H. Rogers.
"June"—George N. Chadwick—Glee club.

Piano solo—"Polonaise"—Hahn—Miss Purdy

"Rest Thee on This Mossy Pillow"—Henry Smart—Glee Club.

Reading—"Biddy's Trials Among the Yankees"—A Modern Sermon—Miss Blick

"Hark, Hark, My Soul"—C. B. Rutember—Glee club

Sketch—Miss Nunn—Glee club.

The sketch written by Iva Nunn pictured the lighter side of dormitory life and was carried out by the girls in true Wright Hall spirit. The college song, sung with great enthusiasm, completed the evening's program.

A warm welcome from the people of Wheeler awaited the Glee club when the program was finished. The generous hospitality which led to the serving of sandwiches, cake and hot coffee and cocoa, was greatly appreciated by the girls.

A cheer for Wheeler, given just outside the church door, was the girls' final good-bye and once more Mr. Hosmer counted his family as they crowded into the homeward bound "bus." This time there were no noise

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NOTICE

All material for the Almanian except week end happenings should be in the Almanian box by the Friday noon preceding the issue for which it is intended. It is important that all who contribute bear this in mind.

At the Intercollegiate Oratorical contest which was held March 7 at Ypsilanti, Alma's orators spoke well. They put up a stiff fight for our Alma Mater, and made a good showing. That they have worked under difficulties is all too true. And the more praise is due them because they have to a great extent overcome these difficulties.

One thing that the college as a whole has felt in regard to the various orations that have been given in our chapel is that they have not been given enough time in preparation. Almost in every case this feature of contest seems to have been neglected. A large amount of the blame for this condition must be laid to the date of the local contest. Coming only a very short time before the state contest, it has failed to give the chosen representatives sufficient time in which to "finish up" their orations. The Oratorical and Debating council has now passed a motion whereby the local contest will not be held until May, at which time the judges will elect the college representatives for the coming year. This is deemed a good plan for it will give the chosen orators an opportunity to work all summer upon their orations. And in this way Alma should have better prepared orations and should therefore take a higher place in any oratorical contest.

This spring, May 14, is the date of our next local contest. The time of preparation for this contest will not have been great, and the representatives will be all the more difficult to choose. But they will be on the road to a higher place for Alma in oratory, and it is hoped that everyone will cooperate in this plan. Every literary society as well as every individual should see that there are a good number of contestants out and in this way help Alma to take a leading place in oratory.

INTERESTING SPEAKERS SOON

President Crooks has arranged for some interesting chapel speakers for the near future. Among them is the Reverend Dr. J. Y. Vanwyck of Bay City. He will probably be here about the eighteenth of April.

On April 14, the Rev. Mr. Thomas G. Sykes of Grosse Pointe will lecture in chapel. Reverend Sykes was abroad with the Y. M. C. A. and his talk will no doubt be very interesting. He will probably speak on "Scotland and the Scotch."

Professor Charles A. O. Gilvie who is home on a furlough from China and who teaches in the McCormick Theological Seminary at Chicago will be here to deliver an address Friday April 4, after vacation.

FROEBEL SOCIETY

The Froebel society held its regular meeting on March 10, 1919. Roll call was responded to by a Russian poem. After business matters had been disposed of, Jennie Dudley read a very interesting article on "Russian Literature."

This was followed by a report on Turgenieff's "Smoke," given by Dorothy Mitchell. The girls then gave the Froebel yell and the meeting was adjourned.

Easy

"Pa, what is an income tax?"
"Anything we buy at the present prices, my son."—Boston Transcript.

ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION

The National Collegiate Athletic association is an organization comprising about one hundred and fifty of the leading colleges and universities of the United States with a student membership of approximately two hundred thousand.

The association is not a legislative or executive body but educational and advisory in its nature. It appoints, however, the committees that makes the rules for most of the intercollegiate sports including football, basketball, swimming, track athletics and wrestling.

The following resolutions were adopted at the thirteenth annual convention December 27, 1918:

1. Be it Resolved, that in the opinion of the National Collegiate Athletic association physical training and athletics are an essential part of education; and that in every college or university the Department of Physical Training and Athletics should be recognized as a department of collegiate instruction directly responsible to the college or university administration.

2. That each college faculty should make adequate provision in the hour schedule for physical training and athletics.

3. That season coaches, scouting (except at public intercollegiate contests), training tables and organized training or coaching in the summer vacation are contrary to the spirit of amateur college athletics.

(In furtherance of the first resolution, seasonal coaches should, as soon as practicable, be replaced by coaches appointed for the year, or should themselves be given an appointment for a year or more.)

ALPHA THETA

Last Monday night the society enjoyed a very interesting program. The topic for roll call was, "The Name of a College and the Line of Study for Which It Is Especially Noted." Two impromptus were given. Pearl Cashmore spoke on, "The Hebrew University in Jerusalem," and Helen Stroup on, "The Crises of the American University." An instructive paper was read by Rozella Smaldon on, "Women's Colleges in America and Their Importance." After a song by Charlotte Hawes several of the members took part in an impromptu debate. Resolved, That a Woman Worker Should Receive the Same Pay as a Man. The subject was cleverly handled by both sides but the judges decided in favor of the affirmative contestants. Laura Miller, Florence Purdy and Mable Field. The negative contestants were: Grace Dugy, Margaret Moore and Frances Priest. The society adjourned after a short business meeting.

ZETA SIGMA

The Zeta Sigma society meeting on March 10 was opened with a paper by Fred Moore. Critics report was given by Lee Sharrar.

A very interesting paper, "The Good There is in Bolsheviki" was given by Forrest Smith. This was followed by another paper, "The Bad There is in the Bolsheviki" by Chas. Creaser. The paper was very interesting and showed a great deal of preparation on the part of Mr. Creaser.

A paper, "Threatening War Between Germany and England," by Theron Chapel, May 3, 1909, was read by Tod Kelly. This was followed by a "continued story," each member taking part. The hero had many interesting experiences, but the ending was a tragedy.

COLLEGE RECEIVES GIFT

The college has been presented with the library of Mrs. William H. Elliot of Detroit, whose death occurred some time ago. The library contains some 2500 volumes among which are many works of modern fiction, as well as standard volumes of Cooper, Dickens, Hawthorne, Shakespeare, Burroughs, Eugene Field, etc. The books are all in very good binding and make a fine addition to our library.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES

Thursday, March 13th—"A Small Man Up a Tree." Leader: Wm. Amos.

Thursday, March 20th—Leader: Fred Moore.

Let's make these meetings peppy. Everyone out for a half hour 7:00 to 7:30.

CAMPUS BREEZES

Eva says Babe isn't in it when it comes to eating. Emerson has got him beat a mile. Raisin sandwiches. Nuff said.

"Benny" got kind of lonesome on the Phi-Philo sleigh ride. Too bad, but there's a reason. His favorite song was "Absent."

Will This Never End?

Drastic measures should be taken with Freshman Thompson. It appears that he even goes so far as to break in on Miss Robinson's bible monologues now.

To Be Remembered on the Campus

A freshman is one who doesn't know, but doesn't know that he doesn't know.

A sophomore is one who doesn't know, but knows that he doesn't know.

A Junior is one who knows but doesn't know that he knows.

While a Senior knows and knows that he knows.

Be ready for the journey to "Happyland" via the "Ha Ha Route" during the second week in April. Twenty-two burnt-cork fun-makers are coming to the campus with their "sympathetic syncopating, systematic, Jazz Orchestra." Have your coppers ready and wear a soft collar.

That heart-crusher Pelton is at his old tricks again. "Euney" Thompson was seen handing him a sly wink at the table the other day. We demand an explanation.

Casting a glance at his better half as he rose to his feet at the banquet, Toastmaster Fitch said, "Well, I guess it's about time I had something to say."

Rube Coleman was down south in an army camp and one of those southern habits still grip him. Even at the banquet he was heard ejaculating "seven, come eleven," as he juggled the dice on the white linen.

Adams has a grouch on and he's out of luck, because none of us can get up there to console him.

Boyne now tells the time of day by the position of his bed. Once every hour he finds it standing on end.

"Mr. and Mrs. Ford Garage are blessed with the arrival of twins, a son, Henry, and a daughter, Lizzie."

Stuffed Dates

Fair Coed (at a Wright Hall slush spread): "Oh, I got a nut in my date."

Innocent neighbor: "How unusual."

Read Quickly "En Anglais."

Pas de l'Heure Rhone que nous.

Jennie Dudley received a visit from her mother last week end.

Rosella Smaldon, Persis Robinson, Margaret Moore and Esther Friedrich spent the week end in Merrill with Miss Beulah Packard.

"Bill" Murphy is home from Naval Hospital, Portsmouth, Va., and is ready to enter the senior class.

Carl Titus now is with the army of occupation in Germany.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Parker are the proud possessors of a young son born March 9. Mr. and Mrs. Parker are now living in Reese.

PHI PHI ALPHA

The regular business meeting of Phi Phi Alpha literary society was held Monday, March 3rd. A short business meeting was held after which the program for the evening was taken up. Elmer Erickson read a fine paper on "The Labor Situation in the United States." Harry Willet followed this with a paper on "Washington." Impromptus were given by Emberson Ardis, "Steve" Nesbit, and Harold Cary.

CHAPEL NOTES

The College Male Quartett made a second "hit" in chapel Thursday morning. They gave another one of those pleasant old southern negro songs. (Let's have another encore.)

The Girls Glee club made its debut in chapel on Friday morning. Everyone was delighted with the selection they gave.

Dr. Brokenshire led devotional exercises in chapel Wednesday.

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FROM OUR BOYS IN THE SERVICE

TITUS WRITES FROM GERMANY

Two letters came yesterday, one from mother dated December 19, and one from Edward, dated December 24. They were both letters that had a "punch"—by that I mean they weren't just ordinary letters, but the kind that you want to read over two or three times.

I also had a letter from Tom (Tom Stitt). He is in the hospital at Coblenz. When he got where there were real doctors he found out that it was not his heart that was affected, but that something had gathered around his right lung. At the time he wrote, it had been drawn off and he was feeling much better. He thought he would be sent back to the States and I hope he will, though I would much like to have him here.

It is very thoughtful of you to send stationery in your letters, but I can get it now at the "Y."—not as good as that you send, but it answers the purpose.

I guess someone got ahead of me on the Christmas box. It has not arrived yet and I have about given up hope of its coming.

I got the first "Honest to Goodness" bath I have had in months day before yesterday. Showers have been established near here and I suppose we shall get them regularly after this. I was on guard yesterday from 1 p. m. until 1 p. m. today and am free this afternoon.

I don't think I ever told you that our Division was in support on the St. Mihiel Sector at the time of the drive there when so many prisoners were taken. It was begun with the heaviest barrage I ever saw or heard and prisoners fairly flocked back. We did not get into action there but saw a good many dead as we followed up. I am mighty glad the war is over but wish there were more prospects of my getting home soon. I don't think any of the combat divisions have been returned those that were actually in the fighting.

The old German lady at whose house I am billeted caused me considerable embarrassment by bringing me hot coffee, bread and cheese when I was on guard. I had some difficulty in explaining to her that in American military etiquette it was bad form to eat while on guard post.

Did I ever tell you that I saw the Lorelei Rock as we marched along the Rhine? The Rhine (the part of it I have seen, anyway), is not as large as I expected, somewhat wider than the Saginaw, but not as deep at least near the shore. The Moselle joins it at Coblenz and is just about the size and type of the Saginaw.

January 20.
Did not get this finished the other day so will grind out the rest of it now. This afternoon I was put on a rifle range they are getting ready for us. We worked in two shifts, half hour on and half hour off. There is a great deal of volcanic material out there, and three small craters. I scouted around a little and got into one depression that may have been a crater once, but was unrecognizable now.

I saw a number of farmers plowing as we were out to the range. There are lots of rabbits around here. We always scare up 15 or 20 when we go out on maneuvers, and one day we started up a deer.

Today we went by truck to Andernach, seven kilometers from here, to be "deloused." By ceaseless boiling I had finally gotten rid of them, but ran my blanket and sweater, anyway.

Tonight I got a letter to Tom from his mother, with instructions to open and read it myself, if he was not with me. I did so, and got a little news of you people. Will keep it until I am sure he will not be back. I think he has made the grade and you will see him soon.

Tonight a man and his wife are to put on a musical comedy at the "Y."

and I must hurry so as not to miss it. Am so glad that you all keep well during the epidemic. See that you continue to do so.

Lovingly,
Carl.

The Almanian is indebted to the Alma Journal for the above letter.

WRITES FROM FRANCE

U. S. Base Hospital 71, Monpont (Dordogne), France 2⁵, 1919.

Dear Old Gang:

Just the other day I was very much pleased to receive a bundle of Almanians and have read them at least twice already and am still saving them. It was about the best thing I have had in the line of mail since coming over here. There were many things that interested me in the accounts of the doings of the old place and I must confess that it gave me a slight homesick feeling when I read of the activities which have begun after the signing of the armistice.

You will pardon me if I say very little about the war for the fact of the matter is that I know so little about such a subject it would be impossible to give you anything of interest. Never having seen the front, all that I can possibly tell you is something that came second handed and that would be rather tiresome reading. The only things that I can talk about are such subjects as the battle of "Vin Blanc," "French Sanitation" and numerous minor topics which you would not be the least bit interested in. The whole experience over here has not been very ordinary and while we have received a good bit of insight into the life and customs of the French, I will be frank and say that I would never choose this nation as a permanent resting place as long as there are towns like Alma in operation in the states. Me for the U. S. A. all the time and all the other soldiers will say the same thing. If all the country outside of Paris is like this little sample then I would never recommend it to anyone but a deadly enemy. It has rained for almost three months now and it shows no signs of stopping right away. There has been no snow at all and very little cold but the air is almost impossible it is so full of water. It is little wonder that so many of the men from a regular country could not stand the climate over here. Everyone always speaks of the wonderful French girls but if you could see a few of them in their real life you would say with the soldiers that they are not in it with the American girl or should I say the Alma girl? I'm not patting any one on the back when I tell you that the Alma girls cannot be beaten in any country on the map. Once in a while a fellow over here will see a girl that looks just the least bit sensible but they are so few that they are curiosities. They are not good looking, neither are they beautiful and as for their qualifications, they are not in evidence. The men do not consider them only for work and to keep the so called houses in some sort of order. It is certainly a sight to see an old woman about sixty years of age bending over a wash-board in the edge of a river trying to get the dirt out of the clothes. The queer part to us is that she gets the dirt out too and the sheets look like a Chinese laundry had been after them, but think of the labor connected with the result. From early morn until late at night it is a customary sight to see the women hard at work in the fields, in the stores and where ever there is work to be done. Of course the war has been the cause of a lot of this extra work on the part of the woman but they take to it so naturally that any one can tell that it is not an entire new thing. Then the house—all their living is done in one room and all the cooking (except in

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WRITES FROM FRANCE
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cafes and restaurants) is done in a fire place with brush for fuel. Once in a while you can find a family that have another room but it is only made use of when there is company. Candle sticks dating back before the time of our grand mothers are in evidence everywhere and electricity is considered a great luxury. Almost all of the trade of a village takes place on the weekly market day in the old medieval manner. The hauling is done with huge two wheeled carts drawn by oxen and all the people wear wooden shoes. It is not an uncommon sight to see the chickens and other fowl running in and out of the house. I was actually astonished at the condition of things over here in this so called civilized nation where the fashions of the world are supposed to originate. It is impossible for me to say anything about Paris for as yet I have not been able to get a pass there, but from all accounts it is totally different from the remainder of France and I hope it is for I should hate to feel that my conclusions now are accurate. The scenery is very wonderful from a distance but when you enter one of the villages and see the way the people live your appreciation dwindles and you think the U. S. A. is the only real worth while country there is.

In about one more month we will be entitled to our first service stripe having completed six months service in this country but there is not a man here but would waive the right to a stripe to see the Statue of Liberty once more. We seem to be rather safe then and the stripe is almost as good as earned now I think. My old friend "Tickets" Staffer is up near the old front now and writes some very interesting letters. I am wondering if he has received his Almanians also. If there ever was a loyal Alma man it is this same "Tickets." When we were together we were always talking about the old times in the Jungle up the river and about the various places that tradition has made sacred to the hearts of all Alma people. My wish is that the old traditions will never be allowed to lapse for any cause whatever. They are what make the celebrated Alma spirit possible and known throughout the state. To lose any of them would be very bad and would cause the members of the Alumni much concern so we are depending on the present student body to keep the good work up.

We are on duty as a Base Hospital having been here since November but there is not much work at the present time as we have only sixty patients and are hoping to evacuate them soon. It has been very interesting work as far as army work goes but we are all of us more than ready to try something else.

Please give my very best regards to the entire school and if I have good luck I may be back with the old gang before commencement.

Fraternally,
Chet.
Amb. Co. 333, Base Hospital, Monport (Dordogne) France, Am. E. F., A. P. O. 705.

FIRST TRIP TAKEN
BY THE GLEE CLUB

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restrictions. Songs, cheers and ukuleles added their mites of sound to the rumble of the car over every inch of the road from Wheeler to Alma. Back again. Yes, and when the girls came back again there was a blazing fire, twinkling candles and welcoming circle of chairs awaiting them. And then hot soup served by loving friends in such an atmosphere! Could anything be more heart warning? Sheer joy drove away the discomfort of weariness in the quiet moments around the fire-side and made for each a beautiful ending to an exciting day.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank all those kind friends who helped in "lighting" our sorrow in our late bereavement.
"The League of Nations"
Scotland (R. R.)
Canada (I. N.)
United States (F. T.)
England (D. H.)
Ireland (M. M.)
Sweden (J. A.)
"Germany" (N. C.)
Belgium (M. R.)
Kindness pays dividends.

BASE BALL
College Expects Good Team and Has a Long Schedule.

With the expectation of a base ball team stronger than either of the championship nines of the past two years, a hard schedule has been arranged for the Maroon and Cream base ball team, which calls for games with all of the Michigan Intercollegiate schools excepting Adrian, which is not expected to have a nine.

At least six veterans from last year's team will be on hand for the call which will soon be coming for base ball candidates and in addition Fitch, catcher two and three years ago, who has returned from the service, will give Alma another veteran. In the freshman class there is said to be a wealth of base ball material, included in which is Crittenden, rated as a hurler of high class, whom the fans are expecting to prove to be as good a man as Boyne has been on the diamond.

The schedule calls for thirteen games in addition to the field meet bouts at Albion in June. Eight of these games will be Michigan Intercollegiate affairs, four of which will be played here with Olivet, Kalamazoo, Adrian and Hillsdale.

The schedule follows:
April 16—Mt. Pleasant Normal at Alma.
April 19—M. A. C. at East Lansing.
April 26—Olivet college at Alma.
May 2—Hillsdale college at Alma.
May 8—Ypsilanti Normal at Ypsilanti.
May 9—Olivet college at Olivet.
May 10—Kalamazoo college at Kalamazoo.
May 17—Albion college at Alma.
May 23—Kalamazoo college at Alma.
May 27—Mt. Pleasant Normals at Mt. Pleasant.
May 30—Albion college at Albion.
May 31—Hillsdale college at Hillsdale.
June 6 and 7—Michigan Intercollegiate track meet and base ball finals at Albion.
June 10—Ypsilanti Normals at Alma.

"Did you see that?" yelled the excited man in the Panama hat. "That robber of an umpire calls Gilligan out at third and Kafferty never come within a foot of touchin' him."
"It looked that way to me, too," admitted the man beside him. "Still I dare say the umpire could see the play better from where he was than we could from up here."
"Ah, go on home!" retorted the other savagely. "You ain't got no business goin' to a ball game. You're one of those blamed pacifists, that's what you are!"

Misplacing the War

As everybody knows, Camp Devens is located at Ayers, Mass. A little girl was taken by her father to visit the camp, and was much impressed with what she saw there. But on the way home she suddenly asked, "Daddy, where is the war, in France or in Camp Devens?"
"Why, in France, of course, my dear," was the reply. "Why?"
"Then if it's over there, why do we sing about bombs bursting in Ayer?"
—Watchman-Examiner.

Two youngsters were engaged in a game of brag. Having exhausted other subjects, they started in on memory.

"I can 'member boasted one, clean back to when I was born."
"Uuh! grunted the other disdainfully. "I c'n 'member back to when God said, 'Now stand up Johnny, and be a good little boy and let Me put your eyes in.'—Toronto Republican.

Stunning Is Right

"It was in a hand-to-hand encounter with a big German," narrated the officer, home on a furlough, "and my ammunition was gone. Just as we closed in the grapple I wrenched my arm loose, knocking him senseless with the butt of my revolver.
"Oh, how perfectly stunning!" exclaimed the girl.

Save 'Em for Coal

The Food Administration has frowned on the envelope plan of serving sugar in restaurants, but perhaps the idea ought not to be abandoned altogether. The envelopes may be handy to serve coal in next winter.—Kansas City Star.

Although the world has been saved, it will continue to be hard on the shiftless man.

A good tonic for those who are back in their studies—"Ketchup."—Ex.

Advise
Sgt. Gaul (with much emotion)—Darling, something has been trembling on my lips for the last two nights.
She (coldly)—So I see. Why don't you shave it off?

Sharing the Joy of Life
The only real happiness in this life springs from doing things for others, and nothing gives us greater pleasure than bringing our loved ones a box of candy, of which we are very fond.—Columbus Ohio State Journal.

Hard Up
Abdul-Hamid attempted suicide several times. Think of a sultan of Turkey falling so low that he has no one to kill but himself.—Columbia State.

While it is too late to cause much alarm, Columbus Allsop has completed statistics to show that the grasshopper yield the past summer was under sixty per cent.—Punkinville Paragrafs.

Photographer—"Is there any particular way in which you would like to be taken?"
Mr. Johnsing—"Yes, sah, if dere's no dejection, I'd rather to be taken a light cream color."—Boys' Life.

Drug clerk—Did you kill any moths with those mothballs I gave you?
Disconsolate customer—No. I tried for five hours, but I couldn't hit a one.—Columbus Jester.

Or a Nurse
Uncle Chess Nutt says its getting to the point where when a fellow's sick he has to join the army to get a doctor.—St. Louis Republic.

Prof. Notestein—You may work problem fifteen.
C. H.—I don't know how.
Prof. Notestein—Draw your figure.
C. H.—My figure? Horrible!

Gives Them a Chance
"She has absolutely no conversation."
"That's why she takes so with the men."

One of the most important things in the world is to know, before contracting a debt, that you will be able to pay when it is due.

A man may take a day off to celebrate his birthday, but a woman takes a year off and doesn't celebrate at all.

First Author—Find it hard work to sell your stuff
Second Author—You bet; the only luck I have had lately was when I wrote a poem on my cuff and the laundry didn't send it back.
The man who wrote "Better late than never," must have been mighty unpopular with his friends if he practiced what he preached.

There ought to be a law compelling people to be vaccinated with happiness to do away with that disease called—Grouch.

A woman proceeds to monopolize the conversation, then wonders why a man has nothing to say.

People would meet with fewer disappointments if they didn't expect more than they deserve.

Don't think for amoment that any man is interested in your troubles—unless he is a lawyer.

The rainbow is always regarded as a promise, probably because it seems to unite heaven and earth.

True contentment is founded on what you have and never on what you may some day possess.

"Crushed crowns" will be the style in hats this winter. The style originated in Germany.

Never explain—your friends do not need it and your enemies will not believe you anyway.

"I'll wager that the man who wrote "Patience is a virtue" was powerfully fond of sitting.

Most foolish talk comes from idlers. Busy men have to think, instead of talk.

They say whisky will kill the flu. We don't doubt it for it has killed a lot of men.

Some men talk so much about business they don't get any business transacted.

We call Labor noble so we poor guys who have to work will remain satisfied.

A diplomat is a man who can apologize gracefully without conceding anything.

A lot of men who boasted of their independence are now on county poor farms.

So many persons who start out to clean up are cleaned out.

True politeness is often equivalent to a free pass.

<p>The Idlehour</p> <p>WEDNESDAY Tom Moore —in— "GO WEST, YOUNG MAN" also Billy Parsons' comedy</p> <p>THURSDAY J. Warren Kerrigan —in— "ONE DOLLAR BID" also War Review No. 30</p> <p>FRIDAY Marguerite Clark —in— "LITTLE MISS HOOVER" also we will show "Fatty" Arbuckle in "Good Night, Nurse"</p> <p>SATURDAY Constance Talmadge —in— "THE SHUTTLE" also Mabel Normand re-issue comedy, "A Touch of Rheumatism"</p>	<p>The Liberty</p> <p>TUESDAY—WEDNESDAY Anita Stewart in the big special production that has been a nation-wide sensation "VIRTUOUS WIVES" Shows will be given at 2:30, 4:00, 5:30, 7:00, 8:30 and 10:00 p. m. Admission, 25c, plus 3c war tax.</p> <p>SATURDAY George Walsh the athletic Fox star in "ON THE JUMP" also Chap. 11 of "Hands Up"</p> <p>COMING Geraldine Farrar in "The Hell-Cat" The next big two-day special to be shown at the Liberty is Rex each's famous story, "The Brand," in seven reels, April 1st and 2d.</p>
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