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## SENIOR PLAY COMING SOON

"A TAILOR-MADE MAN," A NEW COMEDY BY HARRY JAMES SMITH.

At The Strand June 13

The Senior play given by the Class of 1921 is one of the very latest publications, in fact, the class was the first organization to obtain it for amateur production. "A Tailor-Made Man" is a George Cohan masterpiece and, as such, ran for a long period in New York, then came to Chicago for one of the longest runs ever enjoyed by any play.

The story is one of determined ambition, with the thread inextricably entwined in the conflict between capital and labor. It is extremely clever, full of sharp climaxes, clean humor and the interest is well preserved throughout the four acts. The play opens in the tailor shop of Huber, a paternalistic old merchant who runs his shop in a practical manner and loves his daughter, Tanya, tenderly. Dr. Sonntag, a visionary writer, has finished a book on social conditions, and as the curtain rises, he is praising it highly to a newspaper reporter, Rowlands, who is being measured for a suit. Of course, Rowlands brands such a work as unsalable. Huber has two assistants, the first, Peter McConkie, satisfied with his lot and dreaming of the day when he will have a little shop of his own; the second, John Paul Bart, dissatisfied with his lot, and sure that one day his star of destiny will rise and that he will return to his own position in the ranks of capital. During the first act Bart's star rises, he "borrows" a dress suit and the necessary accoutrements from Mr. Jellicot, and proceeds to break his way into society, backed by a memory full of Dr. Sonntag's theories.

In the second act we are carried to the Stanlaws' reception, where Bart comes unheralded, and with clever speeches, learned while waiting table in various clubs, he bares his ambition before Abraham Nathan, the prince of financiers, showing the latter where capital's philosophy is wrong. Among the guests at the party who are captivated by the charm of the young tailor are Kitty DuPuy, a charming divorcee, her daughter Betty, the wealthy Fitzmorris's and others; while consternation overwhelms Bart at finding Peter present as a servant, ready to reveal his secret, and at encountering Jellicot, the owner of his suit.

The third act introduces us to Bart in the offices of Nathan where his nerve has placed him to work out the destinies of the Oceanic Shipbuilding Corporation. The story of his success with labor, of the treachery of Dr. Sonntag, of the faith of the little girl in the tailor shop, and of the crash which comes when his secret is revealed, is dramatically perfect.

At the end we see him back in the tailor shop, having, as he fears, lost the fight. But his "star has risen once," and when Nathan comes to claim him back on the old job, with Tanya by his side, and the world bowing before his undeniable ambition, then is his victory complete.

Characters in order of their first appearance:

- Mr. Huber, the tailor—Gordon French, '21.
- Rowlands, the reporter—James S. Beattie, '23.
- Peter, the first assistant—William Amos, '21.
- Dr. Sonntag, the visionary—Lyle D. Barnhart, '21.
- Tanya, Huber's daughter—Virginia Blick, '21.
- John Paul Bart, the second assistant—Lee M. Sharrar, '21.
- Pomeroy, Jellicot's valet—William Hicks, '21.
- Mrs. Stanlaw, the hostess—Esther Friedrich, '21.
- Mr. Stanlaw, the host—Allen Follette, '21.
- Corinne, their daughter—Florence Purdy, '21.

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Mrs. Kitty DuPuy, a luscious divorcee—Harriet Davis, '21.

Bessie DuPuy, her naive daughter—Margaret Moore, '21.

Jellicot, a yachtsman—Ralph Dean, '21.

Abraham Nathan, the financial king—Hartzell Lyon, '21.

Miss Shayne, a typist—Persis Robinson, '21.

Clerks, servants, society bugs, labor delgeates, etc.

Act 1. Huber's tailoring establishment. Evening.

Act 2. Reception Room at the Stanlaws. Same evening.

Act 3. The offices of the American Oceanic Shipbuilding Corporation below Wall Street. Late afternoon, nine months after Act 2.

Act 4. Same as Act 1. Morning of the following day.

"If you go into an office to apply for a position and look seedy, but have the brains of a Napoleon and the character of a Saint Paul you simply will not be considered. You will be turned down without the courtesy of an interview, and why? Because such a man is impossible in the eyes of a business man. The man who is slipshod in his dress will be slipshod in his work."—James Samuel Knox.

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## DETROIT AND LANSING READY

WILL BEGIN DRIVES FOR ALMA ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN MAY 20.

### Expect Good Response

Arrangements are going rapidly forward for the Alma College endowment campaign in Detroit, and also in Lansing, and hopes are being held that the quotas in both of these large cities will be met. In Detroit the friends of Alma College are seeking a quota of \$225,000 and in Lansing \$10,000 is being sought. The campaigns in both cities start on May 20.

Phelps Newberry is the chairman of the campaign in the city of Detroit. Mr. Newberry has given the campaign in Detroit his personal attention for some little time and has his workers all ready to start the drive on Friday. Each Presbyterian church in Detroit has been thoroughly organized, and each has a committee of workers. In addition to the committees from each one of the Presbyterian churches of that city there is another special committee composed entirely of former students of the college, who now reside in Michigan's metropolis.

In Lansing, Mr. Arbaugh, head of the Arbaugh stores, is the chairman

of the campaign. He also has a fine list of workers, and it is expected that some fine results will be achieved in the Capitol City.

The expectations are that the campaign in the state will be done by June 15, commencement day at Alma College, but as many friends of the college in various parts of the state were away, when the campaigns were waged in their home cities, some communities have kept their committees together, with the expectation of soliciting these friends of the college when they return to their homes.

### Alma Postpones M. I. A. Games

A case of smallpox at Pioneer Hall, caused the postponement of the baseball games scheduled for the Alma College team for this week and next, and unless later dates are arranged for the games, will probably result in the death of baseball at the college for the balance of the year. The games postponed were two with Kalamazoo College and one with Albion College. All three games are Michigan Intercollegiate contests.

Most of the men who stay at Pioneer Hall underwent vaccination on Wednesday.

Hugh Chalmers says, "Next to the importance of what you say, is the way in which you say it. It is so in talking. It is so in advertising. It is so in salesmanship." Hugh Chalmers knows what he is talking about. He made a study of salesmanship and was making fifty thousand dollars a year at the age of twenty-eight.

Pioneer Hall Open House, May 28. Oh, Boy! Watch the dirt fly!

## TENNIS TEAM PLAYS AT KAZOO

COURT PLAYERS TAKE PART IN TOURNAMENT THURSDAY AND FRIDAY.

### Men Second in Doubles

When the Athletic Association suddenly announced that its finances were rather depleted, it seemed as if the tennis team would have to give up the trip to Kazoo for the tournament. However, arrangements were made at the last moment for the contestants to use the College Ford to transport them to Kalamazoo College.

Those who represented Alma were Virginia Blick, Margaret Moore, Bert Millett and Kenneth Fry, with Mrs. Bebb as chaperone.

They left Alma Thursday at one o'clock. Everything started nicely, but car trouble caused a halt for the night at Plainwell. By morning the garage man had done his work, and the remainder of the journey to the Celery City was made.

The players went into the matches badly handicapped from lack of sleep the previous night. The girls lost their singles and doubles to Hope and Kazoo. The next morning Fry and Millett played doubles. Having drawn a bye in the first round, they played the winner of the Albion-Western Normal match. The Normal match. The Normals had a fine team and were picked to reach the finals, but much to the surprise of everyone Albion won spectacularly. Our men went into the fight, expecting to lose, but determined to do their best. The match did not contain the spectacular tennis of the night before, but it was far from dull. Millett's lobs from the back courts and Fry's chops from the net won point after point, and Alma's team won its way into the finals by a score of 6-2 9-7.

In the championship match with Kazoo both men played a very steady game, but were beaten by a close score. Kalamazoo finally won the match 11-9; 6-3. The referee congratulated the Alma team and said that they were the smoothest working couple he had ever seen. He also remarked that they had a fine chance for the M. I. A. title in doubles.

Leaving Kazoo at 3:00 o'clock on Saturday, they arrived at Alma that night, very near to midnight—tired, cold, but far from downhearted.

The girls are to be congratulated on the fight they put up in their matches; in fact, Alma may be proud of both teams.

### Gives A Big Gift to Alma

President H. M. Crooks of Alma College, who arrived home from Detroit last evening, announced that he received a letter this morning pledging \$50,000 to Alma College endowment fund, provided \$200,000 is raised from other sources between January 1, 1920, and January 1, 1923.

When President Crooks was asked if the gift or pledge had come from one of the old friends of the college, he replied that it was the first pledge or gift made to the college from this source, but that he was not at liberty to mention the name of the one making the pledge.

### CLASSICAL CLUB

The Classical Club met on Wednesday, May 11. The meeting was opened by singing of "Gaudemus Ligitur." After short business meeting the following program was taken up: Paper on "Ornaments," Miss Brown. Reading from Pliny the Elder, Miss Church. Paper on "Country Life," Miss Anguish. Paper on "Books and Libraries," Miss MacCurdy. Report on "The Classical League Formed in America," Dr. Ewing.

The club accepted the kind invitation to meet with Dr. and Mrs. Ewing for the last meeting of the year.

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**GIRLS—TAKE HEED**

The Cornell "Widow," known in the periodical world as one of the cleverest and best-edited of student publications presents this rimed review of the changes that dancing has undergone:

"Times have waxed and waned a lot, as old-timers will recall, and the dancing now is not what it used to be at all; only awkward rubes and hicks execute the bows and kicks that were clever parlor tricks when our paters threw a ball. Our progenitors took pleasure in a slow and solemn way; they would tread a stately measure that was anything but gay, and the orchestra would render sentimental stuff and tender which the folks of either gender wouldn't listen to today. With a flock of flutes and cellos, plus a harp and silver horn, these accomplished music fellows would play on till early morn; they could keep 'Blue Danube' flowing without letting up or slowing, till the bantams started crowing and they'd leave to hoe the corn. But your strictly modern dancers don't go in so much for grace, and the minuet and lancers have been boosted from the place; for the 'poetry of motion' has been backed into the ocean, and a sort of 'free-verse' notion has posset our jaded race. Now the orchestra that's snappy and a hit with all the boys, aims to keep the rabble happy with a slew of fancy noise; and the syncopated stammer of a cow bell and a hammer add the sort of blare and glamour that contain a thousand joys. With a saxophone complaining, and a banjo chirping in; a fiddle that is straining to be heard above the din; and a handy man and drummer, who I think should be a plumber tho he's mentioned as a comer—how they make the flappers grin. It is said they play with feeling, yet somehow it misses me; they are experts at concealing all the tune and melody; but for present ways of tripping, cheek to cheek and closely gripping, I admit they're simply ripping, and they suit it to a T!"

And as for maids of yesterday and of today, says "The Widow":

"They used to wrap their hair in knobs fantastic, high, and queer; but now they cut it short in bobs or curl it round their ear. The skirts they wore would scrape the street, and catch the dust and germs; they're now so far above their feet, they're not on speaking terms. The things they do and wear today, and never bat an eye, would make their foggy forebears gray, they'd curl right up and die."

—Kindness of Bill Amos.

**REV. GEORGE P. HORST, D. D.**

Rev. George P. Horst, D. D., has accepted the call to become Field Secretary for Men's Work for the Presbyterian Church Board. He will take up the work June first.

Dr. Horst graduated from Alma College in 1908 and from Princeton Seminary in 1911, receiving his M. A. from Princeton University in 1911. He was four years pastor of Beacon Church, Philadelphia, and six years pastor of Second Presbyterian Church of Portsmouth, Ohio. Almost two years of this latter period were spent in France in war work. Dr. Horst has received into the church in eight years as a pastor 408 men, mostly on confessions of faith. The average attendance in the Men's Bible Class in the Second Church, Portsmouth, is 150. There is in this church the largest Intermediate Endeavor Society and Westminster Circle in the United States. Dr. Horst served as chaplain during the World War. He participated in five large engagements and wears five battle clasps on his Victory Medal. He baptized and received the confession of faith of scores of men while in army service.

Intercollegiate basketball for girls is being given prominence at Transylvania University, Kentucky. A schedule of six games has been arranged with the girl's teams from other colleges in the state.

Senior play, best ever, Strand soon.

Y. W. C. A.  
The weekly meeting of the Y. M. C. A. was held on Thursday evening. The meeting was in charge of the Freshmen and was one of the best we have had this year. It was opened by Miriam Wicksall. After the Scripture reading, Agnes Youngs led in prayer. Marguerite Field then sang "My God, Thy Will Be Done."

The color green was taken as the topic for the meetings and it was related to the various phases of life.

Emma Rittre spoke on the "Deep Green of Reality" and told of the various lessons learned from everyday life in college. The next speaker, Gladys Fryxell, used as her topic, "Bright Green of Expectancy." She spoke on the hopes, aims and ideals of a Freshman as she enters college and the need of faith and courage in reaching her goal. Margaret Poole, speaking on the "Pastel Green of the Future," expressed what the Freshmen girls hoped to accomplish during their stay in colleges. The last speaker, Pauline Strick, spoke on the "Green that never fades," using Christ as the example of unfading green.

The meeting which was very beneficial to everyone was closed with a hymn and the benediction.

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Ainsworth: Will you go walking with me?  
Fair Co-ed: Oh, no, I musn't go out without a chaperone.  
Ainsworth: But we don't need one.  
Fair Co-ed: Then I don't want to go walking.

Prof. West: And the price of nitrates is now very high.  
VonderHeide: What do we care; we never telegraph.

Prof. McCurdy: Where do all bugs go in the winter time?  
Shoemaker — (absent mindedly)— Search me.

VanPage in Shakespeare, discussing Othello: "I agree with Sharrar—that when you're killing a wife you should be awful sure what you are doing."

Tho' they affirm  
The deadly germ  
Lurks in each loving kiss,  
Let's hope the day  
Is far away  
Of antiseptic bliss.

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McKnight: Uncle Charlie made quite a long speech in chapel the other morning.

Gustafson: What was he talking about?  
McKnight: He didn't say.

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What's that noise in the Y room?  
Oh, somebody just broke a dollar bill.

Now  
Is he  
Trying to cram  
For those exams.  
But the pony  
Out of  
Class.

A Lament  
And why  
In our campaign drive,  
The student body  
Is not all the more  
Dying. Don't you think she has  
A complex in her  
The student body  
Is not all the more  
Dying.

At the party, mister; I quit yesterday.

McFaddyn: I don't think I should get zero on this paper.

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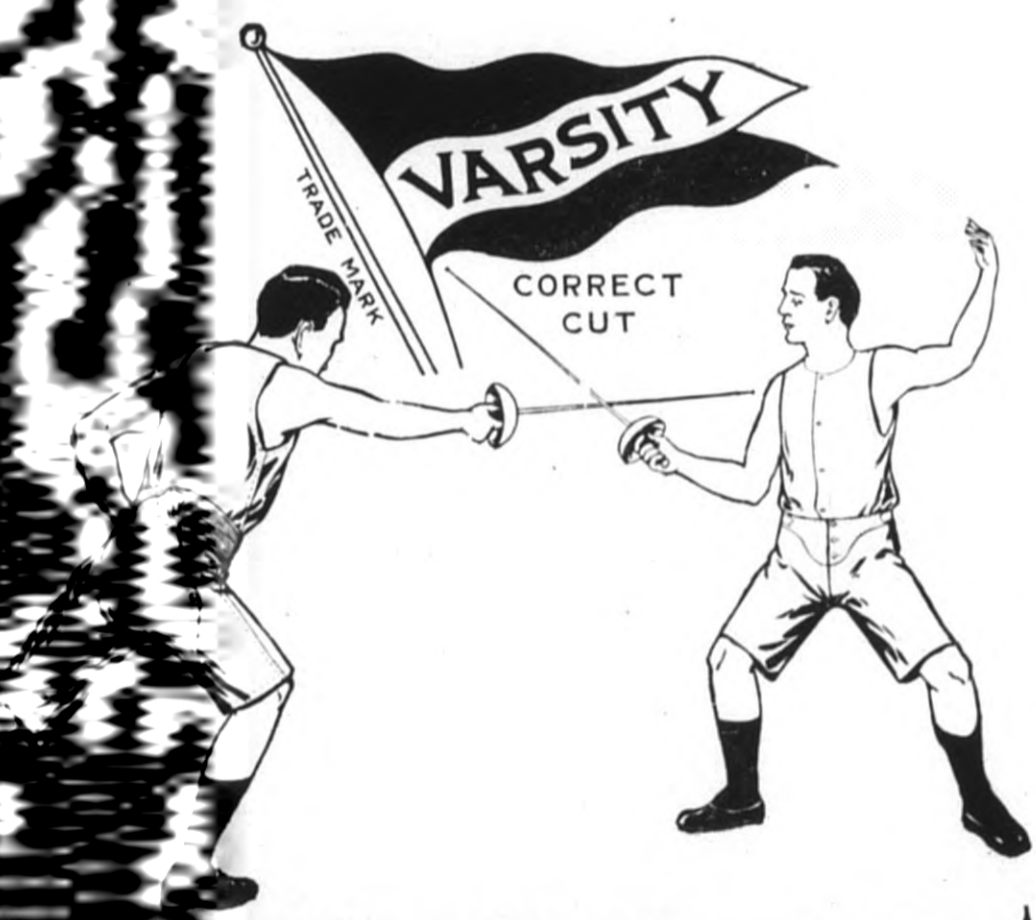
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"HITTING ON ALL FOUR" TOPIC AT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH MONDAY.

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He began his lecture by stating that "Man is a universal puzzle difficult to analyze, impossible to understand. The chemist defines him as an organism made up of certain properties, the sociologist defines him as a bundle of activities. The principle human interests of man, however, may be summed up in four words, eating, earning, loving, learning. "Loving is the greatest thing in the world. It cannot be defined or comprehended, but is an emotion which can be felt. We now have in the U. S. one divorce out of every ten marriages. There must be something radically wrong. Young people should be given the right kind of companionship in the home. Clean, pure, sociability in the home and the church is greatly needed. We need to get a right conception of beauty. Beauty of character shining out through the face is better than mere facial perfection arrived at through the use of cosmetics.

"We need to learn, to be taught to discriminate and weigh the value of things for ourselves. A crying need of the age, is for clear analytical thinking, the education of the head and heart as well as the intellect and also of the moral character. We should find some way to blend scientific and religious education. 75 per cent of our young people are now outside of the Sunday school, 65 per cent have no religious instruction whatever. Education to be valuable must train for citizenship. Mere knowledge must be turned into power to be valuable. Thousands of fools are turned out of our colleges every year because they cannot turn their knowledge into power. The new education should be absolutely arrayed against law violation. We do not need more laws but we do need enforcement of laws already enacted. Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty. We need a new vision of Christ on the Cross of Calvary, a revival of the old-fashioned religion."

Mr. Shaw closed his lecture by explaining that he represented the only organization in the country which has for its object the capturing of college students all over the country for this sort of citizenship. His lecture was well worth the hearing and hearing. We need just this sort of education transmuted into power if our country is to move forward in the right direction.

**STUDENT FORUM**

**FROEBEL SIGNALS S. O. S.**  
The write up on the Froebel party in a recent issue of the Almanian announced "Froebel goes over the top for the last time." Froebel went over the top as usual and is now up and pressing on. Outside troops have rallied and fresh recruits are coming up on all sides. With the staunch support of all the College forces, who have ever been her faithful allies, she is going over the top so strong in the re-establishment of her department that her foundation will never more tremble.

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WE PAY 4% on TIME DEPOSITS SAFETY BOXES FOR RENT

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