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EDITORIAL

Now that exams are all over and the ponies have been returned to their stables until such time as they may be needed again, we wonder what the students think of the honor system, in the cold grey light of the weeks after examination. Do they still think it would solve Alma's problem of fair examinations, or have they decided that it needs something more?

We haven't heard much discussion of the examinations this semester. That, in itself, is a good sign. Since students air their grievances, it may be inferred that since they did not talk about them, they did not feel them. Perhaps, then, we may say that there was less cheating on examinations this year than before. The little discussions of the honor system held in these columns and from the chapel platform at least turned the eyes of the student body toward the question of ponies and cheating, so that very little of it was put over without being seen by students and, in some cases, by faculty.

But why should we forget all about the honor system until the next exam period. Why not get busy and think out some way to build up a real working fair mindedness in the attitude toward exams on this campus. After securing a good, wholesome attitude that frowns on cheating, and will function impersonally in all cases, why then the honor system will be easy and effective.

The problem of the honor system is far from being hopeless. We think that if three consecutive years of constant agitation and education were engineered on this campus, leading up to the installation of our honor system, the thing would be successful in its operation and would be a great improvement on the Alma campus.

That Game

The Kalamazoo game Friday night showed several things. In the first place it showed that Alma's basketball team is really a good one (as if we had had any doubts of that before!), it showed that even an excited crowd can be courteous, and it showed that the Alma students can still get worked up over an athletic contest.

There was a time this year when the Almanian doubted if the student body cared much whether their teams won or lost. Their attitude was very self-sufficient and quite conceited. It seemed as if they were bored by whatever consistent success has greeted Alma's great teams in the past few years. School spirit was entirely lacking. But it seemed to us as we listened to the shouting and the entreaties floating around the gymnasium Friday night that this was more like it. It even occurred to us that perhaps somebody did care. Anyway, there was more excitement and furor in Memorial gymnasium on the night of the Kalamazoo game than there has been for many, many moons. It seemed pretty good to get excited again, too. Maybe, if the boys win the Championship in court game this year, we will give them a great big "two, four, six, eight" yell, just to warm the cockles of their hearts.

Coach's little speech of sportsmanship just before the game Friday night was a good thing, and yet it was too bad that he had to make it. It isn't nice to be called a poor sport—personally, we'd rather be called almost anything else—but there was Coach out there calling us poor sports for the good of our souls. And he didn't say anything that was not true. That's what hurt! And so the game passed without any razzing of the referee or players, and it was a better game because of it. We think that the Alma students have learned their lesson for this year, and future games will be without the raspberries.

PHI PHI ALPHA TO HOLD LINCOLN BANQUET
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member of Philomathean. The menu—that is a secret, but everyone can be sure of being well fed; and the favors—Yes there will be some, but that is a secret too.

The moth proof bags are being brought out of the back of the closets and everyone is expecting to have a wonderful time in spite of his collar. To insure the party being an absolute success, Bill Randels, Bixby, and Moon Neuman slipped off down to Lansing last Saturday and bought three brand new Tuexedos, and not one of them sing in the Glee club either.

FRENCH MARIONETTES ARE ENJOYED
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the figures seem all the more lifelike. Worthy of special mention was the manipulation of the juggler, who threw balls into the air in a most convincing manner, catching them either on his head or his toes. After the performance of "The Blue Bird" was completed, Mr. Gros demonstrated the operation of the juggler to the audience, showing how the various movements were made, and how the strings were pulled to make the ball travel to the puppet's head or toes. The demonstration was very enlightening, although the incredible skill of the operator was impressed even more upon the audience by it.

Members of the Marionette Company were entertained between the acts with musical selections on the harp, duets by harp and violin, and a novelty offered by one of the members upon a saw. The harp solos were especially enjoyed by the students and townspeople.

Alma is perhaps the smallest town in which this company of marionette performers will play. They have been making the larger towns of Michigan, such as Flint, Saginaw, Grand Rapids, Jackson and Detroit. Alma is indeed fortunate in securing such stellar entertainment. The Student Council is to be congratulated on its achievement in bringing this attraction to the city.

ALMA COLLEGE BAND TAKES FIRST TOUR
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very well received and a large audience filled the building.

From Unionville the band went to Harbor Beach for its last concert. They played in the new Community Theatre there, which is a very wonderful place. The crowd and the concert were both good and everything was a success except the attempt of the band to start for home at six-thirty next morning. However, Dalt Foster put the busin high and pushed it up past the thirty mark so the band got home in time for lunch.

A home concert will be put on at the Strand on February 15th in connection with Lionel Barrymore in The Thirteenth Hour. By special arrangement with Mr. Miller this is being put on at the regular admission price of thirty cents, so that you will be able to see the picture which is a very good one and hear the band for the same price you would pay to see the picture.

FORMER STUDENT IS ENGAGED

The Almanian has received the announcement of the engagement of Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, who was a number of the class of '26 in Alma College. Miss Jenkins did not graduate with her class, it being necessary for her to leave school at the end of her second year.

She is engaged to marry Mr. Norman Arnold, a graduate of the College of Engineering of the University of Cincinnati in the class of 1927. Although the time of the wedding has not been definitely announced, it is expected that it will occur the first part of August of this year.

Miss Jenkins is a senior this year at the University of Cincinnati, and will receive her degree from that institution in the spring.

PICNIC HELD IN LIBRARY ADDITION

In the newly completed library addition there was held a most enjoyable picnic lunch last Saturday evening at five forty-five. It was held as a sort of informal opening of the building.

Miss Mary E. Dow, librarian of the Central State Teacher's College of Mt. Pleasant was the guest of honor. Other guests were Mrs. Estelle Moore, librarian at the high school, President and Mrs. Crooks and Mr. Abernethy. The rest of the thirty people who were present were members of the library staff and library methods classes. Several former members of the classes were also at the picnic supper.

The supper was served in the new building where many tables had been set for the guests.

The new building is entirely finished as to construction. The steel stacks have not yet been provided, but Miss Ward is using the large room for her library methods classes and as a workshop for the staff.

MICHIGAN "B" TEAM HERE WED. NIGHT

The visit of the Michigan B team here next Wednesday is naturally occasion for considerable interest as it is the first invasion of Alma by any kind of a team from the University except for freshman football elevens in years past. Two weeks ago Michigan B team gave a good demonstration of power by its defeat of Michigan State Normal, which indicates that the Almaties will not have the easiest kind of a job on their hands. While the Michigan B basket ball

team is very much of an experiment this year, the team in itself is not an experiment. It is composed of classy tossers and is a team of real ability that will force Alma to the limit. The game is one that should draw out one of the largest crowds of the entire season, and pack the gymnasium to its utmost capacity.

Norman Bradley and Carl Banney vere with us but they were so quiet that we haven't anything to say about them.

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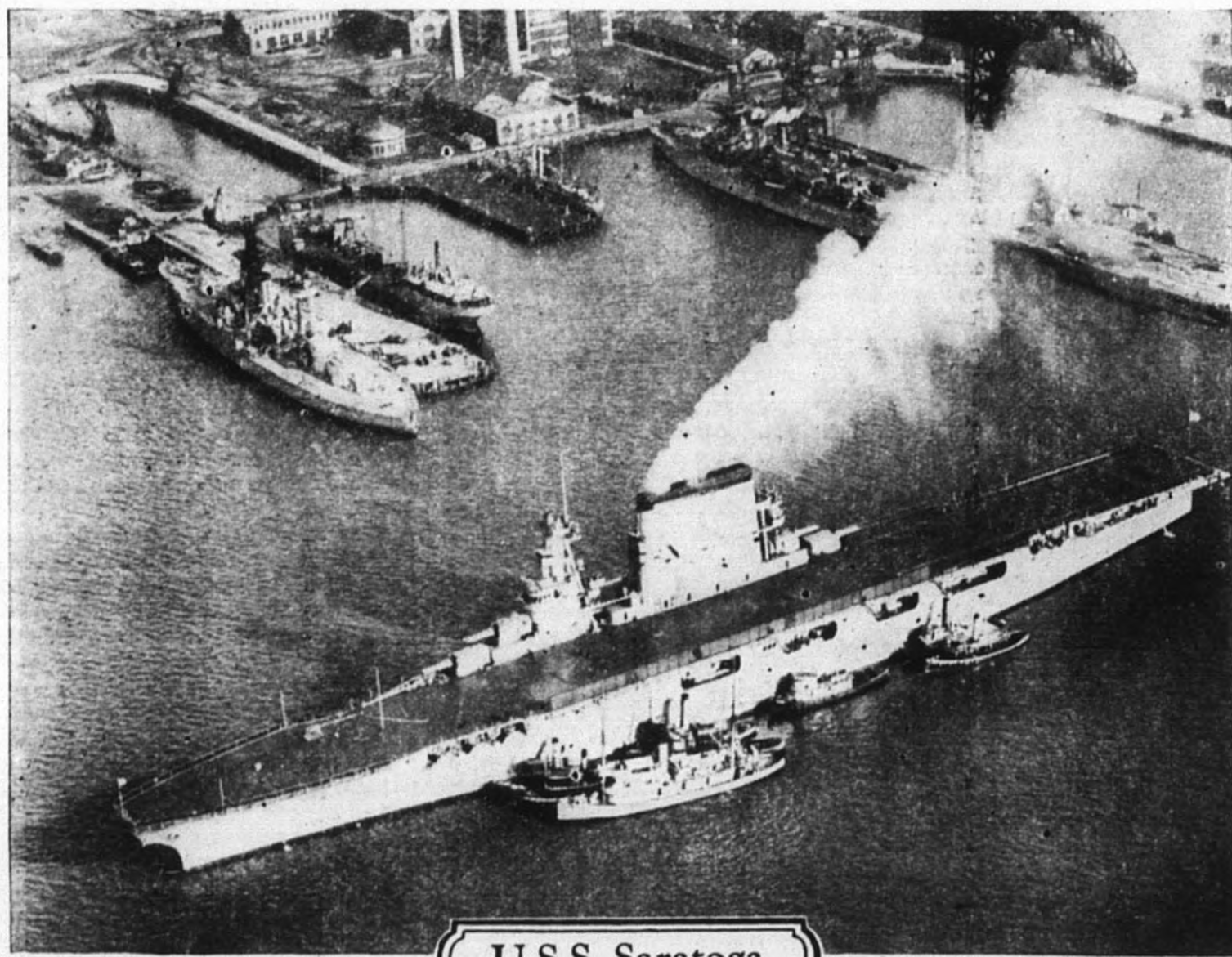
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CAMPUSOLOGY

We really have been too busy to write much this week because we've been invited to a party. Getting ready our formals for it has been no snap for we all had to redecorate ourselves. Watching your diet or eating double rations takes time, but we've been fortunate to have Coach Drevdahl come down from Wright Hall to train us. You know Coach Drevdahl is off food. He won't tell us whether its love or practice teaching.

Mac Fowler, Ham Pruyne and Wright Avenue Barlow didn't make out on the band trip, they didn't have a horn to toot.

There will be a new book published of great value to any student. Title—"Its an Art" by the new students, Kent Mac Gregor and "Doc" Hogan.

Famous words by famous lads, "Boy, did I sock that exam for an 'A'"—Our own boy Eddie McKinnon.

Russ Neuman isn't throwing kisses any more. Well, he never did believe in free love.

Beta Tau's aren't so slow—they bought a house off Superior street.

If practice teachers dreams come true, Hendershot will teach in Portland, Drevdahl in Flint, Schaefer in Merrill, Hawthorne in Ithaca, Boutin in Lincoln Park, Bixby in Alma, MacGregor in Saginaw A. H., Holdship in Mt. Pleasant, Closser in Lansing, M. Watson in Caseville, I. Craig in Bay City, H. Benson in Tecumseh, Gov. Nickles still undecided. He does not want to show favoritism, E. Burgess in Detroit, and at least Ross Mitchel in St. Louis, Missouri where he can shake Jake.

And we know a girl that talks in her sleep. She calls, "Taxi!, Taxi!, Taxi!"

Mr. Max Thompson left for Parma Friday on a business trip. He brought back a new necktie.

By the way the new "Ade" song by Max Thompson and Ev. Highland, "Ada I Adalize You."

"Cutie" Randalls was cutting up at the basket ball game again. My what a boy! How many pennies for you "Cutie"?

Cut rate marks by "Butch" Schneider. He will be in town next week end, we hope.

Why not have Jake and Ross barter for a companionate date although they now have a remarkable schedule.

Three Owls

BAND TRIP NOTES

Mac Fowler and Charlie Schaefer started things off right. They were fifteen minutes late in getting to the bus.

Professor Ewer admitted that he had an ostrich neck. Maybe that accounts for the disappearance of the announcement posters in Owosso.

Pierce Boutin lost his piccolo in Clare. It was found when Pete Boutin's clarinet refused to blow in the duet.

Heavy Eveland and Herb Horning wanted to be filled up on Friday noon so the band stopped in Fostoria for the noon meal.

George Boyd and Louie remained in Clare over Thursday night. We wonder why?

Some of the band boys stayed at the Nut Factory in Lapeer. If any of them seem queer in their actions, you'll know who they are.

Leichty played a trumpet solo in St. Johns—Almost!

Marvin Stapleton was crowned queen of the quartet in Harbor Beach.

"Pinkey" Ewer sang in the quartet at Harbor Beach. He was well received as the audience called for six encores.

Carl Brown refused to play bridge when he found that the rest of us were so dumb about the game.

Dalt Foster threw the bus in high gear and we hit 30 miles and hour.

The quartet sang their best concert in Unionville high school. See Barlow for details.

Hugh Ward worked so hard that he was forced to leave the quartet one day before the last concert.

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KALAMAZOO FALLS BY A CLOSE MARGIN
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just out in front 26 to 24.

The play of the Kalamazoo team cannot be commended too highly and especially was the work of Tim Muelenberg, Schrier and Hackney outstanding in an offensive way. Defensively Berry and Muelenberg were stars.

Every Alma man fought a wonderfully game uphill battle the entire game, but especially should the efforts of Holdship and Wagner for their offensive work, and the defensive play of Tiderington, Simmons and Holdship be recognized.

Alma	F.B.	F.	P.	T.	Tot.
Leiphan, rf, c	2	0	1	0	4
Hawthorne, rf	1	0	1	0	2
Wagner, lf	3	0	2	0	6
Simmons, c	2	0	4	0	4
Holdship, rg	3	3	3	0	9
Tiderington, lg	0	1	1	0	1
Totals	11	4	12	0	26

Kalamazoo	F.B.	F.	P.	T.	Tot.
Davis, rf	2	1	1	0	5
Schrier, lf	3	1	4	1	7
Masselink, lf	0	0	0	0	0
Hackney, c	2	2	1	0	6
Muelenberg, rg	3	0	1	0	6
Berry, lg	0	0	3	0	0
Totals	10	4	10	1	24

Score first half—Alma 16, Kalamazoo 15.
Referee—Bryant, Penn. U.

OLIVET IS EASILY BEATEN SATURDAY

Olivet offered little in the way of keen opposition Saturday night even to the tired Alma team after its gruelling struggle of Friday evening in wringing out the victory over Kalamazoo and the team won 29 to 15 to get a tie with the Hornets for first place in the M. I. A. A. standings.

Alma got away slowly at the start of the game, but with the defense holding the Crimson well in hand there was no worry to be had. Shortly before the half ended substitutions were started, but that did not seem to aid Olivet at the time and the half ended 15 to 7. With the opening of the second half an entire second team was on the floor and it remained in the game for about eight minutes during which time the Crimson held Alma in check and gradually brought its total of points to fifteen to tie Alma.

At this point Coach Campbell sent his regulars back and then the score started to mount rapidly and Olivet from that time on failed to score.

Leiphan with six field baskets and Wagner with five field baskets and two fouls tied for high scoring honors for the night with twelve points each.

Alma	F.B.	F.	P.	Tot.
Leiphan, rf	6	0	1	12
Hawthorne, rf	0	0	0	0
Golden, rf	0	0	0	0
Wagner, lf	5	2	1	12
Albaugh, lf	0	1	1	1
Simmons, c	1	1	2	3
Leahy, c	0	0	1	0
Holdship, rg	2	0	1	2
Mann, rg	0	0	1	0
Tiderington, lg	3	1	0	7
Boutin, lg	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	5	8	39

Olivet	F.B.	F.	P.	Tot.
Cook rf	3	1	1	7
Church, lf	0	0	3	0
Zick, lf	0	0	0	0
Harris, c	2	1	3	7
Johnson, c, lg	0	1	2	1
Robertson, rg	1	0	0	2
Wesch, lg	0	0	0	0
Totals	6	3	9	15

Score first half—Alma 15, Olivet 7.
Referee—Kobs. Umpire—Lane.

FROSH WIN TWICE IN WEEK END GAMES

The Freshman team defeated the Greenville DeMolay in a preliminary to the Kalamazoo game Friday night 51 to 20 with Brown, Alma high star, and Gussin in the feature scoring role. Brown scored 19 points and Gussin contributed 12.

Summary:

Alma	Pos.	Greenville
Lange	R.F.	Kesalring
Brown	L.F.	H. Bond
Heartt	C.	Becker
Gussin	R.G.	Faber
North	L.G.	F. Bond

Field baskets—Brown 9, Gussin 6, Heartt 4, Lange 2, North, Kesalring 2, H. Bond 2, Becker 2, Farber, F. Bond.

Fouls—Lange 1, Spencer 2, Heartt 1, North 1, Murwin 1, Becker 1, Bond 1.

Score—first half—Alma 26, Greenville 14.

Substitutions—Spencer for Lange, Lange for Spencer, Dean for Lange, Dean for Brown, Brown for Dean, Spencer for Brown, Aplan for Heartt, Heartt for Aplan, Wisner for Gussin, Murkin for North, Metzger for Becker.

Referee—Arozian. Umpire—Pezet.

Alma Frosh Beat Olivet

In a preliminary to the Olivet game Saturday night the Alma Frosh smothered the Olivet Frosh 31 to 11 with Gussin and Brown in the high scoring roles.

Alma Frosh	Pos.	Olivet Frosh
Lange	R.F.	Gilmore

Brown	L.F.	Davis
Heartt	C.	Cardwell
Gussin	R.G.	Fivie
North	L.G.	Madden

Field baskets—Brown 6, Gussin 6, Heartt, S. Wilson, Cardwell, Cornelia, Foul—Lange 2, Heartt 2, Gussin 1, Gilmore 1, P. Wilson 1, Fivie 2, S. Wilson 1.


Substitutions—Dean for Lange, Spencer for Brown, Aplan for Heartt, Murwin for North, Wandt for Gilmore, Nelson for Wendt, P. Wilson for Davis, Cornelia for P. Wilson, S. Wilson for Madden, Gilmore for S. Wilson.

Score first half—Alma Frosh 22, Olivet 6.
Referee—Pezet.

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cent. He alone, of all the servants, had volunteered to accompany me through the city. Seeing my plight, he insisted escorting me in my longer hegira. A great help. Bless his soul!

"We finally made Tientsin, my destination, the rendezvous agreed upon with other members of my family. Meanwhile the American Minister had closed our N. China American School for this year and the Board of Managers had voted to disband it, for at least the coming school year. This means that our children may have to go home this summer. A fever of military preparation is on in the foreign garrisons here; for this is the point of concentration and evacuation for all foreigners in China north of Shantung, and south of the Great Wall. The refugees are rolling in; active relief measures are being taken by the organizations of the Foreign Settlements; and, as usual the women are in the forefront. Their local 'Women's Club' made a schoop of promptness and efficient plans over the Chambers of Commerce and other mens' organizations, and quickly started rolling the ball of help to tired, and bewildered strangers, ignorant of the city; mostly missionaries, suddenly 'ordered in,' who possess only what they could bring with them from their Stations; now without money, and not yet in touch with their Boards.

"After a week of industrious effort to make plans, and without money to get away, our family have been ordered by our Mission to Korea, where I hope to do work until things settle somewhat.

"Kenneth, the young son developed mumps here at a most inopportune time.

"Our confidence is 2 Tim. 1-7. One word, openly uttered and secretly whispered by foreign officials dominates all talk: 'Get out of China.'

"Address: care of Rev. J. F. Preston, Soon Chun, Korea.

"Please pray for our guidance and that, out of this turmoil our Lord's work may not only not have a permanent set back, but that it may be advanced."

Cordially yours,
Charles Ernest Scott.
Class of 1898.

JAPANESE TEACHER WRITES

Perhaps we should extend our apologies to Gertrude Peters ('19) for not using her letter sooner, but the space would not permit even the actual receipt of the letter occurred some time ago. The news is still intensely interesting and we know you will enjoy it as we did. Gertrude's address is 1036 Court Street, Port Huron, Mich. She threatened a trip

to Alma some time ago but hasn't arrived yet. Better get coming, Gertrude.

Wilmina Girls' School
Tamatsukuri, Osaki, Japan
Dear President Crooks:

Yes, that Gertrude Peters is going to get a letter to you eventually, maybe tonight, if you'll excuse the fancy stationery. Marion Hartman sent on your message from Korea and I felt guilty to think I hadn't written to Alma once since I came to the land of cherry blossoms (and frozen water pipes just now). I thought I might get editorially inclined someday and write a page or two to help pad out the Alumni column, but Japan seems to know how to keep one busy with Japanese affairs a good share of the time. It's a busy life, especially this year when we're short one foreign resident teacher this year in Wilmina, but luckily we have two old timers coming in for teaching certain days of the week.

I have followed with intense interest all the bulletins and letters that have come to me about the alumni organization and the plans for equipment for the athletic field. I have wished that I could send over something more usable than a hurrah to help along the causes that certainly do have a heart pull. I'm something of an object of charity myself just now thought so I shall have to bide my time.

Should you like to hear something about what I've been doing in Japan? Not much I fear, but it keeps me busy. I have been here in Osaka, said by some to be the fifth largest city in the world, ever since I came in 1924. It is certainly a city of smoke and teeming millions. Some spots look quite like New York and others remind me of Detroit, but mostly it's rows and rows of tiled roofs and forests of smoking chimneys. Our school is pleasantly located on a little slope and in a wide garden, surrounded, of course, by a wall. Wilmina Girls' School was founded some forty years ago and was one of the first girls schools in the city. It's older than Alma by a bit. At first everything was taught in English, and the graduates of those days who come to visit can still understand English better than their children who are in the throes of learning. English is now only one of the studies and doesn't get so much time and energy. There were three girls in the first graduating class and about fifty-six in the one last year. There would be many more I presume but the school is limited to 350 students. (We correspond more or less to a high school at home). This year we have two resident foreign teachers, two others who come for classes two or three days a week, a Japanese teachers, some part time.

We are under government supervision, but have not full recognition,

as a part of the school time is taken up with Bible Study, and as we put extra time on English. We have a very democratic assortment of pupils, from the struggling poor to the pampered rich, with perhaps the largest number of children of shop keepers and merchants of various sorts. Some few come from Christian families and are sent here because it's a Christian school, but most come because it's near, or because they want the especial advantages in music and English we can offer. They learn about Christianity through the Bible classes; the Wednesday Y. W. meeting; the morning chapel service, is one of the dearest memories they carry away with them when they graduate, and through special speeches which they frequently hear. Practically every girl who graduates wishes to become a baptised Christian but many are not allowed for fear it may interfere with a suitable marriage arrangement.

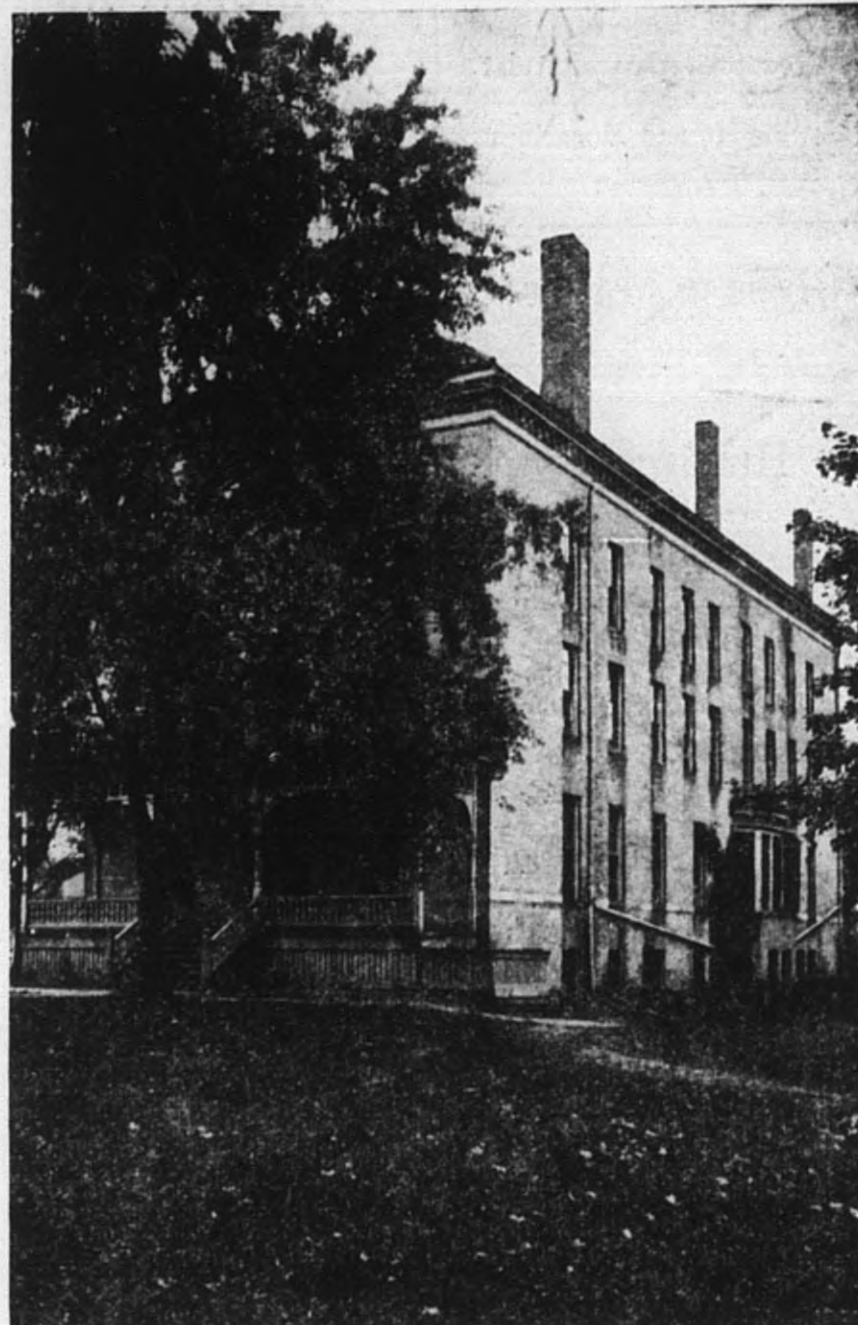
Marriages are still arranged in Japan by the Fates and parents and go between, but the young people are beginning to take a hand—which is a good thing, but a painful process.

One of my dear little teacher friends got married a month or two ago. She was given a chance to choose between two or three young men that the family considered suitable. A Christian husband would have been best of course, but since none was offered, she chose a young man who, though slightly bold, was of fine moral character, neither drank nor smoked, and had no aversion to Christianity. She chose sensible one at least.

Well, they're dear people, these Japanese friends of ours. They're just like us, only different, and I learn something from them and teach them something most every day. As our quaint little matron said in her pretty way when I had been telling her about some of our American thoughts and customs "Yappari, people's hearts the same everywhere." It's these wretched languages that raise the bars again and again. It was partly the unfortunate rendering of a Japanese thought into inadequate English that started the ill feeling which culminated in the new emigration rulings which seem so idiotic to everyone now. When I was with Marian Bartness for my short day in Seoul, she took me to the home of a Korean pastor. I remember how his little wife shook her head sadly and said in Korean "And why did they try to build the tower of Babel!"

With happy memories of your kindness to me in college days,

Gertrude Peters ('19)



OLD PIONEER
One of the original buildings on the Campus, it has housed all generations of students at Alma. This picture was taken a long time ago, as is shown by the fact that there are no sidewalks to be seen.

OLD STUDENT HEADS FOREIGN NEWSPAPER

Mr. Paul J. Morgan, an alumnus of Alma College, was recently made General Manager of The Japan Advertiser, the largest English daily newspaper in the Far East and one of the largest dailies of Tokio, Japan.

After leaving Alma College, Mr. Morgan attended the University of Missouri at Columbus, Mo., for about two years, after which he went to the Philippine Islands in the service of the United States Government for six years, being engaged in school work.

On his return to the States he finished his course at the University of Missouri and secured a position with The Indianapolis Star in their foreign advertising department where he remained for more than five years.

Last spring he accepted a position with Mr. Fleisher, owner of The Japan Advertiser, as advertising manager of that paper. He assumed the responsibilities of that position last June and when the general manager of the paper resigned to return to the States this month, Mr. Fleisher,

er, offered Mr. Morgan the position of General Manager, which he has accepted.

In addition to Mr. Morgan's responsibilities as general manager, he has charge of distributing the advertising secured by an advertising syndicate maintained by Mr. Fleisher in New York City, which is practically the only advertising agency of its kind in the Far East. The syndicate has a \$2,000,000 advertising contract with Ford, General Motors and carries advertising for leading industries in the United States.



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