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# ALMA WINS TWO M.I.A.A. STARTS

## BETA TAU GETS **NEW FRAT HOUSE**

#### Youngest Fraternity Completes Arrangements For House

The first of the second semester the Beta Tau Epsilon Literary Society moved into a society house. Though the organization has had plans in hand for such action during the past semester, the announcement of the Beta Tau House came as a surprise to those who were not members of the society.

The Beuta Tau have completely taken over the former home of Mrs. John Murphy on College street, and have arranged rooms for study, social purposes, and sleeping. There are five study rooms in the house, each occupied by from two to four men. Two large rooms have been fitted to meet social needs of the organization, while the third floor is used as sleeping quarters. At present thirteen members are living there, but the house will hold more men if this is necessary.

Almost the entire credit of obtaining the house for the society is due to Jack Thoma, of Fremont. Several other houses were considered but Mr. Thoma decided upon the College street dwelling as being most suitable for the purpose of the group. Gilbert Scheib, of Saginaw, has been elected House Manager, and under his management, which has already proven most efficient, it is certain that the activities in the house will be capably directed.

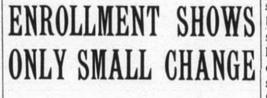
Beta Tau Epsilon Literary was

#### **ALUMNI ISSUE OF** ALMANIAN FEB. 14 BAND TAKES

The next issue of the Almanian, appearing February 14, will be the second of the alumni editions which will be published by the Almanian staff this year. It will carry a two page supplement, with five full columns of alumni gossip and news items, besides the regular four pages of current campus topics.

This special edition is in accordance with the plan worked out by the alumni who wished to combine the alumni publication, "The Alumni News" with the student weekly newspaper in order to make the financial burden easier to carry. The cooperation of the student staff was secured and the first enlarged edition was printed on the Tuesday after the Fortieth Anniversary Celebration. Now comes the second issue, which will be as good as the combined efforts of stu-

dents and alumni can make it. Any alumni who wishes extra copies of next week's paper may have them by writing Homer Barlow, business manager of the Almanian, or to Chester Robinson, secretary of the Alumni Association.



#### **Totals Show Small Decrease** In Student Roll For The Second Semester

There is a slight decrease in the total number of students enrolled in

## FIRST TOUR Seven Day Trip Is Highly Successful In All

Aspects

The band returned Friday morning from its first extensive tour. The trip was a sucess in every way, and it is hoped that it may become an annual event just as the Glee Club trips are. It was very well received everyplace and most of the audiences seemed genuinely surprised at the high type of entertainment that was must be given to the quartet which accompanied the band. They sang untiringly, and responded to encore after encore at every engagement.

The last rehearsel was held on Wednesday night after examaina- not given out to the reporter. tions, and Prof. Ewer tore his hair, coaxed, threatened, implored all in vain. Everything was blue. The next evening the band went to Clare, and put on a fair concert. The crowd was very small at Clare, and it was suggested by some that the band had been there last year. The quartet stopped at St. Charles to sing at the high school and then rushed franticly on to Lapeer to get there before school let out., but school had let out two days before. The band left Alma about nine Thursday morning, had dinner in Fostoria at the place where Eveland eats, and arrived at Lapeer about two that afternoon. Due to some slip up in the arrangements, there was no place provided for the boys to eat or sleep in Lapeer, and a mighty busy four hours was spent in making these arrangements. Through the help of some former Alma stu-two programs of real merit for the basket, which hit the backboard and Michigan Home for the Feeble Mind- they staged a production which was ed, one for the women and one for the men, and the boys were the classes. guests of the home for dinner that evening. After the concert in the Lyric the boys were invited out to the home for a dance, and a number of them accepted the invitation. Oyster soup, cake and coffee were served, and then the dancing began. It was featured by many old time dances and circle several transfer students from other dances. Everyone who went thorcolleges in the state who will enter in oughly enjoyed themselves and regreted that the evening was so short. On Saturday night the band was at last semester, which was 283, the loss St. Charles. An impromptu dance was is about twenty-five. This difference put on after the concert in the high will be smaller, it is expected, when school gym. The orchestra from the band played very well, and everyone had a good time. The crowd was very small at St. Charles, mainly due to the night on which the concert was held. It was the general opinion of those present that a return engagement on a week night would be very profitable, and negotiations are under way for such an engagement now. On Sunday the band had its largest audience in the Congregational church at St. Johns. Nearly a thousand people were packed into the church. All of the boys will remember St. Johns, for they received the most enthusiastic cooperation, and the best planned entertainment there of any place on their trip. The quartet was very well received at the high school the next morning and everyone got pretty well rested up by sleeping as long as he wished on Monday morning. The band went from its largest house in St. Johns to its smallest in Owosso. Arrangements were made the mysterious blue bird which brings for a special concert for high school children in the afternoon, but through some slip up, Owosso high school had a basketball game at the same time. Seventeen girls and boys strayed in to hear the band play. What was lacking in numbers was made up for happiness lies at home. in enthusiasm. All the girls brought along a bag of candy, and the band boys ate gum drops until their jaws .500 ached. The evening crowd was some-.250 what better. .000 The next stop was at Pigeon where cert. The church was small but well themeselves were about eighteen basket, before Alma managed to take filled, and the audience, made up inches or more in height, but as all the ball away and get the play back chiefly of music loving German peo- the stage properties wre in propor- around the Kalamazoo basket. Alma's ple, were very responsive. college at high school gym where they were the puppets by the operators made mark The game ended with Alma (Continued on Page 2)

## **ALMA FACULTY IS ENTERTAINED**

President and Mrs. Crooks enterained the members of the Alma College faculty at a dinner last Friday evening at six o'clock. The dinner is an annual affair at the president's home and is fully enjoyed by the pedagogues.

As soon as all of the guests had assembled they were seated at small

tables in the dining room and sun room in the new President's House, forty-two people being present. The dinner was served by the famous 'Wayside Inn" team of renown in vacation land.

Between the dinner course and the dessert Professor Hamilton presented offered them. A great deal of credit Mr. and Mrs Crooks with a beautiful silver tray, the gift of the faculty members. Professor Hamilton and Coach Campbell pulled some sort of stunt preparatory to the presentation, but the exact nature of the stunt was

> Because of the basketball game on the same evening, the guests departed early from the President's House, and went to the gymnasium to watch the Alma-Kalmazoo game.

# MARIONETTES **ARE ENJOYED**

#### Jean Gros' Company Played To Good Houses For Both Performances

The Jean Gros company of marionettes, brought to Alma by the Student

# **KAZOO FALLS BY CLOSE MARGIN**

#### Alma Cagers Battle To Win In Thrilling Game 26-24

By socking Kalamazoo Friday night in one of the most hectic frays here in several years, and then trouncing Olivet Saturday night Alma left the M. I. A. A. without an unmeaten eam and stepped into a tie for first honors with Kalamazoo. Alma nosed out the fighting Hornets 26 to 24 and trampled on the Olivet aggregation by a score of- to-.

The Kalamazoo contest was not so much an exhibition of good basket ball as it was a wonderful fighting spirit and determination on the part of the Campbellmen to win. It was a spirit that would not down and it defeated a team that was very apparently playing a smoother floor game against a fine defense and an unconquorable offense

With both aggregations playing a great defensive game three minutes went by before either team was able to penetrate the defense of the other for a field basket. On a bad pass the ball was loose and Holdship and Tiderington dove for the ball, coming together. The impact made both groggy Schrier had also gone after the ball and took it on the play, dribbling down the floor, and shooting the first basket, while Tiderington was still "out" on the floor, and Holdship was shaking his head in the effort to clear the grogginess. Schrier quickly came back with another basket. and the clever Tim Muelenberg dropped in a long one to make the score 8 to 3. Gene Wagner slipped through the Kazoo defense to take a dog shot for a basket and then Hawthorne, who had replaced Liephan crashed the Hornets defense and it was 8 to 7. Hackney slipped through for another, Get Five Point Lead Heavy defensive play featured the opening of the second half and it was several minutes before either team could score Then Wagner dropped in one, after slipping through the defense. Jack Leiphan added another to give Alma a five point lead. Davis got the longest field basket of the night, almost from the center of the floor for Kazoo's first scoring of this half and it was 20 to 17. Leiphan got back the five point margin with another field basket. Schrier dropped in a foul and then Davis scored another of his long ones. Simmons dribbled down the line added one from the floor. Hackney dropped in a foul and it was 24 to 21. Tiderington scored a point on Schrier's fourth personal. Holdship added another when he was fouled by Berry to make the Alma total of 26, and giving Alma a 5 point lead again. Hackney dropped in one from the foul line. Simmons went out on personal fouls and Kalamazoo attempted a rally in the closing moments, hoping to pull down the four point margin. Muelenberg dropped in along one, and then attempted two other shots, which fail-

founded in the latter part of 1921 when a definite need of a new society was felt upon the Alma college campus. Robert Baker of Alma was the first president of the group. Since its founding it was occupied as a society hall, one of the rooms in the college administration building.

The new Beta Taus House will fill a need that has long been felt in the society. While great progress has been made during the term of years that the society has had its hall at the college, yet such an arrangement has its difficulties, and with the occupancy of the house it may be expected that Beta Tau Epsilon will become a much stronger influence on the campus than it has been in the past.

Simultaneously with the announcement of the new headquarters of Beta Tau Epsilon, the society also brought forth a new pin. This emblem has great beauty of design and with its crown set pearls and genuine emerald, together with the new guard, which is the society crest, it presents a most striking appearance. The pin and crest are of original design, conceived by Thomas Jackson of Flint.

The present officers of the society are, President, Charles Nims, of Toledo, Vice President, Frank Kinney, of Ithaca, Secretary, Basil Zeihm, of Gagetown, Treasurer, Thomas Jackson, of Flint.

## PHIS TO HOLD

Phi Phi Alpha will hold its annual Lincoln Banquet at the Park Hotel in St. Louis on Saturday, February 11. The Arrangements committee consisting of Kent MacGregor, Delbert Mac-Gregor, Francis Wood and Wes Wagonlander report that everything is ready for the big event. The banquet will start at six o'clock. There will be dancing between courses and after the dinner as long as the chaperones will permit. Dean Steward, Miss Foley, Professor Clack and Dr. Brokenshire will act as chaperones. Music will be furnished by Bruce Willis and his Music Masters of Saginaw.

Merrill Hendershot, Charlie Goodenow, and Leland Pomeroy are taking Albion college ..... 2 care of the invitations, and a large Hope college number of alumni are expected to re- Hillsdale college .... 1 turn for the banquet. The speeches Olivet college ..... 0 are expected to be few and short, so that the main part of the evening may be devoted to dancing. Dr. Brokenshire will give the invocation. President Brown will give a short Hillsdale at Kalamazoo, speech of welcome, which will be responded to by our guest from Pi Alpha Phi Fraternity of Olivet, and a (Continued on Page 2)

the college curriculum for the second semester. The decrease is assigned by the college authorities to many causes, perhaps the most potent of which is the shortage of money among the students.

One or two students transferred from Alma to some other school at the end of the semester. Hugh Ward, a sophomore, left to attend a South arolina college. There was also a transfer to the University of Detroit.

The records in the Register's Office show a total of between 250 and 260 students who have registered so far. This number is not yet at its highest since there are several who are known to be registering late. Besides this addition there will probably be the next week or two.

Compared with the enrollment of all the registrations are completed. It is said by industrial men that this is a hard year financially, Factories have been running at reduced production and financially the conditions seem rather tight. As always this makes a difference in the number of students who find it financially possible to continue their studies. Several left college at the end of the first semester because of financial reasons. In a college of the sort that Alma is, the number of students who are either partially or altogether earning their own way through school LINCOLN BANQUET is surprising and tightened business conditions cannot help but have a

direct effect on them. There were a few who beat the teachers by leaving college a jump or two ahead of the faculty reccomendation to the same effect which would surely have come to them. These were the delinquents in scholastic standings, by which method a few are weeded out after every semester of collegiate work. But this number was not evry great, in fact, it was rather less than usual.

#### M. I. A. A. STANDINGS

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Tuesday-Hope at Western State. Wednesday-Michigan B at Alma; Albion at Michigan State College; Friday-Hope at Alma; Hillsdale at

Olivet; Albion at Michigan B. Saturday-Kalamazoo Michigan State College.

dents, Trudo Des Jardins, Howard approval of Alma audiences. On last dropped in. A moment later he was Wednesday afternoon they presented fouled by Schrier and added another Ainsworth, and Paul Snowman, Wednesday afternoon they presented point to make it 4 and 3. Hackney a little play for the school children, point to make it 4 and 3. Hackney Two concerts were played at the and in the evening of the same day picked one from beyond the foul line in its appeal more for the adult

> "Uncle Wiggily in Wonderland" was the name of the stage presentation to the school children on Wednesday afternoon. It showed the adventures of the rabbit gentleman among his friends and enemies of the animal but Simmons retaliated with a basket kingdom. It almost goes without from out on the floor. Schrier got saying that the show made an im- another and then Holdship came mediate hit with the youngsters, who through with another long shot for a greeted Uncle Wiggily with shouts basket. Wagner again slipped of glee and followed his adventures through the defense and slipped in with great interest throughout the one from under the netted circle and entire performance. An instance it was 13 to 12 with Alma leading. might be cited to show how wrapped Holdship dropped in his third long up in the porformance the kiddies field basket and when he was fouled were-Certain bad gentlemen of the rolled th count to 16. Tim Muelenanimal kingdom were intent upon berg brought the Kazoo count to 14 nibbling Uncle Wiggily's ears, and to with a long field basket and just this purpose they hid themselves before the half ended Davis scored where they could pounce out upon the a foul on Simmon's rule infraction rabbit gentleman. But when Uncle to make the count 16 o 15 for the Wiggily approached the hiding place half. he was warned by the children, who fairly plead with the rabbit not to go near the danger. Perhaps it was their warnings that saved him-at any rate he did not get his ears nibbled. About three hundred children saw the performance in the afternoon, and it is sure that every one of them was deeply impressed by it.

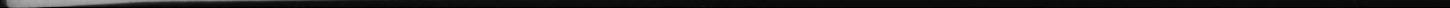
The presentation of the evening was "The Blue Bird," adapted from the play by Maurice Maeterlinck, which has been so favorably received since its premiere many years ago. Its adaption to the puppet stage was a very happy one since it lends itself very well to that particular type of interpretation. The story, familiar to most people, deals with the children, who dream of their chase after complete happiness to the possessor. In their dream they have many adventures which lead them into fairylands of fantastic imagination. As they wake in the morning after a fruitless search they find that their

"The Blue Bird" was beautifully staged. Using a bigger stage than the ordinary marionette performance they were able to produce a number of very pleasing lighting effects which added much to the quality of ed. Davis, Hackney and Masselink the band probably played its best con- the whole. The marionette figures also took some long heaves at the tion to them, they seemed to be of scoring efforts failed and just before The next day the band journeyed to normal human stature as the action the gun sounded Tim shot another Unionville to play in a brand new progressed. Expert manipulation of long one, which was wide of the

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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 Rapids, Jackson and Detroit. Alma 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 Harbor Beach for its last concert. out some way to build up a real work- They played in the new Community ing fair mindedness in the attitude Theatre there, which is a very wontoward exams on this campus. After derful place. The crowd and the securing a good, wholesome attitude that frowns on cheating, and will thing was a success except the atfunction impersonally in all cases, tempt of the band to start for home 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

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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 mempers 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 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 ' (Continued from Page 1)

very well received and a large audience filled the building.

From Unionville the band went to concert were both good and everyat 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

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



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#### 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 Miss Elizabeth Jenkins, who was a 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 occured 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 (Continued from Page 1)

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.

and everyone is expecting to have a kind of a team from the University Moon Neuman slipped off down to tion of power by its defeat of Mich-Lansing last Saturday and bought igan State Normal, which indicates three brand new Tuexedos, and not that the Almaites will not have the one of them sing in the Glee club easiest kind of a job on their hands. either.

## IS ENGAGED

The Almanian has received the announcement of the engagement of 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 Cinicnnati, 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 The moth proof bags are being ocasion for considerable interest as brought out of the back of the closets it is the first invation of Alma by any wonderful time in spite of his collar. except for freshman football elevens To insure the party being an absolute in years past. Two weeks ago Michsuccess, Bill Randels, Bixby, and igan B team gave a good demonstra-While the Michigan B basket ball

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The Man From Kokomo Hurd Allyn Drake ('11) has written from Kokomo, Indiana (United States) that he desired the "Alumni News" telling about the 40th anni-

versary but so far we have not been able to get a copy for him. Why don't some of the friends of Hurd's write him a line and let him have an Alumni issue of his own? We certainly will try to get you one of those 40th anniversary issues. **Going Great** 

ycar has been having a great time up at Manistee this year. He has written that his football team was quite successful and succeeded in holding Gordon MacDonald's Traverse City boys to a 6 and 6 tie. "Andy's basket ball team has been whipping them in the north too. Glad to know both "Andy" and "Mac" are getting along so well. They have been to see us and we hope they will come again.

#### SCOTT IN THE THICK OF IT

We don't wish to let any one or two alumni monopolize our space but fort verses,' and I tried to expound away, fingers even chopped off to obwhen only that many are interested their meaning after they were memenough to write newsy letters, we feel orized. tion whether we can make this same they are entitled to a hearing.

always has a message in his letters rains, I found the roads, as I expect- shot in cold blood, in open daylight. There was rather a large demand and we like to pass his romances on. ed, bottomless. This reminds me of on the street-all by Southern sol-Here is one that reads almost like a fairy tale.

mand exceeded the supply and we are well known to the villagers, and am very sorry if any were disappointed looked upon as their friend and helper in famine. I have never been interfered with by any one during these COMMENCEMENT NUMBER will latter years as I have gone about my be also in great demand and if you work; not even when it must have have any idea that you are going to been known that I was repeatedly need more than your one copy, please carrying large sums of money in silver dollars, in a cart, and all alone by myself.

upon it; they were in one end of the to the hubs. It has been rather disappointing to place and I in the other. They knew Somehow or other all the secretary been in a village raided by bandits. does is sob and moan about the way and 11 men carried off for ransom; the alumni forget the association but I was not touched.

college. You may decide after awhile even took me around to the rooms of hub. And the mule took it into his that we are never satisfied with the the students where they were study- head to get stuck in those two rivers. way you people are doing things and ing. Think of it! after the experi- No alternative but for us to get out from all indications this past couple ences of our missionaries in cities and give him a lift. You can imof months we certainly ARE NOT. under control of the Southern Govern- agine what a sight we were when we weeping by sending in a big newsy School here last week, the teachers night; the friendly darkness merciletter. From all we are able to lined up the boys for me, and had fully hid us from inspection by the learn the friends, acquaintances, and them stand there and listen to me ex- public.

In the hot, muggy, summer months,

the toll of death is awful. "If the family does not send in -and all that is sent him does not reach him.

are many scores, often hundreds of dently, as out of a clear sky, early in hangers on, henchmen, evil-eyed, April, I received a note by special greasy-clothed, who 'live off the Ya- messenger, from the Chairman and men' spying on the people, informing, Secretary of our Mission, and the dexterous in false accusations, going same forenoon a letter from our to the villages to make arrests, Counsel, suggesting that I 'come in squeezing, browbeating, blackmail- at once.' On return to the Station, I Andy Anderson, who left us last ing. All these men are without sal- found a spirit of tensement, fear and aries. It is, therefore, conceivable horror-'the Nanking Outrage,' the how food, sent in by family or friend climax of many others, (whatever to accused or condemned, may be- Reds had had a chance to show their come attenuated before it reaches the prisoner.

> men's, I will not describe. I was in- and torn to shreds; consular officials vited to go in and preach; but could had been attacked, and robbed and not stand the sights. I had two tormented, even shot at. Missionary Bible women go in. I understood homes had been looted and burned; then a little better what it meant that foreign women had been subjected to Jesus DELIBERATELY PUT OUT LEPER. The Chinese pastor with me taught the men scripture 'com-

Smith. Some right, superficial globe-"All through my country field I am trotter condescendingly said to him: 'Just tell us, in a word, Dr. Smith, the bottom facts about China!' 'Instantly he flashed back: There is no bottom and there are not facts.'

"All day long on that trip we saw, although we were upon a 'big road,' but eight carts, this partly due to the mud, and partly to fear of the farm-

"Of course, we traveled much lightthe secretary that there has not been I was there; they demanded money er; nevertheless we three-carter. more news submitted by the alumni. from others, but not from me. I have cook and I, had repeatedly to get out and lend the mule a lift when he got stuck. Two rivers that we crossed, usually only dry beds and sand and "The teachers, though heathen, stones, were running up to the cart

ence with mules. I gladly testify that

Co., of Detroit, Mich. Bon Voyage heavy iron fetters. Men lie in all School, and immersed in their studies

I knew little of the concrete developments-ugly, sinister, threatening -that accompanied, and followed in food to a prisoner, his case is pitiful the train of, the victorious march northwards of the Southern armies dominated by the 'Red,' that is, the "It should be realized that there Russ, Soviet Communistic, wing. Sudhands) had taken place. The foreign consulates had been openly attacked

"The women's cell, quite like the and sacked, and flags pulled down unthinkable indignities-clothing torn HIS HAND AND TOUCHED THE off, their children threatened and knocked about, and themselves outraged; jewelry had been snatched tain rings; workers for the Chinese with years of service to their credit,

"On my first trip to the country had been deliberately, brutally Our friend Charles Ernest Scott last fall, after the heavy summer wounded, and veteran missionaries a story told of our beloved Dr. A. H. diers, regulars, in uniform, under orders of their officers; they had moved, in this orgy of torture and destruction, to the blowing of whistles and the shout of official command. Here was all the ruthlessness, even savagery, venting itself without limit on the secretly despised and objurgated foreigners, helpless.

"Events moved rapidly. The American Minister, in a ringing statment, ers that the bandit-soldiers would said that the Southern government seize carters and animals and carts. had repeatedly proved itself to be "I have been in a large market Although four mules were hitched to utterly incapable or unwilling to town when the bandits swooped down each cart, five carts were stuck, mired keep its promises, so flamboyantly announced in its proclamations. Therefore he ordered Americans to trust themselves no longer to such lying promises.

"Every woman and child in our province was ordered evacuated at once to the ports of Tsingtao or Chefoo-no chance to be given for the repetition of another 'Nanking.' I did what I could to help the refugees get through our city. Soon practically all foreigners south of Tsinan were out. And rather rapidly they Why not end our whole program of ment! Not only so, but in the Middle pulled into my out station late at dribbled out of our city of Tsinan in the extreme west of the province, and out of all places to the eastward of it, till only a few men of us were

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interested in what you are doing and begain to rain; but they all stood where you are doing it. Who will be there, in line, some 250-till I disthe first to answer this appeal? The friends who are in foreign the while.

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MISS AVIS LANE, ('23)

countries are certainly manifesting a tendent of schools in Alaska.

Northwestern, was sunk just out of Jesus. Ketchikan-about a day's journey

from here, and all the second and of the country to the contrary.

are holding down Alma up here. wait sentence.

Please send us some more-we'd like to have a reunion banquet." Tickled to hear from you Blanche and hope you will send us some more news before the next issue. Tell Eva

to write too. Papa Papa

Miss Lee Ann Higbee came December 27th, 1927, to live at the home of has no show. Mr. and Mrs. "Ted" S. Higbee, 3320

enemies of college days are mighty pound the tracts Gospel teaching. It missed them-the teachers smiling

"Again, I went to a so-called spirit of loyalty which ought to be 'Model School' (a sort of a practice duplicated by those in America. It teaching Normal); and the teachers seems when you are in China or took 200 boys away from their Korea or Japan or Alaska or some desks, lined them up in the yard; other place away from Uncle Sam and I gave them, each small boy-all and the children that you are espec- were small-a picture-postal on which ially anxious to keep in touch with we had posted a white paper over the so you write a good long letter and back side (the address side) and had wait for someone to answer you. written, in Chinese characters. John Those letters are mighty interesting 3:16. It was a dramatic moment. and to the two quoted previously here There, in this spacious court, under in part of one from Mrs. Blanche venerable conifers large and tall and Mashin Henderson ('20) in far away wide-spreading and nobody knew how Alaska. Mr. Henderson is superin- many years old-there in these grounds of mystic memory and sur-"Alaska seems more "Alaska" this rounded by massive and impressive winter than any since I've been here. buildings that once had constituted We are frozen in-tho' we manage to the 'sacred precinct' of a stately Conhave one boat a week-and we wait fucian temple-there I explained the to hear news from 'the great beyond' verse, its blessed meaning; and told like a pack of starving wolves. One the boys, at attention, about their great tragedy-our Xmas boat, the best friend, who was the Saviour

That wears the rust off our brains Tientsin and Sanghai, etc. These are considerably. The reception comes in 'the real thing.' One series of cells-Ruby, Alaska, about three hundred back of which were these cells. In killed beside me. miles from Nome. She would have a them men lay, their feet chained winderness-and-Oh-she has one! heavily. They came out into the Indians, Aleuts, half-breeds, and a light of the court to hear me talk, few white people. I wonder how she and thus get a little sunning. No likes it. Mr. Henderson offered her water is furnished them, even to a more civilized place, but she would wash their hands; and they are covhave Alaska 'a la naturelle.' I am ered with sores and worse. AND waiting for the thaw this spring that THESE MEN HAVE NOT YET will enable her to drift out and snatch BEEN CONDEMNED, or a punishher back again! Thus far she and I ment decided upon. They simply

"The magistrate or his appointee is at the hearings, both condemning witness, prosecuting attorney, judge and jury. Their feet are chained. If relatives or friend do not bring them food, they starve. Money talks; without a pocketful, (secured often by the sale of his land and house) a litigant

"In another part of the prison are Chicago Blvd., Detroit, Mich. "Ted" the men on whom sentence has been always was lucky and we learn that passed. Naturally their condition is

"I nave had considerable experileft.

dead one who expired on my hands; that, I sell 'on the market,' the flesh of another, fallen in the traces, because 'my face' would bring a higher price than the muliteer's; that I help skin another and assist in soaking his "In the 18 provinces of China there flesh in a nearby pond, (because the known danger, of impending disaster, are about 1880 counties. Each coun- meat, soaked, weighs heavier, and so third class mail lost. Well, that was ty seat has a series of prisons. These would bring more money, and therean awful blow, because we are more are not 'the model prisons' shown to by the loss could be comewhat nearor less isolated, despite the depicting the foreign delegates attending er recouped). This, to show my Conference on abolition of extraterri- spirit of benevolence toward the un-"Our saving grace-the radio. We toriality, who were sedulously led to fortunate owner of the demised; that have a seven tube Kohlster, and can inspect the fitness of these 'show I buy the cart, because a muleless get stations along the Pacific Coast. places' in Peking and Mukden and vehicle was of no use to the owner; that I take part in a family law-suit over a fallen animal; that I support fairly well, except when our Taku dark, low, ventilationless-was with- thet family of an injured carter; that winds blow-and the blizzard's re- out windows or even light, except as I meet the bills of another carter in it streamed in through an outside the hospital; that I pay the funeral "Eva Ardis ('20) is teaching at door opening into a long corrider expenses of still another who was

A Plea Unable To Be Granted

"A deputation came to me from a group of villages far west of the for their own purposes Mission pro-River, and pleaded for an evangelist perties; and that they are so expert arranged places where he could live destroying that they move ministers evangelistic obligations. I had to refuse. I felt it rather cold comfort, under the circumstances, merely to pray with the delegation, and to send pected special pulled in; and after them off without the pledge of a preacher. The men are available the wild first rush of Chinese. I fifrom our Chinese Church Seminary, nally managed to get on to the platif one had the money to employ them.

The Debacle—As It Hit Us "I was out in the country preaching been keeping him for several months with my evangelistic bands among in our hospital, expecting that he he will sail April 25th with Mrs. Hig- wore—if that can be. They wear the villages. I had no occasion to could not get well; but, after drastic bee and Lee Ann for a six months heavy iron rings around their necks, return home; Mrs. Scott was in Pe- operations, and careful nursing, he stay in Germany in the interests of and this is fastened to a chain at the king for dental work; the children was discharged a promising convaleshis firm, Victor-Penninsular Screw waist; the feet also are shackled in were in the N. China American

"How to pack in the few hours they are strong, patient and endur- that remained! At noon I received a ing. Veracity requires me to confess letter 5 days old from my wife in that they are mulish,-consequently, Peking, and word of a telegram of embarassing to their 'guests.' They instructions that never came. She are perversly capable of oding al- had earlier gone to Peking with only most any unexpected thing to upset a suit case of personal effects. How one's plans; as for example, taking a was I to pack for a woman; put brace on the road; refusing to budge away household goods, store valuafter sunset (when you are 'many ables, secrete prized pictures, and miles from nowhere'); running out care for my beloved library, (called of the track and overturning the cart, the finest private one in N. China) getting stuck even in a river; killing and catch the train, possibly the last the muliteer, by crushing him against one, at 10 A. M.? A Pastor was taka rock wall. His muleship, in his ing accounts with me for all my divers and multifarious activities, country work; Christian friends were and in the display of his well-known dropping in to pray and express recharacteristics, has linked me with a grete at the sudden denouement, variety of real life experiences (pro- servants were beseiging me with positions) from the request of one questions as to what to do and I was owner that I CARRY a hired mule trying to collect a few keepsakes, and fallen sick by the way; that I buy a family heirlooms, and pack what I most needed.

> For many years Ihad seen refugees, many of them, but never sensed I was becoming one myself. The oppression of loneliness, of home-sickness for what I was leaving, of unof vague terror in fought. I prayed as I worked; seeking guidance and the comfort of 2 Tim, 1:7. That eve, after a hectic day never to be forgotten, we went out of our gate for, who knows, the last time? into the darkness, and regretfully leaving behind the good dog 'Mikie'-to try to get to the Station, (miles away, through the city) as unostentatiuosly as possible-a refugee, homeless.

"Leaving thus, it was not altogether reassuring to recall that the Southern Soviet armies wherever they have gone, have, despite all formal and official assurances to the contrary, made a specialty of seizing and using to come and teach them. They have in sicentific looting and systematic in their midst. Could I give them libraries out in to the yards and burn such a man? As I am already per- them; that they thoroughly wreck sonally carrying quite a staff of pianos, tearing the insides out of evangelists and Bible Women in my and that they even carry away the field and am also loaded to the gun- boards of floors-not allowing the wale with country school and other, civil population to have a finger in the loot pie.

"The 10 P. M. train never came, but at 4:30 the next morn, an unexgiving up an attempt to board it in form for the long ride. I was aided by a servant, my country cook; I had (Continued on next Page)

cording is lots of fun to listen to.

#### SCOTT IN THE THICK OF IT (Continued from Preceding Page)

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 soul!

evacuation for all foreigns in China resident teacher this year in Wilmina, north of Shantung, and south of the but luckily we have two old timers Great Wall. The refugees are roll- coming in for teaching certain days of ing in; active relief measures are be- the week. ing taken by the organizations of the I have followed with intense interthe Chambers of Commerce and other wished that I could send over somemens' organizations, and quickly thing more usable than a hurrah to started rolling the ball of help to help along the causes that certainly tired, and bewildered strangers, ig- do have a heart pull. I'm something norant of the city; mostly missionar- of an object of charity myself just only what they could bring with my time. them from their Stations; now without money, and not yet in touch with their Boards.

to make plans, and without money to said by some to be the fifth largest Christianity. She chose get away, our family have been city in the world, ever since I came one at least. ordered by our Mission to Korea, in 1924. It is certainly a city of where I hope to do work until things settle somewhat.

mumps here at a most inopportune mostly it's rows and rows of tiled time.

word, openly uttered and secretly ed on a little slope and in a wide way when I had been telling her whispered by foreign officials domi- garden, surrounded, of course, by a nates all talk: 'Get out of China.'

ton, Soon Chun, Korea.

that, out of this turmoil our Lord's bit. At first everything was taught in the bars again and again. It was work may not only not have a perma- English, and the graduates of those nent set back, but that it may be advanced."

Cordially yours,

#### JAPANESE TEACHER WRITES

Gertrude. Wilmina Girls' School

Dear President Crooks:

Yes, that Gertrude Peters is going hegira. A great help. Bless his to get a letter to you eventually, maybe tonight, if you'll excuse the fancy "We finally made Tientsin, my des- stationery. Marion Hartman sent on tination, the rendezvous agreed upon your message from Korea and I felt Christian school, but most come bewith other members of my family. guilty to think I hadn't written to Meanwhile the American Minister Alma once since I came to the land of the especial advantages in music and had closed our N. China American cherry blossoms (and frozen water English we can offer. They learn School for this year and the Board pipes just now). I thought I might about Christianity through the Bible of Managers had voted to disband it, get editorially inclined someday and classes; the Wednesday Y. W. meetfor at least the coming school year. write a page or two to help pad out This means that our children may the Alumni column, but Japan seems have to go home this summer. A to know how to keep one busy with fever of military preparation is on Japanese affairs a good share of the in the foreign garrisons here; for time. It's a busy life, especially this this is the point of concentration and year when we're short one foreign

about what I've been doing in Japan? though slightly bold, was of fine smoke and teeming millions. Some Japanese friends of ours. They're spots look quite like New York and "Kenneth, the young son developed others remind me of Detroit, but roofs and forests of smoking chim-"Our confidence is 2 Tim. 1-7. One neys. Our school is pleasantly locat- quaint little matron said in her pretty wall. Wilmina Girls' School was "Adress: care of Rev. J. F. Pres- founded some forty years ago and was one of the first girls schools in "Please pray for our guidance and the city. It's older than Alma by a days who come to visit can still understand English better than their Charles Ernest Scott. learning. English is now only one of Class of 1898. 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.

Perhaps we should extend our There would be many more I presume Seoul, she took me to the home of a Phillipine Islands in the service of apologies to Gertrude Peters ('19) but the school is limited to 350 stu- Korean pastor. I remember how his the United States Government for for not using her letter soones, but dents. (We correspond more or less the space would not permit even tho' to a high school at home). This year actual receipt of the letter occurred we have two resident foreign teachsome time ago. The news is still in- ers, two others who come for classes tensely interesting and we know you two or three days a week, a Japanese

to Alma some time ago but hasn't as a part of the school time is taken arrived yet. Better get coming, up with Bible Study, and as we put extra time on English. We have a

very democratic assortment of pupils, Tamatsukuri, Osaki, Japan 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

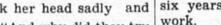
> cause it's near, or because they want ing; the morning chapel service, is one of the dearest memories they carry away with them when they graduate, and through special speeches which they frequently hear. Practically every girl who graduates wishes to become a baptised Christian but many are not allowed for fear it may interfere with a suitable mar-

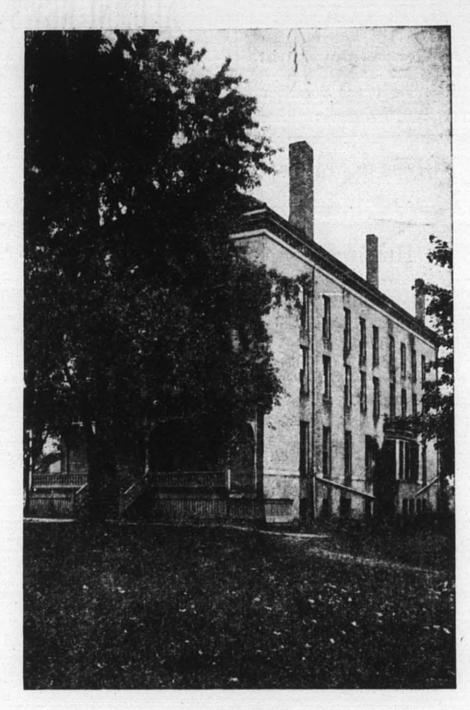
riage arrangement.

Marriages are still arranged in Foreign Settlements; and, as usual est all the bulletins and letters that Japan by the Fates and parents and the women are in the forefront. Their have come to me about the alumni go betweens, but the young people local 'Women's Club' made a schoop organization and the plans for equip- are beginning to take a hand-which of promptness and efficient plans over ment for the athletic field. I have 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 ies, suddenly 'ordered in,' who possess now thought so I shall have to bide Christian husband would have been best of course, but since none was Should you like to hear something offered, she chose a young man who,

Not much I fear, but it keeps me moral character, neither drank nor "After a week of industrious effort busy. I have been here in Osaka, smoked, and had no aversion to sensible

Well, they're dear people, these just like us, only different, and I learn something from them and teach them someting most every day. As our about some of our American thoughts and customs "Yappari, people's hearts the same everywhere." It's these wretched languages that raise partly the unfortunate rendering of a Japanese thought into inadequate children who are in the throes of English that started the ill feeling which culminated in the new emigration rulings which seem so idiotic to Marian Bartness for my short day in little wife shook her head sadly and six years, being engaged in school





#### **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. everyone now. When I was with Morgan attended the University of Missouri at Columbus, Mo., for about two years, after which he went to the

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

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will enjoy it as we did. Gertrude's teachers, some part time. address is 1036 Court Street, Port We are under government super-Huron, Mich. She threatened a trip vision, but have not full recognition,

said in Korean "And why did they try to build the tower of Babel!"

kindness to me in college days, Gertrude Peters ('19)

With happy memories of your

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. Fleish-



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