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REFORM SCHOOLS

The effective manner in which the evils surrounding the state Industrial Schools was brought to the attention of the listeners at last Wednesday's oratorical contest caused much comment in the audience.

The vividness and contrast between the commencement exercises and farewells of college students and reform school inmates brings forth the true aspect of the situation. In the former case it is "I'll see you in Ann Arbor," the latter, "I'll see you in Ionia." No, it isn't a joke, but it is a boast. How different are their views on life. Think over carefully the term "Social Salvage." It conveys a world of meaning. It casts a brilliant light into the dark mean ridden corners of the country. It might even mean the extermination of most of the evil breeding centers.

Personal experience made the discourse doubly convincing. There is no doubt that a great problem is presented in the correct administration of these institutions. Someone was heard to make the remark that it was all "hoey". If it were all "hoey" how simple the solution would be. In fact there would be no need for discussion—no need for reform. How much better off the country would be if this happened to be the case. The undisputable fact remains, however, that 40 per cent of our reform school boys terminate their careers in the penitentiary. The association of truant boys with young and hardened criminals has a deteriorating effect that culminates in crime alone. A constructive method of culminating supervision of the schools and a definite activity program which would prevent boasts and idle talking presented as one of the best methods of correcting the faults.

There is a vacant seat in the world of fame for the one who can invent a successful means of salvaging the American boys and girls who started on the wrong foot. It's worth trying.

HOW TO READ

If your reading is slipshod, your thinking is going to be slipshod, too.

This is the assertion by Myron M. Sterns, in the November issue of the American Boy Magazine.

"Every time you read a book or a magazine," says Mr. Stearns, "you improve your brains or hurt them. It's particularly true of reading. If you're a self-respecting, mentally alert chap, your reading will show it, and make you more so. But if you belong to the shiftless, on-the-road-to-the-down-and-out gang, the way you read will probably show that, too."

The article gives three rules for reading that cover the different sets of mental habits. They are:

"Have a clear reason for reading. If you have a definite purpose when you read," says Mr. Stearns, "you'll watch for information, you'll get a lot more out of your reading, and you'll form much better brain habits.

Notice the things the author points out. If you don't you might as well stop reading.

Keep all your knowledge on top when you read. Fail to use it while reading you'll fail to use it when repairing a motor or going on a hike."

THE CRIBBER'S CAVALRY

Next Friday will witness the beginning of the big event. The Cribber Cavalry will ride forth with plump and well groomed ponies. The battle will rage, the ponies will rear—some may even be lost in the shuffle, which is unlikely. Next Wednesday evening the army will return from the conquest, tired and untruffled. As usual there were few casualties and nothing but guilty consciences mar the serenity of the scene.

Some years from now this same army will ride forth on moth eaten, weak legged ponies. There will be another momentous battle, but this affair shows a different order of events. A few stragglers return to report the downfall of their poorly armed comrades, and the newspapers enumerate the name of more failures in the great battle of life.

This Week In Chapel

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 families in the United States. Of this group 10% of the wealth is in the hands of about 24 million and 90% is held by three million families. This often makes us wonder as to the distribution of wealth. During the past year twelve families paid over one million dollars in taxes alone.

Because of these things the student finds himself face to face with two problems: Materialism and selfishness engendered. The faculty is always pained to see students become financially successful, but they would be much more interested to learn that their graduates had accomplished greater things than materialistic gains. They also hope that there is not being engendered within them a feeling that the world revolves for them alone.

Wednesday—Prof. Ditto

Professor Ditto gave a remarkably fine talk in chapel concerning the great advancements in the various scientific fields. His discourse was punctuated by humorous poems and sayings. It was thoroughly enjoyable and appreciated by everyone.

Thursday—Prof. Wise

During the Thursday chapel hour Professor George Wise discussed an exceedingly novel and interesting subject. Clemenceau before he died expressed the desire that he be interred upright. This is a common custom in that portion of France. After the diggers excavated a few feet they struck rock. Unable to penetrate it deep enough, they were forced to bury him in the usual manner.

This subject of burial is a real problem. At one time Paris cleaned up its cemeteries placing the remains in an old abandoned stone quarry. There were six million skeletons awaiting the judgement day. There are so many cemeteries in China that it is almost impossible to build a straight railway.

Proper cremation would simplify matters a great deal. Not only would this method conserve space, but ultimately it might make dying cheaper.

Friday—Prof. Hamilton

Professor Hamilton conducted the Friday morning chapel services. After a few selections in responsive readings, the remainder of the period was devoted to the singing of old familiar hymns.

KAPPA IOTAS MEET

The regular meeting of Kappa Iota was held Monday evening, January 13. Roll call was answered to by a quotation from some modern poets we had studied. The program consisted

of a very interesting paper by Nancel Thorburn and an impromptu debate in which Clara Lewis, Helen Lee, Mary Herdman, Ruth Moore, Catherine McCuaig and Beatrice Smith took part. The meeting was closed by the singing of the Kappa Iota song after which the pledges were dismissed.

ALPHA THETA MEETS

Monday, January 13, was the first meeting of the Alpha Theta Literary Society with their new pledges. Roll call was answered by a statement from each person on what they thought Alpha Theta stood for. Many interesting opinions were expressed, but mainly the idea that Alpha Theta stood for fair play. There was no impromptu. Helen Long and Helen Temple sang a medley composed of both new and old songs, which proved most entertaining. After the program, the pledges were dismissed and a business meeting was held. It was decided to hold an Alpha Theta Stag Party sometime in the near future. The meeting was adjourned.

AUNT EMMA COLUMN

Dear Aunt Emma,
 I am just a poor little collitch boy

and I wonder why it is that it is always the boys who pay and pay and pay. Since leap year only comes once every four years, and then when it does come it doesn't make any difference, I should think that the girls would be willing to make a "Leap Week" once a year. Don't you think, Aunt Emma, that after the boys take the girl friends out all the time week after week, and month after month that the co-eds would be willing to support the boys for just one week?

Yours brokenly,
 I. M. Broke.

Dear Mr. Broke:
 As I was never a co-ed it would be rather hard for me to say just what the reaction to this suggestion would be. I should think that the girls of your college would rather answer it themselves. Let us put the question to them and receive their answers in this column. The question is, I take it, would the girls consent to having a "Leap Week" on the campus. This consists of making all the dates, asking the boys to dance, etc., etc. I hope that any or all of the Co-eds that read this will answer as soon as possible in care of the editor.

Yours sympathically,
 Aunt Emma.

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 Nell—C—Basketball.
 Babe—B—Dutch.
 Fran—B—Trumpeting.
 Marge—Z—Swiping.
 Nancy—C—Cheer Leading.
 Dortha—A—Boxing.
 Helen Temple—incomplete—Cooking.
 Mildred Angell—A—Pottery.
 "Sis" Campbell—incomplete—Frying.
 Spuddy—A—Aesthetic Dancing.
 Helen Long—A—Shimmering.

Every night Karpp has a date—he comes home with a new fur coat.

Did you know Seidel was married Saturday—Buchanan did the promoting and it wasn't the carrot top.

The R. P. C. is a growing organization on the campus. Those seeking membership see Logan or Dean.

Al Knapp's a pledge at the Fuller House.

Karpp seconded Jimmy in a bout the other night and threw in a towel for a technical knockout.

"Del" seems to be doing well in his outside Biology course. The finals are only a week off. Hit it for an A.

This is "Hell Year" for Al at the Gamma House—Gussin, Gustin and Golden—charter members.

Quick Watson—Ward Belmont.

Cooky and Goldy will now sing "Turn On The Heat."

Did you ever hear Gussin sing Moeleo Marjorine?

When in doubt call 661.

There must be a great deal of illiteracy in Alma College. So many people are in the dark most of the time.

Amos: "Whoopie! Down Hell!"
 Milt: "Howzat?"
 Amos: "My girl just gave it to me."

Ed: "Why did you stop singing in the choir?"
 Jesse: "Because one day I didn't sing and somebody asked if the organ had been fixed."

Prof. Spencer, Mr. Heman use diadem in a sentence.
 Buck: People who cross railroad crossings without looking diadem sight quicker than those who do.

Anybody can play bridge but it takes a cannibal to throw up a hand. —Campus Philosopher.

Do you know the Coon sisters?
 No!
 Why Mary and Elisha.

Is Ruddock going?—Sure he has to go.

But then of course you have to have a Ford roadster and be a football player. As for writing letters—

When Freddy didn't go to Ann Arbor, some of the girl backed out.

Wood reports that he saw Taylor down at Latimer's one night last week.

And there was Roscoe at the dance—just full of mischief.

Someone said that Rach is afraid of this column. Wood you believe it?

We hear that Mary's yodelling now. It must be the environment.

Cook: Imagine my embarrassment when I looked up and saw HER.

And a little Ray of sunshine came into Libby's life.

And then how about the girl who had the three late permissions last week?

As on her ruby quivering lips I gently pressed a kiss
 Says I, I've sipped from any a cup
 But never a mug like this.
 By O. O. Lookathat.

Gussin, rg	6	0	1	12
Crawford, rg	0	0	0	0
Pezet, lg	0	2	3	2
Albaugh, lg	0	0	0	0
Totals	20	10	11	50
Hillsdale (26)	B	F	P	T
Restifo, rf	2	1	0	5
Ojala, rf	0	0	1	0
Brooks, lf	1	0	1	2
Clark, c	1	2	4	4
Howe, c	0	2	2	2
Davis, rg	3	0	1	6
Judson, rg	0	1	0	1
Knight, lg	3	0	1	6
Totals	10	6	10	26
Score by halves	1	2		Tot.
Alma	24	26		50
Hillsdale	3	23		26

Referee—Thompson (Lawrence).

KAPPA IOTA ELECTS OFFICERS

At the business meeting of Kappa Iota, January 13, an election was held and the following officers were chosen for the second term: President, Marlan Crippen; Vice president, Elsie Sprague; Secretary, Betty Gilbert; Corresponding Secretary, Rachel Faude and Almanian Reporter, Bertha Egerly.

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MARTIN STORES

CO-ED NEWS

Wasn't that some chapel this week? Sure thing. But from the looks of that bookcase the favorite literature of our fair co-ed is hymn (him) books. Ciggles—songs—and lots of sympathy.

And where, oh where, was that long dress going with that little girl last Friday night. No foolin'—was that really you, Cookie?

Carrie Chapman Catt herself had nothing on our young orators-to-be who declaim vigorously all through the daylight hours to whomever will lend an ear and mumble and gesticulate far into the night. Hear ye! hear ye! It should be a good contest Wednesday.

This is the season for midnight sessions—much wrestling with text books and wet towels applied frequently. These exams —!

Betty Darbee of the Freshman class went home last Thursday to recover from a severe case of tonsillitis. That's nothing—maybe lots of us will be going home soon with the usual sore eyes.

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ALPHA RHO GAMMA NEWS
 (Alphalpha Chapter)

The youngest and most promising fraternity on the campus (they'll promise anything) held its irregular weekly meeting last Monday evening. The minutes will not be divulged even if there were any.

This fraternity wishes it thoroughly understood that it is in no way related to Tau Sigma Gamma even though some jealous students on the campus have alluded to the fact that the sweetheart of Tau Sigma Gamma is one of our members.

The meeting was opened by God's gift to women, our noble President, who had the members stand and sing the fraternity song: "When you're caught in the Web of Love."

It was reported by one of the more studious members of the fraternity, who happened to attend an English class, that he was surprised to hear there of the death of our esteemed Br. Lord Byron. This news caused great consternation among the members who immediately voted to send a bouquet of sunflowers and rag weed to each of his widows.

On vote of the chapter titles have been given to the fraternity's twin-four limousines, names: Dolores (Sp. grief) and Eureka (Greek: I found it).

Special Meeting
 Alpha Rho Gamma held a special meeting to do honor to its members who distinguished themselves in the recent Oratorical Contest, Wednesday night. The meeting began with a beef-steak supper in secret conclave, the members who had distinguished themselves so signally, were raised to the highest honorary degree which this chapter confers.

The chapter heartily approved and adopted the time-worn slogan of Alma College Students for next semester: "Never let your studies interfere with your college education."

The meeting closed with the members singing:
 Alpha Rho, Rho your boat,
 Gently down the stream,
 Gammally, Gammally, Gammally,
 Love is but a scheme.

Hillsdale Cagers
 Trounced 50-26
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year was held to five points. Only once during the game did he break away from Gussin for a dog shot.

ineup and summary:

Alma (50)	B	F	P	T
Brown, rf	7	1	2	15
Crowell, rf	0	0	0	0
Sharp, lf	1	0	0	2
Dean, lf	1	1	1	3
Williams, lf	1	0	0	2
Simmons, c	3	5	2	11
Wehrly, rg	1	1	2	3

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ALL TALKING

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January 22-23-24
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PAUL PAGE IN
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ALL TALKING

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Saturday January 25
LEE TRACY, MAE CLARK
AND STEPHEN FETCHIT IN
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ALL TALKING
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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
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And Wednesday
January 19-20-21-22
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Sunday, Monday and Tuesday
January 26-27-28
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Alma Quintet Defeats Albion

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and Gussin's second bucket gave Alma a 6 to 3 lead. Renkiewicz retaliated with a free throw, but Brown duplicated the feat for Alma, then Sharp looped in a basket. Simmons' overhead shot was good for two points and Grey made a free throw good, as did Renkiewicz. Koblin dropped in a "long Tom," but Gussin squared accounts with his third basket, then followed up with a long shot, good for more points. Pezet fouled Neller, but the free throw was wide of the rim. Schuler substituted for O'Rourke and Danyliznn for Renkiewicz before the half ended. Score: Alma, 15; Albion, 8.

Simmons missed an easy shot to start the second half. Brown fouled Grey, who made the free throw good. O'Rourke made three baskets in a row. Dean replaced Brown. Gussin dropped in a foul shot, then a field goal and the count was 18 to 15. Brown went back in the game for Dean. Sharp and Gussin added baskets for Alma and Grey scored a long one for Albion. Danyliznn made two free tosses good, but Gussin looped in a pretty shot and the count was 24 to 19 for Alma. Grey scored two points on a follow-up shot. Wehrly went in for Pezet. Gussin's one-handed toss from side-court ended the scoring and the game ended soon after. Final score: Alma, 26; Albion, 21.

Kalamazoo is the next opponent for Coach Campbell's quintet, the Hornets coming here for the last game before semester exams, next Wednesday, January 22nd. They have already beaten Hillsdale on the latter's field-house court and should give the Presbyterians their hardest game so far this year, next Wednesday.

Lineup and summary of Albion game:

Alma (26)	B	F	P	T
Brown, rf	0	1	2	1
Dean, rf	0	0	0	0
Sharp, lf	2	0	2	4
Simmons, c, lg	1	2	0	4
Gussin, rg	7	1	3	15
Pezet, lg	0	2	1	2
Wehrly, c	0	0	0	0
Totals	10	6	8	26
Albion (21)	B	F	P	T
Renkiewicz, rf	0	2	0	2
Danyliznn, rf	0	2	1	2
O'Rourke, lf	3	1	2	7
Schuler, lf	0	0	1	0
Neller, c	0	1	2	1
Koblin, rg	1	0	1	2
Grey, lg	3	1	0	7
Totals	7	7	7	21
Score by halves:	1	2	Tot.	
Alma	15	11	26	
Albion	8	13	21	

Referee—Thompson (Lawrence).

Orators Contest

Best In Years

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activity program which makes boasts and talking impossible might solve some of the problems. Michigan can be known for something greater than automobiles. Let the motto be—"I'll see you in Ann Arbor" instead of "I'll see you in Ionia."

Amos Ruddock in his oration displayed the merits of our tobacco chewing forefathers. Their two listed ability did not seem to be hereditary, and at the present time the women are making men somewhat effeminate. We are riding on a great wave of prosperity, but if we keep on the way we are going, we're bound to break.

Douglas McLellan's "Labels" was very effective. In our blindness we label people before we know them. This engenders hatred and hatred stimulates war. Intolerance is the one enemy of mankind. When we reach the point where we can recognize men as men and label them thus, we have solved the great problem of world peace.

Clifford Erickson delivered a stirring oration "Handicap." Mankind is handicapped by warfare. The harvest crop of boys, the best blood of every nation is utilized to feed this monster. Civilization's problem is to surmount this evil even as great men have surmounted their handicaps.

"If not honor—justice" was the subject of Carl Baney's discourse. He described the life of Benedict Arnold whose virtues have been completely ignored by Americans. His final plea was to look behind the traitor of West Point and see the hero of Saratoga.

"Marks" by Kenneth Rehkopf brought out the fact that man is marked by warfare which is merely a manifestation of man's fear of his brother. A truly beautiful vision is one in which we see the world unmarked—followers of the "crystal Christ."

Walter Elder in his "To war or not to war" gave out the thought that the obliteration of war will come only after every nation has been granted complete freedom of the seas.

Between the fourth and fifth orations Dan Adams played a fine cornet solo. He was accompanied on the piano by "Holly" Fales.

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