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## BASKETEERS DRILL FOR OPENING OF COURT SEASON

### COACH CAMPBELL BEGINS TO TRAIN CANDIDATES FOR CAGE SCHEDULE

#### 20 Men Respond to Call

Coach R. R. Campbell has been working out for the past week with about 20 aspirants for positions on the court squad in preparation for the conference schedule which begins shortly after the Christmas Holidays.

With 5 lettermen returning from last year's squad, coupled with those who have hurdled the ineligibility barrier and several promising men advancing from last year's Frosh squad, prospects for a championship court team seems brighter than in the past few seasons.

The lettermen are headed by Carl Gussin, starting his third and last year of competition, with a splendid record behind him. Both years he has been honored as a member of the mythical all-conference team, and has been high-scorer of the conference one year and runner-up the other. Brown is another man who has won his letter two years previously, and is almost certain to hold down his regular forward position. Sharp, a veteran of one year's experience, will undoubtedly start at his forward post which he held down most of the time last year, although competition is unusually keen for these offensive positions. Wehrly, who worked himself into the starting lineup in the latter half of the season last year, and Dean, are the other lettermen.

Crawford and Williams, guard and forward, respectively, who were with the squad the first semester, are certain to see plenty of service during the season. Crowell, Tromauer, Royer and Gray are reserves from last year who are making bids for positions again.

Borton is the most outstanding man coming up from the Frosh squad, and seems to be almost a certain fixture either at guard or center. He is big, (Continued on Page 4)

### Intra-mural Games Show Much Talent

The Intramural and Inter-Fraternity Basketball Leagues started off with a bang Thursday evening when three interesting and well-played contests were fought out at Memorial Gymnasium. Two games between Frosh intramural teams, which uncovered some very promising prospects, and the one inter-fraternity encounter between the traditional rivals, Zeta Sigma and Phi Phi Alpha, kept the crowd on their toes every minute.

Wally Pezet, under whose direction these games were sponsored, deserves much credit for creating the interest which he has in this new athletic venture and the spirit shown at these contests, bids fair to send the Varsity on to a goodly number of victories, if carried on through the rest of the season.

The first game saw an overwhelming victory for the team captained by Bud Dawson over "Sleepy" Bain's aggregation, by a 20-6 score. This result came as a mild surprise, as Bain's team was considered the class of the League, by their individual high school records and practice encounters.

Dawson, Kahn and Wilcox played best for the winners, while Beach scored 4 of the losers' 6 points.

Lineup and Summary			
TEAM A			
	FG	F	TP
Kahn—F	4	0	8
Colbeck—F	0	0	0
Dawson—C	1	0	2
Wilcox—G	3	0	6
Hubbard—G	1	0	2
Terry	0	0	0
Newell	1	0	2
D. Sprague	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>20</b>
TEAM C			
	FG	F	TP
Bain—F	1	1	
Coles—F			
Baumblatt—C		1	1
Beach—G	2	4	

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### ANNUAL PHILO FAIR TO BE HELD DECEMBER 13

The Philomathean Literary Society will hold its annual fair, a "Crystal Bazaar," Saturday, December 13th, from one to five o'clock, in the Wright Hall reception room.

The Bazaar, under the direction of Lillian Leyrer, general chairman, promises to be an interesting and delightful affair. The various booths will hold many lovely and desirable articles, suitable for Christmas presents. There will be a Sawkins booth containing novelties of all kinds, under the direction of Dorothea Prouty and Ida Spencer; a candy booth operated by Ora Collier, Maxine Lilly and Josephine Woodard; an embroidery and novelty counter under the direction of Gertrude Martin, Jean McGarvah and Belle Sanderson; a baked goods booth conducted by Flora Lau and Dorothy Royce, and a booth of Japanese novelties, presided over by Marian Smith and Vera White.

A tea room will be installed in the Y. W. room and operated by Charlotte Dakin, Lillian Ogle and Mary Lou Peters. There will be served dainty lunches, sandwiches, tea, ice cream and wafers.

Undoubtedly the main attraction is the "Jitney" dance—five cents a dance or six dances for a quarter. There will be a peppy orchestra, and a good time is guaranteed for all. Grace Eaton, Katherine Berry and Doris Ambsbury will be in charge of the dancing.

Everyone is invited to attend the Philo Fair, to look around at the novelties, to do their Christmas shopping, and to enjoy the music and dancing.

### Free Trade League Offers Three Prizes

The Free Trade League offers three prizes, respectively, \$100, \$50, and \$25, in a competition open to students majoring in economics in any American college for a fair, non-partisan dissection of the new tariff, with regard to the interest as consumers of our 123,000,000 Americans and in view of the relations of farmers, wage-earners and salaried workers as both producers and consumers in face of the reduced purchasing power of the dollar, and with reference to the industries claiming permanent benefit from the protective tariff.

The papers will be judged by three members of the American Economic Association, and those proposing to compete are requested to send their names promptly and to submit their papers before December 15, 1930, to the Free Trade League, Room 908, 2 West 45th Street, New York.

The League reserves rights of publication of the winning papers but will give specific permission to the authors and to newspapers and others desiring to republish. There are no rules or regulations but compactness of statement will be counted a merit.

### WORD-TOSSERS WILL MEET MT. PLEASANT

The second war of words this year will take place Wednesday and Thursday nights when Alma College debate teams will meet the Mt. Pleasant teams of both sides of the question, "Resolved, That the Several States Should Enact Legislation Providing for a System of Compulsory Unemployment Insurance to Which the Employer Shall Contribute."

The Alma affirmative will travel to Mt. Pleasant for the verbal contest Wednesday night. The following night the Mt. Pleasant affirmative will meet the Alma negative on the home platform. These are to be no-decision debates but anyone interested is invited to attend.

The Alma men seem to have the case well in hand and may be expected to make a good showing against the larger school. The first of the pre-season practice arguments was (Continued on Page 4)

### ZETA SIGMA DINNER DANCE SAT. WAS FIRST OF ALMA FORMAL FRAT PARTIES

#### DR. KENNETH WOLFE COMES TO WHEELER

Dr. Kenneth P. Wolfe, who has been practicing for the past six months in Saginaw, is now nicely located in the offices of the late Dr. E. L. Street at Wheeler.

Dr. Wolfe is a graduate of the Long Beach high school, Long Beach, California, and has a B. S. degree from Alma College. He graduated from the University of Michigan in June, 1929, and spent one year as interne in the Saginaw General Hospital at Saginaw.

The Wheeler community was in need of a doctor and now the sick will be well cared for.

#### FABER OF CALVIN TALKS IN CHAPEL

Alma entertained at the Chapel hour last week a distinguished visitor in the person of Mr. M. H. Faber, one-time Calvin College student, and now enrolled in the Calvin Seminary at Grand Rapids. Mr. Faber brought besides an invitation to Alma College to send representatives to a regional conference of the League of Evangelical Students to be held at Calvin College, a real message in his brief talk entitled, "Is Life Worth Living?"

Professor Hamilton, who introduced Mr. Faber, spoke of the friendly and close relationship that exists between Calvin and Alma, especially in the fields of Oratory and Debate.

Mr. Faber brought the regards and good wishes of Calvin College and Seminary to Alma and invited Alma College to send a representative to the regional conference of the League of Evangelical Students to be held at Calvin College January 23, 1931. The conference will feature round-table discussions of problems pertaining to the Christian students in colleges. Sessions will begin at nine thirty Central Standard time. Those who wish to remain over-night may do so. Any one interested in such discussions may attend.

Mr. Faber discussed the subject, "Is Life Worth Living?" It was suggested to him by a pamphlet which stated that the question was a much discussed one in the time of Queen Victoria, especially among the nobility. "Perhaps," said Mr. Faber, "a good Christian should not ask such a question, but we all do at sometime or another during our lives. The pessimist looks at the dark side of life and is prone to say, 'What's the use?' Jesus knows what's the use," Mr. Faber replied. "The non-Christian optimist, such as the famous Psychologist, William James, finds something very good in life, viewing life as a whole. However, his ideas are theories, and some theories are good and some are false.

"The Christian optimist (for there can be no such thing as a Christian pessimist) answers the question in the affirmative and says that we do not belong to ourselves, but to Jesus Christ. The sinner has more reason to believe that life is worth living because he is a sinner and one of those whom Christ came to save. This is (Continued on Page 4)

#### PHI PHI ALPHA HAS NEW AUTOCRAT RADIO

Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity is the proud possessor of a brand new cabinet Radio. It was purchased through the kindness and assistance of Chas. Mann of Detroit, former Alma student and member of Phi Phi Alpha, at a discount from the original price. Mann is connected with the company that makes the radios and was able to get it for his former fraternity brothers for \$145.00.

The radio stands about four feet high and is approximately 2½ feet wide and splendidly constructed, making a very attractive piece of furniture. (Continued on page 4)

#### Many Enjoy Attractive Affair

A colorful and joyful crowd of 50 Zeta Sigma men with their charmingly begowned lady escorts, made up the assemblage of people, which thoroughly enjoyed the annual formal Dinner Dance, sponsored by the Zeta Sigma Fraternity, at the Park Hotel, St. Louis, Saturday evening.

In keeping with the tradition of having the most colorful and enjoyable party held by any Campus organization, Zeta Sigma men bent every effort to assure no let-down in the success of the formal party this year.

The dining room was tastefully decorated with Blue and White, the fraternity colors, set off by the soft light thrown from several floor lamps on each side and an artistic crepe paper drape in the center. The tables were further lighted by pale blue tapers shedding a soft radiance on the pom-poms and baby chrysanthemums on either end of each table.

A delicious three-course banquet put everyone in good humor for the rest of the evening's activities.

Menu	
Fruit Cocktail	
Celery	Olives
Chicken à la King	
Mashed Potatoes	French Peas
Cranberry Sauce	Waldorf Salad
Parker House Rolls	
Neapolitan Ice Cream	
Cake	
Salted Nuts	Mints
Coffee	

Favors and programs brought out many "ahs" and "ohs" from the fair sex when these came into view. The favors were small black and silver modernistic clocks with the fraternity crest imbedded at the top. The programs were exact reproductions of the clocks, with a tiny clock in the center of the black background with (Continued on Page 4)

### Library Will Be Open All Day On Saturdays

From now on until Spring vacation, excepting at the Christmas Holidays, the Library will be open Saturday afternoons, from one until five. Please note that it closes on Saturday at 5, a half hour earlier than on week days.

December 7 being Universal Bible Sunday, it was thought that a small Bible display might prove of interest at the Library. A few volumes of the Longyear Bible collection may be seen in the vestibule exhibit case. Also a copy of Expository Notes on the New Testament. This volume is interesting in its fine full-page engravings. Also in the case is a tiny copy of the Koran in Arabic, which is one of the smallest volumes to be found in print.

On the counter are a few books pertaining to the reading and studying of the Bible. The American Bible Society has advertised "something new for Christmas gifts." The New Testament in eleven volumes, King James version, "put up in a special box with hinged cover, made in Christmas colors and containing a carrying case for single volumes, priced at only 35 cents, postage extra." A set of this has been placed at the charging desk, in case any might wish to look it over with the possibility of ordering for themselves. This is made up of the little one cent portions, which sell separately at one cent each. Aside from the set these portions can be obtained in different languages. It might be of interest to the students of French, German and Spanish to have some of these for their own use. Also the copy of the Bible Society Record for November, 1930, which describes the "Making of One-Cent Portion," with illustrations, is at the desk.

Among the recent accessions to the Library is an 1802 edition of a German-English, English-German dictionary, presented by Mrs. William A. Bahke. Suggestions of the new publications may be found on the bulletin board in the vestibule, in color jackets there displayed.

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EDITORIAL

THERE IS STILL TIME

The words of wisdom spoken in Chapel last Tuesday probably came to most of the student body just in time. Students have a bad habit of putting off things to the last minute and studying is one of the much put-off things. Now is the time to get a head start on the examinations and begin preparing for them. It has been said countless times that last minute cramming does no good and from our own experiences we are all prone to believe that. Now is the time to get the material in any given course and to get it right.

More than that, it is also the time to begin to think of the frantic last minute efforts and what they cost some of us. Now is the time to look ahead and avoid that cold towel and steaming coffee and generally dragged-out feeling that often lasts for weeks. Avoid that worry as you would avoid that future shadow else you will be a shadow. Now is the time to think of preserving that school girl complexion and doing your studying early as one who is wise does his Christmas shopping early is one fine means of doing it.

THE SPIRIT IS BETTER

As we come to the close of the Thanksgiving vacation and look forward to the Christmas vacation; as we close the 1930 football season and look forward to the 1931 basketball season it is a good time to talk again about that almost indefinable thing called school spirit. It is a good time to ask ourselves, "Do we have it? How may we better it? Where are we deficient?" These questions should confront every Alma student at this time. The student should be the one to answer them for himself.

If the editor were to answer them he would say the following:

The student body of Alma College does have school spirit. Though there has been a decided slump in past years there has been a noticeable pickup this year so far. The spirit is better, now we can make it still better only by more keenly feeling our individual responsibilities as individuals and as important parts of the College and its life. Every person on the Campus who has an office that entails any amount of responsibility should and the editor feels to a large extent does feel that he should acquit his duties to the best of his ability. Though there have been some who like the None-too-rabid fan feel that school spirit as a general thing has passed, still the great majority of the students feel exactly the opposite as was shown by the manner in which his views were violently objected to on several occasions. The editor feels that the viewpoint of Nonetoorabidfan is wrong and believes that the student body at large will back him up in his position. But at the same time this is not the accomplishment of our dream for better school spirit; it is the beginning of the fight. Now is not the time to rest on our oars but rather the time to redouble our efforts not only to bring back the "old Alma spirit" but to so far surpass it that we may in the future speak of things not as they were in the "good old days," but "as they are in the present and as they will be in the good old future." Let us enter the basketball season with renewed determinations to make Alma on the Pine a bigger and better institution for having had us here.

WRIGHT HALL NOTES

After the vacation, the Co-eds came back with a determination to begin the work they had put off for so long, thus the only report that can be made is that they are all very much at work. A spread is "sneaked" in every

once in awhile, otherwise nothing really exciting happens. 'Tis an extremely dead time of the year. Even the Freshmen refuse to give us any trouble. We'd like to report them just to see what kind of a Vigilance Committee the Sophomores have, but we can't even force them to go out of the

dining room ahead of us. There isn't a thing we ask of them that we won't obligingly do—it really really is provoking at times, for I'm sure the Sophomores would love to see justice done in punishing them. Perhaps they can still remember a certain ... last year. We can't even find one that we could lable "cocky", just for punishment's sake. What to do! What to do!

The Co-eds were very much in prominence at the Zeta Sigma Formal. There has been a deal of excitement shown for the last month—the talk about new formals, and this and that—what the favors would be—what orchestra they would have, and all that. Saturday night was the night—also old Wright Hall that has seen so many of its inmates come down the stairs clad in lovely evening things—certainly must have been proud of its products Saturday night for all of them looked lovely. There were all shades of blues represented—and worn by dark and light alike—and worn beautifully. There were blacks—also worn by our brunettes and blondes—they all looked lovely. Would be hard to go into detail, for there were so many shades—just take our word for it that they in no way marred the gorgeous setting that hey later stepped into—and the formals were just long enough to make them all look graceful enough, but just short enough that they could dance at top speed when necessary—and "Tommy Towner's Band" would have been the cause of disaster coming to one too trailing. Wright Hall opened again to receive some very tired girls and the ascent o second and third was quite a different one at 12:00 than the descent at 6:00 that evening.

The widows were happy once more and so were we all, only it seems that Buff, Ken, Jim, Harold, Willie, should stay right with us, instead of going back to their oil business, furniture business and school. That is the reason we see some very sad-looking widows on Campus today. The song is ended but evidently the melody lingers on.

Get that gift at the Philo Crystal Bazaar.

WOMEN DEBATERS GO TO HILLSDALE

On Friday, Dec. 5, at 3:00 P. M., the affirmative Women's Debate Team met Hillsdale in a non-decision debate on the question, "Resolved: That State Medicine Be Established."

The affirmative team, Nancibel Thorburn, Louise Waider and Arleen Waters, met Miss Phelps, Miss Standlake and Miss Antony of Hillsdale and both teams found pleasure and profitable experience in the first debate of the year.

The team with Professor Spencer, Jean McGarvah, captain of the negative team, and Harry Means Crooks, Jr., were entertained at the Pi Beta Phi house, where Miss Landwehr, former Professor in Alma College and now teaching German at Hillsdale, is the house-mother.

You can always tell the English,  
You can always tell the Dutch,  
You can always tell Gus Heerschap,  
But you cannot tell him much.

Royer to Robbins (heading out State street): "Where are you going?"  
Robbins: "Out to the cemetery to dig up a girl for the Party."

Says Nichol, the Sleepy: "Some classes are like dreams—you have to go to sleep to enjoy them."

Imagine the embarrassment of the Fraternity that pledged more fellows than they had neckties.

Then The Colonel sets the dead line.

Carter says that despite the fact

that most people think that Notre Dame and Michigan have the best backs in the country he will still vote for the Follies.

People are now even seeking to establish the Voyages of Sinbad as the truth. There is still some hope for McLellan.

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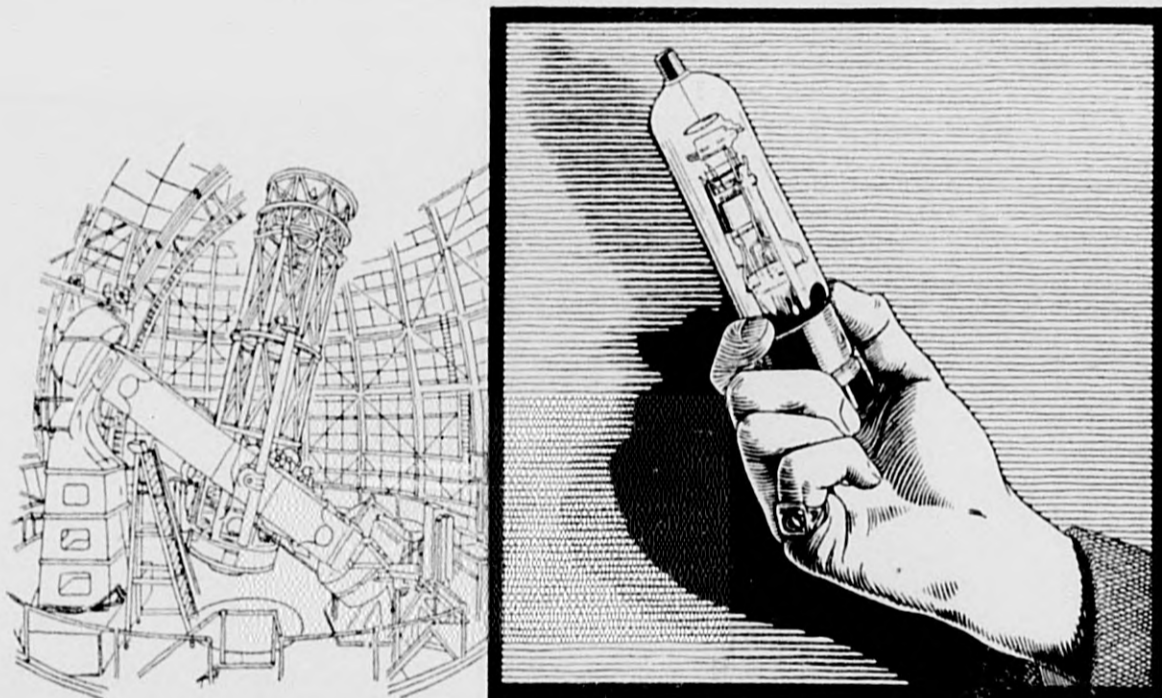
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**Coach Campbell Begins to Train Candidates for Cage Schedule**

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fast, plays a clever floor game and his big hands make him sure death on tip-in shots. Johnson is another Sophomore who shows considerable promise at a guard position.

A complete schedule has not been arranged as yet, but in addition to the regular M. I. A. A. games, contests have been scheduled with Michigan State College, General Motors Tech, of Flint, Detroit Y, and two games are pending with Central State Teachers' College. A game at Hillsdale College was originally scheduled for Dec. 19, but it is probable that this will be postponed until later in the season.

It is probable that the usual practice trip to Detroit will be taken in the latter part of the Christmas holidays although no games have been scheduled for certain.

A complete schedule of games will be published next week.

**Intra-mural Games Show Much Talent**

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**THE SPOTLIGHT**

**Miller—F**

Totals 2 2 6  
Referee—Pezet.  
The next contest saw Novak's and Bushnell's teams tangle in what seems by the score to be a hard-fought game although the superiority of Novak's team was clearly apparent. Novak's bunch won by 15-10 score. Mark, Novak and Campbell starred for the winners, while Richter was outstanding for the losers, with 5 points besides a fine floor game to his credit.

TEAM B			
	FG	F	TP
Boyd—F	1	0	2
Campbell—F	3	0	6
Mark—C	1	0	2
Foster—G	0	0	0
Novak—G	2	1	5
W. Johnson—G	0	0	0
N. Sprague—F	0	0	0
Totals	7	1	15

TEAM D			
	FG	F	TP
Richter—F	2	1	5
Seale—F	0	0	0
Bushnell—C	1	1	1
Horton—G	1	0	2
Aitken—G	0	0	0
Smith—G	1	0	2
Cant—F	0	0	0
Totals	4	2	10

Referee—Pezet.

The feature contest of the evening was won by Zeta Sigma over Phi Phi Alpha by a 14-12 score. Although a close and hard-fought game, both teams showed flashes of very good basketball, and the football tactics usually resorted to were noticeable for their absence.

Zeta Sigma started off with a bang and rung up 5 points before the Phi boys got going, and it was this margin that carried the Zeta boys to a victory. Phi Phi Alpha tied it up very shortly and from then on it was a nip and tuck encounter with the lead constantly changing hands.

Gussin, who refereed this game, deserves commendation for the way in which he handled it. Partisan or non-partisan, no one disputed the way in which he called them.

Catherman was the shining light for Zeta Sigma, although every man gave a good account of himself. Leadbetter, Gould and Baldwin played best for Phi Phi Alpha.

**Lineup and Summary**

ZETA SIGMA			
	FG	F	TP
Catherman—F	2	1	5
Byron—F	1	0	2
Gustin—C	1	0	2
Potter—G	0	1	1
Royer—G	0	1	1
Boutin—F	0	0	0
Laman—C	0	1	1
Harrison—C	1	0	2
M. Smith—F	0	0	0
Totals	5	4	14

PHI PHI ALPHA			
	FG	F	TP
Leadbetter—F	2	1	5
Luchini—F	0	0	0
Gould—C	2	1	5
McClellan—G	0	0	0
Baldwin—G	1	0	2
Peterson—G	0	0	0
Klerekoper—G	0	0	0
Totals	5	2	12

Referee—Gusstin.

**Elmer Frost Is Rapidly Recovering**

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couple of days, was taken with acute appendicitis Thursday, November 20, during a Fraternity "smoker," celebrating the formal society pledging which occurred that morning. A doctor was summoned and he was rushed to the General Hospital at Saginaw and there operated upon the following morning. Several of his Fraternity brothers accompanied him to Saginaw. Frost would very much appreciate letters from his friends. His address is: 935 South Jefferson Avenue, Saginaw, Michigan.

**Word-Tossers Will Meet Mt. Pleasant**

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with Heidelberg University in which Alma teams showed the results of Professor Spencer's fine coaching to a great degree.

Practice debates with Calvin College are being sought by Ollis, Student Manager of Debate. Dates will be announced later in the season. De Wilde's absence from school has somewhat crippled the negative squad.

The debates will begin at eight o'clock, sharp. Two-man teams will be used in each debate.

**Faber of Calvin Talks in Chapel**

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precisely the position of the League of Evangelical Students," said Mr. Faber. "It believes that Christ is the Son of God, born of the Virgin, and that through Him may we find salvation and be able to say that life is very much worth living."

Mr. Faber repeated the good wishes of Calvin College for Alma and urged the latter by all means to send a delegate at least to the regional conference the 23rd.

**Phi Phi Alpha Has a New Autocrat Radio**

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ture as well as providing considerable entertainment for the fellows. It has eight tubes and a triple screen grid, with a super-dynamic speaker and tone control. It came last Tuesday and was hastily unpacked and hooked up by anxious and careful hands. Music soon filled the house and studies were abandoned for the rest of the day. Though reports to the effect that someone had gotten Russia or China with it are doubted, still the radio plays very nicely and has an excellent tone.

**Zeta Sigma Dinner Dance Saturday was First**

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the tiny silver lines running from top to bottom. Tables were arranged so that dancing between courses to the rhythmic strains furnished by Tommy Towner and his orchestra, of Lansing, set every toe tingling in anticipation of the remainder of the dance. Fortified by many clever novelty numbers the orchestra furnished much entertainment as well as good music throughout the program of dances.

The strains of "Tiger Rag" pushed weary feet on to renewed action as the midnight hour approached, and with that the tired, but happy throng wended their way out of the room and back to the Campus for nights of blissful dreams and sweet repose.

The chaperones and honorary members present at the affair were Prof. and Mrs. L. L. Tyler, Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Ewer, Mrs. H. M. Crooks, Dean J. E. Mitchell, Dean Florence M. Steward, Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. W. R. MacInnes.

The banquet was preceded by a get-together tea held at the fraternity house in the afternoon. Bridge, dancing and light refreshments held sway and furnished a delightful prelude to the evening's activities.

Committee chairmen in charge of arrangements were:

- General Chairman ..... James Gustin
- Music ..... Alan Dean
- Favors ..... Clyde Carter
- Decorations ..... Fred Schimmers
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- Menu ..... Kermit Fischer
- Tickets ..... Alvin Royer
- Tea ..... Clarence Seidel

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