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## CLACK TALKS ON CHINESE POETRY

### Gives Several of His Own Translations of the Chinese Classics

Last Friday Prof. Clack surprised most of us by giving an excellent speech on Chinese poetry, including with it some of his own fine translations. Because there were an unusual number absent that day who heard it was good and asked us about it, we are, through the kindness of Prof., able to print it in its entirety this week. We can't give you the Chinese, the linotype would go nuts:

"I have several times been asked the question: 'Do the Chinese have poetry?' I suppose the question was called forth by the fact that the Chinese as a race seem so matter of fact and unimaginative, and that the ordinary white considers all other cultures so far inferior to his own. I generally reply by telling of the wealthy Chinese of Paoingfu, where I lived from 1910 to 1923, who wished to make a collection of all the foreign books which had ever been written, in order that the students of the city might find out all about the cultures of the West. The building he set aside to house all this collection he intended to make was about the size of the ordinary bungalow.

We must remember that the Chinese were a civilized people, dressed in silks, and with a literature that had been developing for milleniums, when our own ancestors were still running around the woods of Northern Europe, clad in skins, and without even the rudiments of a written language; and that the ardent Chinese lovers were writing love songs to their sweethearts that are still unsurpassed for delicacy and beauty, when our ardent ancestors were wooing their sweethearts chiefly by beating them over the head with a club. The oldest of these Chinese poems still extant are found in the Book of Odes (Shih Ching), one of the famous Five Classics, which with the Four Books, form the foundation of Chinese literature. Just how old they are we do not know, but they were very, very old when Confucius, in the sixth century before Christ, collected them and edited them into their present form.

We will find them full of very graceful figures and beautiful imagery even when translated into English. The metaphors are generally suggestive or implied, rather than being stated as bald comparisons, as we do in our Western poetry. For example, an appreciation of a great teacher starts out: "See how lofty is that southern hill with its rugged masses of rock." An ode to the excellences of a Prince starts: "See the winding course of the azure river, with the graceful bamboo fronds nodding over it so luxuriantly." Another on a bride going to her new home: "How delicate and elegant is that peach tree, and how luxuriant and beautiful is its foliage." Showing us that the word "peach" as it is now sometimes used in American slang has perhaps 3000 years of authority behind it.

As an example of the beauty of the Odes, let me quote Soothill's translation of the entire first ode of

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## STUDENT COMMITTEE HAS ST. JOHNS PROGRAM

Friday morning members of the Alma College family had charge of the morning assembly at St. Johns High School. Professor Hamilton started the program with a bit of an introductory speech, Professor Ewer followed up with two solos, Professor Hamilton again took the floor. After a bit of a pep-talk he turned the assemblage over to the blandishments of Douglas McLellan who really went over big. The program was closed with music by the trio.

## DR. DUNNING OPENS WEEK OF PRAYER

The annual week of prayer began Monday morning with the first of a series of talks by Dr. John Wirt Dunning of Kalamazoo. He spoke on the subject, "What Can Youth Contribute?"

Using as his text a verse from Timothy, "Let no man despise your youth," Dr. Dunning explained that the young people have a definite place in society. It is the enthusiasm and daring of youth that has contributed much to world progress. Youth is also needed to criticize. There are great things in store for the young people if they only go out and do what they can for society and for God.

As an introduction, Dr. Dunning, who is an Alma graduate, told of some of his escapades when he was in school here. One of these was the hiding in a haystack of the same pulpit which adorns the campus today.

## COUNCIL VEToes CHARTER CHANGE

The proposed Student Council constitution revision met with a very definite and severe obstacle on last Tuesday evening when the council, meeting with the revision parent, Frank Anderson, voted down the revision almost unanimously. Here are the minutes for the meeting:

February 9, 1932.

Regular meeting of the Student Council called by the President, Alvin Royer.

President read letter from Balfour Jewelry Co., on the proposed enlargement of "A" pin.

Also a letter from the Senior class of the Alma High School, thanking the Council for inviting them to the dance given Jan. 16th.

Two bills were presented: Paterson's Drug Store for boric acid, Amount \$1.20

Moved by Grey and supported by Sharp, that it be paid.

Another from the College Supply Store, Amount \$1.35

Inasmuch as the bill did not state what was purchased, it was moved by Grey, supported by Sharp, that the bill be investigated before paid.

The President called the attention of the Council to the fact that the Athletic Manager was being hired by the College, thus necessitating an

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## NICHOLEY PRESENTS NEAR EAST PROBLEM

### Students Enjoy Interesting Speaker from Carnegie Peace Foundation

Last Wednesday morning in chapel Prof. Edward F. Nicholey gave an extremely interesting speech on—"The Near-East, Its Peoples and Its Problems." He said that although at the present time the countries around the eastern end of the Mediterranean were distinctly backward yet when they unite, something big is bound to come out.

He defined the Near-East as a crescent around the eastern end of the Mediterranean taking in parts of Egypt, Palestine, Trans-Jordan, Arabia, Mesopotamia and thru Turkey to Adrianople.

It is a land world old in its history and culture, something has been doing in this section through all history. The evidences found of their early culture show an advanced civilization with well formed ideas and ideals, of rich and diverse culture. It is a land which has seen great movements of people, wars were frequent and as a result of these through exiles, deportations and captivities the different cultures spread and crystallized.

The Near-East was a leader in the idea of democracy because as the people mixed, through absorption and association, they created a newer and enriched culture. We are indebted to them for the three great monotheistic religions. We have inherited a European civilization which took its ideas from the Near-East and incorporated it in itself, improving, modifying and adapting.

The statistics available are inadequate for this country for they have learned to be wary of any European idea approaching a census. The peoples are mixed. Around the borders the people have, by intermarriage and absorption, fused themselves with their neighbors, Persia, Egypt, Greece, and along the coast there is an infusion of European blood from the Crusades.

As to religion, the Moslem predominates. When in 1700 the Mohammedan conquest relentlessly overran the country, by the time it got

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## STUDENTS SHOW LITTLE INTEREST IN JAP-CHINA

It would seem from the results of our ballot on the Jap-China war last week that the student body is not in the least interested in such problems. In so far as we, editorially, cannot cast a vote, the grand total of the results was two, one less than an Almanian ballot of last year. Perhaps the problem was too complex for a student mind filled with wonderment as to why the last game was lost, who she's got a date with now and how can one get through that course with the least amount of effort. Perhaps, on the famous other hand, we should have picked a subject nearer home, such as whose stuff you like better, Charlie Ox's or Stanley Snoop's; opinions on whether Alma will beat Albion and how much; whether there should be a student chapel each week or any chapel at all; maybe you'd like to vote on the most popular man or woman in college (that got three votes last year); maybe we should draw the conclusion that students don't like to vote at all.

Anyway, pippie, we're vurra, vurra disappointed in ya.

## ALPHA THETA INITIATION

Monday evening, February 8, Alpha Theta held its dinner and initiation. Dinner was at Wright Hall at 6:00 and the guests of the evening were Mrs. Crooks, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Soule, Mrs. Robinson and Miss Roberts. The tables were decorated in rose and grey. The guests received stationery as favors, and the new members received wall plaques. Those initiated were: Dorothy Davies, Alma; Maryon Osterhaus, Grand Rapids; Elizabeth Goggin, Alma; Helen Walker, Elsie; Florence Schwartz, Clawson; Elizabeth Smith, Alma; Marjorie Spendlove, Merrill; Marian Laman, Marlette; Marion Nummer, Alma.

## Phis Hold Fine Annual Lincoln Banquet Saturday

### BORTON STARS AS SCOTS TRIM DALES

#### Bull's Trick Shots too much for Hillsdale, weakened by Loss of Two Stars

Norman Borton, Alma's trick shot artist, was "hot" Friday night at Hillsdale, and scored 19 points to lead the Scots to a 43-35 victory over the Blue and White. Bull dropped in plain and fancy shots from everywhere inside the foul circle, giving probably the best exhibition of shooting the M.I.A.A. has seen this year.

The Hillsdale squad was weaker than that which played here a few weeks ago, for Brooks and Mobily were ineligible. Ojala, an old-timer, is again eligible, and accounted for seven of Hillsdale's points. Reynolds starred for Hillsdale, while the Selby brothers led the scoring with 20 points between them.

Jim Selby got the first basket of the game, but Borton batted one in from the foul line to break the ice for Alma, and from then on it was a walkaway. Borton got four more baskets in the first half, and Alma led, 21-13. Dawson went out on personals in the second half, and Wehrly, who replaced him, helped the Alma cause materially with 9 points. He and Borton got all but four of the Scots' points in the second half.

Three times Abie Kahn took the ball off the backboard, and dribbled straight down the center of the floor for dog shots. The forwards drew the defense out to make a clear path. The only trouble with the play was that Abe missed two of the shots.

Hubert Smith, all-M.I.A.A. football center, made something of a record

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## FACULTY DINNER MONDAY NIGHT

Monday evening President and Mrs. Crooks entertained the members of the faculty at the annual Faculty Dinner. We have it from members of that body that this is an event always looked forward to by all concerned inasmuch as in addition to a reputation for an excellent cuisine, such gatherings are always the scene of informal thrashings out of the problems of the world in general and the college in particular. Guests of the evening were: Prof. and Mrs. Kendall Brooks of Mount Pleasant and Dr. Dunning.

## INTRA MURAL GAMES START NEXT WEEK

A program of intramural basketball for all men not out for the varsity or frosh teams is being started under the direction of Perry Grey and Alden Potter. The gym is to be open for their use every Tuesday and Wednesday evening, and everyone who goes out is sure of a position on a team, for as many teams as possible will be chosen. Play will begin as soon as each class has a team.

The plan is that there shall be two or more teams from each class. Each team will play at least three games before elimination starts. Then a regular tournament will begin.

It doesn't matter, fellows, whether you have ever played basketball or not. Get out the old gym suit and get in a game.

## DEBATE TEAMS BUSY THIS WEEK

Wednesday night the Alma Negative Varsity Team journey to Stanton where they will meet the Calvin College Affirmative Team before a High School audience. Thursday at Shepherd the Alma Varsity Affirmative meet the Michigan State Negative Squad; while Friday, at Carson City, an Alma Negative Freshman Team, composed of Claude Knight and Emory Kendall, debate the Squad from M. S. C. All these debates will be audience decision contests. The first two will be counted in the standings of the M. D. L.

BEAT KAZOO FRIDAY!

## First Frat Formal to be held in New Wright House Dining Room

Departing from the usual plan of holding fraternity dinner parties out of town, Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity held its forty-first annual Lincoln Banquet in the Wright House here Saturday night. Thirty couples attended the party which was declared by all to be one of the best yet. Music was furnished by the "New Yorkers."

Shortly after six-thirty, the guests found their places in the east dining room. After the invocation by Professor Clack, a tasty four-course dinner was served. The menu included: Canape, Cream of Tomato, Chicken A La King, and Orange Ice and Cakes, and all the extras. After the coffee had been served, the Toastmaster, William Johnson, introduced President Jacob Koehlein who gave the welcome to the guests. The representative from Phi Alpha Pi at Olivet, extended the greetings and the good will of his fraternity.

The programs were quite novel. They were in red with the figure of Abraham Lincoln on the cover. Each program was placed in an attractive program holder of modernistic design, upon which was embossed the fraternity crest.

When the program was completed, the guests adjourned to the private dining room. Here, they danced to the offerings of the New Yorkers, who proved themselves master of music from the soft melody of the waltz to the fast rhythm of the peppy fox-trots. The floor was lighted by a large illuminated Phi Phi Alpha insignia, designed after the plan of the fraternity pin.

After three hours of dancing, the party was called to an end and the tired but happy people departed, proclaiming the success of the party.

The patrons and patronesses were: Dean Florence M. Steward, Dr. W. E. Kaufmann, and Prof. and Mrs. R. W. Clack. The guests were: Mr. Russell Gates and Miss Marjorie Hennigar, both from Olivet. The members of the fraternity and their guests were: Mr. Elmer Frost and Miss Helen Rankey; Mr. Fred Peterson and Miss Jean McGarvah; Mr. William Johnson and Miss Florence McCallum; Mr. Howard Hirschberg and Miss Marion Smith; Mr. Benjamin Leyrer and Miss Lillian Leyrer; Mr. Jacob Koehlein and Miss Margaret McMillan; Mr. Sam Balfour and Miss Lois Beardsley; Mr. Charles Leadbetter and Miss Gertrude Williams; Mr. Charles Goodenow and Miss Marion Mackenzie; Mr. Leonard Graham and Miss Dolores Sandham; Mr. Clifton Conlee and Miss Frances Newton; Mr. Keith Odle and Miss Harriet Bartell; Mr. Howard Potter and Miss Sheila Littleton; Mr. Robert Hayes and Miss Catherine Campbell; Mr. Lester Camp and Miss Mary Wood; Mr. George Roberts and Miss Mary Elizabeth Soper; Mr. Ralph Harwood and Miss Irene Beuthin; Mr. Amos Ruddock and Miss Dorothea Prouty; Mr. Charles Peterson and Miss Spray Dehne; Mr. Irwin Nichol and Miss Annabelle DeKraker; Mr. Joseph Taylor and Miss Katherine Boyd; Mr. Donald Barstow and Miss Helen Walker; Mr. William Goggin and Miss Marion Nummer; Mr. John Menoch and Miss Jean Cameron; Mr. Russell Baumblatt and Miss Grace Eaton; Mr. Arthur Crawford and Miss Mary Elizabeth Forshar; Mr. Robert Handels and Miss Elizabeth Goggin.

## TAU SIGMA GAMMA

Tau Sigma Gamma held its semi-annual election of officers. The following were elected:

President ..... Doris Whitney  
Vice-President ..... Beth Willets  
Secretary ..... Shirley Barton  
Treasurer ..... Lois Beardsley

Kermit Fischer, who went home last Friday with a bad cold, is sick in bed with an attack of the grippe.

## ALUMNI NEWS

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Shaw, of Dearborn, a 6½ pound baby girl, Barbara Lowell, Monday morning. Mrs. Shaw was formerly Laura Hurst, '29.

## SCOTS SEEK REVENGE ON ALBION TONITE

of gas masks, steel helmets, and other related objects of warfare. Such an enterprise should be highly successful in Albion, especially during the college basketball season. On special nights, such as when Alma is played, students will also probably be able to rent armored cars and tanks.

"There's a thought. We'd better have a few courses on military training added to our regular college curriculum. Campaigns should be carried out scientifically and efficiently, and some of us are not thoroughly familiar with the finer points of warfare. And just think! Military training in Albion could be run just like Education. In the latter subject the students have practice teaching; in military training we have excellent facilities for practice attacks, counter - attacks, hand-to-hand combats, 'n everything."

Tonight the campus is invaded by the basketball team of Albion College, long our traditional rivals. The boys lost to this bunch earlier in the season by one point, a point which was the occasion for joyous celebration on the Albion campus and especially in the town of Albion. It was a celebration comparable only to the one staged last year when the Scots lost the last game Albion had won till this winter's game. The score will be close, the playing fast, and on our own floor the Scots should come through but it will be some scrap.

To give some indication of the hubbub an Alma team creates in Albion here is a bit clipped from the Albion Pleiad after our one point defeat this winter:

"It is believed that a new firm will begin operations in Albion soon, one that will engage in the manufacture





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Due, as our radio announcer friends would say to conditions beyond our control we find it impractical to try to come out on Tuesday. Henceforth, for the rest of the year the Almanian will be out Wednesday afternoon.

STUDENT FORUM

MAN-BID PARTIES

Much attention has been given lately in college and metropolitan papers to the subject of 50-50 dating at college. Why couldn't we turn our attention to the same principle concerning school parties? With the exception of one formal party and the fraternity dances, every party given during the first semester was either stag or a girl-bid party. Why doesn't somebody,—girls' or fellows' organization, give a good informal man-bid dance?

The original idea of a girl-bid party was begun during 1928, leap year, with the Valentine Party which has become traditional, and the idea is a capital one, within limits! It seems rather absurd, though, when one stops to think that at nearly all the informal gatherings of the student body (at a dance, that is) the girls should have to take the initiative. Many girls are diffident about asking a man for a date, and if it weren't for some of our gifted "promoters" or "date-fixers," many of us would be out of luck, through natural reticence, bashfulness, or what have you? Then, on the other hand, too many parties of this kind destroy the masculine sense of superiority, and that's tough!

Back in the good old days when men were men and got their own dates,—before the days of girl-bid parties,—all the dances put on by classes, clubs, or societies, were held in the gym or the Hall with maximum attendance, and a good time was had by all. Almost without exception, the promoters paid for the party and made a little money besides. Again ringing back to ye goode olde days, everybody co-operated and the dances were well attended. It must be said, to the credit of the girls, that in all the girl-bid parties they have come through marvelously in getting dates, but we think that men could and would do equally as well in putting a party across, were they given the opportunity. Why not give them the chance and relieve the co-eds of responsibility? Here's to bigger and better man-bid parties in the NEAR future!  
S. C.

To the Editor:

It is interesting to note that those who refused their support and cooperation to the Band a while back because of personal reasons, still withhold their valuable (?) support now that personalities obnoxious to them are no longer present.  
Frank A. Anderson.

Council Vetoes Charter Change

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amendment in the Constitution to that effect.

Moved by Gray, and supported by Leadbetter, that the following amendment to the Constitution be made:

That the Manager of Athletics be hired through College authorities instead of being appointed by Student Council

The President asked the Council about a dance for Wednesday, Feb. 17th, after the Albion game. There was a discussion, and it was decided that permission from the Dean of Women would be necessary before further plans should be made. Miss

Biondi was appointed to make arrangements to that effect.

Mr. Anderson was introduced to the Council by the President as having a New Constitution to be presented to the Council.

Mr. Anderson made his proposal clear to the Council by taking up his Constitution step by step—to prove its being a more satisfactory one. He declared that the proposed Constitution was brought up for no other purpose than to eliminate fraternity politics and give all non-fraternity and all groups, a fair representation on the Council.

He pointed out where he thought the Constitution failed in that respect as it stands. Mainly that the non-fraternity and sorority groups were without representation. In his Constitution there would be an equal representation from all groups. Also he proposed that the officers of interest to the campus—such as Manager of Oratory and Debate, also the Editor of the Almanian—should be selected by the Professors of English. Three nominees for each office—two to be eliminated—Nominations to be put before student body, but that faculty should take care of the choice.

He proposed having two faculty members on the Council—one to act as Chairman and the other Vice-Chairman. That both be present at all meetings and that they should have the power to vote.

That the Student Marshall should be a Senior—having an office on the Council as Sergeant at Arms.

As to discipline for Frosh, that it should be in the hands of Juniors and Seniors, and that the Student Council should call the meetings when they thought it necessary. Thus taking away the hazing of Frosh by the Sophomores.

That in section four to article five on Membership, be added the suggestion that faculty have already been working on—that of having only members on the Council with as many honor points as hours—or an average of "C."

Discussion: Mr. Grey immediately opposed that part of the Constitution pertaining to having two faculty advisors with power to vote and preside over the meetings, inasmuch as it would no longer be a "Student Council," but rather be in the hands of the Faculty.

Mr. Anderson argued that the Faculty only had two votes.

Mr. Grey felt, nevertheless, that faculty should remain as advisors—not participate in the affairs of the Student Council.

Mr. Sharp raised the question concerning representation—if it were fair to have only two representatives from a society that had a larger number in its society than another.

Mr. Anderson said that that was the basis upon which the U. S. senate is run, and better to have representation on that basis than all from one society and none from others. Mr. Sharp thought, nevertheless, that it was not fair representation.

Mr. Leadbetter argued that everyone had worked together on the Council this year. That questions that had arisen had been handled satisfactorily and without trouble. That all seemed satisfied with conditions as they were, and that the group that was dissatisfied was the group that was dissatisfied with things on the campus in general—not the Student Council's Constitution alone.

Mr. Leadbetter suggested that Professor Hamilton give his opinion upon the proposed Constitution.

Professor Hamilton told how the present Constitution happened to be drawn up. Thirteen years ago there had been an uprising of the student body, demanding a Student Council. That he was afraid the proposed constitution would take away the democratic feeling. He also suggested that it be presented first to the faculty; that faculty might not be willing to accept the responsibility; that it would be better to suffer the feeling among fraternities and sororities at election time than to sacrifice that democratic feeling.

Mr. Anderson was of the opinion that they would accept it.

Professor Hamilton advised, however, that this step be taken before anything further was done, that is if the Council accepted it.

Mr. Anderson left the meeting in order that further action could be taken on the matter, suggesting that his Constitution be given due consideration.

Discussion:—The majority of the Council was not in favor of it, for the following reasons:

- (1) That it placed the Council in the hands of the Faculty.
- (2) That it would not solve the problem of fraternity and sorority feeling. That cliques would be formed in the Council when election of officers was to take place, despite the fact that there was equal number from each group present on the Council.
- (3) That doing away with elections as they have been would do away

with the spirit of the groups represented.

(4) That non-fraternity groups voiced their opinions when they voted for a representative, and that all Student Council meetings were open to them and that if they wished to come to the meetings they were welcome to do so at any time.

(5) That if there were changes necessary to be made that the Student Council's Constitution was capable of taking care of that.

Calkins moved, supported by Rehkopff, that we accept Mr. Anderson's Constitution with the additional article pertaining to eligibility.

Vote was Eight to Two against its acceptance.

Calkins suggested that our Constitution be revised and that the Council should stand back of it and see that it was carried out in every detail.

Miss Biondi suggested going over both Constitutions, getting suggestions from one to revise the other.

The suggestion met with the approval of the Council and the President appointed Miss Biondi, Chairman, and Mr. Estes, Mr. Leadbetter and Mr. Calkins as a committee to go over our Constitution as well as the Constitution proposed by Mr. Anderson and present the revised Constitution at the next regular meeting.

Mr. Dawson was appointed by the President to look over the "A" pin proposition and report at the next meeting. Mr. Grey made Chairman of "A" pin committee.

The President asked that Freshman and Senior Classes be notified to elect Council members to replace Wahl and Gould.

Motion made for adjournment. Respectfully submitted, Helen Logan, Sec'y.

OLD RHYMES IN MODERNISTIC SETTING

Mary Lib and Mary Lou  
Are very smart young lasses.  
They study hard and so they do  
Not have to go to classes.

Libby spends her time with Art  
(And a few other buddies)  
But Eddie's gone, so Mary Lou  
Still stays at home and studies.

Little Girl Blue, come blow your horn  
And wake the girls that sleep in the dorm.  
Where is the girl that turned in the alarm?  
Under the mattress, safe from harm.

Baa, baa, athlete, have you any pull?  
Prof's, don't like my line of bull.  
E from Kaufmann, D from Wise—  
I'm not half so lucky as some of these guys.

Needles (1) and pins (2), needles and pins,  
When one comes to college, excitement begins.  
(1) Phonograph.  
(2) Fraternity.

Borton Stars as Scots Trim Dales

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with three personals in about as many minutes when he got in near the end of the game

Lineups:	G	F	P
Alma	2	2	6
Williams, f	0	0	0
Crowell, f	8	3	19
Borton, f	0	0	0
Sharp, f	1	1	3
Dawson, c	4	1	9
Wehrly, c	1	1	3
Kahn, g	0	3	3
Crawford, g (C)	16	11	43

Hillsdale	G	F	P
Beckwith, f	1	1	3
Ojala, f	3	1	7
B. Selby, f	4	3	11
J. Selby, c	4	1	9
Judson, g (C)	0	0	0
Smith, g	0	0	0
Miller, g	0	0	0
Reynolds, g	2	1	5
	14	7	35

Referee—Donnelly (Michigan.)

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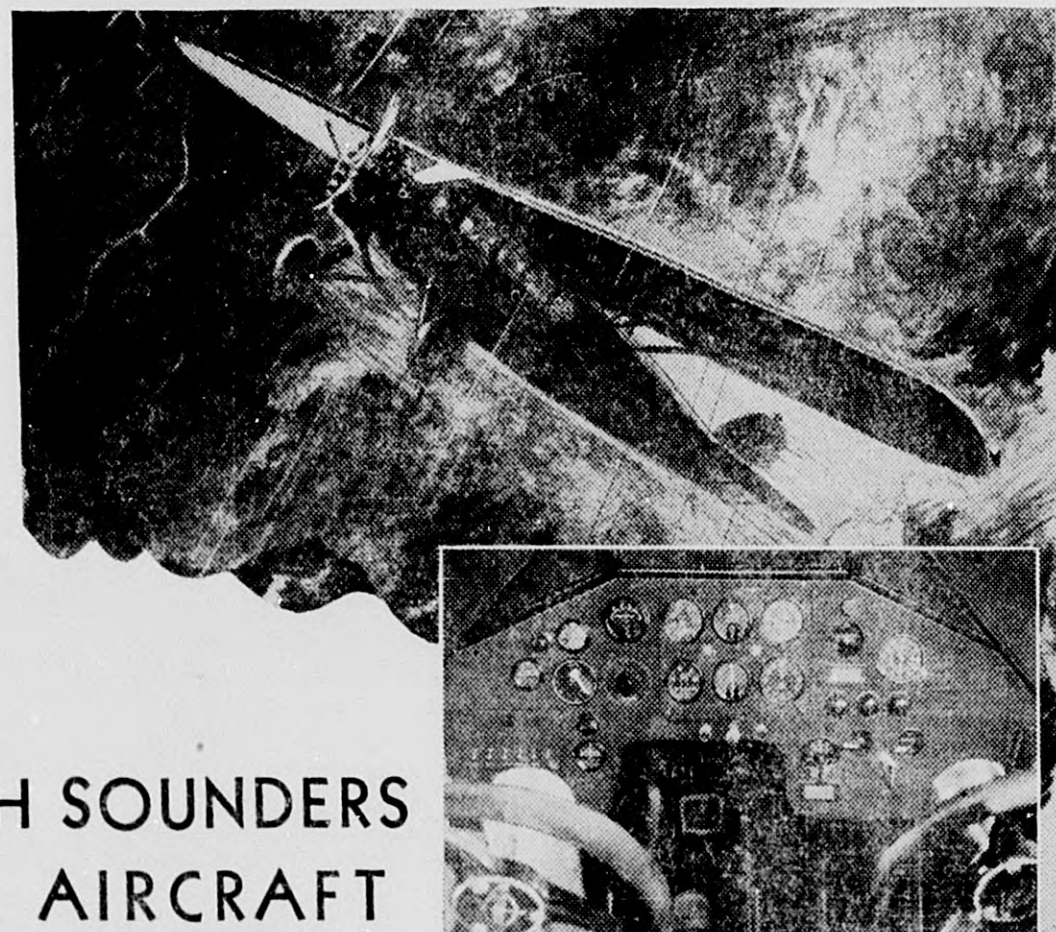
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The most recently developed instrument is the sonic altimeter, which provides a quick means of indicating changes in height above ground. Sound from an

intermittently operated air whistle is directed downward. The echo is picked up in a receiving megaphone, and the sound is heard through a stethoscope. The elapsed time between the sound and the echo determines the height. Tests show that water, buildings, woods, etc., produce echoes that are different and characteristic.

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Second Philo Initiation Held Monday

Philomathean Literary Society initiated two pledges at the regular meeting which was held on Monday evening in the Society room. After a short business meeting Spray Dehnke and Margaret Nicholas were taken into the Society. The meeting was adjourned and the members attended the picture of "Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde," as officers' treat.

WRIGHT HALL NEWS

We have been informed by reliable authorities that Prof. Clack himself wrote "Man-girl-Moonlight-deck, Life boat-shadow-neck," and that he won the prize.

What's yellow and green wool? Ask Kewp and maybe she'll tell you what she does in her spare time.

Smitty to Kewpie: "My heart pants for you."

NOTES ON PHI FORMAL

How and with what are you supposed to eat a canape? Ask Anabel (or Emily Post.)

Marg entertained during intermission with piano solos.

All the girls fell for the bass viol player.

Marion Day is good in French translation, but what has that to do with canaries we can't understand.

Many anxious hearts have been waiting for Senate meeting.

False alarms and flickering lights have caused some excitement this last week.

BEAT ALBION TONIGHT!

Strand Theatre

Saturday and Wednesday Matinees, 10c To All

Wed., Thurs., Fri. February 17-18-19

LINDA WATKINS in "GOOD SPORT"

"Sauce for the Gander" is sometimes sauce for the Goose. Come and see for yourself.

Saturday, February 20

The Cannon Ball Express

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And how about another Washington's birthday celebration? Has anyone got another padlock?

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When Alumni move in, week-day Sweethearts move out. Right, Al?

When the cat's away, the mice will play. Eh, Ann?

Headline in Detroit Times: PLATE GLASS HEAD SPEAKS HERE TODAY Bright boys, these modern scientists, eh!

STANLEY SNOOP ON SUPERIOR

It seems as if we missed a few of the couples last time so just to give credit where credit is due here goes:

Have you been watching the De-Kraker-Nichol affair? More fun! The style has been a bit cramped since Nick changed eating jernts, but they're both bearing up nicely. Then the Moore-Hill romance. Now there's somepin! I can only repeat them there immortal words of Prof. Weimer, "Dinty's a born manager, and HOW he manages the smallest bundle of sugar in the M.I.A.A. is no one's affair." To diverge from the subject just a moment. Isn't it too bad the Almanian has to print such LOUSY poetry as appeared last week? Gee, and to think a beautiful friendship was broken up in the clash. "Taint fair, I tell ya. For further particulars I refer you to the the "Grand Old Man of the M. I. 2A. and his running mate. They were such nice boys, too!

Then I might ask you, "Who's the most popular 7:50 chaperone in 'col-litch'? (Look in on Ec. 34, M.W.F.) Why does that personable young "Pete" Boutin go on his way un-molested? (Thar's a tip for some nice girl—line forms on the right and DUNT CROWD!) What big silk salesman checked out, and broke up the makins of a swell romance? Camp is back again, but informant Q2 who was covering the case slipped up, so wait till later, please. Mark (Basketball), Wahl (BB and FB), La Foille (Red Jacket) and Hunter (Campustry) are with us no more. Good luck, fellers! Did you see the N. D.-U. S. C. football game on the screen? One shot showed Royal R. in all his glory, (cigar and all). When approached on the matter he bashfully replied, (a la Will Rogers), "Well, it's the first time I was ever in the cinema". (Movies to you, dizzy). The editor is stampeding up and down outside my "office" and just like theater folks we must carry on, so until next week when I expect to be writing for the Elwell Gazette—Cheerio! O. K. New York. Seen at the Phi Party:

Gorgeous women, handsome men, (sez yu!); some programs bordering on the favor type. Imports! Humm. Wender what the Haul girls think of that. Nick got the telephone fixed. Amy and Dorothea got together again. Irene and Ralph were back and they're pla..... Well, you-muscomova, Marg and Jake. Libby was there, goody-goody! Aust and the Mrs., Kay and Joe (and Joe passed out cigars.) The splicing date has not been set as yet. Les and Mary Wood (of the Flint Woods.) "Sonny Boy" and Florence—gee, they were cute. And that, Ladies and Gentlemen, is what one can do with one good look thru a key-hole. Not bad, eh? Heavens only knows what would have happened if I'd gotten inside.

Stanley.

BEAT ALBION TONIGHT!

Nicholey Presents Near-East Problem

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to Syria it had relented somewhat and the unbelievers were not killed off so drastically. The Christian communities left exercise a tremendous influence. The Maronites, Byzantines, Armenians and Coptics must all be given credit for remaining faithful to their Christian creed in spite of the great pressure upon them.

In intellectual traits the American University at Beirut offers many examples. Many spots of the Arabian plateau offer a perfect percentage of 100% illiteracy. Of the Freshmen entering the University less than five are from homes where a parent has been to college, they have had no association with books. The texts and class work is all carried on in a foreign language, English, but in spite of these handicaps the students live up to the standards set by New York State under which the University has its charter. One can't be but impressed with the potentialities of this people. Whereas the Westerner, in thoughtful mood, thinks ahead, the Near - Easterner works back to the origin of things and why they are, imaginatively reconstructing the object. The Westerner has lost by working forward the tendency to look back.

Socially, the outstanding characteristic of the people is their clannishness, they stick by a member of their group to the death. If a foreigner comes and convinces them of his integrity and good intents he is accepted into this group feeling and may always rely on it.

Merally, these people are not so far behind. This is easily seen in the contrast between the "openness" of a town under the original Turkish and the present English rule. If the Easterner regards bloodshed as a matter for personal rectification it is because he places a higher value on life and values it much less than honor.

Economically, these people are in a transition stage. They demand the latest models in clothing, cars and movies, they have a 1933 consumption and production methods of 1933 B. C. As a people, they are backward but as individuals and groups they compare very favorably with Americans. They are advancing rapidly but the old restraints are being junked before the new ones are formed and this is at the foundation of their problems.

Of course, they suffer from the problems of Depression and the younger generation but their great problem is that they have not overcome the clannishness in order to unite in a common effort. Imagine our cities if we had as in Beirut, no corporations, 89% of the business houses operated on the creed one man-one business, one business-one man, everyone for himself. It is in the ideas of the future worker that the American University makes its contribution. Barriers are seen to the getting together of this people but some day something big will come out of the Near-East.

Gratiot County Churches Solicit Student Aid

Next Sunday morning the Protestant Churches of Gratiot County are beginning a vigorous effort to place the claims of Christ before all the people of the county. The campaign which has been planned by a committee of local ministers calls for no extra services but stresses all regular meetings with a view to giving them large efficiency. The first service held at eleven o'clock on next Sunday morning will be roll-call service. All the members of all the churches will be asked to be present each in his own church to respond to its name when it is called. The roll of students who are affiliated members in some of the Alma churches will also be called. The purpose of this initial service is to place before all those who bear the name of Christ the work now in hand and bespeak their co-operation.

In the evening next Sunday the men of each church will be responsible for the program. Music by male quartets, a men's choir and speeches from leading men in the community are planned.

With this as a beginning the regular services in each church from now on until Easter will be given a special character and this combined with the earnest and simultaneous effort of all the workers in all the churches gives promise of excellent results.

The students of Alma College are earnestly invited to throw their energy into the movement. The witness to Christ they can make by faithful attendance on these meetings, working as opportunity affords and using their prayer resources is greatly needed. On Sunday evening, March 15th, the young people of all the churches are to be responsible for the attendance and some portion of the churches' program. The strength of all students should be especially

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in evidence there. All through the campaign the Sunday Schools of the county are also making strong their work. So, too, are the young people's societies and other church organizations. An appeal to the young people is made to enlist in them.

College Men's Class Hearing Special Speakers

The College Men's Bible Class in the Presbyterian Church has been listening recently to addresses from a number of local men. Last Sunday Dr. Kaufmann gave an unusually helpful talk on "Friendship." Next Sunday Dr. Chas. F. DuBois will be the speaker. All College men are invited.

MORE OLD RHYMES

A birdy with a yellow bill Hopped on Holly's window sill, Cocked his shining eye and said, "Ain't you 'shamed, you sleepy-head?"



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## CLACK TALKS ON CHINESE POETRY

(Continued from Page 1)

the Shih Ching, which is entitled, "The Wedding of Prince Wen." The Chinese generally call it "The Faithful Bird," from the first two words, the most common method of naming Chinese literary productions:

"The faithful bird on yonder river's  
Cries to his loyal mate with anxious  
hail.

Bashful and modest is the virgin  
maid,  
Well fitted for our Gracious Prince  
to wed.

The tangled weeds float waving to  
and fro,  
Like maiden tresses in the gentle  
flow.

Bashful and modest waits the virgin  
maid,  
Whom, sleeping, waking, seeks her  
Prince, distraught.

He seeks, all anxious, seeks her  
for his Bride;  
Awake, asleep, his thoughts with her  
abide;  
Far wandering, his soul goes after  
her,  
His body tossing restless in his  
bower.

The tangled weeds float waving in  
the ford;  
We pluck them gaily for the festive  
board.

Bashful and modest comes the virgin  
maid,  
With harps and lutes escort her to  
our Head.

The tangled weeds float waving to  
and fro;  
We spread the festive board for high  
and low.

Bashful and modest comes our virgin  
Bride,  
With bells and drums we welcome  
her, our Pride."

You will note the gracefulness given  
by the constant repetition of the  
phrase: "The tangled weeds float  
waving to and fro" and also the repetition  
of the phrase: "Bashful and  
modest comes the virgin maid." This  
repetition is a feature of the longer  
Chinese poems.

We know that this first ode was  
originally set to music, though the  
tune is now lost, for in the Analects  
Confucius speaks of the grandeur of  
the music of the Faithful Bird Ode.

Another graceful ode which is  
quoted in the Analects, but which is  
now lost from the Shih Ching, I have  
translated thus:

"The blossoms of the cherry tree  
are quivering and swelling,  
Can I do aught but think of thee, in  
thy far distant dwelling!"

Confucius's own comment on this  
was, "He had never really bestowed  
a thought. If he had, what distance  
would have existed?" Possibly this  
is the origin of the idea, "absence  
makes the heart grow fonder."

Of course it is almost impossible,  
in English, to get the elegance and  
suggestiveness of the original Chinese.  
We must remember that literary  
Chinese is exceedingly terse. A  
great deal of meaning can be packed  
into one word, because of its literary  
connotations — just as each musical  
note has its overtones. And all unnecessary  
words are left out, as in a telegram.  
The reader must supply the context  
from his imagination. Let me quote  
an example: A literal word for word  
translation is as follows:

"Quiet girl her beauty; Wait I at  
city-wall corner.  
Love yet not see; Scratch head un-  
decided halt."

Dr. Legge, in his translation of the  
Odes renders it thus:

"How lovely is the retiring girl;  
She was to await me at the corner  
of the city wall.  
Loving and not seeing her,  
I scratch my head and am in perplexity."

This translation, however, utterly  
fails to get the spirit of the Chinese,  
which is here distinctly humorous;  
and the rhythm is also entirely lost,  
so I have taken the liberty to make  
a translation of my own, which I  
think much more nearly reproduces  
the effect of the original:

"With a lovely bashful beauty I  
had a special date  
To meet me at the corner of the  
ancient city wall:

But despite my loving ardor, I found  
I had to wait  
In nervous apprehension that she  
wouldn't come at all."

Evidently feminine nature has  
changed very little in three thousand  
years.

This exceeding terseness sometimes  
makes the exact meaning a little  
doubtful, and even the Chinese critics  
sometimes disagree, as in the following:  
Translated word for word  
this is:

"Artful smile dimples, ah! Beautiful  
eyes limpid, ah!  
Plain regarded as (or 'ready for')  
ornamentation, ah!"

The "ah" is for the particle "hsi"  
at the end of each line which has no  
meaning, but is put in only for  
aphony. There are several such par-

titles in literary Chinese (Wenli).

The disagreement here comes in  
the translation of the expression "i  
be pronounced now" are made to  
rhyme. Of course when they were  
written the words were "swote" and  
"rote". But the distressing point in  
Chinese poetry is that, ever since the  
time of Confucius, those rhymes, and  
only those rhymes, are allowed  
which occur in the Book of Odes;  
and an attempt to use other rhymes,  
even if they are perfect to the modern  
ear, brands the poem immediately  
as unorthodox and illiterate. How-  
ever, I understand that there are  
some young rebels of New China  
who are writing very fine poetry  
with rhymes based on modern pronunciation.

One foreign educated Chinese, by  
the name of Ku, has translated this,  
"Her coquettish smiles, how dimpling  
they are!  
Her beautiful eyes, how beaming  
they are!

Oh, fairest is she who is simple and  
plain."

Legge, in his translation, however,  
gives the other idea; which will perhaps  
appeal more strongly to our  
modern girls:

"The pretty dimples of her artful  
smile,  
The well defined black and white of  
her eye,

A plain ground ready for the colors."

This is apparently the interpretation  
put on the ode by Confucius  
himself, for in one passage in the  
Analects, one of his favorite disciples,  
Tzu Hsia, asks him for the moral  
of this ode, and Confucius replies:

"The painting comes after the  
ground work!" So it would appear  
that here is at least one other way  
in which our modern girls have not  
changed much from those of three  
thousand years ago.

Soothill gives by far the most elegant  
translation of this ode:

"As she artfully smiles, what dimples  
appear!  
Her bewitching eyes show their colors  
so clear!

Ground spotless and candid, for tracery  
splendid."

Another feature of the original  
Chinese, which is generally rather  
hard to bring out well in translation,  
is the frequent parallelism which occurs  
between the words of corresponding  
lines. The same word may be repeated  
at the corresponding place in both lines,  
or a similar word, or sometimes a contrasting  
word. Or the parallelism may be shown  
by using characters which are written  
sometimes alike, though this last, of  
course, only shows up on the written  
page. This parallelism is especially  
striking in the short two-line couplets.  
For example one ode starts out:

"The hawk flies, attaining the heavens,  
The fish dives, reaching the depths."

Another which is quoted both in  
the Analects and in the Great Learning  
is:

"First we cut and then we file,  
First we chisel, and then we polish."

Then there is the famous White  
Sceptre Ode. Here four out of the  
eight words in each line are exactly  
the same in both. I have translated  
this, attempting to keep the spirit of  
the original:

"The flaw in the white jade sceptre,  
is easily ground away;  
But the flaw in the word I have spoken,  
will discordantly sound away."

This parallelism and the terse suggestiveness  
is conducive to humor as well as  
elegance. When I went with the  
student party under Upton Close  
to the Orient in the summer of 1929,  
Mr. Close gave us some readings  
from one of the more modern Chinese  
poets, Li Po, who lived about  
750 A. D. He was especially noted  
for his couplets, some beautiful and  
some humorous. Then we had a poetry  
contest, and one of the prizes  
offered was to be given for the best  
couplet in Li Po's style. The one  
which won the prize was entitled,  
"Inspired By a Visit to the Boat  
Deck at 11 P., M." and was as follows:

"Man girl moonlit deck,  
Life boat shadow neck."

You will note that in all of these  
translations the lines rhyme. They  
also rhyme in the originals, or once  
did. There is no such thing as blank  
verse in Chinese. Unhappily the pronunciation  
of many of the words has  
changed so that they rhyme no longer.  
We have a good example of this  
in English in the first two lines of

Chaucer's Canterbury Tales, where  
"sweet" and "root" (as they would  
be pronounced now) are made to  
rhyme. Of course when they were  
written the words were "swote" and  
"rote". But the distressing point in  
Chinese poetry is that, ever since the  
time of Confucius, those rhymes, and  
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ever, I understand that there are  
some young rebels of New China  
who are writing very fine poetry  
with rhymes based on modern pronunciation.

In closing let me quote a poem,  
which attempts to give in English  
the main features of the Chinese  
classical ode. You will note the close  
parallelism between the first and the  
fourth couplets, the second and  
sixth, and so on. In English it might  
be called "To a Wild Rose," though  
the Chinese would undoubtedly dub  
it "Prairie Grasses," after the first  
two words. The terse Chinese form  
would be like this:

"Prairie grasses, west wind kiss,  
Little rosebud, greatest bliss.

Maiden blushes, lips first pressed;  
Rosebud reddens, wind caressed.

Summer passes, ardor grows;  
Rosebud transformed, gorgeous rose.

Earth below us, heaven above,  
Greatest power, unselfish love.

Prairie grasses, wind blows blast,  
Wild rose petals, scattered fast.

Maiden pining, harshness learned;  
Wild rose drooping, west wind  
spurned.

Autumn passes, west wind cools,  
Wild rose withers, death now rules.

Heaven above us, earth below,  
Love just selfish, cruelest blow."

Which might be put into orthodox  
English thus:

"Kissing the prairie grasses, the gentle  
west wind blows,  
Giving his gentlest caress to the  
tiny bud of a rose.

And just as a maiden blushes, when  
first her lips are pressed;  
So the rosebud blooms and reddens,  
when by the wind caressed.

Summer advances onward, the west  
wind's ardor grows,  
And the blushing bud develops into  
a gorgeous rose.

For in the earth below us, and in the  
heavens above,  
Is no force which surpasses the power  
of unselfish love.

Tossing the prairie grasses, the west  
wind blows a gale,  
The petals of the wild rose are scattered  
down the swale.

And just as the maid starts pining,  
her lover's harshness learned;  
So the wild rose now starts drooping,  
when by the west wind  
spurned.

Autumn advances onward, the west  
wind cooler grows:  
Sere, and withered, and broken—  
dead, the once gorgeous rose.

For in the heaven above us, and in  
the earth below,  
The love that is only selfish, can  
strike the cruelest blow."

—By R. W. Clack.

## BETA TAU EPSILON

At the meeting of Beta Tau Epsilon  
Monday evening Earl Lyman and  
Paul Heberlein were reinstated into  
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Louis Braddock this semester Vice-  
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