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ALMA GRADUATES GET FELLOWSHIPS

Three Seniors, Two Alumni Receive Grants For University Work

Several Alma College students and graduates have been granted fellowships or scholarships with which to go on in graduate study. Frank Prouty, '27, has been granted a fellowship at the University of Michigan with which to continue his graduate study towards the Ph. D. degree in the department of English. Charles F. Nims, '28, has been granted an archeological fellowship from the University of Chicago. He attended the Chicago Theological seminary and was last year one of a party of archeologists delving into the history of the Holy Land.

Three of the class of 1932 have received word of their being granted fellowships or scholarships for graduate study. Barker Brown receives the University of Michigan Fellowship annually granted a student from Alma and will continue his work in Chemistry at the College of Liberal Arts. Mr. Brown is salutatorian of his class. Robert Randels has been granted a scholarship in the Department of Physics at Yale University. He is also an honor student, valedictorian of the class of 1932. Howard Potter, Jr. another honor student has been granted a scholarship to continue his work in Chemistry at Harvard next year.

All of these men may be expected to show up well in their fields of study and since they are of such high caliber it is probable that it will be easier for Alma students to be admitted to these institutions. Michigan and Chicago have already had several examples of the quality work done by Alma graduates but Mr. Randels and Mr. Potter are practically the first men to go on to graduate work in Eastern universities.

COLLEGE HARBORS ANIMAL WILD LIFE

Is there an animal trainer on the campus? Perhaps there isn't need for him yet but is one way of forming you that we have some wild animals among us. Someone discovered the nest within the last week or so and in it are five young rabbits all replicas of any cottontail you ever saw but of a very young smallness. Unless someone has a better memory than we, this is the first occasion of an animal so close to an education since the days when "Charlie", the Zeta boys' dog, attended classes in the dim past. Of course there was a skunk once took up his or maybe their abode beneath the Chemistry building and raised a family. This may be explained by the fact that the brute probably recognised a family odor in the building.

It has been reported to this paper that someone found with the bunnies, two as yet unhatched eggs, making up a total family of seven. It must be that that malicious scandal-monger was taking advantage of some freshman girl. The failure to mention the exact location of the nest is due to the fact that the other day the family had entirely too many visitors, the kids didn't get any afternoon nap because of interruptions and mamma couldn't bring home the bacon for the same reason.

After we had written all this it develops that to the grown rabbit mind the surroundings of college life are not the proper ones in which to bring up a family of impressionable young bunnies and the place of abiding has moved to a more protected spot. The center of the round tulip bed now holds but an empty nest and tulips, which of course is better for both rabbits and tulips because there are several paths to the nest worn hard by the feet of admirers.

In the end, the life of these rabbits is much like the student life of many, they were sheltered for part of the tender period of their lives by an institution of learning and then went out into the world where they will grow up to be better and more successful rabbits because of the influence of a college.

FORMER ALMA TEACHER REPORTS TO ILLUSTRATION

The issue of "2 Avril" of L'Illustration carries a news story on page 418 by a former instructor of French in Alma College. Mlle. Emilie De Jean Fite, known to Alma students as Mlle. Emilie De Jean was instructor in French at Alma during the year 1922-23. She substituted for Mlle. Marie Louise Boissot. The article deals with the opening of a French theatre in Los Angeles for the production of French Drama before a considerable French portion of the population of the cinema city. From the first performances the experiment looks to be very successful, especially since there are enough sons and daughters of the lilies of France to support two French newspapers in Los Angeles. The theatre will be completely given over to French drama.

DETROIT HOST TO MODEL ASSEMBLY

Seven members of the International relations Club are to attend the fifth annual meeting of the Model Assembly of the League of Nations this week. In the past only schools within the state have been participants but this year Notre Dame has been invited to take part in the Meeting and it is hoped that the assembly will become a sectional affair next year. The meeting is being sponsored this year by the Political Science Society of Detroit City College and the Carnegie Foundation for International Peace.

The delegates from Alma represent United States and Austria. Donald Blackstone will act as reporter for the first committee and Miss Edith Davis will speak before the same committee; both are on the Austrian Delegation. Miss Nancibel Thorburn and Ronald Bacon are the Austrian representatives to the second committee and Miss Claire Wilson and Claude Knight are the representatives to the third committee. Barker Brown carries the burden of representing the U. S. on the Council in the discussion of the Manchurian crises to which U. S. was invited to take part.

The agenda calls for a discussion of a draft report on the Protocol of September 14, 1929 relating to the revision of the statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice by the first committee, a discussion of a draft report on the World Economic Depression by the second committee and a discussion of the Mandates Commission in reference to the Position of Iraq, besides the special meeting of the Council.

W. E.

PRES. CROOKS AND TRIO APPEAR IN DETROIT AREA

President Crooks, assisted by the Alma College trio, conducted assemblies in Northwestern and Southeastern High Schools in Detroit last Thursday and Friday. These programs were given to arouse student interest in Alma College and also to give the high school students an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the advantages of a small college.

Dean Combs, of Detroit City College, opened the program at Northwestern High School on Thursday afternoon with a short talk on "The Necessity of Specialization in Modern Business. He was followed by a few selections from our own trio, consisting of Jack Menoch, Bill Boyd and Bob King. The boys were particularly well received by the audience. President Crooks then spoke on the advantages of a small college pointing out the opportunities Alma College affords the average student.

On Friday, a similar program was given at Southeastern High School. The trio opened the program and were followed by a speech by President Crooks. This was topped off by a few snappy selections from the trio. It is not known definitely how these programs were enjoyed; however, (Continued on Page 4)

NOTICE

There will be an interclass track meet Saturday for which any man on the campus is eligible. The meet is being held to get a line on the possibilities of the material that is out so far, and to see if there are any fellows not yet out who might help the team out. So if you ever ran or hurdled or jumped, or even if you didn't, come on out Saturday and help you class out. The meet will take place in the afternoon.

J-HOP WORK WILL SOON BE FINISHED

Alumni Are Responding Very Affirmatively To Invitations

The alumni are responding in great numbers with assurances to the invitation committee that they will be present at the 1932 J-Hop with bells on. The J-boomers of a few years back expect to be present in their full numbers. If any alumni failed to get their invitations please consider this one and consider the reunion on April 30.

For once the decorations are such that they will permit the use of the ventilating blowers and one needn't go outside to counteract the effects of the warm band. The band is, by the way, working up several special numbers as added attractions to their sweet music (and when we say sweet we mean SWEET).

There have only been 100 favors and programs ordered and these will go to the first hundred tickets sold. Those who don't have one of these first tickets will have to wait for a few days after the party till the supplementary order arrives. Get your tickets right away from any Junior.

The decorations are proceeding very rapidly and the heavy work is expected to be complete by next Wednesday so that the last three days can be devoted entirely to the lighting effect. Feature items of the decorations will be a crystal ball suspended in the centre of the gym and revolving during the dance. Beams of light played on this will be thrown to all corners of the room. There will be no floorlamps used at all, all the lighting being effected through indirect reflection.

A word should be said about the proper male attire. Tuxedos are not necessary. Dark suits, a white collar and a dark tie will be perfectly proper. This paragraph is added because several fellows were not planning on going, pleading the lack of a tux.

HOW ABOUT SOME REAL BASEBALL ?

A number of men on the campus are interested in forming an intramural baseball league. Even some of the faculty members are anxious to get a chance to give the old glove a workout and see if they are still as spry as ever.

There should be enough men who could and would play baseball to make three or four teams, and if they get started soon enough a lot of games can be played between now and exam time.

There was no baseball at all here last year, and there are a lot of fellows who don't get nearly as much kick out of softball. Some of these, who are not out for track or tennis, get left out in the cold as far as spring sports are concerned. Lets not make the national game a thing of the past here.

Notice To K. I. Alumni

Kappa Iota will hold its annual formal dance Saturday, May 21, at the Wright Hotel in Alma. The ballroom will be transferred into a cabaret.

Will each alumna interested in attending the formal please send any change of address since May, 1931, to Mary Elizabeth Forsher, Wright Hall, Alma, Michigan.

SENIORS SPONSOR SALE OF DRAMA PLAY TICKETS

The Senior Class has taken over the sale of the tickets for the Drama Club production "Lady Windermere's Fan". Friday of this week. The play is one of the better productions of Oscar Wilde, famous for his repartee and wit. The cast has been selected with much care as to the fitness of the actors to parts to be portrayed and will probably be the outstanding production of the season. The sale of tickets is in charge of Arthur Crawford, others who have tickets which they will gladly sell (40¢ to any adult and 25¢ for high school students or younger) are Mary Lib Forshar, Harry Crooks, Jr., Marion Mackenzie, Alvin Royer, Pete Boutin, Kern Fischer, John Hurst, Don Blackstone, Helen Logan, and Frank Anderson.

MEN MEET TO FORM CHRISTIAN GROUP

Feeling the need for a more definite manifestation of the Christian spirit on the college campus, about fifty men of the college met together last Thursday evening in the chapel. After the singing of two hymns by the group, Ronald Hinshaw, acting as chairman, introduced two solos by Ken Rehkopf and then several harmonica duets by the ever popular Erickson brothers. Then the speaker of the evening was introduced, the Rev. H. G. Gaige of the Ithaca Presbyterian Church. He was given the question "Why Should a College Man Be a Christian?" and after he had illustrated his ideas with his own experiences and readings, he gave a list of some of the books which it would do a college man good to read in order to bring some sort of accord out of his period of doubt. The last fifteen minutes of the meeting were given over to a period of questioning and answers with Rev. Gaige leading the discussion. In conclusion another hymn was sung and the meeting broke up promptly at eight o'clock.

This is the first of a series of such proposed meetings, the next to be held sometime next week with another outside speaker leading the discussion. All of the men of the college who are at all interested in religious fellowship and discussion are urged to attend.

BROKENSHERE SPEAKS ON COLLEGE TRADITIONS

Professor Brokenshire gave a very good chapel speech last Monday morning when he spoke on the maintaining the traditions of our college for the coming generations. Taking as his text that portion of the book of Gideon in which Gideon's army of three hundred put to flight a mighty host with one of the greatest items the fact that "every man stood in his place round about the camp". He gave the facts concerning the founding of the Society of Gideons by two travelling men who found each other to be Christian and who decided to give the opportunity for Christian fellowship to other travellers.

Professor Brokenshire told of his associations with the various institutions which at one time or another in his career of learning he has had contact. Of the shaded, elm-roofed campus of an Ohio college which will be celebrating its hundredth anniversary at about the time Alma celebrates her fiftieth, rich in its history of traditions which go back to the days of the first pioneer settling of Ohio. Later on he was sheltered by an eastern institution whose Gothic architecture suggests the age of an old cathedral and whose traditions go back to the early days of the founding of the colonies. His third scholastic connection was with the oldest of the German universities whose very walls proclaim in their stateliness the fact that for centuries back to the revival of learning they have sheltered the scholars of the world and imparted to them some of the accumulated traditions of the ages.

It is our duty as students who (Continued on Page 4)

DRAMA PLAY READY FOR FRIDAY NIGHT

"Lady Windermere's Fan" Friday Will Have All- Star Cast

I wandered over by the Ad building the other afternoon and walked into the chapel and guess who I saw there? Les Struble was parked in a chair waving his stiff arm around and hollering at the top of his voice. I quietly walked up to him and mentioned that if he would use a megaphone he could save his vocal cords a large beating. And, Oh, boy! did he get sore! He said that the only directors that used megaphones were moving picture and he went on to say that productions for the legitimate stage were directed at a higher cost to the directors throat. I was sorry to learn that he don't protect it by smoking Luckies and told him so.

He said I was way off the subject and was interfering with the practice of the second act of that noble production by Oscar Wilde known as "Lady Windermere's Fan". It seems that in this scene there is a reception going on at which Lady Windermere plans on socking someone with her fan and Struble wants to get the action down pat. I saw that most of the actors were kind of stiff (not drunk I mean) and awkward but Struble, he thought that was the way it was supposed to be. He may be right. Well I let him holler some more and wave his arm and chew his cigar (don't mind my imagination) until the curtain fell. Then I made so bold as to ask him what was coming off.

He told me they were practicing this play so they could put it on down at the Strand Theatre next Friday night at 8.15 o'clock. He told me the tickets of admission were to cost us College students and adults (we ought to be proud) forty cents High school and Grade school children can get them fortwo bits. If I understood him right he said that he is taking over some of the stuff of that Symphony director, Stokowski, and isn't going to let anyone be seated during the first act after the curtain raises. You'd better get there early to get your seat and sit in it because when he kicked me out I knew the interview was over.

CO-ED KIDNAPPED; RETURNED QUICKLY

Last week the streets of Alma and some of the Phi boys were rudely awakened by one of the most daring and sensational kidnappings (outside the Linbergh case) of the season. A car drew up on the wrong side of the street opposite the Wright Hotel, two men got out and chased down a screaming girl on the sidewalk and carried her, kicking and yelling back to the car, thrust her into the back seat with one of mob holding her, the other man got into the driver's seat and the car sped westward. Two passers-by walked past, turned and were somewhat amused at the scene but perhaps because it seemed the girl knew her captors, offered no assistance although the victim's cries of "HELP, HELP, POLICE!" were clearly audible.

Some time later the car drew up before Wright Hall and the girl was allowed to get out and was escorted to the door before the time limit was up. Her captors had only given her a fatherly talking to (which she undoubtedly deserved).

As far as is known there are no detectives working on the case, either from the college or municipal authorities. However, the press always has its own means of finding out about such matters and this paper has identified the mobsters and heard their story and finds it quite justified by the circumstances. One of the Phi boys who was aroused by the girl's cries has stated to this paper that he recognised the car and even the members of the gang who actually did the job. His name, however, is being kept secret because it is feared he might (Continued on Page 4)

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In the last semester of their stay in school something has got into the Senior class that has them working well together towards a common good. There has been more class spirit shown within the past few weeks and more active interest taken than at any other time in their history. The class debt may have been a good thing (although too much of it) if in the end it accomplishes that which other things have failed to do, unite them and in working together come to know each other even better than during the whole of their college course.

TENNIS

Now that the tennis courts have been playable for a week and the golf course will be ready soon, it is time the eliminations for the teams were started. Meets for both teams have been scheduled for the near future and the best possible teams can be secured only by the cooperation of everyone having any possibilities in either sport. In order to know better the caliber of the players there will be a notebook placed at the tennis courts in which should be recorded the results of all the friendly matches now going on. These figures will aid greatly in showing the comparative strength of the various participants and will also give some indications as to the seeding of the draw for matches.

MANY COLLEGE PEOPLE
IN COUNTY ORCHESTRA

The Gratiot County Symphony Orchestra is an organization of the musicians of the county who have banded together under the direction of Professor J. W. Ewer for their own satisfaction and to bring a better appreciation of music to the people of the county. Throughout the winter they practice regularly in the chapel and have given several concerts already. Recently they gave a concert in Ithaca, next week they play in St. Louis and the week after, on Monday evening, they play a concert here in Alma. Besides the director, Professor J. W. Ewer, there are several others connected with Alma College who participate in this organization. Prof. G. C. Wise is the President and Manager of the organization, Miss Alice Wooley, Horace Boutin, James Tuma, and Miss Marion Laman are Alma students who play in the orchestra.

The Willow and the Wind

Author Unknown (17th Century).
Beside the stream the weeping willow trail
Their branches in a cloud of emerald spray:
A horseman stops a beneath the leafy veil;
He breaks a plume and rides along his way.
The gentle breeze of Spring with plaintive song,
Pursues him as he waves the graceful frond;
For she has been the willows playmate long,
And cannot bear to lose a friend so fond.

Professor Hamilton spoke last Monday afternoon to the Women's Club of Alma the literature of recreation. In the evening he addressed the American Legion and Auxillary Posts of Alma.

Wednesday, Professors Hamilton and Ewer with the College trio and Douglas McLellan representing the student body made a tour of Fremont, Newaygo and Big Rapids High Schools as part of the regular student campaign.

Miss Grace Roberts spent Saturday in Battle Creek acting as one of the judges in the piano section of the junior club contests. This was a

part of the Federation of Music Clubs of Michigan meeting there last week.

Phi Sigma Pi Writes
Departmental Monograph

In this series of monographs sponsored by Phi Sigma Pi and publishing in the Almanian it is hoped to emphasize to the student body the importance of certain studies in the curriculum and the various inter-departmental relationships which make a course or series of courses desirable studies for various individuals. With the cooperation of the teaching staff and the actual forward by a professor in the department we propose to present a truthful and educational picture of the actual facts and their relation to the individual pupil.

Comparison of the Alma department and course of study with similar institutions of the state and far departments and curricula in Notion may be included to illustrate graphically the relation which our school holds to the other schools of its kind and to the Professional and Graduate Schools of the Nation. In this relationship the difficulties and problems as well as the added facilities and different methods and theories of administration of a course of study in a small College will be contrasted with the same problems in a large educational plant.

FORWARD

The noted mathematician, Jacobi, once made the statement to his even more famous contemporary, Fourier that "the true end of Mathematics is the Greater Glory of the Human Mind."

And that undoubtedly should be the one great reason for instructing Mathematics into a Liberal Arts course. It is true that in advising a student as to whether or not he should take a course in College Mathematics we generally emphasize its utilitarian aspect, but when we do so we are really untrue to our responsibilities as apostles of genuine culture. For Mathematics properly taught and properly approached by the student can stimulate certain qualities of the mind to a degree that is impossible with any other subject. That it develops the analytical powers will probably be granted without question, but that is not all. Merely to mention all its possible cultural values would use here, so let me give only two take space than I am permitted to suggestive quotations. Lord Fairfax in writing about the youth, George Washington said: "I know he is honest, because he is exact. And Voltaire in one of his essays says: "There is an astonishing imagination in the science of Mathematics, There was more imagination in the head of Archimedes than in the head of Homer."

R. W. C.

MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Alma and its Mathematics Department have recently been highly honored by the election of Professor Clack to the presidency of the Mathematics section of the Michigan Academy of Sciences. It seems only proper that this first monograph be dedicated to the Mathematics Department and Professor Clack.

There are two classes of undergraduates who elect courses in mathematics, for all such courses are elective. The first consists of those who wish to include mathematics as a part of their general education. The second includes all those who wish to specialize in that department.

For the first class Alma College offers fewer courses than the U. of M. and many other colleges but does include practically all the subject matter that is usually included in the wider variety of courses offered by the larger schools. With the introduction of the unified course in mathematics four years ago Alma provided in Course 13 and 14 an introduction to mathematical analysis. It relieves the student, who wishes to study in the department for the general educational values found in it, of the necessity for following specialized courses such as trigonometry and analytical geometry to their conclusion but offers in the same period an opportunity to gain an acquaintance, and not just a superficial one, with these two subjects and also introduces one to the elements of calculus. Previous to the introduction of this survey course, calculus was not attempted until the student had chosen to specialize in the department when the courses were offered during the latter part of the sophomore, and the junior and senior years. A taste of calculus is a valuable experience for anyone who wishes to be well educated. Today higher mathematics has such a bearing upon our civilization and modern life that it occurs in our

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Commencement Program

Sunday, June 5

11:00 a. m. Farewell Communion, First Presbyterian Church.
Rev. Willis L. Gelston, Pastor.

7:30 p. m. Baccalaureate Address, President Harry Means Crooks.
First Presbyterian Church.

Wednesday, June 8

Drama Club Play, Strand Theatre.

Thursday, June 9 Senior Class Day.

8:30 a. m. Senior Class Breakfast at the home of President and Mrs. Crooks.

8:15 p. m. Grand Concert. A capella choir. First Presbyterian Church. (Admission Free - silver offering.)

Friday, June 10 Alumni Day.

9:00 a. m. Farewell Chapel Service. Presentation of letters in Oratory Debate and Athletics.

10:00a. m. Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

12:30 p.m. Faculty-Trustees Luncheon in the Grove.

2:00-5:30 Faculty-Alumni-Students Golf Tournament.

3:00 p. m. Graduating Recital - Piano. College Chapel.

4:00 p. m. Tea for Mothers of Seniors, by Dean Steward. Wright Hall.

7:00 p. m. Alumni Dinner and Business Meeting. Wright Hotel.

8:15 p. m. Senior Promenade and Farewell to Buildings.

9:00 p. m. President's Reception at the home of the President and Mrs. Crooks. All Friends of the College invited.

Saturday, June 11 Commencement Day.

9:45 a. m. Academic Procession from Wright Hall.

10:00 a. m. Commencement Exercises. Memorial Gymnasium.
Commencement address by the Rev. Samuel H. Forrer,
Chairman of the Board of Trustees.

12:15 p. m. Commencement Luncheon, Wright Hall.
(Tickets 75c except for invited guests.)

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CAMPUSOLOGY

The other afternoon some of the boys were talking about beautiful falls; Fischer remarked, "Well, when I was at Niagara....." and someone piped up "I didn't know you'd been there yet". You should have seen Kerm blush.

Sunday afternoon a car with five girls in it pulled up in front of the Zeta house and honked. Aitken Dawson and Colbeck all rushed to the door expecting it was for them and the girls asked them, "Is Pete Boutin there? Good old Don Juan Pete!"

Rehkopf spent a strenuous weekend training.

Our own Joe E. Brown is finding lots of new worlds to conquer, but he found one Hill that was too steep for him.

Did you know that there was a eth twas oyo uknah etasi thr twrs married couple in the freshman class?

Referring you to a front page story: the victim was seen palling around with her kidnappers early this week. Such fickleness.

If we wanted to be mean we might taunt the Phi boys about the pledges that hang around the corner of their new frat house on Saturday nights.

Aldy Hansen says that in a warm way the Phi boys have nothing on him.

If anyone sees King with a tennis racquet, asks him where he's going and gets as answer, "Courting" we hereby give you license to shoot on sight!

STANLEY SNOOP ON SUPERIOR

(Ed. Note: Stan cast aspersions on the editorial sense of fairness when he implied the other night that I wouldn't run the column as is. O. K. Stan and you're another.)

A Columnist's Sec'y jots down a few notes.

Les Olmstead called and wanted to know how you knew what you knew so long ago when he didn't even know himself. And did I tell him!.....I got you two tickets for the play Friday night. thought you might want to take the little woman. Its going to be good.....How come you missed the Crooks (Prexy's son) Therburn romance? My! my! Stanley you're slipping.....Aldy Potter was in to see you, said it was nothing serious: "We're just pals" to quote Alden. Oh yeah!.....Mary (Registrar) Painter is back and is Gene happy! He's like a different guy.....I lunched at the Cafe el Miner today and Florence (Fresh) McCallum and Robert (Punk Pun) King were in there Gee they're cute but how in the world she can stand that mug's puns is more than I can see. If they were even good.....but that's another story.

John (Big Rapids) Nichol has landed the contract for the new Casino Gymnasium to be opened April 30th. They say he has something new in the way of decorations for the Grand Opening.....And she sticks to her story too, I mean Mary (Coy) Wood She called to say it's the real thing this time, and she and Lester are Lohengrinning it as soon as he lands the contract for that new flying concern.....The Kaptia Women's City Club, The Alpha Woman's Rights Organization and the Philota Dinner Club all sent you "comps" for their formal parties coming off soon (Ed. Note: This is not a plea).....Frank (Ford Coupe) Anderson was in and said to keep "mum" on his affair with the young woman from Triple Creek Miss Waters, so we'll lay low on that for a while and wait for further developments.

Mick (Debutante) Mackenzie was in and said that story about her phoning people just to use the phone (Michigan Bell) was a bit screwy. But you know don't you Stan?.....The Senior Class men were in to present you with a box of cigars hoping you wouldn't rag the canes too much. They all broke out in them last Wash-day. They are rather cute though.....I found a new drink last night, here 'tis pal: 1/2 cup ginger ale, 1 snort of grape juice, a bit of lemon, orange, "coke", pineapple, cherry all mixed together in a pail, add ice, then let it trickle down, and go to bed prepared for the swellest "tummy" ache ever had.

Well Stanley, I'll see you in the A. M., in the meantime you might see what you can do on the Graham Ingold battle, the Hubbard-Vincent romance (?) and the Logan hysteria. They should all be choice morsels, especially.....buy the Alma Evening Sentinel and find out!

Phi Sigma Pi Writes Departmental Monographs

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daily reading time and again. If, then, one wishes to read with understanding, the elements of higher mathematics are essential if only for the vocabulary they give one.

The second class of students may be divided into five groups. These five groups are composed of: first, those who wish to teach mathematics in high schools; second, those who wish to take up mathematics as a science and perhaps continue past four years and obtain an accurate knowledge of higher mathematics; third, those contemplating statistical and actuarial work; fifth, those who divide their curriculum with Astronomy, Physics or fourth, those planning on engineering and applied mathematics and Chemistry.

The first of these groups, those who wish to teach in high schools are expected to take the regular unified course No. 13 and 14 and the course in advance analysis No. 21 and 22 which carries the student well into calculus, both differential and integral. The courses in College Geometry Nos. 35 and 36, courses 33 and 34 on the teaching of Secondary School Mathematics and History of Elementary Mathematics are specialized courses for prospective teachers. This course of study corresponds almost exactly with the course as given at the U. of M. There are also two one hour courses which could well be taken by this group namely Theory of Determinants and Spherical Trigonometry.

The second or scientific group follows a science curriculum of Freshman English, Elementary Chemistry, General Physics, both German and French and a few electives in Chemistry, Physics, Astronomy, Economics or Philosophy. The courses in the department consist of both mathematical analysis courses 12 and 13, 21 and 22 and the courses in advanced Calculus No. 31 and 32, Courses in College Geometry, Theory of Equations, Analytical Mechanics and the honors courses Nos. 45 and 46 which may include differential equations, vector analysis or any advanced course. Courses in Spherical Trigonometry, Theory of Errors and Determinants are also available to this type of Major. This course is essentially the same as that given at the U. of M. for undergraduates and should be continued into the Graduate School.

For the third group Alma College has little to offer other than a first two years' preparatory course which should be followed by study in statistics at some University. The Alma course would give besides English, Languages and electives Freshman Mathematics 13 and 14 second year mathematics 21 and 22, course No. 15 and 16 Mathematical Statistics and also a course in the Theory of Errors and Least Squares.

The fourth group, applied mathematics, also finds difficult at Alma for more than two years. The course for that period includes English, Languages, Physics, Chemistry, Astronomy and electives. The mathematics courses are 13, 14, 21, 22.

The last group of divided curricula is the one which finds the largest population in the mathematics department here. Those who are in this group have majors in two departments, one of which is Mathematics and the other may be Chemistry or Physics. This group also prepares well for graduate work in the field of their other specialty or in mathematics. The course of study includes English, Modern Languages (both French and German), Physics, Chemistry and electives as general courses. Advanced courses in Mathematics would include courses 13, 14, 21, 22, 31, 32, as well as some mathematics under the honors course system in Nos. 45 and 46. 47 and 48 are also advised for majors in Physics especially. The advanced courses for a major in Chemistry or Physics complete the curriculum. Graduate courses in Mathematics to follow up if a student should go to some University are Theory of Functions of a Real and a Complex Variable, Vector Analysis and Advanced Mechanics.

This survey of courses offered by hoped, will help prospective students who classify in any of these classes

or groups, to choose their schedule in such a way as to be in line with the general trends in all educational institutions of the first order. In all particulars covered by this report it is well to notice that the course of study compares very closely with that at the University of Michigan.

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**NEWS FROM MICH.
STATE DEPARTMENT**

Five questions at least are certain to be submitted to the voters of Michigan at the November election. Forms of petitions for four other proposed constitutional changes have been approved by the Department of State, but sufficient signa-

tures have not been filed with the department as yet, to insure places on the ballot.

Three of the questions will be placed on the ballot by mandate of the 1931 legislature. Two of the questions involve changes in election laws and the third is on the subject of pardons for those convicted of first degree murder.

The oleomargarine bill, adopted in 1931 and prohibiting the use of colored oleo, has been held in abey-

ance by the filing of referendum petitions and will be on the ballot for approval or disapproval of the voters.

The first proposal to change the constitution, instituted by petitions, calls for change in the prohibition statutes.

New Jersey is the latest state to be willing to extend complete reciprocity to other states in laws for passenger and commercial automobiles. A bill authorizing full reciprocity has just been adopted by that state. Twenty four other states have power to extend either complete or partial reciprocity.

All states interested in this subject are to attend a conference in Washington May 5. Michigan Department of State takes part in these conferences under authorization of a resolution adopted by the 1931 legislature, and a report is to be made to the 1933 legislature suggesting several changes whereby Michigan may reciprocate with other states in securing uniform motor vehicle registration and traffic laws.

With only a little more than one week remaining before May 1, Department of State records show that there are between 300,000 and 400,000 motorists whose old licenses expire on that date and who have not secured new automobile operators' licenses.

**Prof. Brokenshire Speaks
On College Traditions**

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stand "every man in place round about the camp" to enrich the traditions which shall pass on through our institutions to generations of future students; to enrich it with all our moral, social, scholastic and fraternal powers that our successors may have an increase in the richness of life through our efforts.

**Pres. Crooks and Trio
Around Detroit**

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ever one high school student came backstage after the program at Northwestern and voiced his approval by saying, "Youse guys is' the nertz."
This week programs are to be given in Big Rapids and Clare as a continuation of Alma's advertizing campaign.

**Co-ed Kidnapped;
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be put on the spot and he's a pretty good fellow.
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**MORE NEWS SLANTS
FROM OLYMPICS**

Can you imagine a body of men deliberately setting about to build a city for 3,000 people, with its own roads, its own water system with 8 miles of main, its own transportation system of 75 buses, its own hospital, bank, fire and police departments, motion picture theatre, 6 to 800 two room dwellings with every civilized convenience, its own dining hall 1200 feet long and administration building 700 feet long, doing the whole job in three months and taking the city complete apart at the end of the fifth month?

Can you?
Of course, you can't, because history will be utterly barren of precedents for the medley of architecture and landscaping set up like a toy city almost over night on the Baldwin Hills overlooking the scene of the Xth Olympiad at Los Angeles, housing the hopes of 40 nations and the bodies of 3,000 men, modestly titled Olympic Village.

"As an international center," says H. O. Davis, Director of the Olympic Village, a bit proudly, "Geneva, Switzerland will sink into obscurity next to our little village, at least during the celebration of the Xth Olympiad, July 30th to August 14th inclusive."

FROM ANCIENT TO MODERN
Plutarch, Roman historian, tells in his "Lives" of Theseus, son of one Aegeus, who collected all the diverse peoples of ancient Greece under his leadership and founded Athens as their common residence. Theseus must have been a glutton for punishment, but he certainly did not have the hair greying responsibility of the Xth Olympiad Organizing Committee to minister to the individual health, appetites, comfort, peace of mind, and whims of 3,000

men drawn all the way from the land of kayaks and kippered herrings to the sunny lands of the Rumba and the hot tomale.

INTERNATIONAL MEDLEY

\$500,000 has been set aside for the construction of the village alone. The Olympic Village will occupy a plot of ground approximately 1/2 mile square. The 7-800 two room cottages housing four athletes apiece have been planned with such complete and varying detail as to appeal to the artistic sense of everyone, and that is a tremendous task when "everyone" stands for average Olympic athlete, famous for his tantrums during the intensive training.

Cottages and Landscape will represent four general types, Norman-French, English, Mexican farmhouse, and Indian pueblo.

To the simple lad from the country will go the simple dwelling typical of Mexico, to the blond haired lad from merry England will go the quaint architecture of his land, a dash of home loving Germany here, a spark of Latin gaiety, there, to each according to the flavor of home and country.

PERFECTION IN GASTRONOMY

What is true of the housing program is true of the culinary program.
"Bring your own chef and send in your proposed diet at least three months before the Games," says the Organizing Committee, "and we guarantee the gastronomical contentment of the 1932 Olympic army."

\$2 per day per athlete is the official total cost to the various national committees, although the actual cost to the American Organizing Committee will average about 2 1/2 times that petite sum.

As in the Spartan training camp of old, the 1932 Olympic athletes will dine in six low-lying, composition board buildings totaling 1,000 feet in length and divided into private sections for the individual use of each national group.

Various American food laboratories under the direction of the Organizing Committee are busy as the proverbial bees filling the dietary requirements of the various lands so that Hans may have his kraut and rye bread and Mikosh his Hungarian goulash, while young Abdool of India gets the proper liquid refreshment.

TWIXT MOUNTAINS AND SEA

This then is the International Village of 1932, where the polyglot tongues of 40 nations will blend in one chorus of good fellowship.

Perched snugly on a mesa overlooking the Pacific at 15 minutes travel to the west with its resorts and special bathing facilities to be afforded to the athletes, facing the blue haze of the mountains and the panorama of the city below, here the Olympic athlete of 1932 will find his residence.

**Some Spring Songs
Translated from the Chinese by
"Prof."**

Spring Dawn
by Meng Hao Jan (689-740 A. D.)
Dreaming in the Spring-before one wakes 'tis dawn;
All about one hears birds twittering on the lawn.
In the night has come the sound of wind and rain;
Who can ever tell how many flowers are gone?

The Garden Party
By Chang Chien
(Second Century B. C.)
These flowers to those of last year so similar do appear;
And yet of us each man is older by a year.
Alas, that human lives are not like those of flowers!
And so I drink, lamenting man's swiftly passing hours.

You, brothers, cannot stay with me to comfort and console,
For you are called upon to play, each one, his special role.
But we'll gather here together when again the Spring flowers bloom,
And in their fragrance pass the cup and draw all thoughts of doom.

The Afternoon Nap
By Li Po (705-762 A. D.)
This life of ours is but a passing dream,
So why should such a strife for things be made?
'Tis better far to loiter in the shade,
And sip a draught of wine I so esteem.

And when I wake I hear a wee bird sing.

Across the courtyard in his leafy bower.
I wonder dazedly about the hour;
The Oriole replies, "It is the Spring;
Too bad I've slept away the afternoon;
So now another gobletful I pour,
And wait to sing a welcome to the moon;
But soon I slumber drunkenly once more.

Springtime
From the Odes (at least 1000 B. C.)
Deep in the forest a dead fawn lies,
The long grass hides her from prying eyes.
With happy thoughts as is right in Spring,
The maiden sweet goes wandering
With a youth who is just philandering.

In a leafy dell the dwarf oaks rise;
Deep in the forest a dead fawn lies,
The long grass hides her from prying eyes.
And beauty, sparkling like a jewel,
Sheds radiance through the glades so cool.

"Oh, please be careful of my hair,
To muss it so is quite unfair;
And pray don't be so noisy, hark!
You'll make my father's watchdog bark."

Who Cares?
From the Odes
If, my dear man, you love me true,
I'll come wading across the ford to you;
But if your heart turns cold to me,
There are plenty of other fish in the sea
They're thick as leaves upon a tree,
And so, you silly fool, adieu!

Insomnia
By Shao Yung (1011-1077 A. D.)
The water clock long since ran down,
The incense stick burned out;
The chilly breeze of midnight has put the birds to rout;
The beauty of the flowers of Spring has chased all thought of sleep,
For through the blinds the moonbeams cast fragrant shadows deep.

Keep Off the Grass
By Yeh Shih (1150-1223)
The verdant park is closed against the trampling crowd;
No gateman comes to answer our knocking long and loud.
But all of Springtime's beauties can't quite be shut away,
For o'er the jealous wall projects a pink flowered almond spray.

Ready for the Party
By Li Po
We have wine methinks for a hundred drinks;
Lets us drown away all sorrow,
The night so clear should bring good cheer
With no thought of the morrow.
Let us chat once more of the days of yore,
And the friends we loved the best;
For the shining moon won't let us soon
Retire to take our rest,
If we drink too free we may agree
To sleep on the mountain side,
With the earth our bed and the sky o'er head
Our blanket thick and wide.

Cherry Blossoms
Author unknown (17th Century)
Around me silence the cherry tree blooms,
Their branches bowed down with the soft snowy load;
And viewed from afar in the gathing gloom,
The hill seems to rise from a fleecy white cloud.

But hark! through the twilight so sweet and so clear,
The silvery notes from the temple bells sound;
And though the vibration caresses the ear,
It shakes the white petals like snow to the ground.
How sad 'tis to think that in such a brief hour
All earthly ideals and ambitions are shattered;
How quickly they pass or diminish in power,
As the petals of white cherry blossoms are scattered!

Appreciation
Author unknown (18th Century)
The bright moon shining in the sky,
The river rippled by the breeze,
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