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Scots Open Season With Grand Rapids J C Tonight

Will Meet Hillsdale for First M. I. A. A. Game This Friday.

Tonight, the Scots open the basketball season officially against Grand Rapids Junior College here in the Memorial gymnasium at 8:15. There will be no preliminary.

The Jaycees, coached by John Bos, usually have a scrapping five, but as the roster changes from year to year indications as to the strength of the squad from the previous year is not worth much.

The Scots are expected to start a veteran line-up consisting of John Volk at center, Mel Fuller and Riley Block at forwards, Kelly Beach and Al Glance at guards. The second string five at present is Lyle Bennett and Ben Ewer, forwards; Fritz Malcolm, center; and Steve Keglovitz and "Pinky" Dawe, guards.

These fives are not final, as Coach Argyle has reserved the right to pick new combinations as he sees fit. In Fraser Malcolm, Argyle sees a regular in the offing.

Friday night, the Scots again meet in the gym to take on the Hillsdale quintette for the first MIAA start of the season. The 'Dales open the season under their new deal that sent Clifford Weatherwax up as head basketball coach.

The 'Dales are expected to send a line-up of football players led by the Stanich brothers, Frank and Albert.

Mr. Owen, '30, is Soloist on M. S. C. Concert Program

On Thursday of last week William H. Owen, who graduated from Alma College in 1930, was one of the soloists at a concert given by the Michigan State Symphony Orchestra of 60, directed by Michael Press.

Mr. Owen is a pianist, who after graduating from Alma received a scholarship during his first year at the music school at Michigan State. After he received his degree, he was retained as an assistant in the department, where he acted as instructor in piano.

PORTER TO PLAY FOR PHI DANCE

Annual Christmas Party to Be Held at the Park Hotel Dec. 17th.

Bill Porter and his orchestra will play for the annual Phi Phi Alpha Fraternity Christmas dance which will be held at the Park Hotel on Tuesday, December 18, according to a recent announcement by Edward Goggin, who is the chairman of the social committee.

This party, which is an informal dance has become one of the traditional events of the winter social season at Alma College. It occurs each year just before the Christmas holidays.

Sub-committees to make the necessary preparations for the affair were appointed by Mr. Goggin as follows: orchestra, Russell Ludwig; transportation, in case the party is an out-of-town affair, Ansel Christopherson and William Hopkins; invitations, James Day; and decorations, Wilson Block.

NEW GIRLS FORMALLY PLEDGED BY THETAS

Helen Walker, the president of Alpha Theta, read the formal pledge service to thirteen girls, Monday night, December 12.

Preceding this pledging, all Alpha Thetas enjoyed dinner served at a table decorated in rose and gray. Each new girl became the "little sister" of a member. After the meeting the "little sisters" were entertained at the theatre.

Pro and con are just prefixes with opposite meanings. Example: progress and congress.—O. Swish.

Art Carty is Picked Best Cage Coach in Detroit City League

According to the Detroit Free Press on Wednesday of last week Art "Red" Carty of Northwestern High School was chosen as the best basketball coach in the City League.

One of the Free Press reporters was questioning the coaches on their past and present and future seasons and when he asked whom they would pick as the best basketball coach in the City League, five fellow coaches unhesitatingly named Art Carty. Two of the five questioned believed that Carty ranked with some of the outstanding college coaches.

Art Carty (better known as Red) was a member of the class of '25, and when he attended Alma, he was an all-around athlete of the first rank. In his junior year he was captain of the M. I. A. A. Championship basketball team and on the all M. I. A. A. team. He was a member of the Zeta Sigma Fraternity.

25 GIRLS GIVEN A SORORITY BID

Alpha Thetas Get 13; Kappa Iotas 6; and the Philomatheans 6.

On Monday, November 26th, the three sororities of Alma college gave bids to twenty-five new girls, marking the end of six weeks of open rushing and one week of closed rushing. The Alpha Thetas bid thirteen, the Kappa Iotas, six, the Philomatheans, six.

Alpha Theta received into their group Aletha Hapner, Alma; Betty Dickinson, Alma; Harriett Howe, Breckenridge; Madeline Bale, Alma; Charlotte Temple, Flint; June Tindall, Fremont; Eleanor Burgess, Detroit; Rea Wark, Peck; Pauline Dionese, Ithaca; Pauline Chick, Birmingham; Ruth Westendorf, Mt. Clemens; Grace Matthews, Elk Rapids; Margaret McCreedy, Calling.

The Philomathean pledges are Helen Short, Alma; Virginia Church, Alma; Ruth Malcolm, Three Rivers; Dorothy Digby, Lansing; Dorothy Foster, Bad Axe; and Virginia McClellan, St. Louis.

Those bid by the Kappa Iotas are Mary Alice Damon, Fenton; Irene Folkert, Oxford; June Crawford, Oxford; Betty Jane Swarthout, Alma; Betty Fraker, Saginaw; and Alice Bronson, Alma.

Stan Bussard Named New Zeta President

At the elections of the Zeta Sigma Fraternity, which were held just before the Thanksgiving vacation, the following were elected to the respective offices.

President.....Stanley Bussard
Vice president.....John Volk
Secretary.....Mack Crooks
First Critic.....Kellogg Beach
Second Critic.....Bruce York
Corresponding Sec.Earle Tomes
Social Secretary.....Cyril Lewis
Keeper of the Archives...Joe Bell
Sergeant at Arms.....Louis Wiser

This election marks the beginning of the second of the three terms during the school year. The above men will serve until the spring term. The offices of treasurer, house manager and assistant house manager are elected in the spring for the entire year.

TOD ROCKWELL HERE FRIDAY FOR BANQUET

Sixteen Members of Football Team Are Announced as Letter Winners.

"All that stands between you and the other fellow is atmosphere, and the primary object of the whole game of football is to try and get through it first. I hope that next season you will be out there, realizing this fact, and thus will carry through to victory," said Tod Rockwell, sports editor of the Detroit Free Press to the Alma College football squad at the banquet held at Wright Hall last Friday night.

Mr. Rockwell, the principal speaker of the evening, continued with a series of most interesting incidents that took place in the sports world this year, running over a brief review of Michigan's year, and by this team characterizing teams in general. He emphasized the importance of daring in the game, of playing heads up ball every minute, and above all to take it standing up, and concluded by renewing old experiences of the game when he played Alma and with a tribute to the Alma system.

From the moment when Doctor Weimer, distinguished toastmaster par-excellence, arose to introduce the Coach and the other speakers, the affair was entirely informal. Coach introduced the members of the team, and he announced the presentation of letters to Bussard, Clack, Erickson, L. Block, W. Block, Fuller, Dean, Vitek, Glance, York, Keglovitz, Mack, Dawe, Ewer, Fortino and Washburn. Those men who were out all year and played but not sufficiently enough to earn a letter were: Darbee, Bennett, Mann, Malcolm, Purdy and Fraker.

Dr. Gordon Lamb spoke for the alumni, and expressed the hope that next year would see the return of the championship banner to Alma. Prof. Hamilton, speaking for the faculty set forth three ideas to be considered in the game. First, to negate the money urge from the game; secondly, not to train the individual but rather have the game for the development and fun of all; and thirdly, to have the best possible physical and mental equipment furnished for all by playing the game.

Charles Goggin made plain the sentiments of the downtown business men and said the team had been a source of pleasure and gratification to them.

Riley and Wadge Block, the Alma all M.I.A.A. selections this year, gave a few words and in their characteristically modest way, told of how pleased they were to be able to play with the present team.

Helen Walker, then for the girls, told the team that they were still true champions in the hearts of all the Alma women fans, whether the M. I. A. A. ranking said so or not. She ended by giving the nicknames of the players, which were both fitting and embarrassing.

Stan Bussard, co-captain of the team, then said a few words and gave best wishes to next year's group.

Kappa Iotas Hold Peppy Open House

On Saturday evening, December 8, the Kappa Iota Sorority held open-house in the reception room of Wright Hall. Cards, games, and dancing furnished the entertainment for those present.

Patronesses and guests were: Prof. and Mrs. J. W. Ewer, Dr. and Mrs. Schreiber, Mrs. R. R. Campbell, Miss Banta, and Miss Gesner.

College Choir To Present Christmas Concert Sunday

Y. W. C. A. to Give Annual Christmas Party December 17

Jean Fowler, president of the Y. W. C. A. has appointed several committees to make preparations for the annual Christmas party given by this group for needy children of Alma, Monday, December 17.

Florence McCallum is performing the duties of general chairman. Jane Allen will purchase and supervise the decorating of the Christmas tree. Molly Parrish and Marguerite Witt will see that each child is given a toy. Jean Currie and Florence Schwartz are in charge of the food for the evening. Betty Jane Welch will direct the games. Dorothy Glass will provide transportation facilities for the children.

Each girl in the hall will bathe, dress, or take a child into dinner. The girls are also dressing dolls. To be presented to each small feminine guest.

DE REMER CHOSEN FOR ZETA PARTY

Formal Dinner Dance to Be at Midland Country Club This Saturday.

The elaborate plans which have long been in progress for the annual Zeta Sigma formal, which will be given this Saturday night, December 15, were completed last week with the selection of Cecil DeRemer and his orchestra from Bay City to furnish the music.

This year the Zetas and their alumni and guests will dine and dance in the beautiful dining room of the new and very modernistic Midland Country Club. Something new and different is planned for programs and favors.

Since homecoming a number of the alumni have announced their intentions of attending, so that a large group is expected back in addition to the members that are planning to attend. The chaperones for the party will be Dean Florence Steward, Deam James Mitchell, and Professor and Mrs. J. W. Ewer.

The committees that have been making the arrangements for this dinner-dance are: General Chairman, Emery Kendall; Music, Parker Lofthouse; Programs, Earle Tomes and Weyant Pangborn; Chaperones, John Volk; and Transportation, Mack Crooks and Ben J. W. Ewer.

Member of Original Alma Faculty Died Monday, November 26

On Monday, November 26th Miss Katherine Louise Booth, one of the members of the original Alma College, which began in 1887, died in her home in Detroit.

Miss Booth was an instructor of drawing and painting at Alma for 25 years. She was born in Kalamazoo, but for forty-four years of her life she was a resident of Detroit where she has been living since her retirement in 1912.

A Christian Science service was held on Wednesday, November 28th in the William C. Hamilton Chapel.

Question: Give for any one year the number of bales of cotton exported from the United States.

Answer found on high school exam paper: Yeas, 1491, none.

Miss Roberts to Be Organ Soloist at This 4:30 Vesper Service.

On Sunday, December 16, the Alma College A Cappella Choir of more than sixty-five voices under the direction of Professor J. W. Ewer will present their fourth annual Christmas Concert at four-thirty in the Presbyterian church.

The soloists on the program will be Miss Grace Roberts at the organ, Miss Edna Parker and Mr. Elwin Carter. The concert will be given as a candlelight vesper service. The program is as follows:

PROGRAM
Organ Prelude:
The Infant Jesus.....Yon
The Christmas Pipes of County
Clare.....Gaul
(This old tune "The Leading of the Star" written about the seventeenth century, is one of the most popular in Irish carols. It was used in Procession with flutes, oboes and pipes.)
Miss Roberts
Choir:
Fierce Roared the Tempest....Candlyn
Humming Chorus (Finlandia)...Sibelius
Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming, Praelorius
O Gladsome Light.....Arkhangelsky
A Cappella Choir
Solo:
Behold Darkness Shall Cover the Earth
Recitative.....Messiah by Handel
The People that Walked in Darkness—
Aria.....Messiah by Handel
Mr. Elwin Carter
Choir:
Lord for Thy Tender Mercy's
Sake.....Farraut
Carol of the Birds, French Carol
Arr by Cain
Lord of Spirits.....F. A. Reissiger
Cherubim Song.....Bortnyanski
A Cappella Choir
Offertory:
Pastoral Symphony (from the
Messiah).....Handel
Miss Roberts
Choir:
The First Noel.....Traditional
The Birthdays of a King.....Needham
We Three Kings of Orient Are, Hopkins
Carols of the Night.....M. E. Laydn
Silent Night.....M. E. Laydn
A Cappella Choir

This will be the first of a number of concerts given by the choir and music department throughout the year. There will not be any admission charge, but there will be a silver offering taken to raise money for the music used by the choir throughout the year.

This concert aims at ten weeks of rehearsals and will offer to the people of Alma and students of the College the opportunity to hear something musically beautiful that they can not afford to miss.

Alma's protest of the Hope game was denied in a report given by the Judge-Advocate, DeGay Ernst, before the M. I. A. A. Board meeting at Albion last Friday, December 6.

Mr. Ernst had discussed the question with several Big-Ten officials and their ideas, which were very wisely adopted by Mr. Ernst were: "That irrespective of the merits of the protest, the game of football is bigger than any one game, and therefore they thought it would be a big mistake to overrule the officials because of the precedent that would be established". The game stands at 6-6 and Hope's tie with Kazoo is a sure thing, now.

In connection with this, however, the Board drew up a list of approved officials, who may be assigned to games by the judge-advocate. It was also decided to play off ties for the championship on a neutral floor.

The annual field day, golf and tennis tournaments were awarded to Kalamazoo. Golf will be Friday and Saturday afternoon. The tennis championship was revised, so that there will be a single championship based on points through the regular season and field day tournament.

The association also is considering the possibility of developing a plan of playing two association games between colleges in football and gradually eliminating outside competition. A report on this will be made at the May meeting of the directors.

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Miss Hapner Receives Highest Mid-Semester Marks in Frosh Class

According to the mid-semester marks, which were given out just before the Thanksgiving holidays, there are three members of the freshman class with averages above 2.50. Of these three Aletha Hapner heads the list with 15 credits, 40 honor points, and a 2.67 average. The other two are Edward Heth and Wayne Forrester, each with an average of 2.56.

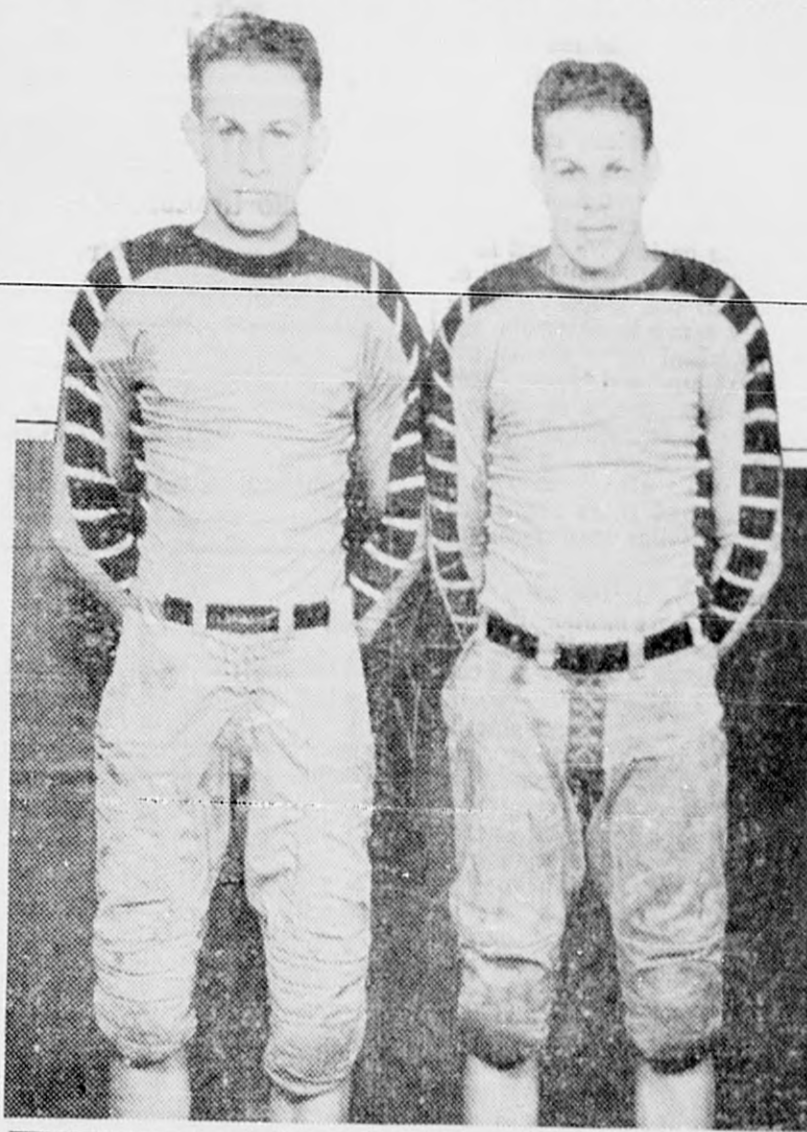
There are six others in the class that rank above 2.00. They are Grace Mathews and Alice Bunting 2.27, Alice Bronson 2.25, Fred Meyer 2.14, and George Walker and Mary Alice Damon 2.00.

Other students that are in the upper third of their class are as follows: Byron Stephens and Jane Wright 1.94; Beatrice Brooks 1.93, Lawrence Phillips 1.88, Eleanor Burgess, Irene Folkert, and George Schumm 1.81, Elwin Carter 1.80, Betty Dickinson, Alfred Jenkins, and Robert Thorn 1.75, Ruth Malcolm 1.73, Joseph Kennedy 1.71, Harold Dean, Herbert Peters, and Ruth Westendorf 1.69.

Mid-semester marks, however, are only to show the student how he is progressing and that the honor points and averages are actually credited.

Wright Hall Motto: Dates before Dishes.

On All M. I. A. A. Football Team



WILSON BLOCK, End

LeROY BLOCK, Quarter

the knees and shoulders are barred at all times, and the use of the flying wedge is taboo, except in protecting the "dummy".

(Substitutions) (9) No substitution for a player may be made after an opponent has led a card. (10) Substitutes may be sent in for "dummy" at any time it appears to the coaches that the "dummy" is groggy, disinterested or blotto.

(11) Piling on is permissible only in the case of the player who keeps an ace until it is too late to take a trick with it, and in such instance the player is penalized 15 yards for holding in the line.

And while we are on this subject, let us bring this interesting news squib a bit of thought. "Ghandi gives up spinning wheel for sewing machine", reads a head in a recent paper. But he is still one step behind the modern American woman, who has given up the sewing machine for contract bridge.

At the Frolic—"Doc": Are you thinking of me, dearest?

Ethel: "Oh, was I laughing? I'm so sorry."

Free Verse—Have One

He put his arms around her
As he drew her near
And then he gently kissed her
And whispered in her ear:
She listened, then she nodded,
And they talked in quiet tone—
The girlie was his sister,
He was asking for a loan.

Dedicated to Doc Randel's Intelligent Fence Foiling Cow:
Oh, see the placid mooly cow
Behind the pasture fence;
It looks so dumb I feel somehow
It hasn't any sense.
Its dopy eyes just blink and blink;
It acts the way it oughtn't,
And when it's milked I do not think
It knows that it's important!

Mack Crooks: Did Chaucer have a stenographer?

Hammy: No! Of course not.
Mack: Well, just look at all the misspelled words.

Tenny studied one night last week.

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Central State—
Central State has a new one for the lost and found department. The whereabouts of 47 alumni is the thing sought. Try the radio. Central's Bearcats opened the college season by taking a 43-14 trimming at the hands of M. S. C. Hoping we can do the same, we are—

Hope College—"Dutch" the editor (is Rogers Dutch?) is putting out a real weekly with 7 columns and all the fixings. An "Alley Oop" party is their latest with everyone going native. Now is that nice. Their cage opener was played to the tune of a 26-17 victory over Ferris.

Olivet—
A debate on "Is Dutch Dating Desirable" was won by the affirmative. Great idea and its catching too. Hope is to have a Dutch Date Week. Now if we could only get our Scotch lassies to look at it in the right way. The punning plague seems to be Olivet's greatest problem now. All punsters should be punched, punished, or put in the penitentiary.

Michigan State—
Their first debate is to be over WKAR at two o'clock on December 6. We'll bet our Ad building that they still can't get any one to listen to them.

Albion—
The Britons met the Detroit Tech basketball squad last night with a team that included five

regulars, but certain sophomores are making their positions far from sure. Their debaters open this week with the U. of M. Hillsdale—

Hillsdale opens the M. I. A. A. season with Alma Friday with Weatherwax doing the coaching for the first time. Not bad getting a veteran team your first year.

M. I. A. A.—
The Board urges the playing of association games earlier in the season—the reason for the early Alma-Hillsdale game. It looks like it is to be two games between each M. I. A. A. football team or a bigger association.

Our Doctor's Thesis---

By O. SWISH, B. S.
Z. RHOE S. B.

Herman: Mr. Riley, what is the plural of hippotamus?
Pat: It is h-ip-p-o-- oh, well, who'd want more than one of them things.

The following (presumably from one of the autobiographies that were handed in early this year to Doc. Randels) is at least frank. "My father was a raiser of hogs— There was quite a family of us . . ."

The average frosh, deep down in his heart, believes still:
That both offices have their eye personally on him.

That, maybe, some of the profs do have a better side, if appealed to.

That college is much harder than high school.

That Uncle Charlie knows all the answers.

That the Almanians are just one big happy family.
That Spencer will eventually pop with apoplexy (or something).

That any student having been here for seven years is automatically graduated and given a pension.

And that Alma can be assured of a rosy future now that he is here.

O. Swish
Z. Roe

It may or may not be significant to you, gentle readers, but there it is—Both Franklin D. and his son, when applying for football tickets for the Harvard Athletic Association, gave their permanent addresses, the White House.

In reply to numerous requests from the ardent bride fans we are at last publishing the new and approved Collegiate Bridge Rules for 1925. (1) Feel free to criticize your partner. He will do much better as a result.

(2) Always trump your partner's tricks. Never take a chance.

(3) Don't try to remember any rules. They just confuse you.

(4) Disagree with all established rules and conventions. People will know you are a person of independent mind.

(5) If holding poor cards, expose an honor and demand a redeal.

(6) Eat taffy, caramels, or other highly adhesive candies while playing; it keeps the cards from skidding.

(Unnecessary Roughness) (7) Clipping and straight arming are illegal, except in cases where a partner refuses twice to return your lead.

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Speeches and Meetings Keep Pres. Crooks on The Road for a Week

The past week-end has been a real busy one for President Crooks due to speeches and meetings throughout the state, and the next few days are offering no let up with various activities filling the remainder of the week.

Last Friday Dr. Crooks spoke to the Royal Oak Men's Club, and from there he went to Lansing for the conference of the North Central Colleges of Michigan. The following day was taken up with speeches to four different groups. His time was divided among a Pontiac church, a Birmingham church, and the Young Friend's Societies of Palmer Park and Birmingham.

His activities for this week begin tonight with a speech at the Kalamazoo Presbyterian Church to the Men's Club of that church. Wednesday and Thursday will be taken up with a business trip to Chicago. As his plans stand now President Crooks will take time out Friday, and then finish up the week at the Calvary Church, Detroit, on the evening of Saturday.

BENEFIT SHOW FOR MEMORIAL HOSPITAL

The Woman's Auxiliary of R. B. Smith Memorial Hospital, will sponsor a benefit show at the Strand Theater, Alma, next Wednesday afternoon, December 12th. An entertainment feature will be presented at 2:30 o'clock and at 3:00 o'clock the film "Jane Eyre" will be shown. Admission will be canned fruits, vegetables or pickles, and a table will be placed near the door to receive the gifts.

We knew that Bob King comes back in the hope of making the Campusology column (of course Florence is one reason too), so we will give him a break this time.

CAMPUSED

Little girl, you're crying, I know why you're blue,
Someone took your privileges away,
Better go to sleep now,
Little girl, you've had a busy day,
Roomie likes your fellow, tell you what we'll do,
You can get a new one right away,
Better go to sleep now,
Little girl, you've had a busy day,
You've been playing truant and had a lot of fun,
And now your fun is out of sight,
Better brush your teeth and await the rising sun,
Your fun is over for tonight,
Time to stop your scheming,
Time your day was through,
Can't you hear your roommate say, in spite,
"Time you should be dreaming."
The little girl will have a busy night.
—Louise Hurst.

Food For The Fed Up

Most of us students are living for the sensation of the hour, and we find that it's profoundly unsatisfying. It's like trying to live wholly on marshmallow sundaes with cherries on top—pure sensations but minus real satisfaction. We can't live on it. We must have bread and butter, solid food; or we will be fed up and still hungry. We are living in an age characterized by a sensational stage, sensational dress, sensational literature, a sensational press, and sensational everything else, except sensational souls and consequently our lives have at times become as dull as a knife that won't cut bread.

Food for the fed up is not found in the sensationalism of the moment, but rather in the common-place belief in one God.

The joy of the artist absorbed in his dream of beauty, his lump of clay, his canvas, his sheet of paper; the joy of the musician drunk with the sweetness of his melodies; the joy of the thinker lost in the inspiration of the Muses; the joy of the chemist engrossed in the elements of God's handiwork; the joy of the worker with hands calloused from sacrificial service; these are the ecstasies of men who have found the one thing which has seemingly made life seem worthwhile.—It is a belief in God.

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