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Campus Darkened by Approach of Blue Books

RUTH EDMUNDS AND LESLIE OLDT WIN THE ORATORICAL CONTESTS

WILL REPRESENT INSTITUTION AT THE STATE MEET IN KALAMAZOO

WOMEN'S CONTEST

One of the most keenly contested women's oratorical contests ever held in Alma College was held last Wednesday evening in the chapel. The judges' vote for places resulted in tying Esther Oldt and Ruth Edmunds for first place. Elma Bishop was given second place. In order to break the tie it was necessary to resort to the percentage system. As a result Miss Edmunds was given first place with Miss Oldt second by a very small percentage. Miss Bishop was then given third place.

The title of the winning oration was "Pride and Prejudice." Miss Edmunds voiced a protest against the tendency of Americans to feel superior to all other races and nationalities. Our prejudice is poorly based when we consider that Confucius, Dante, Michael Angelo and others came from the people whom we seem to despise particularly. To establish the proper attitude for the other races of mankind we should regard human personality as sacred, realize that each race has a distinct contribution to humanity, and acknowledge the truth that all men are brothers. America has become the leader of the world and to maintain her supremacy she must first of all conquer the race problem in the right way.

"The Song of the Highway" was the title of Miss Oldt's oration. She showed that man's progress was the result of his mastery of self and his creative power. Later his creative power became strong enough to master him and civilizations have been crushed by their own creations. In the twentieth century man again faces the danger of being overthrown by his own creations. The new things of today are in the hands of old sins and man is threatened by his own genius. His salvation rests in his realization that modern science creates great opportunities as well as great dangers and his creative efforts must be properly directed.

Miss Bishop spoke on "The Product of Neglect." She dwelt on the prevalence of crime in the world today. The crime wave is due to poverty, bad companionship, and ignorance and is given its impetus almost universally in childhood. She plead for a sympathetic treatment of children as a check on criminality.

Miss Bonnie Cameron gave an oration entitled, "Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness," which dwelt with an interpretation of those words. The analysis of the paper was very good, and had been well thought out.

Miss Bertha Woodhurst's oration entitled "Superstition" was highly received. According to the speaker, everyone is superstitious. Man still reacts emotionally to things he feared in the dark ages. Using this as a theme, the actions of the present day were interpreted.

"College Spirits" by Vera Ranch was filled with points of humor which held her audience. She considered college spirit from the view of the townspeople, the collegians themselves, and then gave her view of what college spirit should be.

Dr. Russel Will Visit College in February

Dr. Daniel Russell, pastor of the Rutgers Presbyterian church of New York City will be the guest of the college for a week during February. He will be here as a special preacher. Dr. Russell is an especially rigorous speaker, counted of large ability and acquaintance with young people.

MEN'S CONTEST

The men's oratorical contest, hotly and highly interesting, took place in the College Chapel Thursday evening, January 15. The closeness of the decision is clearly shown by the fact that no two judges gave the same man a first place. Each one of the five contestants was ranked first by one of the judges. When the smoke cleared away, Leslie Oldt, a freshman, was found to be winner. Wilmer Patton received second place.

The orators were Romaine Hogan, Sinclair Tebo, Leslie Oldt, Herbert Nesbit, and Wilmer Patton. They presented their speeches in the order given.

Romaine Hogan, the first speaker of the evening, gave an excellent oration entitled, "The Pathway of Peace." He called attention to the universal cry of humankind for peace and told of the renewed hope for World Peace which had grown out of the World War. The League of Nations or the World Court are the best visible means of attaining this end, and deserve endorsement. It was the opinion of the judges that Hogan has great possibilities. Much is expected of him in the next three years. "Shapers of Destiny," was the title of Sinclair Tebo's oration. Thought as a background for all action was the central idea, Constructive thinking—thinking that is dynamic together with vitality, forms the cornerstone for all progress. Mr. Tebo's speech was forceful and his material was presented with the greatest of earnestness.

Leslie Oldt commented upon the newspapers of the country in his oration, "The Silent Force." He spoke of the important place the press holds in our lives, and the way in which its great influence is carelessly used and made to serve personal or material ends. The need, he avowed, was for leadership, men in control who can use their power for the good of mankind. Mr. Oldt's oration was considered the best by the judges, and he was awarded first place.

"The Responsibility of the Individual" was Herbert Nesbit's subject. Liberty is dependent upon the responsibility of the individual. Success lies in our democratic government, but unless we realize our share in it, it must fail. We must conquer our carelessness and indifference and dedicate our lives to "constitutional observance." Mr. Nesbit's oration held in it valuable material which had been well prepared, and was enthusiastically received by his listeners.

Wilmer Patton wound up the evening's addresses with a "hot shot" oration on "Cliques and Clans." Mr. Patton (Continued on page three)

Williams, '22, Does Well As Coach

Roy Williams is evidently making good as athletic director and teacher at Cook Academy, Montour Falls, N. Y. President Crooks received in the office recently a copy of the Cook Academy bulletin in which the principal of Cook Academy speaks of the great success of the team and the unusual development of individual players under Williams' instruction. In addition to the inter-scholastic contest Roy evidently operates a great many inter-class games, teaches some history and algebra, and is active in the work of the Baptist church and the Y. M. C. A. It may interest Roy's old associates in Pioneer Hall to know that the principal of the Academy speaks of him as a splendid coach and a disciplinarian of fine ability.

WILL MEET NORMALS TWICE

Fears that had been entertained in some quarters that Central Normal and Alma College would not meet on the basket ball court this year have apparently been dispelled. It is reported that two dates have now been tentatively agreed upon.

The first game is to be staged at Mt. Pleasant on Wednesday, February 11.

The Alma game will be played on Friday, March 13th, showing that the Maroon and Cream has no fears of either Friday or 13.

M. I. A. A. SCORES

Scores of games in which Michigan Intercollegiate teams participated during the past week follow:

At Alma—Alma College 32, Michigan State Normal 18

At Charlotte—Kalamazoo College 24, Olivet 23

At Mt. Pleasant—Central Normal 29, Michigan State 23

At Ypsilanti—Michigan State 32, Hillsdale College 24

DEBATE PROSPECTS APPEAR FAVORABLE

Hope, Albion, Ypsi and Olivet Are League Comba's on Schedule.

Since the choosing of the varsity debate squad the task of building two teams to defend Alma's honors on the platform has gone forward steadily. The men selected in the preliminaries are Affirmative, Claire Tebo, Frank Prouty, Carroll Clark, Clifford Fildev and Cecil MacDonald; Negative, Ronald Harris, Carl Wood, Steve Nesbit and Leslie Turner. Although Alma suffered the loss of five members of last year's teams, Manager of Debate, Ronald Harris, being the only regular back in school, the men are working hard on the question and hope to make a creditable showing in the coming debates. There will be four League debates participated in by Alma teams. These being with Hope College, Albion College, Michigan State Normal School, and Olivet College.

The men at present are meeting at the College Library every Wednesday and Thursday evenings in a study group. Under the able leadership of Mr. Sharrar they are getting their material well in hand and will be ready to present strong cases in their first encounter, February the thirteenth. Through the kindness and assistance of Miss Ward all the available material in the library is being searched to clear up difficult phases of the question.

The present question is different from that discussed last year. Last season's proposition on Unemployment Insurance was very economic in nature. This year's, dealing with restriction of the powers of the Supreme Court of the United States is very historical and political in subject matter and background. It is a question which is drawing a considerable amount of attention at the present time and for that reason is expected to interest the public more than the average debating question over its bounds of power as they are given in the Constitution, and others believe the Supreme Court entirely within its rights. There is plenty of material on both sides and an interesting debate is assured when the arguments pro and con are presented on the platform.

President Crooks is to be the speaker at the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon tomorrow noon.

SEMESTER'S CLOSE MARKED BY UNREST

Exams Which Begin Thursday Dampen Ardor of College Spirit on Campus.

The spirit of the Alma campus during the past week has fallen to the lowest ebb of the year, due to the expectations of final examinations. The finals, which begin Thursday morning at seven-fifty o'clock and last until five-fifteen o'clock the following Wednesday have brought with them the usual influx of last minute scanning and preparation.

During the past week, the lights of Wright Hall and Pioneer Hall have been burning brightly well past the midnight hour, and without doubt, the electric light bill in both buildings will probably be somewhat greater during the next few days. In the individual rooms, the Cosmopolitan, Judge, Saturday Evening Post, has been replaced by the textbook. The pen has been replaced by the typewriter in the matter of correspondence. The pencil and dictionary of the cross-word puzzle has been replaced by the Foreign Language dictionary and notebook.

A number of students have been asked, "Do you think this semester has been a difficult one?" Without one exception, the answer has been, "There has been more work handed out this semester than ever before." Whether this contention is correct or not cannot be determined at this time. When the "high pressure" period is over, and all examinations are complete, an unbiased estimation of the amount of work can be made.

The bluebook means a strain on the nervous stamina of the student, but it also means several days of gruelling work for the members of the faculty. All scholastic activities will cease during the days of Thursday and Friday, January 30 and 31, that the bluebooks may be corrected and an inventory made of the work done during the past months.

That's that until next semester.

Alma Takes Kindly to Detroit Forwards

For the past five years, Alma has favored Detroit forwards. It happens that the downstate city has always sent to Alma the best of offensive men. In 1921 Kirker and Richards, of Detroit held the two forward positions. In 1922 and 1923, Carty and Kirker filled these positions on the Alma team. In 1924 Carty and Van Hee played forwards with the team which took the M. I. A. A. world by storm and won the championship. This year, Carty and Gaylor have been running together at these positions.

HIBERNATION ANNOUNCED

The Almanian staff wishes to announce that there will be no Almanian next week, due to the fact that the staff intends to hibernate for the exams. The following, though, there will be an edition of a very special nature. It will be dedicated to one of the greatest institutions on the American continent.

Girls' Orchestra Plays for Dance After Game

Musical talent is everywhere on the campus. When some sinks into oblivion, more appears to take its place. Last Friday evening after the Ypsilanti game—and victory, music for the dance was very ably furnished by Alice Olsen, Helen Ward and "Bud" Watson. The trio performed on the piano, banjo, and ukelele, and each appeared to be a master of the three instruments.

TEACHERS FALL BEFORE ONSLAUGHT

Alma Quintet's Flashy Floor-work Dazzles and Baffles the Green and White.

The Alma College basket ball team opened the Michigan Intercollegiate court season Friday night by riding rough-shod over the Michigan State Normal aggregation winning easily 34 to 18. Had the Maroon and Cream basketballers had their eyes on the basket to any great extent there is no telling how high the score would have mounted, as the Campellites just rained shots at the netted circle.

Displaying the speediest floor work, the finest offensive and the best defensive play that an Alma team has shown in years, the Presbyterians had little trouble in downing the veteran aggregation of tossers that cavorts around the floor for the Green and White.

Before such a team the Michigan Staters were helpless. That does not mean that the Teachers did not fight and fight hard. They fought to the limit and never let down until the final whistle stopped the carnage, with the Almates way out in front in a game that had been expected to result in a nip-and-tuck battle for the honors of the evening. Dope had it that the winner would have a big lead for the championship, as it had been generally considered that the title chase was between these two teams.

The Alma clan took the lead right at the start of the game, and rolled the total up to six points before the Teachers could break the ice, by way of a foul shot. When the Maroon and Cream cagers added another point to their total Coach McCulloch made three substitutions with a view of breaking up the Alma offensive work, but it was a hopeless task that faced the Pedagogues. For a moment the Alma play was slowed down slightly and then was renewed with a new vigor and punch, and the half ended with Alma leading 18 to 8, the visitors being able to penetrate the Alma defense just twice during the first half for field baskets.

In the second half Alma started out in fine shape again but along about the middle of the half the attack started to lag somewhat and before the game was over Coach Campbell had made four substitutions with a view of giving other men a little experience under fire and to see if the Alma offense could be speeded up.

It would hardly be fair to pick out a star in the Alma play. The entire outfit gave a wonderful display of team work and it was teamwork throughout that gave Alma her lopsided victory.

The losers played a steady and (Continued on page four)

Last Ten Years' Grid Capts. Were Juniors

It is interesting to note that in the last ten years, all of the captains of Alma football teams have been Juniors. Andy Anderson is the tenth Junior to be selected for the honor of leading an Alma football team. The usual procedure is to elect a senior as captain, but Alma has proven an exception to the rule.

Not since Paul Austin captained the Alma eleven in 1914, has a Senior been elected to lead the team. In 1915 Mark Spinney was captain. In 1916 "Runt" Smith was it. In 1917 Art Foote was captain. Frenchy Herbert led the eleven in 1919, after football had been dropped for a year because of the S. A. T. C. In 1920, the leader was Claude Barabeau, "Dick" Wagner was captain in 1921, "Dick" MacNaughton in 1922, "Rodge" Wright in 1923, and Gordon MacDonald in 1924. The tenth season comes next fall when "Andy" a Junior turns the trick.

Previous to Austin, a Senior, Wood in 1913; Eph Johnson a Junior in 1912; and Koepfgen, a Senior in 1912 were captains.

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**SHOULD THE GYMNASIUM BE
CLOSED SATURDAYS?**

Recently a group of students asked the janitor of the gymnasium if it would be possible for them to play basketball on Saturday afternoons. He told them that he was ordered to close the building Friday evening, and keep it closed until Monday morning. Perhaps the "wires are crossed" somewhere, and the gymnasium is kept closed on Saturday afternoons through default.

The gymnasium should be kept open Saturday afternoons. Many students have no other time to indulge in such recreations as basketball. No student should be denied the right of an afternoon of indoor exercise followed by a hot shower. As the writer remembers, fifteen or twenty students played basket ball every Saturday afternoon last winter, and many more indulged in other forms of recreation. This period not only brings the individuals together, but is the element which gives impetus to inter-class athletic activities.

No doubt there has been an overlapping, or underlapping of authority somewhere, and this matter will be straightened out in the near future.

**THE MAN WHO WORKS HIS
WAY THROUGH COLLEGE**

An interesting article appeared in The Literary Digest for November 15, 1924. A father who had paid the way of his four sons through college, wrote an anonymous article which was published in "Forbes," New York. A college graduate himself, he knew the "ins and outs" of college life, and he stated that he considered it detrimental for a college student to work his way through college unless the absence of such work would sacrifice the college education.

In the first place, the writer explained that a man working his way encounters the obstacles of social drawback. His election to fraternities or clubs is delayed or destroyed. His eligibility to social committees and social functions is reduced. His working prevents the continual contact with his fellows, and prevents those close friendships which should grow up during four years of undergraduate work. The work takes away a large part of that loafing which is a charm, and although one of the temptations of college life, is one of the best foundations for college friendships. Self-support must come first, and then study. The loss of possible education to one man means nothing, but when a number of college graduates receive their degrees after studying on this basis, the loss is felt by the populace as a whole.

The writer then suggested a remedy for this ill of working and going to college at the same time. Scholarships and endowments should be enlarged. He claimed that scholarships breed scholarships.

The Literary Digest, in quoting this article, says:

"Here is opportunity for the millionaire and for the lover of mankind as well as the believer in education. Endow with funds for scholarships the colleges and the universities and the academies of our land. Give ambitious youth—not the youth seeking

a 'good time' or the mere badge of the 'college man,' but the one able to gage the opportunity, mental and personal—a field for his effort, and the result will help humanity.

"Help qualify our youth for highest education and expand opportunity for the tens of thousands of youths who look longingly at the academic halls. Let wealth work as never before for future generations.

"Youth is pressing as never before for higher education. Opportunity for world uplift is there. Safety for civilization lies in the leadership of the educated man. Progress of humanity depends in large measure upon the superior education of as many of the masses as may be made to profit by it. Give young manhood and young womanhood the advantages within the precincts of our colleges and universities. Release them from the burden of carving out existence, when necessary, so that they may apply, as they will with increased vigor, their hearts unto wisdom."

CLIQUE & CLANS

Mr. Wimer Patton, a member of the Almanian staff, won second place in the local Oratorical contest last Thursday evening, with a presentation of "Cliques and Clans." He did not take some idealistic subject and present a panacea for world ills, but chose a topic which is of vital interest to every man and woman in every college. There is no institution of higher learning in America that does not have its cliques, whether they exist in the form of legal organizations, or unofficial gatherings, therefore, read and be enlightened. Although some of this excellent treatise must be omitted for lack of space, the most interesting parts will be quoted.

"Twilight, grey rocks, the dark mouth of a cave, a few women, a few squalling children, a few men,—hairy, dirty, bloody, newly returned from the hunt—a cave-man dwelling. Men and women peer off into the darkness, but they cannot discern that only a few miles away are groups of human beings like themselves. If they knew it, they would call them enemies, for they are the symbol of the clan, and the clan calls no man outside its narrow circle, "friend." By uniting they could hunt better, they could eat more, they could conquer more easily, the hostile forces of nature. But the all of the family, of the clan, holds them apart, until hundreds of years of grim necessity drive them to unite.

"It is far from that day. The centuries have seen the household grow into the clan, the clan grow into the state, and the state grow into the nation. Today, we are watching the nations of the universe being slowly welded together to form one vast common country, where the prejudice of the ages shall slowly sink into oblivion, where no man will look upon his neighbor, upon the other side of a boundary line and call him "foreign," "stranger," "enemy." Such a development is coming slowly, but as inevitably as fate. The mills of the gods grind slowly, but they grind exceedingly small. The question is: Are you college students helping in the grinding, or are you casting rocks of prejudice, and dirt of slander, and refuse of injustice? Is your college experience building up physical, mental, and moral muscle, so that you can lay strong hands to the mill-stones and grind out a new and perfect nation, stretching from pole to pole? Have you even succeeded in perfecting the organization of the small social group which forms a college? Are you even sincerely trying to do so. To all these questions, I would answer with an almost unqualified "No." The day of the clan still lingers in the intellectual centers known as colleges, as it lingers only among the wild tribes of Africa, or the castes of India.

"The spirit of the clan calls and our intelligent students fervently respond. A college is founded, possibly six months, certainly not more than a year, when certain students discern that they are made of different clay than their fellows; that they are of a blood more holy and uncontaminated than that of the common herd. They form a society "to promote brotherhood, culture, and scholarship." For a few years they are the only frog in the puddle. Then the disgruntled and the left-overs get the call: they too feel an urge for this brotherhood they have heard discussed so frequently, but experienced so little, so they too meet in solemn conclave and start another organization to promote fra-

ternity and humanity, to make the campus a better place on which to live and to forward other noble projects. The curtain rises and the show begins. With amazing swiftness the supporters of one of these humanitarian organizations discover that the chosen children of the brother fraternity have in some manner deteriorated and become less desirable by affiliating themselves with the opposite group. In fact the whole group is of a distinctly inferior quality to their own, "full of preachers whose only college interest is to grind, grind, grind, and pull down "A's". With equal swiftness, the members of the opposite brotherhood discover that they are one step nearer heaven by their union; they discover too, that their fraternity cousins are largely rough-necks, fit to be killed on the football field, but in general, quite too rough for their polite society. Accordingly, they avoid each other at the breakfast table and wherever else possible; they break their necks in a holy endeavor to prevent innocent freshmen from swallowing the bait of the enemy; they cheerfully break up any enterprise not inaugurated by themselves, either by active opposition or by simple non-cooperation. They would sooner see the college go hang, than who'e-heartedly support the foe in any enterprise whatever. They patiently instill into their neophytes the lesson that members of their society have always take the premier places in any contest they cared to enter, and that the college would come to a bad end without their assistance. They consider doubtful in character, the man who dares to make deep friendships outside the society and carefully prevent his getting any positions of trust within. All this is done that "brotherhood may not parish from the campus.

"Are you men? Do you dare to stand on your feet and call yourself men and yet allow a few who have never outgrown the barbaric impulse of the clan to pull the strings so that puppet-like you dance the war-dance and mumble hymns of hate? What has your society done for you that you should cling so blindly to it, even when its interests are glaringly antagonistic. "Ah!" you say. "It has given me broader companionship among my fellows. It has been the means of wider acquaintance with college men and women." I deny it. Your society has brought you into personal contact with a small group with whom you would have associated, even if a society had never existed, because your interests and the interests of that group are identical; while your society traditions shut you off from similar groups in brother societies. Your society shuts you off from associations with perfectly good non-society men, because you feel it a little beneath your dignity to associate with them, and they feel it would be toadying to seek your companionship overmuch. I have even heard of instances when prominent members of a society attempted to prevent a mesalliance on the part of a weaker member with a young lady of a non-affiliated sorority. Your society claims that it binds the "sharks" and the athletes more closely together. That assertion is a lie too; the athletes and "sharks" within a society misunderstand each other as thoroughly as if there was no such organization—only don't express their misunderstanding so loudly. Your society brings you wider brotherhood. I deny it. Such a contention is a false and empty farce; would you shut a bird in a cage with a couple dozen more of various breeds and sizes, and then say you

were giving that bird either a wider companionship with the birds without, or a deeper love and companionship with the birds within? "Again I hear you murmur," My society offers me a chance for culture and scholarship not obtainable outside." Bosh! Your literary programs don't amount to a punched cent. You occupy nine-tenths of your meetings with business discussions and a goodly part of the other tenth with janitors and officers treats. You shove the students who could furnish a real program into the back water and leave them to stagnate from misuse. You put them on the high shelves and bring them down once or twice a semester to brush off the dust and to exhibit to open-mouthed freshmen as a sample of "what talent our society contains." Then you put them back on the shelf to mould again.

"In only one direction does the society apparently further culture. It produces an incentive to beat out members of other societies in landing places on the debating teams or in oratorical contests. You know what happens after a time, even in these cases. Society pulling of the wires gains places for men who have no right to such places. The college suffers, but the society gets a boost, so why worry?

"You say that society helps scholarship. Look at the records of non-society students and then dare to utter that untruth again. "Some of you will claim that this is a place for the abolition of societies. The man who would advocate such a step at the present time would be a fool. Societies COULD NOT be abolished. Would any society, even under pressure, consent to the breaking up of its organization, the giving up of a house, and all the other things that appertain to it? The cries of woe from outraged alumni would be enough to prevent it. Even if by a miracle such a step could be accomplished the old cliques would remain, as prejudiced and unpenetrable as ever.

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Allh. Mary Louise Boissot of the French department recently received a communication from the Association of American Colleges, which contained some interesting data concerning Mile Andree Pratoucy, who graduated from Ain a College in , 'd-l. She has been elected Secretary of the Association, a position which carries with it not only honor, but responsibility as well. As Mile Boissot explains it:

"Each year since 1918, September brings to the United States a group of French students who have been awarded scholarships by various American colleges. They are received in New York, under the auspices of the Association of American Colleges by about an equal number of American students ready to sail for France where they are eagerly expected by different French colleges.

"It is an association of former and present Franco-American scholars. "A' < ts a'n # G To keep in touch one with the other its "ci # or less scattered members, Funks to the publication of a bulletin. It To give to its members residing in the same district an opportunity to become better acquainted through social gatherings, It To help its members secure work, and for this purpose an employment office was established.

"It- #UtTt'-'? The Paris group is doing wonders. Well attended "thes dansants" and dances have been given every month in the elegant drawing rooms of the "American University Wonvn" rue de Chevreuse. Excursions around Paris have been organized to the great joy of the participants. The reception for Dr. Kelly, chairman of the Association of American Colleges, and the participation of some members of the Franco-American students association in the reception for the American Bar representatives at the time of their trip to France added much prestige to the association. Positions as tutors, governesses, translators, secretaries have been secured, and more and more the employment office is holding its own throughout the country.

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MEN'S CONTEST

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Patton had something on his mind, and decided to get rid of it in the form of an oration. He handled his subject well, and was thoroughly acquainted with his material. Society life and society principles as they are practiced on the Alma College campus formed the nucleus and "bone of contention" of Mr. Patton's oration. He compared the attitude of men in society to that of cavemen, who called everyone outside their own ranks, "enemy." Preceding to pull apart all

arguments that a man could put up for societies, he defined their narrow limits, and showed how we exaggerate their importance. The judges awarded Mr. Patton second prize,

PADDLING FRESHMEN

FAVORITE OUTDOOR SPORT
A paddling epidemic has seized several universities and colleges. More stringent rules and strong application of hardwood paddles are remedies being tried out to cure wholesale disregard for custom and tradition at Princeton, Columbia, Coe College (Iowa,) Fairmount College (Kansas), and Willamette College (Oregon.)

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Speaker Tells of Russian Students

Miss A. E. Braden, who recently returned from Russia, addressed a session of the chapel last week, and told of the Scholastic conditions in that country. Miss Braden represented the Student Friendship Movement, which has spread over thirty-six counties of the world. These thirty-six countries aid the students of nineteen others with gifts from a fund which is provided.

According to the speaker, during the whole of the Russian chaos, the students have studied, and academic life has continued. The schools have been open for the last six years. The students have worked for their board and fed themselves through cooperative kitchens, but they have no extra money for text-books. Often fifty students will study from one text. The Student Friendship fund aids the Russian students by purchasing text-books for them. These average fifty cents in price, which is considered in that country. In relation to other expenses, a student may go through a year of school, and not spend more than seven dollars and a half. Fifty cents each for text-books is heavy expense.

Miss Braden stated that in Moscow the people are divided into two classes, those who teach English, and those who take English. The climate there is the same as in Northern Michigan, and it is only the lack of sufficient fuel that makes life difficult there. The nights are no colder than ours, but the houses are often as cold as the atmosphere outside.

Education is continually progressing in Russia, and it will in time make the government right.

Miss Margaret Morrison is Secretary of the Student Friendship Movement in Alma College, and more will soon be offered by the Alma students concerning Russia.

CAMPUSOLOGY

The biggest joke of the week—To look at the exam schedule and discover that you've got three exams in a row.

Plough—Have you ever heard the story of the bell?
Cough—No.
Plough—It's been tolled before.
—Courtesy of Cuddy Shaver.

Wow!

Basket ball is a very ancient game. It was played in America years and years before a white man ever touched his foot to the sands of Jersey City or Cape Cod. An old Indian saw John Smith and a group of cavaliers playing at soccer, and he came forth and said, "White brothers, do you desire to play a new game?" "Yea, Verily," they answered in chorus. The old Indian then went to the shore and came forth with a handful of reeds, and then preceded to tell them of the new game. The Indian retained his reeds, and when the game started he was the first to make a basket.

"Vy is Cohen laughing so heartily?"

"Because he sold Isaac an auto dot von't run."

"Den vy is Isaac laughing so heartily?"

"Because he paid Cohen vid vorthless check."

Yatchtsman—"If this squall continues, I shall heave to."

Passenger—"What a horrid way to put it."

She—Do you still go to see that little girl in St. Louis you used to run around with?

He—She's married.

She—Answer my question.

The members of the staff have been talking with a number of the faculty members, and have discovered parts of the examination questions. It would not be right to keep these for a select few, so they are here published.

1. Translate the following into English:

2. Tell all you know about the following:

3. Give one significant fact in the life of:

4. Explain the underlined words:

5. What have you gained from this course?

6. Please hand in questions with the bluebook.

7. Give a brief report of your outside reading in the following books:

The Boy—Hey, kid, how's fer de next struggle?

The Girl—Sure t'ing; grab on.

You see that guy over there with the wooden arm? He used to be a great friend of all animals. He once had a Tiger Cub that would eat off his hand. It did.

"My great-grandfather was in the battle of Brandywine, and he was half-shot before the battle was over."

Sunday School Teacher—"Tell me, Jimmy, who do you think is the funniest man in the Bible?"

Pupil—"Thamthon."

Teacher—"And why?"

Pupil—"Because hith act brought down the houth."

How'd you like to have been King Solomon when the kiddies came to kiss papa good-night?



This is a picture of a girl dreaming about graduation. She is an optimist. Coming at this time, this picture has no title.

Societies a la Patton.

The freshman arrived in high spirits, with great visions of college ahead of him. He was a good looking kid; he dressed well and talked well. Pretty soon fellows began rushing him.

"We want you to belong to the Alpha Omega frat," said a great many of them. And so, after little real consideration, the Frosh paid his \$20 and was duly prepared for the service of initiation. The initiation was to take place immediately after an immense banquet the boys had set for themselves and their new members, at one of the cities leading restaurants. The boy was an hand, thrilled through. He was greeted by many influential Brethren who made the banquet an affair in his honor. The meal itself was excellent. "They must have spent something" the new man remarks to himself, as he congratulates himself on his fortune. But now the toastmaster gets up.

"Brethren of this great association of true Brethren," he starts, "We are met tonight for the initiation of one who will, I am sure, be an asset to our group. (cheers). Before going on with the work, let me explain the name and purpose of this mammoth brotherhood (cheers). The name, gentlemen is Alpha and Omega because this is the first meeting of the year, and likewise the last."

She—"I can read you like a book."

He—"Alright, kid, let's try some outside reading."

"Does he belong to the four hundred?"

Yes, he's one of the ciphers."

"Can you drive with one hand?"

"No, but I can stop."

You can cash your checks at Burgess' drug store if you know Howe.

The Oratorical Contests

(As covered by our inquiring reporter.)

On Wednesday and Thursday evening last, the college orators orated for the Oratorical Contest, so that they could try to win \$25 and go to Kalamazoo with Ronald Harris for the state contest. Some of the orations were very good, but none of them were "orful."

They were as follows:

Romaine Hogan—"Pie at Any Price," or "What Would Happen if Pie Went to 15c."

Sinclair Tebo—"Shapers of Destiny" or "Ten minutes a Day With Walter Camp."

Herbert Nesbit—"The Bootlegger's Paradise."

Leslie Oldt—"Revelations of an Ex-Newsboy."

Wilmer Patton—"Knocking the 'I' out of 'literary'."

Elma Bishop—"Products of Neglect" or "Why Men Leave Home."

Bertha Woodhurst—"Superstition" or "A Kiss in the Dark."

Ruth Edmonds—"Price of Prejudice" or "I Ain't Nobody's Darling."

Bonnie Cameron—"Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness," or "Use the fire escape."

Esther Oldt—"Song of the Highway" or "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp the Boys are Marching."

Vera Rauch—"College Spirits" or "The 'Flask-kick' Age."

"And what do you tell other men that come to see you?" he asked as he released her from his embrace.

"Do you lead them to believe that you love them?"

"Yes, dearest," she whispered. "Do you mind?"

"Ah, but it will be hell for them later," he murmured. "The poor trusting fools."

"Rastus, which do you prefer for a Christmas present, a ton of coal or a gallon of whiskey?"

"Boss—Ah burns wood."

Guide—"This is the fig tree you've heard so much about."

Fair Trave'er—"Oh! I thought the leaves were larger."

Alma Downs Ypsi in Opening Game

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constant game, but McCulloch's men were no match for the speed and accuracy that was shown by the Alma team in its floor work and in its defense. Weeber and Draper were the two best performers for the Teachers.

Davidson R. F. Gaeler
Draper L. F. Carty
Heitch C. MacDonald
Weeber H. G. Shaver
Lappeus L. G. Welthoelter

Field baskets—Carty 4, Davis 2, Shaver 2, Gaeler 2, R. Catherman 2, MacDonald, Welthoelter, Draper 3, Barkley, Davidson, Weeber.

Fouls: Carty 3, MacDonald 2, Gaeler 1, Draper 2, Phalor 1, Davidson 2, Chaffee 1. Substitutions: Barkley for Davidson, Phalor for Draper, Chaffee for Heitch, Marks for Chaffee, Resk for Weeber, Button for Lappeus, Lappeus for Button, Brown for Lappeus, Chaffee for Marks, Davidson for Barkley, Draper for Phalor, Davis for Welthoelter, R. Catherman for Gaeler, Anderson for Shaver and Bouwman for MacDonald.

Referee—Thompson of Lawrence.

PRESIDENT TO ADDRESS MISSIONS CONFERENCE

Preparations are nearly completed for the interdenominational missionary convention to be held in Washington, D. C., Jan. 28 to February 2. President Coolidge has accepted an invitation to speak on the opening day. The meeting is being organized on behalf of foreign mission boards and societies of the Protestant denominations of Canada and the United States, and more than seventy-five organizations will be represented, including missionaries from nearly every country of the world. Delegates will include officers and members of foreign mission boards, pastors and laymen and laywomen, general church officials, theological and college professors, editors, missionaries, student volunteers and other candidates for the foreign field. There will be three meetings each day in the Washington auditorium. In the afternoon simultaneous conferences will be held at which various problems of missionary work will be discussed. Dr. F. P. Turner, secretary, says that the conference will approach problems "with an equipment of knowledge, of experience and hand to hand contacts with humanity's needs, to which no other assemblage, not even the League of Nations meeting at Geneva, can pretend."

By special invitation Leonard Andrews will represent Alma College at this meeting. Andrews is one of one hundred students thus honored.

U. OF M. SUMMER COACHING SCHOOL PLANS COMPLETE

Work of formulating the program of studies for the annual Summer School for Coaches to be conducted by the University of Michigan for six weeks this summer, is practically completed, according to "Tad" Wiseman, Assistant Director.

The course is planned for high school and colleges coaches and instruction will be given by all the regular members of the Michigan coaching staff. Last summer's course was attended by coaches from every section of the United States and the 1925 enrollment is expected to be much larger than in former years.

HESTON GREATEST PLAYER OF ALL TIME

Fielding H. Yost, Director of Intercollegiate Athletics at the University of Michigan, picked nine out of eleven of the football players selected by a vote of 100 coaches for places on the All-Time All-American team. Dobie, coach at Cornell picked five of those selected; Zuppke, of Illinois, picked 6; and Bezdeck, of Penn State picked 6. Willie Heston, of Michigan, was picked as the greatest football player of all time.

Miss Mabel Field has returned from her position in Kobe College, Kobe, Japan. Miss Field is of the class of 1922. She is expected to visit Alma soon.

Miss Avis Lane '22, has been visiting the college this week. Miss Lane will be remembered for her connection with the library staff while she was in Alma.

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