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GLEE CLUB SUCCESSFUL YEAR

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Longest Trip Ever Taken by an
Alma Glee Club is
Completed.

This Alma College Men's Glee Club recently returned from a trip of over fifteen hundred miles, visiting during their very interesting concert tour the cities, towns, and communities of Cadillac, Elk Rapids, Manistique, Kscunaha, Negaunec, Marquette, Munidng, Newberry, Sault Ste. Marie, and Traverse City. The tour was made almost entirely by bus, bad roads out of Marquette necessitating taking the train to Munising, the bus proceeding to Newberry. The bus was ably handled by Dalton Foster, a prominent man of Alma, and all the boys who made the trip unite in the acclaim of "Dolt" or "Fost" as he was named. They also feel that the townspeople of the various towns where the club stopped outdid one another in their efforts to please and entertain. The concerts were well attended and the boys encored repeatedly. The quartette and the soloists were especially well liked.

The personal side of the trip is perhaps more pleasing to the casual reader and a few incidents are included here. Phantom Knowles and Miss Mueller had a high batting average in dates landed. Knowles made a maid in Newberry and consequently carries away most of the honors. Edgerton Hendershott, so named by Ed Karpp for his habit of being always present, made a pleasing collection of vanity cases. Homer Barlow very seriously asked the night watchman in Elk Rapids what he did in the daytime. Homer was quite philosophical in his childish way and occasionally became vocally pugilistic, this being the extent of his endeavors. He was requested to sing a solo in Escanaba and came through excellently. Thus he brought more honor to the famous baas section. Hawthorne deserves the greatest credit of all for by his ability to make others laugh he kept the spirit high in spite of the other members.

Prouty was sober most of the trip as was Clark, but several times this interesting duet was mistaken for a troupe of lumberjacks due to their inability to discard mackinaw shirts as a standard articles of apparel. Boutin was ready at any time to help a fellow out who had no money. This was evidenced by his willingness to pay for games of billiards and the like. Schafer was pleased by the very appreciative audiences with which we met. He was also a great help in carrying on conversations with the host or hostesses who happened to be entertaining him, being on the whole as talkative as a deaf mute oyster. A lesson in sprint-

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Work to Be Resumed on New Athletic Field

It is announced that very soon work will recommence on the new athletic field of Alma College. Only part of the grading on the new nine acre field, presented to the college by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. A. Bahlke, could be accomplished last fall before the cold weather set in. Work will start at once to finish the grading, so that the field may be seeded down this spring. It is very improbable that the football field will be ready for use by the 1927 season, however.

FORMER STUDENT MARRIES

According to dispatches received from Wyandotte Miss Darline Hoque and Mr. N. Allison Coan, ex-28 were united in the holy bonds of matrimony on March 26th. Red wrote back and said that they are still living happily ever after and offered his advice to all those contemplating a similar step. Coan after two years at Alma switched to engineering and transferred to Antioch college last fall.

ALMA COLLEGE GLEE CLUB

Loft to right- Top row: Homer Barlow, Bruce Knowles, Richard Mueller, Marvin Stapleton, Romaine Hogan, Walter Pezet, Donald Horton, Edgar Karpp, Gordon Macdonald, Jack West, Hugh Ward, John

Frosh-Soph Meet is Scheduled for Friday

Professor Ewer, track coach, announced in chapel Friday morning that a Freshman-Sophomore track meet will be held this coming Friday afternoon at Davis Field. The track meets have been getting in some, hard training, and this meet will start off the track season.

The Sophomores have a number of good men, with a year's experience behind them. These are Combs, Goodenow, Lamb, Simmons, Mann, Hess, and some other new men. But they will have difficulty in defeating the array of Freshman track stars, with enviable high school records behind them. Pezet, Gilbert, Gustin, Thielman, and Conlin will figure in the Frosh team.

From all indications this meeting of the first and second year track teams will be about the best ever seen on the Alma track. It should be close and hotly contested in every event, and well worth seeing.

If all of the meet is not finished on Friday afternoon it will be finished Saturday. The meet is scheduled for three o'clock.

Upid to Our Campus

This beams from the omniscient moon, or was there a moon, floated gently down on ethereal waves to our tired old world below. The sun shone on China and the Marines gathered there, amid oriental scenes of squallor. Ah yes, 'twas evening on the Pine and at Sebwing, as well, perhaps Newberry also, when the lovers plighted their troth. Plighted, not plighted. The gentle doves cooed, the greenbacks billed, the canvasbacks canvassed, for was not there y. tion near? Alas, we must return to the lovers ere another kiss has been recorded by the guardian angel.

LIB PRESENTS EINE PEAS

College Players Present Greatly
Enjoyed Program in
Chapel.

The Alma College Drama Club presented three one-act plays in the college chapel at 8:00, April 7, 1927. The plays were "The Game of Chess" by Kenneth Goodman, "Ever Young" by Alice Gerstenberg, and "The Pot Boiler" by Alice Gerstenberg. The acting in all three plays was very creditable and the setting excellent considering the limitations of the stage.

In the "Game of Chess" Richard Crowell took the part of Alex Alexandrovitch, a Russian nobleman, Eric Glosser was Boris Ivanovitch, a revolutionist, Clifford Erickson was Constantine, a friend of Alexis, and Alpha Musson took the part of the footman. Boris came to Alexis to assassinate him but Alexis is clever enough to form a suicide pact and so they both take poison which is fatal to Boris but does not harm Alexis who has made himself immune. The action becomes very tense after the poison begins to take effect and Eric Glosser presented a very excellent characterization. Crowell was very good as the lead. Musson left little to be desired in his portrayal of the footman.

"Ever Young" is entirely a play of ideas having absolutely no action.

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Also The Collegians
in "The Relay Race"

Saturday, April 14
BUCK JONES in
"Whispering Secrets"
Sunday, April 15
Richard Bennett in
"The Whirl"
Black Stage
Tuesday and Wednesday
April 19-20
HON. MAN
in
"No Man's Gold"

THOUGHTS MORE OR LESS LITERARY

With the publication of Sinclair Lewis' "Elmer Gantry" one can smile and almost forget the insipid "Mantrap." The 'eagerly awaited preacher novel' is a huge success. In a few weeks it has caused nationwide comment, exhaustive book-reviews and the author's retirement to Europe. It has been decried as 'unfair, exaggerated, sensational, and possibly sacrilegious.' Yet because of the author's painstaking and time study of contemporary religious life the book is slated for a long period of usefulness. Americans in 1927 will read it for a better understanding of the Era of Service. As George Jean Nathan has written: "A study of the types and the numbers of the times and the thought of the times, set forth in the forms of an outstanding and recognizable institution or character, outlines ten thousand books that merely tell an insignificant story with brilliance."

The story is centered about a strongly-sexed foot-ball hero who could have been a superb strongman in some sport side show. Through the malignant workings of Fate he is converted and shoved into the ministry. Elmer plays several parts. He is a Baptist minister, a farm implement salesman, evangelist, New Thought advocate, and a Methodist minister, all in rapid succession. But always he is a despicable scoundrel. He has no redeeming qualities, yet when he is on the pulpit he is hypnotized by his own oratory and actually believes in his own of the gods himself. He is a man of the world, a man of the world, a man of the world. He is a man of the world, a man of the world, a man of the world.

After the varieties of "Tart Street" this book is amazingly readable. There is not a tiresome page among the 432 and the sparkling witticisms are innumerable. The minor characters are drawn deftly and briefly. Every incident rings true and one marvels at the ability of the author to bring together such an abundance of detail. The development of Gantry's famous sermon on Love (originally copied from Robert G. Ingersoll) and the varied references to his atheistic roommate are very amusing. The notes, which are typically collegiate, read: Love: a rainbow AM & PM star from cradle to tomb inspires art etc. music voice of love slam atheists etc. who do not appreciate love.

But the important question is how should we judge the book? In a short foreword Lewis writes 'No character in this book is the portrait of any actual person.' He is not scalp-hunting. On page 373 you may read 'I'll admit there aren't many, not very many, hogs like Gantry in your church, or any other'. He does not insist that Gantry is typical of a majority of ministers. However he does utter a powerful indictment against prevalent conditions in our churches. He cites a few: Phylis, with her sermons and showy clean-cut attitudes, hypocrisy, the bronchitic pulpit of the sermons and Sunday School teachings and the narrow, legalistic tactics that have been copied by so many preachers.

Yet Lewis got the idea of the problem of big game hunting from the above indicates. The characters of one time were the same as in Shallard's, the only novel in the book, and the only one that has any) is to show the people the menace of future Buddha.

on pages 390-1: The Buddha statues were mild now because they were in the name of virtue. They were them now, and there was a new inquisition, a new burning of heretics. We might live in a world where death for religious heresy is a Protestant church. Shallard quoted the Fundamentalists who asserted that evolutionists were literally murderers, they killed orthodox faith and therefore to be lynched. They hang Bryan, with his head outside the country should be eviled for life.

How these men speak with so little power—as yet! Shallard pleaded "Use your imagination! Think how they would rule this nation and compel the more

easy-going half-liberal clergy to work with them. If they had the power! And you have here in your own city a minister of the gospel who enjoys believing that any one who disagrees with him is a Judas."

At this point the meeting (for Shallard had been speaking in a Bible-belt city) was broken up by a bunch of toughs under the direction of a leonine man who was either an actor, a congressman, or a popular clergyman. Shallard escaped out the back door and was tramped by three devout Christians. They tossed him into the country where he was cruelly whipped and blinded.

Chinese Students Say "Ask Me Another"

New York. (By New Student Service) Here is an International "Ask Me Another." It was prepared by a committee of Chinese students in New York for this newspaper and is designed to put the Chinese viewpoint before Americans.

If a gang of robbers were to abduct you in your home, force you to sign agreements allowing them to set up shop in some of your best rooms and then build up their business for thirty years, would you when you became strong enough to regain control of your home, listen to their pleas that ejection would hurt their "property rights?" "How does this differ from the situation in China?"

If good will rather than hatred gains the most customers, will a manufacturer or an antagonizing policy toward the Chinese be most profitable?

Is the dispatching of gunboats, with the consequent aggravation of Chinese sentiment, the best way to "protect nationals?" Or are the Chinese justified in expecting foreigners to leave the war zone? Would the firing have ceased if a price of Chinese had remained on the Prussia-German border in 1914? Which policy will be most likely to result in continued Sino-American friendship—continued delay in the revision of the treaties of prompt action?

Why do Americans send both Missionaries to preach the doctrine of peace and Marines to practice the doctrine of war?

How long has your favorite newspaper correspondent been in China?

Does he speak Chinese? Does he have any friends among the Chinese? Or does he spend all his time in the foreign settlements?

Where does he gather his news? How often does he give the viewpoint of the European? How often that of the Asiatic?

Have you ever heard of the British correspondent in Pekin who for years wrote his dispatches on the basis of gossip which his Chinese cook picked up on the streets? How many of the present correspondents use equally poor interpreters?

Why are so few personal interviews with Chinese leaders printed?

What is the connection between the British and the Associated Press and the "Wanted" list of the British Embassy?

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KAPPA IOTA
The meeting of the Kappa Iota Literary Society was called to order on March 21, 1927 by the president, Cathryn Lee Lena Hill. Hilda Cashmore and Ethyl Deering were formally initiated into the society, following which a short business meeting was held. New officers were elected as follows:
President—Josephine Peavy
Vice President—Ruth Richard
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Treasurer—Gerald Holmes
Corresponding Secretary—Helen Wood
Almanac Reporter—Helen Francis Miller
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CAMPUSOLOGY

Well folks, vacation is over and now the Glee club is back the girls won't pay any attention to we ordinary boys.

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If Gordon Lamb put on one of Lucy Wolfe's dresses, it w'ould be a case of a lamb in wolf's clothing. Simple- what?

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A little girl in Ithaca sent over the following:

"Life is real Life is earnest- Bare

And did you see Ernie in Valentine's golf pants?

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Speaking of cigars- Bill Pruyne ought to pass them out, or is ho waiting for Hop to do it twice.

Vacations are something to talk about when you return. What would a Wright Hall table do without them occasionally?

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Who said daisy don't tell- witness the boys ,who interviewed Prexy

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Who was it heard Hawk talking about the dubs out for baseball?

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Brute Hayden wants to know if this column is much ado about nothing. No, IBrute, it is usually much ado about .jobodies.

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Irving Berlin's new song "What's the matter" is well named. It ought to hack cross word puzzles off the map.

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If smoking is bad for the intellect a lot of people ayoung here are liars.

Argyle says he loses all his girls because they can't wait any longer. He always was a bit slow.

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Charlie Nims* new suit hasn't sue* ceeded in drowning out his sn'y s'l

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Informal Party in Gymnasium Greatly Enjoyed by Students.

The Memorial Gymnasium, most uniquely decorated, was the scene of an informal dancing party sponsored by the Kappa Iota Literary Society last Saturday night, April 9. The dancers began to gather at 8 o'clock and from that time until the strain of "Home Sweet Home" were heard, there was no lull in the party. A booth for the orchestra in the center of the floor was attractively decorated with purple and gold crepe paper. Streams hung down from the lights above the enclosure forming a canopy over the top. The effect of the lighting was beautiful, those above being covered with orange paper, and floor lamps placed at intervals around the outer edge of the dance floor. The entire scheme of decorations was such that it added much to the success of the party, and made one of the most attractive informal affairs staged at Alma in some time.

The faculty members present were: President and Mrs. Crooks, Professor and Mrs. Ewer, Dean Mitchell, Dean Steward and Mrs. Steward and Miss Landwehr.

MEN RETURN FROM NORTHERN TOUR

(Continued from page one) ing was given, all to no avail, by Eddie Karpp and Jake Westfall who came dashing down the dock at St. Ignace just in time to miss the boat. It was truly thoughtful of these men to see us off, for two of their comrades, Jack West and Lee Crooks, better known as Mr. Glee Club,, refused us even this little courtesy and remained up town. They can tell you better of the manner in which they reappeared at Traverse City. Several of the members of the club were so impressed by the inmates at Newberry that, they had trouble in refraining from joining in their little idiocyncrasies.

The trip was one which will go down in the memory of the participants as a joyous and continual entertainment. The boys owe Professor Ewer and Doc Hogan a vote of thanks for so ably handling the different situations which arose. The bunch are all pointed for the home concert which they all expect to make a howling success.

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