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## THIRTY-FIVE TO GRADUATE

### SENIORS HEAR FINE ADDRESS

Pres. Crooks Delivers Inspiring Address to Graduating Class of 1927.

The graduating class listened to a very inspiring address delivered by President Crooks at the baccalaureate service held in the auditorium of the First Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening. Dr. Crooks spoke on the subject "The Spirit of Man and the Limits of the Impossible." Following are parts of the address, containing the points stressed in the speakers advice to the graduates-

"Effort has been made to make college a place of mental development. At times we have seemed more anxious to fill your minds than to train them into instruments for your use. If we have talked about your souls and minds in one sentence it has been because we know that what your hearts reject your minds will not accept. Men have not defined the limits of the soul without crossing the boundaries of the mind. The territories of mind and soul are more than adjacent, the boundaries overlap. The mind must conceive the things of the soul before the soul can accept and seize them.

"So I say that one of the greatest needs of your minds is independence full of visible organizations trying from Alma. to control your ideas. Some of the organizations are openly resorting to newspaper propaganda, to propaganda in speech, in advertisement, in books and in radio broadcasting. Never did so many organizations try to enlist opinion.

"Just now I am not quarreling with you for agreeing with Mencken (Continued on page three)

## CONCERT GIVEN

Large Audience Enjoys Program by Talented Musicians in Chapel.

An event of unusual merit took place in the college chapel last evening, as a part of the program of the commencement week. The college "Boats of Mine," in a very delightmusic department presented a concert ensemble including soprano, piano, flute, violin, and cello.

A large audience enjoyed the musical treat very much. It will be remembered as one of the outstanding musical events of merit to be given this year.

The concert marked the last appearance of Miss Ethel West, soprano, as she graduates this year. Miss West has been a valuable part of Alma College musical life, and she will be greatly missed in the work of another year.

Others taking part in the program were Miss Grace Roberts, piano; Miss Madeline Holmes, cello; Miss Hannah Spencer, violin; and Mr. Pierce Boutin, flute.

All are very accomplished musicians and they made a distinct triumph in the last concert of the year.

Following is the program presen	it-
ed:	
Gavotte Glu Barcaroje Schube Andante et Scherzo Raba Violin, flute and piano	ert
Sur Le Lac	rd
Cello	
Badinage Berceuse Scherzino Nocturne Valse	
Violin, flute and piano	
Spring Flowers Reinec Elegie Masser Soprano	-

### Pres. and Mrs. Crooks Give Senior Breakfast FINAL CHAPEL

Monday morning, June 13 at eight thirty o'clock, the seniors graduating this year were the breakfast guests of President and Mrs. Crooks at their home on West Superior street. The guests were seated at small tables in groups of four, where they could enjoy a social gathering while making away with the chicken breakfast. Mr. Elliot Crooks, Lee Crooks and Romaine G. Hogan assisted in the serving.

The affair was a delightful one and the hour spent with Mr. and Mrs. Crooks by those who will soon be graduated from the institution will always be remembered as one of the pleasing and enjoyable events of their commencement week.

Many a man's wife dresses stylishly because his creditors can afford it.

## MUSIC STUDENTS PLEASE HEARERS

Professor Ewer Presents Music Pupils in Concert in Chapel.

One of the finest events of the Coler were the times more hostile to in- was of special interest to townspeo- qualities all their lives.

ed and is numbers were so careful- successful season in debate under bonds. ly selected that some part of it at Coach Spencer. Manager of Oraleast, appealed to the taste of every tory and Debate Carrole Clark then banquet of the society was held at one in the audience.

Miss Hannah Spencer, opened the awarded a letter as winner of the dainty corsage lay at each place. Afprogram with a rendition of the Air women's contest. She took first ter the delicious dinner, the toast-Varie V, and his work on the compo- place in the state meet. Mr. Frank mistress, Elma Bishop, gave her sition was more than surprising.

of the favorite and much loved com- of participation. positions which always have an appreciative reception from local au- thanked Mr. Abernethy who has dodiences. The work of each of these nated \$125 to be distributed as deyoung ladies evidenced a great deal bate prizes next year. This will unof consistent application under their doubtedly stimulate debate interest talented instructor, Miss Grace Rob- among the student body.

erts. ful manner.

What might be called the high point in the evening came with the "Scene de Ballet," Miss Spencer's one offering. Her freedom of movement and refreshing enthusiasm are sources of increasing pleasure and appreciation to the large number of local people who have been privileged to hear her.

The entire program was unusually fine and was thoroughly enjoyed in every detail.

The numbers were given in the order indicated:

Clark Azelborn Impromptu ...... Reinhold

Helen Frances Miller When Celia Sings............Moir

A Bowl of Roses......Clarke

Kathryn Lehner Minuet ..... Paderewski Alice Olson

Scene de Ballet .....de Beriot Hannah Spencer Sous Bois .....Staub Lucille Wolff

Major and Minor ..... Ch. Spross Songs My Mother Taught Me ..... Dvorak

Ethel West May Night ......Palmgren Wedding Day at Troldhaugen

....... Margaret Reynolds

Letters and Awards Presented at Final Assembly of the Year.

The last chapel service of the year was held at ten o'clock yesterday morning. A fair crowd of students and friends of the college were present to see the various awards made for participation in student activities this year.

President Crooks spoke briefly from the text "Let no man despise thy youth." He told the graduates that youth is heroic in its very nature. It is always youth that accomplishes the impossible. Youth and its daring are always needed by the world if mankind is to progress. The speaker said that unlike many, he did not fear because of the radicalism of youth. Rather he feared the day when youth would fall into the complacent ways of middle age, and forget that they had to remake the universe. He impressed upon the seniors that they should not lose faith in the world or in themselves. Many obstacles will be met, but the successful person must be strong enough to meet them.

He closed by giving a word of adlege year took place on Wednes- vice to both men and women. That evening, June 1st, when a group of was that women are attracted by music students appeared in a 7 boyishness in men, and men are atof spirit. And no spirit ever became o'clock concert at the College Chapel. tracted by girlishness in women. So independent without struggle. Nev- The affair was open to the public and he advised all to retain youthful ambitious ones walked. It was a friends of the college are invited. At

> Clark Azelborn, a student under letters. Miss Elma Bishop was were decorated with roses, and a Two solo groups were planned but the men's contest, and Alma's rep- ing the girls for a happy term; and unfortunately Miss West was un- resentative in the state contest. He then introduced the speakers of the able to appear. Miss Katherine Leh- also was a member of the debate evening. Frances Colwell, Elizaner, however, gave her usual pleas- teams. Clark, Prouty, Hendershott, beth Sidebotham, Laura Hurst, Ething performance, and in "When Ce- Mitchell, and Barlow were award- el West, and Alice Marsh respondlia Sings," and "A Bowl of Roses" ed debate letters. Prouty, Hender- ed. Miss Marsh is an alumnus, charmed her hearers with a sympa- shott, Angell and Miss Bishop re- still very interested in Alpha Theta thetic interpretation of the numbers. ceived the pearl A debate and ora- and in her delightful talk, she spoke Five students of piano gave some tory pins, as this was their first year of the value of the society's ideals to

Professor Hamilton publicly

Coach Campbell then took the Mr. Prouty whose voice is much floor to direct the athletic awards. enjoyed by all who have heard him The football awards had been pregave two numbers-"Nina" and viously made. Those honored were (Continued on page three)

### WEDNESDAY PROGRAM

9:45 A. M. Academic Procession Wright Hall

10:00 A. M. Processional March National Hymn, "God of Our

Fathers" ..... Warren Invocation Homing ..... Del Riego Pussy Willow ...... Mildenberg

Girls.' Glee Club

Commencement Address: The Rev. Hugh T. Kerr, D. D. LL.D., Pastor Sunny Side Presbyterian Church, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, President Board of Christian Education Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

Scene de Ballet ..... de Beriot Hannah Spencer Conferring of Degrees: President Harry Means Crooks, LL.D. Can-

E. Mitchell, A. M. Snow ..... Elgar Sextette (violin obligato, Miss

didates presented by Dean James

Spencer) Announcements Benediction

College Hymn, "Alma Mater." J. W. Ewer, Director Miss Grace Roberts and Miss Lucille Wolfe at the piano

## Work is Started on

Work on the home of the Coilege President was began this week under the direction of Mr. Balleau of the firm of Owen Ames and Kimball, of Grand Rapids.

It was at one time thought advisable to repair the present home and maintain it as the future president's home. Upon looking into the matter of repairs it was found that the exrense would be rather more than at first anticipated.

At this time Mrs. J. H. Lancashire of New York, very graciously offered to give \$10,000 toward a new house, and this with additional gifts makes possible the proposed new residence.

Mr. Owen, of the firm of Owen, Ames and Kimball, is a member of the board of trustees.

# HOLDS BANQUET

A Delightful Program Follows Banquet at Wright House Saturday.

The last two weeks of school have been busy ones for Alpha Theta. The last meeting of the dependent thought. The world is ple as five of those taking part were Professor Hamilton then took the festive occasions are, and the girls held in Wright Hall. stage and spoke briefly of the fine returned with a pleasant feeling of On Wednesday, commencement The program was pleasingly vari- oratorical work of this year, and the stronger friendship and society On June 11th the 38th annual

> presented the oratory and debate the Wright House. The small tables Angell won his letter as winner of closing address as President, thankthe girls. Marion Forrester and Hannah Spencer gave lovely musical numbers which were well received. The banquet closed with the singing of the Alpha Theta to the Seniors. It was certainly one of the finest banquets ever given by the society and this was largely made possible by the great number of Alumni and former members back. Among the guests were Mrs. Crooks, Mrs. Robinson, Miss Ward, Miss Roberts. The Alumni present were: Mrs. Walker, Mrs. L. V. Cram '96, Miss Alice Marsh '02, Mrs. B. Bouwman, Mrs. F. W. Thuran, Miss Con-Dorothy Allen, Miss Marion Bradley, Miss Dorothy Brady, Mrs. Hasbrouck, Miss Ruth Hamilton, Miss Maud Hooper. The ex-students were Mrs. Claire Henry, Miss Ernestine Des Jardens, Mrs. Caro Marjorie Watkins.

On Sunday morning, Miss Ward girls and a number of the Alumni of tional department. the Society at a charming breakfast. Old friendships were renew-Alumni present were Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Hasbrouck, Mrs. Bouwman, Mrs. Blanc, Miss Marion Bradley, and Miss Dorothy Bradley.

Alpha Theta feels that this has been an exceptionally successful ich will study this summer at the year, in every way possible, both socially and intellectually, and hopes to have many more as profitable.

Most men find it easier to take two steps backward than to take one for-

n order to acquire a monument.

## c is Started on President's Home MANY EVENTS ON **WEEK'S PROGRAM**

Dr. Kerr to Be Speaker at Wednesday's Commencement Exercises.

The events of the last few days will reach a climax Wednesday morning when the graduates of this year will receive their coveted diplomas. Since examinations became a thing of the past last Thursday, commencement program of events has occupied the center of the

A large crowd of alumni, relatives of graduates, and friends of the college are visiting on the campus and joining in the celebration of the fortieth annual commencement of Alma College. Events of today's pro-

Luncheon for graduating class, alumni, old students, faculty and trustees in the grove at 12:00

Alumni business meeting, 1:30 Baseball-Alma vs Mt. Pleasant at Davis Field, 2:30

At six o'clock tonight the various class reunions will be held, especially the reunions of the following classes: '92, '97, '02, '07, '12, '17 and

At eight o'olcck the senior promenade and illumination of the campus will take place. From nine year was held at Three Pines. Most to ten President and Mrs. Crooks will of the girls went in cars, but a few give a reception at their home. All jolly meeting as all of Alpha Theta's ten o'clock a social gathering will be

> day, the academic procession starts from Wright Hall at 9:45 a. m. The commencement exercises, to be held in Memorial Gymnasium, will begin at ten. The Rev. Hugh T. Kerr, D. D., LL. D., of Pittsburg will speak.

> The last event of the season will be the commencement luncheon at Wright Hall, following the conclusion of the commencement exercises in the gymnasium.

SUMMER PLANS

Many Alma Faculty Members to Attend Universities for Study.

Several members of the faculty have already left the campus to carry out plans of summer activity. Others are preparing to leave after commencement to attend summer school or teach.

Miss Margaret Landwehr left Thursday for Germany. Miss Landstance Kingan, Mrs. Clarence wehr plans to travel in Germany, Blanck, Miss Betty Brooks, Miss Spain and other European countries this summer. She is instructor in German and Spanish in the language department.

Dr. Randels and family left Friday morning for North Dakota, where he will teach in the North Da-Spendlone, Mrs. Clarence Kirsten, kota Normal School summer session. Miss Marguerite Brown, and Miss He was forced to leave before commencement time as the summer session opens this week. Dr. Randels entertained the Senior Alpha Theta will occupy a position in the educa-

Professor Journey, history and economics, leaves Thursday to ated, and the guests had a nice time tend summer school at the Univertalking and taking pictures. The sity of Chicago, where he is completing work on his doctor's degree. Miss Steward, dean of women, and Miss Foley, French instructor, will also attend the University of Chicago this summer. Miss Banta and Miss Ren-University of Chicago.

Professor Clack and Professor Hamilton will teach at Mt. Pleasant during the vacation period.

Many members of the student body are also planning on attending summer school. Merril Holdship, Ralph Frazer, Russel Riley, Gordon Mac-A hero must die at the right time donald and several others are plan-

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sion of student thought. 3. Immediate completion of the new athletic field for use.

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### LOOKING BACK AND AHEAD

Coming to the end of a year, it is quite fitting that we should pause for a moment and look back over the record of Alma ths year. Look back to weigh and consider the happenings of the year, both good and bad, that we may build for a greater and better Alma next year.

We feel that Alma has had an unusual live and energetic student body this year, in more ways than one. Principally, in the way they have studied campus problems and tried to solve them. Never in recent years has there been as much discussion of improvements that the students feel could be made in the college. We are sorry to say that results do not show the strength of student opinion, but we are very nappy that students have made their opinions known on several occasions when such action was needed. We want and need thinking Alma students. Only thus will we improve our college.

Again, we have strong athletic records this year. Alma has had strong, fighting teams, who did their best for the school. Alma spirit has been shown on the gridiron, basketball court, and all other places of athletic endeavor.

While far from the top in Oratory and Debate, the men and women in this field have worked honestly and hard. Giving one's best effort is more important than winning.

So we look forward to seeing these records improved next year We would hope in the first place, that students would think how best to improve, and then act courageously along the line of action. We would hope for Alma men and women who will give their best efforts in every college activity, and win or lose find satisfaction in that.

Every student is prone to speak ill of his college at times. It is student nature, perhaps. Often a low grade where a high one was expected is the cause, failure to make teams may be the cause, disputes with faculty members may be it, or any other of innumerable causes and conditions. We feel that it is a student rght to criticise if he feels he has just cause, and if he criticizes constructively. We would defend that to the end. But at the same time, do not keep any grudge against your college because of something that has happened. The year is finished, we have all worked toward a better Alma, faculty and students, according to our lights. We have all made mistakes. But Alma means more to us than the attainment of any one thing we may not have been able to get. Let us be satisfied, looking forward to next year to again lend our best efforts for Alma.

### DUNT ESK!

(Cornell Daily Sun)

The next time someone of our acquaintance drags out the latest "Ask Me Another" book and, his eyes gins to fire query after unanswerable query at us, we shall not crawl and transition. As may be imagined, down into our collar nor try to hide vainly behind a newspaper mutter- ly written and coherent novel from ing feeble "I don't knows." On the contrary, with a bland air of superior knowledge we shall interrupt him in Birmingham in a district familiar with, "When was the first Ask Me to all the writers. Another book published?"

seems to him such an obvious ques- just appearing in print. His name tion, and with a condescending smile is Mr. James Saxon Childers and his will say, "Why, in 1926, of course." first novel, "Laurel and Straw," the Then we shall say, "Not at all. It story of a Rhodes Scholar, will be rewas published in the fourteenth cen- viewed in a later issue of The New for next year. tury by Phillipe de Thaon, Jofroi de Student. Watreforde, and other learned men. I must say I am surprised at such appalling ignorance. I can see that you don't read the Boston Trans-

script." Utterly crushed, and unable to reply, he will tear his beloved question book into tiny shreds, cast them one by one into the fire, and slink off, muttering unintelligibly to himself.

If he should prove stronger than we thought and answer that one, all we shall have to do will be to ask ring are not always synonymous.

him one or two of the questions in ".hat Mediaeval Ask Me Another: 'When God made Adam how old was he?" or "Will idiots be damned?" That will be sufficient and we shall be able to go peacefully back to our

-By I. P. Service

### Alma Awarded Football Championship

At the annual meeting of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association directors, held in Albion in conjunction with the annual field day, Alma was officially awarded the pennant for the football championship this year. Alma also received the relay pennant in the track awards.

Albion was awarded the basketball championship, and Kalamazoo took both baseball pennants, for the association championship, and for field day champions. The track title was awarded to Hillsdale.

The Alma baseball team was eliminated by Albion in their first game of the field day series. Alma played their best brand of baseball but was eliminated by the Methodists who turned in a spectacular exhibition of baseball. Lightbody hurled good ball for the victors, but Alma collected as many hits off him, as Albion did off the Alma pitchers. However Alma's were scattered hits and Albion bunched theirs in a few innings to score six runs to Alma's three. Meanwhile Kalamazoo put Hope out of the race, and managed to defeat Albion easily in the final game of the series. Watson hurled both games for the Kazooks.

Alma's track team put up a game fight for the track title. MacFar land, Gilbert, MacGregor and Mac-MManus did the outstanding work for Alma, placing high in several events. The relay team, Wolters, Lamb, MacFarland and Gilbert took the relay in one of the most thrilling races ever staged on an M. I. A A. track. However Alma was only able to finish in third place, with Hillsdale first and Kalamazoo second. Considering the strong teams in the association this year, Alma made a very fine showing, much more than had been expected.

### Kappa Iota Gives Annual Luncheon

Members and guests of the Kappa Iota Literary Society held their annual society luncheon at the Wright House, Saturday, June 11th, at 1:30 o'clock. Decorations were very beautiful consisting of yellow rose buds, snap dragons and purple honey suckles.

Many former members of the society were back on the campus to attend the luncheon. Among them were M. Campbell, M. Furman, B. Holmes, D. Tindale, D. Landwehr, and D. Jost.

Following is the program enjoy-

Toastmistress-Ruth Richards Frances Entertainment- Helen

Afternoon Tea-Mrs. H. Crooks

The Buggy Ride-Bertha Wood-

The Call-Lucille Wolfe Leave Taking-Cathryn Lee

#### Writing Class Produces Entire Novel

Birmingham, Ala., (By New Student Service)-On the title page of the new novel that is almost comclass. The class colloborated on this novel which is being written as a regular part of the course.

Eighteen different students wrote the twenty-three chapters of the novel. Each chapter was rewritten at least one time to insure smoothness it was not easy to concoct a uniformthe hands of so many amateur writers. Most of the action takes place

In charge of the composition class

Are the scientists who say that the span of human life may yet be one hundred years giving sufficient attention to the influence of the motor-car accidents in pulling down the average?-Boston Transcript

After working the political boss for a job a man can afford to take it

The dinner gong and the dinner

#### Crooks Delivers Many Commencent Speeches

As usual President Crooks is delivering many commencement addresses in cities of the lower peninsula. Last Wednesday afternoon he spoke to the graduates of Detroit University School, and in the evening to the senior class of the Marshall high school. He addressed the Gaylord high school graduates Thursday evening, and spoke Friday evening to the Grand Ledge gradu-

President Crooks has four more engagements to fill. Next Thursday he will speak to the Standish graduating class, and Friday evening will be the speaker of the evening at the Fairgrove commencement exercises.

On Thursday, June 23rd, President Crooks will deliver the commencement address at Creston High School, Grand Rapids. The exercises will be held at ten o'clock in the morning. On the next evening he will be in Pontiac to speak at the commencement of the Pontiac High School seniors.

#### Camp Tamiment Offers Summer Opportunity

New Yor (By New Student Service)-For the student who wishes to combine summer sociological discussion with swimming, tennis, boating, baseball and hiking, the three day conference of The League for Industrial Democracy is especially designed. This conference is an annual affair and will be held at Camp Tamiment, Forest Park, Pa., June 23

One conference is devoted especially to talking over the student's particular dilemma and finding out what he can do in regard to bettering Industry and International Relations. Well informed speakers will be on hand, a circular announces, including Paul Brigorden of Columbia, Jacob Billikopf, Impartial Chairman, New York Men's Clothing Industry, Professor Paul H. Douglas of Hillugilt, E. C. Lindeman, of the New York School for Social Work, Robert Morse Lovell of the New Republic, Scott Nearing, lecturer and author, George Soule of the New Republic, Norman Thomas of the League for Industrial Democracy, and others.

Special reduced rates are offered students who are all invited to attend. Further information may be obtained from the League for Industrial Democracy, 70 Fifth Avenue, New York City.

### Drama Club Selects Next Year's Officers

After a very successful season the Drama Club of Alma College met on last Thursday evening, June 2, in a Woodhurst, L. Watrous, D. Lee, F. special meeting for the election of officers. They are:

President-Earl Closser Secretary-Leslie Rowland Treasurer-Louis Zimmerman Reporter-Louis Nickels

With these officers and an abundance of talent, the future of the Drama Club is very bright. The coming year will see several fine plays presented by the organization.

### LIBRARY NOTES

A display of old programs may be of interest to visiting alumni, who, perchance, may note some that look

Among the Alma College graduates of this year who have served on the library student staff or who have pleted at Birmingham-Southern Uni- had the course in library methods versity will be the names of eighteen are the Misses Forrester, Gilbert, students of the English composition Lau, Richard, Stinchcomb and Winslow, and Mrs. Perdue. Among those who are being graduated from other colleges or universities are the Misses Marjorie Kunze and Mary I. Parr. Of those who have completed a year of graduate study elsewhere is Miss Ruth I. King.

Mrs. Elizabeth Williams Bouwman, who has been such a popular and efficient assistant, first as a student helper, and later as a graduate assistant, has resigned her library position to join her husband, Mr. Bert Bouwman, of Grand Rapids.

Miss Helen Wolter, of Benton He will be a bit startled by what is an instructor whose first novel is Harbor, a graduate of the University of Michigan, who has studied in the. Library Department or School of that university has been appointed to the position of library assistant

> Work in the library will go forward during the first part of the summer. College students and faculty members may exchange books or read the periodicals mornings (while open) from 10 to 11:45.

Hopes have been entertained that sufficient funds would be forthcoming to start work on the fireproof bookstacks this summer, and thus afford a larger reading room (from space of present stacks.) However, this is not, as yet, assured. The library has now over 35,000 volumes

housed in space originally planned for 20,000; and much discarded material has been disposed of to make room for what is now included.

#### FACULTY MAKE SUMMER PLANS

(Continued from page one) ning on attending the University of Michigan. John Dawson will attend the summer session of Detroit City college, before entering the University of Michigan law school this fall. Lauritz Drevdahl will study at Mar-

quette Normal this summer.

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**Band Elects Officers** for Coming Season

The last meeting of the year for the college band took place last Thursday and officers were chosen spires, the homes, and the parliafor the coming year. The band has had a most successful season under the leadership of George Boyd and it is hoped that as good results will be obtained again next year. One who deserves much credit for the success of the band this year is the manager, Alpha Musson. Because of his hard and consistent work the band has been able to come out on top financially. He also worked hard to secure the vote of the student council conferring letters on the band men, but was only able to secure them for senior men who had served two years. However he got the sentiment for band letters started and we are quite certain that next year will see the band men getting their let-

Besides looking forward to a letter, the club is looking forward with en husiasm to a five or ten day trip up North next year. Plans are already being laid, and chances are good that next yes and will take such a trip.

The officers for the ming year are as follows:

President-Louis Nickels Manager-Erle Leichty

Secretary-Treas .- Robert Jones It is the sincere wish of the men who served in the band during this year, and who are graduating this year, that a very successful t ur will be accomplished next year and they hope to return to see band members wearing letters.

SENIORS HEAR FINE BACCALAUREATE ADDRESS

(Continued from page one) or Bryan or Darrow, or Fosdick, or Sherwood Eddy, or Dr. Cadman, or John Roach Straton, or Governor Al Smith, or Coolidge, or Voliva, or Mary Baker Eddy. My quarrel begins if you say you accept any one of these in order to be popular, or to be agreeable, or to secure a positon, or to be elected to Congress, or to please a pastor, a teacher or an employer. Only truth has the right to letic participation were awarded to compel your opinion. Only after Walter Burton and Rex Anderson. honest and diligent thought have you the right to your opinion. Cowards and the indolent minded can follow without a thought.

"It takes a resolute person to fight a winning fight for his independence of mind. Here is an heroic endeavor for you."

"Amusement may be called another giant that seeks your overthrow. In days gone individuals sought amusement. Today organized amusement craftily seeks you. The giant of amusement needs to be overcome. Your soul's growth is over when you surrender your mind to being perpetually soothed by light reading, tickled by meaningless music, habituated to no action in the presence of pictures or cards. Those who give their lives to amusement do literally just that. They give their lives to amusement.

"In your souls must constantly be maintained the struggle of idealism against materialism. Our people are called the most materialistic of races. Seers in China and India Lamb, Wolters, MacFarland and warn us that our spirits' flights are likely to be impossible because of the abundance of the things we possess. Yet America gives more to schools, colleges, art galleries, education in all phases, foreign missions than any one else, and responds always to the appeal of ideals. I spend only a moment to say that America cannot save her soul by giving her money. Men and nations are only saved by giving their

"You must be master of things. You must be anxious that money and possessions (so called) do not possess you. Here is the real enemy of the spirit.

"Selfishness has ever been the enemy of spiritual growth. The man who is choosing always what is best for himself, never makes the right choice for his soul's enrichment. Even the question 'What must I do to be saved' is not necessarily the sign of religion. It may be the query of a man in spiritual panic, the last cry of a man whose selfish

abyss of hoper ssness. ever, make no flights. Their spirits' day.

wings will not lift them above the earth whose fulness they covet.

"Another conflict is with the giant unbelief. Faith has worked all the miracles of human history. Faith has built the cities, the towers and ment building. Faith has cemented all the organizations that help men to rise. The works of unbelief are ruins and howling emptiness. The only house fabricated by unbelief is the mad house.

"God gave men, through men's own minds and creations, the blucprint of a building fit for men to inhabit. With man's lack of comprehension threatening the success of the structure, he sent his own Son to give working principles and supplementary diagrams. He gave to men's spirits new power to rise and

"So for your spirits' health I call on you to fight unbelief as you would pestilence itself. . . . . . There are giants in these days. No man can be himself; above all no man can be God's man, whose soul is not constant in warfare with these enemies of mind and spirit.

"The warfare of the spirit is nevor ended. The boundaries of the impossible may be pushed back, and back but beyond is still the goal. 'Be ye perfect' . . . . . As explorers are rerfect? As fliers are perfect? As heroes are perfect? As saints are perfect? Like the rainbows end. it may never be reached. Still it is the authorized goal: Be ye perfect as your Father in Heaven is per-

"The flight of the soul is to no earthly city. The goal is not Berlin, not Paris, not New York City. The goal for the soul is that city whose builder and maker is God."

FINAL CHAPEL HELD ON MONDAY

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Arozian, Karpp, Pezet, Simmons, Hawthorne, and Chatman of Detroit; Anderson and Lamb of Alma; Captain Burton of Manistique: Bauer of Saginaw; MacGregor of Pontiac; Frazer of Flint; and Holdship

Sweaters for four years of ath-

Anderson, Holdship, Hawthorne, Gaelor, Seng, Karpp, Tiderington, Simmons and Wolters were awarded the basketball letters.

Assistant Coach Macdonald awarded the baseball letters to Holdship, Gaelor, Conlin, Yaggeman, Westfall, Albaugh, Tiderington, Kippert, Boutin, LeBlanc, and Hawthorne.

Track Coach Ewer awarded track emblems to Captain MacGregor, Gilbert, MacManus, Bernd, Lamb, Wolters, MacFarland, Conlin and Pezet. Medals won in the association meet at Albion were also awarded. Captain MacGregor received one for second in the hundred, and third in the broad jump. MacFarland had second in the two twenty. MacManus for first in the two mile and fourth in the mile run. Bernd for third in the two twenty low hurdles. Pezet for first in the shot and third in the discus. All members of the relay team received medals for winning that event. The team composed of Gilbert have not lost a relay event this year. They turned in the fast time of 3:35 at the association

MacManus received a medal for taking fifth place in cross country event and Erskine for seventh in the same race.

Reserve letters were awarded to Thomas, Knighton, Pomeroy, Fox, Burton and Knowles.

Ross Mitchell and Lee Crooks received the tennis awards. They took fourth place in the association doubles at Albion. Leahy and Angell and Crowell received the re-

The varsity pearl A was awarded to the following men, who were participating in athletics for the first time. Arozian, Karpp, Pezet, Simmons, Bauer, Tiderington, Seng, Wolters, Kippert, Conlin, LeBlanc, Yaggeman, Albaugh, Gilbert, Mac-Farland, Lamb, Mitchell, Crooks, Bernd, Erskine and Boutin.

Francis MacDougall received the award as student business manager life has brought him to the black of athletics during the past year.

Professor Ditto, faculty associa-"The teacher who teaches for the tion representative, presented Capsalary; the business man who gives tain Burton with the championservice only because service leads to ship banner adding it was seldom profits; the minister who saves that a student captained a chamsouls to be called to a larger church; pionship football team, and won a the statesman who tes for the magna cum laude degree. He also right only to be reelected; these are presented to Captain MacGregor the examples of men who may rise to championship banner for the winhigher positions. Their souls, how- ning relay team at the Albion field Queen Quality Pumps

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# SENIORS REVEL

Members of Class of '27 Spend Enjoyable Outing at Bass Lake.

was declared by the seniors to be their annual spring skip day. As a consequence the campus missed the Burton, pitching for the winners, black robed graduates. An early start was made, and breakfast enjoyed near the pines of Three Pines. Professor Journey gets much of the credit for starting the day off right with a hearty breakfast, as he gathered most of the firewood. This while hibition of base stealing in the fifth, the others frolicked about with the birds and cows, and Wally Burton ing slide when catcher Snell threw and Joe Snell climbed trees. Unfortunately Wally dropped his watch, ping. Mention should be made of the with the river flowing directly beneath. As an aftermath he and Red Clark spent thrilling moments in the icy waters in the search for the lost trinket. It being finally recovered, and breakfast devoured, the trio of cars took up the march for Bass Lake. Special mention should be on all fours.

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ed at the lake, Snell and Scotty chose Student Council Sponsides for a game of baseball. Harold Fildey was unanimously appointed umpire of the battle. He served faithfully and well. Note-the ed was on the winning team, though many a hot dispute arose over some of the many close decisions, especially when the player in question happened to be of the so called fair

The Macdonaldites got away to the best start, the captain and Murray featuring with home runs in early innings. But by dint of hard effort Wednesday, the first day of June their opponents slowly closed up on them, and then forged into a lead which they held the rest of the game. had a fine day, walking few and keeping the hits scattered well. Journey pitched a nice game for the losers, but had a few bad innings when the Snellites hit him pretty freely. Prof. also gave a pretty exwhen he returned to first with a divto first in an effort to catch him napheavy slugging of Winslow and Adams, who figured in the play of their respective teams.

Swimming was in order after the game, and soon everyone was in the water. Prof. entertained the spectators by swimming and at the same time keeping a cigar going. He acgiven to the driving ability displayed complished the seemingly impossible. by Erskine, seldom taking a corner Swimming and rowing soon created a number of healthy appetites, and "Yes, twice." As soon as everyone had regather- the losing baseball team prepared the eats. Steak, beans, bananas, rolls, coffee, and cake formed the that his dad bought him a car so simple menu.

After eating the crowd enjoyed ly this summer. dancing and lolling about in the sunshine. But by about four the majority felt that the day should not here. The boys and girls part for be completely given over to play, especially as some had incompleted work to finish, so the start was made

Skip day will be an event long remembered by the members of the class of '27 as one of the most enjoyable affairs of their college days. Most expressed the wish that the class could only get together for another such picnic day.

### Campbell, Stinchcomb Win Highest Honors

Donald Campbell of Gladstone has been named valedictorian of the class of 1927. He has made an unusual scholastic record at Alma, and plans on continuing his studies at Harvard next year, where he has been appointed to a scholarship.

Miss Neva Stinchcomb has been named salutatorian. Miss Stinchcomb is an Alma girl, and has a very brilliant scholastic record for her four years here. Following is the class roll:

Miss Elma Bishop, Mr. Donald Campbell, Miss Louise Lau, and Miss Neva Stinchcomb, A. B. suma cum

Miss Ethelyn Adams, Mr. Walter Burton, Miss Alma Gilbert, Mrs. Viola H. Perdue, and Miss Ethel West,

A. B. magna cum laude. Mr. John Anderson, Mr. Carroll Clark, Mr. Hubert Doudna, B. Sc.; Miss Marion Forrester, Mr. Alpha Musson. Mr. Frank Prouty, and Miss Hope Winslow A. B. Cum laude.

Mr. Rex Anderson, Mr. Argyll Campbell, Miss Clga Down, Mr. John Erskine, Mr. Harold Fildey, Miss Cathryn Lee, Mr. Cecil Mac-Donald, Mr. Gordon Macdonald, Mr. Francis MacDougall, Mr. Wilmot Pruyne, Miss Ruth Richards, Mr. Stanley Sartor, Mr. Joseph Snell, and Mr. Everett Winslow receive the A. B. degree.

Mr. George Boyd Mr. Walter Buzzard, Mr. Charles Murray, Miss Gertrude Sutton and Mr. Keith Tarrant receive the B. Sc. degree.

### Mt. Pleasant Here for Final Baseball Game

Baseball fans will have their last opportunity to see the 1927 team in action at Davis Field Tuesday afternoon, when Alma meets Mt. Pleasant in the last game of the met with unexpected reverses in the last baseball games of the association race, and at the field day at Albion, Coach Campbell assures fans that they will see a fighting Alma aggregation at Davis Field this afternoon. Alma has a flock of good been conducted on occasions by material, hampered mostly by the Francis Angus MacDougall and Lee fact that for most of the squad this is their first year of college baseting some valuable experience, and maine Graemael Hogan, and Charles this afternoon.

pected for the game.

### sors All College Dance

An all college dance sponsored by the student council was given in the college gymnasium last Saturday evening. The music was furnished by Kendall Hicks' orchestra.

Because of the commencement season a number of alumni, old students and friends of the college were present to enjoy the dancing. Dancing concluded at eleven o'clock. Chaperones were Dean Steward, Miss Renich, Miss Foley and Mrs. H. M. Crooks.

#### CAMPUSOLOGY

Well, folks, here we are back for a last crack at all our dear friends before we leave our Alma Mater. Its all good clean fun folks.

Frances must have left town because Drev came down to see us.

We know something of note would happen before school got out-a Wright Hall girl was caught reading a newspaper.

Say, the tobacco companies will lose money now that the boys will be livin' at home for the summer.

Mike Jenks asked Drevdahl if he said goodby to Frances, he said

Kent likes Saginaw water so well that he could get up there frequent-

The saddest time of the year is the summer, and go home vowing eternal love, unswerving allegiance and all that sort of thing.

Well Thursday morning Professor Journey will go out to the old sport model and say, "One, two, three, step on the gas, underline it twice and lets go to Chi."

Thirty couples attended the all college party at Crystal Saturday evening.

Did you notice the new hat Cassie had on Sunday? She has finally pleased Ralph in some particular.

Doc's Gazette got him through three courses this semester, the professors thought that he was taking

Skin Frazer got impatient after a forty-five minute wait at Wright Hall Saturday night, so he went to the foot of the stairs and called, "Hey, Cassie, haven't you got that dress made yet?"

This year's senior class has finally done something together. They all appeared at baccalaureate service Sunday evening and marched in unison down the aisle. Harold Fildey says everybody was out of step but him.

Hop Anderson wishes to thank all the students for their kind cooperation and enthusiasm during the three years that he has been yell master. He feels sure that his assistant · Louis P. Zimmerman the Chicago handspringer, will fill his shoes without difficulty during the coming vear. We too are sure that Mr. Zimmerman can fill Hop's shoes without difficulty. All right, now let's go, a big 2-4-6-8-who do we appreciate? Well, what's it to you?

From now on the faculty is going to regulate all fistic encounters between students, because of the numerous parties who plan on getting hit in the eye near exams next year. Applications for this privilege must be made promptly, as they will be considered in the order received, and only a limited number are available.

Wednesday will be the last chance the college will have to bring Prouty into the ranks of the believers. If they fail on that day we expect that Frank will take Mencken's place on season. Despite the fact that Alma this here green covered magazine called the "American Mercury," and expose the college as an educational

Well, now folks, this year is over. The Campusology column, which has Elliott Crooks, with the able assistance of several of the more wittily ball. But the men have been get- inclined of the campus, notably Roit is felt that Alma has an even Richard Murray, is no more. We chance at least to knock off the have singularly enjoyed writing this strong Mt. Pleasant aggregation column, in fact, we have heard it said with some conviction that the In an early game of the season enjoyment was entirely too singular the Normal defeated Alma in a close in some instances. But that is battle, 2-1. Alma is out to even up neither here nor there. The main the count, and win the final game of thing is that we are all caught up the year. A large crowd of stu- and we hereby affirm that we are dents, alumni, and visitors is ex- all through. Hoping you the same.

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