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## MISSOURI HOST TO N. S. F. A.

### Federation Goes On Record As Opposed To Honor System, Favors Chapel

The annual congress of the National Student Federation of America convened at the University of Missouri on December 12th, and held a four day session from the 12th to the 16th. Last year the third annual meeting of the Federation was held at the University of Nebraska and Alma College was represented by Jack Thoma and Lucille Wolfe of the class of '28. This year the Student Council of the college decided it would be financially impracticable to send any delegates and so Alma was not represented at this fourth congress.

"Quo Vadis" is the challenge that is flung at young America from all sides. This year the National Student Federation based the program for its Fourth Annual Congress on this very question in an attempt to determine whether college students are bound in their search for an education. The Meeting provided an opportunity for the most prominent students in the country to discuss together their common problems, to decide on concerted action in regard to the responsibilities of the N. S. F. A. to the world federation of students, and to further student contact in this country through meeting on a social as well as a business basis.

A group of student leaders from the great educational institutions of the country conducted discussions and reports of honor systems, student government, fraternities, athletics, journalism, militarism in education, and international relations.

It will be interesting for the students of Alma to note the resolutions which were passed by the discussion group for delegates from colleges with an enrollment of less than five hundred.

"Chapel as an institution is very beneficial to the life of the college and should be a part of the daily program. Furthermore compulsory chapel is desirable because it insures the students in the college of a meeting of the entire group daily."

Another resolution which should be very interesting to the campus, in view of the recent problem relative to the Interfraternity-Council, is that no other campus organization should have any authority in campus affairs except the one central governing body, the Student Council. There were two votes favoring authority by Honorary Societies, five for Christian and Religious organizations but none for Interfraternity Council or Pan-Hellenic societies.

In the case of the Honor System it was decided, in view of the widespread failure of the institution in such colleges as Leland Stanford, Virginia, Yale, Amherst and Rutgers, that it was not conducive to either better scholarship or better morals and therefore should be abolished. There is only one college in the United States where the honor system is a success and that is Washington and Lee University. The success of the institution here is due, very likely, to the fact that the system was inaugurated at the founding of the university and students who go there respect and live up to it as a hallowed tradition.

## COLLEGE TEACHERS ILL DURING HOLIDAYS

Professor Leon L. Tyler, Head of the Education Department, has been seriously ill since before the holidays with a combination attack of bronchitis and influenza. The student body was glad to learn that the Professor is improving rapidly now and will again be on the campus in a few days.

Dean Florence Steward and Miss Margaret Foley, both of whom were confined to their homes on account of illness after the holidays, returned to their duties at the college the early part of this week. In the absence of the Dean, Miss Josephine Banta, professor of Classics, has been acting as Dean of Women.

## BASKETBALL SCHEDULE FIRST SEMESTER

January 18—Hope at Alma.  
January 19—Olivet at Alma.  
January 23—Kalamazoo at Alma.  
February 5—Central at Alma.  
February 8—Hillsdale at Alma.

## MONDAY CHAPEL ENJOYED SEXTETTE

The Girls Sextette of the Glee Club gave a very delightful and entertaining program during the Student Chapel period on Monday. The girls sang a Medley of recent song-hits, and responded to the very demonstrative encore with a group of popular numbers.

The Sextette makes its initial out-of-town appearance of the year at Six Lakes next Thursday evening. The personnel consists of Lewise Salmon of Detroit, Katherine Lehner of Alma, Margaret Roberts of Alma, Margaret McMillan of Alma, Mary K. Burt of Saginaw, Katherine Boyd of McBain, Helen Frances Miller of Allegan, accompanist.

## MAROON AND CREAM ON SALE

The 1928-29 Maroon and Cream Staff is publishing one of the finest annuals ever put out by a Junior class. The books will be beautifully illustrated and excellent reflectors of Alma College life for the year. The management announces that the books will be sold by contract this week and it is essential that you sign up for yours now.

## M. I. A. A. BOARD MEETS AT ALBION

### Hendershot Of Alma Made President For Current Year

At the regular December meeting of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association Board of Directors, Alma's representative on the Board, Mr. Muriel Hendershot, was singularly honored by being elected President of the Association. Mr. Hendershot has been prominent in public speaking and dramatic work during his three years on the campus and is quite capable of heading the college organization. Wicks of Kalamazoo college was elected first vice-President and Jacobs of Olivet was made second vice-President. Professor Herron of Hillsdale was elected treasurer and Dr. McCulloch of Albion retained his position as secretary of the organization.

During the course of the meeting there was considerable discussion concerning Freshman athletic competition and plans for the annual Field Day.

The following ruling was enacted regarding the supervision of Freshman competition. "The Freshmen shall be limited to the playing of not more than four football, six basketball and four baseball games. Track competition is unlimited. Furthermore, no basketball game may be played before January 1st, and not more than one game a week thereafter."

The penalty for violation of this enactment reads: "Any game played in violation of the rule shall be counted as varsity competition, and the players shall thereby lose one year of varsity competition."

Field Day, it was decided, will again be held at Albion on May 31 and June 1. A Field Day committee was appointed consisting of the Secretary and Treasurer of the M. I. A. A. and the Coaches of Albion and Hillsdale.

As the final business of the meeting of the Board gave the awards for the cross country run in which Kalamazoo took first, second, third and fifth places; Albion the fourth and sixth places; and Alma, seventh place.

The M. I. A. A. committee and the College Presidents' Association appointed a committee to meet with the coaches of the six colleges to determine some standard of presenting athletic awards.

## DEBATE SCHEDULE IS ANNOUNCED

The complete debate schedule as announced by Manager H. F. Angell for the 1929 season is as follows:

January 18—Ypsilanti here and there, affirmative traveling.  
February 8—Alma negative at Mt. Pleasant. Affirmative meets Albion here.  
February 22—Western Normal affirmative team here. Alma affirmative team goes to Hope.  
March 15—Olivet here and there, negative traveling.

## WORK ON LIBRARY NEARING COMPLETION



The laborious task of moving the thousands of books from the old library stacks to the steel stacks in the new addition was completed during the holidays. Since that time the entire interior of the old building has been re-arranged and at the present time the work of varnishing, painting and decorating is nearing completion. The walls of the reading room have been redecorated in ivory and the tables, book cases and woodwork have

all been brightened with varnish.

When the re-organization of the building is finished the library will be one of the best equipped and most commodious buildings of its kind among the small colleges of the state.

Miss Annette P. Ward, librarian, under whose supervision the work is progressing, announces that the library will be ready for use within a very few days.

## ORATORS TO SPEAK WED. AND THUR.

The annual College Oratorical Contest will be held in the college chapel Wednesday and Thursday evenings of this week. The women will speak Wednesday and the men's contest will take place Thursday night.

Considerable interest on the part of the student body during the past few years has stimulated the efforts of more speakers and each year sees an increase in the number of contestants. It has been some time since an Alma speaker has won the state contest but, with a number of capable Freshmen and some experienced speakers on the program this year, the prospects are bright for a successful outcome. The Michigan Intercollegiate Oratorical Contest will be held in Alma this year and undoubtedly that has done much to create interest in the student group.

In the women's competition the following people have made known to Professor Hamilton, who has the contest under supervision, their intentions of entering the contest: Miss Lewise Salmon, Miss Mary K. Burt, Miss Gertrude Martin, and Miss Helen Logan. Last year Miss Salmon represented Alma at the state contest and received fifth place in the competition on the subject "Philippine Independence."

Professor Hamilton states that the men listed below have indicated that they will be in the Thursday night contest: Clifford Erickson, H. Frank Angell, Walter Elder, Douglas MacClelland, Clarence Moore, Amos Ruddock and Homer Barlow. Mr. Erickson spoke for Alma in the 1928 state contest on the subject of re-forestation and received fifth place for his efforts.

The oratorical contest is always a spirited affair and the orations are interesting and educational. The student body and faculty are urged to attend because a large audience is always contributive to the success of the contest.

## HOPE AND OLIVET HERE THIS WEEK

### Dutchmen And Crimson Are Favored To Win After Albion Defeat

With the strong Hope and Olivet teams on the card for this week Friday and Saturday nights the Alma cagers have a real task on their hands if they hope to stay in the race for Association honors. Although the Almites were decisively beaten at the hands of the Methodists last Friday night at Albion they still can make a real bid for the honors by defeating the Dutchmen and Crimson this week.

However this will be no mean task for both teams are seriously considered as title contenders in the 1929 race. Hope, although more optimistic before the pre-season reverses she suffered, has a real aggregation and Coach Schouten has established a reputation of turning out real basketeers. The Dutchmen will bring a strong defensive team to Alma Friday night and the tilt will prove the relative strength of the two teams as bidders in the Association struggle.

Olivet has one of the smoothest working machines in years and from

## ALMA LOSES TO ALBION, 33-13

### Methodists Win M. I. A. A. Opener With Better Team Work

Alma opened its M. I. A. A. basketball season for this year at Albion last Friday, the Methodists emerging on the top of a 33 to 13 score.

The same team that Alma defeated twice last year appeared to advantage on its own floor, several pre-season games with strong teams serving to produce a smoothness of team play that was more than the practically new Alma team could cope with.

The fact that the Alma aggregation appeared to disadvantage does not necessarily mean that a lean year in the court game is in order. Many of the mistakes shown up on the large floor at Albion will be ironed out by Coach Campbell before this week's game with Hope and Olivet here. It was not expected that the team would look like a well oiled machine in its first game on a foreign floor, but given a little time the Alma squad will be functioning smooth enough to give any of the Association teams all the trouble they desire for one evening.

From last year's squad, that lost only to Kalamazoo and Hillsdale, Coach Campbell is without the services of Simmons, Tiderrington, Holdship, Leiphan, Hawthorne, and Boutin. To take their places are several men who obtained some experience last year, and Gussin and Heatt from last year's Frosh squad. These men are capable of much better basketball than they showed at Albion and should turn in many good performances before the season is over.

All the members of the Alma five seemed unable to connect with the Methodist's goal. Sometimes a brilliant piece of floor work would be wasted when the ball failed to go in the desired place. Pezet, Karpp and Gussin played good defensive games, breaking up many plays that looked good for points and making the Methodists scamp to the defensive.

The outstanding star of the game was Ernie Gray, the Purple and Gold center, who played a good floor game and was consistent in sending the ball through the hoop. Carlson was also a big noise offensively.

Again the game opened with Alma getting first blood when Karpp sunk a foul for a point. The advantage was of short duration, however, as E. Gray and Goldberg got baskets for Albion. Alma took time out, after which E. Gray and Densmore connected for two points each.

Wagner was substituted for Albaugh and Alma got another point when Gussin dropped a foul. Heatt fell all over E. Gray twice within thirty seconds, the Albion center making all four points. After Gussin broke away and missed the shot, Heatt was taken out and Karpp sent to center, Mann taking Karpp's place at forward. Alma then took the offensive and made the play for a few moments under the Purple and Gold hoop. Gussin and Pezet just failing to connect. Albion took time out.

Karpp made a nice dribble and dropped the ball for a bucket, but Gussin fouled Carlson and the advantage was lost. E. Gray fouled Gussin who failed. In a moment Gray missed one and Karpp then got a point on a foul after Bruce Gray tried to get rough. Mann added two more to the Alma side and Goldberg fouled Karpp, but the ball would not drop through this time. Gussin missed one, then made a nice long basket, the only trouble being that he shot after the gun for the first half. Score at the half, 17 to 7.

Alma got the ball at the beginning of the second half, but Wagner lost it on traveling. Mann fouled Carlson for two points on the wrong side, then Alma showed some nice team play under the Albion basket but Mann missed the shot. Carlson got a bucket for the Purple and Gold and Wagner one for the Maroon.

Pezet intercepted a Methodist pass but Gussin missed the shot that followed. Pezet made a nice dribble and tried a shot that did not connect. Albaugh substituted for Mann and immediately made a bucket. Gussin's shot after a nice dribble was blocked.

Albion sent in substitutes for Carlson and Densmore and Gussin missed two more. E. Gray got a basket. Mann substituted for Wagner after Wagner missed one. Albion then went on a scoring spree, Carlson and Densmore

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THE MINUTE MEN

Every campus has its "minute men"—last-minute men—and Alma is no exception. Some students forget the old adage which states that "procrastination is the thief of time," and wait until the last minute to do a whole semester's studying. It is to these students that this warning is addressed.

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And so for the "minute men" this journalistic lamp of warning is hung here that they may be ready, not to ride their "ponies" and spread the "information"—because that is cheating, but to be ready to charge the line of examinations.

DEBATING

Every year the students are urged, from the Chapel platform and through the columns of their publication, to support the forensic activities of the college. But very seldom have these urgings had any noticeable effect.

This week ushers in the public speaking year on the campus—Wednesday night the women hold their annual oratorical contest in the Chapel and Thursday night the men have theirs, Friday Alma debates with Michigan State Teachers college on the "jury question."

During the past year or two there has been a perceptible interest evidenced on the part of the student body in the Annual Oratorical Contest. But the College debaters have usually argued before the chairman and the judges. The students give as their reason for this lack of interest in debating that the debates are, because of their subject matter, dry and uninteresting.

This year the debates will not be dry or dull, because the arguments will not be the least bit involved or technical—they can't be because of the nature of the question. Clever rebuttal, impressive platform presentation and forcible speaking will characterize the work of any team which hopes to make a successful case.

The question for debate is, "Resolved that trial by jury should be abolished." The Negative team, with three promising but inexperienced debaters meets Ypsilanti's Affirmative in the Chapel Friday night—they deserve your support.

CHAPEL — YES! HONOR SYSTEM — NO!

At the beginning of the school year the Almanian stated its editorial policy to be favorable to compulsory chapel and opposed to the Honor system and government by fraternity representation. The article on the front page of this edition sums up in a few words the attitude taken by the student leaders of the small colleges of the United States. It is with some satisfaction that we read that the group drew up a number of resolutions favoring compulsory chapel, opposed to the honor system and the investment of any authority in a representative fraternity group.

Chapel is invaluable to the life of the institution because, as the N. S. F. A. resolution states, "it is not only beneficial to the moral tone of the college or university, but it brings the student body and faculty together daily as a co-operative unit." Due to a conflict of schedule it has been impossible for a number of students to attend chapel this semester and upon questioning them as to whether they miss the Chapel service each day they expressed themselves as regretting this omission in their daily program.

As these editorial columns admonished before, in regard to the honor system: "If students are honest the honor system is unnecessary, and if they are dishonest it is impossible—thus the honor system is either unnecessary or impossible."

It is not the intention herein to unearth "the proverbial hatchet" by a discussion of the interfraternity-council problem, but is very apparent to anyone who has considered the situation, that there is needed a re-organization of student politics and government on the Alma campus.

EXCHANGES

We read in the Olivet Echo: "The Old Olivet Spirit has awakened from a long sleep, the dog days are over, the pendulum has swung back, and we are about to re-experience the position of being one of the most respected and feared schools in the M. I. A. A." Evidently the Olivetians have "something up their sleeves." It may be their basketball team as the rumor is current in M. I. A. A. circles that the Crimson will give any of the Association teams a real struggle.

Olivet beat Calvin 33-15—and Calvin is supposed to have a strong team.

President Hoben of Kazoo College had a very interesting article in the December issue of the Atlantic Monthly magazine entitled "Professor."

Count Von Luckner, the internationally known "German submarine sea-devil," who has been writing a series of articles for the "World's Work" gave a very interesting lecture before the Kazoo College students December 14.

The Hillsdale debaters defeated Albion twice last week. The "jury system" was the question for debate, the contests being held before the Reading and Jonesville High Schools.

What's wrong with this write-up from the Hillsdale Collegian? "For a part of the game the Hillsdale squad looked the best it has at any time in recent years, but it was not long before the zealous work of the two officials began to find its effect in casting out players on the fourth personal foul and Adrian won on greater numbers and strength of reserve material." Adrian won 45-42.

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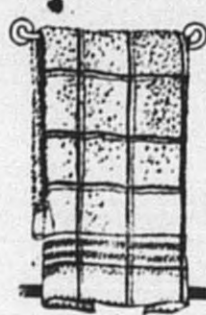
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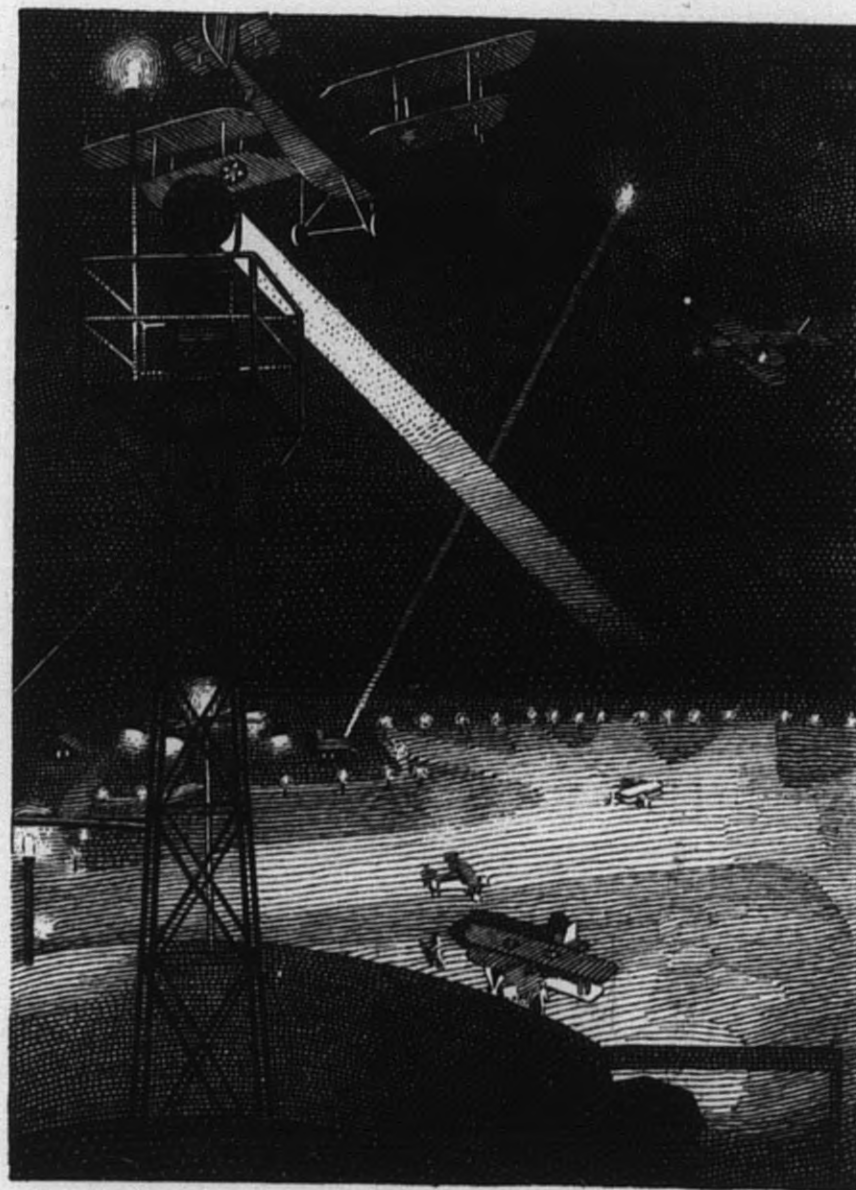
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HAMILTON'S

Following are a few news items which were selected at random from various papers throughout the state. Parma, Michigan. December 23. The people of hereabouts are always glad to welcome back the young folks from college. Max Thompson, known to many as the valedictorian of the local high school's class of '23, is spending a quiet vacation at his home in this city. We understand that he is contemplating a trip to Chicago before he resumes his arduous duties at the Presbyterian school up state.

Manistique, Dec. 28. After battling the elements for 350 miles, Everett Highland, a Senior in Alma College arrived safely Friday last and is spending the holiday season with his parents. The trip home was made in a Ford of the "open, college" model. Crosswell, Dec. 24. Leland, the son of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Pomeroy of this city, returned home Friday from Alma to spend the vacation season here. As in the past, Mr. Pomeroy will probably divide his time between Allegan and this city.

Stockbridge, Dec. 29. Paul Marcus Westfal, affectionally known hereabouts as "Jake", returned home from Alma college Friday of last week for the Christmas season. Mr. Westfall, a Senior in college, is preparing himself for the study of law. "Jake" is remembered by many as Stockbridge's premier athlete- winning the coveted "S" in every sport.

Cadillac, Jan. 2. (from the society column). Miss Barbara Witkop of Traverse Avenue, is entertaining Mr. George Kaiser, of Saginaw at the home of the former's parents. Both young people are students in Alma College.

Calumet, Jan. 28. "Douglas Mac-Clelland, whose home is in this city, returned from a semester's work in Alma College in the lower peninsula and will spend the holidays at his home here. "Smoke" is making quite a name for himself at Alma. He was a valuable linesman on the Alma Freshman football team and was selected as editor for the Frosh edition of the student publication. One of the papers was received at this office and we took pride in thinking that he got his start right in this office."

Flint, Mich. Dec. 26. Delbert Mac-Gregor, a student in Alma College, dropped in on his folks for a few minutes the other evening. The young man was on his way to Pontiac to spend the holiday season.

Alma, Mich. Jan. 8. Romaine "Doc" Hogan, who graduated from the College last June was in town for a few days last week. In company with another Alma student, Mr. "Skin" Frazer, Mr. Hogan has been one of the original "butter and egg" men for sometime. Hogan was for a time connected with the Statler Hotels.

The Spat Family Grows  
Ed and Dale, Jake and Dobber, Chuck and Crew. Bennie and Grogan. Blocker and Miller, and last but not least--Amos Ruddock. Chief is saving his money for a pair.

Pomeroy. Wood and Taylor have adopted their business slogan- "The Poor Fish." That's what someone said, at least.

We have been wondering when the Annual Basketball Classic between the Phi's and Zeta's will take place. Someone ought to do a little challenging.

Arozian has a half interest in one of the local beauty shops. Did you notice the finger-nails?

New roller rink on the fourth floor of Wright Hall.

Upper-classmen: "Lyman, will you roll up the rugs for the dance tonight?" Lyman: "Sorry, but I have to study."

MEN'S GLEE CLUB REPORT  
1027-1928

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Wright Hall was the scene of considerable merriment last Saturday evening when some ilfty couples gathered in the spacious lobby and danced from eight till eleven to the strains of the Serender's orchestra.

The party woh sponsored by the Student Council, and- In spite of the last minute changes in the program was acclaimed, by everyone in attendance, a most enjoyable affair. The original intention of the committee in charge was to hold the party in Memorial Gymnasium, but the severity of the cold weather which would have made it difficult to heat the large building to room temperature, induced the Council to change the scene to the Reception Room.

The rugs covering the hard wood floors were rolled back and after a sprinkling of wax had been applied the hall was in readiness. A blazing log fire in the huge fireplace wPS in sharp contrast with the zero, snowy weather out-of-doors, and created a cheery, cozy atmosphere lor the party. The chaperones in attendance were: Dean-protem Banta. Mrs. Roy Hamilton, Miss Leila Houser, Dr. and Mrs. W. E. Kaufman.

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**Alma Loses To Albion, 33-13**  
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getting field goals and E. Gray two points on a foul by Karpp. Wagner substituted for Mann and after Gussin made a nice shot for points from the center of the floor B. Gray and Carlson got baskets for the Methodists.

Bromley fouled Karpp, who looked at the basket with the wrong eye, and Albion sent in three subs. Wagner missed his chance and Bromley got one for Albion. A double foul was called but no points were made. Heartt missed a foul shot after he had gone back in, and as the game ended Albion made two points on two fouls by Gussin. Final score, 33 to 13.

**Summary**

Albion	Pos.	Alma
Carlson	L.F.	Karpp
Densmore	R.F.	Albaugh
E. Gray	C.	Heartt
B. Gray	L.G.	Pezet
Goldberg	R.G.	Gussin

Goals—Carlson 2, Dinsmore, Bromley, E. Gray 4, R. Gray, Goldberg, Karpp, Mann, Albaugh, Wagner, Gussin. Points after fouls—Carlson 4, Densmore, Bromley, E. Gray 6, Zanylybin, Karpp 2, Gussin.

Substitutions—McConnell for Carlson, Renklewicz for McConnell, Richards for Densmore, Bromley for Richards, Fleming for B. Gray, Zanylybin for Fleming, Cobland for Goldberg. Alma—Karpp for Heartt, Mann for Karpp, Albaugh for Mann, Mann for Wagner, Wagner for Mann.

Referee—Kipke (Michigan).

**NAVY CAPTAIN-ELECT OLD ALMA STUDENT**

The election of Lyle L. Koepke of Flint, guard, as captain of the United States Naval Academy team for 1929, is of peculiar interest to Alma people in that Koepke was a former Alma college student.

Few people were aware during the past football season that the husky star guard of the Navy team that fought a 6-6 tie with Michigan, and which got away to almost as poor a start this year as Michigan, only to finish in a blaze of glory by defeating the unbeaten Princeton team, was a former Alma student.

Koepke entered Alma college from Flint the second semester of the year in 1925. He was then appointed to the naval academy, was successful in his examinations and before Coach Campbell could lay hands on him for football, the following fall, he was enrolled at Annapolis.

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