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C. A. Watson, Other Alma Candidate, To Speak Here

Prohibition Vice Presidential Candidate Comes Home

Claude A. Watson of Los Angeles, candidate for the vice presidency on the Prohibition ticket and a former Alma student, will speak in the College chapel probably Monday morning, October 19th. Mr. Watson, who is Alma's second candidate for the post of vice president, is a former Alma boy. His parents, Rev. J. A. Watson, a retired clergyman and Mrs. Watson live on Philadelphia Avenue. Mr. Watson has been an occasional visitor in Alma, coming to visit his parents about twice a year.

The local committee, which is responsible for the program, plans to hold a general mass meeting on the 18th in Alma and possibly a meeting in some near-by town the same evening. Definite plans are to be announced later.

Mr. Watson was a student in the College during the years of 1906 and 1907. Later, after being engaged in various pursuits, he took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar, not only in the state of California but also before the Supreme Court of the United States. He has been a frequent contributor to various publications and has made his mark along lines of reform. He has a very attractive personality and is noted as a very forceful and earnest speaker. The College should take much honor and pleasure in welcoming back another man who has given to it national prominence in the political field.

Intramural Program Is Planned For All Men

A year-round intra-mural athletic schedule to include softball, basketball, a boxing tournament, possibly wrestling, and track events, in that order for men of the college was announced by Coach Macdonald last Wednesday. The series of sports will be held in the gymnasium between 6:45 and 7:45 each evening.

Six baseball teams will play according to a regular schedule and anyone is eligible. Team captains, who will pick their teams, are: H. B. Johnson—Senior team; Russ Burtraw—Juniors; Chuck Skinner—Sophomores; and Ace Cutler, Norm Geyer, and Red LeClaire—Freshmen. The coaches will be Doug Garrison and Bob Devaney. It is Coach Macdonald's wish that every man in the college will take advantage of this extensive intra-mural program.

Frosh Lose 20-0 to Central Frosh in Rain

The Alma Frosh were defeated 20-0 by the Central State Frosh in a driving rainstorm at Mt. Pleasant yesterday.

Central State scored in the final minute of the first half on a line smash by Taylor from the 3 yard line. Quick scored twice in the fourth quarter on a dash off left tackle from the 1 yard line, and on a 22 yard end sweep.

Alma threatened to score in the first quarter when Smith passed to Plowman on the 8 yard line, and again in the third quarter when Smith passed to Ginther on the 18. Smith outpunted the State kicker and played a fine defensive game. Ginther and Cutler also turned in fine games for the Scot yearlings.

Patronize the merchants who advertise in the Almanian. It is their co-operation that helps to publish your student paper.

Enrollment Rises To 289 In Past Two Weeks

Since registration figures were released two weeks ago the total enrollment has gone up to 289 as twelve more students enrolled. Five new freshmen entered to raise the freshman total to 112. At this writing, in addition to the 112 freshmen, there are 67 sophomores, 60 juniors, and 50 seniors. There are 185 men and 104 women in school. Of the twelve students who enrolled late, seven were old students returning either as transfers or as tardy applicants.

Oct. 24, Nov. 7 Set For Parents, Homecoming Days

Olivet and Albion Games To Provide Thrills

The Athletic Board of Control, in its first meeting last Thursday, set the Parents Day and Homecoming dates as October 24 and November 7 respectively. The Board sent recommendations for committees to the Student Council, recommending, among other things, that Professors Seaman, Clack and Hamilton be appointed to the single committee that is to plan programs for both days.

The Student Council, which is to meet tonight, will appoint a committee to send out invitations for the Parents Day as well as prepare a field, campus and town program.

John Atlee Gilbert, popular junior who is fullback on the football team was selected as junior representative on the Board.

In an effort to bolster the finances of the Athletic Association the Athletic Board suggested to the Student Council that the registration of all students be considered tentative until the student activities fee has been paid. It has long been a rule that no student could participate in extra-curricular activities until this fee was paid. In recent years the enforcement of this rule has been so lax that the student fund, more especially the athletic fund, has suffered greatly. The recommendation of the Board is that all of this semester's fees should be paid by October 15 while the second semester's should be paid by February 15. The Student Council will act on this suggestion tonight in its first meeting.

Fraternities Clean Houses To Prepare For Smokers

The fraternities on the campus have started the annual fall cleaning. More than cleaning, the boys are also doing a little repairing here and there. The Zeta house is being completely repainted while the Phi house is to have a new fire escape for the dormitory. Both houses are to improve their heating systems. The Zeta house is to have natural gas while the Phi house is to be equipped with a new blower that will change the air in the house every twelve minutes and heat every room.

H. B. Johnson, president of Zeta Sigma, says that the painting at the Zeta house will be completed this week. "Doc" Ling, Phi Phi Alpha president, feels that the work at the Phi house will continue for more than another week. The Phi's have also purchased a pool table which is to be put in the house within a week.

Both fraternities are planning the annual smokers which will be given for the new men on the campus soon. The dates for the smokers have not been set by the Inter-Fraternity Council as yet.

Drama Club To Present Play At Strand, Nov. 6

"The Whole Town's Talking" Is Club's Choice

The Alma College Drama Club has chosen for its annual Homecoming play "The Whole Town's Talking", a very popular and very successful stage show. The Tentative plans are that the play will be produced at the Strand Theatre, Friday, November 6, the night before the homecoming game. Try-outs have been held and the cast has been practicing for the past week. Holmes Sullivan, president of the club is directing the play with Wayne Forrester as assistant. The cast, as tentatively announced by Mr. Sullivan, includes the following students: Sally Hinkley, Dick Neville, Emerson Smith, Art Smith, Betty Viers, Pauline Dione, Catherine Billet, Hugh Cook, Alma Ludwick, Aletha Henner, Charles Skinner and Betty Fraker. The understudies are as follows: Jean Byers, Betty Roberts, Margaret Arnold, Ralph Daniel, Dudley Tabor and Hestor Moon.

This is the first time in many years that the cast has had understudies. This was made necessary (as well as possible) by the fact that there were so many students interested in being in the play.

At its first meeting the club changed its entire policy. Unlike other years, it will not be necessary for students wishing to be in the club to "try out", that is to pass a test in their ability to act. It is only necessary for one to have the desire to belong to the club to join. Those who can and are willing to act will do so. The others will busy themselves in other ways.

The Drama Club, still hard pressed for money, will again petition the Student Council for money at the first meeting of the latter body.

Lecture On Earthenware Heard In Chapel Thursday

Miss Laura Lorenson of New York gave an illustrated lecture entitled "The Magic of the Potter's Wheel" in the chapel last Thursday evening. The talk and the motion pictures were a demonstration of the manufacture of spode bone china and earthenware.

The moving picture showed the process of mixing the clay, shaping the ware, firing it in the kilns, and putting on the designs. There were many varied and brightly colored designs on both translucent bone china and opaque earthenware.

The clay is mixed from potter's clay, flint, oxbone and other ingredients. The potter takes the clay and forms it into the shape desired on his wheel. This "green" ware is fired in the bisque kiln then dipped in a tub containing the liquid glaze and refired in the glaze kiln. Then the decorations are put on from a stencil and the dinnerware is again fired or cooked in a smaller decorating kiln.

The kilns are large beehive shaped structures of brick about twenty-five feet high. They are filled with dishes and the opening bricked up and a fire built under them.

Miss Lorenson, the lecturer, had plates of an Ermine pattern inspired by royal robes, a Scotch plaid pattern thought of after seeing a Scotch lassie dance. There were plates with oriental designs as well as those with designs from historical periods.

Beat Hillsdale!

Referee's Mistake Costly To Alma in Albion Game

The referee pulled the worst borer in a game of boners last Saturday. In the fourth period Kircher, Briton halfback, picked up an Alma incomplete lateral pass after it had fallen to the ground and ran 60 yards for a touchdown. Picking up a backward pass and running with it after it has touched the ground is an absolute infraction of the official football rules. Captain Al Fortino protested to Referee Ray Fisher but Fisher refused to consider Al's protest.

Speech League Makes Power Of Congress Issue

Dual Nature Of Question Is Noted by Coaches

The Michigan Speech League met in Lansing last Friday and decided that the question for debate this season is to be: Resolved that Congress should be empowered to pass minimum wage and maximum hour legislation. A great deal of discussion followed in the wake of the motion in favor of the question as many of the coaches believed that the question was a double question in which the affirmative would be forced to provide two cases whereas the negative could confine itself to the arguments of only one of the affirmative's cases and thus score more heavily on the same amount of work.

In the course of business it was decided that the Extempore Speaking contest is to be held before Thanksgiving and that the state debate tournament is to be held in Ypsilanti sometime in February. The oratorical contests are to be held at the usual time with the finals taking place in the early part of March.

William Hood, Alma manager of oratory and debate, scheduled two debates with the Michigan State teams on a home and home basis. The first is to be held the week of the 13th, the other the week of the 18th.

Students Attend Group Meetings At Local Church

More than 100 college students have been attending the young people's program at the Presbyterian Church Sunday evenings. Most of the group were freshmen who were given a hearty welcome at the first meeting held three weeks ago. A committee headed by Harold Dean, Jane Wright, Marjorie Anderson, Jean Williams, Byron Stevens and Douglas Clack arranged get-together features, games and group singing. Dr. Kaufmann and Mr. Anthony each gave a brief talk.

Rain prevented the second meeting, to be held at Turck's Woods, but a committee of Harold Dean, Dudley Tabor, Jean Williams, Dorothy Foster, Arthur Smith, Constance Hamilton, Virginia Anderson, and Charles LaClair planned a pleasant gathering at the church.

After social hour the students retire to the auditorium for worship. Similar programs are to be held for college young people each Sunday evening at the church. Everyone is invited to attend these meetings.

NOTICE

Almanian meetings are being held every Wednesday at 7 P. M. in Prof. Clack's room. Anyone and everyone who is interested in journalism is invited. Anyone wishing to comment on student affairs may do so by writing to the Student Forum.

Scots Tie With Albion In Hectic Gridiron Battle

Weird Game Ends 20 to 20 As Scots Come Back

The Alma Scots and Albion's Britons fought desperately to a 20-20 tie at Albion last Saturday in one of the wildest and most hectic gridiron battles ever waged in the MIAA. Both teams unleashed a terrific offense in the final period in scoring two touchdowns apiece.

The lead see-sawed back and forth from the time Alma scored in the first two minutes until the Scots came back in the closing minutes to register their final tally. The deadlock dropped Alma from the lead and marred her string of consecutive victories but the Scots can still claim an undefeated record in ten games.

Jake Miller knotted the count five minutes before the final gun with a perfect placekick for the extra point after Benny Ewer had scored on an 18 yard sprint after receiving a Miller to Devaney to Ewer forward-lateral pass. The Scots made a final desperate drive in the last minute but were stopped on the 8 yard line when Miller missed in an attempt for a field goal from placement.

The Scots ran the Britons ragged with a fancy aerial attack of forwards, laterals, and tricky forward-laterals. Alma scored early when Miller tossed a forward pass to Ewer good for 21 yards and a touchdown, and passes were directly responsible for the Scot's fourth quarter touchdowns.

Albion kicked off to Alma to open the game and after Miller and Kircher exchanged punts the ball rested on Alma's 42 yard line. Miller ran to the Albion 42 on the first play, but on the next play lost a yard. Then Jake completed a pass to Ewer on the 26 yard line. Miller dashed off tackle for 6 yards, and on the next two plays Gilbert failed to gain and a Miller to Malcolm pass fell incomplete. On fourth down Jake passed to Ewer on the 10 yard line and Benny galloped the remaining distance unmoled for the initial score. Keglovitz missed the try for the extra point from placement.

Albion made two serious threats in the first quarter but booted their chances to score. After the touchdown Alma kicked off to Albion and with four running plays and a forward pass the Britons made it first down on Alma's 3 yard line. Two line smashes advanced the ball to the 1 yard line. On the next play Keglovitz spilled C. Gibert for a two yard loss and on fourth down a bad pass from center caused Rouman to fumble and Alma recovered on the 11 yard line. Miller circled end for six yards but on third down Albion blocked Jake's punt and an Albion man pulled a bonehead play by downing the ball on the 8 yard line when he had a clear field ahead. Albion again blew a scoring chance when Kircher fumbled on the first down and Alma recovered.

Albion's attack was silenced in the second period but Alma threatened to score in the final minute of the half. Butch Gilbert intercepted a pass on Albion's 44 yard line. Smith then tossed a forward to Malcolm and Fritz lateraled to Miller for a 20 yard gain. Gilbert gained a yard as the half ended.

Albion received Alma's kickoff to open the second half and marched down the field to score. Kircher ran the kickoff from his 15 yard line to Alma's 40. In six plays Albion advanced to the 8 yard line where Rouman passed to Kircher for the Briton's first touchdown of the year.

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Strike Up The Band!

There are many explanations for the pride that students take in a good football team. Whatever these are, they also explain the pride that students should take in a snappy band. A good band indicates a good school. A sloppy band is invariably from a sloppy school. Last Saturday the band was by no means sloppy. In fact the team and the Alma rooters were proud of its spirit and the Albion stands gave it fine applause. What is aggravating is the fact that our band could be 100% better if a few students would get off their comfortable chairs long enough once every week to attend band practice.

It is not fatal that we do not have a band of fifty pieces; that is hardly possible at the present time. But it is exasperating to realize that the only reason why our band is only a mediocre organization is the fact that many of the finest instrumentalists either cannot or will not co-operate.

It is probable that the latter individuals do not feel that band practice is worth their time—and perhaps they are right. In that event, assuming that a good band is a necessity, it remains for the band itself to make its members feel that their time is well spent. This can be done, in no small measure, by thoroughness of workmanship, by planning and executing interesting maneuvers as well as playing new and different arrangements. All that is necessary to secure co-operation is to DO something, to make people feel that they are achieving, perfecting.

In music, as in many other things, pride is the driving force. It is for the band to make its members as well as its school proud of it. Once that is accomplished the race is nearly won. If help is necessary, if money is needed, go to the Student Council, show them that forty or fifty dollars spent on the band is far more wisely spent than twenty-five dollars spent for a party.

The band must build itself and then sell itself!

What's It For, Anyway?

Freshman: What's that building over there? Senior: That's the museum. Freshman: What's in it? Senior: Don't know. Never been in it.

How many times have we heard such a conversation? How many juniors and seniors have been in the museum more than once or twice in the three or four years that they have been here? The answer is self-evident.

It is a shame that such a fine building as the museum should slowly rot from disuse. Yet that is exactly what is happening. So infrequently are the doors of the museum opened that there is a musty, damp odor whenever one enters its doors. Large cracks can be seen in the walls. The exhibits, neatly arranged, lie peacefully to themselves as in a tomb.

For nearly thirty years Dr. MacCurdy has been gathering specimens from here and there and placing them in the museum. For a longer period than that noted men have sent valuable exhibits to our museum. All these, the efforts of one of the foremost scientists in the state and the contributions of a hundred others, lie rotting in the tomb we call the museum.

If what is in the museum is worth having, let us see it. If it isn't worth having, let's throw it out and use the building for a lecture hall, a physics lab., a little theatre, a union building or anyone of a number of types of buildings that we could very readily use.

COMPLIMENTS
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ALMA FOLKS

by
Aunt Fanny

One of the finest and queerest fellows that ever hit this campus was old Dr. Bruske, the second president. He was a card! He was so kindly that he imposed his kindness on you. Once Wesley Sidebotham was running down town on a wintry morning. Bruske met him, seeing him without a coat, insisted on giving the young man his. Sidebotham said he had a coat in his room but Dr. Bruske wouldn't believe him and so he had to take the old man's coat.

Old August F. had a habit of putting everything on a very high plane. Once he shot a deer out of season and was arrested. He told the court that he had shot the animal for scientific purposes and convinced the judge he should drop the case.

In 1897 Olivet was to play us here. We weren't very strong then and Dr. Bruske thought our boys might get hurt. There was about six inches of snow on the ground the morning of the game and the old man took advantage of the circumstances. He told the students in chapel that they should not go to the game lest they should catch cold or maybe pneumonia. But Jimmy Mitchell leaped from his chair on the platform and shouted: "Everybody is going to be out on the field and don't let me catch anybody away from there."

When Alma won, 16 to 0, Dr. Bruske apologized to Jimmy, saying he hadn't realized how strong our team was.

Then there was the time that old Dr. Bruske came into the chapel and, seeing the students in a very playful mood, cried out: "Get into the spirit of worship!" It was not very tactful but it brought silence.

When Dr. Bruske came here, he lived in what is now the Dean's home. He bought a stove from Mr. Fred Hooper and although he didn't pay cash for it he never said any more about it. When Hooper tried to collect, old Doc. told him to take his stove if he wanted it because he (Bruske) wasn't going to buy it. They went to court. Hooper had a lawyer but Bruske didn't think he would need one so he went alone. Hooper refused to take such an advantage, however, and told his lawyer to wait outside while he argued this thing out with old man Bruske. Well, the two men argued before the court for several hours and when they got through Bruske had to pay Hooper \$17.

Dr. Bruske even used to guard the campus at night. One night a group of students ran off with the library steps. He ran after them, caught one, identified the others and punished all of them.

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STUDENT FORUM

Dear Editor:

Recently eleven students, all of whom board at Wright Hall, were going on a picnic. When they asked for some cream at the kitchen they were charged for it. They were already charged \$3.85 for the 11 dinners they did not eat, and they took nothing but coffee and the cream.

It doesn't seem fair that students should be charged in this fashion, when they are already paying for meals, whether they eat them or not. Certainly the college is not greatly enriched by taking thirteen cents from a student. Furthermore, it would seem reasonable that a student who isn't eating at the Hall, although he is paying his board there, should expect a little help from the kitchen, when a picnic is planned.

Signed:
A DISGUSTED STUDENT.

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When Dr. Randels came to Alma way back in the nineties it was quickly nosed around that a Democrat had slipped into the fold of ardent Republicans. Here and there one heard reverberations of his arguments about Bryan and limetalism. He soon became known as the walking encyclopedia, ready to fire forth statistics that would drown anyone who wanted to argue with him.

George Randels came from a Democratic part of Ohio to a very Republican part of Michigan. He was a very studious boy, and had little time for foolishness. One often wonders where he stored that keen sense of humor during those years as a student. Old alumni tell many stories about Dr. Randels. Among them is the story of the time that the clapper was taken from the bell that was used to summon students to classes and was found in young Randels' trunk. He says very little about that incident today, perhaps because he is still shielding the culprit who hid the clapper in his trunk.

The first seven years of his life, says Dr. Randels, had such an effect that the next twelve left practically no impression. He came to Alma College and after graduation spent one year as the principal of a high school. After one year of graduate work in the University of Pennsylvania he went to Germany to study in the Universities of Jena and Zurich. After spending three years in Europe he returned to America to resume his studies in the University of Pennsylvania. From this institution he received his PhD. and became the first Alma graduate to earn the highest academic rank.

After spending three years in a Teachers' College in North Dakota as professor of psychology he returned to Alma and for twenty-five years has been professor of psychology and philosophy in his Alma Mater.

His most vivid educational memories, he says, center around the old primer that contained those pictures representing the alphabet with never-to-be-forgotten phrases, starting with "A--In Adam's fall we sinned all" and ending with a very large man who climbed a very small tree "his lord and master for to see". Those woodcuts furnished the reader with theology for the rest of his days.

The pictures in the geography book also left their impressions by stirring a desire, still not solved, to see Evansville, Indiana, the fountain in the square in Cincinnati, the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, and to see Moscow.

He professes to have always been stupid in arithmetic, especially fractions. When the teachers broke a stick to show him the two halves he always insisted that he saw two sticks.

Many years ago a farmer who was driving his horses past the administration building was compelled to leave the wagon and take the horses home because one of them was suddenly taken ill. The next morning the man came after his wagon. It was not to be found. In despair he looked to the sky and there, on the roof of the ad. building, he saw his wagon resting peacefully and intact. For many years the story of this prank has been told by old and new students but only rarely has anyone been able to tell us who had been able to put a large wagon on the roof of the ad. building. After nearly half a century we have learned that one of the schemers was none other than our former dean, Professor Mitchell. As the story is revealed to us now, it seems that the wagon was completely dismantled and taken to the roof through the bell tower piece by piece. It was an all-night job but, as Dr. Mitchell reflects now, it was rather well done.

"Jimmy" Mitchell was born and raised on a farm ten miles southwest of Alma. Two years of his high school training he got at St. Louis and the final two years in the academy connected with Alma College.

He came to Alma College on the day that it first opened its doors. At that time there was a four-year college preparatory course and a four-year college course. All was taught by the same faculty. Dr. Mitchell entered as a junior in the academy or preparatory department. At that time there were six students in the college, three freshmen and three upperclassmen.

After graduating in 1893, Prof. Mitchell attended Columbia University for a year and then taught in Kalkaska, Michigan for a few years. He was called from the public schools to take over the chair of history and political science at his Alma Mater.

As there was no student manager of athletics Mr. Mitchell took over those duties and held them until he was appointed Dean of Men in 1912, a position which he held until 1935. He also represented Alma College on the MIAA board for a number of years.

In 1921 Prof. Mitchell spent a year in Europe, studying at Oxford and the University of London as well as visiting Italy. In addition to this he has spent four summers at the University of Chicago where he studied and "broused" around the libraries and lecture halls.

In 1927, during the celebration of the fortieth anniversary, Prof. Mitchell was awarded an honorary doctor's degree by his Alma Mater. After graciously accepting the honor he requested that everyone continue to call him just plain "Professor".

On the first of September in 1906 Alma College was fortunate in being able to add to her faculty the name of Hansford M. MacCurdy, as professor of biology. Speaking from the background of his rich experiences in various types of institutions and his thirty years service in Alma, Dr. MacCurdy gives his observations as to the value and future of institutions such as Alma College. He says: "The value of the small college is now being recognized even by the large universities, among which a movement is afoot to attempt division into smaller colleges. In my opinion the small college is the place where a well-rounded education may best be obtained. Large universities are not able to recognize the individuality of a student. The future of the sufficiently endowed small college is even brighter than it has been in the past."

Dr. MacCurdy says that he has been interested in science since a small boy. He was born in the proximity of Kansas City, Missouri, and went to a small country school near there. The location of the school enabled the boy to frequent the nearby woods so that he could watch bird life and insect life and become acquainted with plants. He says also that he had a habit of wearing out his pockets by keeping them full of rocks.

When Dr. MacCurdy reached college age he attended the Kansas State Teachers' College. He recalls the year following his graduation from this school as being an interesting one. It was the year he taught a one-room school of sixty pupils, ranging in ages from the ABC stage through high school. Later Dr. MacCurdy taught in larger schools, becoming at one time superintendent of a school system.

Dr. MacCurdy's interest in an education has led him, as a student, into three different universities, besides the two smaller colleges. He attended Chicago University, Johns Hopkins, and Harvard, receiving both his master's and doctor's degrees from the latter institution. His life in colleges also includes Summer Teachers' Institute in Cold Springs Harbor, Long Island, and in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.

The special fields of interest in which Dr. MacCurdy has done the most study are those of heredity and neurology. Articles concerning his studies in these fields have been printed in several magazines, among which are "Science", "Journal of Neurology", the publication of the Carnegie Foundation, and in "Contributions from the Zoological Laboratory". These articles as well as his teaching have established Dr. MacCurdy as one of the outstanding men in his field today.

Philo's Give Rushing Party For New Girls

The Philomathean Literary Society had the first Rushing Party this year, last Saturday night. The traditional Japanese party was abolished and in its place a nautical surrounding was presented to the new girls and to Wright Hall.

Committees for the party: General Chairman, Helen Jordan; Food, Dorothy Foster; Orchestra,

Alice Bunting; Entertainment, Le Ella McLeod; Decoration, Virginia Anderson.

Alma Acknowledges Gift From Schurz Foundation

Dr. Schreiber, head of the German Department, presented the painting "Alpine Peak" by Kanoldt to the student body in the chapel last Tuesday morning. The painting is a gift of the Carl Schurz

Memorial Foundation. It is the masterpiece chosen by the students in a vote at the art exhibit which was held here last spring. The authorities are to find a place for it as soon as possible.

Dr. Schreiber, in addition to expressing the gratitude of the school to the Foundation, spoke briefly of the early life of the great German-American statesman for whom the Foundation is named.

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Ray Hallin Returns With Wife To Resume Studies

To Succeed Willets at Eastminster Chapel for Year

Mr. Ray Hallin, who returns this fall as a Junior after entering with the class of 1936, was married to Miss Ruth Pringnitz of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, on August 26 of the past summer. The Simple Ring Ceremony was used and the Rev. C. C. Purton performed the ceremony at the Grace Episcopal Church in Mt. Clemens.

Following the marriage services a buffet luncheon was held for 250 people after which the couple left for a two weeks' honeymoon in the Georgian Bay and Muskata Lakes Region.

The bride is a sister of Edward Pringnitz of the class of '38" who has not returned to school this year. Ed was one of the attendants at the altar at the wedding. Miss Kay Pesek played two harp solos.

Miss Pringnitz was dressed in a form fitting white satin gown with long bell sleeves and a long square

train which was held in place by a small cap. Her bouquet consisted of white roses and lilies of the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Hallin are living at the Clizbe House where Mr. and Mrs. Oramel Willits, another ministerial student, lived last year. Mr. Hallin resumes his studies as well as his pastorate at the Congregational Church at Breckenridge where he has served for the past year. He also replaces Mr. Willits at pastor of the Eastminster Church of Alma.

Betty Fraker To Head Choir For Coming Year

At rehearsal Tuesday night, the A Cappella Choir held its annual election of officers. In a closely contested race Betty Fraker, Saginaw, emerged as the president and Marguerite Will, also of Saginaw, as the secretary for the coming year. The position of Business Manager, which is appointed by Prof. Ewer, went to Byron Stephens, Alma, who held the same position last year.

The Choir, having its second rehearsal last Tuesday night showed

much improvement over the first rehearsal and it is believed that the choir this year will reach greater heights than that of last year which met with approval wherever it appeared. The money which the Student Council granted the choir last spring has made possible the purchase of several new numbers. These have arrived and will give the choir a better repertoire than in previous years.

Elizabeth Brooks, '26, Dies in Mt. Pleasant

Death has made another vacancy in the ranks of the Alma College Alumni Association, for Miss Mary Elizabeth Brooks, daughter of Prof. and Mrs. Kendall P. Brooks of Mt. Pleasant, died last week at the family home, the victim of a heart malady. Since childhood Miss Brooks had frail health but carried on a normal program until four years ago when she chose to remain at home with her parents hoping to increase her strength through rest.

Funeral rites were held Monday morning at the Brooks residence on South College Street, Mt.

Pleasant, and burial was made in Mountain Home cemetery, Kalamazoo.

Miss Brooks was born in Marquette July 15, 1905. She finished her high school course at Mt. Pleasant. In 1926 she took her degree at Alma college and a year later was awarded a high school life certificate by Central State. She then put in a year of graduate study at the University of Michigan and after an interval completed a two-year library course at Simmons college in Boston, Mass. During 1930-32 she was assistant librarian at Hampton Institute Hampton, Va. Since 1932 she had been at the home of her parents.

The father, Prof. Brooks, is head of the physics and chemistry department at Central State Teachers College and is a member of the Board of Trustees of Alma College.

Frosh Tests Run Nearly As Those Of Last Year

Marks for the freshman tests ran practically the same as last year according to Professor Clark, with a few more low ones because

of the larger size of the group. The average, however, will be above that of the country at large.

The first ten in the psychological test were: Robert Spencer, Midland; Rufus Rieberg, Saginaw; Charles Climie, Alpena; John Bryce, Scotland and Detroit; Jane Fraker, Saginaw; Mildred Bradfish, Midland; Margaret Arnold, Traverse City; Isabel Thompson, Elkton; Florence Telgenof, Alma; and Harold Teak, Oxford.

In the mathematics aptitude test the first ten were: Robert Spencer, Midland; Rufus Rieberg, Saginaw; Joe McDonald, Clawson; Charles Climie, Alpena; Lee VanVoorhees, Marquette; Margaret Arnold, Traverse City; Howard Greenwood, Alma; Jane Fraker, Saginaw; Gerold Johnson, Escanaba; and Frank Rademacher, Alma. The last three tied for eighth place.

The first ten in the English aptitude test were: John Bryce, Scotland and Detroit; Margaret Ann Elliot, Alma; Frank Rademacher, Alma; Robert Spencer, Midland; Neil Babington, Saulte Ste. Marie; Anita Bryan, Flint; Jane Fraker, Saginaw; Lillian Isham, Middleton; Rufus Rieberg, Saginaw; and Joe McDonald, Clawson.

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Scots Tie Albion In Gridiron Battle

(Continued from page 1)

Passes in the third quarter paved the way for Alma's first tally of the final period. Dawe recovered Rouman's fumble on the Alma 47. On third down Alma pulled one of her fancy forward-laterals and the Dawe to Devaney to Miller combination gained 12 yards. Jake circled end for 4 yards, and on the next play passed to Johnson on the 28 yard line. Two plays later Smith took a lateral pass and raced to the 12 yard line. Smith gained 2 yards as the quarter ended. On the first play of the fourth period Dawe crashed through the center of the line for 10 yards and a touchdown. A pass, Smith to Devaney, was good for the extra point and Alma led 13-6.

Alma didn't keep the lead long, however, for the first play following the kickoff, a pass, Kircher to Rouman, netted 65 yards and a touchdown. Kircher dropkicked the extra point and the score was again tied. Albion seized the lead midway through the period when Dawe's intended lateral to Miller got away from Jake and Kircher scooped up the loose nirskin and raced 60 yards for the touchdown. Kircher again dropkicked the extra point and the Britons took a seven point lead.

Alma came back desperately and uncorked a fierce aerial attack. Smith ran the kickoff back to the 35 yard stripe. A forward-lateral, Miller to Devaney to Ewer, netted 8 yards. Miller passed to Devaney on the Albion 45 yard line, and another Miller pass to Ewer gained 2 yards. On a fake pass Miller raced 21 yards to the Albion 22 yard line. Miller then passed to Devaney on the 18 and Bob promptly lateraled to Ewer who scampered down the sideline for the touchdown. Miller converted the extra point from placement and the score was once more evened up.

In the final two minutes the Scots made a vain attempt to break the deadlock. Miller returned a punt 17 yards to Albion's 43. Dawe circled end for 15 yards. A line buck and a penalty advanced the ball to the 20. Miller turned end on the next play, cut in fast, and dashed to the 9 yard line. Three plays placed the ball on the 8 yard line and squarely between the goal posts. Al Fortino, who called signals from the center position, elected to try for a field goal and Miller went back to attempt from placement. The kick was high but wide and the Scots lost their last chance to score as the game ended two plays later.

The Summary:

Alma	Albion
Malcolm.....LE.....	Schmedlen
Mack.....LT.....	(c) Weeks
Washburn.....LG.....	Stoppert
Fortino (c).....C.....	Cummings
Keglovitz.....RG.....	Colby
Cater.....RT.....	Hagen
Johnson.....RE.....	O'Dell
Ewer.....OB.....	C. Gilbert
Dawe.....LHB.....	Rouman
Miller.....RHB.....	Kircher
J. Gilbert.....FB.....	Murphy

Score by periods:

Alma.....	0	0	14	—20
Albion.....	0	0	6	14—20

Touchdowns, Alma—Ewer 2, Dawe.

Points after touchdowns—De-Devaney (pass), Miller (place-kick)

Touchdowns, Albion—Kircher 2, Rouman.

Points after touchdowns—Kircher 2 (dropkick).

Substitutions: Alma—MacGarvah, Lea, Smith, Devaney, Mathews, Mann.

Albion—Johnson, Las... Davenport, Hunt, Meister, Stall, March, McNair, Metz, Callahan, Smith, Hill.

Two New Patronesses Received By Kappa Iota

Miss Judd, assistant to the librarian and instructor in history, and Mrs. Macdonald, wife of Coach Gordon A. Macdonald, were recently received in the Kappa Iota Literary Sorority as patronesses. Plans for a tea for the new patronesses have been delayed several times because of conflicting activities. The tea will be given at some future date.



Grid Gleanings



by HERB PETERS

Judging from the results of the MIAA games played so far it looks like a close battle all the way around the circuit. Alma, Albion, Kalamazoo, Hope and Hillsdale seem to be evenly matched with Olivet the only weak link in the chain. Alma defeated Hope 6-0 and was tied by Albion 20-20. In turn Albion was the victim of a bad break in losing to Kalamazoo 6-0 and the Hornets barely squeezed out a 2-0 victory over Hillsdale. Hope looked better in defeating Olivet 26-0 than the 'Dales did in winning 19-0 from the Comets, but not enough stronger to be sure. Kalamazoo is leading the league but only because she has a powerful line and had some lucky breaks. The Hornet line accounted for the touchdown against Albion after a bad pass from center had shoved the Britons back to their goal line, and another bad pass in the Hillsdale game set the stage for the 'Dale safety.

Kalamazoo has yet to show an offense strong enough to score a touchdown. The Hornets will probably remain at the top for another week however for they play Olivet this Friday. Albion journeys to Holland to engage Hope Saturday and Hillsdale comes to Bahlke Field Saturday in what promises to be a stirring battle.

Jake Miller stamped himself as one of the finest halfbacks in the MIAA by putting on one of the greatest individual performances ever shown on an association gridiron at Albion last Saturday. Jake did most of the passing, all of the punting, most of the running, the kicking off, place kicking, received lateral passes, and ran back punts. The main reason for Miller's unusual performance was that the Scot backfield was riddled with injuries and it fell to Jake to carry the burden and he came through magnificently. Jake's passes were as straight and true as an arrow, and his punts were high and long. Jake threw 24 passes and completed 13. Two passes were for touchdowns and another one placed the ball in scoring position. Jake kicked one beautiful punt which traveled 53 yards from scrimmage, in the air, before it went out of bounds, and another punt was better than 50 yards long but went into the end zone. Baring one blocked punt Miller outkicked Kircher of Albion. As for his running game Miller gained more than 60 yards by rushing and averaged 14 yards with punt returns. Jake didn't score any touchdowns but he should have an "assist" on all three. He broke into the scoring column, however, by placekicking the extra point which tied the score in the fourth period.

Bob Devaney's trigger-judgment resulted in the Scots scoring the tying touchdown against Albion. The play called for the left end over to the right and Devaney was to receive a short pass over the line of scrimmage. The play was executed perfectly with Miller tossing a short pass to Devaney. But Bob was rapidly hemmed in by Albion tacklers. Seeing that he could not get away Devaney tossed an unplanned lateral to Ewer who was running down the sideline and Benny raced 18 yards to a touchdown without a hand being laid upon him.

The Scots put on an air circus for the fans at Albion Saturday and netted themselves a little yardage on the side. Jake Miller threw most of the passes but Art Smith, Ben Ewer, and Clyde Dawe, took their turns at tossing a few. Alma gained 173 yards and 12 points by taking to the air and made 6 more points possible. The sharpshooters didn't have to worry much about their targets either for they were pegging to the best pass receivers in the conference. H. B. Johnson, Bob Devaney, Fritz Malcolm, and Johnny Mathews can haul them out of the air with them greatest of ease, and all of the backs are adept at snagging pigskins thrown their way.

If necessary the end can pull over and let Bob Mack go down and receive one. Passing doesn't get monotonous, however, for there's plenty of fancy forward-laterals to mix up with the ordinary forwards and laterals. The boys promise to entertain the fans again sometime this fall.

League Standings

	W	L	T	Pct.
Kalamazoo	2	0	0	1.000
Alma	1	0	1	1.000
Hillsdale	1	1	0	.500
Hope	1	1	0	.500
Albion	0	1	1	.000
Olivet	0	2	0	.000

Last Week's Results

Alma 20, Albion 20.
Kalamazoo 2, Hillsdale 0.
Hope 26, Olivet 0.

This Week's Games

Hillsdale at Alma.
Albion at Hope.
Kalamazoo at Olivet.

STATISTICS

	Alma	Albion
1st downs, rushing	7	9
1st downs, passing	9	2
1st downs, penalties	0	0
Total 1st downs	16	11
Yardage gained, rushing	161	157
Yardage lost, rushing	19	9
Total yardage, rushing	142	148
Average yardage, rushing	3.55	4.48
Plays, rushing	40	33
Passes, attempted	29	7
Passes, completed	17	4
Yardage, passes	173	111
Total yardage, rushing and passes	315	259
Passes intercepted by	2	2
Fumbles	0	6
Fumbles recovered by	6	0
No. of Penalties	3	3
Yardage lost, penalties	15	25
Yardage, punts, from scrimmage	215	176
Average yardage, punts, from scrimmage	30.7	35.2
Punt returns	56	11
Average punt returns	14	6.5

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Al Fortino Wins National Peace Oratory Contest

Is Awarded First National Prize After State Win

Alfred Fortino, senior and editor of the Almanian, who last spring won the state peace oratorical contest, emerged winner of the national contest, it was revealed last Friday when Mr. Fortino received a letter from Misses Mary and Helen Seabury of Massachusetts, sponsors of the contest. Also in the letter was a sixty dollar check which constitutes first prize money.

The Peace Oratorical Contest is a national contest conducted every year throughout the United States. Only college students compete. Regional and final contests are held in each state and then the manuscripts of the winning orations are sent to a committee of judges which picks the winners of the national prize.

The title of Mr. Fortino's speech is "The Insidious Germ." In the speech an attempt is made to prove that there are definite social diseases which are spread by spec-

ific germs. War is a result of these social diseases, of these germs that breed on the ignorance of the masses. At the present time, Mr. Fortino points out, the Treaty of Versailles is the germ that is breeding war in Europe. He indicates how the injustices of that treaty have brought Europe to its present state. Says Fortino: "To attempt to prevent war in Europe today without first destroying or changing the Treaty of Versailles is as foolish as it is to attempt to prevent smallpox without vaccination."

The effect of the Treaty of Versailles in Germany, Italy and France is traced and the conclusion drawn that it is unfair to all three. In conclusion, the speaker says, there is only one way to end war and that is by education. Only by educating "the mind and conscience of man until his social-consciousness is equal to his self-consciousness can man be made immune to war."

ALUMNI NOTES

Johnnie Erskine '27

Few of us on the campus know Johnnie Erskine. However upon returning for the Knox Rally, he left the impression that his days in Alma College were not spent in vain. Johnnie entered the Life Insurance Business after graduat-

ing, but he didn't go stale in the racket. During the depression he took a trip to the continent, and became interested in graduate work at the university of Heidelberg. While in Deutschland he also became interested in a deutsche Fraulein. Evidently John's efforts were not without satisfaction. They have been married for five years, and they spend most of their time in U. S. A. Anyone wishing to supplement Herr Schreiber's statements with some unbiased facts about Germany will find Johnnie at the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance office in Benton Harbor, Michigan.

George Long '36

Besides teaching chemistry, physics, biology, and algebra George Long is head coach of football, basketball, baseball and track at Galesburg High School, Galesburg, Michigan. In the two games his team has played so far they played a 6-6 tie with Lakeview High of Battle Creek, and won by a 13-12 score from Belevue.

What Fools These Mortals Be!

Parker Lofthouse has returned to school. It isn't only history that repeats itself! This summer Parker had an accident. Said the doctor to the nurse: "Ask the victim what his name is, so we can

notify his family." Nurse (a few minutes later): "He says his family knows his name."

H. B. Johnson went to a dentist recently for reasons of his own. When the operation was performed Johnnie shouted: "Hey, that wasn't the tooth I wanted pulled." "Calm yourself," said the dentist, "I'm coming to it."

Note to Wright Hall: A patent has been granted to the inventor of "A Parking Case for Gum."

What Alma boys like: ties with dots in them, suits with stripes in them, letters from home with checks in them.

Here is one for you: "Last year I asked her to be my wife and she refused, so to get even, I married

her mother. Then my father married the girl.

"When I married the girl's mother, the girl became my daughter and my father married my daughter, so he became my son. When my father married my daughter she became my mother. If my father is my son and my daughter is my mother, who am I?"

"My mother's mother is my wife and must be my grandmother, and being my grandmother's husband, I must be my own grandfather!"

Parting advice: To coeds, be careful not to go out riding with magicians. They're apt to turn the car into a side road. To many, many students, perhaps, it is better to remain silent and be thought a fool, than to speak and remove all doubt.

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