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DRAMA CLUB PRODUCES FINE PLAY THURSDAY

COMMENCEMENT TO BE JUNE THIRTEEN

The program for the forty-fourth annual Commencement Exercises of Alma College have been at last definitely announced. They will include all the innovations announced in a previous issue of the Almanian. All exercises are on Eastern Standard time. Following is the program for the events of the last week, which is destined to be so famous in the lives of certain of the members of the institution.

Class meetings will be held on Friday, June 12. Arrangements will be made later.

Sunday, June 7—

11:00 a. m. Farewell Communion—First Presbyterian Church. Rev. Willis L. Gelston, Pastor.

7:30 p. m. Baccalaureate Address. President Harry Means Crooks. First Presbyterian Church.

Thursday, June 11—Senior Class Day 8:30 a. m. Senior Class Breakfast at the home of President and Mrs. Crooks.

8:00 p. m. Student-Alumni Party, given by Student Council. Memorial Gymnasium.

Friday, June 12—Alumni Day—(Class meetings and reunions; arrangements to be announced later)

9:00 a. m. Farewell Chapel Service. Presentation of Letters in Oratory, Debate and Athletics.

10:00 a. m. Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees.

12:30 p. m. Faculty-Trustees Luncheon in the Grove.

2:00-5:30 Faculty-Alumni-Students Golf Tournament.

4:00 p. m. Tea for Mothers of Seniors, by Dean Steward, Wright Hall.

7:00 p. m. Alumni Dinner and Business Meeting, Wright Hotel.

8:15 p. m. Senior Promenade and Farewell to Buildings.

9:00 p. m. President's Reception at the home of President and Mrs. Crooks. All friends of the College invited.

Saturday, June 13—Commencement Day—

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MUSIC STUDENTS GIVE FINE RECITAL

As was predicted in the Almanian, the Recital in the College Chapel on Wednesday evening of last week, was one of the finest in College history.

The Recital gave the people of the College and the people of the town a chance to really see the fine work that the music department of the College has been doing this year and in past years. Alma can boast of some really fine talent in this field as well as in other fields.

Those who appeared in piano numbers have been under the capable instruction of Miss Grace Roberts. Those who appeared in vocal numbers were directed by Professor Jess Ewer.

Robert King of Pontiac and Freshman at the College this year, was a tremendous success in his vocal numbers. The crowd nearly filled the Chapel.

Following is the complete program as presented last Wednesday, May 27th:

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Murmuring Zephyrs—Jensen
Margaret McMillan
Sonata Op. 31, No. 2—Beethoven.

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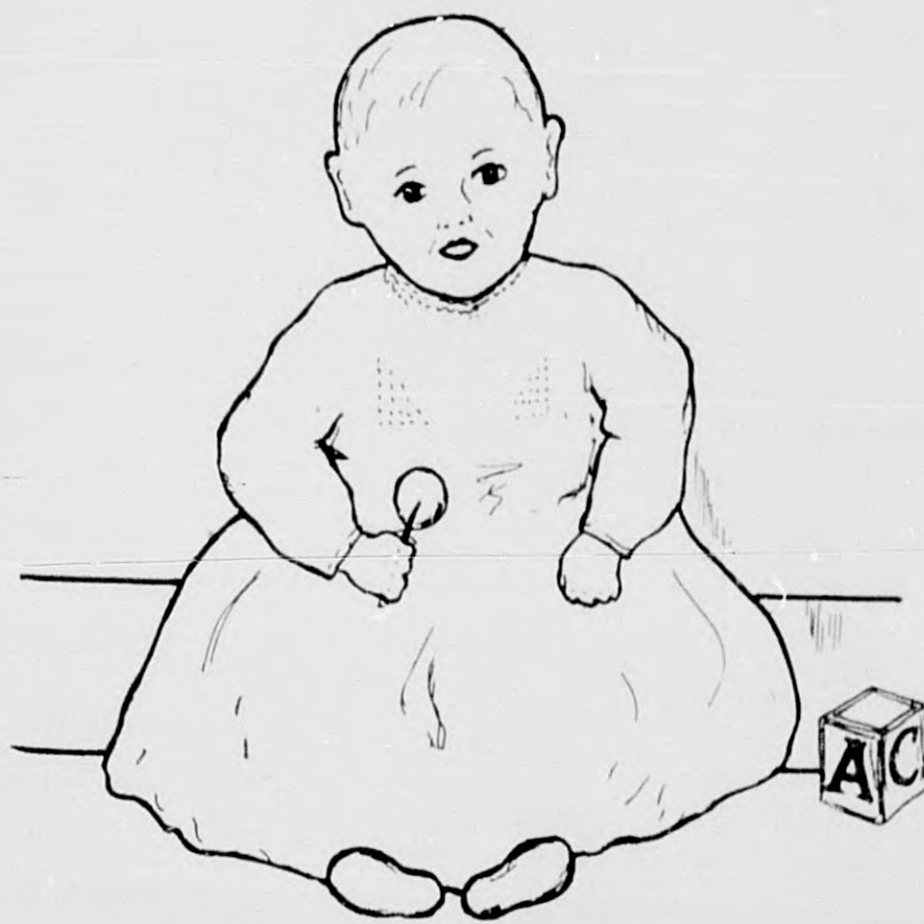
APOLOGY

The reporter who wrote the account of the coming production of the Drama Club play, "That Ferguson Family," was misinformed. Miss Woodward was not the leading lady in the play, as the Almanian account read. Margaret McMillan played the leading role opposite Clarence Moore. Miss McMillan was cast in the part of Tavie Ferguson.

To the readers of the Almanian and especially to Miss McMillan an apology.

Editor.

FRESHMEN



1927

GROWN UP

1931

SENIORS PREPARE FOR GRADUATION

The days fly by one by one and the time for graduation draws ever nearer. We are not given a chance to forget that there are certain members of this institution who will leave this year to find their several and individual places in life. Everything points to graduation, especially the caps and gowns that the Seniors have been wearing to Chapel since their Swing - Out last Wednesday, which was one of the brightest and yet saddest events of the year.

This year the Seniors have inaugurated something new in the line of farewells to the College. On Friday, June 12, in the course of their regular promenade, they will pause before each of the buildings and bid farewell to them, in some fitting manner. One Senior will say farewell at each building. This is an innovation and bids fair to be one of the most interesting events of the interesting occasion.

SENIORS SWING

Though the Seniors may act dignified because they are graduating, and though they might try to impress you with the fact that they are important elements to the welfare of the world at large, they are still children at heart.

This is manifested by the Senior Swing which was erected last week for the purpose of swinging in. Seniors are fond of this new venture and the swing is never empty.

Located in front of the Administration Building in the most strategic spot of the Campus the Seniors can swing over life and look down with scorn and disdain on the rest of the College life as it passes to and fro underneath them.

The Senior women are the main swingers despite the fact that many of them get sick.

All joking aside, the swing is a fine thing and another contribution of the fine Senior Class of this year to that large and important body of campus custom and tradition.

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Harris has a few more copies that he is willing to sell. Count up the nickels and dimes and see Harris.

P. S.—They make nice presents to Seniors who are graduating.

MANY ENJOY SECOND MAJOR PRODUCTION

Alma play-goers were treated to an evening of exceptionally fine entertainment last Thursday, May 28, when the Drama Club of the College presented its second major play of the year at the Strand Theatre. The play was all that Strubie promised and more, being an extraordinary production in every respect, especially the acting.

Laurels for the finest performance of the evening went to Buford Hosford. Although Hosford has earned an enviable name for himself as an actor in Alma, his portrayal of the doddering old henpecked Fred Ferguson, last Thursday, was his finest piece of work on an Alma stage. It harks back to the days of Closser in the Golden Age of the Club.

Admirably cast in the role of Tavie Ferguson, Margaret McMillan made a sweet and winsome heroine. Miss McMillan was the essence of all we look for in a heroine. It was her first leading role in a Club production, but she is destined for more. The part called for some dramatic action in which "Marg" was at her best.

Mertie Ferguson, played by Inez Passenheim, was a good interpretation of the talkative mother. The play was centered about this character.

Clarence Moore was in a fitting part as Rupert Striker, the show-off, who really turned out to have some stuff. Moore is an old trouper. This was not his best interpretation, but he was all the part called for.

John Hurst played the part of the boy who made good. As Joe Ferguson he was at his best and at last had a part well suited to him. John is rapidly making good as a character artist.

Helen Logan played one of the most difficult acting tricks in this production—that of playing two different parts. As Sarah Thorne, the gossip, she was typical, and as Mary Fleming, the girl who loved Joe, she was sweet. Miss Logan's ability is not limited.

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NEW MEN ELECTED TO FILL VACANCIES

The annual Campus elections, held last week Thursday, in the College resulted in practically a complete sweep for one party. Men were swept into office with good old Republican land-slides. Such a complete triumph is not common.

Harry Means Crooks, Jr., defeated C. Douglas McLellan for the editorship of the Almanian. Crooks is the son of the President of the College. Indications point to the fact that he will be a fine editor. The men were well matched for they are both unusual in ability. Crooks is a Zeta Sigma.

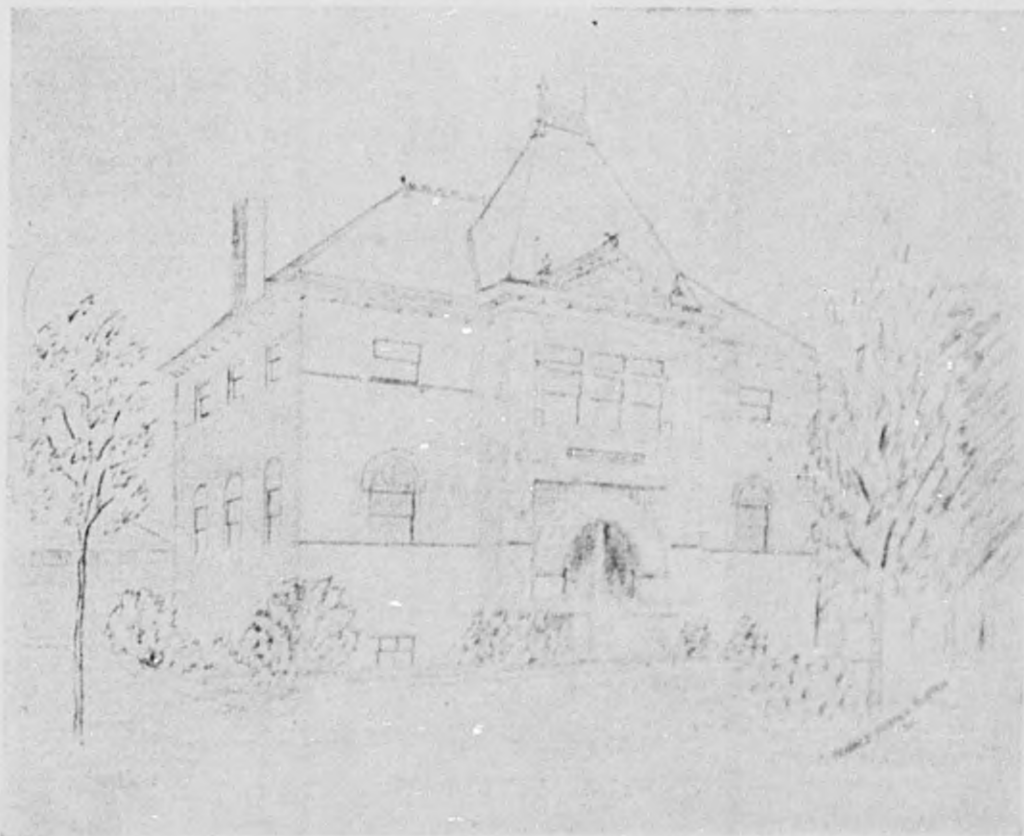
Elmer Kretzschmer, Beta Tau Epsilon candidate for the Business Managership of the Almanian, defeated Arthur Crawford, Phi Phi Alpha candidate.

For Manager of Oratory and Debate Don Blackstone defeated Kenneth Rehkoph. Blackstone has had considerable experience and was the star man in debate this year. Debate will have a great season under his capable management. He promises that many debates will be scheduled. This will be a departure from the

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TEACHING

Teaching is not a job; it is a profession ranking with the highest. It deserves to be approached with the deepest consideration of its responsibilities and its obligations. It must not become a sort of purgatory between the school diploma and the marriage certificate. Its standards must be increased until only those are admitted to its ranks who approach it with a true conception of its meaning. — Louis L. Emmerson, Governor, State of Illinois, as quoted in the United States Daily, April 27, 1931.



PARKING SPACE FOR RENT - JUNE, JULY AND AUGUST

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THE LAST EDITION

It is with a little tightening of the heart that we come to the publication of this, our last issue of the Almanian. We hate to leave the College and we hate to leave our work.

It has been a year of fun editing this paper and publishing it. It has been educational and instructive in many ways.

During the year we have aimed to give you a true reflection of campus life and have ever sought to present the news impartially. We have sought to forget our party affiliations and have tried to give everyone a square deal all the way through. Of course, we have not been perfect, no one is, but we have given our best.

The Almanian has come in for a lot of criticism in the past year. It always does, so that is not unusual. No matter how fair one tries to be, he is always stepping on someone's toes and getting blamed for being awkward. As a whole, the criticism has been helpful and we have tried to follow it out in other issues of the paper. To a large extent we have been successful in this.

Now we come to the end of our work. We must pass the quill to a new editor in the hope and belief that he will carry on our work and perhaps reach the perfection that we sought, but never obtained. We wish Harry the best of luck and we know that he will make a good editor. We trust that he will enjoy his job as much as we have enjoyed it.

In passing critical judgement on the Almanian for this year we would have you keep in mind that we gave our best and that the qualities that were lacking were not lacking from choice, but because we as individuals were not clever and versatile enough to do in a different and pleasing manner the work that we undertook. Remember that co-operation was not of the best and that one or two men cannot be consistently clever over long periods of time.

Excuse our mistakes.

Give next year's Editor the co-operation he needs.

FROM THE NEW
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

This is, I am told, to be a summary of intention and policy in regard to next year's Almanian.

Insofar as I can make it so The Almanian will be the index of student opinion and student life of Alma College, giving the students' viewpoint as well as possible on all College happenings.

To make the paper as much a part of the student body as possible, contributions and opinions of those not on the immediate (not yet chosen) staff will be joyously welcomed, although previous editors have found a scarcity of such material.

In an effort to coordinate better the present and past college families, Alumni news will be gratefully received and used.

Because of my relation to a faculty family the idea of possible censorship has arisen and murmurs ominously in the background. Here is my view: it must be remembered that there are often happenings in the college family which merit considerable discussion within the family circle but which would have no place in a periodical of considerable outside circulation. We feel that a faculty-censored student publication would become an advertising hoarse-organ of

the college rather than a true portrayal of student ideas. However, The Almanian for more than ten years has not been the subject of discussion by the faculty as a body and although personal opinions may have been expressed by certain of its members, there has never been the slightest indication of censorship and there need be no fear of any during the coming year. We do hope for co-operatively constructive suggestions from members of the august body of professors.

H. M. Crooks, Jr.

VARSITY TENNIS MEN
DROP TWO, TIE ONE

The Alma tennis team journeyed to Hillsdale May 25 and lost their match 7-0, all of the matches going straight sets.

On Wednesday, the 27th, the Kalamazoo racketeers visited us and returned with the long end of a 7-1 score. Crawford in the singles and B. Brown and Nunn in the doubles were the only ones to go more than two sets.

Thursday, the 28th, the team traveled as far north as Mt. Pleasant and came back with a 4-4 tie and the promise of a match Tuesday, the 2nd of June. Crawford, Nunn, Nestle in

singles and Sharp and Crawford in the doubles won their matches. Sharp and Crawford went Friday to Albion to the M. I. A. A. meet and though they lost their doubles match Sharp reached the semi-finals in singles and defaulted to Gibson of Kalamazoo rather than stay over the weekend.

WOMEN WIND UP
TENNIS TOURNEY

A tennis champion of the women of the college was selected on last Thursday afternoon when Mildred Angell defeated Helen Vincent 6-3, 6-3, in the finals of a tournament which has been in progress for the past few weeks. It was a well fought battle throughout and to the successful defender of the title she has already held for one year we extend congratulations.

BACKETEERING THE TEACHER

Here are some suggestions that may help teachers from being victimized by crooked book salesmen:

1. Don't listen to any sales talk which is any variation of the "you-have-been-selected" scheme.
2. Don't sign any paper by which you are to receive something for nothing.
3. Don't buy a set of books which is not on the approved list of the state department.
4. Don't buy books that you can't afford to pay for.
5. Don't let salesmen talk to you during school hours.
6. Don't be afraid, however, to invest money in yourself. Teachers should buy books and as many as they can afford.
7. Don't be afraid to ask questions of a salesman and don't be afraid to ask to see a complete volume.
8. Don't blame others, if you "fall for a racket."—By E. G. Doudna in the Wisconsin Journal of Education.

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Housewives usually have the spring housecleaning all finished and are resting about this time of the year. However, this is not the case with Wright Hall for the regular clean-up started only last week.

The Hall is being re-decorated, as many of the League Crashers have found out to their dismay. Last week the ceilings were finished. The same colors are being used and there is no essential change in designs, but it certainly does make the Hall look better after a year of wear and tear by the college folks.

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Any Fellow: "How about some clothes?"

Jean: "Dearest, I am so afraid that you will change."

Kermit: "You'll never find any change about me."

TRUE STORY

"Have you ever been pinched for going too fast?"
"No, but I've been stopped."

Cook (To druggist): "Will you give me something for my head?"
Druggist: "I wouldn't take it as a gift."

Woman: "Say, are you the boss here?"

Frity: "No, Ma'am, but——"
Woman: "Well, don't talk like a fool, then."

Father: "'Jake' says he has a beautiful lamp from boxing."
Mother: "I just knew he'd get something in his athletics."

Miss Biondi: "I'm getting some rare work from the Frosh."
Miss Foley: "Rare?"
Miss Biondi: "Yes—not well done."

College Man: "This college turns out fine men."

Town Man: "When did you graduate?"

College Man: "Didn't graduate—they turned me out."

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Hodges (at Piano Recital): "What is that charming thing she is playing?"

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SATURDAY, JUNE 13

BILLY JONES IN
"ATEXAS RANGER"

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June 14-15-16

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Josephine Woodward, as Laura Connelly, was excellent. She was the typical newly-wed as was her husband, Bert Connelly, played in usual fine fashion by Donald Blackstone. Struble, who directed the play, took the part of old Bill Fleming. As usual, Struble was fine in his character portrayal. The success of the play is largely due to his efforts and he deserves much credit for directing one of the finest-acted plays in Alma dramatic history.

As is true in every play, a great share of the credit should go to the men back stage who work tirelessly to make the effects of the play possible. The personnel of the management follows:

Stage Director Leslie C. Struble
Business Mgr., Howard A. Potter, Jr.
General Stage Technician.....

.....Donald Blackstone
Stage Manager Harold Smith
Property Manager..... Frank Erskine

The play concerns the story of:

"That Ferguson Family"—a mother, a father, three children and their various sweethearts. For the children, the world tells them one thing, their mother tells them another. For years their mother has controlled their destinies. Suddenly there springs up within them the spirit of independent living, homes for themselves, the willingness to leave the home-fires and strike out for themselves. But the mother who has guided them through their childhood fails to recognize that they are now men and women. They are still children without wisdom. She is unwilling to see them face the future, permit them to take their lives into their own hands. What happens is an interesting play, a play of laughter and tears. A play that will bring home to anyone a portion of his own life, his own ambitions, his own sacrifices. And it is all so real, so true to life, so natural in its development, you will feel true American life surging about you. That Ferguson Family is the idiom of America.

Between the acts the audience was entertained by the inimitable Freshman male trio, composed of John

Menoch, Robert King, and William Boyd. This novelty was enjoyed by everyone. The boys sang four numbers.

The play was a success financially. Expenses were cleared but little profit was realized. This is no doubt due to the depression. About three hundred and seventy-five people attended. The Club departed from its usual policy this year in presenting only two major plays. Usually three are produced.

Commencement to Be June Thirteenth

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9:45 a. m. Academic Procession from Wright Hall.

10:00 a. m. Commencement Exercises, Memorial Gymnasium. Commencement Address by Prof. Gordon Jennings Laing, Ph.D., LL.D., Dean of the Graduate School, University of Chicago.

12:15 p. m. Commencement Luncheon, Wright Hall. (Tickets 75¢ except for invited guests.)

Music Students Give Fine Recital

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(first movement)

Edith Doty II

I'm Wearin' Awa'—Foote

Grey Days—Johnson

Lorens Smith III

Waltz, E minor—Chopin

Lora Boutin

Waltz, A flat major—Chopin

Lucile Chamberlain IV

The Piper of Love—Carew

When Soft Winds Blow—Guedy

Majel Brezette V

Soaring—Schumann

Gertrude Martin

Witches Dance—MacDowell

Mae Nelson VI

Where e'er You Walk—Handel

Obstination—Fontenailles

Robert King VII

Spanish Caprice—Moszkowski

Ellen Perry
Venetian Barcarolle—Godard
Esther Zinn
VIII
The Winds in the South—J. P. Scott
In the Wildwood—Clarkson
Majel Brezette

New Men Elected To Fill Vacancies

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usual four intercollegiate debates every season. Blackstone belongs to Phi Phi Alpha.

Wehrley defeated Jake Koechline for M. I. A. A. Representative. Wehrley is a Zeta Sigma.

These men are all capable and the College activities should have a profitable season under their leadership and management in the coming year.

EXCHANGES

Everett C. Highlund, coach of the Pigeon High School for the past two years, will go to the Harbor Beach school next year as Principal.

Mr. Highlund had been re-engaged for another year. The Pigeon school board released him on his request.

The school board has not as yet engaged his successor.

What! Coach Highlund leaving? Yes, he's going to be Principal at Harbor Beach next year. We all regret his leaving, as he has taught here for two years, each year turning out a championship basketball team.

Mr. Highlund was liked by everyone, and we wish him the best of success.—Pigeon School News.

The June graduating class of 375 students at Central State Teachers College will equal the total enrollment of the college in 1920.

Professor N. J. Weiss, head of the speech department, Albion College, was elected President of the Michigan Association of Teachers of Speech at its annual meeting in Ann Arbor in connection with the Schoolmasters' Club.

CONFERENCE CALL

It must be apparent that the intolerable economic conditions existing in the United States today can not much longer endure if free institutions and democratic government are to be maintained.

While these conditions are universally admitted to exist all over the land, not a single remedy is offered by the leadership of either the Republican or Democratic parties, or any other respectably large group of our electorate.

That there are many orthodox, conservative and effective remedies for the immediate relief of this almost hopeless condition is also apparent but without any organized group of citizenry advocating them, large enough to challenge public attention.

That while congressional action is primarily necessary to apply any effective remedy to relieve this situation, it requires state and congressional organization to crystallize public opinion and to promote men to public office who will sympathetically support national and state legislation calculated to bring the proper relief to the nation's financial and industrial life.

Therefore, we, the undersigned, issue an invitation to all progressively minded people in the State of Michigan to meet at Jackson, on Thursday, the 18th day of June, 1931, at nine o'clock a. m., to discuss and promulgate a declaration of principles embodying the crystallized view of forward-looking men and women of this state, as the united expression of Michigan Progressives.

Any person desiring to be a member of this Conference should signify their intention in writing to Mr. Paul E. Krause, 1782 First National Bank Building, Detroit, Mich., on or before the 12th day of June, 1931, when, if accepted, such person will be listed and notified of their approval as a delegate to this Conference.

Sincerely yours,
[Signed]: Edward J. Jeffries, Patrick H. O'Brien, Dr. Frank D. Adams, Mrs. Harriet Williamson, Clarence W. A. Howland, Edgar DeWitt Jones, Ann R. Davidow, Harry Mitchell, Dr. Murdock M. Kerr.

P. S.—Headquarters will be at the Otsego Hotel, Jackson, Michigan, on the day of the Conference.

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