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## A Cappella Choir Will Sing Sunday

### 75 CHILDREN TO BE Y. W. GUESTS

#### Twelve Little Girls to Be Outfitted at Annual Party for Alma Needy.

Twelve lucky little girls will be guests of the Y. W. C. A. at Wright Hall for dinner next Monday night, all dressed up in twelve new dresses, and awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus with twelve anxious hearts. For the past week women members of the Faculty and students have been busily ripping, basting and stitching, in order to complete the outfits before the big Christmas party.

All town girls who wish to come to the Y. W. C. A. annual Children's Party are cordially invited. The program will start about 7:30 P. M. Monday evening, December 18. We are asking the girls this year for small contributions rather than gifts, in order to help pay for toys and candy. All offerings will be deeply appreciated. Helen Louise Vincent, President.

The little girls are not the only ones in line for garb. Nearly fifty purchased and dressed the girls but their made dresses, crocheted sweaters, caps and past party has dolls than these.

After the annual dinner, about sixty more youngsters, boys and girls, will come to Wright Hall for the party. Small contributions from the College girls and alumnae are being used to purchase mechanical toys for the boys, as well as oranges, candy, cookies and other treats for Santa's sack. Santa himself has cancelled all (Continued on page 4)

### "Physical Sciences Fundamental to New Professions"—Ditto

"The first third of this century has been more prolific in new discoveries in Physics than the entire nineteenth or any previous century," Prof. Raymond E. Ditto stated in Chapel, speaking of "Physics, The Fundamental Science."

"Physics is a live subject, a growing and changing science. The accepted theories of one generation might be discarded by the next. Newton's corpuscular theory of light gave way to Young's wave theory, and in more recent years the wave theory has had its critics, simply because all phenomena cannot be explained by it. The theory of the structure of the atom has been revised several times during the past few years, and the newest idea seems destined to bring about a reconciliation between the old corpuscular and the wave theory of light."

Stating that Physics as a science has laws and principles that were discovered more than 2500 years ago, Prof. Ditto went briefly into the history of some of the more important contributions, including Archimedes law of the lever; Ptolemy's work on mirrors and lenses; Galileo's observations on the sphericity of the earth; the famous men of the 17th century, including Boyle, Hooke, Newton, Pascal, Mariotte, Descartes, Guericke, Torricelli, and Huggens, with their discoveries; the general slump of the 18th century, and the spurt of progress that started in the 19th and has gone forward by leaps and bounds in the early 20th.

Speaking of applied Physics, Prof. Ditto pointed out that no science is independent of the others, but that Physics dealing as it does with the inanimate, may be called the most fundamental of the laboratory sciences. There is scarcely an invention of importance to the modern mind that is not dependent on physical laws. Physics is fundamental to the Engineer, to the Physician, the Surgeon, and the experimental Psychologist."

### MASONS ENTERTAINED BY 7 MUSIC STUDENTS

Seven college students represented the Music Department in an informal program of vocal and instrumental music at the Masonic Home Thursday evening. The following program was presented:

- Christmas Bells . . . . . Johnsson SPRAY DEHNKE
- Obstination . . . . . Fontenaille Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes ROBERT KING (accompanied by Florence McCallum)
- Londonderry Air . . . . . arr. by Grainger Etude in F . . . . . Arensky MAE NELSON
- A Perfect Day . . . . . Bond Lies ROBERT KING, BILL BOYD FLOYD CLARK
- Shipmates of Mine . . . . . Teschemacher Little Mother of Mine . . . . . Burleigh LAWRENCE SMITH
- 'Twas a Lover and His Lass . . . . . Nevin SPRAY DEHNKE

### ZETAS TO OPEN FORMAL SEASON

#### Annual Party to Be Held at Park Hotel; Bronson Scruby's Orchestra.

Zeta Sigma Fraternity opens the Alma College society formal season next Saturday evening at 6:30 P. M., sponsoring its annual dress dinner dance at the Hotel Park in St. Louis. Bronson Scruby's dance orchestra from East Lansing will furnish the music.

The committees, under the general supervision of Herbert Estes and Emery Kendall, co-chairmen, have completed all arrangements. Robert Campbell, head of the music committee, secured Scruby's band from East Lansing, where it has had a number of engagements at Michigan State College. The menu was planned by Eldon Aitken. Stanley Bussard and John Colbeck selected the program for the evening. Louis Meisel, George Mitchell, and Cyril Lewis are in charge of decorations and announce that they will be in keeping with the occasion. Edward Johnson is making transportation arrangements, while Estes and Kendall are in charge of expenses and tickets.

According to the two chairman indications at present point to the return of a large number of alumni, in addition to the presence of members and pledges.

### Clack Named Officer at Kazoo Conference

Gordon Clack was elected vice-president of the Michigan Older Boys' Conference held at Kalamazoo December 1 and 2. Benjamin Leyrer and Marshall North also attended the Conference, which drew one thousand boys from all over the Lower Peninsula, for lectures and discussions centered about the theme, "Youth in the Modern World."

Among the outstanding speakers was Dr. A. W. Beaven, who, in a speech entitled "Tomorrow With or Without God" stated: "We have forgotten the field of human values. In time we must breach a synthesis between science and religion." Dr. Max Yergan spoke on "Developing Friendship Between Nations and Races." Dr. Royal G. Hall of Albion College spoke on "The Elements of Optimism in the Present Situation." A challenging keynote was struck by Mr. Samuel S. Wyers of Columbus, Ohio, who advocated giving capital a six months' rest and giving labor a chance. "Youth," he said, "must learn to retrench. We need a code for capital, labor, and the public. We need to establish judicial means to remedy international ills."

### ALPHA THETA SEES WORLD FAIR FILMS

Prof. Charles W. Brokenshire exhibited 250 films of A Century of Progress Exposition at the home of Miss Annette P. Ward last night. Members of the Alpha Theta Literary Society were guests. The films, which have been very popular among Faculty and townspeople, are excellent views of the Fair. Following the showing, a lunch was served.

### PHILOS PREPARE CHRISTMAS FAIR

#### Scattergood Booth Added to Attractions; Riggle Hired for Jitney Dance.

A brand new feature—Mrs. Scattergood's gift booth—will be added to the general displays when the Philomatheans open their annual Christmas Fair next Saturday afternoon in the Reception Room at Wright Hall. In addition to the bargains on the Scattergood booth, there will be holiday offerings on the Sawkins' booth; a fancy-work booth; candy and baked goods displays; a fish pond, and a tea room.

Slim Riggle's orchestra, whose popularity has been proved by many appearances on the Campus this year, will play from one until five for the jitney dance. Here again bargains are in the air, with dances at five cents apiece or six for a quarter. The jitney dance has always proved one of the most entertaining features of the year. The Philos are already planning their Christmas decorations for the Fair, always one of the most colorful events on the Campus. The tea room opens at three o'clock.

The general chairman, Miss Virginia Hill, has appointed as assistants to her: Spray Dehnke, in charge of the fancy-work booth; Margaret Randels, Sawkins' booth; Dorothy Hannigan, fish-pond; Florence McCallum, jitney dance; Beth Willits, tea room; Dorothy Johnson, candy booth; Helen Lelsz, baked goods; and Helen MacCurdy, in charge of the tickets.

### Abie Deserts Cagers To Ride a Winner in Annual Sonnet Classic

Abie Kahn, speaker, Scottish guard of the M. C. A. A. hard-earned victory in a cager's woes last night, through to seize a grand prize in the annual "Let's Ride a Steady" classic. Abie Kahn, pulled in soon after the start, while Ellwood McCarty, brought in on an early start. Fourth place went to Harry Hamilton, holding an unexpected lead, and fifth space here-into by Francis Stephens for so long leading, under derangement.

### POP TRAIT OF A HERO

A noble, tall, heavy gilded frame, The portrait overlooks the spacious hall— A man that bears a cross of soldier's fame And looks with stern commandment from the wall. The firm, set mouth looks ever loath to smile He seems all petty actions in his sight His beard, though not yet full of years, His hair is silver and suffused with gray A splendid soldier, but a bitter man, Who never had been too ill to fight. Had faced the gunfire while others ran But could not live a life of debt and care. Though famed, he thought himself in every way A lowly coward who had run away.

### TO OSCAR, MY DOGFISH

By AILEEN WATERS  
For days and days I've pondered o'er your frame And tried to fathom each minute detail, I've learned to know your fin and placoid scale And what in other forms is not the same. One day your arteries and veins I main The next, some cartilage from off your crown To follow semicirculars around And then, no doubt, a look into your brain. I marvel at your noble sacrifice That you have aided science at a price, To be dissected there upon my board

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### K. I.'S INITIATE TEN GIRLS MONDAY NIGHT

Ten girls were formally initiated into Kappa Iota Literary Society last night following a banquet in the dining room of Wright Hall. The table, set for thirty, was decorated in purple and gold, the society colors, and centered with a large bouquet of Baby Mums and Winter Asters, in keeping with the color scheme.

Each of the ten girls received a gold paperweight in the shape of some animal.

Onilee MacDonald, Oscoda, president, read the ceremony which admitted into the society Marjory Andersen, Benton Harbor; Josephine Battles, Josephine Elliot and Dorothy Glass, Alma; Kathryn McKay, Midland; Mary Elizabeth Merrill, Detroit; Vesta Montague, Caro; Lorraine Sprague, Ithaca; Charlotte Striffler, Caro, and Alice Woolley, Saginaw.

### CHARITY DANCE BENEFITS NEEDY

#### 150 Students Pay Admissions in Food to Assist Salvation Army Workers.

The Alma "Scots" danced merrily to the strains of Arthur Byer's music in Wright Hall Saturday night, even though they had parted with a few shekels in purchasing groceries, which was the only offering that could appease the guardians of the ballroom portals. The downtown needy profited by this generosity of the Alma students. Captain Legge, of the Salvation Army, collected the food for distribution.

The Student Council sponsored the party, patterned after a similar one held in the Gymnasium a year ago. This is the last party to be given by the Council this year.

Byer's orchestra, an importation from Saginaw, had not appeared on the Campus before, but created a favorable impression on the student body, having a variety of up-to-date, popular arrangements in its repertoire. The colored, blinking lights, and green jackets of the players furnished the only color of the party.

The party was chaperoned by Prof. and Mrs. Leon L. Tyler; Prof. and Mrs. Roy W. Hamilton and Dean Florence Steward, while Prof. Arthur Weimer kept a watchful eye on the chaperones from the dance floor.

About one hundred and fifty persons attended the party, with both co-ed, and co-eddie stags predominating.

### Phi Complete Plans For Christmas Party

William Boyd, '34, is general chairman of the annual Phi Phi Alpha Christmas party which will be held Wednesday evening, December 20. Although definite arrangements as to the place, band, etc., have not yet been made, the committees at work are: orchestra, MacConnell Oakley and Keith Seale; hall, Robert Lehner; decorations, Edward Goggin, Russell Ludwig, Gail Bruce, and LeRoy Block; programs, Luther Evans, Allick Howat, and Benjamin Leyrer; transportation, Sam Balfour, and chaperones, James Day and Hughes Noble.

### Bob Campbell Named New Zeta President

On the last Monday evening before Thanksgiving vacation, the Zeta Sigma Fraternity elected new officers. The new officers are as follows:

- President—Robert Campbell
- Vice President—John Colbeck
- Secretary—Stanley Bussard
- First Critic—Louis Meisel
- Second Critic—Al Glance
- Keeper of the Archives—Bruce York
- Sergeant at Arms—Parker Lofthouse

The other offices in the Fraternity are for the whole year.

Oh death! where is thy sting!  
Oh Brazil! where is thy Amazon!

### CONCERT DEMAND CHANGES PLANS

#### Townspeople, Students Disappointed at Postponement Till February.

Disappointment of students and townspeople over the announcement that the A Cappella Choir would not sing at Christmas time for lack of funds has brought about a change in plans, according to a statement by Prof. J. W. Ewer. The Choir is doubling its efforts now in order to be ready for its third annual Yuletide concert in the form of a vesper service at the Presbyterian Church on Sunday December 17, at 4:30 o'clock.

There will be 85 voices in the concert, singing classical selections and carols. Parts of the Messiah, sung by members of the Choir, will be interspersed throughout the program. This is the second appearance of the A Cappella group this year, the group having sung for the Grange Convention. Miss Roberts will again lend her assistance at the organ. As usual, there will be no admission charge, but a silver offering will be taken.

Following is the program:

- The Infant Jesus . . . . . Yon March of the Magi Kings . . . . . Dubois MISS ROBERTS
- Comfort Ye My People (Recitative from the Messiah) . . . . . Handel Every Valley (Aria from the Messiah) . . . . . Handel MR. ROBINSON, MR. KING
- O Rejoice Ye Christians Loudly—J. S. Bach I Wrestle and Pray . . . . . J. S. Bach Charm Me Asleep . . . . . Brahms A CAPPELLA CHOIR
- I Know That My Redeemer Liveth (Aria from the Messiah) . . . . . Handel MRS. MOORE
- Offering—Pastoral Symphony from the Messiah . . . . . Handel MISS ROBERTS
- Adoramus Te . . . . . Palestrina Cherubim Song . . . . . Bortnyanski A CAPPELLA CHOIR
- He shall Feed His Flock (from the Messiah) . . . . . Handel Come Unto Him (from the Messiah) . . . . . Handel MRS. YOUNGQUIST, MRS. SOPER
- As With Gladness . . . . . Arr. from Conrad Kocher Cantique de Noel . . . . . Adam MRS. SOPER AND CHOIR
- The First Nowel . . . . . Traditional Silent Night . . . . . M. Hayden A CAPPELLA CHOIR

### Alma to Oppose New Presidential Powers at St. Johns Debate

Calvin College will be Alma's first debating opponent of the year, when the two schools meet at the St. Johns High School auditorium Monday, December 18. Alma will uphold the negative side of the question, Resolved, that the present powers of the President of the United States of America should be substantially increased as a settled policy. "Present powers" mean those powers of the President prior to March 5th.

The teams are composed of two men each, which was a custom originated two years ago by the Michigan Oratorical League, as an added improvement over the old three-men teams. Alma's negative speakers are Richmond Johnson, Herbert Estes, and Arthur Boynton. Estes and Boynton debated on the negative team last year, while Johnson was an affirmative speaker. All three men have had but one year's experience in inter-collegiate debating.

### College Group Picked for Church Council

Eight College students were elected last week to places on the newly created Student Council of the Presbyterian Church. They are: Seniors, Marjorie Southern, Bill Johnson; Juniors, Marian Laman, Stanley Bussard; Sophomores, Elizabeth Ann Malcolm, Ray Hallin; Freshmen, Alice Miller, Mackenzie Crooks.

The purpose of the Student Council is to help awaken interest among the College students in life at the church, and secure the student viewpoint on religious issues. It is regarded in the light of a student advisory board for the Presbyterian Church.



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## A LONGER CHRISTMAS VACATION?

Two or three petitions have been started the past week with the hope of extending the time allotted for the Christmas vacation. One provided an earlier holiday than that stipulated in the calendar, and the other for a few days' extension after New Year's.

When the Faculty was making up the calendar, the shortness of the Christmas vacation this year was justified by the fact that school started late in September and will be out a week earlier in June. Final exams are early next month, beginning on the 19th, and the second semester will get under way in January. It was thought, too, that students might as well return on New Year's Day because most fathers return to work on Tuesday anyway, and couldn't make the trip then.

In spite of these considerations, those students who plan to work during the Christmas vacation are handicapped by the present plan. By the time they get home the jobs will be taken, or they will be able to work only a day or two at the most, during the Christmas rush. However, it would seem that school events during the next week make a longer vacation before Christmas undesirable to a majority of the students.

On the other hand an extension of two days after New Year's Day is generally favored. The present plan forces most of us to forego New Year's Day at home, in order to be back for 7:50 classes on Tuesday. Those living at great distances must start back on Sunday. If the vacation could be extended until Thursday, no one would find it necessary to start back before Tuesday, and most students would get two weeks at home. Many students living in or near larger cities use the Christmas vacation to visit libraries to obtain material for term papers, an advantage that is hampered under the present plan. The local high school has considered the transportation problem of its teachers and is not reopening until Wednesday. It does not appear unreasonable to ask the Faculty, when it meets today, to reconsider the situation, and take into account the student viewpoint.

## STUDENT FORUM

Dear Editor:

The motivation for this letter is the unusual brevity of our Christmas vacation. I was disappointed upon discovering that the holiday would be so short, having a desire for a longer rest, and realizing that most of my friends would have a week longer than I; but there are other reasons for the disappointment, too.

First and most important is that the College is losing one of its most effective means of advertising. A longer vacation would allow students to visit their high schools, where they naturally long to go, and thus advertise the College. They could talk to clubs, senior classes, or assemblies about Alma. This personal contact is certainly worth more than newspaper articles. As it is, the high schools will be out several days before we are, and the student contact will be with representatives from other colleges, not with Alma's.

There is also a reason important to the individual student. The Christmas buying starts in a rush about the sixteenth of December. A longer vacation would give many of us a chance to work, but under the present conditions we will find jobs all gone, or only chance to work two days at the most.

I do not wish to seem to have too narrow a viewpoint. I realize that there is a certain amount of material to be covered, but it ought not to be too hard to absorb four days' work into the five weeks that remain. I also realize that we are getting out a little earlier in the summer. Nevertheless I think that two very important considerations were overlooked when the dates were set for this year's Christmas holiday. The deed is done, however, and only the Faculty can change it; but most judges and referees never admit their mistakes until it is too late.

Regardless of what is done, I think the students can still help Alma by seeing that a catalogue is in the hands of their high school at Christmastime.

A. P. B.

Dear Not-So-Bright:

Whether you knew it or not you had us on the spot. We were in a measure responsible for the com-

position of the group which met with Dr. Slutz BEFORE his Chapel talk, and so we suppose it falls upon us to attempt to answer your questions.

We think you are entirely justified in your complaint. It most certainly is unfortunate if anyone who might be interested in discussion of that sort is either purposefully or unknowingly excluded. It is an intolerable situation and something should be done about it.

Here, however, is how that group was chosen. We do not defend the method; this is merely explanation. Prexy came to us and asked us to select about 15 fellows who might be interested in a discussion of that sort. He also asked Helen Vincent and Aileen Waters to select the same number of women. We do not know why he wished the group to be selected in this way, but we hazard two guesses, which may or may not be correct: (1) he was afraid that enough wouldn't respond to a general invitation before the speech to make it worth Dr. Slutz's time and ability, or (2) he wished the group to be not too large to overtax the facilities of the Crooks living room. However that may be, we submitted about 25 names, from which Prexy picked the men who were present, and we assume the same procedure was followed for the women. If you were left out, that was how it happened. That was the same way a group was chosen a year ago for the first meeting with Mr. Freeman, and those are the only two occasions of the sort which we recall since we've been in College.

You see that we were limited by our experience to those we THOUGHT might be interested. If we didn't know you were, we are both the losers. Does that suggest a possible solution of the problem? We think, as you say, that "any speaker with a vital message" should affect a cosmopolitan group of students, and also that "there are many persons on the Campus who could make valuable use of these more personal before-and-after speech conferences, if only they were invited to share them." Does the problem become, then, how to do the "inviting"? Do you have a suggestion? If you have, we think everyone concerned would be grateful.

If it was your purpose, you did make us hot under the collar by  
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## Tu-lips and the Bench Beneath



We thought Walker and Carter piff'd it—but he was hanging around again Sunday night.

Spray and Sam are like that—through by noon and blue by night.

Jean says Cac will be masters of ceremony at the Hollywood revue; Tomes will play Laurel and Hardy; who wants to be "Schnozzle"?

Connie and Corky have gone native. Rubbing noses is just an old Eskimo custom.

Wouldn't Hammy be surprised if he knew how many people wrote sonnets for English 25. Even a high school junior had a hand.

Culver, Fraker, and Boergert have chucked Smith out as far as Charlotte's concerned. She's dated up until Christmas. Nothing like double-crossing pais!

Take Joy Omev—the sweetheart of G. D. I.

At 7:15 P. M. last Friday Parker parted with the growth on his upper lip. A quitter never wins.

Bill Boyd kissed Gretchen in the dining room the other night. Doesn't he know when he's off duty?

Dot Striffler and Ned DuLong have been cavorting around a lot ever since the League formal.

And dear old Emery's importing for the Zeta formal again?

Janet walked out at intermission with Colbeck the other night, and Hughie didn't like it.

It was a good party. Mack forgot it was a stag and bobbed up with Hannigan. Dawson saw Dickerson to her home.

Moral codes were being discussed in Education 43. Prof: "I suppose Mae West is all right as far as women go". Voice: "She goes pretty far, Prof."

The Wright Hall females nominate for oblivion "Tell-it" Tomes and "Carrie Nation" Clack.

Warning, infants! What if the Senate finds out what two frosh girls went to the Masonic dance the other night?

A student this week cut a page in Guizot's "History of Civilization", which looks as if it had been in the Library since the turn of the century.

R. Johnson, discussing Poe's morals in Milton Class: "I don't think Poe was so hot morally". Voice: "Oh yeah!"

The big boilerman had better watch his little furnace. The big oil and gas man is trying to warm up to lil' Schwartzie.

Flitty Cameron and Co-Boss (nee Blinky) MacDonald had a big fight the other night. Quick, Henry, my smelling salts!

Richie and Esther are seeking better parlors.

Max Novak could develop quite a case on Redman if he could get over the one he has on himself.

A Faculty member donated "shorts" and Girvie dressed 44 dolls.

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For everlasting courage, the iron shoestring goes to Topsy, who hollered "Hi there!" to Uncle Charley.

Hill walked into the public library the other night and saw Moore pegging another trophy.

The week-end started off new romances: Riley Block and Jean Currie; Edna Parker and Bob Carter.

We wonder what takes Tenney to Saginaw besides her roommate?

The big butter and egg party had Lechner-Koth possibilities. Steve Keglovitz got in with a can of beans.

Michigan State student to Alma contingent: "Oratorical contest? It can't be in here, there's no piano."

There's no private life on Superior. Mac Oakley says Keith Seale plays cowboy and Indian in his slumbers.

What member of the Faculty openly boasted her name would never be in this column, yet forgets to pull down the shades at night?

The Faculty may holler economy all the rest of the year, but they're mighty careful not to save on lights at parties.

Russ got tired of waiting for Helen to cut a wisdom tooth, so he gave her a couple of owls.

And it came to pass that Bruce and Marion went down into the Senior room and sojourned there until the time when the Hall called Wright was made secure against all comers. And he who was foreign to that place was locked therein—a wolf in sheep's clothing.

During Thanksgiving vacation, on Thursday to be exact, Aitken passed Corky on State St. Aitken was north-bound and Corky south-bound, if you know what we mean. Sunday night Corky passed Aitken on State St. Corky was north-bound and Aitken was south-bound. Aitken said, "What! Are you just going home too?"

Mt. Pleasant coach (on noting Muscott's name in line-up): "You must have a long line of Muscotts at Alma."

A cotton toothpick to Alexander Woolcott for the week's best crack: "All the things I really like to do are either immoral, illegal, or fattening."

The heart of him may be the only part of Hammy's anatomy that shall set upon a Packard, but how about the new Dodge?

P. S. The Senate did find out. Oh, well, they can study for exams.

## O. MacDonald Named Kappa Iota President

Onilee MacDonald, of Oscoda, was elected president of the Kappa Iota Literary society for the winter term at a meeting held on November 27. Other officers elected for the new term are Jean Cameron, vice president; Florence Pierson, recording secretary; Jane Rice, corresponding secretary; Gertrude Elliot, treasurer, and Mary Catherine Craig, sentinel. The retiring president is Annabel De-Kraker.

## 13 VOLUMES OF "FORTUNE" SENT TO COLLEGE LIBRARY

Dr. J. H. Lancashire recently gave Dr. Crooks thirteen beautifully illustrated volumes of the magazine "Fortune," which have been turned over to the College Library. Most of the 1933 volumes to date, and a few of those issued in 1932 are in the collection, which is now on the shelves available for use.

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# SCOTS PREPARE FOR TWO GAMES

Boys Get New Uniforms; Will Play Alma All-Stars Tuesday, December 19.

The 1933-1934 edition of the Scots will parade forth in their new uniforms next Tuesday night in the Memorial gym to open the season. The Champs will meet the Alma All-Stars, a group of college and high schools led by "Bull" Borton, playing together under two or three names. The game is called at eight o'clock in the evening and a price of ten cents for college students and twenty-five for general admission will be charged.

On Wednesday evening of next week, the Scots meet their first out-of-town foe in Grand Rapids. The Universal Carloaders, composed of former Western State and Michigan State stars, with a few veteran semi-pro players, will give the Scots a workout. The Carloaders were champs of the Central Michigan League last year and are boasting of a stronger team this year. Already they have won two games, defeating the Peter Pan Harriers of Kalamazoo and nosing out the Flying Dutchmen 39 to 36.

Among the stars of the Carloaders are Donald "Pete" Hanna and "Pug" Pugno who played on Western State's wonderful team of last year; Randy Boeskoel, former Michigan State co-captain; Fenton Raber, U. of M. star, and Warren "Skinny" Byrum, who played with Western in 1930 and is also no mean tennis star.

The Champs are working out nightly behind closed doors and the game Tuesday night will give the students the only chance to see the Champs in action this semester, and of course the first chance to see the new satin pants of the cagers.

Abie Kahn will act as captain of the team for the first part of the season at least. With him are Bud Dawson and Johnny Volk, the veterans from last year. Kelly Beach and Bob Campbell have been working at the back guard to take

the place of Honey's Howdy Catherman. Mel Fuller, Riley Block, Al Glance, Bill Bushnell, Ed Goggin, Hugh Rea, Wadge Block, Ig Noble, and "Trader Horn" York complete the squad.

## FORUM

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some of your remarks. We can readily see, however, how one with that "not invited" feeling could very easily make them. We are sorry. We might remind you that after the speeches the invitation to the following discussions were extended to all. Now if you really were interested there was your opportunity. We cannot find out who you are (why not sign your name?), but we have been told that you were not at the second meeting, although we have been assured that you had a good reason. That was unfortunate. We don't think that the group was "almost to an entirety of the same composition", any more than any other group we can recall. Again, if you really are interested in such discussions, about the best place to go, and where there are the best speakers with the widest outlook, is the conference. And hand-shaking is a quaint old Swedish custom, which will you please pardon?

The implied scorn in your letter for those who SHOW an interest in "vital messages" might be construed to indicate that you are not really interested at all. We don't think that to be true in your case. To condemn a person for having different interests is of course, you will agree, decidedly short sighted. But if you are interested in such things, you are showing rather poor judgment in classifying those who evidence such an interest as "cream puffs."

If you have any constructive suggestions we would be indebted to you if you would make them. We are sorry if you have been hurt, and we would also be pleased if the situation did not recur. How about it?

"Conference-Goer" Clack  
"Handshaker" Hallin

## FOUND: MITS, JACKETS, BILLFOLDS AND OTHER RELICS; OFFERS TAKEN

What's become of the big, bad wolf? It's a cinch he isn't stowed away in the College office, along with the other relics that have been accumulating there ever since Alma's last football championship. According to a notarized statement by the bespectacled gentleman who takes your money, the business office has more treasures than Pharaoh's tomb.

Somebody who went to Chicago this summer bought a handsome compact that's badly in need of claiming. Somebody else lost a perfectly good billfold. This was a college student, because there is no money in it. Those two students who use eye-glasses only when they study can't be taking any Mac-Gregor-Weimer courses. Besides specs, some young lady lost a Hi-Y pin, that's now keeping company with a couple of fountain pens. And gloves! Of all makes, sizes, mits, and fits. Fittings are free.

In spite of the fact that there are no earrings or show tickets, Chet pleads fervently with all and sundry to please come to the business office for something besides a statement. Merely identify your long-lost possessions and there will be no further questions asked.

## PLEIAD POET VOICES RESPECTS FOR MIAA

Recently in the Albion College Pleiad, there appeared a poem written by "Dutch" Gearhart, that is worthy of reprinting.

"Six high school graduates discuss their future alma maters in a poetical roundelay entitled: MAY I AFFILIATE ADVANTAGEOUSLY Abie—

"Away upstate there is a school Entitled Dalma College From all reports they're pretty smart And I just eat up knowledge."

Hans—  
"I like the klop of wooden shoes The cleanly smell of soap So for my next four years of toil I guess I'll go to Dope."

Joe—  
"The joint at Hillsdale is my choice Although it's aberration And I'll play ball if I can get Enough remuneration."

Elmer—  
"It's hard for me to pick and choose I don't know what to do But I like nuts and celery So me for old Dazoo."

Samivar—  
"I like a place that's small and neat With space for soul room handy And Dolivet appeals to me Ain't that just fine and dandy."

Schultz—  
"I've packed my bags for Dalbion Although I have no reason Except up there from all I hear It's always open season."  
—Dutch Gearhart.

## JESSE K. HARPER GOES TO KANSAS

Jesse K. Harper will be unable to attend the Alma football banquet, according to a statement today by Dean Mitchell. Harper, Argyle's former teacher and for years grid mentor at Notre Dame, is headed for his ranch in Kansas.

## Highlights by "Proxy"



"Half way between a lemon and an orange is a grapefruit; halfway between a public work and a relief work is a civil work—it looks as though the absent minded professors had played anagrams with the alphabet soup—the reason for the CWA is as clear as crystal—it was set up because the Public Works Administration had broken down"—thus saith the Brown Derby in more criticism of administration policies.

"If putting 4,000,000 men to work puts me in the grapefruit business, I'm delighted to be in it. I learned the word baloney from Al and I suppose the term 'sour grapefruit juice' is his too." Thus spoke Civil Works Administrator Hopkins in reply. Translated into the words of Joe Benner he meant, "You vulgar vulgarian"—a modernized version of "You naaaasty man." In spite of criticism the CWA (latest anagram combination—are we playing with three or four letter words?) was getting under way rapidly.

Gold buying continued — some stock advanced—grains did better —and the government was gratified to see its latest short-term financing measure oversubscribed a few hours after being offered— Investors were heartened by net profits and prospective dividends from business operations during the third quarter of the year— Winthrop William Aldrich was making suggestions for banking uplift—can you imagine—and the Railroads and Trucks were writing another chapter in the great meler-drammer "Truckszan in the Railroad Jungles"—you must see it. The w. k. business convalescent was not responding to treatment entirely as well as administration doctors hoped—guess poor Annie doesn't live here any more!

Lynching became the new popular pastime in the last few weeks—previously necking parties had been confined to college campuses —oh yeah—California, Maryland, and Missouri seemed to be the most popular participating states in the new game—California's Rolph played the part of frenzied spectator — Maryland's Ritchie tried to dampen the enthusiasm of the Marylanders for the new sport —and Citizen Hoover and the prexy did the same for the nation —the latter lashed out vigorously against "those in high places or low who condone lynch law."

The liquor business saw itself under the direction of the Federal Alcohol Control Administration (in anagrams FACA) for the first time—under the direction of Joseph Choate—Harvard '98, formerly secretary to his father at the Court of St. James, lawyer of Evarts, Choate, Sherman & Leon.

Blue Eagle Johnson continued to war against "nasty man" (we'll bet that's what he thinks) Ford—but the latter, in spite of his stand on the NRA, came out for the president—he must have seen the short by "Schnozzle" Durante.

Secretary of State Hull was attending the Seventh Pan-American conference held in Uruguay—heard the president of that Republic refer to Roosevelt as "a master"—hoped for tariff readjustments—China continued to be occupied with a few more than the customary number of revolts —Parliament argued about the anti-lottery laws under which the Duke of Atholl had been fined 25 pounds some weeks ago—voted approval of a new air fleet—argued policies with Sir Thomas Inskip becoming the first British minister to criticize Roosevelt—said he—"I am not sure but that at one time the opposition were not rather attracted by 'Rooseveltism'. Will Britain choose rash experiments—?" Imagine—we bet on more muddling through.

Newfoundlanders humbly petitioned their "excellent majesty and most gracious sovereign" to assume their public debt—which seemed likely. Ireland's de Valera was trying to hop out of the British Commonwealth of Nations puddle—francs continued to leave France—poor gold standard—wonder where it will live one of these times—Germany was giving a state funeral for a private in the Reichwehr as the "first martyr of the Third Reich" after he had been shot by an Austrian trooper—the Nazi government beheaded six young Communists for shooting two Nazi storm troopers last February—that's their idea of a necking party.

Last week "We" flew the Atlantic—the senior partner completing his third successful crossing of that increasingly smaller ocean. Football prepared for an anti-climax with Columbia journeying to the Rose Bowl—rumors of Northwestern-Chicago merger persisted—some colleges and universities were troubled by the exit of pro-

hibition—said Johns Hopkins' Dean Edward Wilbur Berry—"I don't think it's any of the faculty's business how much the students drink—so long as they keep the name of the college out of it."

And for name in news—In Nashville, Tennessee, a Negro—Franklin D. Roosevelt by name, was fined \$2 for speeding—he should call for a new deal. Yea man—

## Albion, Battle Creek Win Speech Contest

Battle Creek College won the men's extempore speaking contest and Albion College won the women's contest held at East Lansing prior to the Thanksgiving vacation. Ray Hallin and Edith Davis, representing Alma, failed to place in the preliminary contest in the afternoon. Fifteen colleges competed in the men's contest and twelve in the women's, all but four in each group being eliminated in the tryouts.

The subjects under discussion for the men were "Hitler", and "The National Recovery Act." For the women, the topics discussed were "Public Education", and "Crime". The winning contestants received gold medals.

## HOOD MUSEUM ROBBED! SEE DETROIT PAPERS

Hood Museum was broken into and burglarized some time ago according to a Detroit paper. This news would seem to prove that after all there was something worth stealing, if not worth seeing in the Museum.

There is no way of discovering what was stolen because for over fifteen years no one has known what the building contained. It will therefore be impossible to identify the missing articles.

The College is pleased to know that at last someone has succeeded in getting something of value from its Museum, and we congratulate the thief on his initiative and powers of imagination.

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**DOROTHY GLASS GETS HIGHEST FROSH MARKS**

Freshman marks on an average were higher this year than usual, according to a statement by Prof. R. W. Clack, registrar. Although the honor roll of fourteen names revealed no 2.5's, there were fewer failures than there have been in a few years, he said. Highest marks were earned by:  
Dorothy Glass, Alma, 2.47; John Boergert, Saginaw, 2.25; Weyant Pangborn, Belding, 2.19; William Hood, Flint, 2.13; Opal Hines, Alma, 2.13; Molly Parrish, Sandusky, 2.06; Louise Hurst, Alma, 2.00; Marguerite Witt, Saginaw, 1.90; Robert Culver, Saginaw, 1.90; Vesta Montague, Caro, 1.87; Edna Parker, Alma, 1.86; Joy Olney, Traverse City, 1.85; Ralph Rapson, Alma, 1.82; and Alfred Fortino, Alma, 1.77.

**75 CHILDREN TO BE Y. W. GUESTS**  
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previous engagements in order not to miss this one. Since Jean Fowler is head of the Santa Committee,

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Spray Dehnke is general chairman. The girls from the different corridors who are in charge of outfitting the twelve youngsters are: Onilee MacDonald, Jean Currie, Virginia Hill, and Edith Walker. Alice Girvin is head of the transportation committee; Marion Day is in charge of refreshments, and Margaret Hodges and Jane Allen will assist in gift distribution.  
Even the Hall girls will abandon their dignified roles for the evening and revert to the days of pig-tails, pinafores and popcorn. Claire Wilson is planning the games, which will undoubtedly find as many Seniors playing London Bridge as youngsters.  
Each year the Y. W. C. A. secures a list of the City's more unfortunate children from the Republic school district, manages to outfit a few, sometimes even with coats and shoes, and in addition distributes gifts to about seventy-five not on Santa's preferred list.

**ALMA GETS IN THE NEWS**  
When a roving photographer on a Providence paper recently caught an audience view at the Brown-Colgate game, three Alma graduates and the son and daughter of an Alma graduate were very much in the limelight. William and Robert Randels, sons of Prof. George Randels, and Howard Potter, all graduate students, happened to be sitting in the second row. Bob and Jeanne Soule, children of Dr. Fred Soule of Boston, graduate of Alma College in 1906, were with them. The Randels boys and Howard were the guests of Dr. Soule at the time. Incidentally, Brown, although championed by our heroes, was defeated.

**ABIE DESERTS CAGERS FOR SONNET CLASSIC**  
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Dogfish blood for biology you've poured,  
And so lest men forget your wondrous worths,  
I dedicate to you this humble verse.

**SHE (?)**  
By ELLWYN MacGREGOR  
Her hair is not as black as forests dark,  
Her eyes are not as bright as Alma's "Phis",  
Her feet are quite as long as jumper's skis,  
She does not move as does a swimming shark.  
We never go together to a park,  
She never writes to me espistles sweet;  
When dancing she is always on my feet,  
And yet I ask her out on every lark.  
She goes with other fellows, I am sure  
Yet I do not blame her so much, do you?  
She says to "gather rosebuds while you're sure  
They're here,—old age is long, good times are few."  
A sonnet Prof said this would have to be,  
It is, I hope; now tell me, who is SHE?

By JEANNE THURLOW  
Oh what for beauty's sake will she endure  
To catch and hold her lover's wand'ring glance?  
Those shining golden tresses meant to lure,  
And brows like wings on milky skin doth dance,  
And violet eyes through lashes' golden sheens  
Stare gladly out upon the modern world  
At shops of beauty filled with strange machines,  
That shine forth beauty like a rose unfurled.  
But time doth fade this glow which rests on thee,  
And carves deep wrinkles on thy yellowed brow,  
And violet eyes, all dimmed, can scarcely see,  
As age at last to death doth take its bow.  
How splendid it would be if youth could see  
That only culture counts when beauties flee!

**TO "HAMMY"**  
By FRANCES STEPHENS  
Scorn not the Sonnet! Many an hour have I  
In labor spent upon this cursed rhyme.  
My Prof may not appreciate my time,  
But if I wrote another I should die.  
A thousand times I heaved a sigh,  
And with poetic rules my brain did prime  
Before I try another I will fry  
In Hades, or some other pleasant place.  
For "Hammy" only would I suffer so;  
To tell the truth I'd like to see his face,  
At reading this he's sure to show his woe,  
I'll say myself it hasn't been much fun,  
What ho! here is the end; the darn thing's done!

**German Club Elects Rosenberg President**  
At the first business meeting of the newly organized German Club, Der Deutscher Verein, the following officers were elected:  
President—Hanley Rosenberg  
Vice President—Margaret Randels  
Secretary—Louise Hagaman  
Treasurer—Ralph Scheifley  
The purpose of the club is to stimulate interest and to promote knowledge of all phases of German life. Any student enrolled in a German class or anyone with an active knowledge of the German language is eligible for membership.  
The meetings are regularly held Thursday afternoons at four o'clock, but the next meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 20, at the home of Margaret Randels.

**MARGARET RANDELS ENTERTAINS CLASS SUNDAY**  
Margaret Randels entertained the members of the College girls' Sunday School class at her home Sunday afternoon. The girls voted to furnish white gifts for Alma's needy at Christmas time, and are planning a church program to be given early in the second semester. Helen MacCurdy and Lois Copeland were in charge of the entertainment, and a delicious lunch consisting of salad, nut bread, hot chocolate, stuffed dates, olives and Christmas cookies was served.

**MACK'S RIBS BROKEN IN SCRIMMAGE**  
Bob Mack, freshman from Three Rivers who was hurt some time ago in football scrimmage, found his injuries more serious than he at first suspected, and spent part of his Thanksgiving vacation in a Detroit hospital. It was discovered that two ribs had been broken. These were broken again and reset, and Mack was able to return to school Monday.

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