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## TOWNSFOLK AND STUDENTS ENJOY FACULTY RECITAL

Miss Roberts and Mr. Ewer Present an Unusual Concert.

By JOHN MENOCH

An unusual musical treat was enjoyed last Wednesday by the students and townspeople when Miss Grace D. Roberts and Prof. Jesse Ewer gave the final event in the series of faculty programs for this year. Miss Roberts' deft fingers again amazed the large audience present, while Prof. Ewer displayed his musical ability in handling the varied and difficult numbers.

The program was taken entirely from the romantic period of music and this type was well represented in the group by Chopin and Schumann numbers which Miss Roberts played. However, her rendition of Mendelssohn's Rondo Capriccioso was by far the most brilliant of the instrumental numbers and gave her the opportunity to display her outstanding ability as a pianist.

Prof. Ewer read a short paper discussing the classical and romantic periods in music and showed that Mendelssohn was the transitional link between the two groups. The composer's music has a classical background with a definite romantic tendency. In the two groups so pleasingly sung by Prof. Ewer, he chose entirely from the romantic period, singing with an ease and tone which delighted his listeners.

Flowers were presented to Miss Roberts following her major number. This was one of the best attended faculty recitals in some years and the audience expressed sincere appreciation of the excellent and interesting program.

## Seniors Need Courage to Face Cruel World; Want "Cattleboat Jim"

By EDITH DAVIS

Ben Franklin once said that the only things certain in life are death and taxes, which all goes to prove that he never went to a Presbyterian institution and sat through Chapel. Now Chapel is something that has many uses, besides being a good place to take ten cuts from. Any student who fixes his gaze two feet above the pulpit and looks interested will add to his liberal education by hearing the life histories, aims, and ambitions of various faculty members. It's just as good as an almanac; one finds out what his best friends won't tell him, how many ewes in eucalyptus, and that the rag business will probably be picking up.

Just about this time every spring the birds began to twitter, the flowers to bloom, and Prof. Hamilton begins to beam a great big smile; everybody except the freshmen can feel a cattleboat story coming on. The main difference between this and any other Chapel speech is that the dear Prof admits he's told it before. Be that as it may, the student body is looking forward to it now with greater pleasure than ever before, having learned this year on good authority that "Legs" Diamond also traveled that way. The very suggestion that Commencement might commence minus this juicy epic has spread terror into the hearts of the present Senior Class and sent them into loud hankering for a taste of the coffee that percolated all the way down from the top deck. In order to prevent that catastrophe, they have prevailed upon the very able Buck Hinshaw to present the following petition to the faculty.

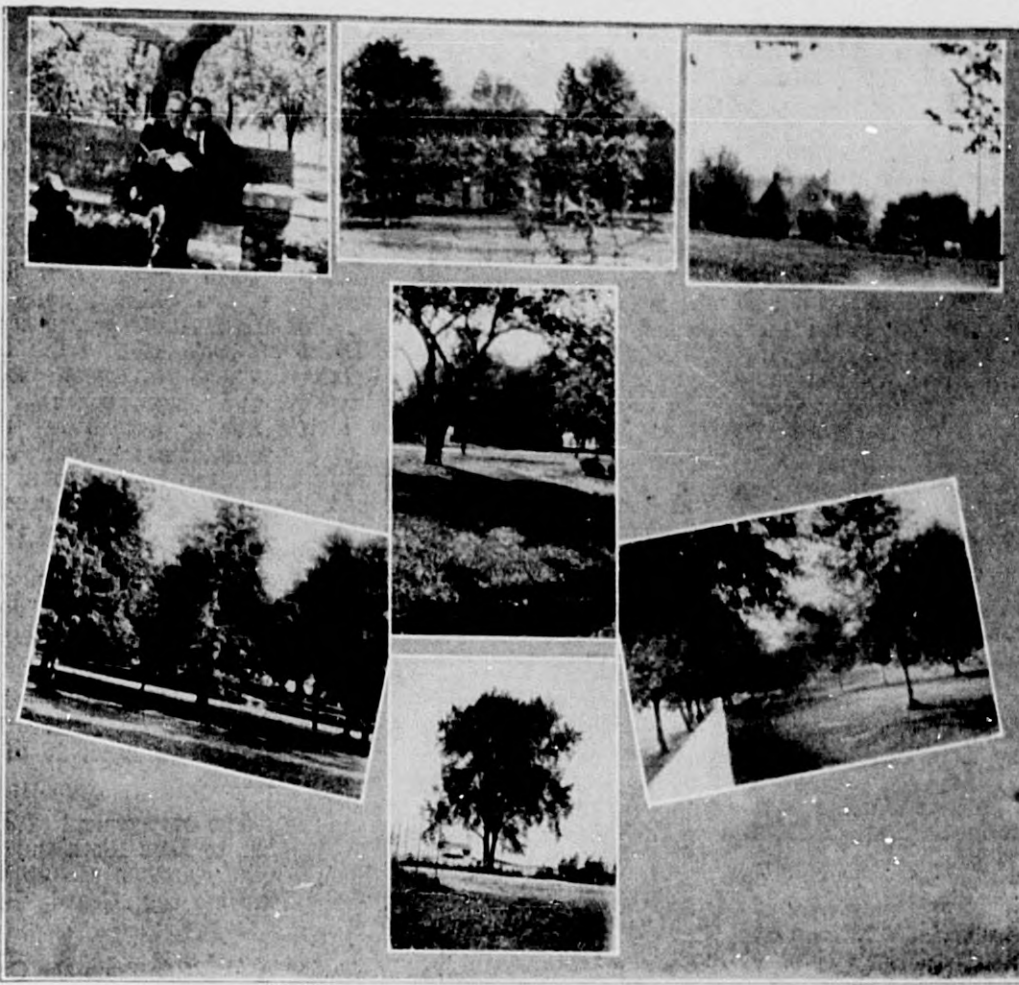
"We of the Senior Class are united in the belief that we are soon to be expelled into a cold, cruel world. In view of this fact, we feel that a warm hearty send-off by the faculty would assuage

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## THOMPSON TO MICHIGAN

The Rev. E. A. Thompson, 13, is soon to return to Michigan from an important pastorate in Pasadena, California, to accept a call to the Park Avenue Congregational Church in Grand Rapids. This is one of the old and important churches, not only in the denomination, but in the whole church work of the state.

## WELCOME, VISITORS!



## ALPHA THETAS HOLD ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

By HELEN VINCENT

The annual Alpha Theta formal dinner dance took place last Saturday night at the Wright Hotel ballroom in Alma.

Amidst a setting of cherry blossoms and bouquets of spring flowers, twenty-three couples danced to the music of Jack Keiser and his orchestra from Grand Rapids. They entertained with a number of specialties, including a tap dancer.

Dinner was served at seven o'clock at tables decorated with snapdragons, tulips, and jade green candles. The menu consisted of fruit cocktail, celery, olives, chicken in timbels, parsley, potatoes, fresh peas, rolls, pickles, fresh strawberry sundaes and coffee. Between courses dancing was enjoyed.

A number of alumni returned for the party, including Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kittendorf, Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kennett, Thelma Tarrant, Barbara Witkop and George Kaiser, and Clarence Moore.

The chaperons for the affair were Professor and Mrs. Roy W. Hamilton, Dean Florence M. Steward, and Dean James E. Mitchell.

The couples present were: Marie Cook and Dean Parr; Freedom Burget and Lawrence Muscott; Marjorie Morrison and Warren McVittie; Inez Passenheim and Leslie Olmstead; Alice Girvin and Howard Catherman; Aileen Waters and Gordon Dawson; Claire Wilson and Gordon Clack; Frances Stephens and David Glass; Janet Hill and Clarence Moore; Mabel Kennett and Gerald Phillips; Helen Vincent and Russell Hubbard; Maryon Osterhaus and Dale Dickinson; Elizabeth Goggin and William Boyd; Marion Nummer and William Goggin; Ruth Dickinson and James Walker; Elizabeth Smith and LeRoy Block; Florence Schwartz and Robert Fairchild; Constance Clack and Stanley Bussard; Marion Cook and Robert Lehner; Thelma Tarrant and Jerry Brodebeck; Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kittendorf; Barbara Witkop and George Kaiser; Mr. and Mrs. Vern Kennett.

## ALMA PROFESSORS NOW ARE PAID UP IN FULL

It is interesting to note that, after going through the disastrous financial tie-up of the last few months, the college now has its staff paid up in full. While many of the small colleges are struggling to keep their heads above water, we are to be congratulated on the prompt payment of salaries.

When the bank holiday came along, the school, like practically every institution of this type, was unable to meet its payroll. But with students doing their best to get back bills paid, and with the gradual release of other college funds, payments were made as rapidly as possible, and no reductions in the size of the salaries was necessary.

This is the only time in the forty-four years if the college's existence that the payroll has not been met on time.

Three sophomores and a freshman are the men of the hour — Dave Glass, Gordy Clack, Buzz Bussard and Riley Block made both formals.

## Work on Drama Club Play Progressing Well

By HOWARD HIRSHBERG

The daily rehearsals of the new Drama Club play, "A Character Intrudes", reveal many interesting lights on the acting ability of the cast. The play offers many opportunities for histrionic talents. The fine work of Alice Biondi and Paul Ditto, as principals in the cast, and the excellent work of Ellen Wilson and Mac Oakley insure the success of the play.

"A Character Intrudes" is an excitingly humorous comedy, in three acts. It is of an entirely different type from any ever produced in this vicinity. The play deals with a young newly-wed author who, returning from his honeymoon finds himself on the verge of bankruptcy. In the previous plays which the young author, Bradley Bennet, has written, he has used four leading characters, Marion, a young co-ed, Hebers, her father, Jerry, a student at the university, and Larkin, a professor at the university. These characters have brought success to Bradley in the past, and in writing his plays, he has visualized them. Now, in his moment of need, the characters want to come to his assistance in the writing of another play, but it is absolutely essential that Bradley be uninterrupted during the writing of the play. Any outside interruption makes him lose contact with his characters. His wife, interested in his work, tries to help him, but only hinders him. The characters in the play are actually on the stage and continue to help Bradley write his play, and finally exert so much influence upon him that they very nearly cause a break between Bradley and his bride.

The very clever presentation of this play within a play makes it one of the most novel dramas ever written. "A character intrudes" is replete with humorous lines and incidents. It is a rapidly moving comedy with a great amount of real interest for everyone.

## BOYNTON ELECTED TO EDIT FROSH EDITION

The freshman class last week elected Arthur Boynton, of East Grand Rapids, as editor of the annual freshman edition of The Almanian, which is to appear next week. Edward Goggin of Alma was elected business manager.

The frosh edition has always given the yearling members of the college family a chance to get back at their elders, after nine months of humble submission. After some weeks of intensive training in journalism in Prof. Spencer's classes, they are all ready to give us everything they have in the line of writing ability. Boynton has picked what seems to be a very capable staff to work with him, and the upper classmen are expecting a lot from them.

At Professor Spencer's suggestion, the freshmen last year were given the paper the week after Campus Day, so that they might write up something with which they are most intimately connected. This year's class are to have the same opportunity.

## KAPPA IOTA PARTY IS GREAT SUCCESS

By MARION DAY

Kappa Iota opened the season of Spring formals Saturday, May sixth, with the best dinner-dance that has hit the campus in years. Dinner was served in the Rotary room of the Wright House at 7 o'clock and the merriment began, to the soft sweet accompaniment of Hildebrandt's ten-piece band de luxe from Saginaw. A grand three-course meal (tenderloin that really melted in our mouths!) perfect music, excellent service, smart-looking gowns, and peachy chaperons,—what more, truly, could one expect at one party? And as the evening progressed, the promise of the good time was more than fulfilled.

The members of Kappa Iota, their guests, and their chaperons ate at two long banquet tables with covers for forty-three. The tables were beautifully arranged with centerpiece of Japanese cherry blossoms and gold tapers. Huge baskets of the blossoms and hyacinths in the orchid hues of the KI colors were the only decorations, save for the sorority banner and crest. At the tables were the programs,— parchment with silhouettes and the Kappa Iota crest engraved upon them in black. The dinner consisted of three courses: tempting steak really smothered with mushrooms, potatoes rissole, peas in cream, fresh tomato and cucumber salad, and homemade rolls; strawberry shortcake and coffee. Everything was delicious and served piping hot; immediately after the dinner the tables were cleared out, and the dancing began.

One feature of the party was the revived Kappa Iota custom of "faculty dances". In the alcove cozily furnished with davenport and rocking chairs, the sorority members played hostesses to their faculty guests. Both the guests and the hostesses derived much pleasure from their chats, and without doubt this pleasant custom will again be continued.

For their part in making the Kappa Iota formal the success it was, we extend our heartiest thanks to Mr. Roberts of the

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## Dr. A. G. Studer to Give Commencement Address

Dr. A. G. Studer, general secretary of the Y. M. C. A. in Detroit, is to deliver the commencement address at the graduation exercises of the college, on June 17. Dr. Studer is a veteran in Y. work in Detroit, having been honored last year at a banquet celebrating the fortieth anniversary of his coming to Detroit.

Starting in as a physical director, and later studying medicine, he has come to be one of the great leaders in the work of the Association, both locally and nationally. He has led in every large community drive in Detroit, usually behind the scenes, while other men have been the nominal leaders. He is a big man in all the national conventions of the Associations.

Dr. Studer has been a member of the board of trustees of the College for several years.

## BOOSTERS PLAN GREAT PROGRAM FOR CAMPUS DAY

High School Seniors Visit Campus on Annual Holiday.

By CLAIRE WILSON

Just in case you've forgotten—let this remind you that there will be no classes this-a-here Wednesday morning. It's Campus Day, the one and only time when Freshmen and Sophomores are on a par.

Under the guidance of ye old Booster Club, we will have a fine day of fun and frolic. Everybody's going to play. You too, Oscar.

Breakfast at the regular hour, suppose, and then everything else will be particularly irregular. In place of French, we offer you a tug-of-war. Trade your history class in for a baseball game or two . . . they'll be worth it. (Apologies to Dean Mitchell). Risk a chapel cut and attend our program in the chapel after lunch. A large number of high school folks are going to be our guests and we're going to show off some of our dear students. Cactus promised to get merry for the people

and—who knows?—little Warren McVittie might have meant it when he said he'd give us a speech. Then there will be others—I'm terribly modest myself.

Luncheon will be very informal. Gentlemen will "not" wear coats. What a break for the unfair sex.

But there, there, Tomes, you shall have your chance. We're having a dance at the gym. J-Hop decorations and everything! Orchestra? That is a secret but it sounded swell the last time we heard it. Now do you know?

Anyhow, it's going to be one grand, glorious day. Says I, says the Booster Club, and says the faculty. And we hope you high school seniors have the grandest time of your lives, and all decide that Alma's the only place on earth.

## DEAN STEWARD TELLS MORE OF BALKAN TRIP

Two weeks ago Dean Steward continued the story of her trip down the Danube, which she took a year ago last summer. The story was begun in a chapel program last year, but she told only about half her story. This time she described her impressions of Jugoslavia and Roumania.

Jugoslavia she described as a mixture of nationalities. It was the only country in eastern Europe that would admit the Russian emigrants who could not remain in their own country. She told an amusing story of being left alone for several hours on a deserted train.

Roumania is the land of the willows, that sing when the wind goes through them. It is a land of strange contrasts, with its towering Carpathians, its fertile plains, and its arid desert. In Transylvania are to be found the storybook houses "That ought to be made of gingerbread and could not possibly be real."

Bucharest, gay, kaleidoscopic, is a miniature Paris. There she saw peasants in gorgeously embroidered costumes, officers in gay colors, street vendors, and gypsy beggars.

The description of the country villages was very entertaining. There is a stream running down every street, and every house has a self-respecting cat, that never goes outside the door. These cats are the oracles whom the girls consult about marriage. This is the only place in the world where the geese, who in the early days of Rome saved that city for future greatness, are celebrated for their great feat. This is just another expression of the pride of these people in their Roman ancestry.

Miss Steward concluded with some tales of the gypsies, who are quite prevalent in Roumania. She told the legend of Mara, who solicited the aid of the devil to bring back the strange huntsman whom she loved. The devil made the first violin, using her four brothers as strings, her father for the box, and her mother for the bow, and with this she brought the huntsman back. When the lovers were carried off by his satanic majesty, they left the violin and it was found by a gypsy.



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## EDITORIAL

### The OTHER HALF

A few weeks ago we tried to express the appreciation of the campus for Alma's queen of the ivories, Miss Grace Roberts. She proved her worth by delighting us with a masterful rendition of some very beautiful and very difficult piano numbers in the faculty recital last Wednesday. But in singing her praises, we must not, and cannot forget her colleague in the music department, Professor J. W. Ewer, whose performance as a soloist was also ace-high.

Professor Ewer also has what may be termed a thankless job—or should we say jobs? Besides directing Alma's first class a cappella choir, (and who dares to intimate that it is anyone but him who makes it what it is?), giving innumerable vocal lessons and teaching his classes, and assisting whenever he can in the athletic department, he travels all over the state in search of prospective students for the college, and inducing many to come here that we might otherwise never reach. All the way around, he keeps in contact with these young people, and makes a very valuable contribution to the success of the school.

Professor Ewer's contribution to his church is just as important. A few years ago he mentioned to Mr. Gelston that he intended at one time to become a minister. His pastor replied, "And didn't you? The ministry of music ranks right alongside the ministry of the pulpit". Surely the local church owes a debt of gratitude to this man for his long years of service as director of the choir there. A church with two such musicians as Mr. Ewer and Miss Roberts can consider itself very fortunate indeed.

### WELCOME, VISITORS!

To-morrow the college opens its doors to two hundred high school seniors, coming to enjoy with us the biggest day of the year, when students and faculty lay down their books and play together from early in the morning until late at night. It gives us the greatest of pleasure to welcome the visitors, and as we extend to them the hand of friendship, we hope that they may realize how anxious we are that they shall all be our friends.

Alma abounds in friendliness. The spirit is the first thing that strikes the new student as he begins to become acquainted with his surroundings. It is the supreme advantage that the small college holds over the large one: everyone knows everyone else, and has as many friends here as there are students and teachers.

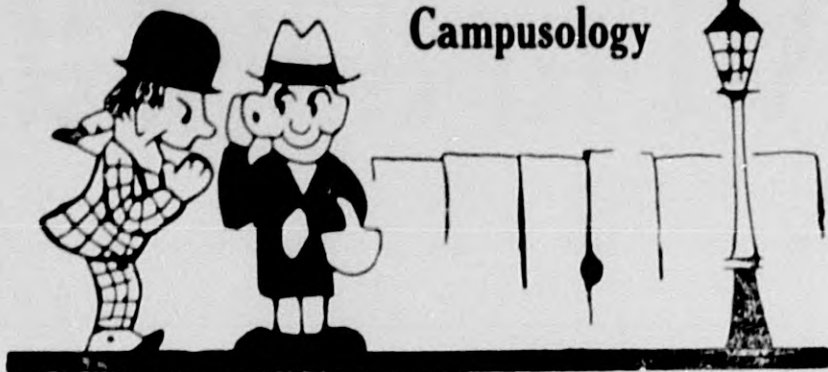
As we welcome you to our campus, visitors, we hope that this day will be one you will always remember. We are trying our hardest to make you like us, and we are all glad to have you with us. Do whatever you please, enlist the services of any students you may find to show you around the place, and above all, have a good time.

### KAPPA IOTA PARTY IS GRAND SUCCESS

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Wright House for the excellent service and perfect cuisine; Karl Hildebrandt for the outstanding performance of his band; and the following committee heads: Katherine Campbell, general chairman; Mary Elizabeth Soper, menu; Eleanor Curtis, decorations; Marion Day, programs; Phyllis Raudall, invitations; Gertrude Elliott, music, and Florence Pierson, transportation.

The members of Kappa Iota who were present and their guests were: Catherine McCuaig and Douglas McLellan; Katherine Campbell and Frederick Kidd; Eleanor Curtis and Maxwell Novak; Mary Elizabeth Soper and George Roberts; Jean Cameron and Leonard Graham; Marion Day and Bruce York; Ann DeKraker and Irwin Nichol; Mary Painter and Eldon Aitken; Gertrude Elliott and Al Glance; Jane Allen and James Day; Mary Catherine Craig and Stanley Bussard; Jean Currie and LeRoy Block; Isabel Palmer and Gordon Clack; Florence Pierson and Mackenzie Crooks; Jane Rice and William Johnson; Louise Stickney and Kenneth Carter; Josephine Wilkinson and David Glass.

## Campusology



We have a bouquet this week for Trader Horn, for running away from Muscott on the last lap of the relay in the meet last week, and we hand a mammoth one to Miss Roberts for "Rondo Capriccioso".

"Horrors, I've lost another set!" said Toad Smith as he swallowed his teeth on the tennis court.

The biggest event of the week was when Terrier Tomes and Twinkletoes Topsy got together at the Zeta Open House. Mr. Tomes, surnamed "Chaperon", called out when he reached the dorm, "On the first floor they dance, on the second they play bridge; what do they do on the third?"

To Fuzz Johnson's long list of nicknames, we add "Millstone", because he's always hanging around Jane's neck.

By the way, it seems that Fuzz, along with Chinaman Clack, attempted to crash the Gratiot Avenue League recently.

And, speaking of the G. A. L., one of the members has informed the press that they are to have a very exclusive blowout in the near future, if not in the far pasture. Attention, you professional league crashers!

Hugh "Iron Man" Brenneman at the Albion meet: "Say, Coach, I can't run the mile and the two mile and the pole vault."

Father Rehkopf got into chapel just in time for the last two verses of the opening hymn last Friday, so he started his solo as soon as he got inside, and bellowed all the way to his seat. The right wing of faculty row got a big laugh.

Is Lyle Hose trying to promote a saxophone accompaniment for his uke? He's hanging right in there with Smiling Saxophone Susie Hagaman.

Everybody's doing it now. Jean McGarvah claims she had dates with five men in one day: Christopherson, Ludwig, Menoch, Brodebeck, and Freddy. And now along comes Junior. (P. S.—Belle is also in on the fun.)

Spray says she has made her final and irrevocable decision. Good-bye, Jerry; hello, Speedy Sam.

What is the most inseparable couple on the campus? Whv, Herbie and his camera. He wants to be our staff photographer, but unfortunately he has no keyhole attachment.

Jeanne Thurlow wants to know why the senior room is always so warm. Wait till you're a senior, girly, and you'll know.

Anyone who went to the K. I. party thinks she had a good right to sing the blues.

Chubby Fowler is showing everybody the cold sore she got from playing the mouth organ. Now will that person in the back put down those two fingers . . . .

They say love is blind, but when it makes folks deaf, it's worse than that. We said hello fifteen times to Honeybunch Cates and Sweetiepie Hodges the other day, and they never heard us.

Helen Louise took a tramp in the woods last week, and came back with a case of poison ivy.

We nominate:  
For the "Can't Take It" club, Paul Edward Ditto. He sobs because Hunter whispers sweet nothings into the ear of the Auburn Flash at play practice, while he is out in front trying to cramp Maty's style.

For the MIAA mile champion of 1934, Bob Fairchild.

For more exercise — Two Ton Tomes.

For the Indianapolis races — Hubbard's Horseless Hack.

For the Hall of Fame — Mrs. Mabel Quail, the first (and only?) senior to get a teaching job.

For the most popular man—Cattleboat Jim.

For oblivion—pick your own.

No, it wasn't a fire—just Spendlove running downstairs when she found out her Opal had arrived. (Bad puns in order).

Hunter has one for the Alma College decalogue, directed particularly at the authors of this column: Six days shalt thou labor, and the seventh dig up dirt.

We hear that Hinshaw (Coyote Buck) has been hunting hyenas around Palestine lately.

Haven't seen Baldy Smith's name in this column for quite some time. Anyway, he's a gerat man-about-town, and seems to be cutting quite a wide social swath.

## NOTES ON THE ALPHA THETA FORMAL

Vincent went home to recuperate after the dance.

Larry was so happy he was fairly staggering with joy unconfined.

Mary and Buff, Vern and Emily and Babe and George were all back—who said married life gets a man down?

Pa Muscott is going to feel very much relieved when he finds out that the cannon that ran through the rear window of his car wasn't loaded.

Bridget took good old Dick. Some say she went clear to Greenville to get him—others say 'twas an accident. Anyhow, ain't love grand!

Some of the boys had an awful time trying to hold on to Mabel's dress, but they managed.

If it is possible to be at a party and still not be at a party, that describes Schwartz and Fairchild.

Tennis couldn't spare Johnny even for one dance, and she didn't want to "take it", so they just didn't go to the party.

Janet did spare Dinty for one, and only one, dance.

The girls went wild, simply wild over the tap dancer, the little dickens. Some say the piano player had callouses. Well . . . .

The sophomores say: "Fools names and fools classes always appear in public plazas!" Putrid poetry, but the sentiment is O. K.

Since the above item entitled "we nominate" was written, it occurred to us that the said P. E. D. should worry about such small fry as Hunter, who already has a good standing in the G. A. L., when said P. E. D. is being virtually shoved out of the picture by one Harold Moore, ex-'36. (No, please, please—don't go making any puns with that word virtually.)

Another "everybody's doing it" is this business of having meetings after chapel. The annual series of freshman meetings has started, and they've had one every day for more than a week.

With the administration vigorously putting thumbs down on the business of walking on the grass, will it be necessary for the students to put up signs to keep the faculty on the sidewalks? Come on, you higher-ups, co-operate.

No smoking on the campus, no gum-chewing at formals—while we're on the subject of campus traditions, why not eliminate long chapel speeches?

In reply to a question in a recent campusology concerning Ruth Dickinson, the young lady in question declares that the reason she never makes the column is that she's true to him.

## MUSIC STUDENTS TO GIVE RECITAL MAY 24

The annual student's concert at Alma College will be held in the chapel on Wednesday evening, May 24th, at 8:00 p. m. Those remembering the concert of last year will not miss the opportunity of hearing this year's recital which promises to be quite as outstanding and pleasing.



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## ALUMNI NOTES

### Wilbur Snell Dies

Alma College lost one of the best known of its younger alumni in the death of Joseph Wilbur Snell, '27, May 6. While he was at Alma, he was president of the Student Council and held many other important offices, and was known as a man who "really worked on committees". He was a member of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity. After leaving here, he received a position with the General Motors Acceptance Corporation. He married Miss Helen MacDougall, another Alma student.

Snell had been in bad health for a year, and was critically ill for the last three weeks before his death with tubercular meningitis. Dean Steward and President Crooks attended the funeral, which was held in his home town, Bad Axe.

### COL. KNOX SPEAKS

Col. Frank Knox, '98, publisher of the Chicago Daily News, was the feature speaker at the regional convention of the Liberal Arts College Movement, held recently in Chicago, which President Crooks attended. The college presidents were delighted with his treatment of national affairs, and were especially pleased with his statements of belief in the liberal arts college.

Col. and Mrs. Knox are to spend several weeks in Europe this summer, sailing about the middle of June.

Earl Herbert Closser, '28, was married to Miss Muriel Martha McGee on April 25 at Sault Ste. Marie.

The engagement of Jack Thoma, '28, to Miss Flora Quigley was recently announced. Both are teachers in the Grand Haven High School.

And this from the Grand Rapids Herald of May 5, concerning a graduate of the class of '27:

"Ewart, May 4.—Dr. and Mrs. Otto Leske of Dresden, Germany, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Ingeborg Leske, to John Ardis Erskine of Ewart, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Erskine. Studying at Heidelberg university last year, both will attend Dresden university this year until their marriage, which will take place late this summer. It is expected Miss Ruth Ann Erskine, a sister, will be in Dresden for the event, after which all three will return to Michigan, where Mr. Erskine will continue his insurance work at Benton Harbor."

### SENIORS PETITION FOR CATTLEBOAT STORY

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"Down through the years it has been a custom for the student body of Alma College to be regaled with the harrowing experiences of an honored member of our faculty on the high seas. Inasmuch as so far this year we have not been honored by a recital of this tale, and as yet, the Freshmen have not been inducted into the mysteries of this epic, we, the Class of '33, having in mind the welfare of the whole institution, hereby present to Prof. Hamilton this document and request that he read at this time the wish expressed herein, and desire that at some date in the near future he comply with the heartfelt plea embodied herein, and thereby earn the undying gratitude of the Class of 1933".

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# SPORTS



## BORTON BREAKS TWO RECORDS IN MEET AT STATE

High Jumps Nearly Six Feet as Frosh and Varsity Take Drubbing.

Although the Michigan State Freshmen scored 111 points against the Varsity's 35 1/2 and the Frosh's 16 1/2, Saturday morning at East Lansing, the work of Norman Borton was indeed very gratifying. The eight-letter senior not only took his usual four firsts but in two of these events, the high jump and the javelin, broke the existing records.

Borton's points were the only firsts that Alma took. Failure to get into condition because of the prolonged rainy season resulted in the seconds, thirds and fourths.

Although Bort is known primarily for his heaves in the discus and shot, his first record was in the high jump. The measured height was 5 feet 11 1/2 inches. He cleared 6 feet 2 twice (standard height), but on the way down he knocked off the bar with his feet. His change to the eastern style

seems to have helped his jumps considerably.

After warming up in the javelin, he let his first throw sail out 165 feet 5 1/2 inches for a new meet record. In the discus, his second throw went hurling 131 feet 11 1/2 inches for his final first. His other first was in the shot at 39 feet 8 1/2. Al Wilkas took a fourth in the javelin and a third in the discus.

Bob Fairchild of the Frosh took a second in the mile that was won by Bechtold in the fast time of 4 minutes 47 seconds. Bob also ran the 880, but the mile took a little too much out of him. Bechtold, however, won the mile, half mile and the two mile. Lavon Winterberg took a third in the two mile, while Hughie Brenneman pegged away with a fourth in the same run.

The Varsity hurdlers were out luck. Both Lehner and Dawson knocked over a few of the first hurdles, and the former skinned up himself on a wicked fall. Warmbein of St. Joe took two firsts in the hurdles. Ralph Schiefley chased him closely in the high hurdles with Clifton Mapes taking a fourth. Warmbein has won the hurdles for two years straight in the State Class B finals.

Welch, Baird, Edwards and Sargent were a little too much for the Alma sprinters, although Muscott took two fourths in the 100 and 220. Dawson's fourth in the 440 and York's third saved a shut out in that event. In the relay, also, the State yearlings had pretty much their own way. State ran two relay teams, both of which beat the Varsity and Frosh quartets.

### The Summaries

One Mile Run—Won by Bechtold, State; 2nd, Fairchild, Frosh; 3rd, Genson, State; 4th, Crosbie, State. Time 4:47.9.

440 Yard Dash—Won by Dennis, State; 2nd, Schroeder, State; third, York, Frosh; 4th, Dawson, Alma. Time 52.4.

100 Yard Dash—Won by Welch, State; second, Edwards and Baird, State, tied; 4th, Muscott, Alma. Time 10.2.

120 High Hurdles—Won by Warmbein, State; 2nd, Godfrey, State; 3rd, Schiefley, Frosh; 4th, Mapes, Frosh. Time 15.7.

880 Yard Run—Won by Bechtold, State; 2nd, Pitt, State; 3rd, Sanders, State; 4th, Miller, State. Time 2:08.1.

220 Yard Dash—Won by Welch, State; 2nd, Sargent, State; 3rd, Baird, State; 4th, Muscott, Alma. Time 22.8.

Two Mile Run—Won by Bechtold, State; 2nd, Crosbie, State; 3rd, Winterberg, Alma; 4th, Brenneman, Frosh. Time 10:31.9.

220 Low Hurdles—Won by Warmbein, State; 2nd, Godfrey, State; 3rd, Schiefley, Frosh; 4th, Damoth, State. Time 25.7.

Half Mile Relay—Won by State (Welch, Edwards, Baird, Munn); second, Alma (Clack, Graham, Dawson, Muscott); third, Frosh (Boynton, Glance, Block, York). Time 1:35.4.

Pole Vault—Won by Allen, State; 2nd, Muscott, Alma; 3rd, tie between Dawson, Alma, and Block, Frosh. Height 10 feet 9 in.

High Jump—Won by Borton, Alma; 2nd, tie between Allen, Edwards and Werbelow, of State. Height 5 feet 11 1/2 in. New record.

Shot Put—Won by Borton, Alma; 2nd, Wiseman, State; 3rd, Ross, State; 4th, Wardell, State. Distance 39 feet 8 1/2 in.

Javelin—Won by Borton, Alma; 2nd, Fuller, Frosh; 3rd, Finstrom, State; 4th, Wilkas, Alma. Distance 165 feet 5 1/2. New record.

Discus—Won by Borton, Alma; 2nd, Wiseman, State; 3rd, Wilkas, Alma; 4th, Wardell, State. Distance 131 feet 11 1/2 in.

Broad Jump—Won by Allen, State; 2nd, Warmbein, State; 3rd, Edwards, State; 4th, Godfrey, State. Distance 21 feet 1 1/2 in.

### TENNIS MATCH

The Alma tennis team, handicapped by the lack of practice because of the poor conditions of the courts, was easily defeated by the Albion team last Thursday. Although the Alma men failed to win a set in the singles, the matches were well played and Coach Weimer expressed confidence that with the practice facilities now allowed the team should make a much better showing against Kalamazoo this week.

The summaries of the matches were:

Large beat Nichol—6-3, 6-0.  
Fisher beat Bushnell—6-4, 6-2.  
Schloss beat Hunter—6-1, 6-1.  
Reed beat Boyd—6-3, 6-1.  
Niese beat Beach—6-4, 6-2.  
In the doubles, Large and Fisher beat Nichol and Bushnell—4-6, 6-2, 6-4; Reed and Niese beat Boyd and Hunter—4-6, 6-4, 6-2.

And we'd give a quarter to know the two girls that were parading up the street with Grube and Reagan yesterday afternoon.

## Freshmen Nearly Beat Varsity in Dual Meet

By WILLIAM JOHNSON

The results of the Varsity-Frosh track meet last Wednesday revealed a great deal of potential varsity material in the ranks of the first-year men. In twelve events, the upperclassmen narrowly beat the yearlings, 53 1/2 to 50 1/2.

The Frosh jumped into an early lead, taking firsts in the 440 and 220 low hurdles and a clean sweep in the mile run. The Varsity picked points with firsts in the 100, 220 and 880, but after eight events the Frosh still had a five-point lead. It was when the field events began to come in that the older men attained their margin. The features of the day were the mile run and the mile relay. Fairchild easily won the mile in 4:57, incidentally stepping the first two laps in 2:20, about one second slower than the final time of the half-mile run. In the mile relay, Clack stepped off to a nice lead over Dean in the first lap but was caught and the next Frosh runners, Fairchild and Ludwig, proceeded to widen the gap over Dawson and Erickson. The latter managed to close it quite a bit coming into the home stretch at the end of his lap and then Muscott and York put on their race. Muscott led most of the way around but was caught in a great sprint by York, who beat him by a stride.

### The Summaries

100 Yard Dash—Won by Muscott; 2nd, Scheifley, Frosh; 3rd, Boynton, Frosh. Time 10.6.

220 Yard Dash—Won by Muscott, Varsity; 2nd, Boynton, Frosh; 3rd, Schiefley, Frosh. Time 24.1.

440 Yard Dash—Won by York, Frosh; 2nd, Dawson, Varsity; 3rd, Dean, Frosh. Time 55.6.

880 Yard Run—Won by Seale, Varsity; 2nd, Brenneman, Frosh; 3rd, Balfour, Varsity. Time 2:19.3.

One Mile Run—Won by Fairchild, Frosh; 2nd, Brenneman, Frosh; 3rd, Ludwig, Frosh. Time 4:57.

120 High Hurdles—Won by Dawson, Varsity; 2nd, Lehner, Varsity; 3rd, Schiefley, Frosh. Time 17.9.

220 Low Hurdles—Won by Schiefley, Frosh; 2nd, Lehner, Varsity; 3rd, Erickson, Varsity. Time 28.4.

One Mile Relay—Won by Frosh (Dean, Fairchild, Ludwig, York); second, Varsity (Clack, Dawson, Erickson, Muscott). Time 3:36.3.

Shot Put—Won by Bussard, Varsity; 2nd, Wilkas, Varsity; 3rd, Glance, Frosh. Distance 36 feet 1 1/2 in.

Discus—Won by Wilkas, Varsity; 2nd, Bussard, Varsity; 3rd, Fuller, Frosh. Distance 105 feet 5 in.

High Jump—Won by Glance, Frosh; 2nd, Leahy, Varsity; 3rd, tie between Hubard and Wilkas of Varsity and Fuller and Bennett of Frosh.

### TRACK SQUAD FACES VERY BUSY WEEK

The track squad will put in a busy week according to the present schedule. At present it includes a Varsity-Frosh meet on Campus Day, and a meet with Central at Mt. Pleasant either Monday or Tuesday of next week. Besides these Borton will represent Alma in the State Intercollegiate Meet at East Lansing Saturday.

Considerable interest in the Varsity-Frosh meet has called for it again this week. The Varsity squad will be bolstered with the addition of Borton in the high jump, shot, discus, javelin, and broad jump. The Varsity relay team has improved rapidly since the coming of Muscott.

Borton will have plenty of competition at East Lansing Saturday, however. Michigan Normal has two high jumpers that have done six feet consistently. In the shot, Leroy Dues of City College and Davis of Hillsdale have bettered Bort's best throw this year, while Pete Troy of Central is reported to have heaved the discus several feet beyond the throw Bort won with last year. However, in the javelin, Da Bull has been hitting his stride and may go to town.

Although Central has participated in only one meet so far, a very formidable team is presented. Led by Fred Van Houten, a Grand Rapids sophomore, Central easily took Albion 812-3 to 491-3 last Saturday at Mt. Pleasant. Van took both hurdles, a second in the high jump, and a third in the shot. However, he is apt to find a little trouble with Dawson, Lehner and Erickson in the former events, Borton and Leahy in the high jump, and Borton, Wilkas, and Bussard in the shot. Carl Lindborg of Albion took second place in the individual scoring with 13 points.

## INTRAMURAL BALL

In the opening games of the regular intramural baseball season, Abe Kahn's team beat McVittie's, 8-4, and Jacobson beat Helmer, 5-4.

After Kahn's team had taken advantage of two bad errors to score twice in each of the first and third innings, the Camp Custer boys knocked Pete Drary out of the box and tied the score at four-all before Kahn finally checked them. Then Abie's gang scored four more in their half of the fourth to win. Baumbatt, Bushnell and Novak each got two hits for the victors, while Johnny Colbeck got three out of three for the losers.

Sunshine Jacobson held Helmer's team scoreless except in the fourth inning, when they scored four runs, while his mates scored twice in the first and three times in the third. Sunshine struck out 10 batters while Helmer fanned eight. The feature of this game was the debut of the sensational rookie star, Lynwood "Schoolboy" Volk, as first baseman for the Newberry Wildcats.

### NO TRESPASSING

From time to time it becomes necessary for the faculty of the College to attempt to change or modify habits of students when it seems best for the interests of all. Recently, through the carelessness and indolence of the students, paths have been worn across the lawn in front of Wright Hall. In order to remove this eyesore and to further the landscaping development of the campus, some very beautiful shrubs were planted to effectively block these paths, that the grass might be allowed to grow again. The latest addition to the beauty of the grounds was well received by everyone but yesterday appeared a complement to the project which immediately threw a discordant note into the whole scheme of the thing and reduced a thing of beauty to an object of derision. Yesterday were constructed two fences, of four by fours, topped with barbed wire, outlining the border of the shrubbery beds. Is it to the credit of supposedly intelligent college students to have a stout fence built to keep them from wearing an unsightly path across the lawn? Many will doubtless recall not wisely but too well the "Ghost Poles" around the drive in front of the Administrative building and way in which they were finally replaced. It seems quite certain that the purpose for which the shrubs were planted had been effectively accomplished. If there any reason then why such a conspicuous and disagreeable sight should mar the Campus?

W. J.

Injuries continue to haunt Norman Borton, one of Alma's greatest all-around athletes. With his injury of last fall practically cured, his ailment now is swollen glands in his groin. He first noticed these last week and took things very easy. Then Saturday morning he took four firsts at East Lansing, setting two new meet records, but apparently it did him no good for we now find him confined to his bed.

Coach Campbell has announced that he will positively not enter the State Intercollegiate Meet at East Lansing, Friday and Saturday.

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## "HOUND AND HORN" OFFERS PRIZES FOR STORY, VERSE

Two months ago "The Hound and Horn" announced a contest among the undergraduates of the United States for the best piece of prose and verse to be received by them, before April 1st.

In order to stimulate interest in young writers in this country, a prize of \$100 for the best short story (not to exceed 5,000 words) and a prize of \$50 for the best piece of verse (not to exceed five pages) was offered. A great many contributions have been sent in from 37 states and from as many colleges. At the present moment there are only two contributions which in any way seem to the editors worthy of attention.

In order to arrive at some more representative outcome, "The Hound and Horn" is extending this contest to June 1st in an effort to attract more distinguished contributions from undergraduates. The address is 545 Fifth Avenue, New York City. Any college students who feel that under the influence of our nice spring weather they can turn out a story or poem of merit are urged to do so.

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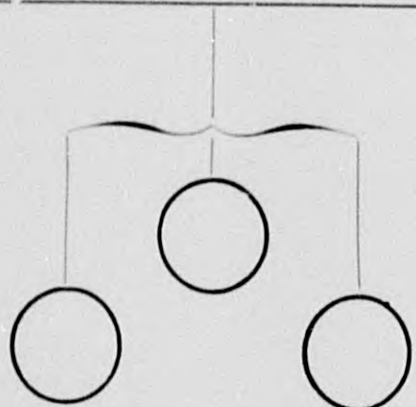
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**LOOK WHO'S HERE**

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Says Charley:

One feature of the minstrel show can only be done justice by a sonnet in the Bovine Style by Charlie Ox himself.

**TO MIKE**

Whence comes that eerie bleary ebon glow?

'Tis from the face of Mike D'Angelo.

Hark to the intonations weird that flow

From out the throat of Mike D'Angelo!

Who would imagine that a minstrel show

Would e'er be graced by Mike D'Angelo?

Oh, me! my sense of fitness what a blow

Has now received from Mike D'Angelo!

Greek roots, spaghetti, history and jello

Have been the meat of Mike D'Angelo;

Ah, who could dream that he could fall so low

As black-faced song — oh, Mike D'Angelo!

Bring on your ripe tomatoes and let's throw

A few bouquets at Mike D'Angelo.

C. O.

Such a piece calls, we believe, for a reply in the same style, and so we dedicate the following to the illustrious sonneteer.

**TO CHARLEY**

I do believe that Alma's slyest fox

Is that quick witted rhymester, Charley Ox.

His ballyhoo is not the kind that shocks,

But still we love the poems by Charley Ox.

He never peers through keyholes, breaks no locks,

But nothing is unknown to Charley Ox.

And wretched is the fate of him that mocks—

He takes a pungent slam from Charley Ox.

I'd never care to speculate in in stocks;

I can make more promoting Charley Ox.

I know that folks would pack the streets for blocks

Merely to get a look at Charley Ox.

And with the dough I get from all these flocks

I'll travel 'round the world with Charley Ox.

**"DARN 'EM"**

What funny creatures men are— They do the strangest things;

Sometimes they're awful nice; Sometimes they ain't;

Sometimes they say they love you and don't act like it;

Sometimes they don't say it, but act thrilling;

Sometimes they just don't act any way;

Those funny creatures!

What strange wonderful creatures men are—

They never make up their minds; Sometimes they say "till death do us part";

Sometimes they say "let's be sensible and part";

Sometimes they don't say anything,

They just look at you—

And the heart at the receiving end jumps all around.

And the woman says, "What a wonderful creature!"

What arbitrary creatures men are; Sometimes they date you every night;

Sometimes they stay away four or five days;

Sometimes they love you—

Sometimes they ignore you—

Sometimes you're the only ONE—

Sometimes you're ONLY one.

But always they boss you,

And women like me sit back and adore them;

Strange women! strange world! strange men!

**DARN 'EM.**

This poem was obtained for The Almanian only by offer of double the usual rates (note that it is "free" verse) and the promise that we would not disclose the name of the author. We give you three guesses. When interviewed about it, Charlie Ox said: "You may quote me authoritatively as saying that I did not write it. But of course you understand that I could not guarantee that I was not the inspiration of it."

**ZETA OPEN HOUSE**

Friday evening Zeta Sigma fraternity held its second successful open house for members and their guests. Prof. and Mrs. Tyler, Mr. and Mrs. Robinson, Prof. Ewer and Dean Mitchell chaperoned the affair. The evening was perfect, save for a little rain, and all the porches were made use of most of the time. Cards and dancing were enjoyed within the house. Peanuts and mints were served during the evening. Eldon Aitken was general chairman of the party, while most of the members helped in getting the house ready. Everybody had a good time. This is probably the last party of its kind to be given this year, but in the future there will be more of them.

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