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## Choir Will Present Christmas Concert

### Chorus Appears in Robes for First Time Tomorrow Night

The annual Christmas Concert of the Alma College A Cappella Choir will be given tomorrow evening, at 8:00, in the First Presbyterian church. For the sixth time Professor J. W. Ewer will lead his chorus before a Christmas audience, but for the first time they will appear in their new maroon robes, and for the first time the choir will appear as a member of the National Federation of Music clubs.

Assisting Professor Ewer with the program will be Miss Grace D. Roberts, who will play an organ prelude.

Besides Miss Roberts, assisting Professor Ewer at the organ, Elwin Carter, sophomore from Midland, will sing a group from Handel's Messiah, and Carter, Mae Nelson, and Joy Olney will sing solo parts.

### New Vestments

The new maroon vestments that will be worn for the first time in public by the choir tomorrow night arrived last week. They were paid for largely by donations from friends of the choir, a small loan from the Student Council, and money raised through efforts of the choir members themselves. The stoles were made by volunteer workers here at Alma, and remain undecorated for the Christmas Concert, but will be finished later.

Interest among choir members has recently been shared between the new robes and the admittance of the choir to the National Federation of Music Clubs.

During the last few weeks the usual single practice-session per week of the choir was increased to two a week, and since the Thanksgiving vacation Professor Ewer has been calling the singers together even more often to prepare for their first big concert of the year.

No definite dates have been set for future concerts out of town, but invitations to sing in several cities have been received by the choir. The completion of the Christmas Concert tomorrow night does not mean that the members of the choir will be given a long breathing spell. As soon as school starts after vacation, Professor Ewer says, rehearsals will begin for the annual Spring Concert.

### Program Varied

The program will present a variety of choral works, varying from the music of Palestrina to the joyous "Today There is Ringing" by Christiansen and the in-

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## Eighty-five Zeta Sigma Formal-Goers Entertained by Kirma's Rival, Bailey

by Parker Lofthouse

"Sleep! Deep sleep! You are now fast asleep."

Such were the words of Sandy Lee Bailey when he hypnotized Hugh Brenneman and placed him in the arms of Morpheus at the annual Zeta Sigma formal held at the Midland Country Club Saturday, December 14.

Bailey, with several years stage experience to his credit, gave a never-to-be-forgotten performance for the 85 people at the party by putting Brenneman under a hypnotic spell during which he made his subject sing, paddle a canoe, become stiff and rigid, and even get up and go get a drink of water. Besides this, Bailey performed many card tricks that brought laughter and looks of awe from the crowd.

The party began at 6:45, when

## College Bulletin Wrong; Classes to Start Jan. 6

Although the latest number of the Alma College Bulletin states that classes start again after the Christmas holidays on January 2, an announcement from the Office of the President says otherwise.

The first class after the vacation will be held at 7:50 a. m., January 6, 1936, which is on a Monday morning rather than the Thursday morning after New Years Day. This gives Alma students a generous two-weeks vacation, with three full week-ends, and makes it unnecessary for them to return on New Years Day as has often been the case before.

The vacation for Christmas begins December 20, Friday, at 11:30 a. m.

## Students Express Disfavor with Round-Robin, 167-20

### Professor Clack Explains Vote is too Late to Do Any Good

Student disfavor with the round-robin ruling in MIAA football was expressed last Thursday, December 12, in chapel, when 167 voted against it and 20 for it. Professor R. W. Clack, faculty MIAA representative, who favors the round-robin, termed the vote useless, but it was taken anyway.

Al Fortino took charge of the meeting and called on Professor Clack to explain the round-robin ruling, who said that he could see no reason for the vote, because the MIAA Board had already passed the ruling and nothing could be done about it now. He explained the attitude of the board, and their reasons for passing the ruling. Evidence forwarded by Professor Clack indicated that opposition to the ruling among MIAA coaches is not so wide-spread as false publicity has led people to believe. He explained the ruling, its merits, and demerits as the board sees them.

Fortino then explained the attitude of the football team, and a vote was called for, with 167 voting "no" and 20 voting "yes", and despite the fact that the vote may not bear any weight, the results have been sent to other MIAA schools, which are to be asked to call for a similar student vote.

Much feeling was raised by this action last week. Aside from the question raised by Professor Clack as to the benefit of taking a vote, there was the question raised as to whether or not the students were prepared to vote on the ruling on such short notice, or qualified to vote with an even longer notice.

Arthur Poe of Princeton beat Yale in 1898 when he wrenched the ball from the arms of a Yale player and ran 100 yards for a touchdown.

the chaperons, followed by committee members and guests, marched into the dining room to the strains of music by Cecil DeRemer and his band, from Bay City. Dancing continued during the meal and after the tables were cleared and taken away the dance got under full swing.

Many guests from out of town and out of state were present, including John Colbeck, '34, Kelly Beach, '35, Virginia Hill, '35, Russ Hubbard, '34 Florence Schwartz, '35.

Couples who were at the club house for the first time were very interested in the novel and modernistic designs and furnishings, the soft red, white, and blue lights, and even the wind-swept balconies did not go unnoticed.

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## YWCA Brings Fifty Girls and Boys Early Christmas

Fifty little boys and girls got off to a head start on Christmas last night when the YWCA members of Alma College gave twelve of the girls new dresses and a dinner at Wright Hall and then had the rest of the fifty in to have a lot of fun and wait for Santa Claus to bring them toys and candy from the Christmas tree standing by the fireplace in the college dining hall.

Much of the money necessary for the party was furnished by faculty women, especially those members of the faculty living in Wright Hall. Some of the dresses for the twelve girls were made by them, too, while some of them were made by the YWCA members themselves. Dolls were given to each of the twenty-five girls, and they were mostly dressed by the members themselves.

When the girls were given the dolls, the twenty-five boys got other toys. There was candy for everyone, and everyone had a try at playing games for a while.

Lois Beardsley was the general chairman in charge of this year's entertainment for the children, who were selected by their teachers from classes at the Republic School.

## Philomatheans Clear \$50 on Annual Christmas Fair

### Society Revives Former Custom; Helen MacCurdy Chairman

The nickels may have trickled in—but someplace last Saturday afternoon there must have been more than trickling done, for the Philomatheans announced a profit of approximately fifty dollars after they had closed shop at five o'clock, letting Wright Hall reception room turn once more from the gay scene of the Philo Christmas Fair back to its prosaic self. The volume of business carried on by this traditional affair exceeded the most optimistic expectations of the society members.

One of the biggest attractions of the afternoon was the jitney dancing, in charge of Dorothy Hannigan. A small orchestra played, and five cents a dance was charged.

Helen MacCurdy was the general chairman of the fair this year, the first time that the sorority tradition has been kept since two years ago. Helping in the various booths were Betty Chapin, Lois Beardsley, Ruth Louise Malcolm, Elizabeth Ann Malcolm, Betty Tenney, and Bertine McGarvah, while Margaret Randels acted as the operator of the cash register.

Friends of the society among the faculty furnished some of the wares sold at the fair, and members living in Alma furnished most of the baked goods that were sold, candies, cookies, and cakes.

Besides the dancing offered to customers attracted to Wright Hall for the afternoon, a tea room enabled hungry patrons to satisfy their hunger without having to rush the baked-goods booth, and a variety of wares were for sale at other booths, such as toys, novelties, and fancy work, giving shoppers a chance to get their Christmas buying done.

## Phis Lure Fifi with Mrs. Mack's Meat

What price the modern fraternity man will pay for companionship!

It took two pieces of meat loaf to lure Fifi, the new mascot of Phi Phi Alpha, away from her place on Mrs. McQuaig's porch. Bill Hopkins did the luring, but Mrs. Mack furnished the meat loaf.

Fifi is a St. Bernard, and is the size St. Bernards are supposed to be. Dr. Erwin, veterinary, pronounced the huge critter in good shape, although a little aged.

## Over 400 at Scot Banquet Celebrating Championship

### Alpha Thetas Give Dinner for Two New Patronesses

Two recently added patronesses of Alpha Theta were honored by the society Monday night, December 9, when a dinner was given for them in the dining room at Wright Hall.

The two new patronesses are Mrs. E. T. Lamb and Mrs. R. W. Clack. Mrs. Lamb is the wife of Dr. E. T. Lamb, Alma, and Mrs. Clack the wife of Professor R. W. Clack, Alma College.

All active members of the sorority were present and all of the patronesses of longer standing, Mrs. L. E. Montigel, Mrs. Sadie Soule, Mrs. R. W. Hamilton, Mrs. H. M. Crooks, Mrs. C. R. Robinson, Miss Annette Persis Ward, and Miss Grace D. Roberts.

## 1917 Team is Also Untied, Unbeaten, by College Team

### Homer Dunham Calls Attention to Team That Beat State, 14 to 7

Football historians don't need to go back as far as 1902 to find a team that ranks with the unbeaten 1935 Scots. Word from Homer Dunham, former sports editor of the Almanian, states that the 1917 team was beaten only once, in the opening game, by the Camp Custer Officers, a team including some famed grid men. The Alma team went on to take Michigan State 14 to 7, and then win every other game. "It was one of the real outstanding teams of Alma's history," Dunham says.

Dunham, ex-'18, is now Publicity Director of Western State Teachers College, and vice president of the American College Publicity Association. He was one of the alumni returning last Tuesday for the football banquet.

Writing to the Almanian Thursday, Dunham says:

"May I express my appreciation of Alma College for the kind invitation extended to Mrs. Dunham and myself to be among the guests at the football banquet Tuesday night, as it was the finest affair of the kind that it has been our privilege to attend; an outstanding tribute to an outstanding team that is indeed worthy of all the honors that can be given to an undefeated team in these days when unbeaten teams are rare.

"If I may, I would also like to call attention to the team of 1917 . . . . . He goes on to call attention to the fact that the 1917 team, "Inasmuch as it won every college game played, should be ranked among Alma's unbeaten teams."

## Brokenshire Calls Horace "The Most Quoted of Latin Writers"

Two thousand years ago Horace was born, on December 8, 65 B. C. Last week, all over the world, his birth was commemorated.

Tuesday, December 10, Alma College joined in the celebration when Professor Charles D. Brokenshire spoke in chapel. "It is difficult to find," Professor Brokenshire said, speaking at the request of the Latin department, "any Latin writer who has been more quoted than Horace. As he predicted, he has immortalized the haunts of his Sabine farm and erected for himself a monument in the history of literature that is more perennial than brass and more lasting than the pyramids."

Professor Brokenshire ranked Horace among the highest of the writers of the Augustan age, an

## Old Grads and Players Back

### Team Presents Coach Campbell with Trophy; Yost is Main Speaker.

Ghosts must have walked on Davis Field last Tuesday night as old familiar faces appeared in Wright Hall to do honor to Alma's championship football team, untied and undefeated for the first time in 33 years. Over 400 people were served at the banquet, many of them old students, some old football players, some who returned to the campus for the first time since their graduation.

Called the 1935 football banquet, and arranged to celebrate the winning season of the 1935 football team, nevertheless, every football team in the history of the college, from the one captained by Frank Knox in 1896 to the one captained by Wilson Block in 1935, was placed in the limelight last Tuesday night and received its share of praise.

### Yost Urges Three-Fold Growth

Fielding H. Yost, athletic director of the University of Michigan, gave the main address of the evening.

He said that billions are being spent yearly on education to give young people a chance to grow and become healthy, normal citizens. "Education is not designed to develop students intellectually alone, physically only, or morally only. To stress but one of these qualities is a great mistake. It is impossible to develop healthy, normal citizens unless you develop these three sides and when they have been developed no greater enemy can be loosed on society than he who does not put the three to work in a useful purpose."

In line with his own career in coaching, Mr. Yost discussed the development of American football from English rugby, the introduction of the sport and changes made in the rules through the years.

"Today every play is a trick play, in that the offense tries to deceive the defense as long as possible on two things—where the play will strike and how," he said. "Each play is a trick play so far as solution and conduct are concerned."

"Today, too, there is an emphasis on systems and the system which turns out to be most successful is that which has the best personnel for execution of the system."

### Coach Campbell Honored

During the program, Wilson (Continued on page 4)

### Sets Stage for Horace

The speaker began by outlining the history of Rome just before Horace came into prominence, reviewing the trouble in the Roman Republic that led to the rise of Julius Caesar, his assassination, and the subsequent strife between his friends and Brutus and Cassius, in which Horace was involved, on the losing side.

"When we think of Horace," said Professor Brokenshire, "we pay tribute to his father." His father educated him at Rome, and spent much time with him there. (Continued on page 4)



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## Open Forum



To the Editor of the Almanian:

I did not understand your editorial advocating a registration place at Homecoming to be a criticism of the large amount of work that was done in the President's office in Homecoming publicity. The expense of the publicity—postage, printing and work was all met from the college treasury and no part of it was charged to student funds. When so much work had been done by our office, perhaps I was a little touched by the mention of "an alumni file that is sadly out of date."

Something over 1200 notices of Homecoming were sent out from the President's office. These went to all the graduates of the institution except those on foreign soil and to about 300 former students who live conveniently near. Of the 900 alumni and 300 others addressed all but 30 of them must have received the communication because only 30 letters came back.

In other words, the alumni list is well enough up to date that about three per cent of the addresses were inaccurate. Your suggestion of registration

is very excellent but one registration booth will never suffice. There will need to be registration booths provided at the game, at the luncheon, and at every fraternity reunion. I do not quite know why it is but when registration has been thoroughly well tried in the past it has not been entirely successful. I hope your editorial may bring some fertile suggestions.

Very truly yours,  
H. M. Crooks,  
President, Alma College

Dear Mr. Editor:

What's the object of telling the other colleges in the MIAA that the student body of Alma College has voted such and such on the question of the round robin?

As far as I can see, the vote was just a triple or quadruple vote of the team's opinion. You may say the team is the organization which is doing the playing,—all right, let the vote be that of the team, not that of the student body, who wasn't given a chance to decide which he or she preferred.

I can think of arguments for and against the spiel that went on in chapel, but that isn't the object of this letter—I object to being connected with an organization that has been influenced unfairly.  
M. E. R.

## Kirma's Campus Rival Entertains Zeta Sigma

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The chaperones for the party were Dean Florence M. Steward, Dean James E. Mitchell, Coach and Mrs. Royal R. Campbell, Professor and Mrs. Jesse W. Ewer, and Professor and Mrs. Leon L. Tyler. Guests present were Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Rice, Midland, and Bertine McGarvah, escorted by Ellwyn McGregor.

The committee in charge, consisting of Cyril Lewis and Art Boynton, co-chairmen, Parker Lofthouse, music, George Walker, patrons and patronesses, Weyant Pangborn, tickets, Gordon Mann, transportation, and Fern Erickson, publicity, report that the party was not only a social success, but also a financial success, with the largest crowd in five years.

## A Capella Choir Releases New Basketball Programs

Distribute Booklet Among Fans Free of Charge.

The basketball schedule for Alma College has finally been released, and last night, at the game between the Scots and the professional Hed-Aid team from Detroit, the A Capella Choir, official publishers of the program, distributed them free of charge among people attending the game.

The choir was granted official permission by the Athletic Board of Control to publish the season program to help them purchase the new vestments that they are to wear tomorrow night for the first

## "Greater Alma College" Program Reviewed by Prof. W. E. Kaufmann

To the Alumni of Alma College:

In the fall of 1932 certain members of the faculty began thinking and talking about a "Greater Alma College." A committee was elected by the faculty to consider what this "Greater Alma College" should have as its objectives. At its first meeting the committee selected the writer as its chairman.

Questionnaires were immediately sent to each faculty member asking that each list the objectives he or she deemed most desirable and most needed. From these reports a summary report was drafted and submitted to the Board of Trustees of the College in June, 1933, as a plan looking forward to the proper celebration of Alma's 50th anniversary in 1937, and as a plan for the continued building toward a "Greater Alma College", over a period of ten years.

Following is a brief outline of the summary report submitted to the Board of Trustees:

- Introduction:
- I—Alma's geographical location lends itself to a program of expansion.
  - II—Alma, in 50 years, has taken rank with other Liberal Arts Colleges in Michigan established for 100 years or thereabouts.
  - III—A greater and greater emphasis is being placed upon a liberal arts education, in industry, the professions, and life in general.

General Financial Needs:

- I—Recovery, \$300,000.
  - II—Additional endowment, \$1,650,000. (\$1,000,000 to furnish \$50,000 annually for upkeep of new buildings.)
- Building Program:
- I—Science building, \$150,000.
  - II—Main building, \$265,000.
  - III—Chapel, \$150,000.
  - IV—Men's dormitories, \$100,000.
  - V—Completion of gymnasium, \$60,000.
  - VI—Development of Bahlke Field, \$30,000.
  - VII—Landscaping and painting, \$10,000.

Enrollment:

- I—Upper limit should be 500.
- II—400 might be made as the possible objective for 1937.
- III—This could be achieved by an adequate publicity program, an alumni campaign, a church visitation program, scholarship awards, etc.

Merits:

- I—It lends the inspiration of a forward-looking program to the faculty.
- II—Prospective donors will be influenced by such a vital, well-planned development program for Alma College.

This report was accepted by the Board of Trustees and its provisions passed by them. At the meeting of the Board one year later, in June, 1934, a joint committee consisting of the faculty committee already appointed and a committee from the Board of Trustees submit-

ted a report calling for a \$700 appropriation for publicity, and for certain definite steps in the carrying out of a building program. This report was also accepted and its measures passed by the board.

The items in this plan calling for money appropriations were referred to the Finance Committee of the Board for action, but to date no action has been taken, and the faculty committee has been without means of carrying out its plans.

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees in June, 1935, the same plan, essentially, as was submitted in 1933 was submitted again by President Crooks. The plan was again passed by the Board, but because an election year was in the offing, it was thought inadvisable to fix a date for beginning a campaign at that time.

So a plan was started, and developed to some extent. And so this plan was side-tracked, one time or another, for one reason or another. But we still believe in the integrity of Alma College; we believe in the loyalty of the alumni of Alma College; we believe in the greatness of Alma College, both present and future. And particularly do we believe in the future greatness of Alma College as outlined in the above proposed development plan.

Respectfully submitted,  
W. E. Kaufmann,  
Chairman of the Faculty Planning Committee.

time at their annual Christmas concert.

The schedule, as completed to date, follows:

- Dec. 4 ..... Grand Rapids J. C., here (Won by Alma, 37 to 22)
  - Dec. 7 ..... Muskegon J. C., there (Won by Muskegon J. C., 32 to 21)
  - Dec. 13 ..... Hillsdale, there (Won by Hillsdale, 34 to 12)
  - Dec. 16 ..... Hed-Aid, here (Won by Hed-Aid 35 to 27)
  - Jan. 3 ..... Open
  - Jan. 8 ..... Olivet, here
  - Jan. 11 ..... Kalamazoo, here
  - Jan. 17 ..... Hope, there
  - Jan. 20 ..... Hillsdale, here
  - Jan. 24 ..... Albion, there
  - Feb. 1 ..... Open
  - Feb. 5-8 ..... Open
  - Feb. 12 ..... Grand Rapids J. C., there
  - Feb. 18 ..... Hope, here
  - Feb. 22 ..... Kalamazoo, there
  - Feb. 24 ..... Albion, here
  - Feb. 28 ..... Olivet, there
- (Two games to be arranged with Central State.)

The class of 1889, Bryn Mawr, recently gave the college \$50,000.

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# Alumni and Friends of College Send Telegrams and Letters Congratulating 1935 Scots for Championship Season

On this Page Are Reproduced Some of the Messages Sent to Various People and Turned Over to Coach Campbell

Even though over 400 people crowded into the dining room at Wright Hall last Tuesday night for the biggest football banquet in the history of the college, there were still a lot of the people who had received special invitations to the celebration who could not be there. From many of them letters or telegrams were received. On this page some of the messages are reproduced, in full, or in part.

Other brief alumni communications are being included, and the college is sending 1,000 copies of this issue of the Almanian out to alumni and friends.

The complete list of alumni from whom letters or telegrams were received but who could not attend the banquet is as follows:

Frank Knox, '98; Dwight Harwood, ex-'14; Earl Casterlin, '07; Norman Borton, '33; Fred Johnson, '19; John Campbell, ex-'10; Israel Himelchocht, ex-'07; D. M. Dearing, ex-'10; Clifford Erickson, '32; Fred Striffler, ex-'14; D. H. Magaw, '00; Grover Burke, ex-'13; Fred Wright, ex-'11; Paul Bernd, '28; Frank Angell Jr., '30; Kenneth Rehkopf, '33; Ralph Eastman, '01; Charles Long, ex-'01; Stanley Schenck, ex-'05; Theron Chapel, '11; Oscar Anderson, '16; Ray Yerex, ex-'13; Ralph von Thurn, ex-'08; George Brilmyer, '13; C. R. Carr, '06; Mark Marshall, '09; Rex Anderson, '27; Geo. Horst, '08; Harold Gaunt, '06; Byron Chapel, '09; Irvin Bradfield, ex-'10; Herbert Estes, '33; Allen Hooper, '13; Elbridge Anderson, ex-'06; Lester von Thurn, '13; and Robert Cook, '12.

Letters turned over to Coach Campbell were addressed to various persons. Some of them follow:

### Telegrams

**Royal Campbell,**  
Coach Alma College Football Team  
As the captain of the first Alma football team I get a great kick out of sending you my warm and heartfelt congratulations on the splendid record made in the season just closed. To have carried through the team unbeaten and untied was a great achievement. Give my best wishes to all the boys on the team. Regards.

Frank Knox, '98, captain of the first football team of Alma College, in 1896.)

**H. M. Crooks,** president Alma College.  
My hearty congratulations to Coach Campbell and his unbeaten eleven. Michigan is proud of you. Frank D. Fitzgerald (Governor of Michigan)

**Dr. H. M. Crooks,** president Alma College.  
My heartiest congratulations to Alma and Coach Campbell and his gridiron heroes. All Michigan is proud of you. My best wishes to one and all.

**United States Senator A. H. Vandenberg**

**Dr. H. M. Crooks,** president, Alma College.  
Am extremely sorry that I cannot attend football banquet tonight. We are sending along a staff reporter and photographer for the event. Thanks for invitation. Best wishes.  
Arthur P. Treanor (Editor of the Saginaw Daily News)

**Roy Campbell and Alma Football Team.**  
As a former Alma quarterback and as coach of the team that held you to your closest score of the year let me congratulate you for the clean, aggressive, and intelligent football you played in winning the championship. Deeply regret I cannot be at banquet.  
Dwight Harwood, (ex-'14)

**Roy Campbell, Coach Alma College.**  
Congratulations on successful

season. Regret not being present to see old ones and eat Wright Hall dinner or work on swipes gang. Still have my letter won against Albion and cherish the memories it recalls. May success attend you, the team, and your successors for all time.  
E. H. Casterlin.  
(Earl Casterlin, '07, quarterback on 1905 team, orator, debater.)

**Coach R. R. Campbell, Alma College**  
Sorry I was unable to attend the banquet. However I want to congratulate you and the team and when I say team I mean the entire squad because in the games I saw one deserved as much credit as the other. Hope you can repeat again next year.

**Norman Borton** ('33, football, basketball, track, all-MIAA forward.)  
F. R. Phillips, Supt. of Schools.  
My dear Phil. Thanks for your kind letter and invitation to football banquet. Illness has put me on the side lines for a year. Once more line up for tackling dummy, Ox Edgerton, Ole Anderson, Dog Henning, Doc Hyde, Dusty Austin, Hi Cole, Hog Misner, Stub Voght, Stub Rogers, Pug Wood, Harry Schultz, Bill Schultz, Rip Yerex, Goody Goodrich. Greetings to the old gang. I will cherish memories of your loyalty. Congratulations, Coach Campbell and 1935 MIAA Champions.

Eph Johnson, captain, 1912 (Fred S. Johnson, '19. Only Alma man ever chosen on an All-Western football team, where he was made tackle.)

**Coach R. R. Campbell,** Care Wright Hall,  
Am thinking of you and all the

## Chinese Peasant Gives Life for Granddaughter of Old Alma Graduate

To the question, "Who will give his life in return for this white baby?" Chinese bandits once found the answer, "I will," leaping to the mouth of a poor Chinese peasant. So he died, and the young granddaughter of an Alma alumnus lives.

Last year the press of the United States devoted space at different instances to the kidnapping of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Stam, missionaries in China, and their two-months old baby. Mrs. Stam was the former Betty Scott, daughter of Dr. Ernest Scott, '99.

The following is quoted from last year's Almanian:

"The parents were murdered by the bandits, but the whereabouts of the baby is as yet unknown."

Since then additional information has disclosed the complete story of the baby. After the three had been taken captive, the bandits decided to put the baby to death right away, but a released prisoner plead for its life. The captors demanded another life in exchange for the baby, and the prisoner who had plead for the child gave his in exchange.

So, when the parents were led away to the execution, the baby was left, abandoned in an old house. After being left alone for 29 hours, she was found by a Chinese missionary, rescued, and is now in perfect health.

Alma crowd. Sincere congratulations to you and all the team.

John and Bob (John Campbell, ex-'10, captain of Alma's baseball team that won the state championship, and Bob Campbell, his brother)

**Professor H. M. Crooks,** Alma College, Alma Mich.

Greatly appreciate your telegram inviting me to attend football banquet. Sorry pressure of business prevents my being there. Please convey to the football team my congratulations on their remarkable showing. Kindest greetings to you, Professor Mitchell, and any others of my friends who may be present.  
Israel Himelchocht, (ex-'07)

**Coach Roy Campbell,** Alma College.

Sorry I cannot be with you. Best regards to the old fellows. Congratulations to you and the squad.  
D. M. Dearing,

(D. M. Dearing, ex-'10, here two years. Played on the state championship baseball team.)

**Cyril Lewis,** Alma College.

Sorry cannot attend. Three cheers for the Scots.

Red Erickson. (Clifford Erickson, '32. All-MIAA fullback in 1930.)

**Letters**  
New York, N. Y.

**My dear Roy, (Coach Campbell)**  
Thirty-seven years ago this fall Alma won another MIAA championship. I am equally as proud of this year's champions as I was then as a hopeful sub.

Those days the girls of Alma college did their bit with their rousing promenades downtown the day of the big games, and I am sure that champions like Pearl Fuller, Art Helmer, Elbridge Anderson, Jim McBride, Bill Beecher, Ray Bangs, Grandpa Angell, and Harkness were spurred on to victory by the glorious spirit of Alma co-eds.

Happy indeed was I when Professor Mitchell called my name, at the football banquet that year, and handed me an "A" saying I had won it by playing the last half of one of the MIAA games.

Give my warmest greetings to Joe Magidsohn and Leslie Kefgen, How I would love to be present and one of you.

My sincerest admiration to you personally, Roy. You have worked hard this year and so has your team and tell the team for Mrs. Carr and me that we are proud of them and that we read weekly, this fall, in the New York Times, of the scores and progress.

Very sincerely,  
C. R. Carr.

**Birmingham, Ala.**  
My dear Professor (Professor Mitchell)

In this morning's mail I received a letter from C. R. Carr enclosing a copy of a letter which he had written to your coach, but I note he had his mathematics wrong—or else Carrie was feeling especially old the morning he wrote the letter—for he stated that THIRTY-SEVEN years ago he remembered the great team of 1902 coming back from Lansing after beating M. A. C. for the championship.

Well, sometimes I feel that much older than I am, too, but how I do remember that great game and that great team. . .

Well, anyway, won't you please convey to your coach, your team, and the College, my congratulations on a wonderful year and another championship and may they and the great little College go on to greater and bigger things. With deepest personal regards,  
C. Elbridge Anderson.

**Wichita, Texas**  
My dear Roy,

News has come to me of the big football banquet to be held December 10 for all letter men.

It is with deep regret that I must confess that distance makes my attendance impossible. I would



give almost anything to be present. Please extend my hearty congratulations to the team in its championship. It has been able to do more that we did in the four years I played upon the team. Please accept my congratulations for the magnificent work you are doing.  
Cordially yours,  
George P. Horst

La Porte, Indiana

Dear Roy,

Received your letter . . . this morning . . . and there is nothing I would like to do more than to be able to return for the banquet on December 10th, and to have the privilege of seeing and talking with some of the men who return. But I am afraid that it will be impossible for me to get away at this time of year.

With sincerest well wishes,  
Mark L. Marshall

Oklahoma City, Okla.

Dear Roy,

Nothing could give me greater pleasure than to be with you on Tuesday night. The idea of getting these old football boys together is an excellent one. Many of the old games will be recalled by the presence of men who have not seen each other in many years. One can imagine that Davis Field will be populated with the spirits of many of the old Alma athletes while you will be banqueting together. In memory I can feel the rough, hard clay beneath my feet; feel the warm shoulders of men in the line, hear the staccato remarks of the coach. All of these are pleasant memories.

## List of Alumni Who Returned to Banquet Will Recall Old Days

The following list of alumni who returned last Tuesday night is not presented as a complete list. Most of the names that follow are names brought to the attention of the crowd because they were football players; a few were added through registration.

Dr. David Johnson, '05, Kearney, Nebraska; John Dunham, ex-'10, Grand Rapids; the Rev. Charles W. Sidebotham, '01, East Jordan; Will Brown, ex-'05, St. Louis; Carl Whitney, ex-'04, Saginaw; Frank Angel, '30; Hastings; Dr. Birge Swift, ex-'02, Caro; Dr. Andrew Edgerton, '13, Clio; Leslie Kefgen, '10, Saginaw; Dr. Carroll Hyde, '14, South Bend, Indiana; Robert King, ex-'13, Adrian; John Clark, ex-'12, Detroit; Clarence Goodrich, '15, Ithaca.

Homer Dunham, ex-'18, Kalamazoo; Alexander Duncanson, '10, Sandusky; Dr. Ray Moon, ex-'06, Saginaw; Foster Fraker, '12, Saginaw; Herbert Schultz, ex-'07, Lansing; Harry Schultz, ex-'16, Flint; Edward Johnston, '17, Clare; Clifford Steggle, '14, Bay City; Stewart Hoben, ex-'12, Adrian; Leslie Hawthorne, '28, Hastings; Dr. Emberson Ardis, '19, Ann Arbor; Dr. Richard Waggoner, '23, St. Louis.

Leo Brown, '31, Clare; Gordon French, '21, Bay City; Jack Bauer, ex-'30, Saginaw; Stanley Buzzard, (Continued on page 4)

I have always felt that colleges in the past have made one of their best contributions to the training of men for good living, through the medium of football. I believe that this will be even more true in the future. What the world needs today is an institution which will develop in an increasing degree, physical strength, moral courage, fine sportsmanship, and willingness to submit to discipline.

Again I wish to express my regrets at not being able to meet with all of the old football men at the banquet. I think it would be an excellent idea to attempt this sort of thing every few years.

Very sincerely,  
Ralph O. von Thurn.

Boston, Mass.

Dear Kef; (Leslie Kefgen, '10)  
Back in the dark ages of Alma's history (in fact, half way back to the beginning), there was usually a von Thurn or a Cook in every class, and on every team. It seems fitting, therefore, that a Cook and a von Thurn should join in sending greetings to the champions of 1935, and regrets that time and distance preclude the possibility of their attendance.

It is hardly necessary to say that we have been immensely interested in the progress of this year's team, and we would greatly enjoy the banquet, since neither of us has tasted Wright Hall hash during the past twenty years.

Each of us had the great pleasure of playing on a championship team, Cook in 1910 and von Thurn in 1912, so we can well imagine the pride and satisfaction that this good-looking squad must take in the years' record. Orchids to Roy Campbell for his successful efforts.

We wish we could be with you, but we can't, so it is hail and farewell,

Lester von Thurn,  
Robert H. Cook.

Bay City, Michigan.

Dear Roy,  
I have received the notice of your Football Banquet, and let me say that if it were not for the fact that I expect to be out of the city on that date, I certainly would be over to join with the many others whom I hope will be there, to extend my congratulations on the results of the season just passed.

I don't recall what year it was that I became identified with the athletic activities in Alma, but I do recall that I probably had more years on the Alma campus than any other old student who might be at your Football Blowout. Not having many educational facilities where I came from, among the Indians, and my people being somewhat affiliated with the Presbyterian church, they thought they would get me some learning at Alma. So they entered me in the Preparatory Academy.

Once I got in Alma they couldn't get me out of there for seven years. Then finally President Crooks came on the job and said, "This fellow has been here too long. We'll just give him his diploma and let him go." There still is a doubt in my mind whether I had honor points enough to graduate. Perhaps they felt by staying

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### Fred Klerekoper, 32, Writes of His fVork at Skagvcay, Alaska

One of the farthest removed al-ki\*-----  
 umni from whom letters have been received recently is Fred Mer-  
 koper, \*32. His most recent com-  
 munication was addressed to Prof-  
 essor Charles D. Brokenshire, and  
 came from Skagway, Alaska.  
 where he and his wife are work-  
 ing. Excerpts from the letter fol-  
 low:

Skagway, Alaska  
 Dear So-and-So

There are two occasions on  
 which our church is filled, Easter  
 and Christmas. At the one service  
 we wish them a Happy New Year  
 and at the other a Hippy Fourth  
 of July for we know that we will  
 never see them in the church again  
 unless the undertaker brings them.

During the past month we have  
 made a religious survey of he  
 town. We found people none too  
 well informed as to their relation-  
 ship to the church. Some thought  
 having their children baptized by  
 the church meant that they were  
 automatically members. Others fel-  
 that because they were interested  
 in the church they were members  
 of it. When we asked them about  
 t we reeeved such answers as:  
 "Well, if I belong to any I guess  
 its Presbyterian, or, "I think I  
 belong to the Presbyterian."  
 (Speaking of a journey to Sitka

hold a conference at the Shel-  
 don Jackson school):  
 when the Princeton called for  
 us it was already quite full. In  
 fact, there were 35 of us. altogeth-  
 er. and the Princeton is only a  
 G-i-foot boat, with sleeping accom-  
 modations for 14. Fortunately we  
 had good weather, and spread our-  
 selves out on deck. But ... it was  
 so light all night that no one  
 could sleep. One of the girls in the  
 dining room was sea-sick, and kept  
 coming up on deck waking up the  
 enlnv boat each time, and at 1:30  
 OIU' Ql lK' b'ys who was sleeping  
 un loP »d the pilot house tripped  
 OV'V 'heJ tO»l <° tht' whistle,  
 . e iad il, d t,me, keeping the  
 >ung people busy, but we (the  
 lault>J were rushed to death  
 most of the time. A last we  
 had tO hurry and close the con-  
 ference a day early because one  
 of the i,s (the ont; who was S(?a.  
 ,ickK , GeIman meas,

U , we,e glad to t home to  
 loul. Karden An the lettuce and  
 .atlishes which we had transplant-  
 before we left were p b (  
 , counted 23 p,tatoes up this af.  
 ternoon  
 Thus'goes iife in our villa  
 and surroundings, and we continue  
 to sulvrvp in a v...  
 BOrtS ofVw ayin "

Sincerely yours,  
 Fred Klerekoper.

### Phis Herald Vacation with Christmas Dance Thursday

The annual Christmas party of  
 Phi Phi Alpha fraternity will be  
 held next Thursday night, De-  
 cember 19, according to announce-  
 ments from the party chairman,  
 William Hopkins.

The place is the same as it was  
 last year, the Booster Club hall,  
 and the dance will start at eight  
 o'clock.

Hopkins has appointed Edward  
 Goggin chairman of the orchestra  
 committee, who announces that  
 Addison Reid's band from Bay  
 City will play. No plans for pro-  
 grams or decorations have been  
 made known yet.

The usual all-night stag party  
 will be held after the dance.

Fossil remains show that there  
 were frogs on the earth at least  
 200,000,000 years ago.

### A Cappella Choir to Give Annual Christmas Concert

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spiring "Cantique de Noel" by  
 Adams.

There will be no admission  
 charge but the usual silver offer-  
 ing will be taken.

The program in detail is as fol-  
 lows:

- I Oryan Prvlude
- Christmas in Sicily.....Yon
- March of the Mayi Kyns.....Dubeu
- Utn Grace D. Roberts, ontanist
- II Today There u Rinsing. Christiansen
- Entitle Spiritum Tuum .... Schuetky
- Charm Me Asleep.....Brahms
- Adoramua Te .....Palestrina
- A Cappella Choir
- III Thus Salth the Lord
- But Who May Abide
- Recitative and Aria from the Mes-  
 .....Handel
- Mr. Elwin Carter. Baritone
- IV Celtic Hymn .....Robertson
- Carol of the Birds.... French Carol
- Lo. How a Rose \*Er Bloomini;
- .....Praetorious
- Cantique De Noel .....Adams
- Miss Mae Nelson, soprano
- A Cappella Choir
- V Offertory
- Pastoral Symphony tfrom the Messi-  
 ..... Handel
- Miss Grace D. Roberts, orvanist
- VI As With Gladness.....W. C. Dix
- A Birthday of a Kinc....Neidlinster
- Mr. Elwin Carter. Baritone
- \* e Three Kin>rs .....Hopkins
- Silent Nutht. Holy Night....Haydn
- Miss Joy Olney. Soprano
- Antiphonal quartet. Mae Nelson, so-  
 prano: Julia Schmafsma. alto: Nor-  
 man Wright, tenor: Ronald Bowen,  
 baritone.
- A Cappella Choir

who, incidentally, are football  
 players."

The program was opened by  
 lyril Lewis, athletic manager,  
 who introduced Professor W. E.  
 Kaufmann as toastmaster. Pres-  
 ident Harry Means Crooks gave  
 the address of welcome, Leslie  
 Kefgen, TO, and Frederick Shaver.  
 '25. spoke for the alumni, Wilson  
 Block reviewed the 1935 season.  
 Dean James E. Mitchell introduc-  
 ed the old football players pres-  
 ent. and Joe Magidsohn. who  
 worked under Yost at the U. of  
 M. after he had spent two years  
 at Alma, talked about Alma foot-  
 ball in 1906.

Twenty-one men received let-  
 ters and sweaters at the banquet.

Many Alumni Back  
 Several real 'old-timers' were  
 back for the banquet. The Rev.  
 Iharles W. Sidebotham, East Jor-  
 dan. who played on Colonel  
 Knox's team in 1896 was there.  
 Dr. Birge Swift, Caro, who played  
 in 1898. and Will Brown. St. Lou-  
 is. Carl Whitney. Saginaw. Frank  
 Angell. Hastings, and Dr. David  
 Johnson Kearney, Nebraska, who  
 played in 1902.

The longest trip back was made  
 by Dr. Johnson, from Nebraska,  
 returning to Alma for the first  
 time as an alumnus.

An attempt to register every-  
 one at the banquet was made, but  
 was not satisfactory. A more  
 complete list of alumni and guests  
 will be found on page 3, although  
 there will be some names omitted  
 from that.

### Horaces 2.000th Birthdav Observed by Entire World

philosophy when he was younger,  
 but grew away from it somewhat  
 as he grew older. He practiced the  
 practical philosophy of a moderate  
 enjoyment of pleasure, but paid  
 tribute to the homely virtues of  
 the rustic home in contrast to the  
 vices and luxury of Rome.

### List of Returned Alumni Recalls Good Old Days'

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'35, Three Rivers; Malcolm Gobel.  
 '28, Greenville; Hurant Arozian.  
 '29, Detroit; Walter Burton. '27,  
 Detroit; Ralph Frazer, '28, De-  
 troit; Stanley Partee, ex-'27,  
 Wheeler; Walter Vogt. '14. Man-  
 chester; Bill Pohly. '12. East Lan-  
 sing; Al French, ex-T7, Detroit;  
 Elliot Oldt, ex-'82, Battle Creek;  
 Harry Wehrly. '32, Clare; Joe  
 Magidsohn, ex-'09, Detroit.

Frederick Shaver, '25. East Lan-  
 sing; K. H. Fischer, '32; Norman  
 Smith. ex-T9, Marlette; Dick  
 Spencer. ex-'32, Alma; L. A. Wy-  
 ant, ex-'29, Alma; Lyle Bennett.  
 '35. Hastings; Dr. Oscar Kirker,  
 ex-'25, Snover; Myron Reyher, '35,  
 Alma; Henry Block. '33, Alma;  
 Harlan Niles, ex-'25, Alma; Low-  
 ell Veeder, ex-'29, Alma; George  
 Mitchell, '34. Alma; Merriel Hen-  
 dershot '29. Midland; Paul Cash.  
 '25. Alma; Donald Sullivan. '23,  
 Alma; John House, '32. Detroit;  
 Charles Lovell. ex-'32, Detroit;  
 Frank Foss, ex-'26, Detroit.

### Alumni and Friends Send Congratulations to Scots

(Continued from page 3)

longer. I might learn too much a-  
 bout the finances of the Athletic  
 department.

At any rate, tell all the old tim-  
 ers that come back, if it were not  
 for the fact that I will be in At-  
 lantic City at that time. I prob-  
 ably would be at the door selling  
 tickets.

Best regards.

Sincerely,  
 Oscar "Jake" "Vibber" Anderson

Parma. Mich.

Dear Friends,  
 Am really sorry that I cannot  
 be with you Tuesday night. Would  
 so much enjoy meeting old friends  
 again and being at Alma for this  
 event.

However, I may only send Con-  
 gratulations to the "Scots" and  
 best wishes to everyone.

Sincerely,  
 Theron Chapel.

### Thirteen Denominations Represented at Alma; Presbyterians Lead with 106

Thirteen denominations furnish\*  
 Alma College with the 269 students,  
 including music and special stu-  
 dents, who are on the records of  
 the Registrar's office. The Procsby-  
 terian group leads, while there are  
 three. Latter Day Saints, Greek  
 Orthodox, and Jewish, tied for last  
 place.

Although the Presbyterians lead,  
 as they should be expected to do in  
 a Presbyterian institution, the to-  
 tal of 269 students is still less than  
 half Presbyterian. Well ahead in  
 the field excluding Presbyterians is  
 the Methodist group, while pretty  
 well bunched are the Catholics.  
 Baptists. Congregationalists, and  
 Episcopalians.

There are 106 Presbyterians, 51  
 Methodists, 17 Catholics, 16 Bap-  
 tists. 15 Congregationalists. 14  
 Episcopalians. 5 members of the  
 Christian Church, 4 Lutherans. 3  
 Church of Christ people, 2 Chris-  
 tian Scientists, and one each of  
 Greek Orthodox. Jewish, and Lat-  
 ter Day Saint leanings.

There were 31 students who  
 either failed to fill in anything,  
 wrote "none" for their church pre-  
 on Kalamazoo. Olivet, and Albion.  
 So our hearts throb in unison with  
 yours as you celebrate this fine  
 season-record and do honor to  
 your team.

Distance only keeps me from  
 the banquet. Nothing would give  
 me greater pleasure than to stick  
 my feet under the table with you  
 and rejoice in your victories.

Say hello to old Joe Magidsohn  
 and tell him that during the sea-  
 son I look every week to see where



# SPORTS

## Hed-Aids Score at Will Against Scots

**Borton, Gussin Help Pro Team Take Alma, 35 to 27**

Scoring at will and letting the Scots rally from time to time to keep the game interesting, the Detroit Hed-Aids, paced by Harold McCammon, forward, defeated Alma last night 35 to 27. Norman Borton and Carl Gussin, Alma alumni, participated in a flashy passing attack centering around Eddie Wisbar, lanky 19-year-old center, but Borton's 6 points was their only contribution to the scoring lists.

Gussin, varsity guard in 1929-30-31, was disappointed in the Alma team for passing instead of shooting in the scoring zone, which the "Ghost" explained, was the object of the game.

Nevertheless, the Scots showed improvements, especially in speed. Ben Ewer led the Scots with 9 points, and McCammon the Hed-Aids with 10.

The Alma American Legion defeated the Clare Travelers, 37 to 26, in the preliminary.

The summary:

| Hed-Aid 35  | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|-------------|----|----|----|----|
| Borton, f   | 3  | 0  | 6  | 2  |
| McCammon, f | 5  | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Chestnut, c | 3  | 1  | 7  | 1  |
| Wisbar, c   | 3  | 0  | 6  | 0  |
| Waddell, g  | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| Gussin, g   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| Crowe, g    | 1  | 2  | 4  | 1  |
|             | 16 | 3  | 35 | 6  |

| Alma 27      | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Carter, f    | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1  |
| Keglovitz, f | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| Ewer, f      | 4  | 1  | 9  | 1  |
| Fuller, c    | 3  | 1  | 7  | 0  |
| Block, g     | 2  | 1  | 5  | 1  |
| Dawe, g      | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1  |
|              | 12 | 3  | 27 | 4  |

Referee—Lear (WSTC). Score at half, Hed Aid 21, Alma, 8.

## 'Dales Trim Scots in MIAA Opener

**Lose Luck Charm Friday and Take Defeat, 34 to 12**

The Alma College Scots lost their luck charm last Friday in the MIAA curtain-raiser at Hillsdale, and came home with their worst trimming in years, 34 to 12. The 'Dales, defending champions after winning the play-off from Albion last year, presented only two men of the championship five in their starting line-up, but the Scots are recognizing them as the repeating champs on the court.

Alma garnered all of two baskets in the first half and three in the second half, as the 'Dales went through their paces in good style. Clayton Linton, all-MIAA halfback again, led the scoring with 11 points from his guard position. He was paced by Al Stanich and Ralph Beardon.

Riley Block led the Alma cohorts with two baskets to his credit, while Clyde Dawe's work at guard brought forth a good word from Argyle.

The luck that the Men of Argyle had at the Grand Rapids Junior College game completely left them, and as the 'Dales were in excellent form, the outcome was never in doubt after the first jump ball. A team of six-footers—with one exception—left the Scots com-

## Frosh May Play Basketball Again

**Lose to High School in First Practice Game Friday**

The first evidence of the reorganization of freshman basketball as a part of Alma College's athletic program since the season of 1932-33 was given last Friday, December 13, when a freshman team, playing together for the first time, lost to a better-prepared high school team. Coach Campbell believes that with the cooperation of the freshmen a strong team can be

pletely out of the running from tip-off to basket.

The summary:

| Hillsdale 34 | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Beardon, f   | 2  | 3  | 7  | 0  |
| Clark, f     | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| Smith, f     | 2  | 0  | 4  | 1  |
| McIntosh, f  | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| Oliver, c    | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| Hogan, c     | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1  |
| Linton, g    | 5  | 1  | 11 | 0  |
| Wilkinson, g | 1  | 0  | 2  | 0  |
| Stanich, g   | 1  | 3  | 5  | 4  |
| Charland, g  | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
|              | 13 | 8  | 34 | 8  |

| Alma 12      | FG | FT | TP | PF |
|--------------|----|----|----|----|
| Ewer, f      | 0  | 1  | 1  | 1  |
| Carter, f    | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1  |
| Keglovitz, f | 1  | 0  | 2  | 1  |
| Johnson, f   | 1  | 0  | 2  | 2  |
| Fuller, c    | 0  | 0  | 0  | 2  |
| Malcolm, c   | 0  | 0  | 0  | 1  |
| Block, g     | 2  | 0  | 4  | 1  |
| Smith, g     | 0  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Dawe, g      | 0  | 1  | 1  | 4  |
|              | 5  | 2  | 12 | 14 |

Referee, Miller. Score at half, Hillsdale, 25, Alma 4.

## Hed-Aid Game Recalls Former Years When Gussin, Borton Played for Alma

The returning of Carl Gussin and Norman Borton with the Hed-Aids to play against their college team is a feat that no one has performed here in some time. In fact, the last time was when Arthur "Red" Carty, the Catherman brothers, Gordon MacDonald and several other Alma stars formed an Alumni team and played the college twice.

The game last night recalls interesting memories about Gussin and Borton, particularly about the latter, due to his recent graduation. Gussin never played on a championship basketball team while at Alma College, but he was one of the most talented players ever to enter the Memorial Gymnasium. Borton is remembered chiefly for his help in raising a fifth place team to an MIAA championship aggregation in one year.

Borton was big and Gussin small. Gussin was fast, particularly in starting, while Borton was not especially known for his speed.

Borton's chief forte was in his ability to control the ball. His big hands and his smooth co-ordination enabled him to place the ball where he wanted it. If assists in making baskets counted in the scoring columns, as they do in ice hockey, then Borton would set a new high in individual scoring. He was also a high jumper of no mean ability; on jump balls he usually controlled the ball.

Gussin excelled with the dribble as few men can. His natural speed made him hard to stop down the

sidelines as he raced in for a basket. He could shoot with either hand from anywhere on the floor with better than average accuracy.

Now with both on the same team they present a combination that is well-nigh unbeatable in this neck of the woods. Gussin is attending the U. of D. School of Dentistry, and therefore not engaged in coaching, while Borton still holds his position at St. Alphonsus at Detroit. Both helped Hed-Aids eke out victories in the final seconds of play last winter, and Borton was picked as the best basketball player in Detroit for the season of 1934, by the Detroit News, a distinction not easily won.

organized, and says that if enough freshmen show a willingness to play, he will act as their coach.

The proposed team would have a possible six-game schedule, with probable meetings with the freshman team of Central State taking the spotlight of interest. The remainder of the schedule would be played with the American Legion and other independent groups around Alma.

### Lack of Experience Evidenced

The high school game was the first practice for the frosh and the lack of plays and experience in playing together was evident. The starting lineup found Angie McGarvah and Bob Devaney at guard, John Mathews, center, and Bob Adams and Jake Miller at forward. Others who played were Pete Cincinnati, Wilson Dunnette, Dave Smith, Harold Stacey, and Bill Totten.

Chet Currie, Chuck Humiston, Gordon Netzorg, and Dudley Taber are also expected to try out for the team, although any freshman is eligible to play.

### High School Stars Play

Several former high school stars are included in the list of fellows who are trying out. Heading the list is Johnny Mathews, six-foot-three center on last year's Alma High School team. Johnny is one of the best basketball players ever developed at the school and was one of the reasons why Alma went to the semi-finals in the Class B

state tournament held last winter. Bob Devaney, three sport man from Saginaw Arthur Hill, played two years of basketball there, while Bob Adams and Harold Stacey earned their letters at Fairgrove and Rockford High Schools, respectively.

Others who have had experience in high school competition are Currie, Humiston, McGarvah, Miller, and Netzorg.

With cooperation and a willingness to work, Alma College freshmen should have a good basketball team, thereby reviving an activity that was discontinued for two seasons.

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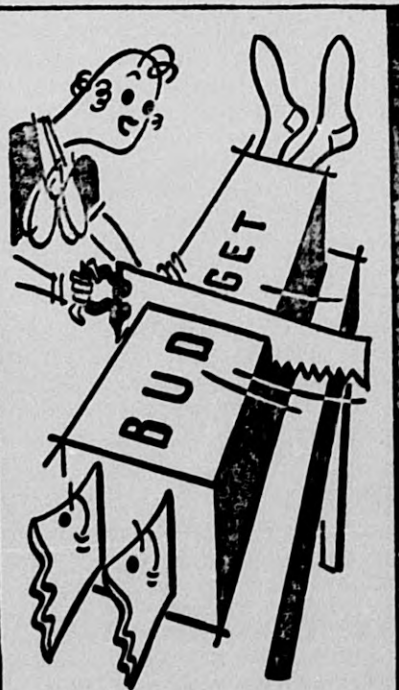
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### Looking Abroad

By Dr. Theodore Schreiber

A comedy is not necessarily funny, not even in literature. Read or reread the great Moliere with that in mind. To be sure his contemporaries considered him no more than a good comedian, so that he could not join l'Academie Francaise. Yet Boileau called him le Contempler, and in 1778, a bust of the poet and thinker Moliere was erected by this same French Academy with the inscription: "His fame is unique, WE have NONE."

Mark Twain, whose 100th birthday we celebrate today, met with the same fate. People thought at his time he was just funny while in reality he, like a Till Eulenspiegel,

held up a mirror before a shallow and rotten civilization.

Great comedies are rare; Shakespeare's Tempest is one; so is, in part, the Merchant of Venice. Dante's Divine Comedy certainly is not funny and is held by many the greatest poem of all times. But ordinary comedies are written and played every day; they are merely pastime. So are those played on the stage of international politics. They don't last long either; one chases the other. Often they are not even funny. When they assume an air of solemnity as they often do, then indeed the sublime turns to the ridiculous.

For instance, in 1917, British interests forced King Constantine of Greece to abdicate his throne because he refused to have his subjects killed or crippled for His Majesty King George's capitalistic government. His son and successor too left the country with protest some years later. Since then the history of Greece has been a series of dictatorship, revolution and tyranny.

Now George II has regained his throne. Strange, is it not? The people (so the newspapers say) threw him out, called him back, forced him out again, and now unanimously vote his return once more. It sounds like comedy; it is, but rather poor.

Internal disturbances in Greece on the one hand and Italian designs on the land from outside on the other, are not very advantageous to British investments in such a foreign country. So young King George II "chose" to live for a while near Downing Street; a cousin of the British King was married off to the royal House of Greece; the former play was gradually being revised, without letting the Greek public know it too openly; and at last, in November 1935, the people almost unanimously petitioned the ex-king back again.

Do you think all this is normal? Yes, in a sense, if one knows how international political intrigue operates. The people always want

what they are told to want by a well-organized minority. But the fact is that old King Constantine was a brother-in-law of Germany's Kaiser while young King George is an Anglo-Saxonized German "Greek" which in turn explains the history of troubled Greece for the last eighteen years.

Thus the Greek peasant got "his" king back and is permitted to pay the bill for the pageant while England added another colony to its empire. Thus German commercial influence in the Balkan is weakened and British war ships lie ready to combat any Italian advance along the same line.

More bad comedy in the making! Last week the Japanese took another slice of bulky China. Who taught them these Western ways? It was Commodore Perry who tore open the front door of Japan when she herself wanted it shut. And British Manchesterism has been fighting American Manchesterism before the very gates of China. With the help of the Japanese the Germans were turned out of the sordid game in 1914, but after the mistreatment the Japanese received after the Great War by their very employers they learned their lesson. Otherwise they would be subjects to the westerner just as most of the rest of the world is.

Great Britain has enough colonial subjects to be able to give every Englishman, man, woman, and child, ten of them, black, brown, or yellow. There are twenty acres of soil in the French colonies and protectorates for every acre in France proper. Aren't the western European nations—doing some of the loudest crying for 'peace'—dwarfs beside their possessions outside the motherland, possessions that were gained by anything but peaceful means?

The tragi-comedy of this for Great Britain is that British subjects foolishly support naval policies that serve as the protection for private interests on foreign soil, but have no proportionate share in the booty. This indeed is good comedy, and as such will last, according to all signs of the times.

The Japanese are no better or worse. Neither are the Germans. NEITHER ARE WE. Every nation is about to play comedy. Right now it seems to be in vogue; I see it all around us. We are players in it, with some worse than others.

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To lie in bed  
'Til hours late.

This let us in  
Bad habits fall—  
We never went  
To bed at all

Recent investigations have shown that the most rapid period of growth of the deer is during the two weeks immediately following the time it is killed by a hunter.

On paper Italy and Ethiopia seem pretty well matched—as long as Benito and Haile have written what is on the paper.

A co-ed's definition of football: A rough game involving bodily contact and the ability to curse.

Mussolini is probably just jealous of Haile Selassie's beard.

Honesty is the best policy even if dishonesty does carry the higher premium.

An Englishman's simile: As inconsistent as a Spaniard singing "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling" in classical Greek to a Dutchman who can't read or write anything but Italian and is deaf anyway.

Major worry of December: Trying to remember what it was we were thankful for the last Thursday in November.

Wives of poor men oft remind 'em That they do not have a chance. And departing leave behind 'em Larger patches on their pants. —H. C. McKinley.