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Crooks' Twentieth Year Is Celebrated

Date Advanced to Let Board of Trustees Help

The conclusion of the last of twenty years of continuous service by Harry Means Crooks as President of Alma College was informally celebrated last Wednesday, October 30, during the regular chapel service. Although President Crooks came to Alma November 16, 1915, the celebration of his twentieth anniversary was held last Wednesday in order that the Board of Trustees, meeting that day, might participate.

This quiet commemoration of President Crooks' unusual achievement was kept as a surprise from him and Mrs. Crooks, and previous announcements simply stated that the Board of Trustees would take charge of the chapel program that day. But when the service was begun it was found out that it was a service in appreciation of the work done by President Crooks and his wife here at Alma.

Dismisses Praises

After he had listened for most of the period to the praises of speakers of the hour, Dr. Crooks dismissed them lightly when he said that the reason he had come to Alma from Albany, Oregon, in 1915 was that he thought that "a man shouldn't make all of his mistakes in one place."

Professor Hamilton was in charge of the program and called upon representatives of various groups to speak. Illness kept the chairman of the Board of Trustees at home, so Kendall P. Brooks, vice chairman, congratulated Dr. and Mrs. Crooks for the Board. Dean James E. Mitchell spoke for the faculty, and LeRoy Block, President of the Student Council, spoke in behalf of the students.

John W. Dunham, President of the Alumni Association, was scheduled to talk for the alumni, but was also unable to be present. Professor Hamilton read a few of the telegrams that had arrived that day from alumni congratulating President Crooks and his wife.

Dean Lauds President

Most lavish in his praises of the President was Dean Mitchell, speaking for the faculty. He enumerated the major improvements that have been brought about since Dr. Crooks came here twenty years ago. "Important as material things are," said the Dean, "material things are but a small part of a college. And President Crooks' real contribution to Alma College has been in the field of immaterial things."

Dean Mitchell, at the conclusion of his speech, presented a gift from the faculty to Dr. and Mrs. Crooks.

In concluding, President Crooks took another thrust at what he may have thought a little bit too much about a very little, saying, "The Scots have a reputation for a good many things, among them endurance,—twenty years is a long time."

Publicity Bureau Hires Plane to Help Celebrate

The Alma College Publicity Bureau, now headed by Hugh Brenneman, college senior, hired a cabin monoplane to help in the celebration of Homecoming at the football game with Albion Saturday.

The plane had "MIAA Champs" painted on the bottom of it, and flew low over the field before the game started and between halves. Orville Bowers, local head of the Michigan Camera Club, took moving pictures of the game under the direction of Brenneman, and some pictures were taken from the plane as it flew over the field.

Drama Club Changes Cast; to Give Play November 15

Bill Hood will take the place formerly assigned to Al Jenkins in the forthcoming Drama Club production, "You're the Doctor", starring Gretchen Wilson and Al Fortino, according to an announcement made recently by club officials.

Jenkins was cast as Dr. Thorpe, the villain.

The date of the play has been definitely set as Friday night, November 15. The play will be given in the Odd Fellows' Hall.

Zeta Sigmas to Give Last Smoker Before Pledging

Beta Tau Epsilon Decides Not to Hold Smoker

With pledging less than two weeks away, Zeta Sigma Fraternity will give their smoker next Thursday night, the last smoker of the season before the new men on the campus make their final decision concerning fraternity matters.

The Zeta smoker was originally planned for the Wednesday night before Homecoming, but it was postponed until next Thursday to enable Beta Tau to hold their smoker at the time it was supposed to come. When Beta Tau failed to put on a smoker after they had received permission, the only two smokers left were those of Phi Phi Alpha, given two weeks ago, and Zeta Sigma, scheduled for this week. Pledging will take place two weeks less one day after the Zeta smoker.

President Erickson has given a short outline of the program. Art Boynton will give a talk on the fraternity, including its history. Bruce York will introduce active members present and faculty members and guests. Erickson further promised an entertainment program, but would not make any more definite statement.

Gordon Mann and Joe Bell are on the committee for refreshments.

Carl Schurz Foundation to Provide Art Exhibit Here

German Art of the sixteenth and the second half of the nineteenth century will be exhibited in the college chapel beginning next Monday, November 11, and continuing through the week, under the auspices of the Carl Schurz Memorial Foundation.

Accompanying the exhibition as it travels throughout the nation is a lecturer, Mrs. Johnson, who has studied in Germany especially to train her to do this work. A room will be provided for her at Wright Hall during her stay. Although no definite schedule is outlined for her stay here, Dr. Schreiber says that she will probably arrange a series of lectures for various organizations desiring to view the exhibit while it is on the college campus.

Pre-Medics Present Two Films in Closed Meeting

Two surgical films, one on Chiroplasty and the other on Gastrotomy, were shown by the Pre-Med Club in the Chemistry lecture room last Wednesday night.

The meeting was closed to all but members of the club, and about fifteen members were present to see the films, the first dealing with an operation for hair-clip and the second with an operation for cancer of the esophagus.

This is the second group of films that has been shown by the Pre-Med Club, the first showing being open to the entire student body. Subsequent films that are to be shown in open meetings will be announced in chapel as they arrive, according to Claude Knight, President.

Trustees Re-elect Former Officers

Suggest Possible Revision of By-Laws Now Used

The Board of Trustees re-elected all former officers at the meeting held at the college last Wednesday, October 30. Samuel H. Forrer was returned to the chairmanship, Kendall P. Brooks to the vice-chairmanship, A. G. Studer to the office of treasurer, and Chester K. Robinson as secretary and assistant treasurer. The latest college catalogue carries the name of Carl W. Bonbright as treasurer, but he was forced by other duties to resign last June, at which time Mr. Studer was elected in his place and re-elected this fall.

According to President Crooks, an unusually small amount of definite action was taken by the Board, the greatest part of the sessions being spent in a lengthy discussion of internal college affairs.

Suggest By-Law Revision

A committee was appointed to investigate the need for the revision of the By-laws. The present set of rules has been in use without any complete revision since 1909.

Only one of the three newly elected Trustees was present at this meeting the other day, Dean J. B. Edmonson, of the University of Michigan School of Education. The other two, A. R. McKinney, and Harwood J. Gilbert were unable to attend. Besides these, the chairman, Mr. Forrer, and Mrs. Alfred G. Wilson, both of Detroit, were unable to attend.

Finance Committee Reports

The Finance Committee of the Board made a report that, according to President Crooks, showed a gratifying improvement in the values of some of the securities held by the college.

Some of the bonds that have had payment defaulted on them during recent years are now paying interest, the President said.

For the first time since he came here in 1933, Dr. Theodore Schreiber, professor of German, is using entirely the direct method in one section of German 11. There is little writing and home-work, no German script demanded, and no grammar explained unless some student raises a question. Every day the class has conversation, answering in German at least seventy-five questions asked by Dr. Schreiber in the same language.

Frosh Prepare Bonfire for Pep Meeting But Pranksters Fire It after Guard Goes

The huge pile of wood gathered last week by the freshmen for the Booster's Club out-door pep meeting that was to be held as the initial ceremony of the 1935 Homecoming last Friday night became the bonfire that it was meant to be a bit prematurely. Early Friday morning someone's urge to live up to Hallowe'en tradition overcame their good judgment and about four o'clock the city fire department was called out to take care of a blaze that was started in the pile of old logs and sheds and that looked like a serious blaze from downtown.

As it turned out, the most serious part of the fire was the fact that one of the small buildings appropriated by the freshmen in their zeal to provide a real bonfire was supposed to be returned to the owner the next morning. It went up in smoke with the rest of the heap.

Pep Meeting Moved Indoors

After the bonfire prepared had been destroyed it was necessary that the pep meeting called for

Former Cheer Leader Entertains Pep Meeting

Bob Wyatt, '24, former cheer leader at Alma College, opened the program at the Homecoming pep meeting held last Friday night at the Chapel with a skit in which he took the part of four people in rapid rotation. It was the feature of the program for the crowd attending.

The band was out and Wayne Forester was in charge as cheer leader, Homer Dunham, alumnus now at Western State Teachers College spoke, and Atlee Gilbert spoke for the players. Coach Campbell's brother, John Campbell, also spoke.

Chairmen Announce Frosh Frolic Plans for Nov. 16

Purdy Appoints Clack and Humiston Co-Chairmen

The Frosh Frolic, first of the annual class parties, has been announced by the two general chairmen, Douglas Clack and Charles Humiston, for Saturday night, November 16. Arrangements not quite completed name the Memorials gymnasium as the place, one dollar as the price, 8:30 as the time, and leave the orchestra still to be selected.

George Purdy, president, has named Clack and Humiston as the two general chairmen of the party, who have, with the committees, made all arrangements for the party except obtaining the orchestra. Negotiations for this are now under way.

Besides the two chairmen, four committees have been appointed by the president to work with the co-chairmen. On the program and publicity committee there is Betty Roberts, Jack Sieg, Julia Schaafsma, and David Smith.

The business end of the party has been left by the president in the hands of the secretary and treasurer, Elizabeth Frevert, and Douglas Garrison.

Hester Moon, Jeannette Davidson, and Angus McGarvah have been placed in charge of the decorations at the gymnasium. According to President Purdy, the class has decided to use black and white for the color scheme.

All other matters are being handled by a committee consisting of Alma Mae Block, Charles Coulter, Bob Adams, Wilson Dunette, and Gladys Glass. The president himself is working with this committee in obtaining the orchestra.

The University of Minnesota has its own newsreel theater.

Homecoming Crowd Pre-Depression Size

Attendance Falls Below That Expected

The largest crowd to witness a football game on Bahlke Field since the depression, saw Alma take Albion 12 to 7 at the annual Homecoming game last Saturday, according to Professor Clack, who says that he sold tickets to 540 people that afternoon. The total crowd was estimated at close to 700.

Although the game attendance was the largest of the year and the largest for some time, expectations for Homecoming were not completely fulfilled, Professor Clack having previously estimated 1,000 people would see the game. Wright Hall was also over-prepared, having about 60 people prepared for in their 250 who did not show up.

Attendance at the society banquets and at the dance Saturday night sponsored by the Student Council also fell off slightly.

Alpha Theta Float Takes Prize

The float entered in the parade by Alpha Theta Sorority took the five-dollar prize offered by the Booster Club. Floats were entered by all of the social organizations on the campus except two.

The parade, headed by the band, left from Wright Hall at 1:30, shortly after the dinner at Wright Hall. There was no program at the dinner, although President Crooks had a few words of welcome to say before the dinner started. He also announced the tea in the Dickie Room immediately after the game, urging that all alumni come to meet the faculty.

The football game in the afternoon was the main event of the day, although the only question to be settled was whether the Scots were to remain undefeated in the MIAA.

A ten-piece band and a blues (Continued on page 4)

Library Prepares Display on Midsummer Night's Dream

With the screen production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" attracting much attention throughout the country, the Alma College Library is exhibiting several editions of the play and two letters in connection with this picture. The most outstanding work is one edited in 1773 by "Mr. Theobald" entitled "The Works of Shakespeare in Seven Volumes", all seven of which the library owns. The preface contains a sketch of Shakespeare's life and character.

Another edition is a small leather one published in 1879 with the preface and glossary by Israel Gollancz. The three other volumes are the well-known and widely-used texts of E. K. Chambers, William J. Rolfe, and Henry M. Hudson.

The first letter on display is from Dr. A. S. W. Rosenbach, President of the Shakespeare Association of America, to Will H. Hayes, President of the Motion Picture Producers and Distributors of America. Dr. Rosenbach recommends this production as an "extraordinarily fine film" and states that "it is the Midsummer Night's Dream of Shakespeare's imagination". He further says that, "It is produced in a manner Shakespeare would liked to have seen, but which was impossible on the Elizabethan Stage, or in fact on the stage of the modern theater".

Mr. Hayes replies, declaring that "this production . . . marks . . . a new epoch in the popular and universal appreciation of Shakespeare. . . . The play, now spread on the illimitable canvas of the screen is rich in beauty and imagination, brilliant with ballet and music, and faithful to the original in rendition".

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Organized Disorganization

Someone has said that if student government on Alma College's campus were any more disorganized than it is there would have to be an additional "Council for the Administration of Disorganization." That is a rather meaningless statement, but it bears the germ of truth.

Last month it was brought to the attention of the Student Council that somehow two men on the campus had been given permission to publish the Homecoming programs. Yet no official body with the power to grant such permission had been contacted. These men were advised to apply for permission to do what they had already started (in all good faith and with every good intention) to the Athletic Board of Control.

Naturally these men, with their work progressed as far as it was, wanted immediate action. So a hurry-up meeting (the first of the year by the way) was called. But nobody knew who was on the Athletic Board of Control.

In the same connection, the Student Council, highest governing body on the campus, granted to the A Cappella Choir the right to sell refreshments at all athletic events and to put out programs at all other games than the Homecoming game. But the Student Council had no power to grant this permission whatsoever.

Last month, too, the President of Beta Tau Epsilon fraternity came before the Student Council to get a date for a smoker. The Council acted on the matter. Yet, such affairs are supposed to be handled through the Inter-Fraternities Council.

When a school year is well over a month gone and the Athletic Board of Control, which handles even more of the student-activities fee than the Student Council does, has not met,—when nobody even knows for sure who makes up this body,—when the Student Council does not recognize its duties and limitations,—there is something wrong with student government.

There are two solutions. One of them is a more strict faculty supervision. The other is the maintenance of a more permanent personnel in the governing bodies.

If student government is to remain student government, the first of these is ruled out at once. But there is a way that the second solution could be put into effect.

Give each of the three upper classes the same number of representatives in the Student Council. The first year elect the required number for each class. The seniors would hold office for one year, as usual. But the juniors would hold office for two years, and the sophomores for three. After that the new basis could be used all the time, and every year the required number of sophomores could be elected to the Student Council for three years, with the whole school participating in the election. Freshmen could be elected as usual by the members of their own class for one year.

Of course, the worst feature of Alma College student government would still exist in such a plan. Fraternity politics would still play the big part in the elections. The ideal solution would be one that not only provided for a permanent personnel for the Student Council, but also put this personnel out of reach of fraternity politics.

Looking Abroad

By
Dr. Theodore
Schreiber

Several weeks ago newspapers brought us news from one of the many sore-spots in Central Europe—the Memel District. What is it and how did it come into existence?

The Memel District is a relatively small strip of land on the east bank of a river which today serves as the borderline between East Prussia and Lithuania, one of the mushroom states owing their origin and further existence to the major powers of the League. This small strip of land, mandated to France in 1919 as a part of the allied program which was to amputate the Central Powers to the trunks, is now under the control of Lithuania, over-run in 1923 by Lithuanian troops while France,

almost almighty in Europe at that time, stood by triumphantly.

Now, what was the news from the Memel District at the beginning of last month? The people in that territory had an election under the bayonets of Lithuanian troops, and out of the 29 mandates in the new Memel Landtag 24 were secured for German candidates and 5 for the Lithuanians. This of course means that 81% of the Memel population want to return to the fatherland.

But the League powers think democracy is not always a blessing—certainly not if it favors Germany. So they keep such news off the front page, for otherwise, American citizens might begin to wonder about the League's interests and concepts of justice. And nothing could be more to their disadvantage.

Here is another example similar to the Memel incident. Austria,

inhabited by some 7,000,000 Germans, would long ago have joined its brothers and sisters north of them, in Germany proper, if they had had their own way. But Austria has a dictatorship (or, more correctly speaking, a tyranny, for its government has never been elected by the people nor have the people vested dictatorial powers in the present government), a dictatorship that is maintained by the League of Nations.

The League—by the way, owned and operated in such instances by France and Italy—see to it that Austria's independence is maintained. The member nations do this by loaning Austria huge sums of money, and the Austrian government in turn abolishes their democratic constitution thus ruling the citizens against their will. But neither Laval, the French foreign minister, nor Mussolini, has any understanding and sense of fairness for other people than their own.

As these lines are written there is no war yet between Italy and England. France will decide this, neither of the other two nations. This may seem contradictory, but it is true. In the first place, Italy can't afford English interference with its Ethiopian campaign. In the second place England does not dare to fight the Italians alone, their risk would be too great; even a victory would unavoidably weaken her sea power. So it is France which holds the balance in the Mediterranean between the two powers, Italy and England.

It is a question as to how France can gain the most. By supporting Italy they might gain Italian sand in Africa,—but along with it would come more hatred from the Italians which some day would be loosed against France. But Italy has the fastest war planes, and after all, it is only an hour or two to Paris, and if Italy satisfies itself in south-eastern Africa, much to the dislike of England, France will certainly risk less to support Italy than by supporting England.

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And she was wondrous wise,
She jumped into a bramble bush
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SPORTS

Scots End MIAA Season Undefeated

Albion Scores on Champions But Alma Wins 12 to 7

The lowly Albion College Britons pulled a surprise by scoring in the final minutes of play last Saturday, as the Scots pummed through with the final MIAA victory 12 to 7 before the largest homecoming crowd since before the depression. Allman's touchdown and Laskey's point after touchdown were the only points scored by Albion since the Alma game last year.

Coach Argyle experimenting with his starting line-up started with Fritz Malcolm at right end and Johnnie Johnson at fullback, in Carter's place. The Scots won the toss for the fifth time this season and Percy Hagen kicked off to open the game.

Scots Threaten Early

The Scots opened with a march that ended on the Briton one-foot line. Two twenty yard runs by Riley Block, an outside penalty, and the necessary line plunges by Gilbert, Ewer and Johnson carried the ball down to the goal line, but here the big Briton line held and the homecoming foes kicked out of danger.

Riley Block picked up 20 at right tackle behind good interference. Gilbert added 16 more on the other side of the line, to the Briton 2. Gilbert plunged through for one more. Carter replaced Malcolm, and Johnson went out to right end. Riley Block failed at right tackle, so Spankie Carter carried it across for the first touchdown. Wadge Block's kick for extra point was low and wide. Alma 6, Albion 0.

L. Block Scores Second Time

Alma kicked off, but Albion, failing to advance, had Santini punt to the Alma 35. Riley Block caught the ball, and behind good interference ran the ball deep into enemy territory. Carter and Ewer added 8 yards through the line, before Riley Block smacked through right tackle 25 yards and the second touchdown. His brother again missed the extra point by placement. Alma 12, Albion 0.

Although the Scots gained plenty of yardage in the third quarter, they failed to get within scoring distance. Albion pounded through their first first down in this period. With the ball on their own 15, Jimmy Rouman, who replaced Santini, passed to Finlayson for 7 yards before he was forced out of bounds by Ewer. Allman's first plunge was just short of the first down, but his second try went over for a first down on the Briton 26.

Britons Score Season's First

Penalties hurt the Scots in the fourth quarter, and although the running attack made up part of the yardage lost, the passing at-

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Alma Will Meet Lawrence Tech

Scots Go South for Last Time This Season

The Scots journey southward for the last time this season when they meet Lawrence Tech at Detroit Saturday. The MIAA champs hope to keep their undefeated record intact before the Technicians, who have yet to score a point this season.

Albion pulled a surprise by scoring on the Scots last week, but the Caledonians are bound and determined to stop all threats on their goal line for the balance of the season.

John Hackett, one of the best athletes ever turned out at the University of Detroit, is the head coach at Lawrence, but it handicapped by lack of material. The coach's worries are also multiplied as many of the students work part time, instead of spending their time with athletics.

Coach Argyle will have a chance to prepare his reserves for the Central game the following week. Unless Lawrence springs a surprise, the Central game, the last of the season, will decide whether the Scots will remain undefeated, untied for the year.

The probable line-up:

Lawrence Tech		Alma
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Taylor	LT	Mack
Valmassey	LG	Washburn
Reese	C	Fortino
Germatta	RG	Dean
L. Roth	RT	Fuller
Bliss	RE	H. Johnson
Johnson, R.	QB	L. Block
Jelsch	LH	Ewer
Stimach	RH	Gilbert
Hoppe	FB	Carter

cakes, sandwiches, and coffee were served.

BILL BUSHNELL, '34, recently announced his marriage last December to Margaret Gable. They are living in Detroit.

CHRISTINE HOILAND, ex-'37, was married early this fall to William Penaugh, Curtis, Michigan.

KAPPA IOTA is invited to dinner tomorrow evening at the home of Mrs. E. J. Lobdell.



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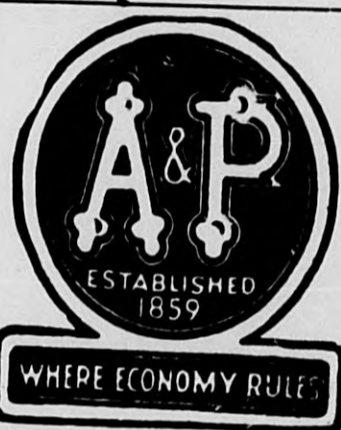
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THE PHILOS held their open meeting Monday, October 28, in their softly-lighted room at Wright Hall.

The program was based upon the work of Gilbert and Sullivan, with their most important operetta, the "Mikado", playing the biggest roll. Helen MacCurdy read a sketch on this work, stopping at times to allow Helen Short and Dorothy Foster to sing selections from it with Mae Nelson playing the accompaniment.

After the program marshmallows were roasted around the fireplace in the reception room.

THE ALPHA Thetas also had their open meeting lately, holding their's last night.

The meeting featured old college customs. Corsages of sweet peas were given to the guests and patronesses.

Pauline Dionese, Charlotte Temple, Eleanor Burgess, and Joy Olney sang "Then You've Never Been Blue", and Eleanor Burgess whistled "Smoke Gets in Your Eyes".

At the close of the evening,

Pre-Depression Size Crowd Turns Out for Homecoming

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singer were provided by the Student Council at the dance Saturday night, but the crowd was not quite as large as the one at this time last year.

Three Societies Have Banquets

Only three of the five active societies provided gatherings for their alumni that were actually dignified by the name of banquet, but the other two made other arrangements.

Zeta Sigma and Phi Phi Alpha had their usual banquets at the Wright Hotel, the latter having 52 people in the Rotary Room and the former having 75 in the Dining Room.

Alpha Theta had a banquet at the Odd Fellows Hall served by the Rebeccas of Alma, with about fifty present. Philomathean gave a "coffee" in their room for their alumnae immediately after dinner at Wright Hall. Kappa Iota entertained about fifty-five at a special table at the regular dinner hour at Wright Hall.

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tack failed and the Britons took over the ball and punted out of danger. Two reverses lost 5 yards with four minutes to go, so the Scots tried a fake punt on fourth down. Block started through with his punt, but suddenly passed to Ewer who gained a little over 14 yards, missing a first down by inches. After an incompleated pass to Allman, Carter misjudged Rouman's pass and Mitchell caught it for a 28-yard gain. Allman and Rouman added 8 through the center of the Alma line and Mitchell went back to pass. His pass to the goal line was knocked down by Ewer, but Allman caught it before it hit the ground and plunged over for the touchdown. The kick was good for the extra point.

The game ended just after 10:15

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