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## Scot Passes Click to Down Olivet, 39 to 0

### Five of Six Touchdowns Are Scored Through the Air

The champion Scots rained passes galore against the inexperienced Comets at Olivet last Saturday to take the battle, 39 to 0. The Comets put up a stubborn line battle, but forward-lateral combinations clicked for five of the six touchdowns.

The Scots for the first time this year failed to score in the first five minutes—it was inside the first six minutes. A penalty following a poor Olivet punt, gave the Scots the ball on the Comet 23. Three line plays failed for the first down, so Riley Block bucked center for the necessary yardage. Art Smith, starting his first varsity game, picked 4, but Carter's holding penalty carried them back to the 20. Two passes failed, so the Comets took over the ball.

### L. Block Scores First Two

Martin failed to gain in two line plays and punted to the Olivet 45. Riley wriggled his way through right tackle for 17, and hit left tackle just short of a first down. Carter Smacked center for 4. Smith and Dave carried the ball to the Olivet 4, and Riley went over around right end. Wadge Block's place kick for the extra point was good.

Mel Fuller was hurt after carrying back the next kick-off 4 yards to his 41, and Stan Cater replaced him for the rest of the game. Thirty yards in penalties against Alma made up for the poor punting of the Comets, so the remainder of the quarter was spent in midfield.

The Comets opened the second quarter with some ground gaining by Dick Morvilius, but the Alma defense took the ball from them in midfield. Ben Ewer shot a shovel pass to Riley block for 23 yards. A lateral forward, L. Block to Ewer to W. Block, was knocked down, so Riley slid off left tackle for 3. A triple lateral forward, L. Block to W. Block to Ewer to L. (Continued on page 5)

## Miss Gesner's Father Dies During Her Visit Home

Word was received here Sunday of the death of George B. Gesner, father of Miss Marjorie Gesner, instructor in history, at his home in Marshall. Miss Gesner had planned to spend the week end at home and left from here early Sunday morning before receiving word of the death.

Mr. Gesner had sent two children to Alma college, the present history instructor, who attended Alma for three years beginning in 1928, and Paul who was graduated in 1926. Miss Gesner finished her undergraduate work at Mt. Holyoke, and took graduate work at the University of Michigan before returning here to teach.

## Women's League Makes Open Meeting Changes

### Decides Sorority Rushing Season Has Had Interference Enough

Deciding that the sorority rushing season has taken enough setbacks from outside sources this year, the Women's League has at last announced a definite schedule that must be stuck to, according to Jane Allen, president. The Philomathean open meeting was held last night, the Alpha Theta open meeting will be held next Monday night, November 4, and the Kappa Iota open meeting will be held November 11. Pledging will take place November 18.

Only the first two rushing parties were held as originally scheduled this fall. The Kappa Iota pirate party and the Alpha Theta hay ride were held at the time that they were announced for. The Philomathean rushing party was postponed from October 19 to October 26.

The Alpha Theta open meeting had been given October 21 as a date and the delay of the Philomathean rushing party would have brought it before the last rushing party, but was still to be held on that night.

But Monday the twenty-first was declared a football championship celebration day and a dance at Wright hall that night made it impossible to have the Alpha Theta open meeting then.

Meeting last week the League (Continued on page 5)

## Faculty Has Dinner at Midland Country Club

Members of the faculty had dinner at the Midland Country Club last Wednesday evening, October 23, listening, afterward to an address by Chester Miller, Superintendent of Schools in Saginaw.

Mr. Miller spoke on the problems that are facing the small college today. All but four members of the faculty attended the dinner and heard the address, and describe Mr. Miller's words as "very timely".

## Weimer Teaches at Georgia Tech While Still with FHA

Word received from Professor Arthur M. Weimer, now on leave of absence from the department of economics, states that he is at the present employed as a teacher in the Georgia school of Technology.

He is still with the Federal Housing Administration, with which body he went when he left here to enter government service, but spends a part of his time in the class-room at this school.

## MIAA Editors Establish Embryo News Association

### Suggestion of Hope Man Carried Out by Olivet Editor

Under the active leadership of William Uraneck, editor of the Olivet College Echo, the Michigan Intercollegiate Association of College Editors has been formed in skeleton.

No meeting of the organization has yet been held, and no complete indication of cooperation from the editors of the papers of the smaller schools in Michigan has been made, but Uraneck, moving spirit behind the organization at present, is hoping to make the MIAA an organization to be reckoned with in state news circles.

The suggestion originally came from Roger Murray, editor last year of the Hope College Anchor. This summer Uraneck took up the suggestion and has completed organization as far as possible by mail with plans for a meeting of college editors of the state later in the year.

This organization, still in the formative stage, has the endorsement of Governor Fitzgerald, the Detroit Free Press, the Grand Rapids Press, the Kalamazoo Gazette, the United Press, and the Associated Press. The newspapers would profit from any cooperation the MIAA could give them on news coverage, and the local college editors would profit from a more complete exchange system.

The news association releases its first material this week with an article from Orville Atwood, Secretary of State of Michigan, it is on page two of this issue.

## Homecoming Will Feature Champion Scots and Albion

### Trustees Will Meet Here Wednesday, Have Chapel

There is a meeting of the Board of Trustees of Alma College at the college tomorrow, Wednesday, October 30.

This will be the first time for any of the students now in college that the Board has met during the regular school year, giving the students now an unusual opportunity to find out who the trustees of the college are.

The Board will take charge of the chapel on the day they meet.

## Gretchen Wilson Will Play Lead in 'You're the Doctor'

### Al Fortino to be Hero; Date is Not Yet Announced

The lead of the initial Drama Club play, "You're the Doctor", a three-act farce by Katherine Kavanaugh, will be played by Gretchen Wilson, with Al Fortino opposite her. The cast was announced last week by the co-directors, Wilma Wright and Holmes Sullivan. The date is still unannounced, although the play will be given sometime in November.

Gretchen Wilson, as Velma Matthews, is in danger of losing her sanitarium through the crooked work of Dr. Thorpe, played by Al Jenkins, who, however, is foiled by the hero, Bob Morrison, the part taken by Fortino.

There are eleven other characters portrayed. Richard Rademacher is Spiffy, a cockney always getting into trouble; Bill Sack is an Irish traffic cop. Art Smith becomes Dr. Sockum; Eleanor Burgess plays as Clementina, the permanent patient; Ralph Denial plays the part of Dr. Peck, who has Pauline Dionese, Joy Olney, and Wilma Wright on his trail, one a movie queen, another a Spanish dancer, and the third a concert singer; Gordie Mann is Moe Rosenberg; Lionel Gibb is Archie Landis; and Helen Jordan is the colored mammy.

### No Homecoming Play Given

### Professor Clack Looks for 1,000 at Game if Good Weather Holds.

Headlining the program next Saturday, Homecoming Day for 1935, is the football game in the afternoon between Albion and the MIAA Champions of Alma, the only college team in Michigan that is still undefeated.

The program as prepared by the student committee is essentially the same as the program followed in the past years with one exception. The Drama Club will not produce a play on Friday evening, but at that time there will be an out-door pep meeting.

Also, instead of serving coffee and doughnuts at their home, President and Mrs. Crooks will gather with other faculty members and their wives at the Dickie Memorial Room, in Wright Hall.

A complete program will be found on page three.

### Expect Large Crowd

Basing their estimations on the large crowd present two weeks ago at the Parent's Day game with Kalamazoo, where the Scots clinched the MIAA championship, the faculty and student committee are preparing for the largest crowd that has been on the campus at one time since the boom year of 1929 when Alma celebrated her last football championship, until this year.

Professor Clack, in charge of the ticket sale at all games, says that he is expecting at least one thousand people at the football game in the afternoon if weather conditions are favorable.

### Invitations Out

The invitations sent out by the committee consisting of the secretaries of the societies appointed by the Student Council brought answers from many of the alumni.

The three oldest grads to answer are Miss Florence A. Potter, (Continued on page 6)

## Phis Start the Ball Rolling With First Smoker; Attention Centers on Hopkins

The round of smokers has begun. This year the entertainment for the new men and the ballyhoo for the fraternities got under way at the Phi House last Thursday night, October 24. Bill Hopkins, out-stuttering Roscoe Ates at his best, was the main attraction of a brief program.

Throughout all of the activities of the evening, the main concern of everyone present was with the ingress and egress of something through the mouth. Cigars and cigarettes were taken in in the vapor phase, hot chocolate in the liquid phase, and candy, and hot-dogs in the solid phase, while coming out was most of the vapor-phase intake.

Then at the end of the evening there was the serenade at Wright hall. Wright Hall girls said that it was the best one in years, but when pinned down to it they admitted that it was best in volume rather than quality.

The program of the evening was in charge of Al Fortino, who introduced faculty members present and fraternity members and pledges. He then turned things over to Bill Hopkins as a National Broadcasting Company announcer.

Bob King, '34, returned from Saginaw for the evening where he is teaching school, and was roped in on the singing as the crooner for the program.

Ping-pong in the dorm, hearts or bridge all over the house, and

bull-sessions in selected corners completed the evening's entertainment, with card tricks making the bull sessions take a back seat temporarily.

President H. M. Crooks addressed the high school at Ithaca last Thursday afternoon.

## President Crooks Offers Welcome to Alumni for an "Unusual Homecoming"

Everything points to an unusual Homecoming.

The attendance at the Kalamazoo football game a week ago made some of us fearful that you old students and alumni had mixed your dates, but the real Homecoming is set for November 2 and the old Homecoming foe is provided—Albion. Albion has spoiled more than one Homecoming for us but no one admits such a possibility this year. And such have been the results of other games that Coach Campbell's team will have the MIAA championship even if we lose to Albion.

To some of you it is "old stuff" to celebrate a championship: you ought to come to repeat the thrill. There may be a few of you who have never seen Alma win a championship during your time in college: you ought to come for the novel experience.

Mrs. Crooks and I have enjoyed inviting you to coffee and doughnuts after the game. It seems good this year to show you the new Dickie Room at Wright Hall, which I am sure will delight you. But all the members of the faculty and their wives will be there to greet you and we hope that you will make yourselves known at that place and at that time.

We hope you will send in reservations for the luncheon although we will try to take care of all who come whether they have sent in reservations or not.

Having come to the end of my twentieth year at Alma I have been interested to pay attention to some figures. In the last ten years we have graduated almost one-half of the entire alumni group—I am thinking of those who have been graduated from the four-year college course. In the whole life of the institution there have been 951

graduates, 455 of whom left college in the years from 1926 to 1935 inclusive. Of the whole number 866 are living. I have had the great pleasure of signing 694 of the 951 diplomas. Or in other words, I have conferred approximately seventy-three per cent of the degrees given by the institution.

Is there any program you would like for Homecoming Day? Some of the colleges are having lectures by the professors. I wonder if you really want to sit through any lectures. Some of them are having alumni addresses and a formal alumni banquet. Are any of you ready to come to such a plan? Our faculty and student council would be very glad to hear any suggestions as to what we might do to make the day satisfactory and profitable.

Come home!

H. M. Crooks, President.

## Eight-Tenths of a Mile per Hour Is Record Hung Up by College Co-ed

Elizabeth Ann Malcolm walks exactly eight-tenths of a mile per hour.

This year she has chosen to walk the two miles out to the Republic school to do her practice-teaching. Two miles out and two miles back makes four miles. She gets five hours credit. Four miles

divided by five hours gives eight-tenths of a mile per hour.

She is teaching in the elementary grades under Miss Hale clear out on the east side of town.

### Says She Likes It

Professor Tyler said last Saturday that Miss Malcolm claims that the walk does her good, that she likes her four-mile daily jaunt.

Then he added that the real reason was that she is specializing in sociology and the Republic school was the best place she could find to teach and gain at the same time some practical knowledge of her major field.

"And she's just the kind of girl that won't let a little hard work stand between her and what she has really decided upon as something she needs and wants," said Professor Tyler.

### Seventeen Are Teaching

Besides Miss Malcolm, sixteen are practice-teaching this semester. Jane Allen has thirty-seven students in tenth-grade English with Miss Baxter her critic teacher. Fred Battles teaches American government to thirty-six, under Miss Verduin. Wilson Block has twenty in plane geometry, and Kenneth Bradford twenty-five in another geometry course, both with Mr. Swigart as critic.

Hugh Brenneman teaches public speaking under Miss Baxter to (Continued on page 6)



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## Is There Too Much Extra in Extra-Curricular?

Several years ago a young fellow just out of high school came to Alma College.

He came with great resolutions. He was going to study, that was definite. Of course, if he had time he was going to try out for the Drama Club. If he had time he was going to take a part in the International Relations Club. If he had time he was going to try a little debating. If he had time he was going to prepare and deliver an oration. If he had time he was going to try doing a little work for the Almanian.

His good intentions were found out. The president of the Drama Club went after him. The International Relations Club found something for him to do. The manager of oratory and debate needed him badly. The editor of the Almanian clung to his heels.

When he left for home the next spring he had a different story: If he had had time he would have studied.

Alma has a lot of extra-curricular activities. Not as many as some larger schools, but still a good number. Every student should find one or more of these activities outside the class-room to occupy him. But does he have time?

Doesn't one man prepare a debate brief while his room-mate studies biology and gets more out of his biology, as well as a better mark? Doesn't one man spend an evening preparing for a Drama Club play while his room-mate studies?

The result is that a student is forced to choose between being able to get out of college all that he is paying for, or letting a little of this slide and getting something else from his four years that his studious room-mate misses.

The answer to this is, of course, that to each student is his own choice. But under our present system, bearing upon this choice is the student's desire to stand high in his class, and his knowledge that after he is through school his class-standing will be the easiest thing for others to gauge him by. This brings an unfair pressure to bear upon him as he makes his choice.

But if there were no such thing as extra-curricular activity on the campus, this unfair pressure would be removed. If the man preparing his debate brief were receiving credit for it just as his room-mate studying biology is receiving credit for that, the debate brief would be better prepared. If the work that the Drama Club member did determined the mark that he was to receive in a part of his curriculum, the work of the Drama Club would be better done.

Of course, the conscientious, studious person can say that a debater debates for the love of it, the actor plays his roles for the love of it, the orator orates for the love of it. But after all, doesn't this same studious person study as he does because he has chosen to do so? Then why should he receive college credit for all of his time while the man who spends a part of his in extra-curricular activities loses that much time as far as college credit goes?

## Courses in Humor

The idea, originating in Chicago, that the centenary of Mark Twain's birth should be commemorated by the establishment in colleges here and there of "chairs of humor" seems at first blush to imply a lamentable lack of humor in its sponsors. For, if you can teach humor in the colleges, so you can teach tragedy and piety; you can teach sympathy or lack of it; you can teach compatibility of temper and cut down domestic strife by fifty per cent.

There is, however, much to be said for the idea. If the colleges could take young men who have humor in them and teach them how to use it wisely they would rid the world of heaps of rubbish. . . . Even the gift of delicate humor must be handled with care. If a man gets the reputation of being a first rate humorist nobody will listen to him when he wants to be serious. Worse yet, most of us feel a little superior to the man who makes us laugh. We have a pleasant sense of patronizing him when we permit him to tickle our ribs. The born humorist, therefore, might profit by a course in college and be warned in time to avoid the pitfalls along his path of merrymaking. In this field the colleges might do a noble work.

—Boston Evening Transcript.

## Of Course You Knew That

THE PHILOS ENDED the season of rushing parties for girls last Saturday night.

In the midst of low-hung Japanese lanterns the pajama-clad Philos and new women on the campus danced to the music of Jack Barkmar and his orchestra at their annual Japanese festival, held in the reception room of Wright hall.

During the intermission Celina Luchini, Alma high-school student, sang and danced. Crepe-paper mums, tiny parasols, and serpentine were passed out as favors, and one feature of the evening was a May-pole dance. The Phi Phi Alpha fraternity sent a large bouquet of chrysanthemums. At the close of the dance Waldorf salads, cookies, and tea were served.

THERE WAS NOT as many Alma people at the game last Saturday as the team scored points against Olivet.

Among the students attending there was Pauline Dionesa, Con Clack, Rhea Wark, Betty Swarthout, Betty Fraker, Joy Olney, Art Boynton, Bud Stephens, Ken Ling, Ken Kauszler and Bud Campbell. Prof. Clack was there too, and some alumni, Bud Dawson, '34, Bill Richards, '17, Clarence Dafoe, '10, Don Horton, '28, and Helen Logan Walton, '32.

ALPHA THETA SENT all the new girls corsages last week.

The flowers were bought for the open meeting that was to be held Monday, night, October 21, and were delivered even though the meeting was delayed because of the victory dance at Wright hall that night celebrating Alma's MIAA championship in football.

## In One Breath

The air was cold—  
The warrior bold  
Jumped in his armored suit and  
sold  
A million shares of stock one day,  
But everyone forgot to pay.  
Now you can hear the fellow say—

"My dearest sir,  
I don't infer  
That you've become a lousy cur,  
But less you pay to me that dough  
That I have proof here that you  
owe  
I fear I'll have to think it so."

His customer,  
All dressed in fur,  
Would not let this his aim deter,  
And shaking slow and sad his head  
He turned and to the warrior said  
"I'm sorry, but this issue's dead,

I golf in par—  
I drive a car—  
I've been admitted to the bar.  
Those stocks were printed beautifully,  
But that proves no legality.—  
There wasn't no such company."

Then there's the co-ed who wonders why they have pep meetings, because everyone knows all the yells anyway.

That same co-ed defines the difference between a fraternity man and a non-fraternity man as one party a year.

Many a man is not a freshman until after the first marks come out.

Dr. Grafflin is a good judge of people. Consulting an advance pamphlet in the President's office we find that the address he gave us the other day was listed along with some others that he had prepared for high school students.

Maybe it was another co-ed who said that the difference between a faculty member and a student is that the student goes to sleep down in the audience.

The college has attracted another dog to the campus. At least it can't be campusology that brings the dogs here.

The man that wrote Simple Simon must have just visited a co-educational institution.

A football game.—Alumni back.—  
A prof who doesn't wish to slack,  
A welcome, hearty and sincere.  
To one of them who's standing near,—

We wonder what the prof will say  
To find him in a class next day?

## On Moonlight

I walked in the night, and I looked at the moon  
As it sailed on its aimless way.

I talked with the moon, and the moon with me,  
And I seemed to hear it say—

"Bound to the earth, tied to the ground, wedded to dirt, forever!"

I stopped in the night, and I harked to the moon  
As it spoke from its boundless sea.

I thought of the moon, what it thought of me,  
And I felt myself agree—

"Yes—bound to the earth, tied to the ground, wedded to dirt, forever!"

Then bitterness came with a flood to my heart  
As I stood on that earth that bound.

I hid from the magical shafts of gold

That continued to resound—

"Bound to the earth, tied to the ground, wedded to dirt, forever!"

I walked in the fog, and I looked at the moon  
As it fitfully tried to see.

I smiled at the moon, and I wondered then

If the moon would trade with me—

Bound to the earth, tied to the ground, a part of the dirt, as I am.

I walked in the rain, and I looked at the clouds  
As they smothered the moon's last glow.

I laughed at the moon, and I knelt to the earth

And with gladness whispered low—

"Bound to the earth, tied to the ground, wedded to dirt, forever!"

## Somebody Can Always Go Somebody Else One Better for a Football Man

Here is a new low reached by colleges in getting new students, especially athletes.

In 1933 a state university in the south discovered and trained a brilliant half back through his freshman year. In the fall of 1934 he didn't return to school. When they found him on the squad of a western school a prominent political figure whose heart was with the southern team notified the boy that if he did not return his father would lose his position with the state highway department.

A degrading spectacle? A perplexing problem for the boy? At least his problem was solved easily. The whole family of the lad was transported en masse to the western university, where his father got an even better job in the highway department of that state.

Don't grieve and wince with envy as you watch a gifted pair of dancers glide by floating effortless as peanut shucks in a mud puddle. They may be in love, but—

A criminology class at Syracuse University (New York) has discovered that morons can dance as

well, if not better, than most people of normal mentality. They are gifted with an abnormally developed sense of rhythm, the students declare.

For the first time in over a century, Williams (Mass.) college students are not being routed out of bed by 7:30 a. m. chapel bells. A twenty-year war has finally ended with students victorious in having compulsory attendance at chapel abolished.

Mr. Asher Christensen, a professor at the University of Minnesota, was strolling past two long lines of freshmen this fall, one line registering for the pre-medicine courses, and the other for pre-business courses

A small voice from the end of the pre-med line called to Mr. Christensen, "Hi, mister, " which is the longest line?"

The professor considered. "I would say your line is about twenty-five feet longer," he answered.

"Okay," the boy said, stepping out of the queue, "I'm a business man already." And he registered for pre-business!

## Michigan's Secretary of State Writes First Message for News Association

(Editor's note: Following is the first communication from a government official to the Michigan Intercollegiate Association of College Editors. Secretary of State Orville Atwood contributes the following.)

One of the most encouraging signs of recent months in the schools of this state is the bare fact that the students of the six colleges of the Michigan Intercollegiate Athletic Association are interested in politics to the extent that public officials are asked to advance their views on this subject, for the guidance of the students themselves.

Education has long been one of the chief concerns of every state official, especially those connected with government through membership in the legislature or in any capacity relating to the collection of taxes. It is gratifying to find an awakening interest in colleges toward matters of politics, government, and plain garden variety voting on election day!

It is easy to howl about the "red menace" in our schools and colleges, and I am not given to easy alarm. But I do place myself emphatically on record in saying that if the boys and girls I have talked to in the last few years are an accurate reflection of the thoughts they have gained in colleges of this

state, then it is not a pretty picture.

Indifference toward problems of government we must probably expect. They didn't appear very real to me when I was in school at the University of Chicago. I refer to the cynicism which I have noted; to the apparently widely accepted belief in our educational circles today that government is manned by men either incompetent or dishonest. I take issue with those from whom students have apparently gained their impressions that public office is merely an avenue of private gain—that the ends of

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## Chapels for the Week

**Wednesday**  
Assembly—Board of Trustees

**Thursday**  
Dr. Kaufmann

**Friday**  
Dr. Kaufmann

**Monday**  
Professor Spencer

**Tuesday**  
Not Definite



# Program *Alma College Homecoming* 1935

Friday, November 1

7:30 p. m. Outdoor Pep Meeting

Saturday, November 2

12:00 noon Dinner at Wright Hall

2:30 p. m. Albion vs. Alma, Bahlke Field

1:30 p. m. Parade

After the game Coffee and Doughnuts, Dickie Memorial Room, Wright Hall

6:00 p. m. Fraternity and Sorority Banquets

8:30 p. m. Informal Dance, Memorial Gymnasium

extended it indefinitely and without consulting us about it. Indeed, since that time our debtors considered even those loans cancelled for which she asked us after the war and which we paid out of our citizens' tax money in cash.

(7) This same money borrowed from us along with all the defaulted interest was turned into more armament for the upkeep of their future rotten politics.

(8) On May 16, 1933, President Roosevelt asked the whole world to abolish aggressive arms in order to ease the general European situation. Nothing came of it.

(9) On the following day, Hitler voiced over a world-wide radio hook-up his complete approval of the American proposal without any "if" and even went so far as to declare that the German people would gladly exchange all arms for spades and shovels by international agreement. The big League Powers did not care.

(10) After seven more months of fruitless bickering back and forth at Geneva, Germany, as the key nation to a settlement of European unrest, quit the League in disgust declaring she would be ready to re-enter the League as soon as the peoples of the other nations would send true representatives of their real sentiments to Geneva to replace the slick diplomats of international high finance.

This happened exactly two years ago. And where are the friends and big shots of the League now? Fighting with each other as before. But this country, which never joined it, and Germany, which quit it in time, are free now to act as they please in matters concerning the Italian-Ethiopian war.

If until late France had owned the League, it is England now which wants to have all other League members play England's game. Will they do it? Not quite. Brazil will go on selling its coffee to Italy, Roumania its wheat and oil, Switzerland its cheese, Austria its wood and ore, Hungary, Bulgaria, and others what ever they can spare. So do the Germans. We ourselves are selling plenty of scrap iron, cotton for gunpowder, and trucks to carry supplies to the Italian front.

And while the League brothers close one stormy session with the appointment of some more committees and subcommittees in order to open another session afterward with more "peace" talks, Italy goes ahead doing things. And it does in essence what its antagonists have been doing before. Why should this result in another world war? If, as in the present situation, England does not want war with Italy, there will be none. But the Italian problem is just one of the many others that demand solution.

## Looking Abroad

By  
Dr. Theodore  
W. Schreiber

Now that the unofficial Italian-Ethiopian war is well under way it might be well to point out to the young reader who is still innocent of present day conditions in world affairs that our tomorrow is the result of our wisely—or foolishly—lived today and yesterday. History is the future in reverse, or, as the Romantic F. Schlegel said a hundred years ago: "A historian is a retrospective prophet." Let us see how that works out concerning war.

After the wholesale slaughter of human lives in 1919 all nations agreed that such a curse should never again disgrace mankind. They also signed a document by which they pledged themselves to abolish the customary armaments. This pledge was kept by the Central Powers to the complete satisfaction of the "victorious" nations.

These same "victorious" nations also formed an association to which they later invited the defeated nations. These defeated nations accepted the honor and privilege to contribute millions of dollars in membership fees for the maintenance of the new costly clubhouse in beautiful Geneva.

But did these big-brother nations and club members disarm too? No! They did not only keep up what they had but they armed to the teeth all of those little nations created by them which needed bread and schools rather than tanks and dynamite.

You would expect these new European states to have model governments, certainly without the Godless waste of military budgets, but that is not the case. Why, then, did the Allied Powers set up such new "peaceful" nations and why did they themselves NOT do the sensible thing? The only answer is that the political gangsters in one government did not trust the racketeers in another. They increased armament, making it more effective in any future slaughter which they believed would come sooner or later.

And the bread earning citizens—what did they think about it? Some of them had their own opinions. A very few did some real thinking. Most pointed with their fingers to the other fellow, his neighbor. Their own case was different. They belonged to the un-touchables. But the other fellow should do this and shouldn't do that. And so the splinter in the neighbor's eye looked bigger than their own beam. Thus they drifted along. Drifted where? Wait and see.

To be sure, conventions were held, resolutions were passed, prizes for brilliant "Peace" oratory were given. And all these things were stirring because they furnished grand entertainment, even a thrill. When newspapers yelled headlines through the

streets about a "peace" speech by this or that champion we became proud because he or she was ours or we knew him or her by name.

And the bread-earning citizens from the other side spoke up pronouncing his peace intentions but equally backed up by keeping the powder dry—well, our true colors immediately were unfurled. We denounced him, called him names, charged him with bad faith.

Some of that older generation of ours are even near the madness of 1917. That is, they themselves would not go to pull somebody else's chestnuts out of the fire, but their "extreme sacrifice" would benefit all guiltless youth. Yes, again the pulpit is desecrated by disseminating hateful propaganda directed against this or that fellow nation. Do we wonder that foreign citizens within our borders and even our own citizens of foreign parentage are insulted, assaulted and physically harmed because of happenings on a foreign continent resulting from its traditional hypocrisy and mass robbery?

Do you remember the tedious road of the so-called Disarmament Conference? It is still in session, officially. But each one in the party knowing himself sufficiently does not trust the other. That these men still can keep up their faces when sitting around the table shows how utterly rotten they are. You and I have too feeble a fancy to fashion them. Yet a few facts might help to infuriate you. I wish you would get wild.

(1) The founders and most ardent supporters of the League have yet to prove their genuine will to bring about real peace by deeds instead of words.

(2) The formerly disarmed central European nations under the leadership of Democratic Germany BEFORE Hitler constantly reminded the League Powers of their duty in regard to disarmament or equality treatment, later theoretically acknowledged by MacDonald, renounced by the French, and practiced by none.

(3) The preposterous situation along with general economic and financial bankruptcy, starvation, moral decay, dangerous growth of communism and so forth brought about dictatorships in practically all those nations who felt themselves betrayed and mistreated by the Big League Powers.

(4) In Germany, the greatest antagonist of the League because of her unequalled humiliation by the League, Hitler, trench war soldier and patriot, was elevated to the highest office by the greatest majority of any people in any nation at any time.

(5) Our President, Mr. Hoover, when Europe was at the end of her rope, granted an intergovernmental moratorium for one year only with the proposal that all these European nations, heavily indebted to us, might reduce their senseless armaments by twenty-five per cent at least.

(6) All Europe accepted our kindness of a debt holy year, but

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## Boosters' Club Constitution

### Article One

#### Section I.

The name of this organization shall be the Alma College Boosters' Club.

#### Section II.

The purpose of this club is to create a feeling of unity and non-partisanship among the students of Alma College; to promote a more genuine interest in the forensic, athletic, musical, scholastic, and social activities of the college; and to advertise Alma College throughout the North-Central states in newspapers, magazines, and theaters.

### Article Two

#### Section I.

This organization is open to any regularly enrolled academic student of Alma College applying for membership.

#### Section II.

From this group shall be chosen an Executive Board with 50 members of sophomore, junior, and senior rank. No class is to be represented by more than 20 members.

### Article Three

#### Section I.

The Officers shall be: a chairman, 1st and 2nd vice chairman, secretary, and treasurer.

#### Section II.

The chairman, two vice chairmen, and treasurer shall comprise a Cabinet, which shall discuss and prepare business for the meetings of the Executive Board, shall appoint all committees of which they shall be ex-officio members of advisory capacity, and shall select the membership committees for each class every fall.

#### Section III.

The officers shall be elected by the Executive Board during the last week in April in each year, to take office at the opening of the following school year.

#### Section IV.

The chairman shall preside at all meetings, both of the club and of the Executive Board. He may call a special meeting of either body at any time.

#### Section V.

The 1st vice-chairman shall preside in the absence of the chairman and shall be a member of the cabinet. The 2nd vice-chairman shall preside in the absence of the chairman and 1st vice-chairman, and shall also be a member of the Cabinet.

#### Section VI.

The secretary of the club shall take minutes of meetings, take charge of all correspondence, and keep a roll-call and record of attendance.

#### Section VII.

The treasurer shall have sole charge of the money of the Club. He shall submit a financial report at the first meeting of each month. He shall recognize no bills which are not accompanied by a requisition order signed by himself and the chairman. He shall be a member of the Cabinet.

### Article Four

#### Section I.

The Club shall meet at the dis-

cretion of the chairman.

#### Section II.

The Executive Board shall meet at least once every two weeks during the school year.

#### Section III.

Three successive unexcused absences from meetings of the above will mean dismissal from the Executive Board.

### Article Five

#### Section I.

Any member of the Executive Board may for himself, or on behalf of a club member, present a written amendment to this constitution.

#### Section II.

This proposed amendment shall be read upon its presentation. It shall be read again at the subsequent regular meeting of the Executive Board and voted upon. It will require a two-thirds majority to pass such amendment.

#### Section III.

By-laws may be added or amended by the same procedure but requiring only a plurality vote of the Executive Board to be passed.

### Article Six

#### Section I.

The vacancies in the Executive Board shall be filled by students of the three upper classes, not later than October 1 of each school year.

#### Section II.

Any vacancies occurring in the junior or senior groups at the beginning of the school year will be filled by such students as may be selected by a representative committee of five, chosen by the Cabinet from the class in which the vacancies occur.

#### Section III.

A Membership Committee consisting of five representative sophomores who shall make the first selection of members from their class, including themselves, shall be appointed. The committees from the three classes together will make the final selection of members to complete the roll of 50.

#### Section IV.

Any vacancies occurring during the school year may be filled by the Cabinet.

### Article Seven

#### Section I.

This constitution shall be published in the Almanian every fall, in order that the student body may have called to their attention the purposes and processes of the Boosters Club.

#### Section II.

There shall be a copy of this Constitution in the hands of the secretary of the Club, in the President's office, in the College office, and in the library.

#### Section III.

The rules contained in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern the society in all cases to which they are applicable and in which they are not inconsistent with the Constitution or By-laws of the Boosters Club.

—those who scoff at its very elements, and when we ask many such people pointed questions concerning their beliefs, all too frequently we find that their knowledge of the questions involved is sadly lacking.

I'd like to have college students acquire a working knowledge of such basic structures of government as the constitutions of the United States and of the State of Michigan. I am confident that if they studied the history behind these foundational concepts of government, that much of their cynicism would be dispelled by the realization that they had been theorizing on something about which they know little. College students, by their very presence in school, prove that they seek knowledge with their eyes open. They could do no better than to develop passing familiarity, not with the problems of government, but merely with the elements on which government is reared.

The 1935 legislature enacted some so-called "Anti-Red" laws one of which involves the taking of an oath of allegiance by members of the faculties of schools of high-

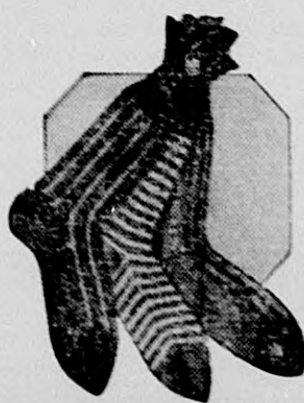
er learning in this state. Frankly, I am not impressed with the value of this move for the reason that few instructors who might be out of sympathy with our form of government would have the courage to refuse to take the oath. The only value of the act lies in the fact that an instructor proven to teach beliefs inimical to our government has a handy lever attached to his pedagogic person once the oath is taken, subscribed to in writing, and filed away for reference.

I don't contend that every man in public office is the best who might be selected. I do contend, however, that when unfit public officials are selected, it is the fault of the voters, especially if he's continued in office. One of the primary mistakes that many citizens make is that they are entitled to criticize public officials while at the same time the critics fail to take part in the very elections which resulted in the selection of those officials. There have been enough close elections in this state and nation, and in every community, to disprove the old defense: "My vote won't count!"

Another common error citizens frequently fall into is the assumption that "the common man" lacks representation in public service. Members of the legislature strive to outdo each other in their service to the man and woman denominated as 'common'. Political exigencies would dictate such a course, if nothing else inspired it. Special pleaders are present wherever and whenever lawmakers gather, of course, but the biggest block of votes that any man can ever deliver for himself is the vote of the admittedly unorganized "common man and woman". They are the unknown factors in every big election. Experts believe they can tell how groups of voters will swing; often these highly articulate groups publicly proclaim their sympathies. The question mark is the vote from the group which says little—and that's most of us!

There is no royal road to political wisdom any more than there is to geometry. Men differ honestly in their political beliefs even though they may have inherited them. The only satisfactory way to reach a conclusion as to how to cast your vote is to study the issues between opposing candidates, study the candidates, and the histories of their sponsors. Your decision then is at least your own.

But back of it all is the need for knowledge of government. Respect for your nation, loyalty to its traditions and a determination to serve it well when the occasion arises, far transcends in importance the decision you may make as to which political party you may choose as your own.



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## Secretary of State Atwood Writes for News Association

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government are ulterior and selfish.

It is a state of mind which cannot be charged up to the spirit of youth with its attitude of challenge with which it faces the world. It is not something which can be explained on the grounds that the experiences of realism have forced these conclusions on college students. College students aren't in position to encounter government or public officials in an atmosphere of realism. Their sophistries must be, to my mind, acquired by absorption rather than by conclusions independently reached.

The first qualification of a critic of government is that he know something about it. Government is one of the most complex and intricate sciences. Every department of it is worthy of the continued study of specialists. Yet we encounter those who would reconstruct our form of government—those who disbelieve in its efficacy



# SPORTS

## Alma Closes MIAA Season with Albion

### Britons Furnish Opposition for Homecoming Game

The Alma College Scots, 1935 champions of the MIAA, close the Association games this season, against the Albion College Britons on Banke Field as part of the annual Homecoming celebration. The Scots with three MIAA victories are a striking contrast to the lowly Britons who have lost 2 and tied one in the MIAA race. In five games the Britons have failed to score a point, while the Scots have amassed 87 against their opponents' 6.

It looks like a set-up, and ordinarily would be considered one, but for the fact that the Britons play their hardest against the Scots. Last year the Britons spoiled all the championship hopes the Scots had, by defeating them 7 to 6 on a questionable play. The Britons' defensive play has improved despite their lack of scoring punch. Against Kazoo, they suffered a humiliating 25 to 0 defeat, but the next week, they held Hope to a scoreless tie. Last Saturday Hillsdale scored on the first play for the only score of the game.

The Britons are led by the hard-going fullback, Bob "Pinky" Allman, who was an unanimous choice for all-MIAA fullback last year. Laskey, Tooker and Rouman make up the backfield with Linnemeier as reserve. The ends are Green, Tuma, and Odell. Weeks and Mathews are two tackles with experience against the Scots. Schmedlin, a quarter-miler, Metz, and Humphrey make up the guards. Thick is the Britons' hope at center.

Coach Argyle is expected to have every man on his squad available, as the injured members, Gilbert and Malcolm, did not see service against Olivet. Max Dean played a few minutes in spite of his sprained wrist, and outside of the few bumps, the squad is intact.

### Scots Get Pass Offense Working and Beat Olivet

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Block was completed for 26 yards and a touchdown. Again the elder Block converted with a place kick. Alma 14, Olivet 0.

#### Passes Score Again

The Comets started after the next kick-off with laterals, but after a first down, Morvilius was forced to punt deep into Alma territory. Keglovitz and Block hit alternate sides of the line for a first down. This was followed by another through the efforts of the ends, Johnson and W. Block on end-around plays. Three laterals gained only six yards, but with the Comet's secondary up, Riley threw a pass to Ewer for 21 yards. After two passes were blocked and Riley hit left tackle for 6, the Block to Block combination worked for 30 yards and a touchdown. As before the elder Block converted. Alma 21, Olivet 0.

Only two veterans remained in the line and two in the backfield, as the Scots marched for the third touchdown of the quarter. A short Olivet punt was downed on the Olivet 35. Bruce York, now a back, lateraled to Riley Block for 10 yards less 1 inch. A Block to Ewer pass failed, so the dependable shovel pass was brought into use again for the next touchdown. W. Block's placement was wide and low. Alma 27, Olivet 0.

#### Score Once in Third

The Comets secured a first down to open the third period, but a holding penalty put them back on their goal line, and Morvilius punted to Cassius Lea, who carried the ball to the 28. Riley was stopped on a spinner, so he passed to Johnson. Three Comets toyed with the ball until the elder Block grabbed it and gained 11 yards. A lateral to Art Smith was good for 4 to the Olivet 14. Three plays later Art Smith made it a first down on the 3-yard line. Dawe and Riley made up for an offside penal-

ty, and a Block to Block pass went over for the touchdown. The attempt for the extra point was wide again. Alma 33, Olivet 0.

The Scots gained four more first downs in the rest of the quarter but could not score, although the ball rested on the Comet 7 as the quarter closed. A fumbled lateral pass finally gave the Homecomers the ball on their own 34. Morvilius streaked through right tackle for 12, and a pass, Feller to Morvilius was good for 13, but Dawe and W. Block halted their hosts, so White punted deep into Alma territory. Two first downs carried the ball over the 50, but three passes went hay-wire, so Riley punted over the goal. Smith replaced L. Block and Munro took Washburn's place and the Scots took the ball on the 50 again. An exchange of punts gave the Comets the ball on their 17.

#### Game Ends With One Regular

Morvilius tossed a flat pass to Martin, but Dawe sneaked the ball away from him as he tackled the Comet back. Harold Dean replaced W. Block, and Ewer was left as the only regular. His pass to Smith was good for a touchdown as Art caught it and dragged three men three yards to the line. Ewer's low place kick was blocked by Loftus, reserve lineman. Alma 39, Olivet 0.

Clyde Dawe's kick-off was short, but York stopped Martin on an end run for the last play of the game.

#### The summary:

Alma 39		Olivet 0	
Krieger	LE..(c)	W. Block	
Martindale	IT.....	Mack	
Davy	LG....	Washburn	
Gillespie (c)	C.....	Fortino	
Myers	RG.....	Vitek	
MacAdams	RT.....	Fuller	
Starke	RE.....	Johnson	
Martin	QB.....	L. Block	
Feller	LH.....	Dawe	
Marty	RT.....	A. Smith	
Morvilius	FB.....	Carter	
Olivet	0	0	0-0
Alma	7	20	6-39

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Substitutions — Olivet: Horst, back; White, Dechow, Hynes, ends; D. Smith, Loftus, tackles; Grindall, Kies, guards.  
Alma: Keglovitz, Ewer, York, Boat, backs; H. Dean, end; Cater, Munro, tackles; M. Dean, Mann, Wiler, guards; Lea, center.

### Sack is Made Head of Beta Tau; Asks for Smoker Date

Bill Sack, sophomore from Boyne City, has been chosen president of Beta Tau Epsilon Fraternity in the place of Claude Knight, senior from the same town, who resigned the position.

One of the first acts of the new president was to appear before the Student Council last Tuesday night and ask for a date for a smoker. Zeta Sigma's smoker was advanced from October 30 to November 7, and Beta Tau was given the date formerly held by Zeta Sigma.

Now that they have received a date for their smoker through the Student Council, the members of the fraternity are still not sure that there will be a smoker. Sack says that if it is held it will be in the Hooper house in back of Professor Spencer's.

### Women's League Makes Open Meeting Changes

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decided that all delays were over. Philomathean was given the same date that they were formerly to have, even though it did bring their open meeting the Monday following their rushing party. Alpha Theta's open meeting was placed second, the next Monday, and Kappa Iota's moved one week ahead to November 11.

According to the president of the Women's League, from this time on the rushing season for the women's societies takes precedence over all other affairs. The dates are set finally and will not be changed.

The many delays have caused much trouble and expense. Plans had to be re-made and Alpha Theta even had the corsages for their guests bought for one date for their open meeting.

## BUD'S SPORTOPICS

### Statistics

	Alma	Kazoo
Score	6	0
First downs	7	16
Yardage, scrimmage	148	192
Yardage lost, scrimmage	38	9
Average yardage	2.6	3.6
Passes attempted	8	19
Passes completed	1	10
Yardage, passes	29	96
Interceptions by	2	0
Yardage, interceptions	24	0
Yardage lost, penalties	10	45

	Alma	Olivet
Score	39	0
First downs	16	6
Yardage, scrimmage	223	105
Yardage lost, scrimmage	54	54
Average yardage	3	4.2
Passes attempted	29	16
Passes completed	13	6
Yardage, passes	289	48
Interceptions by	0	1
Yardage, interceptions	0	10
Yardage lost, penalties	54	20

### Alma-Kalamazoo

	Tries	Yards	Av.
Gilbert	7	31	4.5
L. Block	20	79	4
Carter	4	11½	3
Johnson	2	4	2
Ewer	7	5	0.7
W. Block	2	-10	-1
Dawe	1	-11	-11

### Alma-Olivet

	Tries	Yards	Av.
L. Block	22	120	5
Keglovitz	5	16	3.1
Smith	7	21	3
Carter	2	6	3
Johnson	3	7	2.3
York	1	2	2
Dawe	6	12	2
Ewer	5	4	0.8
W. Block	2	2	1
Boat	4	-4	-1

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Beginning tonight at seven o'clock the college library will be open every Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7:00 to 9:30, according to an announcement issued last Saturday by President Crooks and signed also by Miss Annette P. Ward, Librarian.

In President Crooks' own words, he has been the only one "sitting on the lid" to keep the library closed at night. Last Wednesday after chapel he asked all students interested in having the library opened at night to remain, explaining his stand and asking for information that would enable him to decide upon the need for the library to be open more and the time it should be opened if found needful.

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