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## Weimer Obtains Leave Extension

### Unstad Will Continue in Economics Work

Acting on the recommendation of President Crooks, the Board of Trustees of the college has granted to Prof. Arthur H. Weimer, head of the Department of Economics, a one-year extension of the leave of absence granted to him at the end of the first semester last year. Originally granted to enable Professor Weimer to join the Research Division of the Federal Housing Administration, the leave of absence is extended to allow him to continue with the government in the same branch of service.

Professor Weimer expects to be sent shortly to Mississippi as his next field of operation.

### Returns to Alma

Professor Weimer spent a short while in Alma this summer, coming from Indiana, where he spent most of the summer in his work at South Bend and Indianapolis. After his return there he was called to New York where he spent some time and from where he went later to Washington, D. C.

This is the beginning of the fifth year that Professor Weimer has been connected with Alma College, originally as an instructor in Economics, now having the ranking of Assistant Professor of Economics. Besides teaching several courses in economics, he had charge of the publicity department of the college before he left to enter government service at the beginning of 1935.

Although a comparative newcomer to the faculty, only four additions having been made since his, Professor Weimer possesses the highest academic degree obtainable. He received his Ph. D. from the University of Chicago, completing his work there in the department of economics in the summer of 1934, after he was a member of the Alma faculty.

### Mr. Unstad Continues

While Professor Weimer is on his leave of absence, Lyder L. Unstad takes his place in the economics department, taking over all of Weimer's classes. Mr. Unstad has completed his first semester on temporary appointment in the department of economics and starts this semester his second on the same standing, as Instructor in Economics.

Having received his master's degree from the University of Minnesota, Mr. Unstad has completed his work for a doctor's degree at Ohio State University. The degree will be granted with the final approval of his thesis.

## Only the Class of '36 Shows "Three-Point Power" During Last Semester

'Three-point' students were produced by only one class last semester, the class of 1936 turning out four of them. The four seniors who last semester attained classroom perfection are Fred Battles, Constance Clack, Lester Dankert, and Claude Knight. Dankert and Knight are repeaters in this class, while Miss Clack and Mr. Battles turned in perfect work for the first time.

Last year's junior class not only swept the 'three-point' field the second semester but led in most other divisions as well. This class put more students on the honor roll than any other class and produced more 'two-point-five' students than any other class. Only the graduating class of last year had a higher general average than the average of the junior class.

The total number of juniors making the honor roll exceeded the

## Former Almanian Sports Editor Directs Publicity

Homer Dunham, former sports editor of the Almanian, has been elected vice-president of the American College Publicity Association, in charge of publicity. Dunham is a product of Alma High School and attended Alma College for three years with the class of 1916. He edited the sporting section of the Almanian while a student and continued in this capacity after quitting school in 1915 to go to work for the Alma Record.

Dunham is now director of publicity at Western State Teachers College, in Kalamazoo. Since going to Kalamazoo he has taken enough time from his work to obtain sufficient credits to give him his Bachelor's degree, which degree was conferred upon him by that institution.

## Crooks States Aim Of Modern College

### "Should Make the Individual at Home in World."

"The aim of the college is to make the individual feel at home in the world," was the keynote of the address given by President Harry Means Crooks at the first chapel service of the new college year. The formal chapel marking the beginning of the school year was held last Thursday, the first day of classes.

According to President Crooks, we are living in a world where many changes take place and in an age where civilization is advancing with tremendous strides. It is this rapid advancement which in his mind, has given rise to the many problems, any one of which may cause us a great deal of uneasiness.

### Discusses Versailles Treaty

Commenting on the Treaty of Versailles, President Crooks stated that that treaty apportioned the earth in such a manner that Japan, Italy, and Germany were condemned to the future exploitation of other countries, that has taken and is taking place, in order to meet their own needs. Russia has been attempting to meet its needs by a great experiment, but, President Crooks said, the results are far from certain at the present time.

Professing a former staunch belief in the permanency of republican institutions, President Crooks admitted that he had been forced to change his beliefs in the past few years. Rule by dictatorship has become so prominent

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## Faculty Delays Reception and Invites All Students

### Postponement Enables Miss Foley and Miss Steward to Attend

Notices bearing the signature of Pres. H. M. Crooks appeared last Tuesday afternoon announcing that the Faculty Reception usually held that night was postponed until the following night. Instead of the usual meeting for freshmen, the reception this year was held for both old and new college students.

Besides enabling the reception to serve as a mixer for both old and new students, the delay made it possible for Dean Steward and Miss Foley to attend. These two members of the faculty returned to Alma the night of the reception, getting there just as the introduction of the faculty began. They spent the summer studying and traveling in Europe.

After the usual mixing of students and introduction to the faculty, Miss Mae Nelson played and Elwin Carter sang. Later the whole crowd joined in the singing of three of the songs of Alma College, with the words on a printed sheet for those still unfamiliar with them.

## Campbell Remains As Sports Editor

### Staff Incomplete; Fortino is Associate Editor

The Almanian this year is to have an alumnus as sports editor. Ward Campbell, staff veteran of the past three years, is returning to college for additional class work and has offered his services as editor of the sports department of the Almanian.

The situation of having a man on the Almanian staff who is no longer an undergraduate at the college is unusual, but not new. Homer Dunham, was made sports editor of the Almanian while he was in school from 1912 to 1915. After he had quit attending college at the end of his junior year he went to work for the paper now published as the Alma Record and continued as the sports editor of the Almanian for several years.

Campbell was first made sports editor of the Almanian when he was a sophomore and held the same post for the next two years as a junior and a senior. Professor Spencer, offering work here in journalism, describes Campbell's work on the sport page as "very good".

### Staff Not Yet Complete

The complete staff for the Almanian has not been decided on, but will be announced very soon. In addition to the two elected members, editor and business manager, only two others besides Mr. Campbell have been definitely chosen. Alfred Fortino is to serve as associate editor, advancing from the post last year of alumni editor. Miss Gretchen Wilson has

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## Freshman Class is Small; Registration Figures Same

### Boynton Will Distribute Collegiate Digest Again

Arthur Boynton, former editor of the Almanian and introducer on this campus of the Collegiate Digest, has contracted with the publishers of this feature to again place it in the hands of Alma students.

At the request of the publishers Mr. Boynton has arranged with the publishers of the Almanian to distribute this weekly rotogravure section with the Almanian.

## C. D. Smith, Instructor in Mechanical Drawing, Dies

### Fails to Recover after Stomach Operation.

Charles D. Smith, college instructor in Mechanical Drawing, lacked the strength to recover from a successful operation performed at the Smith Memorial Hospital September 1st, and died early the morning of the next day. Mr. Smith had been in ill health for several years from a chronic stomach ailment.

Born in Massachusetts and graduated from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Mr. Smith came to Alma after previous experience in the field of transportation with the Republic Truck Company. Four years ago

The students of Alma College join in extending to Mrs. C. D. Smith and her son and daughter, our fellow-students, our deepest sympathy in the loss of their husband and father, and our friend and teacher.

he started instructing several courses in Mechanical Drawing for college credit in the evenings. His last semester as instructor here he almost doubled the enrollment in his courses.

Last year he had two children in school at Alma College, Elizabeth, graduated in June, and Charles, a sophomore last year. His daughter is now teaching in Kalkaska and his son is temporarily at home with Mrs. Smith.

Margaret Randels attended McGill University, at Montreal, for five weeks this summer. She took some special work in French courses. Miss Randels was the winner of the Carl Schurtz prize for achievements in German last year.

## Dean Steward is One of First to Sail on Dream-Canal of Peter the Great

"We of the Criminological Tour to Russia were the first foreigners to traverse the canal connecting the Baltic Sea with the White Sea, the building of which was uti-

### Only 76 New Students, 67 are Freshmen. 237 is Enrollment Figure.

In spite of fewer new students on the campus this year, registration figures released from the college office this morning are smaller by only ten from those of last year. Two hundred thirty-seven students are regularly enrolled this year compared with two hundred forty-seven last year. The number of new students dropped from one hundred two last year to seventy-six. Only sixty-seven are registered in the freshman class.

There are fifty-two seniors, fifty-one juniors, and sixty-seven sophomores. Five special students and fourteen music students bring the total for the college to two hundred fifty-six.

### Men Outnumber Women

Of the regularly enrolled students, one hundred forty-three are men and ninety-four are women. The all-college total shows one hundred fifty-one men and one hundred five women.

With fewer students on the campus than last year, the low enrollment figure that would be expected is raised by the fact that such a small class was graduated last June. No more than usual have transferred from Alma to some other college.

### Freshmen Are Received

As usual, freshmen students arrived early for a special program. Tests were given Monday and Tuesday, and late Tuesday afternoon freshmen registration was begun, being finished on Wednesday with upperclass registration.

President and Mrs. Crooks held the first reception for new students at their home Monday afternoon. Wednesday night the faculty received them at Wright Hall, along with all other college students.

Freshman rules have been announced by Student Marshal Clyde Dawe, and pots appeared on the campus Monday morning.

## Alpha Theta Opens Girl-Bid Parties With Mixer

Next Saturday night Alpha Theta Sorority will start off with the first of a series of girl-bid parties to be held throughout the year, the Alpha Theta Mixer.

Gretah Wilson, general chairman, states that the orchestra has not been selected yet and that it is not yet definitely known where the party will be held. Poster announcements of the place and orchestra selected will appear later.

## Almanian Appears in Reduced Size and a Change in Dress

For the first time in several years a major change is being made in the appearance of the Almanian. The size of the paper is being reduced and a different style of head used.

The page is still practically the same width as former Almanians, but the length of the column is being reduced with this issue from the former eighteen inches to fifteen inches. It is thought by the staff that the present propor-

tions are more pleasing to the eye than the former lengthy page. Of course, this change makes necessary running fewer advertisements on a page, with no reduction at all in the cost of printing.

The reduction in page size made necessary two other changes. The columns have been shoved together and a column rule placed between them, and a smaller type is being used in the heads. In

addition to the use of smaller type for the heads, all heads will be printed in both capital and small letters, rather than the former all capitals, to produce a further apparent reduction in space occupied by the head.

The Almanian staff hopes that these changes will receive from Almanian readers a hearty reception. Any comments and criticism will be welcomed.

lized as a medium for the social reclamation of criminals," said Dean Florence M. Steward when she was asked what she considered the most outstanding feature of her entire trip through Europe this summer. She and Miss Margaret E. Foley left New York on the much-publicized S. S. Normandie early in July. Miss Foley studied at the Sorbonne and at the Institut de Phonétique, a branch of the Sorbonne University. Dean Steward continued on to Russia to make a survey of the Soviet Union's advanced methods of crime control and correction.

After five days on the ocean Dean Steward and Miss Foley disembarked at Plymouth and entrained for London where they again took to the water to reach Helsingfors, capital of Finland. Here they parted, Miss Foley to

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## Beginnings

Once more Alma College Students return to start again. To no other class of person than to the student of college age does such an opportunity come of beginning over once every year. Regularly is the college student's work brought to a close, and as regularly, for a short period of years, is it started again.

And as the college student returns after one year, or two years, or three years, he returns with resolutions. This year he is going to do better than last year. This year he is going to study more than he did last year. This year he is really going to get down to work.

It will be easy for him. The college student has every confidence in his ability to break his old habits established during a previous school year. It seems so easy to him because he has lived an entirely different life during the summer, but the habits are still there. The day or two of loafing that seems inevitable before classes start plunge him early into habits of wasting the few minutes that "don't mean anything anyway", and before he knows it he is back in the same old rut of making resolutions—only this time he resolves to "do better next semester".

But this year Alma College is welcoming to its campus a group that has no need of making resolutions to do better next semester, for the next semester is their first. To this group will come the same opportunity later of starting over—now they have an additional opportunity—the opportunity of steering clear of the predicament the eternal resolution makers find themselves in.

No matter what prep schools the members of this group may have attended, their study habits will be formed here all over again. Theirs is the opportunity to not merely start over, but to begin from the very beginning.

Alma College welcomes this group. For a very few days it is accorded special privileges and is placed in a sort of limelight. Now it is accepted as a part of Alma College, and is asked to accept the part it is given, and play it well.

In many ways this group will be guided, in playing its role, by college traditions. But college traditions do not extend their influence in to the study desk. There the new student remains supreme, there he has only himself to satisfy, there he forms the habits that are to determine whether he will become, in one year, or two years, or three years, a maker of resolutions.

Three groups of students enjoying a higher ranking have only the privilege of starting over. One group is beginning for the first time. The three groups welcome the fourth group, ask its members to become a part of Alma College with them, and at the same time remain a definite, different unit.

### Class of '36 Show "Three-Point Power" Last Semester

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mores, gained the class-cutting privilege accompanying the 2.50 average. There were just half as many seniors as juniors having the theoretical right to cut classes.

The figures for the last semester of the year were merely a duplication of those for the first semester. Of the four "three-point" students of the first semester three were juniors, while the other was a senior. In the total number making the honor roll during this first semester the superiority of the junior class was even more apparent, with ten more than the seniors, nine more than the sophomores, and seven more than the freshmen.

The number of students on the honor roll for the second semester would indicate a general increase in the college average, there being sixteen more students making the honor roll the second semester than the first semester.

The standings as reported from the Registrar's office for honor-roll members are as follows:

Seniors	
Earle Tomes	2.75
Helen Walker	2.70
Myron Reyher	2.65
Emery Kendall	2.64
Elizabeth Smith	2.60

Dorothy Striffler	2.50
Robert Brown	2.40
Paul Ditto	2.37
Gordon Clack	2.31
Claire Wilson Volk	2.30
Helen Lelsz	2.28
Florence McCallum	2.11
Virginia Hill	2.09
Florence Schwartz	2.06
Spray Dehnke	2.00
Marian Laman	2.00

Juniors	
Fred Battles	3.00
Constance Clack	3.00
Lester Dankert	3.00
Claude Knight	3.00
Arthur Boynton	2.86
Wilma Wright	2.82
Luther Evans	2.65
Helen Kellogg	2.63
Allen MacDonald	2.60
Mae Nelson	2.56
John Darbee	2.50
Russell Ludwig	2.50
Margaret Randels	2.47
Geneva Curren	2.47
Betty Tenney	2.31
Elizabeth Ann Malcolm	2.21
Helen MacCurdy	2.19
Elizabeth Chapin	2.19
Lois Beardsley	2.18
Clarence Clohset	2.18
Kathryn McKay	2.18
Jane Rice	2.06
Jean Currie	2.00
Cyril Lewis	2.00
Hanley Rosenberg	2.00
Ralph Scheifley	2.00

Sophomores	
Opal Hines	2.81
Alfred Fortino	2.79
Louise Hurst	2.75
Dorothy Glass	2.56
Lillian Hannig	2.56
Madeline Davis	2.53
Charlotte Temple	2.53
Marguerite Witt	2.44
Robert Davies	2.44
Holmes Sullivan	2.31
Ralph Rapson	2.27
John Boergert	2.19
Dorothy Digby	2.13
Vesta Montague	2.06

Freshmen	
Jane Wright	2.83
Irene Folkerth	2.81
Aletha Hapner	2.81
Grace Mathews	2.81
Edward Heth	2.78
Wayne Forester	2.69
Vivian Harwood	2.67
Fred Meyer	2.63
Roy Collins	2.60
Robert Thorn	2.56
Alice Bunting	2.53
Mary Alice Damon	2.40
Beatrice Brooks	2.38
Betty Dickinson	2.38
Herbert Peters	2.38
Alice Bronson	2.35
Lawrence Phillips	2.23
Madeline Bale	2.20
Pauline Chick	2.17
Floyd Boat	2.06
Elwin Carter	2.05
Ruth Westendorf	2.03

### Council Asks Cooperation

This year the Student Council is asking the various organizations on the campus that will be holding college parties to cooperate with Dean Steward more fully than has been done in the past. All parties planned by any college organization must be reported at least one week prior to the date of the party. Fraternity and sorority formals must be reported to Dean Steward at least two weeks in advance, and earlier if possible.

### Willits Occupy Clizbe House

Mr. and Mrs. Oramel Willits will live this year in the living quarters of the Clizbe House. Last year Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bennett occupied these rooms; Mr. Bennett was graduated with the senior class last June, and this fall moved with his family to Hastings where he is coaching in the high school.

### Council Gives Dance

Last Saturday night the Student Council held the first all-college dance, a stag affair, in the gymnasium. Harper Camp's orchestra, originating on the campus of Michigan State College, played.

### Librarian Announces Hours

Miss Annette P. Ward, college librarian, has announced the hours during which the Alma College Library will be open to students. On Monday through Friday morning hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 and afternoon hours from 1:00 to 5:00. The library will not be open Saturday afternoons, but on Saturday morning the hours have been extended a half hour, Saturday hours being from 8:30 to 12:00. Miss Ward states that these hours are not established as permanent yet but will be observed until further notice from the library.

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# SPORTS

## Scots Open With Detroit Tech Sat.

### Thirteen Veterans Report in First Session

The Alma College Scots will open the 1935 football season, here September 28 on Rahike Field against Detroit Institute of Technology, it was learned Tuesday evening from Coach Royal B. Campbell. The Scotch mentor who is beginning his 15th year at Alma is optimistic in his prediction for the coming season.

Thirteen veterans from last year reported for practice last Monday and with seven from the last year's Frosh eleven, the Scots have a small but well balanced squad for the season. H. B. Johnson who left school four years ago has returned and gives Coach Campbell another well built experienced end. Johnson prepped at Clare and played as a regular on the Alma varsity in the fall of '31 until an injury forced him to the sidelines.

Coach Campbell is expected to build his team around the Block brothers, Riley and Wadge, all MIAA quarterback and end of last year. Mel Fuller, second team all MIAA tackle, is on hand after a good summer's vacation. Besides the Blocks and Fuller other Alma

boys include: Max Dean, veteran guard; Ben Ewer, dependable half-back; Al Fortino, center; Gordon Mann, reserve guard; Joe Vitek, tackle; Leo Washburn, hard-going guard; and Harold Dean, freshman lineman.

Bob Mack is expected to team up with Washburn and Wadge Block on the left side of the line, while Max Dean and Fuller are the vets on the right. Al Fortino is being groomed for Stan Busard's old position at center and seems to be filling the place well. H. B. Johnson and Fritz Malcolm are upperclassmen after the right end position.

In the backfield, Riley Block leads the veterans. Bruce York, Ben Ewer, Clyde Dawe, and Steve Keglovitz are fighting for the other three positions as upperclassmen. John Gilbert, fullback, who gave the varsity plenty of opposition as a Frosh last year, is making his bid with Art Smith and Floyd Boat, light but hard going halfbacks.

Hanel Munro, Cassius Lea, and Harold Dean, three sophomores complete the squad to date, but with more reporting daily, a squad of two dozen is assured by the end of the week.

With Ken Carter and John Darbee back in school at the last moment, the squad is considerably improved and strengthened. Louis Wiser, beefy tackle from Detroit, Francis Seavitte, Ecorse guard, Horace Sullivan, hard blocking back from Stanton, and Chet Hardt, Stockbridge lineman remain the only holdouts from the squad. Wiser is expected back daily, while Seavitte and Sullivan have scholastic differences to make up. Hardt has to rearrange his working schedule to find time for practice.

After the first scrimmage of fifteen minutes last Thursday, Coach Campbell announced that, barring injuries, two sophomores would be in the Scots' lineup against Detroit Tech, and maybe more.

The varsity schedule:  
 Sept. 28—Detroit Tech, here.  
 Oct. 5—Hope at Holland.  
 Oct. 12—Hillsdale, there.  
 Oct. 19—Kalamazoo, here.  
 Oct. 26—Olivet, there.  
 Nov. 2—Albion, here (Homecoming).  
 Nov. 9—Lawrence Tech at Detroit.  
 Nov. 16—Central State at Mt. Pleasant.  
 Nov. 23—Open.

## Goggin Captures Local Golf Title

### Misses Central Michigan Crown by Inches

Ed Goggin, man of parts on the campus, brought another distinction to Alma College when he won the Fine River Country club golf championship by the one-sided score of 10 and 8. He might have brought even more distinction had it not rained by the buckets full at the Central Michigan Amateur tournament when he was defeated in the semi-finals on the second extra hole by the man who finally won the tournament. He lost by about an inch when a four-foot putt refused to drop on the twentieth green.

But in the club tournament the little man with a wrestler's hand and forearms was not to be denied and after winning a close first match from Dr. Howell, he snowed the rest of his opposition under with perfect golf. In the final which were played September 15 Eddie matched nerves with Earl Clark, a former champion and one of the toughest match players in Central Michigan. Clark did not have a chance after the second hole of the scheduled 36 hole match. Goggin's drives began booming down the middle of the fairways and his approaches kept a perfect line to the flag. Only Eddie's putter was faulty. Had he been putting as he can putt he might have broken par on the first nine holes. As it was he finished three over par for the first nine after having missed at least four putts of eight feet or less.

Goggin went into the lead immediately by winning the first hole. The score was evened, however, when he missed a two-foot putt on the second. He then won the third with a par as well as the fourth with another par. He lost the fifth when Clark birdied the long par five hole while he was getting a par. After that it was more or less a matter of how long it would last as Clark never threatened while Goggin played machine-like golf to crush his opponent. For the three complete rounds played Eddie had 39, 40, 40, while Clark had 42, 43, 45. The match ended at the twenty-eighth hole when Eddie took a four to Clark's five.

George Mitchell, son of Dean Mitchell, is another Alma College man who has won the local cup. He won it two years while in college. Goggin defeated Mitchell in the semi-finals this year.

## Alma Student Returns as Biology Instructor

Helen Louise Vincent Succeeds Mrs. MacGregor

Miss Helen Louise Vincent, Alma graduate with the class of 1934, returns this fall to take her place with the faculty as Instructor in Biology and Director of Physical Education for Women. Miss Vincent takes the place formerly occupied by Mrs. Delbert MacGregor.

Miss Vincent attended the graduate school of the University of Michigan last year, receiving from that institution in June her Master's degree in zoology, supplementing her biology work taken during four years here at Alma under Mrs. MacGregor and Dr. MacCurdy.

Miss Vincent is the most recent of several faculty members who returned to Alma as instructors after formerly having attended college here as students. Of the present faculty, including Miss Vincent, six have taken all or a part of their undergraduate work at Alma. Dean Mitchell was the first Alma student to return as a faculty man to remain to the present day. Following him came Dr. Randels, Coach Campbell, and Mr. Robinson, all three completing all of their undergraduate work at Alma, as did Dean Mitchell. Until the arrival this fall of Miss Vincent, Miss Marjorie Gesner was the most recent such addition to the faculty. Miss Gesner had only two years at Alma, taking her Bachelor's degree from Mt. Holyoke.

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## Most of June Graduates Are Employed; 13 Teach

Six Continue Studies; Six Have  
Nothing Definite.

Reports from all but six of the class graduating last June show that most of last year's seniors are busy at work. Thirteen of those receiving teaching certificates with last year's diplomas are employed as teachers, the largest number to receive teaching positions immediately after graduation for several years. Three of the members of the class are attending graduate schools, one is in business college, and two are taking further work at Alma.

Members of last year's class teaching are: Lyle Bennett, at Hastings; Lora Boutin, at Fenton; Spray Dehnke, at Lake Odessa; Ruth Dickinson, at Edenville; Paul Ditto, at Riverdale; Marian Laman, at Almont; Helen Lelsz, at Mt. Morris; Florence McCallum, at Alma; Florence Schwartz, at Marlette; Elizabeth Smith, at Kalkaska; Dorothy Striffler, at Warren; John Volk, at Hesperia; and Helen Walker, at Portland. Robert Randels, graduated several years ago, whose credentials appeared in the bulletin of prospective teachers last year, is teaching at Romeo.

James Day and Emery Kendall

are attending graduate school at the University of Michigan, the latter on the Michigan Fellowship, and Gordon Clack goes east to Cornell. Gertrude Elliott is in the Business Institute of Saginaw. Ward Campbell and Myron Reyher are taking more work at Alma.

The six from whom definite word has not been received are Stanley Bussard, Don Davis, Jean Fowler, Alvin Hill, and Alice Woolley.

Robert Anthonisen and Robert Brown are both with the Dow Chemical Co. in Midland, while David Glass and Richard Johnson are working in hotels, Glass at Reed City and Johnson at Clare. Kellogg Beach is selling insurance. Marion Nummer is employed at the college business office.

Prof. Ewer received his degree from Alma last June and remains with the college in the music department.

### Crooks States Aim of Modern College

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that it has even appeared in the United States, and in general has proved the greatest threat that republican institutions have ever faced.

**Says Economists Are Baffled**  
In the words of President Crooks, "The field of economics has witnessed complications which have baffled the economists and discredited prognosticators." Instead of the supposed problem of food shortage, he sees appearing the enigma of starvation in the midst of great abundance.

Mentioning several recent startling scientific developments, President Crooks declared that therein lay the source of the radical changes through which both industry and agriculture have been constantly passing, especially since 1900, with more advances coming since that year than during all time before.

With some of the bloodiest wars of history arising from religious disputes, religion presents to President Crooks another question that will not be denied.

**Curriculum Solves Problems**  
Facing his audience with these problems, President Crooks stated that to cope with their perplexity the college student must look to his college curriculum. He recommended philosophy for finding the meaning of life, such courses as economics, sociology, and literature to better the understanding of life's problems and what men have done in the past when faced with these same problems. Out of science will come the great advances that are ahead.

To the family of H. W. Block, who passed away at his home on September 10, Alma College faculty and students extend fullest sympathy. Mr. Block was especially well-known to many college students from Alma, for he taught many years in the public school system here.

### Professor Ewer Issues Invitation to Musicians

Asks for Cooperation from Both  
Old and New Students

Professor Ewer has issued his annual invitation to all music men and women to get into some of the activities that he is planning for the year. Plans are being made now for the band and A Cappella choir as usual, but with full cooperation from students Professor Ewer and his assistant, Ted Heth, state that they will be glad to add a male quartet, girl's sextet, instrumental ensemble, or any other form of music candidates show a preference for. The orchestra that was started last year will be called for rehearsal soon and public appearances arranged for later.

Professor Ewer hopes to have the band in shape to play for the first home football game September 28, when Detroit Tech comes here. According to Professor Ewer there are many new students on the campus who play band instruments and they are showing more enthusiasm than usual. With the return of old band members and the addition of new ones he expects a better band than for several years.

This year the A Cappella Choir has been invited to sing at the state convention of the Federation of Music Clubs, and also to give concerts in Royal Oak and Saginaw. The invitations to Saginaw and Royal Oak grow out of successful concerts given in these cities last year. Other concerts will be arranged during the season.

In previous years the choir has appeared without vestments, but this year it is asking for the whole-hearted support of the faculty and student body in a campaign to obtain robes.

### Wedding News Features Reports of Old Students

Most of the alumni notes gathered during the summer by Mrs. Abernethy, secretary to President Crooks announced the marriage of some old student.

Two students who would have been seniors this year were married during the summer and will not return to school. Jean Currie was married to Dirk B. Waltz, of Midland, on June 27, and Agnes Duckworth was married to Lyle Kenney, of Ithaca, on June 23.

Other marriages which Mrs. Abernethy received word of last summer were: Ruth King, '25, to Dr. Walter R. Bett, of London, England, some time in June; Dr. Alven M. Weil, ex '27, to Jeanette Austrov, June 30 at Akron, Ohio; Alex Hendershot, '29, to Helen Twiss, at Alma on July 2; John Anderson, '33, to Kay Berry, '33, on August 21, Alma; Consuela Hopkins to Norwood Ream, in Colorado on August 21; Cora Lewis, ex '33, to Ammon Earl Schreuer at Gaylord, June 22; and Alfreda Barnes, '33, to August C. Lange, at Merrill, June 12.

The most recent marriage was that of Lawrence Smith to Ruth Lowry, September 21, at Midland.

Only one birth is recorded in Mrs. Abernethy's files. A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Ralph B. Kearns on July 5 at Battle Creek. The baby is named Mary Frances after its mother, who was formerly Frances Cameron, '30.

Likewise only one death notice was recorded. Watson Robinson, '01, died at a hospital in New York City.

Changes in location were announced by Russell Wilson, '23, who is now the principal in the school at Alpena, and Sinclair Tebo, '25, now preaching at a Presbyterian church in Rochester, New York.

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## Looking Ahead

By  
Dr. Theodore  
W. Schreiber

The writer of this forthcoming column was so fortunate as not to have been subjected to disturbing newspapers and magazines while spending his vacation in the pure air of the snow-capped mountains and high plateaus of the western states. Now he is asked to write a weekly resume of the most important items in foreign affairs.

This necessitates his reading not only all available news more carefully, but also going back over the pages of the past three months of foreign political history. However, in accepting the honor of being a regular contributor to the Almanian I wish to thank the editorial staff for their confidence in my honest and courageous news reporting. I can assure them that this column will contain reliable news which is well worth knowing and interpretations of present day world affairs from the point of view of the intelligent student. But whatever comments I present to my critical readers, I beg that they be regarded as my own personal opinion, although based on factual material as far as obtainable.

### The Intelligent Student

Perhaps a more definite statement of the point of view of the intelligent student should be made. It is simply this: justice for all, or, live and let live. If, therefore, one group of fathers and grandfathers was smart enough to provide an abundance for their children and children's children, the opportunity for legal and moral clean-living of those whose ancestors were less fortunate in acquiring a decent livelihood ought to be created for them.

Apply this doctrine to such restless nations as Japan, Italy, and Germany. All three of them are tremendously overcrowded and accordingly impoverished, yet are held up before the world by shortsighted and even malignant individuals as menacing world peace and the existence of humanity itself. As if, under the present system of economic distribution of the earth's surface, there were, or could be, any peace. The fact is that none of those accused nations wants war for its own sake, but rather to obtain an equal, or at least proportional, share in the world's breathing space and what else belongs to it.

But which of the richer nations (speaking of material riches only) today playing itself up as the guardian angel of peace is willing to give up any of the possessions that were never acquired by it in any other way than by highway robbery, or, in the language of the text-books, by conquest? The only difference between the two groups of nations in the present situation is that the fathers and grandfathers—to remain in the

picture—of the anti-Italian nations got their share by force and cunning years ago, while the awakening generation in Italy seeks to do likewise at the present. It is wrong, to be sure. But force is the final resort in obtaining at least justice for oneself.

### Mussolini a Villain?

Intelligent judgment cannot allow Mussolini to be called a villain, and at the same time give unrestrained praise to those men of action who built a vast colonial empire for their people as, for instance, have the English. Did not "peace-loving" France only last year complete a ten-year "campaign" in northern Africa in which it simply annihilated with tanks and airplanes the last independent sheikdoms among the Arabs?

If we speak of Mussolini as lusty for power, and greedy, what should we say about our own pioneers who also came here to take instead of give? They could not have landed without claiming rights. And now, centuries, later, the children's children of these true Americans, after an heroic but futile struggle for their independence, are dispossessed of practically everything that was theirs. To our pioneering grandfathers this seemed nothing but advantageous. The majority of those who survived our alcohol and gun-powder are living a dog's life in the southwest, on a soil mostly worthless to our "superior" civilization. If it were not worthless the red man would even be deprived of that.

The French today press every able-bodied African native in the conquered territory into labor or military service—certainly a form of modern slavery—to maintain French superiority on the Continent. Superiority of what? On the contrary, Hitler excludes from full German citizenship and the privilege of military service all men and women of dark and semi-dark complexion, and apparently the world is upset about the unhappy lot of about six hundred thousand such unfortunates. Yet, no one seems to care about the millions of Germans, Hungarians, Bulgarians, and others, who, by the stroke of the pen, were made Italians, Poles, Czechs, or Frenchmen, which they do not want to be.

### Political Double-Standard

As long as we do not give up our double standard in politics all of our talking about peace is idle. Look at those slick diplomats at Geneva—all are bargaining for one thing or another. Since Laval at last was won over by the English he does not know where he stands. If the price England offers for cooperation against Italian ambition in Africa is great enough it is all right with Laval. He will have a few thousand of his compatriots along the Mediterranean coastline slaughtered by Italian bombing planes—what does it matter to him? He and his wire-pullers will be safe.

This is not written to accuse or defend anybody. It is said merely for the sake of giving information and to make us think less superficially about this big stage, this unchristian world of ours, to which we are all contributing something for its good or evil.

Let us remember; Justice for All. Live and Let Live.

### Frosh and Sophs Mix

Student Council action last Thursday night chose Saturday morning at 6:30 for the freshmen and sophomores to tangle in the annual flag rush. The council stated that the reason for the delay was to give freshmen a greater time to get acquainted and organized.

### Abernethy—McCray

H. O. Abernethy, special representative of the Board of Trustees, and Miss Euarda McCray, secretary to President Crooks, were married last July 17 in Burlington, Iowa. They traveled on west before returning to Michigan.

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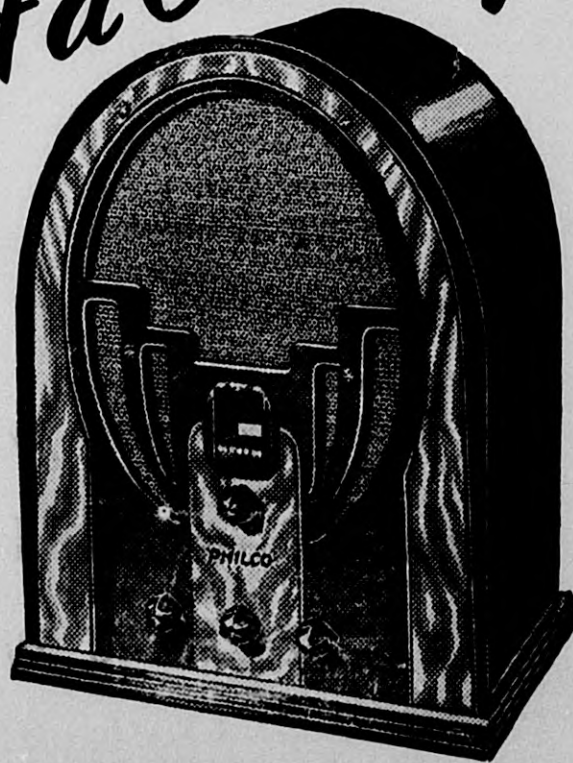
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### Dean Steward One of First to Sail on Dream Canal

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return to Stockholm and Dean Steward going to Leningrad.

**Finds Norway "Unspoiled"**

Miss Foley found Norway and Sweden unspoiled and vigorous nations. The virgin forests of pine and the rugged rock left with her a remarkable feeling that health abounds there. In every other country she visited, especially France and Germany, she found a feeling of unrest—no actual warlike preparations, but groups of soldiers on foot and horseback, and increased strictness in the customs officers, especially of Germany, from which country it is impossible to leave and take any German money.

All over the continent Miss Foley described a feeling of great tension. The French, according to her, are despondent with fear, with no more than hope for the future.

Miss Foley lived in the Latin Quarter while in Paris, only three blocks from the Sorbonne. Her work at the university demanded a tremendous amount of outside reading as well as seven hours a day spent in the class room. Her classes covered politics, philosophy, and literature, and because of the cosmopolitan enrollment she found them very stimulating.

**Dean Steward Is With Tour**

For the first two weeks Dean Steward remained with the Criminological Tour, a tour arranged

especially to meet the needs of Americans interested in this field. She described the members of the tour as including a psychiatrist, two lawyers, sociologists, persons interested in juvenile delinquency, and Russian-born Americans with relatives still left in Russia.

Under the direction of the tour authorities, visits were made to prisons, labor camps, and communes for the reclamation of delinquents. There were also many meetings with professors working in these fields. One journey was made to Detskoe Selo, the former summer palace of the Czars, now used as a children's institution.

One feature of the tour was that many hours were spent in the local, regional, and supreme courts. Judges of these courts gave of their time willingly to the members of the tour, conferences often continuing for three or four hours.

#### Members of Tour Interpret

Members of the tour acted as interpreters for the group. Four of the nine spoke Russian, and three of these four were Russian-born, meaning that the interpretations received were true interpretations of the attitude and sincerity of the speaker as well as his words.

It was with such American friends as interpreters that Dean Steward left the tour for two weeks and went into Russian homes to become, in her own words, intensely interested in

things that are ordinarily hidden from the tourist. For two weeks Dean Steward did nothing but delve into the real feelings of the Russians, riding on street cars where only Russian peasants ride, finding out the actual influence of the rehabilitation program. Many of those whom she interviewed had served periods of exile in Siberia, and many others would be serving like periods if their true feelings had been made known to the authorities.

There are two decided aspects to the development in Soviet Russia, according to Dean Steward. "The leaders are sincere", she believes, "but the vast amount of human tragedy due to carelessness, blundering, and sometimes coercion, makes an optimistic attitude very difficult. Policies are continually changing and the actual success of the plan lies in the future."

#### A Dream Comes True

Peter the Great conceived the idea of a canal between the Baltic and the White Seas, but not until very recently was his dream made a reality. The only trip preceding that of which Dean Steward was a part was made through the canal by officials of the Soviet Republic and possibly one or two foreign officials.

The canal was built by criminal labor, and after it was completed the seventy thousand prisoners employed on it were released and treated as naturally free men. One

purpose of the group was to find out how many of the laborers had been made prisoners on fictitious charges.

After her thirty-one days in Russia, Dean Steward feels very much like her doctor, with whom she talked just before sailing for Russia. "I'm an authority on Russia," he smiled, "I spent four days there."

#### Campbell Remains

As Sports Editor

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been chosen as circulation manager.

A more complete staff will be chosen by the editor at a later date. Students who wish to work for the Almanian can do so by getting in touch with the editor.

#### Almanian a Project of Eng. 23

Insofar as possible the Almanian this year is to be published as a laboratory project of Professor Spencer's course in journalism, English 23. This was a plan followed two years ago by the staff headed by Miss Edith Davis. Last year the plan was abandoned, but is being revived this year through the cooperation of Professor Spencer. It will not be necessary for a student to have enrolled in this course to do work for the Almanian. Work will be assigned from the class room and grades in the course effected to some degree by the quality and quantity of work turned in by the students for the Almanian.

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