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Christmas Parties Highlight Weekend

Saturday evening, December 13, the three campus fraternities entertained their friends at their annual Christmas closed parties.

Members of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity held their party in the recreation room of the new chapel. Music for the occasion was provided by Jack Tobin and his orchestra. Jack Gilchrist was general chairman for the event which was in cabaret style and lighted mainly by candles. The decorating of the recreation room was carried out by a committee under the supervision of Bud McLain. Refreshments were served during the evening by a group under Fred Hartt, Prof. and Mrs. Smith, Dr. Unstad, Dr. and Mrs. Seifert, Dr. and Mrs. Rorem, and Prof. Clack were chaperons for the party.

Guests of Delta Gamma Tau were entertained by an evening of dancing in the evergreen decorated rooms of the Delta house. Highlight of the evening's entertainment was the presentation of gifts to the guests by a somewhat unorthodox Santa Claus, in the person of Dave Kinney. Bud Wilson, president of the fraternity, supervised the preparation made by the entertainment committee, headed by Bruce Lindley, the refreshment committee, directed by Lynn Wilson, and the house decoration committee, led by Paul Guider.

Warren Heitman was the general chairman for the Zeta Sigma closed party. During the evening the members and their friends were entertained by games and dancing. Later in the evening Christmas carols were sung by the group and Miss Schaafsma, one of the chaperons, added to the evening's entertainment by playing several piano selections. Other chaperons for the party were Prof. and Mrs. Howe and Mr. Volpel. Refreshments were served by a committee comprised of Francis Cogsdill and George Shaheen.

Thursday Chapel Program Set Up

Ruth Kolvoord, chairman of the Student Council committee on Thursday chapels, announces that each of the programs after Christmas will be in charge of one of the various campus organizations, beginning with a program by the Pioneer Hall boys on the Thursday after vacation.

The names of the fourteen leading campus organizations were placed in a hat and then drawn out one by one. Pioneer Hall was the first name to be drawn. The complete order is as follows: Pioneer Hall, Pi Sigma Nu, Phi Phi Alpha, Band, Independents, Zeta Sigma, Choir, Philomathean, International Relations Club, Speech Department, Kappa Iota, Delta Gamma Tau, Drama Club and Alpha Theta.

Get your date for the Inter-Frat-Race, January 17, 1942.

A Message to Senior, Junior, and Sophomore Men

I want to send a reassuring word to all upperclass men of the College who may be disturbed about the draft situation. We are going to make every effort to have you deferred until June, so that you can finish the school year. In some instances it may not be possible to do this, but we shall do our best. If you have any difficulty about it, please see me.

SENIORS who are not able to secure deferment until June, but whose deferment extends into the months of either April or May, will be considered for graduation, even if they do not complete the year, provided their scholastic record warrants it. Any whose deferment does not extend beyond the first semester should see me at once about it.

I am urging you all not to enlist in any branch of service until you have thought the thing through very carefully, and consulted with me or some other member of the faculty about it. You will be able to render a better service to your country if you do not rush into anything hastily, and we shall be able to help you to a larger place of service. Handle the situation calmly and have in mind completing your education as nearly as possible before you go into the service. The Government is still uncertain in its own plans and the best attitude is to wait until something very positive and definite develops. Be sure and consult with me or some member of the faculty before you take any steps.

As far as JUNIORS AND SOPHOMORES are concerned, we shall probably be able to make some arrangement for this year, so that you will be perfectly safe in ENROLLING FOR THE SECOND SEMESTER, provided your draft number is not immediate.

JOHN W. DUNNING, President

'Twas the Night Before Christmas . . .

With the delicious odors and taste teasing flavors of the Thanksgiving dinner still clinging to the nostrils and tempting the taste buds, the Yuletide season arrives. True, indeed, is that ancient maxim "How time flies." December like a busy day, has come and is nearly gone before it can be realized. With this season are associated soft, flaky snow, sharp, crisp, starlight nights, gaily bedecked pines or spruce trees, holy carols, —and Santa Claus.

Whiff came the snow, the trees, and even Santa. Yes, Santa came to town. Last Saturday night he made a preliminary tour through Alma. Music floating from the chapel recreation room intrigued him. Peeking through the windows he saw lithe, swaying couples waltzing in the dim light about an enormous Christmas tree. What was it? Why the Phi Christmas party. Everyone seemed so merry that he decided not to disturb them. He made a mental note to slip back later, and find out from President Fox if the Phis have been "good boys."

Scurrying toward town, Santa stopped at the Zeta House and found that the Christmas spirit was in full swing there. They needed no assistance from him. So he checked them off his list, and went off to make his last call.

Looking in at the Delta House, he began jotting down comments in his great black book concerning all those present. His work finished he was about to leave, when he sensed the feeling of expectation in the air. A stocking was "hung by the chimney with care," and everyone was whispering "why doesn't he come?"

Santa couldn't resist the wistful looks. Slinging his bag over his shoulder, he slipped in through the back door. When his presence was

noted, cries of joy filled the room. Although everyone tried not to show it, they were amazed at his changed appearance. Instead of being his fat, jolly self, he was long and lank. "It was a lean year in the North Country," was his answer to the curious glances.

Opening his pack he began distributing his gifts. There was a dog (do not exceed ten cents) for Kay, a piggy bank for Beulah in which to stow gambling Galinet's pennies, a set of dishes for Betty—so she can play house with Paul, and—well, many, many more. When the last gift had been given out, Santa slipped away into the night, saying "A merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."

Yes he's gone, but don't fret. He'll be back the twenty-fifth.

Debate Tourney in Illinois, Jan. 9

Most of Alma's debate teams will be leaving for a mid-west debate contest at Bloomington, Illinois on January 9. This annual trip has always been regarded as a valuable warm-up for the remainder of the debate season. Last year the Alma squad took second place. Such schools as Missouri, Illinois, University of Chicago, and Northwestern will be represented.

W.A.A. CHOCOLATE AT PRESIDENT'S HOME

The Dunning home was again opened for an afternoon of social festivity on December 11, with the various members and sponsors of the organization contributing to the good feeling. Women of the college were received at the door and escorted to the attractively arranged tea table at which hot chocolate was being poured by Mary Ann Bowen. Other active members of the W. A. A. assisted in the serving of the refreshments.

When everyone was assembled around the fireplace, a rotund man dressed in red came on the scene (this person was one Margery Croft) and distributed candy canes, gum, and pipes with a great air of ceremony. A photographer appeared on the scene at this point to catch the winsome expression of Santa Claus and some of the recipients of his bag of goodies.

Some of the faculty women were present, of whom Miss Charlotte Klein was representative in giving a speech of welcome explaining the tradition of the spirit of Alma College.

A message came from Miss Gladys Andrews, the originator of the Christmas Chocolate, who expressed her regrets at not being present and joined in wishing the group success. Dorothy Walton, president of W. A. A. and Mary Ann Bowen gave short talks.

Ripon College Head to Lead Religious Emphasis Week

President Silas Evans, of Ripon College, Ripon, Wisconsin, will lead the four-day worship program after vacation, the date for which will be set at the faculty meeting Tuesday night.

Dr. Evans is one of the best known college presidents in the country and is in great demand as a public speaker. Listed in "Who's Who in America," he is a native of Scranton, Pennsylvania, a graduate of Ripon College and Princeton University and Princeton Seminary from which he obtained his Master's and Doctor's degrees. He received the degree of LL.D from Lawrence College in 1912 and was Professor of Philosophy in Hastings College for four years. For six years he was Professor of Philosophy and college pastor at Park College and at the University of Wisconsin was professor of Greek for two years. Dr. Evans was the president of Occidental College in Los Angeles, California, and has been president at Ripon since 1922.

He is the author of several books, his best known being "The Currency of the Invisible."

Vacation Begins Wednesday at 4

Classes Resume Again On Monday, Jan. 5, at 7:50.

An eighteen-day halt will be called to college work tomorrow when Alma College students and faculty begin their Christmas vacation at 4 p.m. Classes will be resumed Monday, Jan. 5, 1942, at 7:50 a.m.

Immediately following the holidays, on Jan. 9, the varsity basketballers will meet Olivet on their home floor and on Jan. 12 the Scots will go to Albion. The next home game will be on the 20th with Hope coming to Alma.

The social life-lines will go out again in January with the Delts' mass date night and the interfraternity dance.

The next issue of the Almanian will be that of Jan. 13. The first semester ends on Friday, Jan. 30.

Christmas Dinner in Wright Hall

Dinner on December 15th, 1941 was truly festive, with the women of Wright Hall in evening gowns, the men in a similar spirit, and the dining hall bedecked in Yuletide manner. Vic's choice of menu was "tops" with all the trimmings. Everyone arranged to sit with his very special friends, to sing together of the tidings of goodwill and to look around at the faces spread warmly with smiles and candlelight. Thus was forged another of the links in the chain of happy Alma College memories. The women of the college devoted the rest of the early evening to their own exclusive party, with a tree and Santa Claus.

Teaching Field Leads Occupational Choices

Although Alma College is a liberal arts institution, practically every general occupational field, from teaching to hotel management, is represented among those chosen by Alma College students.

Teaching appears as the course chosen by the greatest number of both men and women students. The choice of the second largest group of men is chemistry while the business field appeals to the third largest number. Those professions which are usually popular with men: law, medicine, ministry, and dentistry, rank next in order. The remainder of the twenty-six occupations chosen by men includes such fields as music, aviation, politics, forestry, coast guard, and bacteriology. When questioned,

College Programs Continued at WWJ

Alma's annual On-the-Campus program in the studios of Station WWJ, The Detroit News, will be staged again this year but the influence of the war will be seen, according to Jack L. Crittenden, publicity director.

Saturday morning a meeting of college representatives was held in Detroit to arrange the series, with Crittenden representing Alma.

Although WWJ will continue the series this year, it will be carried out under strict supervision imposed on all radio stations, with all participants required to have passes for admittance and for exit.

This year the number of colleges participating has been increased to 12, with seven nights set aside for the series. This means that only two colleges will have full-length programs of an hour and a half, Alma being one. According (Continued on Page 3)

Discussion Group Meets Sunday Evening

In order to carry out discussions upon the relation of basic religious beliefs to contemporary living, a group of Alma students has been meeting every Sunday evening at 6:00 o'clock in the recreation room of the chapel.

The meetings, which are held to produce and promote honest thinking, are divided into three general parts. The program is usually opened by a social period which is followed by the discussion. The formal meeting is ended by a short worship period and another social program is held after the closing of the regular program.

Dona Peterson is general chairman of the discussion meetings, and Betty Cleland is in charge of the arranging of the programs. Jack Lea is social chairman for the group and Bob McDonald organizes the worship portion of the programs.

All students who have not as yet attended a meeting of the discussion group are urged to do so when the meetings are resumed after the Christmas holidays.

Choir Ends Tour At Cadillac

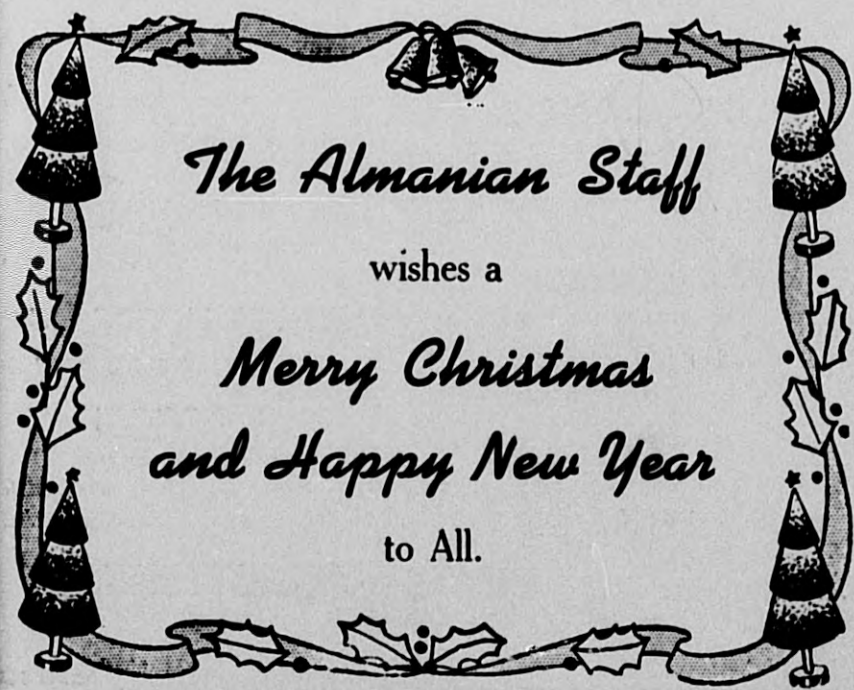
Singing to a capacity crowd at Cadillac's First Presbyterian Church, the chapel choir closed its Christmas tour for 1941.

This concert ended a successful tour of five days. The choir presented a full concert of Christmas music, very similar to the concert in the new chapel before the student body, faculty, and friends.

After the Christmas vacation, the choir will begin work on its spring concert numbers.

THANK YOU!

To Miss Ardis and the Art Department we wish to express our most sincere appreciation for the exquisite decorations in the Chapel for the Christmas program.



The Almanian Staff

wishes a

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and Happy New Year

to All.

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The Season's Greeting . . . ••Keep'em Flying••

A dimly-lighted chapel filled with humble, reverent people, the sweet-voiced choir singing the old carol "Silent Night," the age-old Christmas story told fervently and beautifully—how much better a frame of mind through which to view Christmas this year, but also how much more willpower it takes than to view it bitterly and despondently. One is tempted to be bitter and ironic in saying "Merry Christmas and Happy New Year" for it seems like a farce with the insecurity and bleakness of the future facing us. It seems almost impossible to be gay and joyful under such conditions.

Yet the calm and sensible exterior which the whole of the student body has shown during the first week of the national crisis is an indication that America has grown up. We don't want a war but now that we have it we are going to do everything in our power to win that war and to earn the peace that is rightfully ours. With grim determination we are willing to sacrifice anything in order to accomplish these ends. In seven short days the United States has forgotten its petty inner quarrels and has become one strong family, with a solid front against any intruder. We DARE NOT LOSE. With such a goal in mind, we cannot take time to think of the future as being black, but only how to make it bright as soon as possible.

The Christmas season should have a greater meaning this year for it retells the story of the Christ-child who came to give His life that we might live. The New Year brings us closer to the peace and harmony for which we are striving. At this time our strength and courage must be renewed. The world will again "lie in solemn stillness to hear the angels sing." To each and every one of you—a sincere wish for the merriest of Christmases and the happiest of New Years.

School Spirit? . . . Where?

When the coach of another MIAA school made this remark recently, many persons in his hearing were shamefaced. When speaking to a group of Alma friends after his team had been defeated by the Scots, he said, "I'm surprised at the lack of enthusiasm around here. With the type of teams that this school turns out, a student body should turn out en masse for them." Such, however, we must agree—is sadly but truly not the case here at Alma.

The Alma school spirit is about as strong as a dish of jello in a cyclone. For the past three years, Alma has been producing football and basketball teams, only to mention the major sports, which do great credit to any school teams, the calibre of which usually happens but once in ten or twenty years. And our support of these teams has been nothing short of pathetic.

The students are not the only offenders, the faculty and their families are no less guilty. Can it be that Alma College is so eagerly devoted to learning that it cannot give support to its representatives—surely our education is more liberal than that! Can it be that these teams don't warrant our support—one look at their records in competition washes that argument down the drain. It is purely and simply a matter of the students being too much occupied with themselves to give due regard to these functions which warrant their whole-hearted and eager support.

Let us hope that we may set a standard for participation in our college activities worthy of our position in the college community. And may we carry over that needed active participation into our lives beyond college—where else can there be hope for the future of this country or the world than in young people active in it!

In supporting our athletic teams is not the only place where our lack of school spirit and enthusiasm is apparent. Let us snap out of our self-centered lethargy and be proud of those who represent us — for they represent US, and merely reflect in a large degree those whom they represent. Let us show our fellow institutions that such an accusation by that coach has been true, but that it can't or won't be applied to our support of our school and its activities from now on.

THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By George H. DeHority

It is a far different America which enters this second week of the war than the America which was aroused from its lethargy of inactivity by the Japanese attacks on Pearl Harbor. The development of events in the past fortnight and the changes they have wrought but illustrate the old adage "seven come eleven."

It was early on the morning of the seventh day of December that the Japanese bombers roared out of the sky to unleash their death and devastation on sleeping Pearl Harbor. The declaration of war by Congress the next day was obvious. But it was not a sleeping America upon whom Germany and Italy declared war on the eleventh day of the month. Those four days had seen a vast change in America.

No longer was she divided by selfish, personal groups, each struggling for survival, but she was a united country, whose people were determined to arm and produce in the manner necessary to meet the totalitarian threat to its very life and method of existence.

No longer were frantic residents of coastal towns excitedly calling the Interceptor Command stations, beleaguering them to know if it were a practice black-out or real threat of invasion from the air that was prompting the warning sirens. They were a grim and determined lot, going about the task which might or might not be real attacks.

No longer did spy-mongers phone the army headquarters at every light they saw burning, but set about to extinguish them; nor did they make wild claims any longer that accidental brush fires in the region of Seattle and elsewhere might be of a sinister nature, but they went away in the night for the enemy bombers to find the real locations.

America is becoming a nation of steel. The problems that it must meet, and the problems that it must solve for the solving of this international crisis, has been with us since the die, however, and not the die which has been cast, and we believe that America has the steel to meet it. The only knowledge is that they must do it, whether they know it to be right or wrong. America has become the battle-cry of this world. Americans are not likely to forget.

Knowsey knows

It hardly seems possible another week has flown by—doesn't the time always goes faster when tests are over?

The basketball games last week were very fine, but Wright Hall women believe they could be much better if so many fellows didn't insist upon tagging it.

Gossip has it that all three frat parties Saturday night were perfect! The Delta's was quite an informal party, with gifts for the girls and verses of explanation attached. They say it's hard to ascertain just who should be post laureate of the Delta Gamma Taus, but as far as novel ideas go, it's agreed that Lee Clack's presenting Ann with lipstick to repay to some extent, what he's taken from her, received the greatest applause.

The Phi Phi Alpha frat held their gala formal Christmas party in the chapel basement. The decorations were very effective with all the lighted trees, and waiters Varsity and Dorsett added distinction to the night club atmosphere. Theirs too, was a successful party, full of pep and fun!

The Zeta's party was informal with dancing, cards, and general socializing. You should have seen McNeil, the old card shark, playing for money. We hate to say it, but he lost a little, his explanation being that he just wasn't on the ball that night.

Dean was so sad because Ann couldn't accompany the choir to Cadillac Sunday. No kidding, though, he sang surprisingly well without his inspiration!

Leftovers from the frosh program presented Thursday night: Dorothy Strauss and Shirley Sharpe ought to be professional boxers—such form! And we'll never forget Barb and Beth jittin'.

Orchids to Lois Fowler for so graciously consenting to sing at the frosh program and for the house meeting Sunday night. Honestly, no one else could do "Lullabry."

What is all this "Aunt in Cadillac" business about, Cliff?

We certainly do miss Barb and Malcolm around the dorm and we'll be awfully glad when she's back here in circulation again.

G'bye now for two and a half weeks—have fun during vacation, and a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Local Defense Council Plans Underway

The Grant County Council of Defense, composed of Dr. Thomas Carney, Mayor of Alma, Chairman; Prof. Roy W. Hamilton, Secretary; Romaine McCall, Treasurer; Daniel McQuinn, Alma; and Harry Patterson, St. Louis; are making plans for law enforcement and fire protection. The committee has determined not to set up unnecessary machinery which may not be used and which might lead to confusion and possible civilian frustration.

Of 20 members of the first board of regents of the University of Michigan, created in 1817, only seven held college degrees.

Anna Gave Children Needs

December 8th found the Wright Hall girls collecting, washing, and dressing little town girls and escorting them all to dinner. These privileges were distributed variously among the freshmen, sophomores, juniors and seniors. Many of the practice teachers had some of these children in their classes, and it wasn't long before the first shyness had worn off, especially after the fine dinner and games in the gymnasium which really served as excellent "ice-breakers." This venture was the yearly enterprise of the college chapter of the Y. W. C. A.

Quotable Quotes

(By Associated Collegiate Press)
"National defense and welfare are dependent upon the development of a strong, healthy people. A positive program of physical, mental and social fitness is needed. This program must start in childhood and youth to lay the foundations for healthy adult life. It is a long-range program. Children, youth and adults need to learn a variety of leisure time skills, such as are offered in physical education, for use now and in the future. Frustrated, neglected, or bored people have low morale. Physical education renders an indispensable service to morale improvement through the development of leisure time skills and the opportunities which it offers for their expression." Frank G. McCormick, University of Minnesota athletic director, warns that un-directed leisure breeds isms.

"The number of high school teachers who come to us each summer, eager to take graduate work in journalism because they find themselves poorly prepared for responsibilities which have been thrust upon them by their school administrators, leads me to believe that we have here a very weak link in our teacher-training program." Kenneth E. Olson, dean of Medill school of journalism, Northwestern University, sees a need for sounder training of high school journalism teachers.

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Cappaert, g.0 0 0 0
H. Hartt, g.0 1 4 1
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ZETA SHEEP (19)
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Welgrass, f.5 0 0 10
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Heitman, g.1 1 1 3
Haley, g.1 3 1 5

Collegiate World

Chicago, Ill.—(ACP)—The University of Chicago is getting along quite well without intercollegiate football, Pres. Robert M. Hutchins reports.

He said that when the sport was abandoned at the end of the 1939 season some persons feared the school's enrollment would suffer and alumni interest would cool. But he added:

"As far as I can see, neither of these fears has been realized. Enrollment has been well maintained. Alumni interest is, I believe, at a higher pitch than at any time since the foundation of the university."

Hutchins said intramural athletics are being promoted and expressed opinion that "the feeling of the university community about the abolition of football is one of relief."

Fort Collins, Colo.—(ACP)—A glimpse into that dim past of 100,000,000 years ago when oceans engulfed what now are the Rocky mountains, was afforded as geologists unearthed remains of a giant sea serpent near here.

The ancient serpent measured from 40 to 50 feet, and had broad turtle-like bodies, long necks and elongated flippers.

The new find, made by Ed Gregory, a junior forestry student at Colorado State College will add much to the historical record of the North American continent, in the opinion of Major Roy Coffin, professor of geology at Colorado State College.

Tulane university student center was built with funds donated by the alumni.

SCOTS LOSE OPENER, BUT SWAMP DALES, 72 TO 20

Opening the 1941-42 basketball season with two games before Christmas vacation, the Scots broke even, dropping a close decision to Bay City's outstanding YMCA, 51 to 50, and coming back to trample Hillsdale, 72 to 20.

In the game with Bay City here on Dec. 9, the Mac-men ran into something unexpected in the way of a YMCA team, finding an outfit which can probably be termed the best for such an organization in the state.

Torrid Streak

Bay City was hot, opening with a splurge of five baskets in as many shots to gain an early lead which they did not relinquish until late in the second half. A free throw by Kirby tied the count at 45 all, and Alma surged ahead with another free throw by Jack Howe and a basket by Keith Carey. Hank Baranek counted two buckets and Al Joynt, 6-5 center, added another to give Bay City a 51-48 advantage with 20 seconds left to play. Carey hooped another as the game ended.

In the preliminary, Alma's B squad lost to Bill Carr's Crushers, 37 to 28. Bill LaPaugh led the winners' attack with 12 points, while Captain Max Tullis garnered seven for the losers.

Friday night's game was the Scots all the way, as they showed some possibilities of last year's champions in their ball handling and passing. Hillsdale was off on shots, missing many open opportunities under the backboard as the Scots, during the first 15 minutes, ran the count to 31-3, and held a half-time advantage of 37 to 10.

High Scoring Team

The Mac-men showed themselves to be the high-scoring type of club that hit 70 three times last season, with nearly all members figuring in the 72-point assault, an extremely good sign.

The summaries follow:
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J. Howe, f.6 0 0 12
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Carey, c.8 0 0 16
Kirby, (c), g.5 1 1 11
Penner, g.1 0 0 2
B. Howe1 3 0 5
Saxton3 0 0 6
Fortino1 0 2 0
Walters0 0 3 0
Walker3 0 0 6
Tullis1 0 3 2
Emling1 0 0 2

HILLSDALE (20)
Solander, f.0 3 1 3
Magiera, f.2 1 1 5
Erickson, c.0 0 0 0
Groth, (c), g.0 0 3 4
Johnston, g.1 0 0 2
White3 0 4 6
Konas0 0 0 0
Lenhard0 0 0 0
Lopresto0 0 1 0

Score by periods:
ALMA37 35-72
Hillsdale10 10-20
Referee: Nich Bean, (WMC); umpire: Vern Robbins (WMC).

Alma (50) B F P TP
J. Howe, f.8 3 2 19
Holmes, f.0 1 1 1
Carey, (c), c.8 0 1 16
Kirby, g.2 0 1 4
Penner, g.1 0 1 2
R. Howe2 0 0 4
Fortino0 0 0 0
Walker2 0 2 4

Bay City YMCA (51) B F P TP
Baranek, f.6 0 2 12
Zook, (c), f.3 1 1 7
Joynt, c.8 1 0 17
MacDonald, g.2 0 2 4
Tews, g.1 0 0 2
Philopius1 1 1 3
Champlain0 2 0 2
Pike2 0 1 4

Score by periods:
Alma22 28-50
Bay City27 24-51
Referee: Barbari (CMC)

Alma "B" B F P TP
Wickman, f.2 1 0 5
Emling, f.2 0 0 4
Hanna, c.3 0 0 6
Tullis, (c), g.3 1 1 7
Walters, g.0 0 3 0
French1 0 0 2
Hersel2 0 1 4
Bennett0 0 0 0

Carr's Crushers (37) B F P TP
McLain, f.4 0 2 8
La Paugh, f.5 2 1 12
Horne, c.3 0 2 6
Carr, (c), g.1 1 0 3
McKeith, g.4 0 0 8
Haley0 0 0 0
F. Hartt0 0 0 0
Mattison0 0 1 0

Score by periods:
Alma "B"6 6 8 8-28
Crushers3 6 12 16-37
Referee: Navarre, Alma.

"There is an evil greater than war and that is human slavery. Either you go down in dishonor or you put forth all your effort in this moral crisis." Eduard C. Lindeman, professor of philosophy at New York School of Social Work, denounces American non-interventionists.

Seven students comprised the first class that met at University of Michigan in 1841.

Alma Matter

As the struggle between Alma College and its allies and the Axis, composed of the draft, the world situation, and the rising cost of living entered its second week, numerous unforeseen developments arose. Commander-in-Chief Dunning, however, urged the people to remain calm and not become hysterical or take hasty action.

Colonel Gordon Macdonald, commander of the fleet in the athletic area, warned that there may be heavy losses inflicted by the enemy despite the recent overwhelming victory in which 72 enemy planes were shot down to only 20 of the allies. He predicted the loss of such veterans as Lieutenant Jack Tait, veteran of several campaigns, and decorated for heroism under fire.

Several members of the Women's Auxiliary took an especial interest in following activities, particularly Kay Peshke and Vera Pitcher, who are doing their best to maintain morale among the men.

Marian Metcalf received a secret communique from the radio division whose base is at Fort Jefferson, Missouri. Although details of the communique were not disclosed to other than members of the Wright Hall War Cabinet, it was understood that the message may have important bearing on events in the future.

The Green Unit of the Marine Corps, composed wholly of freshmen women, continued to hold their own under fire, which the administration viewed as almost a miracle. Only last Thursday night, they met a considerably larger force and successfully withstood repeated attacks. Cited for conspicuous bravery were Dorothy Strauss and Shirley Sharpe, who gave a convincing demonstration of their fighting ability, also Lois Fowler, and Gerry Wadley.

On the Center Street front, in the 600 block sector, Sergeant Ken Plaxton was christened "King Toddy" by his buddies for his action at the front.

Impatient at the delay of their units in getting into action, Scotty Purves, Don Contois and Jim McKenna are trying to have themselves put in position for immediate service. Awaiting call are Don Montgomery, Keith Carey, George Gillert, Jack Crittenden and most of the men of the senior and junior divisions.

The Civilian Defense Commission, led by such veteran leaders as Meyer and Heimforth, Chesley and Tryon, Wilson and Kinney, and Dewar and Miller, are calling for immediate black-out of such important areas as the Wright Hall veranda, the stair well, and the biology steps.

And that is the progress of the war up to the present minute. For further details, keep turned to your nearest campus gossip center.

MAC-MEN IDLE UNTIL AFTER CHRISTMAS; PLAN NO TRIP

Discontinuing the practice of a basketball trip during Christmas vacation, usually playing Traverse City, the Scots will be idle during the forthcoming recess from college.

Following four short days of practice after the vacation, the Mac-men will meet Olivet on Friday evening, Jan. 9, in Memorial Gymnasium here. This will be a non-league contest.

On Monday evening, Jan. 12, the Scots invade Albion on the Briton's home court in a renewal of this old MIAA rivalry. Not much is known as yet of Albion's strength, but it is expected to be a tough tussle in spite of the Scots being rated favorites.

WWJ PROGRAMS

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to the present set-up, Alma's program will be on Wednesday evening, May 13.

The purpose of the series is to acquaint high school students of the Detroit area with various Michigan colleges which they will be considering for future attendance. The auditorium's seating capacity is about 350. In the past Alma has sent tickets to prospective students in that area, and will again appreciate receiving suggestions as to persons who might desire to attend the program. Such suggestions should be turned over to Mrs. Abernethy in the President's office or to Crittenden.

The tentative schedule of program follows: April 15, Lawrence Tech and Adrian; April 22, Marygrove; April 29, Albion and the University of Michigan; May 6, Detroit Tech and Hillsdale; May 13, Alma; May 20, Wayne and Olivet; and May 27, Kalamazoo and the University of Detroit.

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The Exodus by James Abbot

From the Kalamazoo College INDEX

The moment she opened her eyes, every fiber of her body was awake. The first slanting rays of the early morning sun streamed through the windows and filled her room with the new born day. She sat up in bed and looked at the black alarm clock on the dresser. It was fifteen minutes to seven. She got out of bed and dressed hurriedly. Then she went down the hall to their room and entered. Elizabeth was sleeping on her back, as she always did, with her curly, yellow hair sprawled carelessly over the pillow. Peter had the covers pulled up over his head and was lying on his side. She shook them gently by the shoulders saying, "Come, children It's time to get up."

Peter was the first to respond, then Elizabeth. They looked up at her with sleep-filled eyes and understood. Both rose slowly, stretching and yawning away their drowsiness. She had laid out their clothes for them the night before, Elizabeth was going to wear her Sunday dress with the frilled collar; Peter, his blue suit and a white shirt. She watched them for a minute as they started to put their clothes on. Then she went downstairs to get breakfast. It had all started about two

months ago when Phillip had gone away to France. She had cried then, even though she had tried hard not to. His words still rang in her ears:

"Don't worry, dearest, I'll be back soon. In the meanwhile, take good care of the children."

Then he had kissed her and had left.

The days had dragged by interminably; and when news came of the Belgian surrender and of the desperate Allied retreat from Flanders, every minute had been pregnant with dread and apprehension.

It was David Matthews who had told her. He and Phillip had gone to school together and had been old friends. At first she was prostrate with grief; only the care of the children had saved her from utter collapse. But she hardened herself and had learned to bear her sorrow stoically.

Then France, war torn and weary, had capitulated. The channel ports had been seized and England was threatened more dangerously than she had ever been in her history since 1066. A thought had obtruded itself upon her mind that at first she had pushed away as being out of the question. But it had persisted and had haunted her. There followed several days of indecision. And suddenly out of the swirling maelstrom of her mind, Phillip's word had leapt to the surface:

"Take good care of the children."

She saw that she had no choice. A week ago she had seen Miss Davis.

"Of course, I understand how you feel, Mrs. Sheridan. But after all, it will only be for the duration of the war. They will be given a good home and will be infinitely safer than they would be here. The boat will have a convoy and they will get all the care that you could give them."

It was the battle of logic against blind, unreasoning mother love.

Logic had won. Last night she had packed their clothes and this morning they were to start the trip. After she had put them to bed, a disturbing thought had gripped her. Picking up her pen and a piece of paper, she had scribbled a note and had put it in Peter's suitcase.

"These children are brother and sister. Please do not separate them."

A Mother."

. . . Four brown slices of bacon

crackled and sputtered in the frying pan. She lifted them up with a fork and put them on the two plates that were on top of the stove. Then she took the plates into the dining room and put them on the table. She called up the stairs, "Come down now, children, breakfast is ready."

There was the sound of their footsteps and they appeared at the doorway leading to the front hall. "Sit down, children, and eat your breakfast."

Peter took a perfunctory nibble of his cereal and then pushed the bowl away.

"Why, Peter, aren't you going to eat your hot cereal?"

"I . . . I'm not very hungry, Mother."

"Well, you must eat something. Here, try a piece of bacon . . ."

"My, but you're lucky," she said, with simulated cheerfulness, "going away on a long trip like this. It'll be just like the time all of us went to Dover for a vacation. Remember? Here, darling, eat another slice of bacon. . . . And in a few weeks, we'll all be together again, and we'll have a lot of good times to make up for the ones we've missed."

"Will Daddy be with us, Mother?" It was little Elizabeth who spoke.

The question took her completely by surprise. Her throat tightened and her breath grew short. "I don't know, children. I don't know. . . ." She thought: "I mustn't cry in front of them, I mustn't . . ."

Mumbling a hastily improvised excuse, she rose hurriedly and rushed into the hall and up the stairs.

Peter turned to his sister. "See, you made her cry. You shouldn't have asked her that."

"She wasn't crying. Grown people never cry."

"Well, anyway, you shouldn't have asked her."

"Why not?" defensively, "Tommy Blackwell's father came back, didn't he?"

"Only for a little while. He went right away again."

A reflective pause.

Timorously, "Peter, where's America?"

"I don't know. It may be a thousand miles from here for all we know." He thought he was exaggerating.

Her lips began to tremble.

"Peter, I don't want to go away. I'm frightened."

"So am I," he admitted reluctantly, "but let's not let Mother know it. She seems awfully worried."

"Last night she came into our room. Did you know that?"

"No."

"Yes, she did. She thought we were asleep, but I was a little awake. She stood for a long time, just looking down at us. Then she cleared her throat and blew her nose and went out of the room. I wonder why she did that."

"I don't know—Shhhh. Here she comes. Let's pretend we're eating."

The two children were savagely attacking their cereal as the mother entered. She was carrying two small suitcases. Her eyes were red. She glanced at the clock that stood on the mantel. It was eight-thirty.

She attempted a smile and said, "Children, I have a surprise for you." She reached into the pocket of her dress and pulled out two small packages wrapped in white paper and tied with a red ribbon. She handed one to each of them.

"Here are two presents. I don't want you to open them until you get on the boat, understand?"

The children nodded and fingered the gifts eagerly.

"And here," continued the mother, placing a hand into her other pocket, is a shilling for each of you." She handed them two bright discs and their eyes sparkled.

Suddenly a shadow crossed her face. She knelt down beside them and cried in a tremulous voice, "Oh, my babies, look at me. You won't forget me, will you? Even if you don't come back, you won't forget me—!"

She saw that the children were bewildered and frightened at her outburst and she instantly regretted it. She stood up and tried to appear composed. The doorbell rang. She walked across the room and opened the door. A middle-aged woman entered.

"Hello, Mrs. Sheridan, are the children ready?"

Yes, yes, they're ready."

"Good," said the middle-aged woman, looking at her watch, "We'll have to go right away. The train leaves in half an hour."

Mrs. Sheridan turned to her children. "This is Miss Davis. She'll take care of you on your trip. Do everything she tells you." She picked up the two little suitcases and handed them to Peter. The three started to move toward the door. "Goodbye, darlings," she said in a low voice.

"Goodbye," they answered. And they were gone.

She started to rush to the window to get a last glimpse of them. Halfway there she stopped. "If I look at them again," she told herself, "I'll call them back."

The house was silent now, save for the loud ticking of the clock on the mantel. She walked over to the sofa and stood for a minute.

They had gone. She did not know for how long—perhaps forever. Hot tears seared her eyes. The scene before her became blurred. She sank onto the sofa in a limp heap. She sobbed.

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