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## Drama Club Presents Play

The long awaited Drama Club production, "Our Town," will be presented on Thursday and Friday evenings of this week in the Chapel recreation room. Thornton Wilder's Pulitzer prize winning play of 1938 is entirely different from any drama ever undertaken on the Alma campus. The play creates the role of the Stage Manager (Cecil Graham) who moves freely about the stage all during the play explaining scenes, narrating the story, portraying some minor characters, and running the show generally. Graham will be remembered for his remarkable characterization of Judge Hardy in last year's presentation of "Skidding" and does equally well in this unique role.

The play begins in 1901 in Grover's Corners, where Dr. and Mrs. Gibbs (Harry Morley and Dorothy Strauss) live neighbor to Editor and Mrs. Webb (Jim Brinkerhoff and Shirley Wenger). During their childhood, George Gibbs (Robert Henney) and Emily Webb (Betty Powers) are playmates and their lives are woven together as neighbor's lives are likely to be. But as they grow older they pass from the embarrassed state to a serious romantic interest in each other. George proposes in the village drug store over an ice cream soda which he discovers he hasn't the money to pay for. They are a fine young couple, happy in their love for each other.

Then Emily is taken by death and placed in the village cemetery on a rainy day. In the most vitally moving scene the theater has ever seen, we see the peace and quiet of death which can never be understood by the living. Even Emily doesn't understand it until she returns to earth to relive her twelfth birthday. Then she realizes that life is a transient thing and that death brings eternal peace.

The play is presented on a bare stage without curtain and with a minimum of properties. Those which are essential to the production are brought on when needed. A strip of overhead lights has been installed and the Drama Club has purchased four new spot lights for this and further productions. Bill Miller is chief technician and Miss Virginia Feighner is handling the sale of tickets. Dick Read and Harold Rogers are serving as crew. It is planned that the Thursday show will be primarily for townspeople and faculty and that students will attend on Friday night. The members of the cast have worked faithfully for several weeks and invite you to witness their dramatic efforts.

## Dr. Walter Johnson Main Chapel Speaker Next Week

Dr. Walter Johnson of the University of Chicago's history department will be the chapel speaker on Tuesday, March 24.

Dr. Johnson is working on a biography of William Allen White, the famous editor of the Emporia Gazette, and has been living and working with him at intervals. It will be some time before the book is ready for publication.

On St. Patrick's Day, March 17, Professor Roy W. Hamilton will have charge of the chapel program and on Thursday, March 19, the Drama Club will present a Preview of the play "Our Town."

Of 80 seniors in the Louisiana State university school of medicine who are eligible for commission in the army, navy or public health service, 65 have applied for their commissions.

## Don Gillard to Attend Convention at Purdue

At its last meeting the Alma College Student Council voted to send Don Gillard, junior council member from Spruce, to the East Central Regional Convention of the National Student Federation of America, which is to be held this year at Purdue University on March 27, 28, and 29.

The N.S.F.A. is a national organization embracing student governments in colleges and universities throughout the country. Its purpose is "to develop an intelligent student opinion on questions of student government and also questions of national and international importance." Topics for discussion groups at the Purdue meeting include: Structure and Practice of Student Government, Finances of Student Government, Organization of Student War Councils, Election Systems, Development of Student Leadership, Student-Faculty Relations, Honor Systems, and many others.

Delegates will be lodged at fraternity and sorority houses on the Purdue campus. It is estimated that the cost per delegate (including transportation) will be around \$20.00. The Alma council voted to pay \$15.00 toward Mr. Gillard's expenses.

Last year the convention was held at Michigan State College and Alma had two delegates. Council president Bob Hanzel was sent by the council, and Louis Friedrich (student marshal last year) accompanied him. After some little discussion, it was decided to send a junior in that he would be coming back to school next year, and ideas and materials gained at the convention would be of value to next year's Council.

The convention is not all work and no play. The committee in charge announces that there will be a tour of the Purdue campus and other local points of interest, group singing, and a dance on Saturday evening to the music of Tommy Dorsey.

## Dr. Wiltsee Heard on WJR

Last Saturday from 11:45 to 12 noon Dr. Herbert Wiltsee spoke from WJR on "The Liberal Arts College and Intellectual Leadership in a World at War."

His speech was one in the series of publicity programs in which the church related colleges of Michigan have joined and which consists of a broadcast every Saturday at the above mentioned time from the WJR studios in Detroit. The broadcasting is being done by the deans, presidents, and faculty members of the colleges and is continuing throughout the school year. The colleges participating in these programs are Albion, Olivet, Hope, Kalamazoo, Hillsdale, Calvin, Adrian, Emmanuel, and Alma.

Dr. Wiltsee's talk dealt with the purposes, ideals, and aims of the liberal arts college in a world at war. He spoke of the way activities have been changed in order to fit the present need and the need for leaders which only a college background can give.

He said, in part, "The liberal arts colleges are, perhaps, serving the country most diligently when they continue their time-honored function of giving young people a broad and general education; one which enables them to become men and women capable of enjoying and cherishing freedom. This objective is of the very essence of democracy, for the larger direction of affairs comes from the people, themselves. It is the task, then, of the colleges to enable its young people who are on the threshold of

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## Frosh Debaters Win Second Honors

Results of the freshman debate tournament at Kalamazoo last Saturday promised a good future for Alma's Varsity squad next year. The squad won second place by winning four out of eight debates under the handicap of being defending champions and being labeled the "school to beat."

The team of Wayne Dorsett and Emma Richter was undefeated. The other debaters sharing honors were Phyllis Yunkers, Betty McClelland, James Brinkerhoff, Victor Ayoub, Charles Parrott and Robert Lints.

In looking back over the years' forensic activities Alma's record is one of the best in the middlewest. The squad won a total of 83 intercollegiate debates out of 131 or 63 per cent. The debaters won first place in the Michigan State Tournaments for both men and women. The B squad won the Manchester tournament. Two squad members went through to the finals in the Michigan State ex-tempore speaking and oratory contests. A total of 2400 miles and three states were covered by the debaters.

Some of the debaters are entering the discussion contest at Ann Arbor in a few weeks. Awards for this year will be made at the banquet to be held April 9.

## 19 Girls Pledge Local Sororities

The four sororities of Alma College pledged 19 girls last Monday evening. After a month of official rushing, the bids were given out March 9, and each girl that accepted her bid attended the meeting of the sorority which she had been invited to join.

Alpha Theta and Kappa Iota each received seven pledges, Philomathean, four, and Pi Sigma Nu, one. They are as follows:

Kappa Iota—Shirley Wilson, Phyllis Yunkers, Lois Fowler, Beth Aron, Dorothy Strauss, Pat Williams and Rea Rae Smith.

Alpha Theta—Norma Hass, Helen Olander, Helen Milham, Thelma Nachtweih, Ruth Kruehn, Prudence Taylor and Isabelle Purdy.

Philomathean—Ann Fullerton, Levon Keenan, Carolyn Sanford and Emma Richter.

Pi Sigma Nu—Marian Spalbury.

## Student Enlistment Program Is Underway

The new student enlistment program in which two faculty members and one student visit various high schools throughout the state is proceeding with favorable results.

On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, Miss Kathleen Gillard, Professor J. W. Ewer and Jack Crittenden will be in Detroit and will visit five of the high schools: Southeastern, Eastern, Cooley, Northern, and Southwestern.

Professor C. Carney Smith, Miss Jean Smith and Bruce Melinger will visit Bay City Central high school on Thursday, March 19, and Flint Northern and Central on Friday.

A complete schedule for April and May has been planned for contacting high schools throughout the whole state. The faculty members and students will confer with deans, principals, superintendents, and prospective students.

## DELTS GET DATES EN MASSE THIS WEEK

In their regular meeting held last evening the members of Delta Gamma Tau fraternity held a drawing of the names of Alma College women whom they would ask to accompany them on the Delta Mass Date scheduled for next Monday night, March 23.

According to a procedure set up in past years and which was published in the last edition of the Almanian, the girls will be contacted sometime during the next few days by the Deltas who drew their names. The members and their dates will leave from Wright Hall at 7 o'clock and will proceed to the Strand theatre where they will see Marlene Dietrich and Fred MacMurray in "The Lady is Willing."

After the movie the group will adjourn for refreshments before returning en masse to Wright Hall.

The Mass Date Night was first instituted on this campus by the Delta Gamma Tau fraternity in 1940 and was at that time met with so much approval that it has since become an annual activity of the fraternity.

## World Citizenship Group Outlines Future Plans

Last Sunday the World Citizenship group met in the chapel basement to outline its plans for the remainder of the semester. To carry out its plans nine committees were conceived to formulate policies and to report their findings to the entire group.

Next Sunday the committees on national sovereignty, economic inequality, economic centralization, and economic control will place before the group concrete suggestions for a better economic system after the war.

April 12 the committees on cultural cooperation and cultural barriers will discuss the present cultural communications and the barriers and prejudices that must be overcome to accomplish further cultural cooperation.

April 19 the committee on justice in international relations will present a plan for the way of justice and security in the post war world.

April 26 the committees on freedom and the individual, and the individual and civic responsibility will bring before the group the problems and nature of freedom, and the means and methods for encouraging it after the war.

May 3 certain committees will be recalled to aid in the charting of the future. This meeting will conclude the series.

The committees are composed of both student and faculty members who wish to see the United Nations win the peace as well as the war.

## Even Emily Post Is Perplexed!!!

Every art has its masters, past, present and future. Look at Michael Angelo, Rembrandt, Stuart. Who could wield a brush better than they? Then there are the master poets: Milton, Burns, Whittier etc.; poetry flowed fluently from their souls. Yes, there are masters and masterpieces in almost every field. Take the novel for instance, all the way from age old Robinson Crusoe to modern The Sun Is My Undoing, the master's touch shines through. Singing has its artists; Nelson Eddy, Lily Pons, Deanna Durbin. Composing is an art, acting is an art, playing an instrument is an art—even peace and war are arts. Why nobody can deny that there are masters at the art of war. Just remember the genius of Caesar, Napoleon, and today's Hitler. Yes,

## Secretarial Course Added to Schedule

As more and more business and professional men are seeking trained young women for secretarial positions, Alma college will offer next fall a two-year program for this type of training. This course will give adequate preparation for a position in business, but it is highly desirable that those who have completed this course shall do additional work for a college degree in the interest of larger service and better placement. The college Placement Bureau will assist students in securing positions.

A knowledge of typing is assumed, and will be used with shorthand courses in practice work. Practice work will be done in the college offices as a part of the training. Courses which are numbered are described under corresponding numbers in the college catalogue.

**Freshman Year: 1st Semester**  
English 11 Composition — 3 hrs.  
Mathematics 11 Business — 3 hrs.  
Mathematics — 3 hrs.  
Economic Geography — 3 hrs.  
Social Science  
Citizenship 11 or Religion  
11 — 2 hrs.  
Speech 11 — 2 hrs.  
Shorthand Instruction and Practice — 3 hrs.  
Physical Education — 1 hr.  
17 hrs.

**Freshman Year: 2nd Semester**  
English 12 Composition — 3 hrs.  
Mathematics 12 Business — 3 hrs.  
Mathematics — 3 hrs.  
Economic Geography — 3 hrs.  
Social Science  
Citizenship 12 or Religion  
12 — 2 hrs.  
Speech 12 — 2 hrs.  
Shorthand Instruction and Practice — 3 hrs.  
Physical Education — 1 hr.  
17 hrs.

**Sophomore Year: 1st Semester**  
Economics 21 Principles of maturity to possess within them- (Continued on page 2.)

## CALENDAR

Wednesday, March 18.—Wednesday Evening Musicale.  
Thursday, March 19.—"Our Town" for faculty and townspeople. 8 p. m. Chapel social hall.  
Friday, March 20.—"Our Town" for students.  
Saturday, March 21.—Hike at 1:30 p. m. Dancing, cards, table tennis in Chapel social hall.  
Sunday, March 22.—Sunday Evening Hour, 5 p. m. Chapel social hall.  
Monday, March 23.—Delta Mass Date Night.

there are masters of every art, every art but one. No one has ever completely mastered the art of eating peas properly.

Peas always spell trouble on a menu, especially at a formal dinner. The smart guest refrains from attempting to down those luscious little green spheres. He eyes them longingly, but stops right there. He lets his mind wander a bit and thinks how wonderful it would be to be eating at home at the moment. Then he could mix the peas with his potatoes, and thus transport them safely to his mouth. But he's not at home—so—.

Some people use the direct pursuit method when eating peas. Fork in hand they chase the illusive vegetable about the plate. (Continued on page 4.)

THURSDAY  
AND  
FRIDAY

"OUR TOWN" - Drama Club Presentation  
Admission . . . 25c

CHAPEL SOCIAL  
HALL  
8:00 P. M.

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## An Open Letter To Mom . . .

Dear Mom,
Sprig is cumb, the gras is riz',
I wonder where the flowers is??
Whoever dropped this little literary gem really hit the nail on the head. And it seems that the campus is being hit with everything but spring these days. It is hard to believe, but those good old-fashioned measles have downed more than one loyal member of Alma Mater. And who can tell—perhaps when spring does come, it will find the whole campus quarantined! Perish the thought! It seems that way back in the murky depths of my mind I recall someone saying something about the horrible power of suggestion.
Gosh, Mom, I look out the window and all I can see are gray skies and patches of snow with a little bit of brown stubble between. Even a little ray of sunshine would help and one infinitesimal blade of green grass would be welcomed with open arms. Two weeks ago I got my tennis racket out of the back of my closet (yes, I nearly broke my neck wading through it!) but now I am beginning to wonder if I will have to use skis (pronounced shes) all summer. You don't suppose the sun could make the horrible mistake of not stopping in Michigan for a whole season, do you?
Mom, I still have ten more weeks in which to get all those A's that I promised you last fall but about which something happened and I didn't quite make. Disgusting, isn't it?? One of the professors said the other day that the greatest value of a test is to let you in on what you don't know. Let me tell you, if that is the case, then I'm getting more downright value out of my tests than anything I've attempted yet!
You know, I can't figure out why my nose itches so today, Mom. Maybe I'm allergic to something, do you suppose? Heaven's! there is a little red bump on my nose and another one on my neck, and here comes another one! Oh Mom, there just ain't no justice and there can't be much doubt—I'VE GOT THE MEASLES!!
Itchingly your son,
Sylvester.
P. S. And I DO like flowers better than any other kind.

## Almanian Faces Competitor . . .

By Butch the Blok from Pioneer
Looks like the Almanian is having a little competition by a free sheet, "The Pioneer Times." Seems as if it came out very early Thursday morning. Anyhow, it was there when the Pioneer boys got up. The editors, Mr. William Bennett, Mr. John Hensel, and Mr. Harold Mazzei threw together about three columns of gossip, dirt, and so forth. Noticeable by its absence was the fact that W. Dorsett has been in love with the same girl for three weeks straight. Sorry, Wright Hall, but she isn't there.
You know, the editor told me to write a feature story about our "Times" but, in looking over the previous paragraphs, it seems that this feature is going to deteriorate into a column of who's who and why they do! The editor wouldn't like that, especially from a cub reporter. But, you know, sitting here in the State, watching the world and the collich kids go by, you can't help yourself. By the way, as I'm an inquiring reporter on the side, I find the name of the new waitress to be Maude.
Well, back to the "Times"—these outside distractions are bad—"Fellows," we say, "Fellows, it's a great idea." After all, the Knowsey Knows or Alma Matter writers may run out of material and then they can use your bits to fill in.
It's too bad that only the statistics can be printed about the freshmen debate tournament at

## THE WORLD IN REVIEW

By George H. DeHority

It must have been a hard admission of fact that Hitler was forced to make in his Memorial Day address to his staff officers and party leaders last week. For the Fuehrer had to make concessions regarding the fury of the Russian winter and that the German victory would have to wait until summer rather than the previously forecast spring victory offensive. The German people may, it is hoped, begin to weary of this season-to-season victory prediction on the part of the German leader.

With admissions being made by the enemy, it is high time that we Americans made some equally important admissions, and start to do something about them, instead of the perpetual talk, talk, talk. The president is veering dangerously toward his old habit of juggling public opinion through the usual method of procrastination—this time in regard to the labor problem. In these war days, it is an absolute essential that the problems between labor and management be settled, at least for the duration, by compulsory governmental dictum if necessary. At the time for action, strong and active leadership is vital if any constructive achievement is to be gained in this nation's war effort. The president has the ability and the power, but ability is worse than useless if the opportunity is passed before it is utilized.

The American people, too, must learn to think of this war in more concrete terms. If the men fighting to preserve our principles and way of life are to be justified in their sacrifices, it is doubly imperative that the American people enter into this thing with a justifiable spirit. Indifference, the scourge of our national consciousness, must be replaced by a vitality not only in supplying the necessary implements of war, but in maintaining a thoughtful appreciation of the problems involved, and those factors for which we are fighting. They must never be forgotten, even for the moment, in the American mind. Let us strive to see that those of our soldiers who die on the battlefields of this war shall not have died in vain. Let them not lament, as did the Chinese soldier three thousand years ago:

"When shall we finish this thankless task?
. . . Alas! our lives are sacrificed!
Our hopes, our prayers are all in vain.
We weep—yet useless are our tears."
(From the Odes of Wei, translated by Prof. Clack)

Ours is the responsibility, let us ever be mindful of it.

## Alma Matter

Have YOU signed up for Civilian Defense yet? After all, everyone must do his part and sacrifice something in this time of crisis.

How about an air raid warden for Wright Hall? Now, boys, the line forms to the left. The latest dope has it that a new air-raid warning signal has been installed in the dining room, right under the Dean's table. The practice drill the other night wasn't so effective, though.

Nurse is valiantly striving to maintain health levels and steer clear of epidemics, but Marge Croft and Bob Hubler have thrown a monkey wrench into those plans. A pamphlet is soon to be published and distributed to the student body at large on "How to Behave in a Measle Epidemic."

Admiral John Gilchrist is busy investigating the naval defenses of Bass and Crystal Lakes, in anticipation of the attack expected to be made soon upon those two fortresses. Aides which he has named to assist him in his duties, available at all times, are the gentlemen F. Hartt, J. Cotter, and W. Crimmins.

Classes of all sorts are being started to prepare the student body for any eventualities. Coach Carr, of the faculty has volunteered to pass along to other aspiring lads, his personal information and latest experiences on "How to Rate With the Women." Dorothy Strauss and Shirley Sharpe are giving lessons on how to behave in a blackout.

Mr. Francis Cappaert has been named visiting lecturer in psychology, dealing with the subject, "How to Get Along with Those Younger than Yourself." Miss Smith offers to teach anyone how to knit, but most of the girls are waiting until they have a purpose for which to knit. Paul Guider and Ralph Brown are busy demonstrating the art of handling incendiaries that might burst forth in a first-class explosion.

Ginny Feighner spends all her spare moments boosting the morale of the air corps. A lot of the other girls are writing letters—names were drawn out of the hat, the letters were written, and what a result! Betty Fischer's letter-writer was in the first World War, Betty Pecsénye's promises to send her a box of candy. Florence Macdonald's doesn't know the difference between an "m" and an "n".

Now that the snow forts are fast disappearing, the frat houses and Pioneer will have to get some other means of defense. Seems like an anti-aircraft gun up in the Wright Hall cupola would be good! And how about cutting up the athletic field to make anti-tank defenses?

Remember, in case of emergency, take orders quickly and quietly (like Carole Shinner does) and remain calm, quiet, and collected (like those peacefully-sleeping students do in chapel). And above all, don't forget to get your eight hours and twenty minutes of sleep every night.

## Student Council Notes

The long-awaited public address system ordered by the Council has finally arrived. The long delay in receiving it was due to government priority orders which held up delivery of the unit for over three months. The outfit is available for any all-school activity sponsored by the Council, and will be rented for use at closed group affairs for a very nominal fee. Those wishing to use it should see Bud Wilson, Bert Katzenmeyer, or Bert Waters.

Don Gillard reported that a new softball trophy has been ordered at a cost of \$9.00 and is on its way here now. The Council voted to allow this bill.

Jack Heimforth, council social chairman, stated that there will be no more roller-skating parties this year. This is because the tire rationing program makes it impossible to secure transportation to and from the rink.

A long discussion was held on the possibility of securing a trophy case to house Alma's rapidly growing stock of athletic trophies. Dave Kinney and Harold Hartt head a committee to investigate the matter. Anyone who has any good ideas on the subject should see them.

## Secretarial Course

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- Economics 3 hrs.
Accounting (Economics 39) 3 hrs.
Secretarial Practice
Qualities that help a secretary, office management, personal correspondence, records, filing, practical use of mimeograph, adding machine, addressograph, etc. 2 hrs.
Social Science 21 Studies in American Life 2 hrs.
Psychology 21 General Psychology 3 hrs.
Business Writing, Manuscripts, Letters Abstracts Forms, Records etc. 2 hrs.
Physical Education 1 hr.

- Sophomore Year: 2nd Semester
Economics 22 Principles of Economics 3 hrs.
Advanced Accounting (Economics 40) 3 hrs.
Secretarial Practice
Business Ethics, office manners; Applied Psychology, dealing with people; executive duties of a secretary; the secretary's interest in public affairs, transportation, taxation, insurance, investments, statistics, purchasing, credits, collections, etc. 3 hrs.
Social Science 22 Studies in American Life 2 hrs.
History 12 Development of the Modern World 3 hrs.
Business Speech 42 2 hrs.
Physical Education 1 hr.

Inauguration of Dr. Herman Lee Donovan as sixth president of the University of Kentucky is planned for May 6.

## Church's

JEWELERS and SILVERSMITHS
Watches Diamonds Silverware Gifts

## Strand Theatre

Admission 11-25c, Tax included

Tues., Wed., Thurs., Mar. 17-18-19
ROBERT TAYLOR, LANA TURNER and EDWARD ARNOLD in

### "Johnny Eager"

Fri. and Sat., March 20-21
PRISCILLA LANE, RICHARD WHORF, BETTY FIELD and LLOYD NELSON in

### "Blues In The Night"

Sunday and Monday, March 22-23
MARLENE DIETRICH, FRED MACMURRAY and ALINE MACMAHON in

### "The Lady Is Willing"

## ALMA THEATER

Admission 11-20c, Tax included

Tues. and Wed., March 17-18
BUSTER CRABBE and SHEILA DARCY in

### "The Jungle Man"

Thurs. and Fri., March 19-20
JEFFREY LYNN, JANE WYMAN and EDWARD EVERETT HORTON in

### "The Body Disappears"

Saturday, March 31
ROY ROGERS and GEO. "GABBY" HAYES in

### "The Phantom Cowboy"

Sun. and Mon., March 22-23
LLOYD NOLAN and ALEXIS SMITH in

### "Steel Against the Sky"

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**Three Scots on MIAA Team**



Shown here are the three members of the Alma College championship team who were unanimous choices for the all-MIAA team. Left, Keith Carey, center from Charlevoix. Center, Bob Kirby, guard from Charlevoix. Right, Jack Howe, forward from Alma.

**Knowsey Knows**

Well, hello! Just drifted in with this week's snowstorm to tell you some of the new things, and comment on some of the old!

Miss Pitcher seems to have been favoring the "Bill's" this week, did you notice?

The BIG surprise of the week—in fact, the big surprise of a number of weeks—Leestma seems to be taking his play role rather seriously!!! Well, we've always heard that it's these quiet boys that "stand up and cheer"—or should we say, "stand up and try to lead the singing" (in a whiskey tenor) sooner or later!

Swell party—the Soph Shuffle! Shame that there weren't more there, but everyone that did go seems to have had a grand time.

Best you all find yourselves a nice quiet corner in which to hide, unless you are ready, willing and able to take time out for a case of measles. It may sound good—but just ask Myrtle—she'll tell you in no uncertain terms what she thinks about them.

Things we'd miss, if they weren't here anymore: Seeing Prof. Howe and his two sons walking down the street together and trying to figure out how three people can look so much alike and not all be the same person—! The friendly grin and wave Guile Graham has for everyone he meets.—Miss Stovall wandering around the campus loaded down with camera equipment, and trying to be in six or eight places at once, and still remaining very calm about it all—Doctor Dunning trying to clean up the campus single-handed, just as soon as spring comes!

Hey, girls, did you see that Navy uniform walking around here this week-end? But the best of it was the guy that was wearing it—better known in these parts, as Fritz Ohliger. Ah, me—didn't he bring back some fine memories of the good old days?

Hmmm—the typewriter's beginning to yawn, and so are we! G'bye until next time—here's hoping there's more nice dirty dirt so we won't lose our jobs—and with spring coming—well—you wait and see!

**Wednesday Evening Musicales Presents Modern Composers**

What student on campus was inquiring if there were any "modern" classicists in music? We suggest that you come to the Wednesday evening musical hour of recordings this week and decide for yourself.

Shostakovitch is a young Russian composer who has dedicated his latest symphony, his 7th, to the Russian Army in its great war effort against the Germans. It is his 5th symphony, recorded by Stokowski and the Philadelphia Orchestra that will be played. David Hall says of this 5th symphony, "It is a very fine work which can be enjoyed by anybody no matter what his musical taste. The music is sincere and deeply felt."

If time permits, the music of another contemporary will be included, the Concerto for Violin and Orchestra of Ernest Bloch. Bloch, born in Switzerland, came to the United States during the first World War, and is now a citizen, living in California. It is recorded by Josef Szigeti and the Paris Conservatory Orchestra. As one critic says of it, "It is one of the most significant works of the last ten years superbly played and recorded."

**GEM THEATRE**

Tues. and Wed., March 17-18  
— DOUBLE FEATURE —  
GREER GARSON and  
WALTER PIDGEON in  
**Blossoms in the Dust**

Filed in technicolor  
— Feature No. 2 —  
ROGER PRYOR and  
JOAN PERRY in  
**Bullets for O'Hara**  
Cartoon

Thursday, March 19  
ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
WILLIAM LUNDIGAN and  
OLYMPIE BRADNA in  
BRENDA MARSHALL,  
**Highway West**  
Louis-Baer Fight Pictures  
Cartoon Novelty

Fri. and Sat., March 20-21  
W. C. FIELDS, GLORIA JEAN,  
and LEON ERROL in  
**Never Give a Sucker  
An Even Break**  
Holt of Secret Service No. 6  
News Cartoon  
Louis-Baer Fight Pictures

Sun. and Mon., March 22-23  
FRED ASTAIRE,  
RITA HAYWORTH and  
ROBERT BENCHLEY in  
**You'll Never Get Rich**  
Comedy News

**Emily Post Perplexed**

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When it is cornered it can escape. This is an effective, but uncouth method.

There is one surefire method of capturing peas. It is absolutely soundproof, but lacks the master's touch. Just watch a baby gobble his peas and you'll see what is meant. He dives in with both hands and pops the peas into his open mouth. Yes, the method's sure; sure, but sloppy.

Some day the art of eating the pea will be perfected. Perhaps today, yesterday, or tomorrow the individual was or will be born who will master this unmanageable little vegetable.

A chapter of Alpha Omega Alpha, honor medical society, recently was installed at Wayne university.

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Hello. Well, don't blame us if we're disgusted! This weather is enough to kill anything off—even ground-hogs, which we wish it had!

Rex and Sunny have taken to "house-building"—everyone who saw the drawing very coyly asked about more rooms—apparently they were referring to those usually done in pink and blue!

Quite a few people were happy when the quarantine was lifted from the boys in the Zeta house—even "Nursie," who got a beautiful bunch of flowers for being such a "swell fella" through the whole thing.

Chief means of entertainment Friday night—The big party at Riverdale in honor of someone or something—we hear there were several unexpected visitors—who incidentally had a delightful time in spite of the fact that they missed the square dances!

—AUD—the debate someplace at a P.T.A. meeting someplace between here and Saginaw!

WHY,—OH WHY—does Marg Wilson wear those red socks?—doesn't Bruce Lindley (head swipe, in case you didn't know!) relax?—do people persist in throwing matches and cigarette butts on the Wright Hall rec room floor?—does J. Wellington Gilchrist come to breakfast Sunday mornings looking as though he hadn't slept all

night? — DOESN'T SPRING COME???

Carolyn Sanford and Grant Dean seem to be forming a "we two" partnership—we say good for them!

OH, oh—the people next door are banging on the wall again—apparently they think it's time all decent humans were in bed—well,—so do we! 'Bye'!

**NATIONAL DEFENSE TO AFFECT PAPER SUPPLY**

Editor's Note: With so much of the educational process depending upon the printed word, and with interest among the student body in their student publication, *The Almanian* and *The Scotsman*, it is thought that the students would like to know more of the situation as to how some of these factors are being affected by the war. The following material on paper is taken from a survey conducted by the American College Publicity Association. Other material will be presented in subsequent weeks.

The finished products or goods in many areas of publishing are in themselves non-defense articles, but they are produced by chemicals, metals and wood pulps needed in war industries. For this reason, it is impossible to make substantially accurate predictions. Swift developments in the war effort and economy may force the requisitioning of materials in materials in greater amounts.

Conclusions, gathered from a study of information in letters and bulletins of trade associations, in articles in trade publications and in the encyclopedia and 1940 census, may be stated briefly:

1—No shortage of newsprint is imminent.

2—Book papers will be sufficient for 1942.

3—Inks may rise in price. Certain grades may be discontinued because of a lack of certain chemicals. Substitute grades will be available.

4—Photoengravings may be expected to advance in price as copper and zinc become less available for non-defense work.

5—Repairs for machinery will be obtainable under the A-10 priority rating.

William Rittenhouse never suspected that his first American pa-

**What is the Fate of Private Colleges?**

(Associated Collegiate Press)

The prospect of continued success for private colleges in the United States, in the face of the strangling effects of an all-out war situation, has become a frequently-discussed subject in educational circles. Three recent statements by college presidents seem to summarize educational opinion with regard to the outlook for these institutions:

Asserting that private colleges have proved a healthy influence on the life of the nation, the Rev. Robert I. Gannon, president of Fordham university, says "It is significant that wherever absolute states have flourished they have depended for their support upon public, and therefore political, control of all education. Without criticizing or even suspecting any college or university in the country, we can face the fact that the elimination of privately controlled institutions or even their serious debility, would remove an obstacle from the path of a possible dictator in the United States."

Dr. William Mather Lewis, president of Lafayette college, expresses a high degree of faith in the privately endowed college. "We are constantly reminded," he points out, "that the privately endowed college is not free, that its future is problematical, that in a period of rapidly increasing government domination it may entirely disappear. This counsel of gloom I believe to be entirely without foundation, because the independent institutions train youth to meet the new industrial, social and political problems of each epoch. However, if our private colleges insist upon maintaining outmoded curricula, if they are timid and fearful in the face of crises which

per mill in Philadelphia in 1690 would be the forerunner of a great industry. Paper consumption leaped from 65 pounds per capita in 1913 to 136 pounds in 1927 and to 250 pounds in 1940.

Despite the enormous volume of paper for the government, the situation upon close inspection does not appear to be extremely critical. In the first place paper mills of the U.S. and Canada have shown increased production during the past two years and can boost their capacity beyond present limits. Stocks of newsprint and cultural papers are greater now than in recent years. Only in mechanical papers does the shortage prospect appear to be as serious as pictured.

The government has announced that 8,000,000 tons of paper will be used for national defense in 1942. At five cents a pound that amount would cost \$800,000,000.

Canada's role in the newsprint supply is vital. How much of her total output can be turned to the U.S. is a matter of speculation. In October, 1941, Canada produced 318,787 tons while the U.S. produced 87,068 tons.

Book papers from which books, magazines, pamphlets, catalogs, and promotion pieces are generally printed will be plentiful for 1942 although several factors involved in the supply of materials must be considered at this time as "doubtful," according to the American Paper and Pulp Association.

What about the supply of pulp? One large company reports that an adequate supply of sulphite and soda pulps used for making book paper and reserves exist. This should be sufficient as greater restrictions would also probably mean lessened demand.

Summing up the paper situation is a statement from Benton R. Cancell of the American Paper and Pulp Association.

"We cannot, of course, in view of existing conditions, state the exact efforts which the war will have upon prices and production of paper for that matter any other commodities. To date, however, paper prices have remained within entirely reasonable bounds, and the industry has on various occasions received the commendation of Leon Henderson for its voluntary effort to prevent spiraling of prices. Certainly from all indications at the present time we can expect that the prices of paper will show no inflationary movement and that the trend of such prices will be entirely dependent upon the changes in cost. . . . Regarding the future production situation there seems little question but that in the white papers . . . there will be ample supplies to take care of consumer needs."

The International Society for Contemporary Music will hold its nineteenth festival on the Berkeley campus of the University of California during the last week of July.

affect income and attendance, if they lower their standards and admit the unprepared, if they are jealous and suspicious of each other and do not put the interests of higher education above institutional prosperity, then they will, as they should, ultimately cease to function."

Courage to supplant apprehension is called for by Dr. Arnaud C. Marts, president of Bucknell university. He agrees that "the privately endowed college faces some very puzzling problems brought on by war conditions," and adds that "every person, every institution, every business, is facing equally puzzling problems." He then goes on to ask: "Why should the college be exempt from worry, from readjustments, from sharp sacrifices? It is no time for a college to feel sorry for itself. Rather it is time for it to face its problems squarely, bravely and with unselfish zeal for maximum service to youth, to freedom and to America."

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Pres. Robert L. McLeod, Jr., of Centre college has warned students of the danger of spreading unfounded rumors concerning Centre men in the armed service.

Iowa State college engineering extension service is preparing a fire service training course to be offered in various Iowa cities.

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