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(By Douglas Clack)

To us the democratic form of government is the best form of government existing. It has brought us through more than a century and a half of confusion and turmoil while the very foundations upon which civilization is founded were shifting. It has carried us from a small group of squabbling states perched insecurely upon the edge of an unknown continent to a giant group of forty eight federated states, stretching across that continent from ocean to ocean, the most powerful, the most influential nation on earth. And during this century and half, while all other nations have had to change their government by revolution or otherwise, the United States have kept theirs under the same constitution. It is a magnificent picture. But, is it actually as it is pictured?

Those who would put the credit for our development entirely upon our democratic form of government have ignored the fact that the territory upon which the United States has been built is one of the richest in natural resources and farming land in the world and it was barely touched by the hands of men before we sprawled out in gigantic growth over it. Also, we have been peculiarly lucky in our neighbors. To the south is a weak country. To the north is a friendly one, and upon each side stretches an ocean between us and the quarrels of the rest of the world. And, finally, the people who have come here to settle have been largely the bold and adventurous, the intelligent and the dissatisfied, who have broken away from the entangling roots of their traditions to find a new and better world here. Is it any wonder that we have developed as we have? Democratic government has had much to do with our phenomenal development, but it is certain that what we have become would have been impossible without our great wealth of natural resources, our security from fear of attack by hostile powers and the superior qualities of those who have developed the country.

Will It Work Today?

Now, however, natural resources in the United States are approaching the first stage of exhaustion. Perhaps now we are no more immune from attack from across the oceans. And now we are a less hardy, lazier, and more fearful body of citizens than those before us. Our country is reaching the limit of its expansion. Can democracy as we practice it survive in this changed status, or must it give way to some other form of government?

Democracy under modern conditions has three main weaknesses. First, unless the people themselves are closely interested in the city, state, and national governments, it is easy for pressure groups to gain control of them. It is too often true that democracy is government by the strongest minority. Second, in emergencies action is too slow to be effective. We recognize this to a certain extent because in the emergency of war we put aside the Constitution and give the president a practical dictatorship. But there are also economic and social emergencies. The third and most important weakness is that though the majority of the problems which government much face today are economic and social problems which can be solved by experts in those fields, no provisions are made for getting those experts. The solution of these problems is left in the hands of men who get their jobs as much by a good speaking voice, a heart-warming smile, and the ability to shake hands, as by actual ability to understand and solve the problems facing them.

People Are Too Lazy

The American people themselves are too easily influenced by emotional appeals and superficial reasoning to really decide what is the

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Zetas Elect Bob Sayles Spring Term President

Bob Sayles of Newberry was elected president to serve the third term of the year for the Zeta Sigma fraternity at the last meeting before spring vacation. Gordon Mann, Alma, was re-elected vice president. Other officers are: secretary, Bill Bainbridge; treasurer, Chester Hardt; corresponding secretary, Gordon Netzorg; social secretary, Francis Seavitte; first critic, Weyant Pangborn; second critic, Joe Bell; keeper of archives, Floyd Climie; sergeant-at-arms, Carlyle Stroebel.

Students Vacation In Washington D.C.

Professor Unstad and Five Students See Capital in Action.

Some of our collegians and coeds used their spring parole for studying, others did a bit of getting about, some felt it was a good chance to catch up on back sleep. But one select group from this fair and almost verdant campus chose to drop in on the White House. Egg rolling is all the rage there on Easter Monday. And besides you can't tell how much longer you'll be able to see the Supreme Court all under one roof. Anyway, Slicker Neville, Bill Phillips, and Bill Bowerman (the Baron), signed up for Cramton's Personally Conducted Tours Special No. 1. For a touch of dignity, and to make everything official, Prof. Unstad joined the party.

Singing merrily—and possibly a little off key—these five modern Rover Boys set out from Lapeer Friday evening. By rather unique foresight they managed to miss the last ferry (St. Clair River) to Sarnia from Pt. Huron. Small matter. Down to Detroit and Grosse Point—with time out while Neville finds out "she" has gone to bed or something. The rest of Friday night was spent careening back and forth across our neighboring Dominion missing only the Hudson Bay and Montreal. Early a. m. Saturday brought them to Niagara. Time out for pictures and breakfast. Then on to Washington! Objective reached at approximately 11 Saturday night with all available pilots pretty well pooped out. And so to bed—at least they paid for beds.

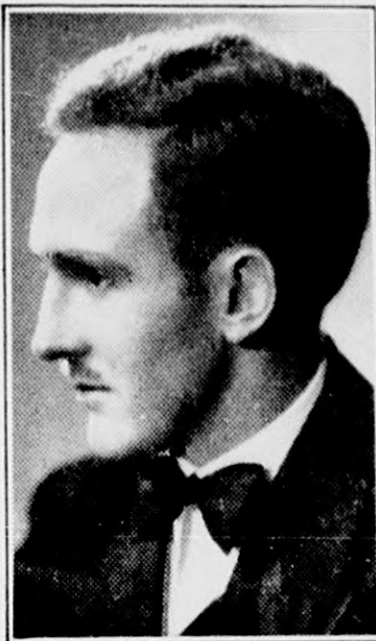
Of course it is really impossible to "see Washington" in a matter of a day or so, but the following few were packed with sights of interest. The Capitol, Senate in session (Barnum's only real rival), House convening, the Library of Congress with its Gutenberg Bible, the Constitution, the Declaration of Independence, Washington Monument, Lincoln Memorial, Arlington, and others that you can look up in a guide book or ask the fellows about. Why, Mrs. F. D. walked just that far from us on her way for her morning canter through the parkways. Phillips

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Fifty Students Enjoy Christian Endeavor Party

About fifty students enjoyed the Christian Endeavor party held in the dining room of Wright Hall Saturday evening from 8 to 10. The evening was spent in playing games. The dining room having been cleaned and made into one large room, the guests forgot their worries and spent the evening trying their skill at some fifteen different fascinating scoreboards, first prize going to Barney Roepecke. Various intricate marches took up the last half hour and the party ended with the singing of the old hymn "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

J-Hop Entertainer



FRANK WINE-GAR

Composer of "When A Gypsy Makes His Violin Cry" to Play for J-Hop

Frank Wine-gar and his nationally renowned orchestra has been signed to play for the J-Hop May 1st. The popular bandleader is coming to the Junior dance direct from the supper room of the Hotel Rowe, Grand Rapids, where he has been playing most of the winter.

Wine-gar and his "music that charms" have the reputation of being the finest orchestra in the state and is probably the best band ever obtained for a college dance. All of those present on the campus who have heard Wine-gar are enthusiastic supporters of his distinctive swing style.

Betty Jane Blair, swing-yodelist, is featured with the ten-piece orchestra. Betty Jane is the originator of the swing yodel and has been a sensation wherever the band has played. Wine-gar is a noted swing stylist himself. Frank Wine-gar has toured Europe three times, played for Royalty at the Royal Palace at Antwerp, Belgium. In attendance were the former King Albert, the royal family, and the Prince of Wales and many others of nobility and court.

Frank Wine-gar is the composer of the beautiful melody "When A Gypsy Makes His Violin Cry" and a later composition, "Breaking My Dates." He has been featured on both the Blue and Red Networks of N. B. C., and also played at Yoeng's Restaurant, New York City, and many other well-known eastern spots.

With the orchestra question settled attention is being focused on a novel decorating scheme. The programs are being ordered and the advertising is well under way. Ticket sale has been placed in the hands of two ambitious juniors, Frances Seavitte and Art Smith, and everyone on the campus will meet these fellows before May 1st.

55 Couples Attend Philo Easter Parade

Last Friday night the Philomathian Literary society presented to the college their annual Easter Parade as a girl bid. It was well attended by about 55 couples. Music was furnished by Art Beyers of Saginaw and the chaperones were Dr. and Mrs. Kaufmann and Dean and Mrs. Rorem. Committees were: chairman, Opal Hines; Orchestra, Ruth Malcolm; Programs, Kathryn Lake; Decoration, Lois Jo Watkins; Hall, LeElla MacLeod. The hall was decorated with Easter Bunnies in accord with the programs and the Fashion Parade included all members present with a grand showing of new spring dresses and suits.

The stork brought a baby girl Tuesday, April 6, to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Waltz (Jean Currie, ex '36). The couple live in Midland.

Fritz Malcolm Is Elected President of Phi Phi Alpha

Fraser Malcolm, Three Rivers, was elected president of Phi Phi Alpha for the spring term. Al Fortino, Alma, was chosen vice president. Other officers are: secretary, Charles Skinner; treasurer, Kenneth Brown; house manager, Cassius Lea; assistant manager, Stanley Sweet; first critic, William Hood; second critic, Floyd Clark; keeper of archives, Wilson Dunnette; marshal, Clarence Spears.

Little Choir in Lapeer and Clio

Prof. Hamilton Speaks and Students Sing For Large Audiences.

A kind weatherman provided excellent weather last Friday for the trip of the small choir to Lapeer and Clio. Judging from the audience responses at both places, the songsters went over very well. Professor Hamilton accompanied them, acting as master of ceremonies and principal speaker. Keeping his talks down to popular lengths, Professor Hamilton pointed out the three things to look for when entering college. First came scholastic standards—not mere social rank or muscle building, second was the possibilities offered by the small college to develop personalities, and the third was the economic or financial angle. Bill Presser soloed on his violin with Judy Schaafsma as his accompanist.

Students Protest Law To Prohibit Hitch-Hiking

Petitions are being passed among students at the University of Michigan against the bill before the Michigan Legislature which will prohibit hitch-hiking. Similar action is likely to be taken in other colleges throughout the state. Such a law would work quite a hardship on many college students who at the present time "thumb" their way between home and school. The bill was introduced by Dr. Ernest G. Nagel, State Representative from Detroit and will come for a vote during this session.

The English Think We Are All "Tough Guys" and "Swell Broads"

From the Education Press Bureau comes the following story of the observations of an American in England:

Stewart Anderson, of Brown University, who returned last year from his Junior year at Exeter College, England, to graduate from his own alma mater, wrote: "I consider my twelve months experience with English people, English places, and English opinion as worth triple the expenditure of time and money which I invested in it."

"I arrived in England expecting to find stupidity, monocles, and 'Bah Joves'—as the caricatures of England had taught me. I found instead the most hospitable, friendly and perfectly human people imaginable. I grappled with the famous English reserve, found that I could break it, and in the process of doing so discovered not only the inner traits of the Englishman, but the real things he thinks about us Americans and our American life as well."

Stewart Anderson is one of a number of students from American colleges who have spent their Junior Year at Exeter, taking courses especially planned for

June Tindall Is New President of Women's Senate

Only Three Members of this Year's Senate Are Re-elected.

Only three members of the Senate which has ruled Wright Hall for the last year were returned to their posts by the election held on Monday, April 5. June Tindall, the Alpha Theta junior representative was elected the new president on March 22. She succeeds Marguerite Witt, also an Alpha Theta. Gladys Turrel, Philomathean sophomore, and Lillian Isham, non-sorority freshman, are the only members to hold their offices of the past year.

New members of the body are: juniors, Dorothy Foster, Philomathean, vice president; Mary Alice Damon, Kappa Iota, secretary; Rhea Wark, Alpha Theta; Grace Byron, nonsorority. Sophomore members: Hester Moon, K. I.; Jeannette Davidson, Alpha Theta. Freshman representatives are Betty Roberts, Alpha Theta; Amelia Jean Arnold, Philo; and Jane Fraker, K. I.

Constance Kingan, '27 To Teach in England

Miss Constance Kingan who graduated from Alma in 1927 and taught for a year in the Alma public schools before going to Royal Oak where she is now teaching, will go to England to teach in Dame Allan's School for Girls in Newcastle-Upon-Tyne next fall. Miss Kingan is one of six teachers chosen from the United States to teach in England next year.

While she has the opportunity Miss Kingan will travel through Europe during her vacations, mostly in Germany. She will teach English and Modern European history and geography. She will also prepare herself for a Higher Certificate examination which she will take at Cambridge University. The school year in England lasts from September 17 to July 28 according to a letter from Miss Kingan.

foreign students and tasting English college life with obvious enjoyment. His recollections of the year are being prepared for publication. He rides his Pegasus gracefully in two directions at once, telling what American students think of the English college system and of English students, and what the English appear to think of American students and American life in general.

"Do you Americans have any quiet, small town life as in England?" he cites as the typical opener of a barrage that follows, "or is it always skyscrapers, shrieking sirens and police whistles that form the setting of your life? Are all your cops as tough and corrupt as the 'flicks' make out? Does every American have to carry a gun for protection? Why do you idolize your gangsters? Is it really safe to walk in the streets of New York and Chicago without something in the nature of a bullet-proof jacket?"

And then—"See that fellow there at the desk. He's our idea of the typical American. Always rushing about to get things done. Only stops to look at his watch. (Continued on page 6)

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Is Christianity Only For the Jungle?

In his talk in chapel last Friday Dr. Crooks expressed again the trait of Christianity which all the world has praised if not worshipped. He told us that the Christian faith has become great because it reaches the lowest people, those who are "untouchable" and unsocial. He said that so strong has been the faith of those who have rendered this service to the "forgotten," the "lost" and the "diseased" that this same ideal has been ingrained in people who still profess another religious faith. As an example he pointed to the recent granting of the vote by the Mohammedans to the Untouchables of India. He spoke with reverence of the men who have ministered among Lepers outside the walls of cities in Persia.

This spirit of service has inspired a great host of men to go to the ends of the earth to make their contributions. They waged a war for mercy and love against the greatest odds and amidst the worst privations. Meanwhile a greater host of men have remained at home to teach the gospel to those who come to hear them.

One of the best things the churches could do now would be to call half of their missionaries back from the jungles and the frontiers and put them to work HERE, on their fellow countrymen, including their fellow preachers.

For religion here has become a procrastination, catalogued and pigeon-holed so that it won't interfere with our very un-Christian socio-economic order. And the irony is that the same men who sing the praises of Christian missionaries abroad invoke the same Christianity to defend the evils of our own social order. The same men who praise the missionaries for ministering to the Lepers would have the government chase striking workers out of factories with bayonets. There must be no attempt here at understanding, at arbitration. There must be no toleration of insubordination. There must be no objective analysis and logical solution. There must be only PROTECTION OF PROPERTY RIGHTS. We love Christ but we love property more.

How small we have become when we think that we must apply our religion only in remote, far away places. We worry for the man-eating savage of Africa. We want to help him. We think we can make him into a social being. We want to break the old superstitions of people in India, China and Africa and give them knowledge and hopeful life because we think their lot should be a better one and that it is our duty to make it so. These pagans kill our missionaries, torture their families. Yet we forgive them for they know not what they do. But let a handful of our own people sit down at their work and for a moment stop the flow of our REVENUE and all of this love and desire for service vanishes and even the churches ring with cries to PROTECT OUR PROPERTY even at the cost of life. Nobody says now: forgive them. And if they should so much as draw a little blood from us we fall back upon the primitive code of punishing them because they have hurt us. The same men who once told us the savages of Africa could be made into social beings now tell us that the laborer's lot is as it is because he is incapable of a better one. If Christianity is what Christians practice in their everyday lives then it is a very cheap religion indeed.

Any number of conclusions are possible here. But one is inevitable: Our religion is not working. And some day we must choose between educating the people to practice among themselves the religion their missionaries practice among the pagans or adopt a new religion to fit the selfish practices of our society. Otherwise a whole civilization will crumble with this hypocritical dissociation.

Senior Girls Awarded Gold Basketball Medals

Eight small gold medals were awarded after chapel Wednesday to the Senior Girls' championship basketball team. In the intramural encounters the team was undefeated. The only losses during the season were to a boys' team, 15 to 19

and to the Middleton High School Girls' team at Middleton. Helen Jordan, Mary Liz Merrill, Marjorie Anderson, Dorothy Glass, Lillian Hannig, Charlotte Temple, Vivian Harwood and Josephine Elliot received the awards from Miss Vincent. The medals have loops for a chain and are imprinted with a modernistic design of a basketball player.

ON THE RADIO

MORE ABOUT GOODMAN—

Benny is only about 28—but as far as swing fans are concerned he is the King of Swing. Swing authorities have proclaimed him the best clarinetist in this country. After hearing him over "Okie's College" on Tuesdays one is rather apt to like to know a little more about him.

Benny storked into Chicago in 1909 as one of a wholesale lot of eleven (but not all at once, Mrs. Dionne). Bought his first clarinet from a pay-as-you-go music ad in a trade magazine when he was six. Then followed years of patient self-teaching and practice—much to the neighbors' annoyance. Later he studied at Lewis Institute and was soon raising the blood pressure of patrons of lake boats running from Chicago to Michigan City, Ind. His first big job was with Ben Pollack at the Black Hawk in Chicago.

Benny soon tired of shifting about from band to band. Two years ago he made history by forming a unique outfit of his own. Almost at once he won a big musical competition and played at Billy Rose's Music Hall in New York for six months. Then assembling a new group of radicals of the music world he made records. And his records made records. Not merely here in the U. S. but Europe, South America, and the Orient. Africa apparently seems satisfied with its own kind of swing. Japan has requested and obtained special trans-Pacific broadcasts via CBS of Goodman's band.

1935 was an eclipse year for the Clarinet King. Time was spent on a very quiet tour cross country. Then a sudden burst into glory at the Palomar in Los Angeles. With the beginning of his broadcasts he became a sensation. Picking up a little known term he called his group a "swing" band, he found that it was quickly accepted and band after band went swing—some "Sweet Swing" others so and several thus. Benny Goodman and swing marched—or perhaps we should say swung—into popularity together and have become almost synonymous. Arriving at the Congress Hotel in Chicago for a six week stay, he was kept for seven months. He starred in the "Big Broadcast of 1936" and has been at the Pennsylvania Hotel since September of 1936. He is to remain there till May this year. And of course all records of attendance have been broken. Prominent fans who keep coming back for more are Josef Szigeti, the violinist; Yella Pessl, the harpsichordist; and Leopold Stokowski, who even I know.

The band has sixteen members. It has a "black and white" membership. Its leader is the mildest of the maestros, dressing without color, keeping to blues, grays, and blacks. When asked what "swing" is, he looks a bit vacant and finally mutters that it's probably "rhythmic integration." Our definition is simpler. Swing is the way Goodman plays jazz.

Canada Proposes National Scholarships for Students

Ottawa, Ont.—(ACP)—How to stop further "wastage" of Canadian talent by opening educational opportunity to all intelligent young men and women was discussed in the House of Commons recently when a system of national scholarships was proposed.

The scholarships would make it possible for exceptional students financially unable to continue their education to obtain training in universities, agricultural colleges and technical schools.

The proposal is not acceptable to the government in the form in which it was presented, explained Norman Rogers, Labor Minister. Debate will probably direct attention to the matter on the part of the authorities more directly concerned with education that the Dominion Government.

It is the duty of the provincial governments to look after such matters in education, concluded Rogers.

Mrs. Donald Howell is New Philo Patroness

On April 5, Mrs. Donald Howell, wife of Dr. Donald Howell, of Alma, accepted the invitation of the Philomathean Literary society to become an honorary member.

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BETTY FURNESS
and GORDON JONES in
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Sunday, Monday, April 18-19
RUBY KEELER, LEE DIXON
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Spring Program of Sports Announced

Mitchell to Coach Golf; Seaman Takes Tennis; Track Schedule Complete.

Spring sports have captured the attention of the students and a diversified program is being arranged. Golf and tennis, outdoor track, intramural softball and hardball, and even an intramural boxing tournament plans are well under way. This varied program is a continuation of Athletic Director Macdonald's policy to give every male student a chance in athletics.

Golf and tennis have again returned to the good graces of the athletic board and will be financially backed by the college. Dean Mitchell has been appointed coach of the golf squad and despite being as old as a Supreme Court justice is still an active and expert golfer.

Professor Seaman has been chosen as tennis mentor and plans to have the racquet wielders out as soon as the courts are in shape. Weather conditions have always caused golf and tennis players to get a late start in training but enough promising material is on hand to somewhat overcome this handicap.

An intramural program of softball, hardball, and boxing is being inaugurated and will probably embrace every male student in college. The softball and baseball diamonds are being conditioned and will soon be available for play.

The boxing tournament is expected to start at the end of this week or the first of next. A dozen pugilists have already entered and many more are expected to enroll. An attempt will be made to adhere to the regulation weight divisions but the weight lines may have to be stretched a bit to insure a balanced program.

The thinclads are out training for the outdoor track season, and the track is rapidly being put in shape for the coming meets. Five dual and one triangular meet and the MIAA meet have been booked for the Scots. The track schedule:

- April 24th—Grand Rapids J. C., at Grand Rapids.
- April 28th—C. S. T. C. at Mt. Pleasant.
- May 3rd—Triangular meet with Albion and Adrian at Albion.
- May 8th—Olivet at Olivet.
- May 12th—C. S. T. C. at Alma.
- May 19th—Detroit Tech at Detroit.
- May 28th, 29th—MIAA meet at Kalamazoo.

Library Prof. Is Chapel Lecturer

Prof. Harland A. Carpenter Traces the Growth of Library Science.

Faculty members, students, specially invited guests and the public enjoyed a valuable privilege Thursday morning, March 25, when during the chapel hour at 11 o'clock, they heard Harland A. Carpenter, assistant professor in the Department of Library Science, the University of Michigan, who came to Alma as an extension lecturer.

Taking as his subject "Librarianship as a Profession," Mr. Carpenter introduced his discussion with the thought that he wished to be fair in his presentation, giving both the advantages and disadvantages of library work. Since he is himself an enthusiast, he warned his audience that they might be prepared to be bored with the positive side of the question. This proved to be an unnecessary provision as Mr. Carpenter sees both sides of the situation quite impartially, but left his audience with the impression that the field of library service is one in which an interested individual may find much pleasure and satisfaction. Beginning with the first libraries of the ancient world, one of which was a rich collection of literary works in the city of Alexandria

during the early Christian era, Mr. Carpenter traced the development of libraries, mentioning monastery libraries of the medieval period, the library in the Vatican at Rome, and finally the more recent university and college libraries. Last to become important are the modern public libraries in town and rural regions, and from these flexible centers for fiction, educational material, and research record, young and old derive endless pleasure and knowledge.

The speaker urged a diversified college education for students looking toward library work and mentioned the various specialized lines one may enter as they progress in experience. Libraryship is not necessarily an open door to success, Mr. Carpenter said, but every day demands are becoming more insistent for library privileges among all classes of people, and any ambitious person may find a busy career in some phase of the profession if he wished to devote his energies to it.

Luncheon at Wright Hall
Following the chapel hour Mr. Carpenter was guest of honor at a luncheon at Wright Hall, and others in attendance were the library staff, student staff, and library methods classes at the college; public and school librarians from town, and other guests. A group of forty was seated at one long table on which spring flowers gave a touch of cheerful color. A delicious three course luncheon was served, and the flavor of good fellowship lent added satisfaction to the meal.

Before and after luncheon the group enjoyed meeting and chatting with Mr. Carpenter who is a genial conversationalist. He is from near Boston, and has his master's degree from Columbia University in New York.

During his visit on campus Mr. Carpenter met the library methods classes and made an interested inspection of the library and its special treasures. The librarian, Miss Annette P. Ward, and her staff, Mrs. Helen Dietz Boutin, Mrs. D. W. Robinson, and Miss Marjorie Judd, were in charge of arrangements for Mr. Carpenter's visit and the luncheon.

Art Smith is Only Alma Man Mentioned on MIAA

Art Smith was the only Alma basketball player honored with a place in the All-MIAA basketball lineup as announced by the newspapers during spring vacation. Art was chosen as a second team guard and his selection was justified by his brilliant playing with a losing team last winter.

Hope, conference title winners, placed two men on the first team and Kalamazoo, Olivet, Hillsdale, and Albion shared the other three berths. Olivet's high scoring center, Ed. Novak, was an unanimous choice for center for the third straight year. Poppink and Marcus of Hope and Spalsbury of Kalamazoo gained undisputed possession of first team positions but Rizzardi of Hillsdale and Rouman of Albion tied for the fifth starting post.

Howard of Kalamazoo and Thomas of Hope were chosen as second team forwards, Warren of Kalamazoo was placed at center, Smith and Robbert of Hope were given the guard post honors. Four Olivet men, Thomas, Hynes, Swartout, and Crawford, were accorded honorable mention.

Students Revive Tradition by Ringing Chapel Bell

Four freshmen and two upperclassmen revived an old Alma College tradition by ringing the chapel bell. If you had been listening two weeks ago last Sunday night you would have heard the old call to chapel at about eight-thirty. The last time it was rung was for the first chapel in the fall of '35.

As a result of climbing the old stairways in the Ad Building Janet Cobb came into Wright Hall with dirt streaked across her face, and Ace Cutler came in carrying a picture. When they saw that the clock was still twenty to nine Marg Andersen, Dug Garrison, Helen Cameron, and Neil Babington went back and got another picture. This time Ace and Janet waited for them.

To those wanting to know the mystery of the bell ringing on a Sunday night ask one of the six about their venture. Janet Cobb can even tell you which steps are out in the attic.

Wright Hailology

GUFF—

A group of peppy young high school misses judged Betty Fraker most attractive girl in the small choir on its recent trip to Clio and Lapeer. Harold Teak was named the most handsome fellow, with Bud Stephens as most distinguished and S. S. Neville crowned the CUTEST.

Uncle Charlie came to chapel nearly ten minutes late recently.—But we still don't see HIS name on the blackboard.

Molly sorta hit the boys amidst—6 flunks last week on that sweet little blue book.

Alma has been a rather dry place lately. Maybe the Dean has really been a good influence,—or are all the fellows just broke.

Heard at the Easter Bunny Ball of the Phiios:—
Her: "Wait right here for me while I powder my nose."
A couple dances later, Her: "Been Waiting long?"
Patient He: "No, but I've been looking all over for you to give you your compact."

We heard another good one there, but we hadn't better tell it here.

Looks as though Bill Phillips is taking a correspondence course

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STOWAWAY

Comedy News

here, with a bit of research work in Mt. Pleasant taking up most of his time.

Bill "Hoppy" Hopkins and Co. were down to the L. M. A. for Noble Sissle. A swell couple.

Carl Elder has an eye for future evenings. That canoe he is knocking together should be mighty handy before June,—if it'll float right side up.

Both beautiful and dumb
Must my true love be.
Beautiful so I'll love her,
And dumb so she'll love me.

PICTURES—

Willy Geiston with his mouth closed.

Updegraff excited over Econ. 42.

The Lindleys at the Showboat.
Bill Phillips spending an evening in Alma.

Gang Allen's super-speedster.

Art Smith's spotless neckwear.

Barstow confounding and confusing an argument with "logic".

Bill Presser doing the "zooms" with the choir.

Ace Cutler upon seeing his name in the Almanian.

Red Le Claire—who has sworn off this Mt. Pleasant business-being the life of the party at the Cabin.

Mack and Amelia picknicking on Prexy's lawn.

Bob Cook caught trying to remark his bill at the State Restaurant.

Milker Purdy II and his latest chic shiner.

The latest campus affair: Ted Ward and Louise Hurst.

Among the many who walk in private fogs is one Charles Skinner. He's got it so bad that he thinks he's coming when he is going. And he never knows just where he's at.

LEFT OVERS—

Notice that Wynton habit of forgetting her gloves in the Strand. Who does she go back to see! * * * Bob Cook at it again. This time it's larceny. Which explains why there isn't any salt in the State so often. Kinda like a freshman.

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Dot takes the prize for persistence . . . after four years of making the long walk from her home to school . . . she still has more life than most freshmen . . . loves basketball . . . long walks . . . any kind of activity . . . class officer . . . K. I. . . A Cappeller . . . Maroon & Cream hustler . . . she still finds time to see a lot of a certain Northern freshman.

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Rome and U. S. A. Compared by Prof. Seaman in Speech

"Liberty League of 44 B. C." Is Title of Chapel Faculty Lecture.

"The Liberty League of 44 B. C." was the title of the faculty lecture delivered by Prof. W. E. Seaman in chapel last Tuesday. Mr. Seaman drew many parallels between our present socio-economic problems and those of the ancient Romans and illustrated the similarity of symptoms of social diseases including an account of a sit-down strike in 494 and 449 B. C. He also pointed out how the Roman government, like ours, had welfare relief, doles, public works etc.

"If history has any value," Mr. Seaman said, "it should be that it can guide us in our problems today." But statesmen and politicians, he added, are not always good historians. It is, therefore, left for the scholar to learn the lesson which history is willing to teach us. However, the true scholar is not satisfied with the material handiest, the speaker said. Many of the old authorities on the Roman era, including Gibbon, have since been discredited because they combined too much fiction with their facts.

Mr. Seaman drew many comparisons between the American type of government and that of Rome. He said that our government fails in the same ways that Rome's did. People were denied voting power then and we discriminate today (although by more subtle means). Our democracy is not a pure democracy and neither was Rome's. Rome differed in that it grew out of a city state whereas the United States is one government over a vast country. Also similar in nature were the class divisions of the two civilizations. In this regard the speaker pointed out that we abolished slavery only recently and that the rest of our classes had antecedents in Rome, including the Liberty League.

Julius Caesar occupied a great deal of the speaker's attention. He said that the death of Caesar was the culmination of a series of violations and unconstitutional actions of a century. The acts of violence were mostly performed by the well-to-do. The reformers, as now, were the liberals. Mr. Seaman said that many authorities differ on the true character of Caesar but that the latest findings would lead one to believe that he was a noble person and that Shakespeare's "noble Brutus" was only a wavering politician. Caesar was born rich and befriended the poor. Cicero, however, was born poor and befriended the rich, Mr. Seaman said. Caesar's enemies were the senators who represented the property class. Cicero defended this class. The Liberty League of that day had the most liberty of all, and they, like the Liberty League of today, were worried lest the poor man should get part of it.

In conclusion Mr. Seaman said: "We should be suspicious of those who use the word 'liberty' as they are probably more interested in their liberty than anyone else's."

Alma

Day by Day

(With apologies to O. O. McIntyre)

Spring is here
The grass is green
The greenest grass
I ever saw.

Betty Roberts has the best looking grey and navy dress I ever saw . . . Judy Schaafsma is excellent at punning . . . Dorothy Foster and Jinny Anderson play double solitaire all the time . . . Eleanor Cotton says: "Shall I wear this or that?" We say: "Wear this." And she wears that . . . DeEtta Baker is afraid of mice . . . Bob Cole's father didn't know he was being rough . . . Ohhh, Jean . . . H. B. Johnson has an amusing laugh.

We like to see:
Harold Dean run.

Jimmy Mitchell move that chair. The sun shine. Apple pie alamode. Sally Hinckley's "rhumba" curl. Mildred Bradfish's riding outfit.

I detest that chili . . . We think that some of the girls could go out for that boxing match and show some of the fellows a few things . . . Sally Hinckley looks thinner . . . Alma Mae Block, Margaret Arnold and Marjorie Anderson already have a good start with their tan . . . Pretty nice, having a birthday, isn't it Gladys? One does have to take tickets, doesn't one? Bill Hohnke is developing into a public speaker . . . Skirts must be worn shorter this year; Jordie . . . Willis Gelston is reading "Gone With the Wind" . . . Wright Hall should install another telephone . . . If anyone happens to see a good looking powder blue blouse, please let Gene Lewis know.

Chesterfield is the best selling cigarette . . . Beige is fast becoming a popular color . . . John Fraker just can't keep his feet still when he hears a good band . . . Yellow shirts and blue ties are about the latest thing for men . . . The love bug will get you if you don't watch out.

Language, Not Students, Is At Fault Says Dr. Rockwell

Hamilton, N. Y.—(ACP)—Don't censure college students too heavily for murdering the English language.

In answer to your "why not?" Dr. Leo L. Rockwell, director of the school of languages and literature at Colgate University, will explain that it's the language's fault and not the student's.

"English has at least four things the matter with it: first, it is used every day. No one expects students of algebra to go out and do their problems on the sidewalks, but

English students are barely out of the classroom before they show what they haven't learned.

"English as a language is one of the most treacherous of our social tools. Words change their meaning almost every time they are used.

"Students have to waste endless time learning the worst system of spelling in the western world, so

they haven't much time left for really important things.

Too many people know too much about English and what they know is wrong."

Mr. and Mrs. Halley Hughes, formerly Mary Lou Peters, Alma alumna, living in Flint, have a son, born April 8. And so the Alma family grows.

There is a man in our town
And he is wondrous wise—
'Cause his clothes look so well, he
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Barbara Stanwyck

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An independent survey was made recently among professional men and women—lawyers, doctors, lecturers, scientists, etc. Of those who said they smoke cigarettes, more than 87% stated they personally prefer a light smoke.

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Almanian Digs into Dr. Randels' Past

These two pictures were taken in what is now the Slowinski residence on College street in 1898. They were marked "keep hid" but a conspiracy unearthed them.



In the pictures are (as in the picture above): Harry Porter, retired minister in Illinois; Ralph Eastman, treasurer of Livingston county and living in Howell (deceased); George B. Randels, professor, Alma College; Jacob Foote, professor in Bloomsbury State Teachers College in Penn., (deceased); Donald Carmichael, retired minister; Egbert Fell, superintendent of schools in Holland, Michigan; Henry Bush, in business in New York City.

This is one of the early Swipe Corps (1898) when Pioneer Hall was the girls' dorm and the "Y" room was the dining hall.

From left to right: Kine, later medical student at Yale; Charles Long, doctor at Grand Haven; Martin, now a minister; Dr. Randels, Alma.



Joseph Bentonelli, Tenor, In Saginaw, Wednesday

Tomorrow night at 8:15 the Saginaw Community Concert Association affiliated with the Tuesday Musicale will present Joseph Bentonelli, tenor, at the Saginaw Auditorium in a song recital. He will be accompanied by Merl Freeland at the piano. The bus for Alma students will leave Wright Hall at 6 p. m.

The dramatic suddenness of Joseph Bentonelli's engagement at the Metropolitan last season kept the wires of the Associated Press busy, flashing the news of his triumphant debut throughout the country. With only two days' notice, and taking the place of the tenor who had been taken ill, he sang the role of Des Grieux in Massenet's "Manon" with such complete authority as to mark him one of the season's outstanding successes.

His success was to be expected after his previous achievements in opera, both abroad and with the Chicago Civic Opera Company. For several years before returning to

America, Bentonelli won acclaim in the opera houses of Italy, Austria, France, Belgium, and Holland.

LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear editor:

I am writing this letter in the interests of the Drama Club or any other college organization liable at any time to be affected by the same action against which I am protesting.

The Drama Club had for weeks published its presentation on March 24 of a one-act play contest between the juniors, sophomores and freshmen. Inter-class spirit and natural interest (it is the aim of the club to cultivate that interest) assured the club a reasonable audience. But on the very day of the performance, President Crooks, called upon to sanction the function because of the illness of Dean Steward, decreed that Wright Hall girls must take social cuts to attend the event—although it was clearly a legitimate college function! The result was that the Drama club suffered a financial setback, because bad weather also discouraged the spending of valu-

able and seemingly unnecessary social cuts. That the play contest was staged during the last week before vacation, in the midst of a school party and other events was a matter that could not be helped. No administration has the right to restrict the social activities of its girl residents to the detriment of its own functions! I would suggest that the administration, having once deliberately killed the prospects of one valuable activity in the college, should be more considerate in the future.

Indignantly,
A Student.

Washburn Heads Group To Reapportion Fees

Leo Washburn was appointed last Thursday night by the Student Council to head a committee which is to investigate the possibility of redistributing the student funds made available by the Student Activities Fee. At present each extra-curricular activity receives a certain percentage of the fee. The present method of distribution is

thought unfair since it works hardships on some activities and leaves the others with more money than they can use. Others to work on the committee are Opal Hines, Al Fortino, and Betty Fraker.

Campus Day was another item considered by the Council at its meeting. It is to be held the second Wednesday in May. A committee consisting of Ray Walker, chairman, Helen Jordan and Dorothy Glass has been appointed by Council President Malcolm to plan the program for the day. Prof. Hamilton is to assist a committee of students which is to make preparations for the election and crowning of the queen. Other students are likely to be named to both of the above committees soon.

Retirement of Old Men Called Loss of Brains

Philadelphia, Pa.—(ACP)— We are more inclined to waste brains than we are to waste money!

At least that is the claim made by Dr. William Mather Lewis, president of Lafayette University, to the Philadelphia Alumni Association.

"We scrap the best mental power of the country at the moment it has the most to offer. Colleges retire administrative officials and professors at the time when they are at the height of their intellectual effectiveness.

"The federal government now proposes to follow this unfortunate precedent and deprive itself of the

best judicial ability in the nation," stated Dr. Lewis.

"A college organization second to none could be created by using men now being put on the retired lists of various institutions. The outstanding intellects of America today are Chief Justice Hughes, Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, Pres. James Rowland Angell, Senator Borah, Mr. Justice Brandeis, Hon. George Wharton Pepper, Dr. John Finley, Prof. Bliss Perry, Pres. Mary Woolley and Walter Damsrosch.

"People who have taken advantage of modern knowledge concerning dietetics, exercise, sanitation and serenity are no older than their grandfathers were at fifty," said Dr. Lewis.

Just think, another six weeks and we will be worrying about examinations again.

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Fashions

From one of our most worthy Seniors I've learned why girls wear bright nail polish—It's for the same reason fellows wear loud striped socks! I may be wrong but I think more girls like loud socks than fellows like bright nail polish. Oh well, this is a free country—so everyone to their own taste!

Things I like that upperclassmen wear:

- Betty Fraker's Starched collar.
- Molly Parrish's ankle strap shoes.
- Betty Jane Swartout's hairdress.
- Pauline Dione's blue shoes.
- Charlotte Temple's beige formal and her black eye.
- Rheo Wark's pearls.
- Helen Jordan's navy dress.
- Dorothy Foster's leather bracelet.
- Mary Liz Merrill's nail polish.
- Grace Matthews' beige buck jacket.

- Ginny Anderson's angora sweater.
- Lois Jo Watkins' purple dress.

Not to be classed as a Junior or Senior but "one of us" is Helen Louise Vincent. Her rust hat takes the cake! I hear she has another little black number that she purchased downtown at the —store. Did you hear anything about it?

Things I like that the Freshmen and Sophomores wear—

- Helen Dawson's green and gold clips.

- Betty Ludwick's rust suit.
- Kay Pesek's blue sweater.
- Eleanor Cotton's hats.

- Jane Fraker's bright blue chiffon scarf.

- Jeanette Verplanck's lipstick and "natural blush."

- Sally Hinckley's charm bracelet.
- Hester Moon's knitted suits.

- Alma Ludwick's new coiffure.
- Gene Lewis' green jersey blouse.
- Ruth Niles' suede vest.

- DeEtta Baker's tyrolean sweater.
- Betty Roberts' gray flannel culottes.

Margaret Kennedy—what I like best about her she doesn't wear, but has—"A Line"—

Student Forum— Testing Democracy

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right solution for the complicated problems of today. They are, as a whole, too lazy to go deep into the problems and try to find real solutions for them. They prefer to shift the responsibility and work upon somebody else or to grab the first solution that comes along. Besides, even if they did try to understand them, the problems are so complicated and emotionally supercharged that it takes a disinterested expert who has given his life to the study of the subject to really go to the fundamentals of the problems and find the best solutions. And too often such experts are unable to manage the practical facts involved in putting their solutions into effect. Witness the degeneration and dissolution of the greater part of the Brain Trust when faced with practicalities.

As a result the American people have lately given over the solutions of their problems to their leaders, giving them a greater measure of dictatorial powers than ever before exercised by the American governmental leaders in times of peace. In several elections in a row they have said to Roosevelt and his aides: "You have done all right so far. As long as you keep up the good work we're with you." And as long as they do keep up the good work everything will turn out all right. But will they turn out all right? Will they be able to stave off the next depression? Will they be able to keep the United States out of the next war? Will they provide the most good for the greatest number of people? And if they don't, what then?

Students Vacation In Washington

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found the Gayety while looking for "Maytime." All of them took advantage of the opportunity to see a real stage presentation of "The Great Waltz." That was one

of the high spots of the trip for Prof. At that, Straus & Son did pretty smart composing and there were some very colorful scenes and costumes. Baron Von Bowerman saw the Federal Bureau of Investigation and decided he'd reform before it was too late. Phillips got acquainted with a class of high school girls (approximately 30 or so of them) from Pinkpatch, Arkansas. Neville spent half the time being hungry and the rest of the time feeling sorry for his feet. Prof. shot pictures and enjoyed good music and showed more pep and endurance in walking than any other member of the outfit. All owe a debt of gratitude to Washington's A-1 amateur guide, Mr. Dietrich of Flint, who went out of his way to show an interest in the fellows.

Seventy History, Economics Students Hear Gen. Butler And Peat at Mt. Pleasant

Major General Smedley D. Butler, commander of the United States Marine Corps, now retired after over thirty years of eventful service, shared the Central State Auditorium's platform with Private Harold J. Peat, Canadian soldier and anti-war orator, before vacation, in Mt. Pleasant. In keeping with the general trend of Alma traffic northwards, approximately seventy Alma students, mainly from history or economics classes, managed to cover the intervening twenty-odd miles between this campus and the double billing. Mr. Unstad arranged for a special rate enabling many to attend that otherwise would have found it impossible and with the co-operation of Miss Judd was largely responsible for the successful turnout.

General Butler advocated insurance against war by the passage of legislation that would prevent our troops leaving our country, prevent the flag from leaving the country as protection for the over-privileged, and to prevent the

debtor nations from paying us what they owe us, because as long as they owe us money there is a chance we will know enough not to fight their battles for them again. Forceful delivery and apparent sincerity marked his talk throughout.

Private Peat had the same goal in mind but wanted to take a different route to reach it. He felt the only cure was not in disarmament but in the proper education of the people to regard peace as glorious, patriotic, heroic—in terms that are associated today day with wartime pursuits. If humans could be so reeducated, the guns and munitions would be of no use and would be discarded, he pointed out.

Their discussion was the seventh in Central's regular services of lecture and entertainment courses.

English Think We Are "Guys," "Broads"

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He's sordid, crooked, and money-mad. Are all your people the same way? Are you all 'tough guys' and 'swell broads'? Do you ever say anything besides 'O.K.', 'swell,' and 'says you'? This, says Mr. Anderson, is the real opinion the English have of Americans.

Students contemplating a year or even a summer of study abroad will find Stewart Anderson's experiences both helpful and entertaining. Announcements and other

details with regard to the University college of the South West of England, Exeter, may be obtained from the Institute of International Education, 2 West 45th Street, New York City.

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