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## Co-Op Council News

### ALLOTMENTS

The Cooperative council has agreed upon allotments for campus groups for this semester. The athletic department will receive 55% of the funds for student activities; Student council, 10%; debate and dramatics, 10%; publications, 10%; Co-op council, 5%; public occasions, 3%; religious life, 4%; and music 3%.

The council has accepted a new ruling to go into effect immediately, stating that no expenditure can be made by any campus organization unless the expenditure is within its allotment. It is also necessary, under the new ruling, for requisitions to be secured from the business office before the purchase.

## Pink and French Leave for Army

Last Friday word was received that Alma College would lose three of her star athletes to the armed services of Uncle Sam. For some time it has been known that these men were going to have to go but no one has known just when. Friday, however, Hop Howe, Paul French, and Bill Pink received orders to report for their basic training in Fresno, California. All of these boys are slated for duty in the Army Air Corps.

On Saturday it was determined that Bob Howe could remain in school until his status as first alternate to the United States Naval Academy could be settled. Because of this unusual circumstance, Howe will probably be able to finish the basketball season which ends this week.

Paul French is another basketball player who has left the court in search of a bigger game. Frenchy, a senior this year, has been playing basketball for Alma for the past three years and a good game he has played, too. Frenchy's main forte was his passing and fine teamwork. With a couple of boys like Sil Fortino and Dud Emling around it was hard for him to break into the starting lineup but when he did enter the game his fine ball handling and passing was in great evidence.

Remember last fall on the gridiron the fellow who could always be depended upon for an extra point after a touchdown had been scored? That was Bill Pink. Remember the game we played with Albion last year for the MIAA championship? Who was the fellow who kicked the extra point that won the game for Alma 7-6? Again we say Bill Pink. Well (Continued on Page 2)

## What Next, Mr. Weatherman?

"If winter comes, can spring be far behind?" Frankly, just how far behind is it? Either Alma is rather abnormal as far as weather goes, or else this is an undependable time of year. Even the groundhog can't make up his mind what's coming from one day to the next.

One day finds students shrouded in furs, boots, and kerchiefs with only their differently shaped and

sized noses sticking out for identification. On the following day, a sadder reverse in temperature brings a brightly beaming sun and soft gentle breezes to a campus immediately filled with cases in the delirium stages of spring fever. Then these stricken individuals wander around with their heads in the clouds and their feet in the puddles.

They just become re-acclimated when a disheartening radio announcement from the West brings tidings that another blizzard is on its way. So the scene again changes as the confused students once more hang blankets to the windows and plead with unmoving radiators for heat.

It's certainly a vicious cycle but optimistic morale-builders assure us that Alma does live through this "awkward stage" and emerges with a spring well worth waiting for.

## Air Corps Reserve Called During Week

The long awaited calling of the Air Corps reserve became a reality last week when most of the reservists received orders to active duty.

Wayne Dorsett was the first to receive his notice and his was closely followed by several others. The following day, Friday, orders were received by Ken Plaxton, Homer Fulton, Paul French, Wally Mattison, Bill Pink, Bob Howe, and Bob Medler. Because he was previously named first alternate to Annapolis, Howe has been deferred from active duty until the results of his application for appointment to the Naval Academy are determined.

Of this group Pink and Dorsett and Medler are leaving today or tomorrow for Miami, Florida. All of the others will leave from Chicago at about the same time and will go to Fresno, California.

All of these Alma men will receive basic pre-flight training at these fields and will then proceed to actual flight training, the completion of which will make them flying officers in the United States Army Air Corps.

## Delta Gamma Tau News

The fraternity is sorry in one respect and very proud in another of the fact that three members to date—Wayne Dorsett, Homer Fulton, and Ken Plaxton—have been called into active service in the Air Corps. Dorsett leaves for the land of "sun-kist women" at Miami, Florida, next Wednesday while the others leave for hot and dry Fresno, California, next Thursday. These men have all been outstanding individuals and good fraternity men. Hats off to them!

Another character—Handsome, Hoppy Howe, by name—was also included in this Air Corps call last Friday, but was able to arrange a deferment until he found out definitely whether he could use his alternateship to Annapolis or not. He certainly deserves it.

Art Sercombe and Al Arklie both of whom now go to University of Michigan, came back to Alma last Saturday to spend the week-end among their old friends.

## KAPPA IOTA NEWS

There are among the students of Alma college those who will remember the comic production of "Little Red Riding Hood" staged by the Kappa Iota Little Theater guild last year. This Thursday in chapel, in view of present circumstances, the KI's promise something in a different vein, which they hope will be endorsed with the same enthusiastic approval given in other years.

## ACTING PRESIDENT



Roy W. Hamilton

## R. W. Hamilton Appointed Acting President of Alma

### FISCHER AND WELGOSS WED IN GEORGIA FEB. 3

Betty Fischer of Detroit and Lieut. Theodore Welgoss of Auburn, New York, were married February 3 in Savannah, Georgia. The couple are living in Tampa, Florida, where Lieut. Welgoss is stationed at Drew Field.

Both Lieut. and Mrs. Welgoss are from Alma college. In 1939, he was on the MIAA championship golf team. He left in January, 1942, to join the Army Air corps. Mrs. Welgoss, an Alpha Theta, attended Alma college for the past two and a half years.

## Eleven Seniors Practice Teach

Supervised by Dr. Silas Rorem, eleven seniors are practice teaching in the Alma public schools this semester.

Betty Jane Fee and Connie Jordan are teaching first grade at Wright Avenue school, Virginia Feighner is teaching kindergarten at Lincoln School and Margaret Wilson is teaching kindergarten at Republic school.

Those teaching at the junior high school are Melvin Brown, art; Clifford Bucholz, music; and Bill Pink, (left for active duty with the US army Air Corps,) algebra. At the high school, Donna Jean Francis is teaching American literature; Sutherland Hayden, world history; Jack Howe, United States history; Norma Lincoln, English literature; and Jack Tail, world history.

### JOB FOR SMALL COLLEGES

Many a small college finds itself cast into the story night now that the Army-Navy-War Manpower joint selection board has picked the schools to carry out the armed services' specialized training programs.

One promising plan comes to Washington from Robert G. Ramsey, dean of students at Olivet college in Michigan. He suggests such schools be used for rehabilitating and re-educating wounded fighters as they return from the front. Small college surroundings, Dean Ramsey believes, would be ideal for restoring mind, body and skills. For colleges, the plan offers useful war service for the duration and some time after.

The idea has gone to Manpower Commissioner McNutt.

### Been at Alma College for Twenty-four Years

Professor Roy W. Hamilton has been appointed acting president of Alma college by the Board of Trustees. He will serve until a new president is selected.

Professor Hamilton, who has been acting as chairman of the Administrative council since August 1942, has been a teacher here for the past twenty-four years, and vice-president for twenty. He is head of the department of English language and literature and has received graduate degrees from the University of Michigan and Auburn Seminary.

After ten years of experience as a Presbyterian minister and as a university pastor at the Universities of Michigan and Colorado, Professor Hamilton entered war work in 1917. He was stationed at Camp Grant, Rockford, Illinois, and Boulder, Colorado.

Professor Hamilton will act as the administrative officer of the college, with the advice and counsel of the Administrative board.

## CAMPUS AVERAGES

| Averages                                |      |
|---|------|
| Phi Sigma Pi                            | 2.83 |
| Sigma-Philo                             | 2.33 |
| Kappa Iota                              | 2.28 |
| All sorority Women                      | 2.17 |
| Junior Women                            | 2.16 |
| Senior Women                            | 2.10 |
| All Seniors                             | 1.99 |
| Sophomore Women                         | 1.97 |
| All Women                               | 1.95 |
| Wright Hall Women                       | 1.93 |
| Senior Men                              | 1.89 |
| All Juniors                             | 1.89 |
| Alpha Theta                             | 1.86 |
| Phi Phi Alpha                           | 1.78 |
| Non-Sorority Women (excluding Freshmen) | 1.76 |
| Delta Gamma Tau                         | 1.75 |
| Women Specials                          | 1.74 |
| Freshman Women                          | 1.73 |
| Junior Men                              | 1.73 |
| Varsity Athletes                        | 1.65 |
| All Sophomores                          | 1.63 |
| All Students                            | 1.63 |
| All Fraternity Men                      | 1.60 |
| All Specials                            | 1.54 |
| Non-Fraternity Men (excluding Freshmen) | 1.49 |
| Men Specials                            | 1.46 |
| All Men                                 | 1.37 |
| Sophomore Men                           | 1.36 |
| Zeta Sigma                              | 1.20 |
| All Freshmen                            | 1.18 |
| Freshman Men                            | 0.72 |

## Tale of a City

OWI RELEASE

Warsaw belongs to what is known as the Government General, presided over by Governor General Hans Frank, a Nazi for many years, who has said: "The Government General represents the best example of the system that will be introduced in the countries of New Europe controlled by Greater Germany." At the beginning of the occupation, the Germans spoke of the Government General as being merely under German influence, distinct from areas to the west of Warsaw, which were made part of Germany itself and where the policy of extermination has been even more ruthless than in Warsaw. Dropping all pretense after the fall of France, Frank declared: "Henceforth the Government General will not be looked upon as occupied territory, but as an integral part of the Greater German power space." Warsaw is really ruled by the Gestapo, a law unto itself. Fully equipped with the tools of its trade—rifles, steel helmets, whips, machine guns, tanks, and antitank guns—the Gestapo set up shop in a for-

mer ministry on Szucha Avenue. The street itself was renamed Polizei (Police) Street. Once the Gestapo became settled in Warsaw, with some one thousand officers and five thousand troops, no man's life could be called his own. The invaders passed a series of legal decrees authorizing themselves to steal all Polish property. For weeks on end the covered trucks of the Gestapo rumbled out of Warsaw, headed for Germany and laden with furniture, rugs, jewels, furs, paintings, household equipment, all manner and description of Polish personal property, all seized without payment.

All universities and high schools were closed. Some primary schools now stay open a few hours daily, their classrooms unheated unless the children can find scraps of wood or coal. They rarely can. No history, geography, or Polish literature may be taught; teaching of German is prohibited, too, as the Master Race does not consider the Poles qualified to speak its language. (Continued on page 4)

### Coming

## Soph Shuffle

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### WHAT have we done?

The average Alma college student was only vaguely aware of the war for some time. He knew there was a Pearl Harbor and a steep- un draft law- but for several months after December 1941. after the first feverish excitement had worn off. the war was just a fight going on in the Solomons, or Midway, or Bataan- thousands of miles from Alma, Michigan.

He is just beginning to wake up to the implications of an all-out war effort. One cup of coffee, half-squares of butter, and less sugar have made him aware of food rationing, and gas rationing is playing havoc with weekends home. Most obvious of all the signs of war are the few leaving each week for the armed forces and those who return on leave - trying to seem unconscious of newly-acquired chevrons and gold bars. In spite of the constant reminders of war. the average Alma college student thinks only of future service in the armed forces, defense work, or application of professional knowledge in the post war world. He goes on way- apparently oblivious of vital aid he should be giving now to help bring victory.

A few students are studying first aid. and fellows are studying courses in physics, meteorology, navigation, and mathematics- but they are receiving college credits for their efforts. When it comes to giving up part of their spending money for war stamps, or devoting some time to Red Cross or civilian defense, they are extremely lax.

Alma students should be ashamed of their feeble contribution to the war effort, especially when one considers what high school students throughout the nation are accomplishing. In a high school of 2400 students. \$3,864.40 worth of war stamps had been sold from September to the first of January this year. This did not include bonds sold. An intensified campaign was held January 3 to 8, during which time \$3.81 2.20 worth of bonds and stamps were sold. One homeroom alone sold over \$3 000 worth, averaging \$23.10 per student. Consider this achievement compared with Alma college's record of \$10 worth of war stamps bought last year- with \$3 worth returned.

Girls on the campus did knit half-a-dozen or so Red Cross sweaters last year- but their enthusiasm soon petered out. This year, there has been talk of rolling bandages, knitting, etc.- but so far. not much more than talk, and the year is more than half over.

College girls are kicking because their rayon hose wrinkle and shine - high school girls are helping conduct salvage drives for old silk rayon or nylon hose, for old rubber, and for scrap metal.

College fellows and girls are worrying about coke shortages, and bans on out-of-town parties. High school students are enlisting in the National Victory corps and will take part in and study first aid. camouflage. map making and reading, model plane building, marksmanship, home nursing, meteorology, photography, military hygiene and sanitation, aircraft identification, radio communications, L SO. Red Cross, farm aid. air warden, and fire watchers

It wouldn't be fair to accuse all colleges of the indifference apparent at Alma. Many are doing their part well.

It is time for Alma students to rouse themselves from their sheltered and narrow, dream-filled world filled with idealistic thought\* of a lasting peace. We must win the war before we can hope to establish the peace. Alma must join the ranks of the nation's students who are devoting every penny and moment they can to the accomplishment of a decisive victory for the United Nations.

Tattoo needles from Samoa, coconut shell cups from Guadalcanal and native ornaments from New Caledonia are features of a collection recently donated to the University of California.

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### BASKETBALL

The jinx was broken last Thursday when Alma girls beat Ripdale 13-8. Kirkwood was high scorer for Alma with 5 points, while Brownridge led Ripdale with 4.

Starting the game for Alma were Tex Coley, Bev Smith, Lydia Silvani, forwards, and 1 nie Meyer, Nettie Wilson, and Allison Smith, guards. Substitutes were Marge Wunderlich, Rai Kirkwood, and Jane Patton, forwards, and Bonnie Taylor, Ruth Edwards, and Dorothy Oliver, guards.

Beulah Brace was timekeeper, and Betsy Ross kept score.

### BADMINTON

Don't forget, girls, to sign up with Gerry Wadley for the badminton tournament.

For the girls and fellows who like to play doubles, there is a badminton tournament coming up. Couples should sign up with Bonnie Taylor before February 27.

### RED CROSS

Those who would like to roll bandages for the Red Cross, should see Tex Coley or Miss Smith for particulars.

## IN CASE YOU FLUNK ?

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BARON MUNCHAUSEN WAS  
ONCE -ME HEAD OF THE  
UNIV. OF GOTTINGEN (6ELWANY).

## Johnson Thanks KI for Cigarettes

In case you've been wondering what happened to all those packages of cigarettes you girls brought to the KI Canteen last month- they were sent to Lieutenant Charles Johnson, former religious professor at Alma, to distribute among the soldiers at Napier Field, Alabama. Feeling certain you will be interested in his inspiring letter of thanks, we publish it verbatim.

Dear "Kappa Iotas":  
I can't begin to tell you how delighted I was with your good note and the munificent package of cigarettes. The dance which called forth such a booty must have been a huge success. Trust the KI's to conduct something novel and interesting.

The cigarette packs are several packages in all. They are the lads who appreciate such gifts, since it's a pretty boring business being shut up when everyone else is busy and basking in the warm sun. (That bit about my part in the face of your own rigorous weather.)

My work here is most interesting. The army is made up of all sorts and shapes of individuals, and the chemist never knows what he's getting. We fellows are a bit of a bunch, but we're not too sissy to want to risk it. they

voice and generosity of rank and file. You will be interested to know that the most magnificent courage I've seen has been shown by the women. For we do have fatal accidents here, and it has been my duty to notify the wives. I have only admiration for their great bravery and faith. War is bad enough for a man, but a woman has to face the touch of its cruel finger on a shattered home for years after it is all over. But the ones I've seen are playing their role and remembering the deeper issues which all of us must resolve, shall come out of this conflict- the faith and decency and freedom and promise of the future. I do hope that you women in college are even now laying the foundations of a spirit so strong and beautiful that it will be responsive to all the exactitudes of the future.

Thank you again for your generous gift and your very good letter.

Sincerely, Charles K. Johnson.

Tulane university is in its 109th session.  
University of Connecticut re-

## ARMY

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"Little Willie" won't be around any more to kick those extra points or to rip holes through the center of the line for the Alma Scots. Last season. Bill's third on the gridiron for Alma, he made a truly enviable record in making points after touchdowns. Only one man in the state scored more PATs than did Bill and that was Jim Brieske of Michigan who played in three more games than did Pinky. Here's hoping that he can make just as enviable a record with the Air Corps, and nip a few of the Nips for us, will you, Bill?

These boys are leaving for a wonderful cause and about all I can say is, Good luck, fellows, it's you guys who face the problem of representing Alma on the fields of combat after having served so faithfully on the athletic fields. Don't worry, fellows, you're

not at all- you're only going out and making it possible for future generations to enter the fields of friendly

combat. Mav thov servo Alma in futiire as fourthully and is successiunj as you have in me

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across the Raleigh, N C countryside, it created one hell of a fine air raid sirens - e too sissy want to risk it. they

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The whistle introduced itself to Raleigh without warning on a wintry morning. When the roar swept the campus, students accustomed to the mid squeak of Old Faithful's predecessor were blasted from their beds. In a bam near Cary, five miles away, a cow, peacefully giving forth milk, cut The ff\*w m fright when the hoarse snort swept through her territory.

# Alma Beats Calvin 56-44 Ending Home Game Series

After getting off to a slow start in the opening minutes, the Alma Scots came back with a rush to swamp the Knights of Calvin College, Grand Rapids, 56-44. This win, the last home appearance for the Scot cagers this year, gave them an even break in their two games with Calvin after losing the first one, 64-58. Bob Howe and Paul French made their final appearance with the Scots Friday night. Both boys are leaving for the Air Corps the first part of next week. Hoppy made his final game an auspicious affair scoring 23 points, 13 of them in the first half. The Alma quintet played what was probably their best home game of the year in beating the Knights. Their defensive work was superb, especially that of Wares and Walters, and while they have shown more accuracy under the basket, their offensive work deserves a lot of praise.

Calvin started things off with a bang when Scholten scored with only ten seconds gone in the game. VanWieren added a one handed shot and Calvin led 4-5. Calvin was making good use of their excellent passing and VanWieren capitalized on his height advantage under the backboard. The Alma boys scored a bucket apiece and Alma led, 10-8. Jake added a basket and Hoppy two free throws before Zylstra and Scholten scored and Hoppy added two more while Zylstra again scored. Wares scored on a tip-in shot and Hoppy add-

ed two foul shots. Alma led, 20-12. Dale was doing some beautiful work under the back boards and Walters was breaking up the Calvin passes. Sil Fortino broke up a Calvin pass but in doing so committed his fourth foul of the game and Emling come in to take his place. At this point Zylstra and Bylsna took over and cut Alma's lead to 23-19. Emling scored on two one handed shots and Jake on one. Zylstra again connected for the Knights and just before the half ended Hoppy netted two more to give Alma a 33-22 lead at half time.

As the second half opened it seemed that the Scots had lost their passing eye and they were throwing the ball at the Calvin players. Penning scored first for Calvin but Hop made two more for the Scots. Bylsma scored three in a row for the Knights and Alma's lead was cut to 35-29. Hop intercepted a Calvin pass and slipped the ball to Jake, under the basket, who scored. Dud, Jake, and Hop scored two buckets apiece and Alma led 51-38. Hop collected his ninth free throw in a row and Bylsma and Scholten scored for Calvin. Hoppy again scored and Starda netted one for Calvin. Lanning took a long shot but fouled Yoder of Alma on the follow-in. Yoder collected and shortly afterwards the game ended.

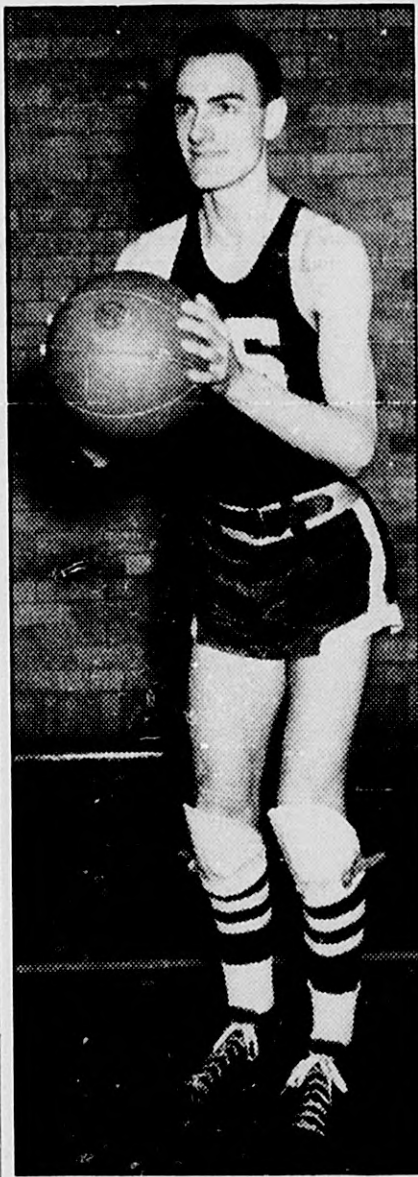
Hop Howe took scoring honors for Alma with 23 points while Bylsma was high for Calvin with 13.

| ALMA    | G  | F  | T  |
|---------|----|----|----|
| B. Howe | 7  | 9  | 23 |
| J. Howe | 6  | 0  | 12 |
| Wares   | 2  | 1  | 5  |
| Fortino | 1  | 1  | 3  |
| Walters | 1  | 1  | 3  |
| Emling  | 4  | 2  | 10 |
| Hanna   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Katz    | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| French  | 0  | 0  | 0  |
| Yoder   | 0  | 1  | 1  |
| Budge   | 0  | 0  | 0  |
|         | 21 | 15 | 57 |

| CALVIN     | G  | F | T  |
|------------|----|---|----|
| Bylsma     | 6  | 2 | 14 |
| Zylstra    | 4  | 1 | 9  |
| Van Wieren | 2  | 1 | 5  |
| Penning    | 2  | 3 | 7  |
| Scholten   | 3  | 1 | 7  |
| Starroa    | 1  | 0 | 2  |
|            | 18 | 8 | 44 |

## TOP SCORER



Bob Howe

## Cagers Play Last Games This Week

The Alma Scots Cagers wind up the 1943 basketball season this week with two games away from home. Tuesday night they journey to Kalamazoo to take on the Hornets from Kalamazoo College and Friday night they go to Hillsdale to play the rejuvenated Dale five. The Macmen must win these two games in order to insure themselves of second place in the final MIAA standings.

The first time the Hornets and the Scots met this season the Alma five emerged victorious by a score of 44-42, coming from behind in the last two minutes of play. Although, since the Alma game, the Hornets seem to have lost much of their strength they still have the stuff to make it hot for Alma.

In their game with Hillsdale Friday night the Scots will meet a vastly improved team. Though the Scots defeated them by an overwhelming score during the first week of the season, Coach Macdonald looks for a much tougher game this week. Last week, after having tasted defeat

working in war plants, or about to do war work. The day of girl pin-setters—in natty uniforms, of course—may be just around the corner.

Bowlers will see no new pin-setting machines for the duration, but iron and steel may be obtained for repair and maintenance of old equipment.

Shellac, the ideal coating for bowling alleys, is now needed in huge quantities for essential war equipment—for planes, tanks and guns.

For ping-pong players there there still are balls, paddles, and tables. The balls are now being made of low-grade celluloid.

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twelve times in a row, the Dales came back to beat a strong Michigan Normal team 48-41. We must remember that this is the same Michigan Normal team with which Alma battled two overtime periods before defeating them 53-51, and the same team that out-scored the Scots 48-43 in their last meeting. Taking these things into consideration it is evident that the Scots must play their top brand of ball to win this, their last game of the season and perhaps their last game for the duration.

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## Rationing Hits Sports Equipment

(Pictures of the new baseball may be had by writing to Photographic Section, News Bureau, Office of War Information, Social Security Building, Washington, D. C.) Colleges may get some of the new rubber-centered baseballs, according to the War Production Board. Seven hundred and twenty thousand of them will be made because that many rubber pills were left when the government put a stop to making golf balls. These amounted to 11 tons and W. B. has granted 20 tons of scrap to build them up to baseball-core size.

The Army has tested the new balls, found them satisfactory, and relaxed the rule which used to call for cork-and-rubber center or the equivalent. If the Army absorbs 80 percent of all baseballs as it has been doing, about 120,000 will be left for colleges, schools and industries.

**There'll be Changes in Bowling**  
When it's question of obtaining critical materials for war goods or for sports equipment, war goods come first. The goes for bowling, billiards and pool, badminton, ping-pong, archery, and other sports.

The more than 12 million bowlers who roll their strikes and spares in the five thousand bowling establishments in the United States each year are better off than ice skaters, who won't see any new skates for the duration. They are less fortunate than billiard players, who don't give their equipment so much wear and tear and hence need fewer replacements.

Eventually all bowling balls will be wooden. Some laminated wood balls are already on the market. Plastic bowling balls are out, unless a new plastic of some such non-critical material as casein or lignin can be found for the purpose. Experiments to this end have been conducted for a number of years, and a sample ball is now being tested at the National Bureau of Standards.

Whether the million and more new pins manufactured every year can continue to be made is uncertain. Pins call for extremely well-seasoned maple, or even better grade than is required for alleys, the same high quality now needed for lasts for Army shoes.

Shortage of pin boys has already entered the picture. Most able-bodied young men—and pin setting requires a certain amount of agility—are either in the armed services, or about to enter,

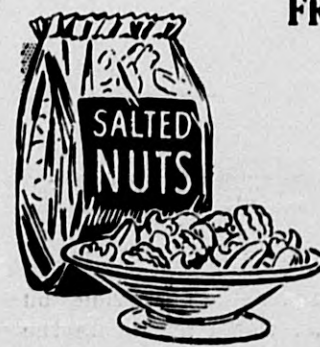
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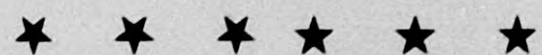
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**Rationing Hits Sports**  
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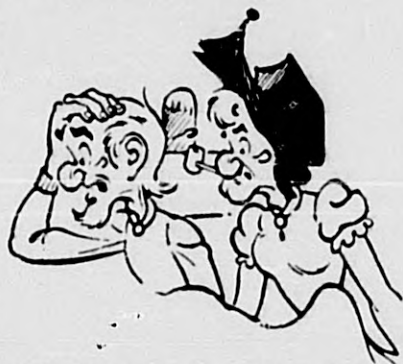
Badminton players will find nets and rackets as before. Shuttlecocks, too, are still on the market. No lack of wood for bows and arrows is in sight. Stocks of flax for bowstrings should be adequate for some time. The possibilities of cotton are being explored.

**Basketball Less Resilient**

New wartime footballs, basketballs, and other inflated balls don't wear as well as those normally made, though they are satisfactory in other respects. That is the verdict of the several colleges and universities which have used the new balls extensively. Bladders for footballs, basketballs, squash, soccer, and volley balls are now made of scrap or reclaimed rubber, which lacks the resilience of new rubber.

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is scrapped and reclaimed more than once or twice loses its elasticity. All leather of military weight and quality is being reserved for military orders, but there are plenty of small pieces of leather suitable for sports equipment.

**TALE OF A CITY**  
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The curriculum consists simply of elementary arithmetic, writing, and reading. No new textbooks may be published and most old ones have been confiscated. Nonetheless, the flame of Polish culture is being kept alive in darkened rooms all over Warsaw, where groups of children are being secretly taught the language and traditions of their country. Germans do not object to their Polish slaves becoming carpenters or locksmiths, and some elementary trade schools are still open. Systematically destroying the intellectual classes, the Germans forbid teachers, writers, artists, musicians, and actors to practice their professions. Many have taken to waiting on tables, repairing broken windows, clearing away debris, or operating rickshaws—tricycles with seats in front of the handlebars, the common method of travel in Warsaw today. Others sell their books and furniture on the streets or perform in the numerous coffee shops that have sprung up throughout the city. Although these shops sell little food, they have become the last refuge of the Poles, the only places where they can meet, stay warm, and talk.

"In stilling the pangs of hunger," Reichsmarshal Goering has said, "the Germans come first." Poles in Warsaw are barely being kept alive, alive just enough, in some cases, to turn out goods for the German war machine. Bread is about the only thing the Poles can count upon eating; they have been permitted less than five slices a day. This winter there may be no bread for Poles in Warsaw. Forty percent sawdust, the bread is dark and indigestible. Many families are subsisting on a thin potato soup without meat and containing a few cabbage leaves and beets. Food cards theoretically entitle the Poles each week to slightly more than three ounces of meat (the equivalent in the United States, say, of one thin chop); each month to three and a half ounces of flour and sugar, four and a half ounces of marmalade, and one egg. They rarely receive these. Meat, when sold, is malodorous and mostly bone. No provision is made on the food cards for butter, cheese, or green vegetables. Adults may not receive milk, an adult being anybody older than six months.

There is food enough in and around Warsaw, but it either goes to Germans on the spot, is shipped into the Reich, or sent to feed German troops on the war fronts. "We are today in a fortunate situation," Goering told the German people on October 4, 1942, "where the entire German Wehrmacht, no matter on what front it stands, is supplied solely from the conquered territories." Food production of farmers in the Government General is strictly regulated. Every cow, chicken, and hog is registered. Villages are held collectively responsible for each farmer producing the amount required by the Germans. Using food as a weapon to demoralize the population, the Germans periodically create artificial shortages, particularly after some outbreak against the Nazis. At such times, no food whatever reaches the city. Guards stand at all entrances and search all travelers. Milk cans are wastefully punctured and eggs smashed, presumably as a sign of German power. Even if they received all the food allowed under rationing, Poles would not subsist for long. The Nazis have planned it that way. In the first half of 1941, 8,000 persons were born in Warsaw, but 21,800 died. In the first half of 1939, before the "New Order," there had been 10,800 births, compared with 7,300 deaths. Warsaw today is dying out. Deprived of the necessary fats and vitamins, the population falls easy prey to disease. Hunger has made the people of Warsaw feel tired all the time. The slightest exertion—mental or physical—causes extreme fatigue. Children are malformed and ghostlike, suffering from anemia and softening of the bones. Adults lose weight; the functioning of their vital organs is impaired by malnutrition. Exhaustion, hunger, and cold have forced many people to stay permanently in bed. In 1941, 9,000 persons died of tuberculosis in the city, compared with less than 3,000 in 1938. In the

first eight months of 1941, typhus took a toll of 5,592 persons, compared to 23 in 1938.

In order to live, residents of Warsaw must seek food on the Black Markets, which exist everywhere. There is little doubt that the Germans, at a fat profit, have a hand in operating them. But few persons can afford Black Market prices. An egg costs 60 cents, a pound of pork around \$4, a pound of butter between \$9 and \$11; coffee, rarely obtainable, costs anywhere from \$48 to \$80 a pound. Thousands of "meals" are served daily to the needy by mutual aid societies, one member of a family standing in line for the rest and taking soup home in a pail. Every Polish family in Warsaw today shares its food with others.

"I am not interested in heating the homes of these swine—the Poles," said the German Coal Commission in August 1941. "Let them die." Warsaw in winter has an average temperature of five below zero (F); it sometimes drops to twenty below. During the winter of 1940-41 Germans allowed the Poles one bucketful of coal every six or eight weeks. Coal this winter will be available only on the Black Market, where a half ton costs in the neighborhood of \$160. At the beginning of the occupation, Nazis seized all apartment houses and offices in Warsaw with steam heat. Into these buildings, and these buildings alone, now goes the coal from the abundant mines of Upper Silesia. For firewood, Poles have cut down small trees and destroyed fences on the outskirts of Warsaw; most of the larger trees in the parks have been stripped of bark.

Dr. Hu Shih, former Chinese ambassador to the United States, has accepted appointment as research associate and consultant of the American Council of Learned Societies.

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