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Miss R. Ramsey Heads Speech Dept

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A meeting of the administrators of colleges with Y-12 programs has been called by the Bureau of Naval Personnel for May 12 and 13 in New York City, to discuss problems which have come up in the operation of the Y-12 program throughout the country. President Hamilton will attend the meeting.

CHARLES H. LeCLAIR
Lt. Charles H. LeClair (Alma. 40. Zeta Sigma) has been promoted to the rank of captain. He is a Marine instructor at Quantico, Va.

MICHIGAN COLLEGE
ASSOCIATION
Alma College was represented by President Hamilton at the meeting of the Michigan College Association held in East Lansing this morning.

Miss Rosetta Y. Ramsey started her work at Alma College yesterday as professor of speech, replacing Professor Rowland who has gone into the U. S. Navy.

Miss Ramsey, who claims Muskegon Heights as her home town, received her Bachelor of Arts degree at Western State Teachers College and her Masters degree in speech at the University of Michigan. While at Michigan, she acted as junior clinician in the speech correction clinic.

From the University of Michigan, she went to Custer, Michigan for a short time. Then she went to Munroe Public School system to act as director of forensics and to teach history.

Miss Ramsey now comes to Alma college after seven years teaching experience in the high schools and colleges of Michigan as a professor of speech.

ERNEST GILLARD NOW 1st Lt. IN USAAC

The promotion of Ernest J. Gillard to first lieutenant was announced recently "Somewhere in Northern Ireland" by Brig. Gen. Edmund W. Hill, commanding general 8th army air forces composite command.

Lt. Gillard, of Spruce, Michigan, is a graduate of Alma College and a member of Phi Phi Alpha fraternity.

"In the eight months that I have been in Great Britain," said Lt. Gillard, "I have developed a deep admiration and liking for the British people. Being of Scottish descent, I visited the land of heather and bagpipes while on leave to see the land of my ancestors. I think it is the most beautiful part of the British Isles. Like everywhere else over here, the people are very friendly and put themselves out to make you feel at home"

EXECUTIVE OFFICE
Despite the fact that the Skipper is on leave, there have been a few developments at Wright Hall. Al Care, the new P. T. man, came aboard last week, and has already reconvinced the boys that a Great Lakes trained specialist still knows how to make war hell. Al seems to be a good man though, and all concerned are glad to have him at Alma.

The officers and men of the ship held memorial services for the late secretary of the Navy, Monday morning at 11:15. The ceremony was solemn and respectful and befitting the passing of a great man. A dinner was given Friday night at the Park Hotel in St. Louis for Ens. Fowler who is shortly leaving the V-12 unit. The affair lasted about an hour and a half, and guests included some of the Ship's personnel.

Fillat They Say About It .

The lads and lassies of the campus looked quizzically at their interviewer this week when he in all innocence posed the question, "Do you think the proposed Prohibition drive is desirable in Alma?"

Without hesitation Don Mraz drawled, "Prohibition drive?" Then he grinned and said, "Can't quite see it go myself. First thing I did when I could write was to sign up with the Anti-Prohibition Party." Don has always been a man of action and quick decisions.

Dick Schaft advised against it, pointing out that its return is not desirable "unless the country wants to bring back the gangsters of Prohibition days."

After considerable frowning of the brow Betty Richter expressed herself thus: "Prohibition (does more harm than it could possibly accomplish good."

Brief and to the point P. M. M. ilson flatly declared, "It's a farce."

Jim Hanson view the question from a different angle. "I think Prohibition in Alma is a good idea. Half the beer and liquor here is consumed by sailors, most of whom are under age."

Here we have Harry Oliver, subtly in his voice and a twinkle in

his eye with "Yes- I have always considered the W.C.T.U. a group of admirable women, and also practice yogi in my spare time."

Protesting that one trial was unsuccessful. Howard Makela reminded us that much of the illegal brew of the '20's caused serious illness and occasionally death among its guzzlers.

Boh Scheetz answered, "No- for two reasons. In the first place, Navy fellows have to have some type of enjoyment, and secondly, if they stop selling beer the merchants of Alma will lose a lot of trade."

Perhaps Patt Williams had these same merchants in mind when she countered with these questions, "Why not keep it in the open? Why give Saginaw all the trade?"

Ed Fleche doesn't think it ever desirable. "It didn't work on a nation-wide scale, why should it work in Alma? The desire for Prohibition is a "Hangover" from the Puritan attitude."

Consider well, gentle reader, the import of these words. And now the letters are beginning to look fuzzy and the page blurred. Think I'll sleep this one off.

COLONEL KNOX, GREAT SECRETARY OF THE NAVY, DIES IN EAST

Alma College and the Y-12 Unit attached here join the entire nation in mourning the passing of former Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, who died in Washington last Friday. His illness was brief and it was with a shock that we received the news of the unexpected death of the man under whose direction the largest naval force in history was assembled. The ensign was lowered to half-mast where it will remain until Monday at sunset in accordance with a directive issued by Acting

Secretary of the Navy, James Y. Forrestal, to all ships and naval shore establishments. A telegram addressed to Dr. Roy W. Hamilton, President, read, "Funeral services for late Secretary of Navy Frank Knox will be held at two P. M. Monday, May first, at Mount Pleasant Congregational Church, Washington, D. C. Burial will be in Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors." and was signed, Major John H. Dillon, USMC, Marine Aide to the Secretary Navy.

CAMPUS DAY PLANNED BY STUDENT COUNCIL

Another May 21 is lolling around with Campus Day on the calendar. It is a day of fun- with athletic contests, food, music, dancing, and no classes. The Queen of Scots, a Senior to be elected in student chapel Thursday, will rule over all festivities. Baseball champs, both inter-mural and sorority, will meet in a spirited battle in the morning, following which a large-scale picnic lunch will be served in tin-grove. The Queen and her court, the May Pole Dance, the Highland Fling, and the Freshman Daisy Chain compose the coronation ceremony, of which Miss Smith is in charge. The Queen's ball, large informal dance, tops off the festivities.

The Student Council committees in charge are: General chairman, Ruth Kruelen; orchestra, Gerald Finish; decorations, Mary Catherine Bell; baseball, Donald Mraz and Gerry Wadley; Picnic, Betsy Ross and Buford Beck.

A former teacher of Frank Knox, Dean Emeritus James E. Mitchell, who still assists in the history department, paid tribute to him in a chapel memorial service yesterday. Following the invocation three hundred voices united in singing the Navy hymn. President Roy W. Hamilton made a brief statement of the facts concerning the death of Mr. Knox, and then the memorial address was delivered by Dean Mitchell. The a Cappella choir, under the direction of Prof. Eugene Grove, rendered the anthem, "Lord of Spirits" by F. A. Reissiger, and the service closed with a benediction. No classes convened yesterday afternoon.

Born January 1, 1871 of English and Scotch parentage, he moved shortly with his family to Grand Rapids, Michigan, where he spent his boyhood days. Before completing high school he went to work for a bookie and stationer. Only to find his job in the depression of 1893. Then it was that through the combined encouragement of his father and brother

"Janie", the three act comedy which the Alma College Drama Club will present Friday, May 12, at 8:00 p.m. in the Alma high school auditorium, is a particularly good choice at the present time for it amusingly combines down-to-earth observance of American high school life with scenes of naval station week-end shenanigans. A Unit twenty of the east of thirty are Alma College Navy Y-12 men. The night is a show with dozens of laughs as well as some serious contemplation of the problem of being young in a wartime world.

Drama Club Plays "Janie" May 12

Tickets are now on sale by various outlets (a 46:G*c-1c--n(a4*)

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COLONEL KNOX

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SOCIAL CALENDAR

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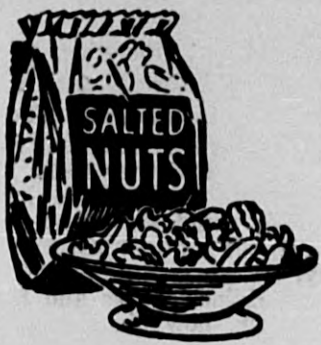
- Wednesday, 7 Prof. Ditto in chapel, 'Sound Detection' Navy required
- Thursday, 8 -Social Dancing, 7:00
- Saturday, 10 J-Hop, Chapel Rec Room
- Monday, 13 - President Hamilton in chapel Philadelphia Symphony Concert in Saginaw
- Tuesday, 14 Dr. Barber, H. S. Choir in chapel
- Wednesday, 15 A Cappella Choir in chapel Social Dancing. 7:00
- Friday, 17- "Janie" at H. S. auditorium
- Tuesday, 20, Miss Foley, French Group in chapel

CAMPUS LIFE

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In the Spotlight

SHEVROVICH

Jerry Silver became the ping pong champion of Alma College last Friday afternoon when he defeated Jerry Kelly in two straight sets 21-17, 21-14. Co-favorites at the start of the tournament, Silver and Kelly advanced to the finals in comparatively easy fashion. However, rather than a fast, smashing match as expected, the Kelly-Silver affair turned into a slow, deliberate type of game. Silver's steadier play and occasional smashing forehand drives proved to be the deciding factors in the match and earned him the title. Silver and Kelly will both be presented awards by the Almanian.

Leading the field in the strength test taken April 18th by the Navy men, was little "Mac" McClelland. Though he didn't break the mark set by Pete Andrews last semester, he posted the very respectable score of 82.6.

It appears that the pre-test workouts given by Coach Macdonald paid good dividends as all the men taking the test passed it. With the exception of sit-ups, results for all other exercises were high as the average score of 65.7 would indicate. Only 5 points separated the second and fifteenth place positions in the final results, showing the comparative closeness of the scores. Among those posting high scores were: Hollosy, Van Dellan, Cook, C. Wilson, Sullivan, Bates, Shader, Hadjisky, Goodrich, Lacey, Shevrovich, Beck, Cockels, Perkins, and Ledka.

Beginning of play in the intramural softball league is to take place in a few days. Plans at present are to have a six team league with each platoon in the battalion to be represented. It will be the responsibility of each platoon to select a captain and the necessary players. Tentative plans are to have each team play at least one, and possibly two games every week, depending on the free time of the P.T. instructors to serve as umpires. As yet it is not known whether there is to be a city softball league, so no plans have been made to formulate teams representing the Navy unit.

HERE AND THERE:

Play in the bowling tournament has at length reached the quarter final stage. Prentiss Wilson appears to be the dark horse candidate after having eliminated Morrie Foley, one of the pre-tournament favorites. By virtue of his victory, Wilson was the first to reach the semi finals . . . One of the most persistent or foolish jokes of campus appears to be Jim Strom. Every day in gym class he boxes with Sullivan and every day he gets his ears pinned back. He presently maintains that he is either going to lick Sullivan or get drunk in the attempt. Many of the fellows claim that the final result is already becoming evident . . . Previous to the strength test, most of the fellows were of the opinion that Bob Streiter wasn't in the best of physical condition possible—Just goes to prove that all of the people can be right some of the time . . . With the belated appearance of spring, everyone has shifted to outdoor sports. To their great disappointment, most students have found that the tennis courts are still in a deplorable condition. It seems as if something should be done to provide better facilities for the tennis enthusiasts . . . Another favorite spot the past few days has been the golf course. Whatever the weather may be, you can almost be certain that you'll bump into Profs Clack and Ditto. After watching them play a few holes you can be sure that you'll respect their ability . . . Speaking of golf courses, you see very many amusing and interesting events taking place there. We heard—indirectly, of course—that last Sunday one of the sailors and a college girl were touring the course with the girl carrying the bag of clubs. Wonder whether the fellow's conscience or the girl's back hurt the most that night?

CO-REC

By Gerry Wadley

Good weather or not the girls' softball tournament will start Thursday when the Independents and Alpha Thetas play the first game.

The Alpha Thetas boast the following line-up: Catcher, Helen Collins; pitcher, Gerry Wadley; first base, Ellen Angel; second base, Lydia Silvani; third base, Pud Taylor; short stop, Amy Middleton; right field, Jean Huff; left

field, Helen Olander; center field, Marge Bow and Gerry Wadley managing.

The Independents have chosen Marge Wunderlich as manager but have not yet announced their line-up.

The schedule is:

- May 4, Independents vs. Thetas
- May 6, KIs vs. Thetas
- May 11, Independents vs. Thetas
- May 18, KIs vs. Thetas
- May 20, Independents vs. KIs

The two teams winning the most games will play off the finals Campus Day morning. An award will then be given the winning team.

W. A. A. PARTY

The girls went out for a little seclusion of their own Saturday night in a "come as you are" party. Games such as—Badminton, Scotter, Stub-toe, and Broom-Stick game were enjoyed.

Miss Smith showed the girls some new dance steps such as the Seventh Step, Sailors' Hornpipe, and the Schottish. Refreshments, which were cokes and two different kinds of cookies, were enjoyed by everyone.

The party ended with the usual jam session.

Committees in charge were under Helen Nash and Dorothy Vaughan, invitations; Ruth Edwards, games; June Slyfield and Ruth Burkett, refreshments.

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Sportality

Mason, Michigan's Max Murray is the true personification of modern sport. At any rate it took some effort and pleas for the press, on the part of your reporter, to wheedle the facts from today's "victim."

Max, as most of you know, played regular right end on the Alma football varsity of last fall. He was no slouch! Hard tackling and all-round brilliant ball distinguished him from the common herd. There was no stopping him!

Before entering the Navy, Max was a civilian student here at Alma. Football had always rated high with him, and, as a freshman, he tried for the team to become a frequent substitute on Macdonald's '42 eleven.

In his senior year at Mason High, Max received the honor of being elected president of the school's Varsity Club. For two years he had competed and won letters in football and basketball. He had played hard and proven himself worthy of the position.

Max has always liked swimming and tennis, but obviously, the other more active sports have occupied his time and attention. He regretted that the spring plowing

prevented his playing with the high-school baseball team. "It's a great game," says Max, and incidentally, he's not a bad pitcher.

The impossibility of Alma entering inter-collegiate baseball competition came as a disappointment. However Max is looking forward to participation in a series of Navy-Civilian games similar to those in which he played last summer.

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Let's see now, who's going to be our first victim this week?

Oh, Yes, we remember now. We heard Morry Foley complaining the other day about Harry Oliver's running him out of cigarettes all the time. It seem that Morry blames not only Harry, but also Tallulah, whom Harry has been dating lately. At any rate, it looks like a change in policy after payday.

The Navy Club Dance seemed to find every one right on the ball last Friday. Leo Matejeik was warning everyone beforehand to stay away from the ninth green since that was reserved for him alone. But we sort of doubt that Leo would be out there all alone, especially on a cold night. We kind of wonder whether or not Jean was informed of this.

Tomes was another who got around to going to the party. Bill Moir was the lucky guy this time. Wonder if poor Tom is going away with the past or if Mary can't resist these "Operators" around here.

"Lum" Buck stocked himself with about three or four sweaters before the hayride so he wouldn't get cold. What's the matter, Lum, losing your punch? We heard that Lois Church burns for you and if that's the case, those sweaters won't be needed, will they?

"Orson Wells" gave us a hot tip on a certain Amy Lou whom Max has on the hook lately. Bring her around, Max, so we can get a look at her.

Ray Bailey seems to be doing O.K. for himself with Ruth Shaw. Chuck Fosatti and Barb Kemper have been seen together, too.

The brotherly love air existing on the second deck is appalling. P. M. Wilson actually went in and cleaned Bob Scheetz room the other day when Bob was too late getting back from breakfast to do it himself.

We're wondering about this big scandal involving Mraz, Yoder, Teach, Miller, and Hollosy on a certain Saturday afternoon. Will those guys ever learn to avoid trouble?

Ed Rutherford knows all the ins and outs of fighting a six foot Jap. But he sadly admits he has never seen a Jap.

Linton seems to spend many hours in the study hall after taps. Wonder if he studies or tries using some mind reading to find out what Prof Ditto is going to ask on the test.

Gaynor and Strong found out the other day that they both lived in the same town in West Va. When they got to talking about the good old days, it seemed as if women dominated the conversation. Could it be that they ever were interested in the fair sex?

What goes on in Saginaw on week-ends is anybody's guess. We always thought Saginaw was a pretty good town until we came here. The reports that some of these fellows bring back on Sunday nights make us wonder if we have seen all that there is to see in Saginaw.

A few of the lads have the habit of roosting on the window sills during physics class. We can't figure out whether that helps them learn physics easier or gives them a better view of the scenery walking past.

It seems that Miss Foley is just about tops with Faust, Boulton, and Thomasma. They label her "the only reason why we haven't put in a chit for transfer."

Many of the guys are on edge since the death of Frank Knox because they're afraid their stay at Alma will be cut short. I don't think there is much to worry about, fellows, you'll be around for awhile.

Well, until after the next marks come out we hope that you spend these beautiful week-ends in places other than the city limits of Alma.

FIRST FRAT PARTY PROVES SUCCESSFUL

The first fraternity sponsored party in nearly a year was given at the Phi house on Saturday night, April 22, by Delta Gamma Tau. An estimated 35 couples made themselves welcome at no cost and joined in the dancing, ping-pong, pool, community singing, and eats (including real, point-purchased meat sandwiches) which brought memories of past days and collegiate atmosphere.

Highlights of the party were: Prof. Richter being a good fellow and at home with everybody, Lydia, Izzy, Mrs. Howe . . . Miss Smith, arriving with two sailors in tow, and better yet, leaving with same at evening's end . . . Johnny Rosencranz at his blissful best with Margaret Jones . . . Wynn Clack, on leave, bringing a smile to Barbara Lull . . . Chuck Pullum, hard-working manager, strolling about and looking like the chief bouncer at the Bowery . . . Gerry Renish trading wise remarks with the lass a la Mexico, Patty Williams . . . Prof. Grove, aiding the cause by starting another song because he couldn't think of the one requested . . . Tiny and Wally Brieden combining in a burlesque blackface act that was at its best when a joke misfired—like a firecracker . . . A certain sailor coming late and stag and asking too loudly, "When does the party start?" Dear boy . . .

The party was lively from beginning to end and soft lights (which intrigued Prof. Howe no end) made dancing a favorite pastime through the too short hours from 2030 till 2400. Tiny Semprott and Chuck Pullum were responsible for decorating the house and arranging the function and the Deltas thank them with the hope that when the next is given (and given soon it will be) the success of the first will draw every resident of Alma College, Navy, civilians, and faculty.

Cat Chatter

... Jimmy Johnson is playing Romeo to Nettie Wilson. They're getting practically inseparable. . . The spring air, seeping into the biology lab. has had its affect on Moir and a little dark-haired damsel. Bill Haines beat him to the draw for the hayride, but Moir came through famously Saturday p.m.

Probably the biggest news is the arrival of Ensign Duvendeck. Isabelle Purdy has the sparkler on the third finger, left hand, and the fellows can kiss another girl good-bye. . . Lest we forget, have you noticed another new two-some, June Slyfield and Roger Barrett, out bicycling, gay as you please even after Rog's strenuous pædæ duties. . . And there's Margaret Davis with Joe Faust. They never miss a dance—a tall and terrific couple.

To get around to this week-end, some of the boys got confused and went to the high school dance Friday night instead of the hayride.

Some of the couples attending, surprising and otherwise, (supply your own adjectives) were Sharpe and Doyle, Olander and Thomasma, Cathcart and Kreulen, Sadler and Matticjek, Fowler and a handsome blonde brute of an import whom we could see stand seeing more of, but is only "just a friend" (Why, we cannot figure out), Taylor and Haines, Jones and Rosencranz (Oh, how did they get in again?)

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