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## "Jimmy" Mitchell Day Homecoming Theme

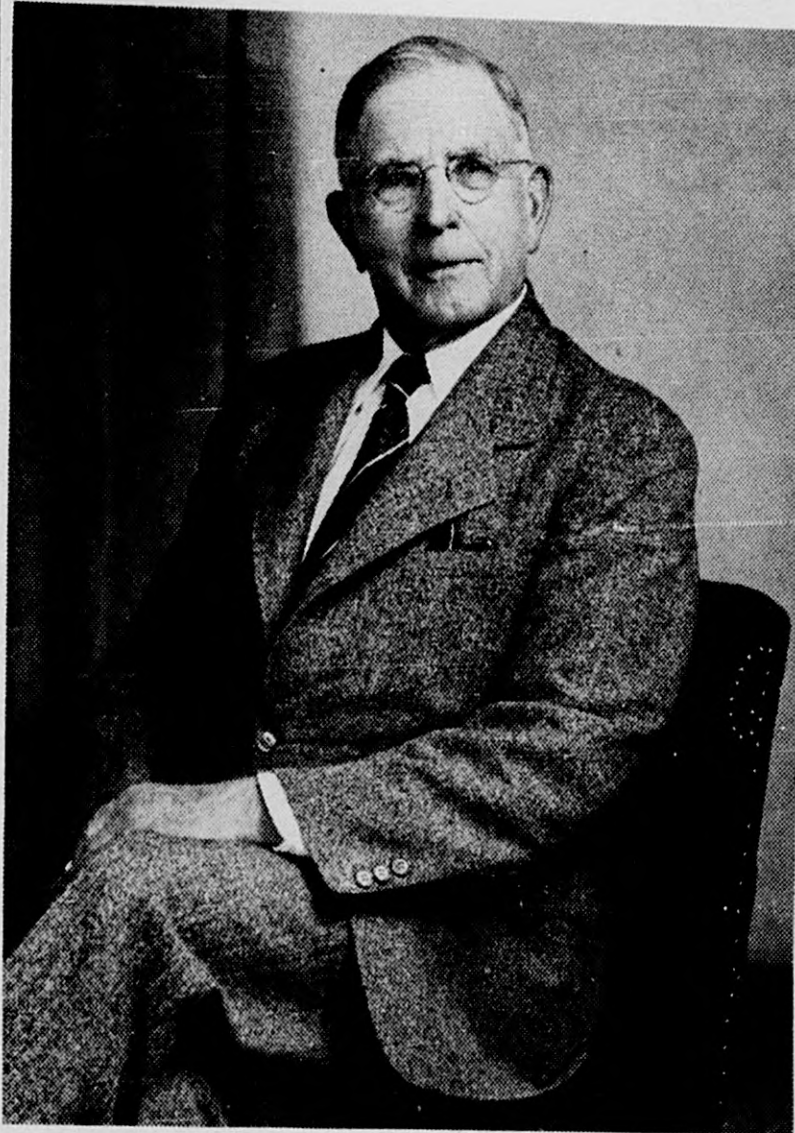
### MITCHELL SHOWS SPIRIT OF ALMA

All that is Alma College may be summed up in the person of Dr. James Mitchell. Known by all who have ever attended Alma College, or who have had contact with the college in any way, "Jimmy Mitchell" has endeared himself to all by his friendly manner and his willingness to help. Graduating with an A. B. in 1891, "Jimmy continued his graduate work elsewhere. His A. M. was received at Columbia University. Immediately prior to his return to Alma College in 1897 as a member of the faculty, he held the position of Superintendent of Schools in Kalkaska, Michigan.

Appointed to the Alma College faculty, "Jimmy" began in September 1897 as Professor of History and Political Science. Since then he has remained in the same department, teaching the same subjects, but branching out in his work by filling numerous other positions. He has held such jobs as: Dean of Administration; Dean of the Faculty; Dean of Men; and is now the Dean of the Alumni Association.

The Alma College spirit in "Jimmy" was passed on to his three sons, who also boast of being Alma College Graduates.

In recent years, "Jimmy" has entered into business in the City of Alma, being the president of the Alma Realty Company.



Jimmy Mitchell

### FROM HUMBLE BEGINNING!

## Hogan's Alley Built by Hardships

It is an accepted fact that all peoples have a historical background, and the residents of Hogan's Alley have one they can well be proud of. Our beginning got its start in the basement of Pioneer Hall. It was from here that a band of hardy men immigrated to what was known as GI HALL, but more popularly termed now as "SKID ROW." This handful of men packed their belongings, shed a few tears, squared their shoulders and started off across the wilds. They blazed a trail through the forest behind the administration building and crossed College Avenue without a single casualty. Leading off College Avenue was a wild trail upon which were found two long

rambling huts, now referred to as barracks. In this remote region, due to necessity, our pioneers settled down and proceeded to develop a culture unparalleled in the history of Alma College. This historical movement took place during the first part of January 1947. There were tremendous prob-

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### Dr. J. E. Mitchell Entered Alma College in Sept. 1887

November 1 is the date of Alma's homecoming. It has been designated as "Jimmy" Mitchell Day, in honor of Dr. James E. Mitchell who came to Alma College when it opened—1887!

Two days of activity will commence with the pep meeting to be held Friday evening, October 31, at 8. The presentation of the Homecoming Queen-elect, coach, and football team will take place, with a large bonfire to be built and maintained by the freshman class men. An informal dance will follow in the chapel rec room.

The "great day" will start out with the frosh-sophomore flag rush at 6 a. m., to be refereed by Art Freet, student marshal. The parade will begin promptly at 10:30 a. m., and is under Student Council supervision. Waite Palmer, Palmira, N. Y., has been appointed by the council to head this project.

Football takes the spotlight at 2 p. m., when the Scots meet with a traditionally tough rival, the Hope College Dutchmen. Last year saw the Scots win a close contest from Albion to delight a homecoming crowd of 2000, and with a much larger crowd expected, the Scots are determined to do their part.

Crowning of the homecoming queen will take place during the half-time period, with President Dale D. Welch doing the honors. A presentation will be made by Alfred Fortino, '37, Alumni President.

Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the chapel rec room following the game, and the fraternity and sorority banquets will be held in the early evenings.

Saint Ingham and his band will play for the Homecoming Dance to be held in the Memorial Gymna-

sium commencing at 9:00 p. m.

Homecoming committee includes Professor A. Westley Rowland, Dean Jean G. Fyfe, Mr. Alfred Fortino, Alumni President, W. Charles Skinner, Alumni vice-president, Miss Jane Charlesworth, campus social director, Mrs. Bernice N. King, college dietitian, Mr. Robert Rufener, Music Faculty, Marion Spalsbury, and Guile Graham of the Student Council.

### Program

Friday, October 31

8:00 p. m.—Pep meeting, Davis field. Presentation of the Homecoming Queen-elect. Presentation of coach and team. Bonfire.

9:00 p. m. Informal dance, Chapel Recreation room.

Saturday, November 1

6:00 a. m. Frosh-Soph flag rush.

9:30 a. m.-5:00 p. m. Registration of Alumni, Chapel Rotunda.

10:30 a. m.—Parade.

2:00 p. m. Football Game, Alma vs. Hope, Bahlke field. Crowning of Homecoming Queen between halves. Presentation—Alfred Fortino, '37, Alumni President. Coffee and doughnuts will be served in the Chapel Recreation room immediately after the game.

Fraternity and Sorority Alumni banquets: 5:30 p. m. Delta Gamma Tau, Wright Hotel; 6:00 p. m. Kappa Iota, Updike's Restaurant; 6:30 p. m. Sigma Philo, Wright Hotel; 7:00 p. m. Phi Phi Alpha, 8:00 p. m. Masonic Temple! 7:00, Zeta Sigma, Alpha Theta, Wright Hotel.

9:00 p. m. Homecoming dance, Memorial gymnasium.

### QUEEN RUTH AND COURT



Miss Ruth Swatek, (center) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles P. Rank of Grand Haven, will reign over Homecoming festivities, November 1. A graduate of Grand Haven High School in 1945, Ruth is majoring in Art.

Members of the court include, left to right, Jocelyn Larrabee, daughter of Mrs. Virginia Larrabee, Jackson, Michigan; Diane Cotton, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Schuyler Cotton, Detroit; Queen Ruth; Jeanne Minard, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Minard, Harbor Beach; and Joan Ramsey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvah Ramsey, Port Huron.

### SWIPES! ATENTHUT!



Back around the turn of the century, Pioneer Hall had its own dining hall, presided over by a handsome crew of swipes. From information we've been able to gather, each night they were required to line up for inspection, with the head swipe checking hands, uniforms, and making note of those who failed to have their hair neatly slicked back.



SPECIAL HOMECOMING EDITION



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- Ted Emery
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To the Alumni:

We are trying to make this Homecoming a memorable one for the person who has symbolized Alma College for many, many years. We would like to show Jimmy Mitchell one of the biggest gatherings that we have ever had at a Homecoming.

In these days when the future is so uncertain the past becomes much more precious and memories more dear. All of us hold fond memories of Alma Mater and Homecoming this year should be a re-kindling of these memories, especially in view of the fact that we are honoring Alma's "grand old man". For the most part we Alumni live within reasonable distance of the school; it would not be asking too much to ask all to be here for just this one day to show our appreciation to Alma Mater and to Dean Mitchell. Many of us are materially, as well as spiritually indebted to Alma College and as for those who are not so indebted there is much that we owe in gratitude for the chance we had to make the associations that we made on the campus under the tutelage of Dean Mitchell.

Let's try to make it a great day for Dean Mitchell. Al Fortino, '37.

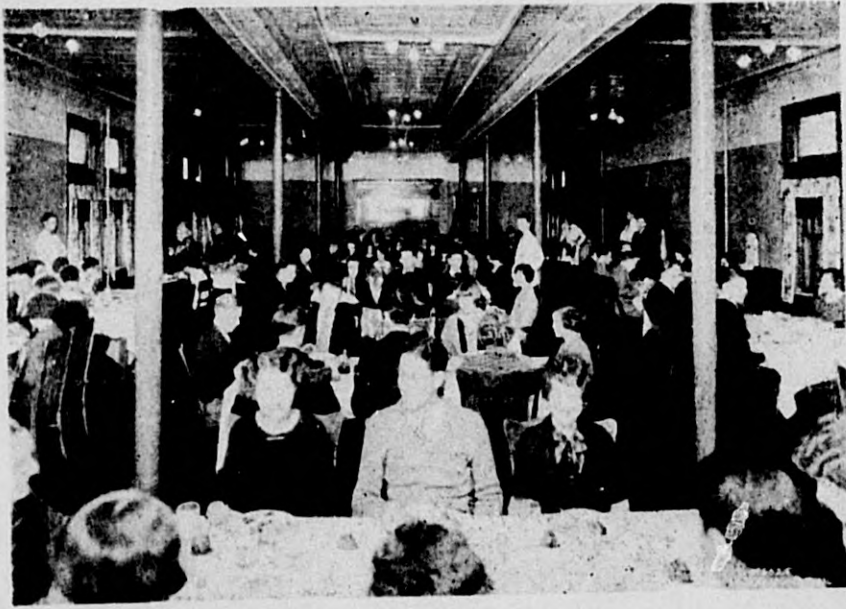
Alma College has this year seen a new rise in spirit. Capacity crowds attending home football games, the oldtime pep rallies, with parades through town prior to games.

Much of this is due to the overwhelming enthusiasm of the Class of '51, plus outstanding leadership of the present Student Council.

A new social Director at Alma College this year, Miss Jane Charlesworth, formerly with the Red Cross handling recreation work, has organized the social program so completely that weekends are never dull. The clubs, fraternities and sororities are cooperating, sponsoring parties, dances, and other social affairs.

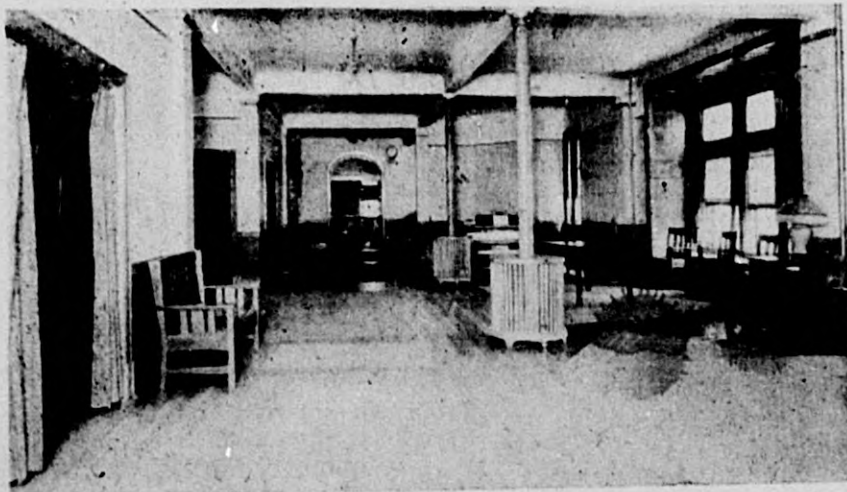
When you come to Alma on November 1, look about you, observe that Alma College is once again seeing the good old days of spirit . . . and remember . . . SCOTS SPIRIT CONQUERS.

DIG IN, KIDS!



This picture, catching some ALMANIANS of about ten years ago as they are enjoying a delicious meal at the Wright Hall dining room, was found at the bottom of our files. We get it out every once in a while to show that times haven't changed at Alma College. We still manage to get together at least three times a day.

OH MY ACHING BACK!



It wasn't too many years ago that the lounge at Wright Hall looked like this. Those straight backed chairs weren't too comfortable, and it was often thought they were there for one purpose—to discourage the men of the college from hanging out there.

Guess the old days weren't too good after all.

GET THAT FRESHMAN!



Way back in the fall of 1938, the future (then) sons of '42 found themselves one morning with quite a job in sight. The "hated" sophs of '41 had raised a flag high on the flagpole, and had issued a challenge to the frosh to tear it down.

There ensued a terrific six hour struggle, with time out for lunch, with the sophs and frosh in heated combat. Early in the afternoon, Fritz Olliger, so we are told, climbed the pole and retrieved the pennant, with Keith Carey, Rex Holmes, Warren Hartt, and Tinker Kirby assisting him by exerting the special "push" which sent Fritz above the heads of the bloodthirsty sophs.

GET THE FACTS!

To receive a major in English at Alma College it is necessary that sometime during your four years here that you enter room number 9, reigned over by Professor Herman W. Spencer. His field of teaching is rhetoric and journalism.

The first day or so is confusing, with the air filled with "clear, concise, coherent". Then it begins to organize, and it is plain he wants things "clear, concise and coherent". The essential thing is the bare fact, the plain unadulterated truth. This is important of all things.

Forget the Palmer method. When writing a "T" one vertical and one horizontal line suffices. Forget the curley-cues.

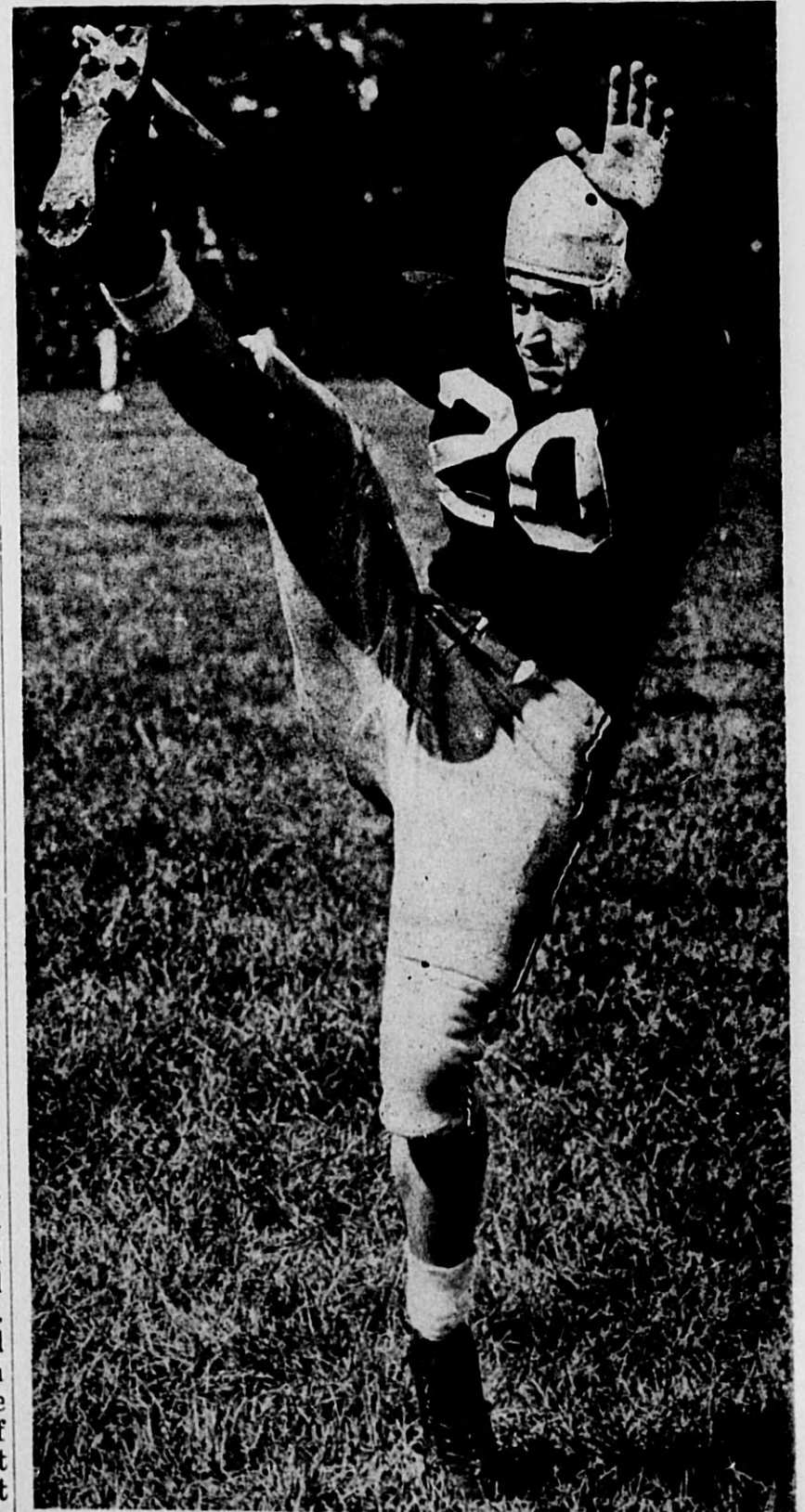
It doesn't take long to realize that he is a philologist of Greek, Latin, and English. Vocabulary is on the increase immediately, and in the easiest way, that of learning the root of the word. Generally speaking, his lectures are dynamic because of his broad background in the field of journalism.

Every professor has his pet peeve. Usually these regular discussions are precipitated by a student. They are a wasting of time in the short run of education, that is, a single point of study, but in a larger sense, these tangents or sessions broaden the student by endowing him with the benefits of the teachers' experience. What present day pupil can tell of incidents connected with the 1922 World Series, or of Past Alma football teams? Who has compiled a more careful and complete study of slang expressions of a generation? Name a student of journalism who does not appreciate the experience of a reporter and editor of some

leading eastern or mid-western newspaper.

The result is having learned

the difference between fact and fancy, having mastered a journalistic style, and having learned many good and useful English habits. The final factor is having met a congenial, regular, sportsloving guy.



Max Tullis . . . Alma Scots' Captain



# Scots vs. Hope in Homecoming, Nov. 1

## Face Crucial MIAA Tilt Against Dutchmen

The Alma Scots and Hope Dutchmen are reversing positions this fall. Last year the latter school was host to Alma at their annual Homecoming game and soundly spanked the visiting Scots, 24-0. This year the Sebomen will try to emulate their worthy rivals on Bahlke Field Saturday, November 1, in the Alma Homecoming tilt.

Form is usually thrown out the window when Homecoming rivals clash. The Hope eleven is rated a touchdown better than the Alma team but the Scots have been pointing for a victory to please the old grads and should give the Dutchmen a very busy afternoon. The two teams have met one common foe; Alma upset Michigan Normal, 12-0, and Hope dropped the Hurons 12-7.

Coach Al Vanderbush will bring an all-veteran team to Alma. Five of the starting eleven were 1946 regulars when the Dutchmen won six and lost only two. Nick Yonker, all-MIAA quarterback last year, will spark the Hollanders. Yonker rates as one of the finest passers from the "T" formation in the state. His chief target is Clair DeMull, a towering end. Leading ground gainer and scorer is Bob Emery at fullback. Emery, as well as Vern Kraai and Ernie Post, halfbacks, were all regulars a year ago.

Except for Chuck Martin, regular blocking back, the Sebomen will be near top physical condition for the fray. Martin is probably out for the season following some pulled knee muscles in the Grand Rapids JC game. But Bucky Walters' return to heavy duty and the fine showing by substitute quarterback Bruno Krause may more than offset Martin's loss. Coach Steve Sebo's biggest worry now is the condition of Captain Max Tullis' injured knee. Tullis was kept out of the Grand Rapids game and may not see any action against Adrian. If he is ready to go the Dutchmen may be in for a surprise. Tullis is the Scots' most consistent ground gainer and his loss puts a serious crimp in Sebo's offensive plans. If Tullis is still sidelined sparkling Ray Mohre, who has shown alert defensive ability in early games, will get the call at the right half post.

Sebo has been using offensive and defensive units this fall. The offensive line-up is Fred Fyfe, Bill Floore or Roy Gray, ends; Dick Derby and Clare Albee, tackles; Ken Corbin and Bob Leiberman, guards; Buck Walters, center; in the backfield are Bruno Krause, Rex Roseman, Max Tullis, and Rocky Walter. When Alma loses the ball Sebo takes advantage of the free substitution rule, sending in Jumbo Hornacek at Derby's

tackle slot; Gene McQuaid for Leiberman; Dixie Howell or Gale Saxton takes Walters' backer-up role; and Ray Mohre replaces Walker in the secondary.

The game may be another nip and tuck affair like last year's tilt when the Scots edged Albion, 14-13. A record crowd of alumni are expected.

This will be the ninth game between the two schools, Alma holding a 4-2 edge with two games ending in ties.

### HOGAN'S ALLEY

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lems confronting these early settlers, but with true Almanian spirit and unrelenting fortitude, they adapted themselves to such things as the fires dying out during the night, no hot water, and during inclement weather the hazardous trail leading to their food supply base at Wright Hall.

Socially our heroes were even worse off. Due to their location their reputations were in the balance. All other peoples referred to their homes, which were considered as being on the other side of the tracks, as the "slums of Alma College," and as "dens of iniquity." An ordinary man may have given up under such a trying social existence, but not our men. Their spirits were undaunted. They continued to sweep their floors, dust their few straight-backed chairs, wash their faces, comb their hair, and a few started to shave regularly. During their spare time they diligently applied themselves to their studies. These men had a will and character that was indomitable. Obviously such initiative could not be ignored. Society decided to give them a trial. They were permitted to purchase tickets to school dances and a few girls condescended to even dance with them. Sometime later, Wright Hall girls were given permission to date these men, and after a trial period, the girls ceased wearing side arms, such to the kitchens' relief. With this concession the semester ended.

The new era (September '47) on Hogan' Alley history owes all its present culture and benefits to the pioneers of last semester. It was because of them that the school decided to give the boys a "break".

The finest gravel from Pine River was conveyed and dumped along the barracks to form a grade "A" gravel road, which runs between the married quarters and GI HALL and is now known as "Hogan's Alley." A section of the famous Boardwalk at Atlantic City was transported here and now skirts the barracks. Permanent desks were installed in our study rooms, and finally, last but not least, we have been provided with janitor service.

We owe an eternal debt of gratitude to the first settlers of GI HALL, for truly these men rank among the "greats" of Alma College for it was due only to their super-human fortitude that made our place what it is today. Where else could George Vinson have a neighbor like Fritz Adams? Or Fossitt a roommate like Womack? And for further evidence of class, Hogan's Alley houses the sophomore class president, his honor, Bruce Brown.

Some of our hardened veterans are still with us and are enjoying the fruits for which they fought, but the majority in residence now are replacements that have been brought up from the REPLACEMENT TRAINING CENTER AT PIONEER HALL.

These men will continue to carry on the tradition of their predecessors and are already envisaging the day when the bees will come to play with our petunias.

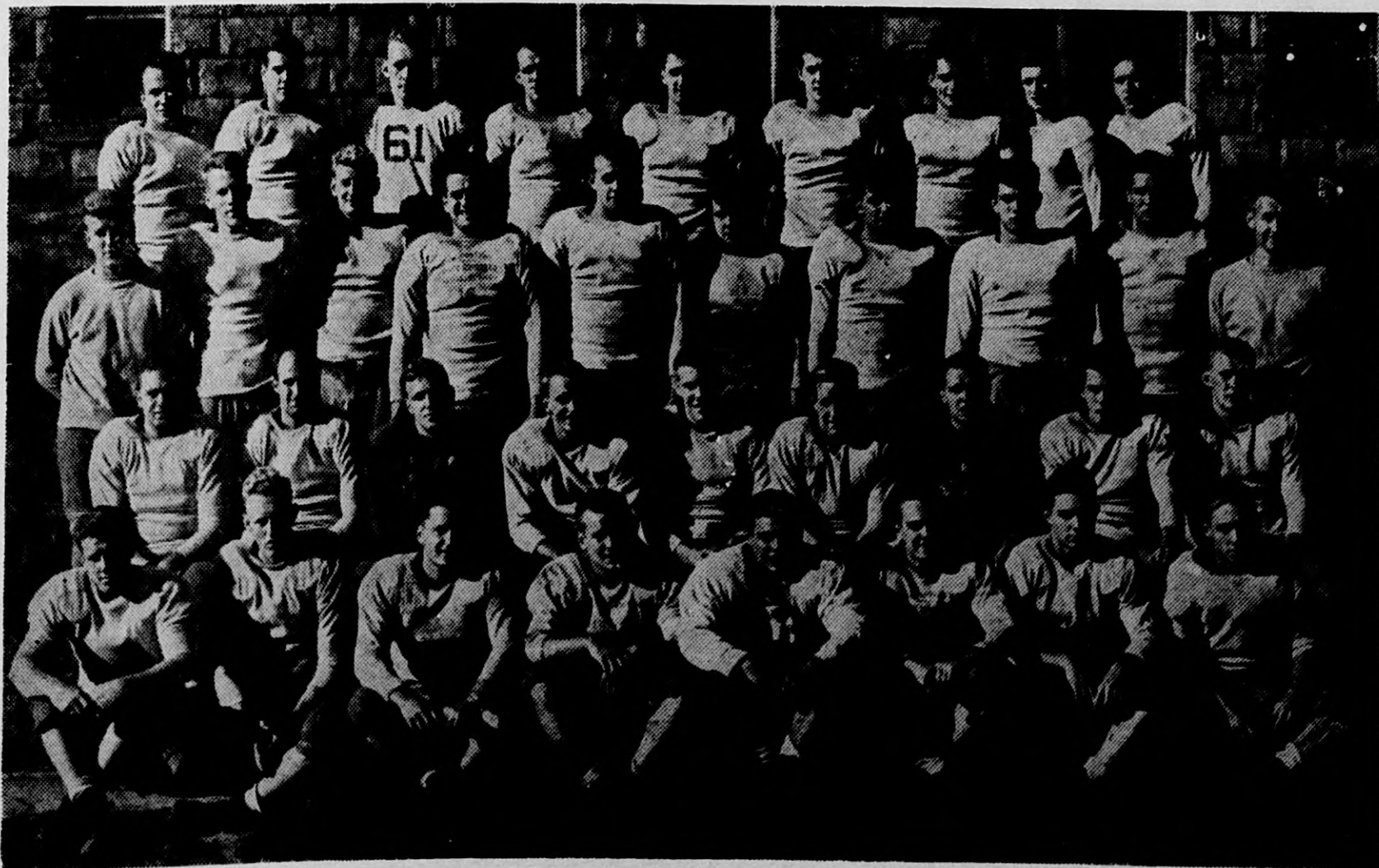


With the start of the 1947 football season, Coach Steve Sebo begins his 2nd year as the Scots' coach and Director of Athletics. Steve was an outstanding athlete at Battle Creek high school and Michigan State College. While attending MSC, he was right halfback on the football team and catcher on the baseball team for three years.

After four years as instructor of physical education and coach of football, basketball and baseball at Petoskey high school, Steve joined the army in July, 1941. Following his discharge from service in Jan. 1946, Coach Sebo completed his work for the master's degree in physical education at the University of Michigan.

Bruce Butler, graduate of the Class of 1947, begins his first year as assistant coach. Bruce was active as a member of the football, basketball and baseball team of Mackenzie high school in Detroit. He entered Alma College in September 1941, playing on the MIAA Championship team of that year, and repeating in 1942. Bruce also was an outstanding track man participating in the 100 yard dash, javelin and discus throwing, and a member of the mile relay team. During the war, he served in the Marine Corps with the 4th and 2nd Marine Divisions.

### HOPE DUTCHMEN GRIDSTERS





## Enrollment Comparatively Steady Through Alma's Sixty Years

A comparison of enrollment figures through the years ran us into quite a lot of trouble, so we settled for figures available for 1940 to the present term, and included 1889.

1889, Jimmy Mitchell entered his junior year, and 243 fellow students accompanied him each day to classes held in the ad building. The years rolled on, Alma surviving the first World war, and more students seeking higher education made use of facilities offered here.

In 1940, the enrollment was at 439, almost twice as much as was enrolled in 1899. Times had changed.

Along came the war, and Alma, like all other colleges, felt the pinch as its manpower was called off to service for its country. Enrollment was far short of capacity. Even with the Navy V-12 program, our student body took a drop to 330 in 1943, and from 1944 to 1945, things got much worse.

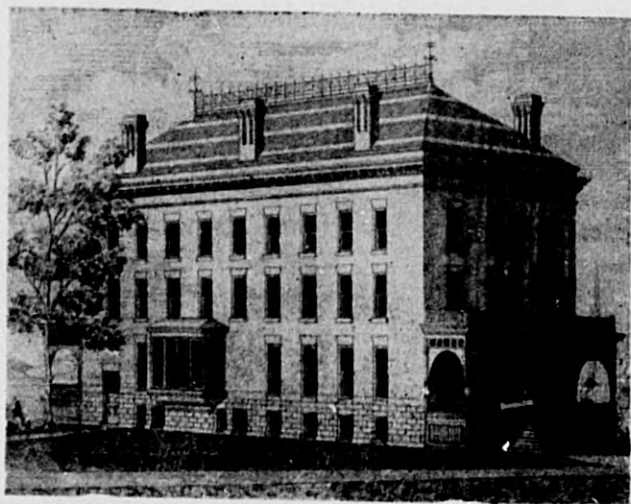
Rock bottom was hit with an enrollment of only 191 students.

V-J day brought the end of World War II, and college life was on the uphill trail. Like all other institutions of learning, Alma College was the answer to the educational problem for many veterans seeking schooling under the G. I. Bill. The doors of the Pine River school opened wide, and all available space was utilized for those desiring learning.

The 1946-47 term saw Alma College with a record enrollment of about 450 students, and at the same time, the faculty was increased by 14 members.

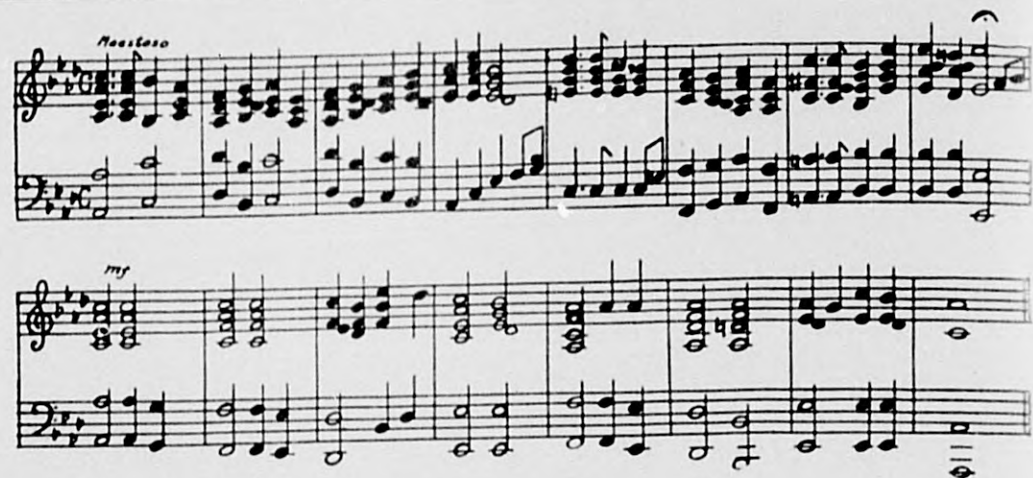
And now, in its sixty-first year, Alma College once more set a record in enrollment with 650 students being registered for full time work, and nine new faculty members added to handle the capacity student body.

### SOLID AS GIBRALTER!



An architect's drawing of pioneer Hall. This grand old stalwart of Alma College is one of the original buildings on campus, erected in 1886, same year as construction of the ad building. Many improvements have been made in the building in recent years, with a special suite of rooms now located in the basement. Here are housed about 12 students.

Through the years, sons of old Almanians arrive, and find themselves housed in the same rooms that once served as home to their fathers. Old grads head here on Homecoming Day and look about, recalling old times.



### ALMA MATER

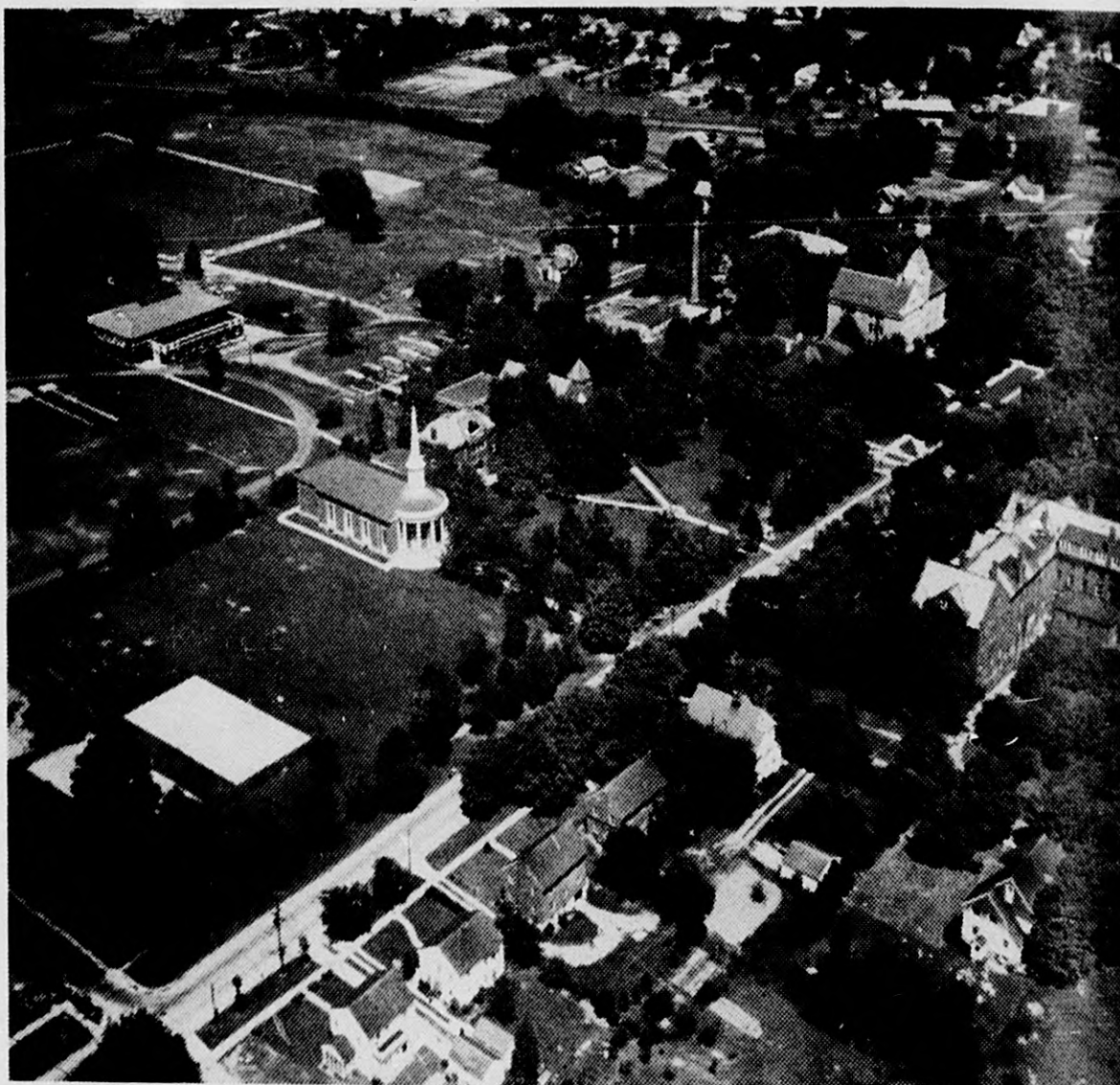
Loyal hearts will cherish ever  
Thoughts of Thee throughout the years;  
Pledging Thee our fond devotion  
Guardian of our hopes and fears.

Memory holds a cherished picture,  
Jungle, grove and campus fair;  
Sons and daughters ever faithful  
Hail Thee one beyond compare.

#### Chorus

Alma! Alma! Sing of Alma Mater:  
Thy loyal children  
Chant thy Hymn of praise.

### ALMA COLLEGE FROM THE AIR



In this recent aerial view of the campus, the new chapel stands out prominently among the old familiar buildings.

# ALUMNI

## Special Offer

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It is now possible for you to receive a copy of the **ALMANIAN** each week. Keep up on the news of Alma College. Follow the Scots in athletic competition. Be in the know.

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