

# 8-Day Arts Festival Begins Sunday!

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Alma College's first annual Fine Arts Festival will be presented this Sunday, April 26, through May 3. A variety of artists and lecturers representing Music, Drama and Art have been engaged to appear during the week.

Those who will participate are acknowledged in their fields—and will include such artists as Virgil Thomson, pianist and composer; Myron Fink, composer and teacher of piano at Alma College; Bonnie Fink, concert artist. Also featured will be drama, choral music; an art exhibit and a symposium.

The Fine Arts Festival was planned by the Academic Affairs Committee of the College, whose members are Harlan McCall, Harold Mickle, Robert Rufener, Frances Hughes, Doris Diefenbach, and Dr. Stephen Meyer. The program for the week-long Festival is as follows: **Sunday, April 26, Concert**

The Choral Union, a musical group composed of vocalists from the Alma community, from Alma College students and faculty. See—ARTS FESTIVAL—page 2



The American Library Association Report accents the crucial need for a new library. The central place in the academic life of the College must be occupied by the library which is the sole laboratory for many areas of study. Shown above is the proposed library and building to provide adequate classrooms and faculty offices.

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### Virgil Thomson To Lecture During First Fine Arts Festival

If the "Age of the Common Man" and its attendant fetish of specialization had ever been allowed to influence Virgil Thomson, it would have taken fifteen men to live his one short life. The Mr. Thomson, who will appear here on Thursday, April 30, to lecture during the Fine Arts Festival, is only one of what would seem to be—

an army. For he never seemed to realize—or recognize—that he had been born in the common man's era and he certainly never stopped to specialize.

Virgil Thomson has been, by turns and simultaneously, a concert pianist, an accompanist, an organist of note, a ranking choir director, a teacher and a student (simultaneously), a com-

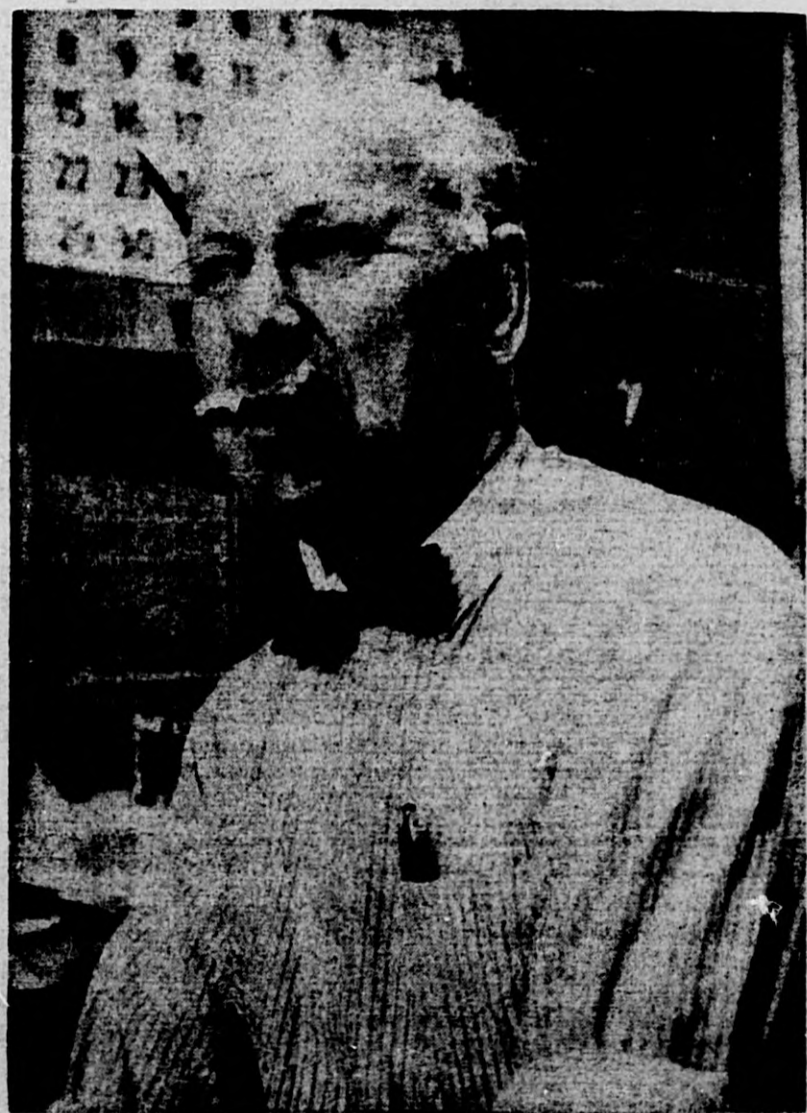
poser and conductor (also simultaneously). He has been a man of letters and a critic writing daily and weekly newspaper columns which have turned out to be among the greatest essays on art of our era. He was, and is, a lecturer betimes and, incidental to that, a rather celebrated wit. In fact, he has been most of these "simultaneously."

In each of his "specialties," he has avoided specialization, either by instinct or tendency. As a composer, he has written in all forms and many—usually piquant and radical—combinations of instruments. He has been called a "musical satirist," and he does seem the embodiment of the comic spirit, often putting over a profound and pen-

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#### REBS' YELL

### "To The Table Down At Morey's" Jimmy Is Alma Institution



It's a long way from Krokileon, Greece, to Springfield, Mass., but James "Jimmie" Kapellas made it, and Alma College is a brighter place because of him.

Of course, Alma's fair campus was not immediately enhanced. Jim came to the States in 1916 with his father at the age of 16 and began his Americanization as a water-boy for a railroad section-crew in Massachusetts.

He made his first step into the restaurant business soon after as a busboy for a Springfield, Mass., restaurant.

Promoting the tradition of American free-enterprise, Jimmie, in partnership with a cousin, then opened a chain of "Coney-Island" stands in several southern states.

In the course of his travels, Jim reached Joplin, Mo.,—and matrimony reached him. The Kapellas have two

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### Constitution Revisions Are Voted Down

#### Council Accepts Resignation of Burt Dugan

The Student Council rejected the constitution committees recommendations for revision of the constitution at the Tuesday evening meeting. Bert Dugan presented his formal resignation; and the election of Myrtle Cuellar as a regional officer in the National Student Association was announced.

A three-fourths majority of the entire council was necessary to amend the constitution. Of the twenty council members, five were absent and three voted no on amending the constitution. Those who opposed the amendments were Chip McLellan, Ed Powers, and Bud Sundeck.

Bob Abernathy, Sally Bay, Myrtle Cuellar, Judy Eldred, Ken Harper, Vern Hipwell, Dave Hogberg, Bob Ludtke, Pat Sweeney, Bill York, Bob Wollard, Dave Smith voted affirmatively. Absent at the time of the vote were Bob Cotter, Dave Elliot, Judy Orvis, Lynn Salathiel, and Bill Wilson.

The council accepted the resignation of Bert Dugan. Burt's See—CONSTITUTION—page 4

#### SORRY!

Due to a slip-up in the United States Mail we are coming to you this week minus some pictures pertaining to the Arts Festival. Our lateness is due to the necessity of "remodeling" the front page.

—The Editors

### Lynne Brown Wins Contest

#### Orders Quo Vadis As Her Prize

"I wasn't asleep," said the doormouse of Lewis Carroll's *Alice In Wonderland*. This illustration in picture No. 1 of the recently-ended library contest is seemingly fitted to the theme for National Library Week, "Wake Up And Read."

Lynne Brown, Wayne freshman, won the contest, which ended Monday, April 20, by a margin of six points greater than any other entry. She has chosen as her prize *Quo Vadis* by Henryk Sienkiewicz of the Great Classics Illustrated list published by Dodd, Mead and Co.

The judges decided the scores by awarding two points for every correct answer or one point for a slight variation of the title or misspelled word.

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### Addresses English Ass'n Meet

Professors Florence Kirk, Paul Storey, Louis Miner, and Samuel Cornelius attended the Spring meeting of the Michigan College English Association at Flint last Saturday, April 18.

Dr. Florence Kirk served on the nominating committee for next year's officers. Mr. Storey completed a year's work on the committee studying teaching conditions in the English departments of colleges, universities, and junior colleges in the state.

Dr. Cornelius addressed the association members as a member of a panel considering honors programs. Dr. Cornelius spoke on "Honors at Alma College."

### Fine Arts vs. Morality To Be Topic of Symposium Monday

"How do the contemporary fine arts affect American morality?" will be the question for Monday night's symposium. It will be held at 8:00 p.m. in Dunning Chapel. According to Mr. Harold Mickle of the Speech department the format for the session in itself will be very interesting.

There will be three witnesses, who will each be given 15 minutes to speak on a specific problem as it relates to the broad topic of Fine Arts and Morality. The witnesses are the following: Dr. Bernard Knittel, Speech department of Michigan State University. Dr. Knittel has done radio and TV work and has done book reviews over the radio. Dr. D. Ivan Dykstra, head of Philosophy department at Hope College. Dr. Dykstra is the brother of Mr. Wesley Dykstra of Alma, and has already been at Alma once before as a speaker. He will take the generalist approach of the aesthetician. Mr. Robert Frantz is an architect from Saginaw, and a University of Michigan graduate.

After five minutes have elapsed the witness may be questioned by any member of the Committee of Interrogation. These questions will be brought from the audience to the questioners by ushers. Time used to answer an interrogation shall not be counted against the witness.

Mr. Mickle also stated that the words "contemporary fine arts" actually suggest the very core of all liberal arts, and that the discussion should be very interesting.

### Parents Day To Conclude Festival

On Parent's Day, Sunday May 3, the cornerstone of the new Science Building will be laid. At 3:30 p.m. Margaret McLeod, Roseville senior, will give a recital. Parents have been invited to spend the entire day at Alma and arrive in time to have dinner in Van Dusen Commons. Residence halls will hold open house in the afternoon. Another attraction will be the Fine Arts Festival Art Show in Tyler auditorium.

### Tri-Beta Elects Officers; Hears Papers

Jim Delavan, Alma sophomore, was elected president of the Tri-Beta Club for the coming year. The other officers are vice-president, William Betts, Auburn, New York junior; secretary-treasurer, Barbara Busby, Detroit junior, and Nancy Vogan, Saginaw sophomore, historian.

Three papers, which will be presented at the regional Tri-Beta convention at Wittenberg College in Springfield, Ohio on April 25 were presented to the club.

Gordon Snyder, Traverse City senior, gave "Relative Humidity and Survival of Isopods." The "Effects of Gibberillin on the rate of Respiration in Seeds and Seedlings" was given jointly by Carl Large, Edmore senior, See—TRI-BETA—page 4



# Mme. Opens New Contest

Here is another chance for someone interested in writing to win an award for himself and his college publication. Mademoiselle magazine has announced the rules for its 1959 College Publications contest.

Awards will be made for the best student-written article, the best alumni-written article, and the best faculty-written article. The articles are to be published in a college newspaper, a college feature magazine, or an alumni magazine.

The articles should be of in-

terest to college students nationally. Entries will be judged on originality of thought and skill of writing.

Only non-fiction published during 1959 is eligible and should be submitted before January 1, 1960. The entries have to be submitted by the editor of the publication.

Anyone interested in entering this contest should contact Sharon Stephens at the almanac office.

## Alpha Thetas "Adopt" Chinese Girl

Recently, Alpha Theta sorority adopted a little Chinese girl, Tou Ling Chi, who is six years old. She has been adopted through the Christian Children's Fund which is the largest Protestant orphanage organization in the world.

Sharon Beardsley, Lapeer senior, who started the girls on their project, said that Tou Ling is considered to be their special charge, and that all the girls are all her guardians. "We may and should send her presents on her birthday and write to her," said Sharon.

Tou Ling lives just outside Hong Kong Harbor and is one of 800 refugee children from the communist dominated China mainland. She is in the first grade and her favorite studies are reading and writing. Playing with dolls, as any other girl her age enjoys, is one of her favorite pastimes.

**Definition — Efficiency Expert:** A guy smart enough to tell you how to run your business and too smart to start his own. (The Reader's Digest)

## Delt Spring Swing To Be Tomorrow

The Delt Spring Swing, "Celestial Spectacular," will be held April 25. Music will be by the Dick Tilkin Quartet. Final arrangements are also being made for their spring Formal at the Greenville Country Club.

According to Ken Burchett intramural chairman, "The two Delt Softball teams, the Dodgers and Dubbers will soon start practice."

One Senator to another, leaving Capitol: "I'd hate to have to go out and make a living under those laws we just passed." (The Reader's Digest)

## Tuberculin Tests Available For Srs.

Tuberculin tests will be available free to all seniors until the end of May. If the test is negative an x-ray will be given as a double check. All seniors are required to have a tuberculin test before graduation.

Man to family climbing out of car: "Well, we finally found a parking space. Does anybody remember why we're here?" (The Reader's Digest)

## WJR To Alert Mich. Residents

WJR will alert Michigan residents of the possibility of tornadoes or other severe weather disturbances through the use of an emergency weather warning system, when ever weather conditions warrant.

The Goodwill Station will use the "Conelrad" one-thousand cycle tone under emergency weather conditions to warn of an impending tornado. The "tone" will dramatize the fact that an emergency condition exists and will trigger special radio receivers throughout Michigan that are designed to be activated at the pulse of the tone signal. The "alert" system will be used only at the direction of officials of the United States Weather Bureau.

In the Detroit area the weather warnings will be broadcast by WJR on the 760 kilocycle frequency.

The weather warning system is designed to give the alert area sufficient time, through radio broadcasts, to initiate any emergency procedures that may be necessary.

If at first you don't succeed, try, try again. Then quit. No use being silly about it!

"When a teen-ager helps with housework, it means she's visiting a friend." — Franklin P. Jones

## Lecture

(continued from page 1) etrating point with an owlsh twinkle. But some of his best scores have been based on such heroic-scale catastrophes as the dustbowl, or on man's struggle with the monster Mississippi. And his two operas have, for their lyrical-dramatic motivation, the joy of saints and the spiritual drive of a great idealist.

As a composer, he has been no specialist. He has composed simple songs, choral works, works for organ, piano, quartets, sonatas and concertos for various instruments, symphonic works and one elegiac work—for band. And he has written for all kinds of performance, not merely the formal recital or concert in the concert hall. He has written for plays, for films, the two operas already mentioned, for ballet and for radio. He has always made a fresh and new contribution, often started a trend.

Born in Kansas City, Missouri, November 25, 1896, Thomson was educated at public schools and Harvard (A.B., 1928). He studied composition in New York and Paris with Scaloero and Boulanger. Pianist, organist, conductor and critic; was a member of the National Institute of Arts and Letters, officer of the Legion d' Honneur. He holds honorary degrees from Syracuse and Rutgers Universities.

His best known works are "Four Saints in Three Acts" and "The Mother of Us All," operas to texts by Gertrude Stein; "The Plow that Broke the Plains" and "The River," films by Pare Lorentz; "Louisiana Story," film by Robert Flaherty.

Other works include symphonies, symphonic suites, string quartets, songs and piano pieces. His music has been widely performed and recorded. His musical contribution to Robert Flaherty's film "Louisiana Story" received a Pulitzer Award in 1949. His opera "Four Saints in Three Acts," when first performed in 1934, ran to sixty performances, a record in its time for American opera. Revived on Broadway that same year in Paris, with the composer conducting an American all-Negro cast, as part of the Festival, "Masterpieces of the Twentieth Century."

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## Western Herald To Appear Twice A Week

For the first time in Western's history, the Western Herald will be published twice each week. The new schedule will include a four-page issue on Wednesday and the usual eight-page issue on Friday.

Before the spring vacation the Herald staff went through the procedures of putting two issues out. Then an editorial board meeting was held where the editors agreed to continue the twice a week schedule.

However, if there is not enough news to warrant the extra edition, the editors will omit it.

All writing, editing and makeup is done by approximately 25 students under the direction of the editors. Although Western offers one year of journalism, students in this class are not required to work on the Herald; therefore all the reporters are volunteers who receive no monetary reward.

The Herald budget of approximately \$12,000, is composed of student fees and advertising income. Charles Lynch, business manager, is watching now to see whether the additional four-page issue will pay for itself.

With the increased schedule, more space will allow the scope of the Herald to include a summary of world news written by Edward Rintye and a column devoted to news about what is happening on other campuses throughout the country.

## Sociology Majors Hold Meet

The Sociology majors held their fourth meeting of the year Thursday evening, April 23rd at the home of Dr. Linder. Henry So was the guest and considered with the group some of the comparisons of campus life in Korea and the United States.

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