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## ZETA SIGMA BANQUET

Held at Wright House Friday Evening

## OVER ONE HUNDRED PRESENT

Miss Ethel Thompson, President of Alpha Theta Gives Toast for Girls

The most memorable social event of the Alma College year is the annual Zeta Sigma banquet. For the twenty-fifth time it was held Friday evening. It was held this year in the Wright House dining room. The room was draped with wide blue and white sashes, extending from one chandelier to another, and the ends forming a shield on the wall back of the toastmaster. Enclosed by this shield was a large white banner with the Greek characters, Zeta Sigma, on it in a shade of blue corresponding to the sashes. At the top of this shield was the rose and gray banner of the affiliated society, Alpha Theta. As either end of the room was a large maroon and cream Alma blanket. Below one blanket was a white and blue Zeta Sigma pennant, and below the other a rose and gray Alpha Theta pennant. Directly back of the toastmaster was a large vase bouquet. A large cluster of yellow chrysanthemums arose from the center of the vase. A row of white carnations ran around the rim or the vase. In the midst of the white carnations was one red carnation. The white pillars in the dining room were wound with blue crepe. The tables were arranged in the shape of a capital E. The president of Zeta Sigma, Mr. Bryson McCloy, who was also toast-master, and Miss Ethel Thompson, president of Alpha Theta, and who gave the response in behalf of the girls, sat opposite the place where the center wing intersected with the long table. The others were seated alternately a gentleman and a lady. At each lady's plate was a yellow chrysanthemum; at each gentleman's plate was a white carnation.

A grand march was formed in the reception room upstairs. They marched to beautiful music downstairs and into the dining room. Mr. Wm. Gallagher and Mr. Floyd Oswald furnished the music. The banquet was served in six courses. Zeta Sigma Sigma Punch featured the last course.

Bryson McCloy, '15, as toast-master, upheld the high standard of Zeta Sigma. The toasts were: "Fraternity," by Errol Stafford, '17. "While I keep my sense I shall prefer nothing to a pleasant friend." "Efficiency," Dr. J. T. Ewing, "Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re." "Our Guests," Montie McFarlane, '1. "Fair thought and happy hours attend on you." "Our Affiliation," Miss Ethel Thompson, '15. "Hand grasps hand, eye lights eye in good friendship." "First Impressions," Emerald Garlock, '18. "There's not a leaf within the bower, There's not a dewdrop on the flower, But bears the impress, Lord, of Thee."

"Additions and Subtractions," John M. Dunham, '10. "Add something to something and something you gain, but take nothing from nothing and nothing will remain." "Giving One's Self," Dr. T. C. Blaisdell. "I think I should have succeeded in any line of life to which I had given myself; but one must give one's self."

The talks were beyond criticism. Each one gave those present something worth while to take home with them. The toast given by Miss Thompson was the most heartfelt of all. She told of the brother and sister spirit that existed between Zeta Sigma and Alpha Theta. She told of the many successful men, scattered about over the world, who were once Zeta Sigma men. Then she recited an original poem telling about the senior boys who were Zeta Sigma men, and who were about to enter their life's work. She drew a picture that will remain in the memories of those present for many a day. Her toast, delivered in sweet, heart-touching, soul-inspiring tones caused the bond of fraternal fellowship to tighten about all of the society members, and brought back many scenes of happy college events.

Mr. Stafford also dwelt on fraternal spirit, and showed wherein the college is the place where the most stress is laid on friendships.

Mr. Dunham, a former Zeta Sigma man and a member of the class of 1910 of Alma College, gave a very interesting talk which pertained mostly to the loyalty which the alumni, ex-Alma students, and faculty should show to their college.

Emerald Garlock, representing the Freshman class, told of his first impressions of Zeta Sigma and of Alma College, and how they were changed for the better as time went on.

Montie McFarlane discussed the

absolute need of women to make the world a success. He started with Eve, and went to the present time. Dr. Ewing and Dr. Blaisdell lent dignity to the program by their talks, giving us thoughts that we can get only by years of experience or from some one who has had the experience and is willing to help us by telling it. Over one hundred members and guests were present at the banquet.

## BUSINESS CHANGE

V. A. Miner has sold his interest in the College Barber Shop 328 State St. to Chas. Button. Mr. Button will continue the business in the same place. He has re-engaged the services of Harry Willard. Mr. Miner has assumed full charge of his restaurant business and will devote all his time to it. Each one wishes to meet his old friends at his new place of business.

A beautiful service was held in the Presbyterian church Sunday evening. An orchestra of ten pieces, a choir of thirty-one voices and an excellent sermon by the pastor, Rev. Mason were the features of the service. The orchestra was led by Mr. Cyril Davis and included several of the best players of instruments in the city.

Arnold Robinson and Alger Wood refereed the football game in Fenton Saturday. Ionia was Fenton's opponent and was beaten 40 to 3. Alma people will remember with pride that Fenton was recently defeated by Alma 19 to 0.

## HAS DONE FINE WORK

Coach Crisp And High School Football Team to be Congratulated

One of the most remarkable things about Alma High's wonderful 1914 football eleven is that local fans did not fully appreciate its ability and the proud record which it made. Coach Crisp, Captain Handley and every member of the team are to be congratulated for the great victories which have been won for the honor of Alma High.

When the best teams from cities the size of Saginaw and Lansing are met and decisively defeated, when the biggest teams in Michigan high school football barely defeat Alma the citizens may feel that their boys are somewhat better football players than the usual run of high school men.

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## STATE BOARD OF HEALTH

The following was taken in part from a letter written to us by John L. Buckart, M. D., Secretary and Executive Officer of the State Board of Health.

"In compliance with the request of the Health Officer of Alma and an official of the Alma College, I sent Dr. F. A. Johnson, District Medical Inspector, State Board of Health, to Alma to investigate the alleged presence of Diphtheria in the College and his report to this office, dated November 14, from which I quote, reads as follows: "After visiting Alma as you requested, I offer the following report:— There was only one case of Diphtheria, in the person of a young girl, who was taken ill at the dormitory and treated by Dr. E. T. Lamb. I could not add anything to the precautions taken and advised, through the doctor, the treatment, quarantine and isolation of all patients connected with the outbreak. Regarding the use of the dormitory for entertainment purposes, etc. I understood that you had already advised them that this must not be permitted. I interviewed several members of the faculty and they all agreed to cooperate in every way possible. In regard to the students returning home at request of their parents, I advised that this would not be permissible.

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## OUR HIGH SCHOOL

Closes a Successful Year in Football

## MOST SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Boys Won Nearly All Their Games Playing Fast, Clean Football

After closing the most successful football season Alma high school has had in the past decades, a little praise and comment by the coach would be in order.

It was the aim of the team the first of September to play football as a game respected by manhood and that which people can enjoy. The game does not train men to become rough and cruel but trains them to refrain from these feelings and play hard and clean.

There is not a man on the team who does not deserve due credit for our string of victories. Some men played stronger in some games than others. Unity was the one thing that was sought for and particularly in the Arthur Hill, Lansing, Ithaca and Fenton games it was the predominant feature.

In but one game did the team do what they were capable of doing through the entire game. This was in the Fenton game. The machine during the whole game seemed invincible. Fenton made their downs but four times. The Alma public saw for themselves in the other games above mentioned.

Three things at least are necessary for a steady team: First, a good quarterback, who will direct unified action. He must study the defense and be able to see the play that is going to be a gainer on the offense. Speed counts with him as does also a clear head. All of these qualities did Smith possess and many others, particularly that of forward passing. He was strong on defense in tackling and intercepting passes.

The second essential is a fast backfield. Captain Handley won many praises from his team by his ability to gain ground. Handley made probably twice as many yards as any other player. He was fleet of foot and fine at forward passing. At least four touchdowns on hard teams were made possible by his passes. Our last touchdown on Arthur Hill was the direct result of this.

Mahr at fullback was a hard line plunger, quick to see holes and a good open field runner. No one can realize his strength until they try to stop him. Through the whole season there has not been a fullback more aggressive on offense. On defense he was quick to find the play and was a deadly tackler. He tackled hard and low. Banghart, the left half of the backfield, was equal to his task. He was a good plunger and good ground gainer. His interfering ability along with Mahr's was what made it possible for Handley to circle the ends. Banghart played one game at left end which proved he was as valuable on the line as behind it. He was stronger on defense than offense. At open center he caused much worry on the part of many quarters, getting him before he disposed of the ball.

H. Handley was the utility man for the backfield and in two games Arthur Hill and Owosso showed his ability at quarter. This was his first year, but his perseverance with the squad made him a valuable man for Alma High.

The third essential is the line. Blaisdell at left end was a strong line man; he was good at blocking and receiving forward passes. On defense he was very strong, being a sure tackler. He played one game at left half and proved to be a good line plunger and exceptionally strong at breaking defense. The "A" man could not have chosen a better captain for 1915.

Muscott was his mate at left tackle. This side of the line was much stronger. Mahr and Blaisdell went through his tackle for long gains in the Fenton game. He could receive forward passes equally as well as any one although his chances were few. Tinkham at left guard was strong on defense and proved good at offense. This part of the line is given but little credit for the work they do, when really the offense as well as defense of the team depend on the linesmen.

Campbell, who has just completed his first year at football, was a good man at the pivot. He became an accurate passer and due credit should be given him. On defense his best was at intercepting passes.

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fense should have been guard, but being unable to find a better man he remained at tackle.

Stevens at the right end, was the best receiver of passes on the team. He, with the aid of Smith and Handley, were able to do great work here. Boyd, another "A" man, was utility for the line. He improved wonderfully and was a valuable man to the team.

Kress, Ekmert and Walker all deserve much credit, although none were heavy or aggressive enough for the team.

The outlook for next year is optimistic and with "A" men back a good team can be had by more support from the high school students.

PROF. CRISP.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold their annual sale of fancy articles and baked goods Wednesday afternoon and evening, December 2nd, at the residence of Miss Jennie Smith, 324 W. Superior Street.

## BOY SCOUT DAY

Alma Made Cleaner by Scout Industriousness

Alma Boy Scouts, thirty-five strong, went through the city like a whirlwind last Saturday, and before they had finished their self-appointed task Alma's alleys and streets were given the most practical and thorough "tidying up" that they have had in some time. Directed by Mr. Charley Murphy, Chief Scout Master and head of the organization in this city, and led by their individual patrol captains, they removed all unsightly rubbish from alleys, notices of every kind from the telephone, telegraph poles, etc., and all bills and signs which do not belong in public places. The Scouts did a thorough job of it, and as direct results of their efforts in civic improvement the appearance of the city's thoroughfares is greatly improved. In addition to work in public places they gave the rooms occupied by the Free Reading Room a painstaking cleaning.

Each Scout was given three credits for each hour which he worked, and if he worked seven hours he was given, in addition, four other credits; thus several of the scouts earned twenty-five credits for the day. Credits are given for good work, proper conduct, extra work, etc., and to the one securing the greatest number before January 1st, 1915, a beautiful gold medal will be given. Naturally, there is a keen rivalry for possession of this valuable prize.

At present there are sixty-three Boy Scouts and seven Mascots. There are eight patrols elected by the boys themselves, and three assistants to Mr. Murphy. The assistants are Dick Rockwell, John Konertzer, and Herbert Fryckholm. Messrs. Charles Rhodes, Hira Moore and Ollie Hayes are the Troop Committee.

To the Chief Scout Master, Mr. Charles Murphy, the highest credit is due for the fine work which is being done by the young men of the organization. Under his guidance they are learning practical lessons of right conduct and industry, which will stand them in good stead in later life.

Dennis H. Grady, who gained many friends in Alma during his two years' stay, recently passed the entrance examination, and is now a full-fledged member of the bar. Mr. Grady coached the Alma College teams during the years of 1910 and 1911. He was very popular both at the college and in the city. He is now connected with the firm of Knapp and Campbell in Chicago, one of the most influential firms in the city. They handle the legal work for the Illinois Steel Corporation.

Robt. W. Campbell is at the head of the "Safety First" movement, which was first taken up by the Illinois Steel Corporation, and since is being used by railroad and other large concerns. The report has also reached Alma that Coach Grady is planning on joining his fortunes with those of one of the fairer sex. The Record and his many friends wish him a happy choice and continued success in his business.

Tom Mayes is building a two story house on his lot adjoining his present home on the corner of Park Avenue and Centre street. The new residence is on Centre street between his home and the residence of E. H. Weese. The house is modern in every way, two story with basement, furnace and electric lights. The wiring is being done by the Beshgetor boys, and they say that it will be one of the best lighted homes in the city. Mr. Mayes expects to have the building complete by the middle of December.

The High school authorities have given permission to the college basketball players to use the Alma High gymnasium on certain afternoons. This will be a great boon to the sport at the college as the gymnasium on the hill is hardly big enough for that game.

## WAR MUST GO

Hamilton Holt, Noted Editor And Peace Advocate Lectures

## EUROPEAN FRAY DISCUSSED

Saturday Evening in College Chapel Problems of Peace and War Were Explained

Mr. Hamilton Holt, the distinguished editor of the Independent Magazine and the foremost lecturer on the peace movement in the United States, delivered the finest lecture of the year in the college chapel Saturday evening before a large crowd of townspeople and students on that subject which is of such vital interest to the world in general and the United States in particular. He brought a message which will linger long in the memory of the large audience which was privileged to hear him, for his theme, "Peace," was handled as only a high authority can handle it.

The substance of his address embraced the whole field of the causes of the peace movement and the remedies which are being prescribed and is as follows: Though there are three great arguments against war a fourth is sometimes offered. The fourth maintains that human endurance cannot stand the enormous shock incurred in the handling of the big guns which are the universal instruments in modern warfare. But this argument, Mr. Holt pointed out, is partially refuted by a Frenchman, Jean DuBois, who maintains that individual courage and bravery which the war brings out will and does overcome this apparently insurmountable difficulty.

The three big reasons why war is fundamentally wrong is: First, from moral; second, from economic, and third, from biological standpoints. From a moral standpoint the folly of war is best shown by a quotation which Mr. Holt made from the Bigelow papers of James Russell Lowell, where he said, "War is just plain murder." Further, despite the fact that over eight thousand treaties of peace have been made during the past thirty-five thousand years, with the exception of one hundred twenty-six years, there have been one or more wars being waged constantly. The finer attributes with which God has endowed man are nearly entirely lost because of the play of passions which war encourages. From an economic viewpoint, the present war between the nine nations of Europe and Asia will cost approximately ten thousand million dollars. Its total daily cost is thirty million dollars. Finally it has been computed that it costs just two thousand dollars to kill one man. This would seem to be a rather low price to pay for the flower of a nation's manhood.

Though some might take issue with the eminent New York editor, he asserted that wars and particularly the present war are not waged for mercenary reasons. Men fight because they do not like each other, because they do not understand each other's point of view, or because there are certain racial differences, such as language, customs, etc., which preclude mutual understanding.

From a biological standpoint war is wrong. Statistics computed after great wars as the Franco-Prussian war of 1870 show that it is the survival of the unfit and not of the fittest. The average height of the Frenchman decreased one-half inch as a direct result of this cruel war. The best men, physically, mentally and morally are placed in the front ranks and bear the brunt of the fighting while their inferiors are served for less dangerous tasks. Only men from nineteen to twenty-four years of age are placed in the front ranks, for it has been found that they are the best fighters and that their courage is of a sterner sort. In the second rank are to be found men from twenty-four to thirty years of age, while in the third rank are to be found those from thirty years upwards. One million six hundred thousand men have already been killed in the present European struggle, while military experts assert that, at the very least, four million men will be killed. Among those numbers are to be found the most skilled mechanics, artisans of all trades, as well as scientific men who are the leaders in every branch of science. But there is also an indirect loss, for there are an equal number of wives and sweethearts dependent upon these men, besides a vast number of children who will be thrown on their own resources or become a burden upon the various nations.

The one reason why peace advocates have not accomplished more results is the fact that they are carrying on a virtual "anti-war" campaign. People usually look askance at anything

"anti" and for this reason they have not made greater strides. If they were waging a "pro" fight their efforts might be more effective. They must also take in mind that war does accomplish results, despite the crudity of the means used. Men kill each other, but the victor usually gets that thing for which he has been contending.

Mr. Holt then took up the means by which many of the leading men of the world are trying to eradicate war. He showed that there are 55 nations in the world; 46 of these are members of the Hague Tribunal and send representatives every time it meets. This Tribunal was called at the instigation of the Czar of Russia, Nicholas the Second, and first met at The Hague, the capital of Holland. A beautiful palace was built by Mr. Carnegie and given to the 46 nations as a meeting place for their representatives. Here at stated times they meet and discuss means and adopt measures for the lessening of the evils of war. At one time the proposition was advanced for the total disarmament on the part of all nations. This would have been carried and the present dreadful struggle in Europe would have been averted had Germany, Austria and five of the Balkan states not voted against it.

At present the advocates of peace are discussing the best way to accomplish the plan of securing total disarmament on the part of all nations.

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## DUBOIS - GHERRETT

Wedding Tuesday - Visiting in Grand Rapids This Week

A very quiet and pretty wedding took place Tuesday at 8 p. m., at the home of Mrs. E. Du Bois, 145 Grafton avenue.

Her son Charles and Miss Mary Gherrett, both of Shepherd, were united in marriage. Rev. Meese of St. Louis officiated. The bride was dressed in a becoming suit of blue and carried a large bouquet of pink and white carnations. The groom was dressed in the conventional black. After the ceremony a bountiful three-course dinner was served. The table decorations were green and white. The happy couple departed for Grand Rapids on a short wedding tour. Mr. Du Bois and bride are well and favorably known in this section. They will make their future home in Shepherd where Mr. DuBois is located in business.

## AUCTION SALES.

F. H. Rowland will hold an auction sale of stock and farm implements at his farm 1/2 mile west and 3/4 miles south of Shepherd on Wednesday Dec. 2. J. D. Helman Auctioneer.

Ray Best of the Penrit Farm, 1/2 mile north of Saint John's Episcopal Church will offer for sale at auction a quantity of stock and farm implements on Thursday, Dec. 10. J. D. Helman, Auctioneer.

On Tuesday, Dec. 1, A. G. Wiley, living 1 1/2 miles west of Alma, will offer for sale at auction, a quantity of stock and farm tools. J. D. Helman, Auctioneer.

Geo. Kuhlman, living 1 1/2 miles south of Alma will have an auction sale of stock and farm implements on Thursday, Dec. 3. J. D. Helman Auctioneer.

## ADVERTISED LETTERS

Alma, Mich., Nov. 23, 1914. Advertiser list for the week ending Nov. 21, 1914:

Hammond, Mrs. Manerva, Lee, Miss Beth, Mesler, Miss Sadie (3), Palmer, Mr. Almer.

The above if not called for will be sent to the Dead Letter Office Dec. 7, 1914. V. P. CASH, Postmaster.

Guy Gongwer, former Alma resident, who has been engaged in the drug business in Jackson, was in Alma the latter part of last week. Mr. Gongwer has accepted a position in the A. S. McIntyre drug store in St. Louis while Mr. McIntyre is in Florida for the winter. Mr. Gongwer is a former employee of Fred Grover, and also of George Sharrer. Mr. McIntyre leaves on his winter trip soon. He will be accompanied by his family. Mr. Gongwer started to work in St. Louis Monday.

W. S. Duvall, Pere Marquette agent at Fenville, spent Friday as the guest of his old friend and co-worker, P. E. Conley, at the Masonic Home. Mr. Duvall brought Mr. Conley two suit cases full of nice apples and preserved fruit. Mr. Duvall is one of the oldest employees in the station service of the P. M. R. R. He has been engaged for the past thirty-one years. According to Mr. Duvall, the future prospects for the P. M. R. R. under the present management are of the brightest.

## A QUIET WEDDING

Miss Laura Weese Becomes the Bride A. R. Grabowsky

## CEREMONY, M. E. PARSONAGE

Bridal Party Is Served Elegant Dinner in St. Louis at the Park House

Miss Laura Helen Weese was married Saturday evening at six o'clock to A. Robert Grabowsky. They were married at the Methodist parsonage by Rev. Thomas Brownlow. Their only attendants were Mrs. F. M. Spencer, sister of the bride, and Elmer Hanna, friend of the groom. The ring ceremony was used. The bridal party was taken from the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Weese, to the parsonage by Frank F. Smith in his automobile. After the ceremony Mr. Smith drove with the party to St. Louis, where a fine five-course dinner was awaiting them at the Park House. After dinner an hour was spent in riding about, and then the party were taken to the Wright House, where the car was released.

The bride was prettily gowned in peacock blue crepe de chine, trimmed with cream lace collar and cuffs. She carried bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore light blue chiffon trimmed with maribo, and carried white carnations. The groom and attendant were dressed in dark blue.

Mrs. Grabowsky has lived in Alma for three years, coming here with her parents from Saginaw. She finished her High School education in Saginaw, and was a vocal student in Alma College last year. She has always been one of society's most popular members because of her beauty, talent and pleasing personality.

Mr. Grabowsky held the position of operator in the Grand Trunk depot at Bay City before coming to Alma a little more than a year ago. He was sent here as general manager of the local Western Union Telegraph office. He started in that line of work seven years ago as a messenger boy, and has worked his way up to his present position.

Mr. and Mrs. Grabowsky are living at 117 Downie and will be pleased to meet their friends there at any time. A surprise party was given the newly-weds at their home Monday evening by the "Griffin Crowd." Mr. Grabowsky formerly roomed at Griffin's and was extremely popular there.

The newly-wed couple were recipients of many pretty and expensive presents. Cut glass, dishes, hand-painted china, linen, fancy work, pictures, table cloths, napkins, and novelties besides presents and money from their parents.

An extensive bridal tour is being planned for next summer as Mr. Grabowsky cannot leave his work at this time of the year.

The Record joins with the friends, both in Alma and in their old homes of Bay City and Saginaw, in wishing them the success in life which is their due.

## ALMA TO SEE LOUISE DUNBAR.

In Her New Play "The Forbidden Way"—Opera House, Dec. 2.

"The Forbidden Way" as a drama is unique in many respects. It is a play that can be seen by both old and young to advantage. The story can be followed by the most humble because it is so natural, so like occurrences we daily see or read about. It is bound to react for the betterment of every one who sees it, man or woman, because it only demands for womanhood that which she has been promised at the altar. In fact there is no woman or man in any walk of life that will not inwardly feel better for having seen this play. And still "The Forbidden Way" is not a dull preachment as some might imagine. On the contrary it is full of life and action. One situation fairly crowds another in sustaining the interest this drama maintains from beginning to end.

And to bring about the above results it is hardly necessary to state that an excellent company is absolutely required. And you may be assured that it is a good company with which Miss Dunbar has surrounded herself. Her manager has not deprived her of the slightest whim in making this production perfection itself. Each one in her company has been compelled to demonstrate that he or she is particularly suited to the character to be portrayed.

And certainly Miss Dunbar and her manager were justified in their exaction in selecting the caste for "The Forbidden Way," for both feel that this is not only the best play she has ever appeared in, but probably a better play than she will again be so fortunate as to obtain in years to come.