



DELTA SIG BANQUET

Royal Affair Commemorates Fraternity

On Wednesday evening, April 7th, a dinner and dance in commemoration of the installation of the Alpha Zeta chapter of the Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity was held at Firemens Hall. This affair was scheduled for February 12th but owing to the heavy social program during that month, it was postponed.

Promptly at 6:45 P. M. the doors leading to the dining room were thrown open to disclose to the hungry Delta Sigs and their guests, the tables which were tastefully decorated with the Fraternity's colors, Nile green and white. Before each place lay the fraternity flowers, the white carnation. The menu which followed consisted of

Cherry Cocktail		
Cream Tomato Soup		
Chicken Timbale	Mashed Potatoes	
French Peas	Pickles	Olives
	Rolls	
Fruit Salad	Wafers	
Cake	Ice Cream	
	Coffee	
	Bon Bons	

At about 8:30 the diners repaired to the dance hall, which was prettily festooned with the fraternity colors. The Rice-Ballou Marimba orchestra furnished music, the like of which has not been heard in Alfred for some time. The outstanding event of the evening was a "Feature Dance," in which a short grand march was followed by the presentation of especially designed paper caps, to each of the dancers. Before anyone realized that time was passing so swiftly, the strains of "Home, Sweet Home", stole upon the gay gathering.

The reception committee consisted of Prof. and Mrs. Binns, Mrs. B. C. Davis, Prof. and Mrs. Bole and Prof. and Mrs. Shaw.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The Glee Club is to present a concert Thursday evening in Firemens Hall. It was the idea of the Director to render the entertainment in connection with the Ag School graduation exercises next week, as has been the custom in past years, but the lack of opportunity necessitated the performance being given Thursday. A large attendance would be not only a help to the Club, but it would also show why the recent trip was so successful.

Admission 50 cents.

STUDENT SENATE

The 25th regular meeting of the Senate was called by Pres. Clark on April 5th. Petition from the dance committee was read and discussed and the matter was laid over for further investigation. Passed to change Delta Sig dance from April 8th to the 7th, and move the underclass plays from the 7th till the 13th.

A special meeting was called at 5:30, April 6th. It was passed to suggest to the dance committee that, as has been the custom, the proceeds for the Assembly dances should be turned in to the Athletic Association. Passed to place the Third Assembly on the calendar for April 22d. The dance situation was explained in the meeting to Carter, representing to the Dance Committee.

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EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE PROVES A SUCCESS

Dr. George Eisler, Special Assistant to Dr. W. C. Smith, Supt. of Education of Immigrants in New York State, and Dr. Beisser, of the New York College of Social Work gave addresses at the Educational Conference in Kenyon Memorial Hall, Friday afternoon, April 9.

Dr. Eisler was a dynamic speaker, the theme of his address was Americanization, and he proved his points with powerful arguments. He compared the native land of a foreigner, coming to our shores, with his mother; he adopts America with his wife. It is unnatural that by so doing, he should hate his mother: he loves his mother but he hates her institutions, and unfair laws, and lack of opportunity. Americans must not ignore the beautiful customs, ways, and language of those coming to our shores but accept them, helping the foreigner to adjust himself gradually to a new environment.

"It can be done only from a humanitarian standpoint.....not from an attitude of ignorance and indifference," asserted Dr. Eisler. "We Americans build a Chinese wall of exclusiveness around ourselves.....In the United States, there are two hundred and thirty-three sects, all fighting one another for the love of one God!.....We must obliterate these narrow, provincial lines."

"We are teaching mechanics, not humanics, in our schools. The teacher has a wonderful opportunity. We are just beginning to train people for real public service."

Dr. Eisler urged us to be "human engineers," he stated that America was the land of promise and quoted in closing to substantiate his statement, James Whitcomb Riley's poem, "America, Thou Messiah of Nations."

Dr. Beisser of New York College of Social Work, spoke of the practical work done by social workers, who fill a gap between the three great ministries: the school, the church and the medical profession, and the home itself. Dr. Beisser gave numerous examples to prove that social work is necessary at this time.

Community Clubs, neighborhood associations, Parent-teachers Associations, and rotary clubs, all tend to lessen the line of demarcation, making the nation solid in spirit and interest.

"It is just as important to teach a boy how to recreate properly as it is to teach him mathematics," said Dr. Beisser. "We must develop the talent of every community with a program to fill the bill. And the first is inspiration to constructive, Christian Citizenship."

Dr. Paul E. Titsworth gave a brief,

BASEBALL MEN WORK INDOORS

Outdoor baseball practice for the past week has come to a decided standstill, due to the fact that the Athletic Field has been well soaked with rain and moist snow. Practice was held in the Academy for several afternoons, but on account of the limited space, little benefit was really achieved. In case the weather does not improve, there will be slight opportunity for a contest with an outside team before the opening game of the season with Clarkson Tech., which is scheduled for April 28th. The field is not in bad condition at the present writing, and perhaps a good two days of sunshine will render it fit for occupancy by the baseball men. There seems to be considerable enthusiasm toward baseball this season, and the fact that the weather man has interfered, does not serve to blanket hopes and prospects for a winning team.

UNDER-CLASS PLAYS TO COME TONIGHT

The Footlight Club tryout plays have been postponed until tonight, April 13th, resulting from the need of a little more time. The Sophs are to give two and the Freshmen one, but arrangements are being made for the Frosh to present another play later for the benefit of the Fiat Lux. This will not only be of value in aiding with the annual Fiat entertainment, but will give the two lower classes practically an equal representation of candidates for the Club

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

A farewell party given in honor of Paul Orvis, Ag '21, last Tuesday was the occasion for the announcement of his engagement to Dorothy Langworthy '23. A dinner party was first enjoyed by a number of the more intimate friends of the couple, after which the formal declaration was made. Pastor Harry Smith and Miss Ruth Randolph acted as chaperons.

concise talk on the history of Alfred Summer School which was begun some seven years ago for the purpose of training rural teachers in this vicinity in knowledge proper, in leadership, and in love for the country and a desire to keep the students, themselves, in the country.

Dr. Titsworth gave a summary of the conference and in closing stressed the point that Alfred University stands here for a service, and is ready to perform that service for all who come.

A large number of teachers from neighboring towns were present. The conference was a success and bids fair to become a regular feature of the school year at Alfred University.

20th CENTURY CLUB BANQUET

Many Alumni Return

DIRECTOR LADD TALKS IN ASSEMBLY

Gives History of Ag Schools

Director Ladd, presiding head of the New York State School of Agriculture at Alfred University, delivered a most instructive and entertaining address in the College Assembly held at Kenyon Memorial Hall last Wednesday morning, taking as his topic, "Agricultural Education in the State of New York. Beginning with the State College of Agriculture at Cornell University, Director Ladd traced the history of New York educational work in agriculture down to the secondary institutions, and to the formation of children's clubs for the preparation of agricultural enterprises.

"There was an agricultural college at Cornell for years before the state supported it," said the Director. "Assistance from the state began about twenty years ago, and since that time great results have been achieved. As a University, Cornell is a distinct departure from the regulation types of educational institutions in the state. It cannot be considered as state fostered or privately endowed. For awhile, the students of arts did not consider the agricultural men as being in the same class, but as time went on, the idea was changed. All state colleges grow very rapidly, and Cornell was no exception. In 1910 there was a great movement of city people to the farms, and at that time forty percent of the men attending the State College of Agriculture were city bred. The colleges of agriculture and engineering which were greatly decreased in student population, during the war, have returned to the usual standard, and at present the College of Agriculture at Cornell is the second largest college on the hill.

"There are six state schools of agriculture in New York State, Canton, at St. Lawrence University in northern New York, was founded in 1910; Alfred at Alfred University was founded in 1911, though really entitled to the distinction of being the first on account of its larger student body. Morrisville, near Utica, Cobleskill, Delhi and Farmingdale, L. I. complete the list. All of these schools give excellent courses in agriculture, and with the exception of Farmingdale, all have courses in domestic science. While classified as secondary schools, these state schools of agriculture are upon a slightly higher grade, as the average of entrance is 19 years, and the average preparation two and a half years of high school work. The minimum requirements for admission to these schools are eight grades of preliminary work, and an age of at least sixteen years.

"Ten years ago, the state extended aid to all high schools in which agriculture was taught, contributing to each \$1000 per year. The agricultural departments of the various high schools

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The annual homecoming and banquet of the 20th Century Club at the Parish House, Saturday evening was the occasion for the return of many old students to Alfred. The event was one of the most enjoyable of the year and one to which many alumni look forward.

The members of the Club and their guests assembled at 7:30 and did ample justice to the following menu:

Bouillon	Chicken en timbales	Wafers
Mashed Potatoes	Creamed Asparagus	
	Hot Rolls	
Olives	Radishes	
Log Cabin Salad	Wafers	
Neopolitan Ice Cream	Cake	
	Coffee	

Dr. J. Nelson Norwood '06, proved to be clever in his position as toastmaster. He introduced as the first speaker E. Fritjof Hildebrand '18, who had some interesting sidelights upon the work of the Vocational teacher to offer, in his topic, "Missionary Work in Manual Training." Miss Hollice E. Law of the infant class of 1920, next spoke on the timely and intensely interesting subject of "Engaged." The toastmaster had predicted a confession but his prophecy proved unfounded for instead it was an assertion of the loyalty that can be expected of the incoming class when they shall have assured the bonds of membership in the Club. "A couple of wandering stars," proved most illuminating, as can be imagined when it is known that they were speeches by Mr. John A. Lapp '06, Mrs. Piotrowska, and Miss Norah Binns, '12. Mr. Lapp in his speech on "Propaganda" so emphasized the ways in which the world is progressing that one could not help feeling optimistic and confident that it would continue to progress if we but guard against the propaganda that is prevalent. Mrs. Piotrowska explained the work of Friday's Educational Conference and suggested that it be made an annual event, while Miss Binns' remarks pertained to matters that have come up in the discharging of her duties as Secretary of the Club. Pres. Davis in the last speech of the evening, "The Newest New Alfred," told of the work that has been done this year and something of the program for the future to build up the resources of our college.

The 20th Century Club rises higher each year in the fulfilling of its real objective. It furnishes the students that leave to make for themselves, an opportunity to relax from their daily routine and return to their Alma Mater, that the soft memories of College days may be again brought up and freshened. This year, in particular, the gathering was a decided success.

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Y. M. C. A.

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The effect of immigration on the political, social, and moral phases of American life was also thoroughly discussed. "Immigration has affected every phase of our lives," said Mr. Mapes, in part. "There has been a theory given that had there been no immigration since 1820, the population of the United States would be just as thick today as it is despite the fact that immigrants have poured into the country by thousands, and the quality of the people would have been much more desirable.

"The three big things that will help the present problem of immigration are Education, Assimilation and Development."

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"The Problem of Poverty and Pauperism," by Harry Kadlebski.

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"The Negro Problem," by Ray C. Witter.

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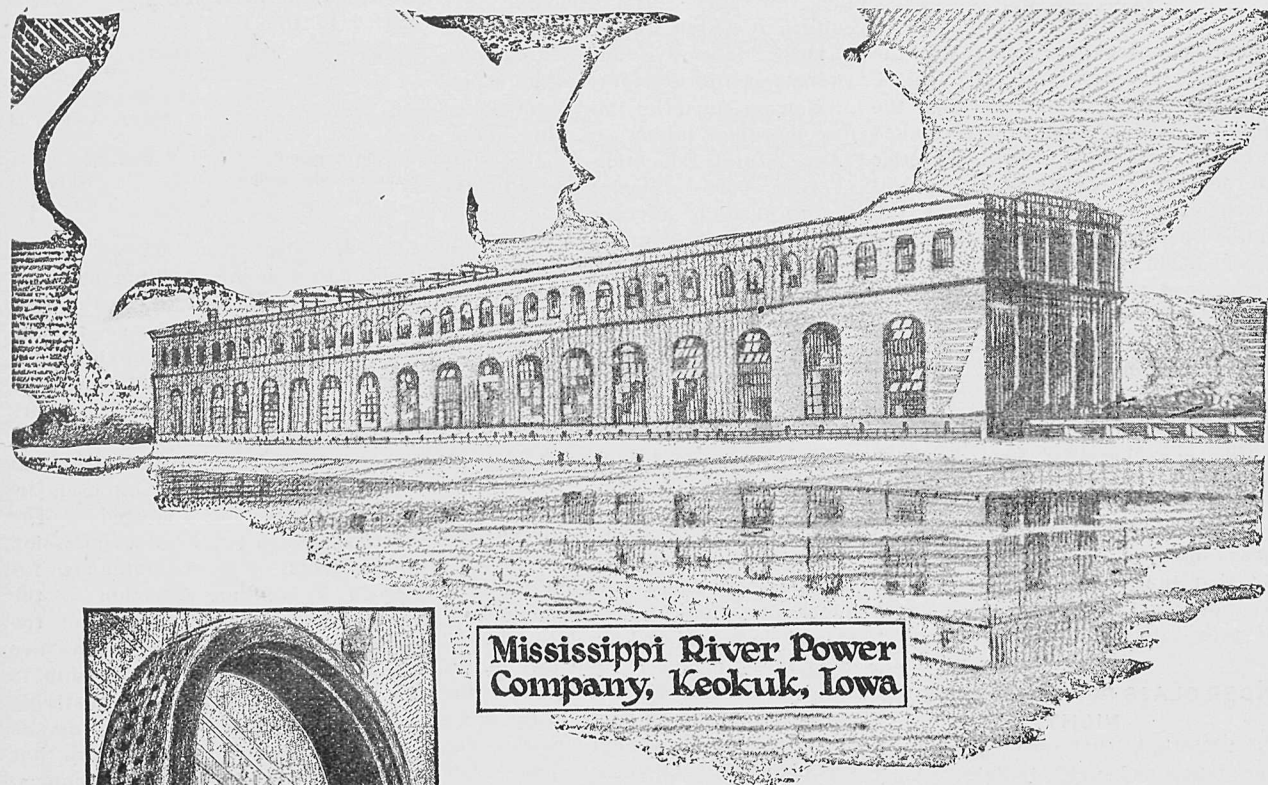
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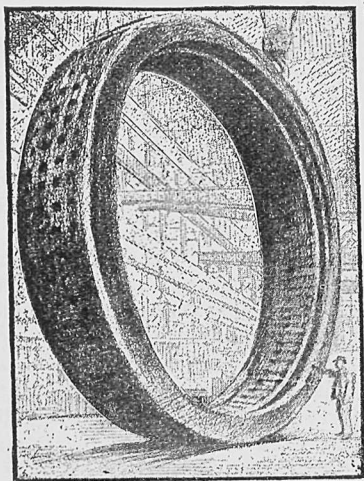
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It seems rather odd that as soon as news is passed around that an exposition on "Love" is to be published, that everyone begins to find a girl whom they proclaim as their future "maybe." Our natural supposition would be that they heard the essay was for the purpose of dissuading wayward youths, and wished to clinch the matter before they changed their minds.

For the benefit of the students we wish to state that the University of Rochester ridiculed to the best of their opportunities, the Fiat in "The Scampus," a breeze similar to the ancient "Alfred Bum." The paper was good for that class of literature; it displayed in true form the degrading sportsmanship and also presented an exceedingly anemic example of humor. Otherwise the paper was good.

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The rumor floats that from the Junior class numbering 28, there are 7 marriages, 5 engagements, and 5 possibilities, affecting in all about 20 members of the class. The marriages however are about the only cases that are authentic.

Harvard stands at the head of the College contributions for the French monument, having given \$600. University of Pennsylvania comes second with \$234. Already \$2500 has been subscribed from the colleges though sixteen states are yet to be heard from. Alfred, we note gave \$15.67. We would also wish to note that the smaller colleges are about the only ones on the list.

"YELLOW JOURNALS"
Among the interesting periodicals that this month has already brought forth is a yellow journal published by the students of one of our neighboring colleges. It is especially interesting to readers of the Fiat, inasmuch as they have seen fit to use some of the material that has constituted our former issues. We felt rather foolish to waste our time reading the paper and more so to see that its editorial staff had forseen our feelings. We find in the editorials an explanation of three types of fools, and the worst of these is the fool who reads yellow journals. We regret that we read the editorial page last.

As far as the content of the paper is concerned we feel that they are harmless. The very April fool spirit marked them so, but that does not take the sting from their satire, nor give a reason for college papers to descend to the level of pre-academic journalism.

We have a feeling that this procedure was prompted by a certain practice game of football, played in the not so dim and distant past, in which Alfred was victorious by a rather large score. With football prospects bright for the future we would like to see our team get some more of the same kind of practice next fall. We would regret, however, to see them absorb any foreign sportsmanship.

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Nestled away 'mid the Empire State hills,
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waves his hand at everybody else and says, "Hello;" and where everybody calls everybody else by his nickname. It is not a place where grand and spacious halls inspire awe, but a place where a wonderful spirit of brotherhood greets the newcomer. Alfred does not aspire to the greatness of Yale or Harvard. She sincerely respects them, but she does not try to copy them. They have their kind of greatness, and she has hers. It is an independent and individual greatness.

Within the walls where the Purple and Gold hold sway is a true democracy. Each student has a part to play in the activities of the whole. No one is left out. There is equal reciprocity. The Alma Mater makes the students, and the students all help to make the Alma Mater. They are not great in numbers, but they have a spirit which distinctly belongs to Alfred College. It is this spirit which enables her to compete successfully with institutions of greater size. It is this spirit which keeps all the organizations within the college going, promotes class rivalry, and makes her one of the liveliest institutions in the Empire State.

Then there is something bigger in that Alfred spirit. All the students have the greatest reverence for their colors; but, when the country calls, the Purple and Gold merges into the Red, White and Blue. The war record was one hundred per cent. The peace record will equal it; for what is more patriotic than devoting your life to the training of American citizens.

And those students who have gone forth from Alfred College are still loyal to the colors. They are a wonderful bunch of good fellows, those Alumni. Wherever they are, they boost their Alma Mater. The undergraduates of the college can appreciate this loyalty. When they finally go forth to do their duty in the school of life, they too, will boost; and, wherever they are, they will always take off their hats to the Purple and Gold.

DIRECTOR LADD AT COLLEGE ASSEMBLY

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schools are growing rapidly, and the condition that teachers of agriculture shall instruct in nothing but agricultural subjects has made the department one of real merit, and not merely a side issue of the regular high school course.

"There is a new method in the way that work is presented. The old custom was to start in as far from the farm as possible, and to study, as in the case with corn, the history, states in which it flourishes, bushels in the world, etc., finally to get back to earth on the farm. The tendency of today is to exactly reverse that system of teaching, and to include in the instruction, answers to the questions as to how to prepare the ground, how to fertilize, etc. In other words, to teach what must be done actually, and what must be learned to secure good results.

"Students in the high schools must do practical work, keep records, and tie up their theoretical work with practical work with practical farming. Several bills have been passed in the state legislature relative to the improvement of agricultural classes in the various schools. Under the Smith-Sears Bill, there are six students in Alfred who are obtaining agricultural training at the expense of the government, through disabilities which were incurred during the world war."

Director Ladd spoke briefly of the Home Project Work that has been done in such organizations as calf clubs, canning clubs, pig associations and others. This movement is distinctly to be commended, but the point was emphasized that improvement of rural schools must come from the rural people themselves. The address was enthusiastically greeted, and it is only hoped that Director Ladd will consent at some future time to again address the college assembly.



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The rules concerning Special Permits as stated in Article III of Sigma Alpha Gamma Constitution are as follows:

"Sec. 1. Anything lasting later than the closing hours specified in Section 1, 2, 3, 4, except those events scheduled on the college calendar or granted by the Student Senate, shall be a Special Permit. Each member is entitled to six permits a year. Any member whose scholarship does not fall below B in more than one subject, may have as many permits as the Council and Student Life Committee deem reasonable. Any Senior whose scholarship does not fall below B in more than one subject may be exempt from this rule. All out of town parties, entertainments, etc., although supervised by the committee on Student Life shall be considered Special Permits.

Sec. 2. Women attending functions for which special permits are required shall be at their places of residence at 12:00 P. M.

Sec. 3. Varsity games are not considered special permits, but class contests, except for classes concerned, are Special Permits.

Sec. 4. Special Permits shall be deposited within three days after the function attended has taken place, in a box provided for that purpose in Abigail Allen Hall."

If there has been any misunderstanding in regard to taking Special Permits, we believe it has arisen as a result of different interpretations placed on the first sentence of Article III, Section 1 in the Sigma Alpha Gamma regulations. This statement that "Anything lasting later than closing hours, etc., as above stated, was construed not unnaturally, to justify entertaining after closing hours.

The Dean of Women explained that Special Permits were to be used only for parties or functions, which last later than closing hours and are not on the college calendar. Any such party or function must be arranged for beforehand with the Committee on Student Life and provision made for proper chaperonage. Section D of the Social Regulations indicates that this "regulation applies to all college students except Seniors."

It was also explained that all girls who go home for the week-end or visit relatives or friends in neighboring towns, must take the afternoon trains or bus back to Alfred. Every girl is expected to be in town before evening.

PLACE-WHEELHOUSE

The marriage of Tom Place '21, to Lillian M. Wheelhouse of Jamestown has recently been made public. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride, Jan. 23d, and the couple have returned to Alfred where Mr. Place is a student in Ceramics.

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AROUND ABOUT

Mrs. Clerke and daughter Louise are visiting Leah Clerke '21. It is rumored there are ulterior motives.

Mrs. J. C. Bennett was visiting her brother, Frobisher Lyttle, last Wednesday. Motive unknown.

Mr. Fred Walker was in town visiting his brother, Thomas Walker, recently. Motive also unknown.

Miss Mabel Brown of Elmira College, who was in town for the Delta Sigma Phi Banquet, was the guest of Hollis Law at the Brick, Thursday and Friday.

Hazel Humphreys '19, and Ann Savage '18, were week-end visitors at the Brick.

Miss Daisy McDivitt of Bolivar was the guest of Marian Worden for the Delta Sig banquet.

Professor W. A. Titsworth left Sunday for Washington to attend a meeting of the Association of College Registrars.

William G. Nichols '20 spent the week-end at his home in Bolivar.

The tuition bills for the third term have been issued. Already we are on the third lap, sailing for "home."

Prof. W. C. Whitford was in New York last week in the interest of the International Bible School work.

The Commencement of the New York State School of Agriculture begins next Sunday. The Baccalaureate sermon will be preached on that day.

Director Binns, of the Ceramic School, lectured in Avoca High School one day last week.

The new summer school catalogues are out. There are a few changes in the faculty this year but we are glad to see so many of the old teachers returning.

President Davis was in Wisconsin on business last week.

Prof. G. A. Bole, Robert Sherwood '20, and Max Compton '22, were initiated into the Delta Sigma Phi last week.

J. Clair Peck '22, spent Friday at his home in Hornell.

John Slough '23, and Martin Larabee '23, spent the week end at their homes in Wellsville.

Arthur Cobb, instructor in Salesmanship at Syracuse University, was a guest at the Delta Sigma Phi last week.

Homer Plank of Hornell, was a guest of his brother, Ross Plank, '21, last week.

FACULTY AND ALUMNI

Miss Ruth Canfield '19, is in Pittsburgh this week on business.

Prof. Binns filled the pulpit at the Episcopal Church in Hornell, Sunday.

Aloysius Gaiss '18, instructor at the University of Michigan, attended the 20th Century Banquet in Alfred.

Mark Sheppard '19, who has a fellowship in Mellon Institute at Pittsburgh, spent Easter with his mother in Alfred.

Miss Elizabeth Davis '19, who is teaching in Fairport, N. Y., spent the Easter vacation with her parents, Pres. and Mrs. Davis.

John A. Lapp '06 of Chicago, Ill., was a guest of Prof. Norwood, Friday and Saturday and was present at the 20th Century Club Banquet.

Mr. E. Fritjof Hildebrand, teacher of manual training in the Olean Public Schools, spent Easter vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olin Fuller.

Vincent Axford '19, who is employed as a chemist for the Bausch and Lomb Optical Co. of Rochester, visited friends in town over the week-end.

Word received from Miss Mathilde Vossler '14, who is at the head of the South Russia unit of the Y. W. C. A., states that she expects to be in Bucharest, Roumania for some time doing refugee work.

Miss Hazel Parker '17, Miss Alice Baker '18, Miss Hazel Perkins '17, Miss Anna Savage '18, Miss Hazel Humphreys '19, Miss Mildred Whitney '17, and Miss Jessica Dais '17 were among those from out of town that attended the 20th Century Banquet.

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