



KU KLUX KLAN NATIONALIZE

First of Local Frats to Join National Organization

Alfred is to be represented in Greek letter land. One of our oldest local fraternities, the Ku Klux Klan, has been accepted by Delta Sigma Phi. The installation will take place early in February.

The Ku Klux Klan was founded in Alfred in 1900. This local fraternity has always been a live wire in activities which help towards boosting Alfred. One hundred per cent of her active members served in the recent war. She is represented in the professional and business world by many very successful men.

Delta Sigma Phi has chapters in the College of the City of New York, New York University, University of Pennsylvania, University of Texas, Southern Methodist University, University of Chicago, Waynesburg College, Cumberland University, North Carolina, A. M. Hillsdale College, Thiel College, University of California, Franklin and Marshall College, St. Louis University, Tulane University, Wofford College, University of Pittsburgh, University of Illinois, and Georgia Tech.

These men will be initiated as charter members of the local chapter: Harrington, Lobaugh, Reid, McTighe, Mapes, Nichols, J. Clark, Collin, Blumenthal, Spicer Kenyon, Worden, Ferry, Ellis, Bert Bliss, Colwell Davis, Leon Smith, Louis Burdick, Whitford, Chipman, Robert Witter, Holley, Campbell, Ahearn, Stryker, E. Dougherty, L. Dougherty, McMahon, Alsworth, Hinchcliff.

—DE LOYAL—

STUDENT SENATE

The 14th regular meeting was called January 12th. It was passed to place the Leap Year dance on the calendar. Date for second Assembly dance was changed from Feb. 5th to Feb. 12th. Freshmen girls were granted permission to leave off their caps for the dance and sleigh ride, January 13th. Permission was granted the Clan Alpine to hold a sleigh ride on January 21st.

Attention was called to the fact that some Freshmen had considered that because social functions were on the calendar, they could attend without caps. Permission must be obtained, regardless of the calendar dates.

—DE LOYAL—

LEAP YEAR TEA

With the spirit of Leap Year permeating our lives, an affair in the form of a Tea was promulgated. It was nothing more or less than the weekly Tea given at the Brick, but the girls decided to treat us fellows right. So they launched the second attack of their campaign by inviting us to partake of tea with them Friday afternoon. And they certainly had a large business, for the fellows were hungry and the girls weren't at all sparing.

We wonder what they're going to do next.

—DE LOYAL—

CLAN SLEIGH RIDE

The Clan Alpiners are planning on holding their annual sleigh ride Wednesday night. With the weather progressing as rapidly as it does and the mercury ducking like a modest flea, a very chilly pastime is anticipated.

BASKET BALL PROSPECTS

Schedule Vague—Coach Huleck

The Varsity basketball team opened its session January 10th, by a practice contest with the scrubs. Although a game had been scheduled with the Hornell Independents, that team failed to put in an appearance, and the Varsity was forced to test its metal against the valient members of the second squad. The game was played between the halves of the Frosh-Soph struggle of the girls, and was won by the Varsity by the score of 66-14.

Little need be said of the game except that the Varsity team excelled in nearly every department of the game, and vanquished its opponent with comparative ease. Captain Lobaugh was at one forward with Banks at the other. Smith played at the pivot position and the Witter brothers held down the guards. This line-up remained unchanged throughout the game, and barring accidents, is likely to continue throughout the season. Coffin and Bliss of the scrubs showed up well at the forwards, and Burdick was very consistent at guard. There is much undeveloped material in the squad and as practice continues, a number of good basket tossers should be developed.

Alfred is fortunate this season in securing the services of Huleck, a former basketball star of another institution, who is located in Hornell. Twice each week Coach Huleck is here to take charge of the squad, and good results are anticipated from his work. He is a man of considerable experience in athletic circles and comes here well recommended. Aside from his work in handling the Alfred squad, he is kept busy with the Hornell High School team. The record of Hornell during the present season speaks well for Huleck's ability as a coach.

There will be games each week from now on, and Graduate Manager Bennehoff promises a strong attraction to appear here in the near future. The schedule has been practically completed, but it is not thought advisable to announce it at this time. Handicapped by a late start, this year's team is unable to play several of the games proposed earlier in the season.

The squad has been rather variable in size at different practice sessions, and after next week there will be a cut. All men considered as Varsity material will be retained, but those who appear irregularly for practice, irrespective of their ability, will be discarded. It is hoped that all men who have any desire for a position on the Varsity squad will be present at every practice in the future.

—DE LOYAL—

THE UNIVERSITY CHORUS

The University Chorus, seventy voices, is doing excellent work on one of the most difficult oratorios "The Creation" by Haydn. It will surely take some months before this work may be presented to the public in a creditable manner. Director Wingate planned to present this oratorio for the Agricultural School Commencement, but it is next to impossible to perfect the ensemble and solos in so short a time. You may look forward to a rare treat later in the year.

—DE LOYAL—

MYSTERY—WHO PUT THE LIGHT IN FLASH-LIGHT

VARSITY TO PLAY ADDISON MONARCHS

The Varsity basket ball team will meet the Addison Monarchs on the Alfred floor Wednesday night. While little is definitely known of the visiting team, it is reported they have a strong, fast team and a powerful center. This is the first real game of the season and it is looked to as a foreteller of our 1920 prospects.

—DE LOYAL—

OUR SCHEDULE

Owing to something or other we are to have no definite basketball schedule. We promised last week that the Fiat would publish a schedule as other schools do, telling just who we play and when, and possibly exciting a little interest in future games. In basketball as in football, we are not to know who we shall play. But this much we can tell you, five games have been arranged and they are pretty good ones.

—DE LOYAL—

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

Heralded by posters, signs and broadcast reknown, a rare treat was exposed to us last Saturday night in the person of Alice Brady, the famous elusive—picture girl, and her company of well-known stars. The play which they presented to us was one made by the Select pictures, entitled "Her Silent Sacrifice" and was adopted from the "Red Mouse." It was a snappy picture with plenty of French spice, and typical of the average motive picture of today. While the impression left was not exactly in harmony with Alfred, the plot, interest and rendition was very good. It was a picture, produced merely for enjoyment—just as a novel is written for enjoyment.

—DE SQUARE—

GLEE CLUB CONCERTS

Everywhere a return date. Think of it. Three concerts were given in Hornell in 1916, one in 1917. This year our first concert will be at the Westminster Presbyterian Church on Thursday evening, February 5, Hornell, N. Y.

This certainly speaks well for the excellent work done by the Club. The last newspaper write-up in the Hornell Times-Tribune reads:

"The concert given last night at the First Presbyterian church by the Glee Club of Alfred University was exceedingly successful from every point of view.

Almost all the numbers on the program necessitated an encore. The numbers rendered by the club as a whole, were characterized throughout with feeling, vigor, and ensemble work unusually satisfactory.

"Director Wingate, to whose patient and skillful training the high state of perfection attained by the club is largely due, sang several solos with great acceptance. Taken as a whole, the program was well balanced, maintained a standard of excellence from first to last, without a single weak spot and gave the audience nearly two hours of refined, inspiring and most delightful entertainment."

—DE SQUARE—

COMING

We are soon to experience a fine example of possible "home dramatics." The Juniors are going to display the typical type of a "hibernian husband," or illustrating as it might the question of "who's husband are you?" The cast has been chosen and rehearsals have started. So save up your pennies and boost the Kanakadea.

ASSEMBLY

Prof. Norwood Tells Us Of Student Volunteer Convention

Assembly last Wednesday was in charge of Prof. Norwood, who represented the faculty at the Student Convention held in Des Moines.

His talk came to us as he got it—in clouds of general impression. This, he explained was about as closely acquainted as one there could get to the real convention—many being seated at a telegraphic distance from the speakers. But the broad-mindedness, the spirit and the co-operative thought that was displayed by such an immense assemblage as a whole was wonderful. There were 40 nations represented, the majority however, being from United States and Canada. The attitude shown between the whites and blacks of the southern states toward one another was truly Christian-like.

There were numerous little attractive absences of manner and form: there was no excess of cheap and hypocritical sentiment and emotion; there was no direct pressure brought on any delegate to volunteer. The field, its conditions and necessities were laid out and offered only inspiration. There was no theology brought into the question—it was supposed they were Christians no matter what their manner of worship. No personal or unauthorized literature was allowed to be distributed; cranks were not tolerated; leaders were not landed. Some expressed surprise at not hearing a flaming oration from John R. Mott, but his personality was there, thoroughly infused in the perfect organization of the 8,000 delegates.

There were several distinct objectives which the Convention did accomplish. They stood for a religious statesmanship, a spirit and insistence to fulfill their motto, "Evangelization of the world in this generation." And there was the winning force behind that ambition. Statesmanship was promoted in the idea that each country must be made entirely statesmanly before they all could be—that the world must be elevated without leaving any part out. Also that the open wound made by the past war was the greatest opportunity for evangelistic purposes, ever presented. Reconstruction work is in order, and volunteers are needed in every run of life. But no matter which direction you choose, religion must be present to make your object a success.

But few of the addresses "got under the skin." One, delivered by McDowell, was spoken of as one of the most impressive and came as a vivid display of imagination. In a dream he saw Uncle Sam, who was sad because George Washington considered him neglecting the nation he had freed; Abe Lincoln thought him violating the freedom he had won. But soon men and money came to support him in the war and he was happy. Later in another dream he saw Christ who was also sad, because he hadn't the men and money to utilize the opportunity of preventing another mess. The question remained,—will he get them?"

BELL HOP

Gods of Chivalry Mocked—Girls Entertain Royally

On last Tuesday night, plowing through snow drifts in dancing slippers, and wandering around the suburbs of Alfred, the high-spirited girls each sought out her "man." The fellows entered into the fray with as large though quieter enthusiasm. The frat houses were converted into miniature "Bricks," receiving the ladies and making them tarry for some time. And finally coming from their seclusion with a rather sheepish aspect.

At the Hall the escortresses realized more fully the precise difficulties of the programs. But with light heart and feet the merry-makers began one of the most festal evenings of this college generation. Six little bell-hops greeted us at the door and passed us into a dim glow of red and white. Streamers swooped from center to sides and streamers hung from the windows, bells swung from all over.

The dance wafter on lightly—urged by the momentum of the spirit and the music of Day's orchestra from Corning. Confetti down our necks and punch down our throats only increased our enthusiasm. Half the evening gone, the girls deemed us famished and escorted us to the lower hall where refreshments of salad, coffee and cake braced us for another five hours. Back into the swing of the dance and the punch-bowl, until the last dance, when the spirit rose to such a height, that even a shower of snow from the huge center bell could not cool—and increasing until the dancers were a mass of beings, serpentine streamers, decorations and snow. The merry-makers, drifting out with the last strains of "Home, Sweet Home," left the Hall in faded glory.

The event was one of the gayest experienced in our college career. The chaperones were Prof. and Mrs. Geo. Bole, Prof. and Mrs. James Bennehoff. And we must express our appreciation to Iola Lanphere for managing such a "hop," to the Juniors and Frosh for the decorating and to the Brick chef for his "eats" and punch.

—DE LOYAL—

THE LEAP-RIDE

Being as how some of the folks weren't quite up to the latest steps in dancing and couldn't attend the Bell-Hop, a sleigh ride was "impetuated." Assembling at 5 P. M. to insure an early return, and leaving at 5:30 to insure getting there, the gang proceeded. Arriving in Hornell, they all partook of the gracious fare at Burdick's. The meal being terminated, it was decided that they had been away from home long enough, so they started to return. But evidently the drivers had considered that their horses had earned a rest. Anyway the pilots could no where be found. So the sleigh ride rode around in parlor chairs and sofas at Burdick's until 11 P. M. when their coaches arrived for them. Their late arrival, however, caused some considerable worry—though unnecessary as the distance covered after dark was by artificial light.

The chaperones were Miss Kelly and Mrs. de Liminana.

—DE LOYAL—

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PERSONAL

J. Slough was in Wellsville over the week-end.

Doc Burdick was a visitor in Hornell last Saturday.

George Ford spent the week-end at his home in Hornell.

George Stearns was a visitor in Hornell last Saturday.

Charles Lake spent the week-end at his home in Hornell.

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

Stanley Banks has been seriously ill with an attack of grip.

Martin Larrabee spent the week-end at his home in Wellsville.

Burton Bliss was at his home in Bolivar over the week-end.

Isabel Monahan of Hornell attended the leap year dance last week.

A piano was installed in Burdick Hall during the Christmas vacation.

Margaret Bronson of Hornell attended the leap year dance last week.

Prof. Binns had charge of the last Sunday morning service at the church.

Grace Ford of Hornell, sister of Geo. Ford, attended the leap year dance last week.

President Davis spoke at Farmers' Week in Morrisville, New York, on January 19th.

Marion Worden and Ethel Hayward were visitors in Hornell last Wednesday afternoon.

President Davis was in Atlantic City, New York City and Shiloh, N. J., last week on business.

Carl Clarke of Independence, brother of Eloise Clarke, attended the leap year dance last week.

Anna Merrill '23, who lived at the Brick last term, is now staying with her sister, Mrs. R. W. Wingate.

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ing talk on the convention in general, and also what the Student Volunteer Movement is, what it has done and wishes to do.

The quartet gave a very pleasing selection to the delight of everyone present. Miss Walsh read a selection from the Bible. Mr. Pollock led in prayer and pronounced the benediction.

The Alfred Alumni Association of New York and vicinity will hold its annual banquet at the Aldine Club, New York City, on February 7th.

"Suds" Davidson of the freshman class, left Sunday for Philadelphia, where he will continue his college career at the University of Pennsylvania.

Part of the Brick Improvement Fund has been used in the purchase of a brass knocker which Mr. Greene has put on the front door. The need of such an article has been amply proven by the abundant exercise it has already received. Ruth Randolph reports that there is \$23 in the treasury to be used in the purchase of other things, at once.

Canisteo Chronicle: "Cynthia May Roe, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Roe of this village, died yesterday afternoon about two o'clock. The parents are the only survivors. The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at one o'clock and burial will take place in Woodlawn cemetery. Rev. F. J. Wilson of the Baptist church, will officiate." Both Mr. and Mrs. Roe were recent students at Alfred University.

—BE-SQUARE—

ASSOCIATIONS

The speaker in Y. M., Sunday night, was John Clark, who gave an interesting discussion of the proper method of tackling your work, namely, by putting your heart in it. The remainder of the meeting was taken up in making out the programs for the meetings of the rest of this term, and in the discussion of other problems.

Twenty-five girls became full-fledged members of the Y. W. at the Brick, Sunday night, the customary ceremony being used. The new members formed a procession in the hall, from which they marched into the upperclass parlors. Each new member lighted the candle, with which she had been previously provided, from the candle of the Y. W. President, Hollice Law, who stood at the door. When all were inside the room, the President read the aims of the Association, while Ruth Stillman played softly upon the harp. Jean Baxter read the list of names of the girls joining. Lois Cuglar sang a little hymn. The tiny candles made the white dresses of the new members and the Cabinet-girls seem even more significant and appropriate. Isabel Mack read a poem-prayer and the service closed with hymns and the benediction.

—BE-LOYAL—

Y. M. C. A. AND Y. W. C. A.

Last Sunday evening the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A. held a joint session in Kenyon Memorial Hall. The delegates from the Student Volunteer Convention held at Des Moines, Iowa, gave their reports of the convention.

Miss Banghart, speaking for the Y. W., told of the needs of the mission fields in the world today. Her talk was exceedingly interesting and contained some valuable and enlightening information. Mr. Peck, who spoke for the Y. M., gave an interest-

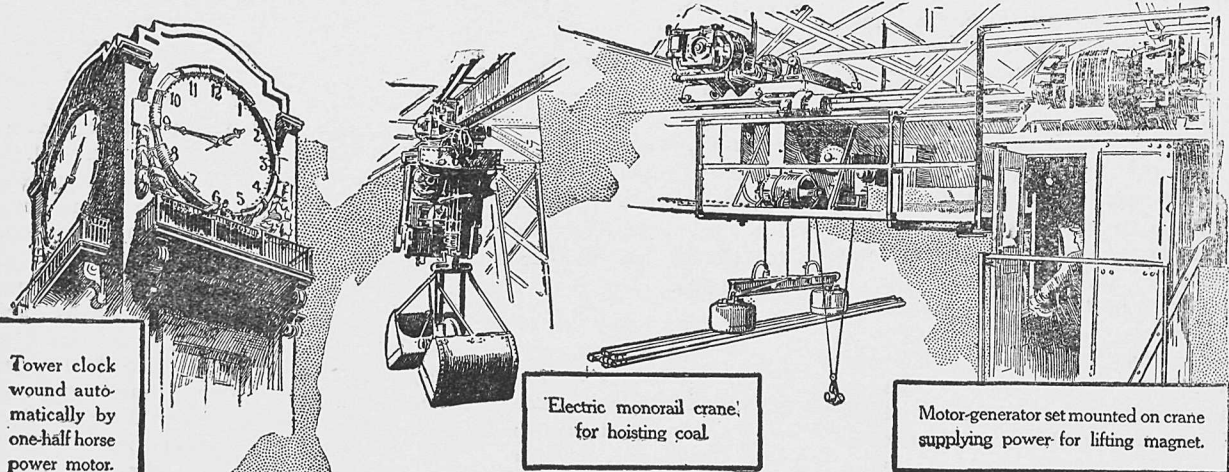
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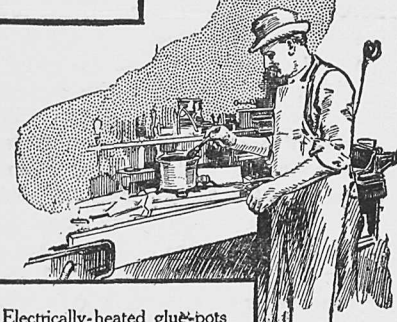
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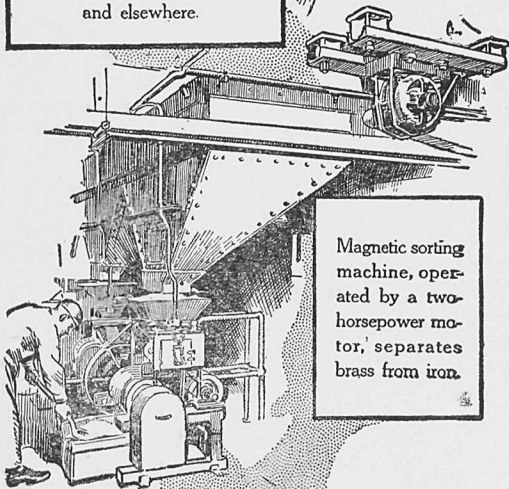
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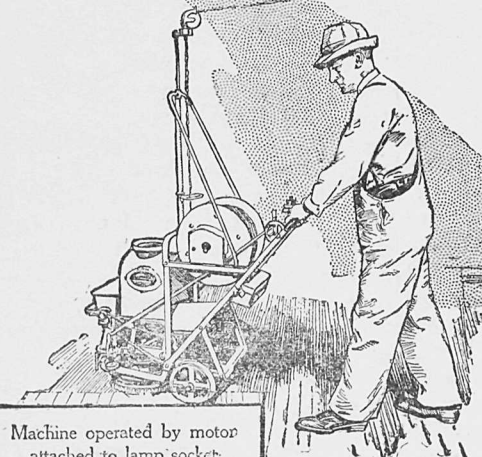
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The Fiat Lux wishes to thank the Sun for the material which the students contribute to the latter.

—BE-SQUARE—

We think that this daylight system for sleigh rides is far below dignity of college students. The fellows resent the idea of not being able to be trusted as gentlemen while in company with a lady. The girls resent the idea of not being considered of high enough morale, to necessitate this "watchful waiting" idea.

—BE-LOYAL—

It's seldom that we pause in our rush and tear of the college gale to consider our good fortunes. Our Alfred with its beautiful, natural scenery is enough of inspiration. But in winter when the green is turned to white and the pines are puff-laden with down, the lack of variety forces our pleasant natures to seek good in other places. And to some—not a select few—our gratefulness seeks source in the coal mines (the plot darkens). We are thankful for the coal the Lord has inbedded for our consumption, and that thought gradually leads to our new heating plant and its functions. The convenience of steam heat makes it unnecessary to rely on the Erie method of dealing out gas rations.

Most of us still retain the blooming vigor of youth. And with this comes the eternal, romantic custom of chivalry. The Gods, who have for so many centuries, promoted the consideration toward the weaker sex, are surely still existing in full glory.

But, darn it, it is awful cold now adays to stand out on the Brick porch to talk. And we really can't see any waste amount of degeneration if we do step inside the front door to exchange words and glances, and thaw out by those beautiful new radiators.

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All waited for the starting
and the fun in consequence.

With hated breath we watched each one
Come up upon the stage
And when Chief raised his paddle
We all felt inward rage.

Upon the floor there rolled a form,
On warlike purpose bent,
His partner was a peanut,
Could it be our President?

MacMahon fished with might and main
And caught them by the score
I'm sure such strange fantastic fish
Were never caught before.

"Eternal Ego" to the front
With calm assurance went
How strange it is that just this once
He didn't know what it meant.

Did you know we had a hero?
Did you know his name was Cole?
We know you didn't know it
But we think you should be told.

He was cruelly snatched from Alfred
And so cruelly taken away.
I wonder why his captors
Forgot to make him stay?

Wild women oft attract you
Do you sometimes for them pine?
Ask Campbell, he can tell you
He's an adept in that line.

We think that Lake is rather young
To be proposing yet,
But when the hour cometh
We'll approve his choice, you bet.

"The Cooties' Reception at the Brick"
All talk on that is barred
We didn't like the subject
'Cause it struck home too hard.

"Larrabee looks at home up there,"
The audience all said,
But we're afraid he didn't know,
Baby's feet from baby's head.

A boxing contest is lots of fun,
When fought with lots of snap,
But wasn't it rather a funny time
To sit in a senior's lap?

Pumpkin pie's a delicacy
A lovely, golden treat
Volk musn't have been hungry
Or he'd at least have tried to eat.

When one talks on prohibition
He never, never stops,
We didn't notice that this time
When "Hinchy" talked on "Hops."

There followed merry song and dance
And laughter more and more,
And then when stunts were finished,
They knelt upon the floor.

AHearn gave benediction,
And all their heads did bend
They all arose as if one man—
The show was at an end.

We'd love to tell of all of them
But time will not permit,
But each one did his very best
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SLEIGH-RIDES

"Jingle bells, jingle bells," which in olden days used to designate a sleigh ride, may soon designate to us nothing but dinner. For in the near past those joyful purgatories have become rather intemperate, and much to our chagrin have excited action in the Student Life chamber.

Here's the august argument. Our social regulators are broad enough to see untold benefit and enjoyment in sleigh rides. But when a party plans on such a decision, they make beautiful promises. They get permission for a sleigh ride, then have a banquet and finish by a dance. The frolic—having been agreed to finish at 12—is vastly miscalculated and the half-frozen pleasure seekers drag in about 3 A. M., waking up long enough the next day, to get to their first class. From then on they're intermittantly aroused and pushed to their next nap. And the professors enjoy teaching in these circumstances about as much as they would in the Egyptian department of a museum. And anyway our classes would sound like a Chinese school if the profs lectured while everyone was snoring.

The first two of these parties went clear over the time limit, and we are therefore on probation. Now there's no objection to a sleigh ride and a feed and rest. Or there's no objection to an early start, supper, a little dance and an early start back. But unless we do try, to some extent, to keep within the bounds of college ideals and standards, our merriest winter sport is bound to suffer. So when one organization has a party why not consider with good spirit the welfare of others.

—BE-SQUARE—

AG NEWS

Second term begins Wednesday morning.

Director Ladd returned Saturday from a ten day business trip.

Prof. Browning was away last week to lecture on Animal Husbandry at a State Farmers' meeting.

The stock judging class went to Andover on Monday for the purpose of judging a Jersey herd at that place.

On Monday the K. of A. challenged the Bachelor's Club to a basketball game to be played within two weeks. And on Tuesday the challenge was accepted.

At a recent Student Senate meeting it was voted that each student pay an athletic fee of \$3, admitting students to all Varsity games. This, to be brought before the student body for the final vote.

Assembly on Thursday was conducted by Prof. Wingate. He entertained the school by singing a number of songs, among which were: "The Sword of Terrara," "The Blind Plowman," "To a Wild Rose," "Irish Names," and a "Pious Lay." As a whole, it was one of the best assemblies of the year, everyone present enjoying it to the fullest extent.

On Saturday evening a group congregated at the Ag School. By 7 o'clock a goodly number had gathered and shortly after, three sleighs pulled up, which were promptly filled to overflowing. After much arranging and rearranging they started with Miss Danielson and Mr. and Mrs. Robison as chaperones. Almond never seemed so far away as it did then, but eventually it was reached and everyone proceeded to Almond Hall where Davidson, Volk and Kenyon began to warm things up with a little "jazz." This continued until about ten o'clock when all repaired to "Martha's Inn" where refreshments were served. After eating, dancing was resumed until midnight when the start for home was made. If the trip down seemed long the trip back was doubly so, for the wind, coupled with the blinding snow made the trip uncomfortable for those who came lightly clad. Altogether it was one of the best rides of the season and all attending were generally agreed that a fine time was had by all.



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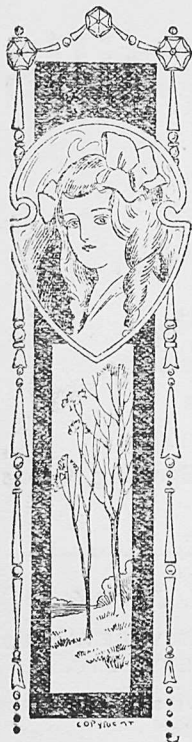
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When Professor Stearns asked me if I would speak to you for five minutes or so and explained to me what he wished to accomplish, I told him that I would be glad to and we decided that I was to get the boys home. The Professor left and I have been thinking ever since, not so much of what I should say to you as of how beautifully the Professor puts into practice in college life the thing that everyone learns sooner or later in the army,—passing the buck.

I am not sure but that I have betrayed the secret of official success in the army but I am sure that it will go no farther.

With you students located in front of me and these old timers behind me, I feel very much like the colored boy Sambo who was in the front line waiting for zero hour. The regiment to which this boy belonged was to make the attack backed by two thousand of our white troops, and while they waited their thoughts naturally ran ahead to the fateful hour. "Sambo," said the man next him, "What do you all reckon will be the headlines in the New York Herald tomorrow morning?" Sambo thought, "I reckon it will read something like this—two thousand white men tromped to death."

"The boys apparently are no nearer home than they were when I began. It was this same tardiness in getting down to business and shipping troops that raised such a storm of protest throughout our own country and France. It was this that made the boys in the Y huts, when home was mentioned on the stage, rise up and shout in chorus "We want to go home." It was this that made the Chicago Tribune head every issue with "Get the boys home toute de suite."

But it was no easy job to get an army the size of ours in France ready to come home, and when they were ready, they often had to wait for ships to take them across.

I had the pleasure of acting as adjutant of the Permanent Personnel at the Forwarding Camp at Lemans from April 12 to June 25. We had 17 Depot Service Cos., 3 Guard Cos., 2 Cook Cos., a Baker Co., Hospital unit, Medical Dept., Sanitary Squad, Supply Co., Sales Commissary Unit, and 3 Bath Units, a total of 2500 men, whose business it was to get troops ready for Embarkation.

It was the desire of the Government to get the boys home first who were needed most by their people at home and General Order No. 13 provided that in case of sickness or distress in the family at home, men could make application for immediate return to the U. S. for discharge. These applications were to be accompanied by affidavits from the folks at home and neighbors to the effect that there was actually sickness or distress in the family, and forwarded through channels to the nearest officer who could order men back to the U. S. I have read and forwarded as many as fifty of these applications a day from men in our own organization alone and I began to think everyone left in the U. S. were either sick or in dire need, and there were affidavits to prove it. These men if their applications were approved, were ordered home as casuats as soon as transportation was available.

The bulk of the men however, were sent home with their organizations and it was with these men that we had to deal. The capacity of our camp was about 25000 men and we kept building it larger. We had our own power plant, water plant, and bathing and delousing plant. Troops coming through there had to go through the bathing and delousing plant and a complete new equipment was issued to them. The day before leaving the camp this equipment was inspected by the Inspector Generals Department to see that it was complete, and the men were given a thorough physical and cottie inspection.

This seemed like enough but it was only the beginning as all of the paper work had to be done before leaving our camp. Each man had to have a service record complete, if the original one was not available a supplementary one had to be made from a sworn affidavit of the soldier. He also had to have a qualification card, and locator card. Each company had to have 15 copies of the passenger list, draft area reports, and 6 copies of the baggage list and 3 of the roster of officers. Higher organization headquarters had to have the consolidation of all the reports of the companies under them and the same reports and lists of their headquarters as the companies have. So you can imagine there was some work. Of course some of this work could be done in the billeting areas before coming to camp, but it all had to be inspected by the Inspectors General at the Forwarding Camp and so many mistakes were found that it did not usually pay to do the work before coming.

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These men then went either to St. Nazaire or Brest where they were again deloused and inspected. The paper work was again inspected and if found in order the Embarkation Orders were issued. The men were then ready for the ships. After passing the Forwarding Camp this work at the Port could be done in 24 hours. Then they had to wait for ships. Ships didn't come very often, but when they did—you know the rest.

The paper work was inspected again and the men were packed into the hold, any way to get them in, and they came home. The big thing was to wait their turn to come, but everything considered, it is surprising that the troops came home as soon as they did. When the Armistice was signed and we were all so glad that it was all over and we could go home, few of us thought that we would be at home to march the streets on armistice day as we have done this year.

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