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SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA PICNIC.

May 30th was picnic day for the Southern California M. A. C. Association. We met under the large shade trees at the ranch home of J. Rodney Abbot, '84, who lives about ten miles east of Los Angeles on the main boulevard to San Bernardino. It was an ideal out-of-door picnic day, as most California days are, and the members and family came in their automobiles from Los Angeles, Pasadena, Eagle Rock, Alhambra, Monrovia, Sunny Slope, Pomona and Long Beach. This was the first time we had met the wives of the members and it necessitated introductions all around.

By the time luncheon was ready there were thirty-eight present. We brought well-filled baskets and were all cared for at one long table on the front lawn of our host and hostess, Mr. and Mrs. Abbot, who served hot coffee with real cream from their dairy. Through the meal, and after, several photographs were taken by Harry White's private photographer with his large camera and Harry promises each member a photograph of the group.

Considerable time was spent after luncheon going over the creamery, dairy and ranch with Mr. Abbot. He

owns twenty-seven acres, six of which are in oranges. The remaining twenty-one acres are devoted mostly to growing feed for the dairy, hogs and calves. He has forty high grade Jersey cows and sells his milk to private customers in the surrounding towns. He is "boss" of the job, leaving most of the work, except the supervision, to others.

To show you how much Rodney thinks of his cows, we will tell you on the quiet that while his home is out in the country more than a mile from any visible city, he keeps all his stock, including the dairy, in the city of San Gabriel. To have his stock city bred no doubt enhances the value (cost) of his dairy products and may account in some measure for his success in the work. For fear, however, that some readers of this may think the boy has gone a bit dippy since he left college, we will explain that San Gabriel extended its city limits south to the boulevard and so took in part of the ranch occupied by the dairy while the home and orchard are directly across the boulevard and not taken into the city. Rodney is still sane.

G. C. DAVIS, Sec.-Treas.

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DETROIT MEMBERS TO MEET HERE.

According to E. C. Krehl, secretary of the Detroit M. A. C. Association, the members of that body will be requested to meet in a noon-day luncheon at the Edelweiss cafe on Friday, June 12th, to discuss plans for attending the 1914 Reunion at the College.

Apparently a good deal of Reunion enthusiasm is being manifested by the M. A. C. people in Detroit, and prospects for a large delegation from that city are growing daily. It is hoped that a large number can arrange to get out to this noon meeting, as Judge W. L. Carpenter, '75, and John W. Beaumont, '82, will address the gathering.

PROF. BAKER TO RESIGN.

It has recently been stated, on good authority, that Prof. J. Fred Baker, head of the forestry department, will not return to East Lansing at the close of his European studies.

Prof. Baker, who was graduated from M. A. C. in the class of 1902, has been at the head of the local forestry department since 1907. During the past year he has been taking advanced work at some of the leading German universities.

Details as to Mr. Baker's reasons for leaving M. A. C. have not yet been given out. At the present time the department is in the hands of F. H. Sanford, '04, assisted by Irving Gilson, '10, and S. V. Klem.

THE TENT WILL BE HERE.

Advices received from the office of Secretary A. M. Brown give us the best news yet. **THE TENT WILL BE HERE.**

Owing to the lateness with which the efforts to obtain a "big top" were begun, some doubt was expressed as to our ability to secure one, but the arrangements with a Chicago firm have been concluded, and the tent will be on hand for Sunday, Monday and Tuesday of Commencement week.

The RECORD has received notice of L. L. Appleyard's, '00e, new address. It is now 4 Lambert St., East Cleveland, Ohio.

AN INVITATION.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 27, 1914.

Dear Sir:—We are bound to be heard from in this neck of the woods, and for that reason every issue of the RECORD finds some article from Los Angeles. Personally, I am very much interested in the "personals," and I presume that is what interests most of the former students.

I noted recently the article from J. D. Towar. I want to have this catch his eye, and to say to him that the next time he comes to Los Angeles I want him to take time to look me up, and that is the invitation the Southern California M. A. C. Association gives to all the boys who may come on a visit of pleasure or business to this attractive southland, to look up the old M. A. C. boys by going to the headquarters of the Secretary, G. C. Davis, or to the office of the writer, at the California Furniture Company on Broadway, in the progressive city of Los Angeles.

Very truly yours,

A. H. VOIGT, '81.

A. C. ANDERSON LEAVES FOR EUROPE.

Prof. and Mrs. A. C. Anderson, with their two sons have left for an extended European trip. Pleasure and study will be combined, the family enjoying the novelties of foreign lands, while Prof. Anderson studies dairy conditions in the various countries.

In addition to investigating dairy methods in Switzerland, Holland and Scotland, Prof. Anderson will attend the National Dairy Exposition at Berne, Switzerland, and will visit the experiment stations at various points in the Netherlands and at Reading, England.

Incidentally, the family will visit the original Anderson family home in northern Scotland, which is still in possession of the family. The entire summer will be spent abroad, and they will return to East Lansing about September first.

I. R. Browning, '12f, who holds a position with a Forest Protective Association in the Upper Peninsula, visited the College recently. "Dick" looks as though his work agreed with him, and expresses his regret at not being able to attend the Reunion.

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COMING INTO THE STRETCH.

The preparations for the 1914 Reunion are going ahead, and there is an absolute certainty that when June 23 rolls around, Old Sol is going to witness one of the best gatherings of M. A. C. people he ever smiled on.

Negotiations with the band have been closed, resulting in the securing of this fine organization for Reunion Day. This band is without a doubt one of the best in this part of the country. To fully appreciate their ability one should have heard them play at Ferry Field last fall, when M. A. C. defeated Michigan; or at Madison, when our own Aggies made the Western Conference champions look like beginners. It certainly is "some band," and you don't want to miss it.

The largest class ever to graduate from M. A. C. will receive its diplomas. This in itself is quite an event, and to enhance the desirability of attending, the speaker will be Thomas Mott Osborne, well known to all disciples of democracy.

And the dinner. Ah! There's something to ponder over. Think of sitting down to a fine banquet, surrounded by old friends and classmates, a dinner served by dainty, demure young maidens, the pride and flower of our college. Picture, if you can, the round of stories, old and new, the recital of well-nigh forgotten jokes, the short talks of fellow-alumni. Can you afford to lose out on such an opportunity?

Several important matters will probably be brought up at the business meeting. You want to have your say about them, we are sure, and the best way to say it is to be there.

Just a few days more, and the old boys and girls will be throwing things into the suitcases for the trip. We are coming into the stretch, the time is short, so let's pull together, let 'er go out a notch and come across the line in grand style.

WHERE ARE THE "BIG MEN?"

In the preparation of plans for the Reunion, one feature has stood out above all the rest. It is the lack of activity on the part of men who were class and college leaders while in school. With a few exceptions the men who held the most offices and directed the activities of the student body in their time, have failed to respond to the Reunion talk.

That is a rather bold statement, and we realize that we may be making a few enemies, but we believe it is time the alumni began to wake up. In a way, it is too bad that the financial troubles were settled so peaceably for thereby the former students and friends of the College lost a good excuse to get together and do something big. However, history shows that times of peace produce about as many big men as days of strife, and we are hoping that the old time spirit will show itself on June 23.

To return to the subject, "Where are the big men?" Why don't we hear from them more often? We know that their classmates and associates would rejoice to know of their doings, and if some one would start the thing, the rest would come easy. It would be easy for some of the old-time leaders to start something in the good old way, and the others would follow from force of habit.

We need the influence of these "big men" at the Reunion. The measure of success in this gathering will be twice as great if we can get the former class notables back here to meet the others. We want the old foot ball men, the old base ball players, the debaters, the class and society officers, and yes, we want the fellows who were most lovable for their ingenious conceptions of harmless deviltry. We want the boys who were loved and appreciated for themselves, for the traits which made their mates follow them in the old days still predominate, and will provide the strongest kind of material with which to cement the crumbling spirit of the old classes.

Let's have the "big men" and the little men, and the plain everyday fellows. They'll all help, and you want to see them too.

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The handing out of the diplomas on June 23d will mark the passing of the largest class in the history of the College. The number, which is four times as large as that graduated in 1904, is composed of 77 in agriculture, 59 in engineering, 50 in home economics, 12 in forestry and 2 in veterinary medicine. Nearly all of these young men and women are from Michigan, although 13 other states and 2 foreign countries are represented.

The energetic work of Harry L. Kempster, '09a, is ably portrayed in two press bulletins recently issued by the University of Missouri. Prof. Kempster is head of the poultry department there, and has just written two articles relative to that subject, one on "Moulds Fatal to Poultry," and the other on methods of preventing egg losses in hot weather.

Meet your friends in the big tent June 23.

LEWIS VANDERBILT, '64.

Many of the old boys of the sixties will doubtless be surprised and pained to learn that Lewis Vanderbilt, the last living graduate of the class of 1864, is seriously ill at his home in Phoenix, Ariz. The following letter has been received from Frank B. Wilson, '08, also of that city:

Dear Mr. Sheffield:

I am enclosing some facts about Lewis Vanderbilt, '64. He is very ill and not expected to live. At the present time he is over 80 years old, and until now has been very active. He makes his home with one of my neighbors.

The other day he sent for me and had me write down these facts about his life, but as he is delirious at times, they may not be authentic. He mentioned several of his professors but could not remember which were U. of M. and which M. A. C. However, I knew that Robert Kedzie, T. C. Abbott and Manly Miles were M. A. C. professors.

The notes are as follows:

Lewis Vanderbilt was born at Lyons, N. Y., November 30, 1833. When he was less than four years old his father purchased 200 acres of wild land near Memphis, Mich.

During the summer of 1855 Mr. Vanderbilt was with a surveying party in northern Michigan, and in the fall entered the freshman class at the University of Michigan. Owing to the death of two brothers, he was obliged to leave the university before the end of his first year. One of the university professors whom he best remembers was E. O. Havens, later president of the university, and still later a Bishop in the Methodist church.

In 1861, Lewis entered the Agricultural College, being graduated with four others in 1864. The other members of this class were Sylvester M. Milard, Lewis Gilson, William W. Daniels, and William A. Hardy. Mr. Vanderbilt was the oldest of the class and the only one now living.

He was married to Jane E. Blakely in the spring of 1865. Later they moved to Iowa, where Mrs. Vanderbilt died in October, 1878. After five years Mr. Vanderbilt again married, his bride being Alice Chambers of New York. They moved to Fall River, Cal., where Mr. Vanderbilt was county surveyor for two terms. While taking a mountain trip with Mrs. Vanderbilt, the wagon overturned and she was injured. Mr. Vanderbilt then sacrificed his property and took her back to New York. She was invalid for twelve years before her death.

In 1902 Mr. Vanderbilt returned to Michigan, where he remained until March, 1908, when, owing to the cold climate and advancing age, he came to Phoenix, Ariz. He is at present making his home with Mr. K. A. Townsend.

The program for the Graduate School of Agriculture at Missouri has been received. Among the names of speakers we find the following: F. B. Mumford, '91; K. L. Butterfield, '91; U. P. Hedrick, '93; D. J. Crosby, '93, and Harry J. Eustace, '01.

FROM THE SUNSET COAST.

Fresno, Cal., May 30, 1914.

Dear Mr. Sheffield:

The last number of the RECORD (May 26) contained correspondence upon a movement which appeals to me so strongly that I feel impelled to write a short boost for the project. I am referring to the crusade started by some of the Southern California alumni for an M. A. C. day at the Panama-Pacific Exposition next year.

I understand that one of the late graduating classes voted to hold its class reunion in San Francisco in 1915. It has been my long felt wish, that the class of 1907 might gather there next year, but I did not feel like suggesting a larger meeting for the whole College. Now that other and older alumni have done so, I wish to do what little I can to help that idea along.

It is certain that a large number of M. A. C. graduates and former students will visit the fair at some time and with a year in which to make their plans, nearly all could arrange their trips to meet with the others on M. A. C. day. The great beauty of such a reunion would be that instead of a single day, the reunion would last nearly a week for most of us, as no one would make the trip for a single day at the fair.

I certainly expect to visit the exposition, and if an M. A. C. day is decided upon, I will be there or have a mighty good excuse for not making it.

Sincerely yours,

NEAL C. PERRY, '07.

1030 Verde Ave.

JONES-CHURCHILL.

Mr. Omar Orlando Churchill, '03a, was united in marriage to Miss Jessie Graeme Jones, of Stillwater, Okla., on Tuesday, May 26, in that city. The couple will be at home to their friends at 119 West Elm St., Stillwater, Oklahoma.

Mr. Churchill has for several years been professor of agronomy in the Oklahoma Agricultural and Mechanical College, and has made many friends there. His M. A. C. friends unite in wishing him all happiness.

A letter has just been received from Ramon J. Alvarez, '07sp., who is in the forest service in the Philippines. He remarks that there are two Michigan men and two M. A. C. men in the service, the other from M. A. C. being D. D. Wood, '11f, in charge of District 5. He says further, "Mr. Wood and the undersigned adopted the 'hustling system' of Prof. Baker, and for that reason we are successful in our work here."

Mr. Alvarez's address is Naga, Ambos Camarines, P. I.

George A. Newhall, '14e, has finished his work and accepted a position with the Edison company of Detroit.

ORIGIN OF THE "LOCOMOTIVE."

We wonder how many of the present students, or those who have graduated since, say 1900, know about the origin of the "locomotive yell." Some interesting information about this popular bit of "rah rah" ejaculation has recently come to the RECORD, and we believe it will be read with interest.

Just 28 years ago Decoration Day, Prof. Johnson, then head of the agricultural department, was giving a lecture on soils, and mentioned the different kinds of soil water. Among them was "ooze water," and in some way this word "ooze" tickled the fancy of some members of the class.

Later, on the same day, a party of students were on their way to Lansing, and as they walked along the road they decided to get up a yell. Having the word "ooze" fresh in mind, the yell as finally formed consisted of three "hoorays," the word ooze three times, with M. A. C. and a tiger at the end.

From this was evolved our present "locomotive." The word "ooze" has been contracted into "Uz," but otherwise the good old yell has remained the same, and has served to put the "pep" into many an M. A. C. team crowded back to its own goal line.

We are indebted to Mr. Calvin D. Beecher, ex-'89, for the above story. Mr. Beecher was present at the Flint banquet, although he is living at Flushing, Mich., and expressed his intention of being back to meet the boys of his old class on June 23d.

REUNION DOPE.

"I want to meet all the old boys. Rah! Rah!"—E. A. Holden, '89.

"I want to meet the whole class."—Frank F. Rogers, '83.

Detroit, Mich., June 1, 1914.

Dear Mr. Sheffield:

It is possible that at our coming gathering I shall not see even one of my dear classmates who, on that morning of the 13th day of May, 1857, stood in front of old College Hall, waiting for its doors to open wide to receive the first class of students.

But my love for the old College grows stronger as the years go by, and so I intend to be there to greet those that have followed in later years, for I feel that every M. A. C. student, whether in my class or some other, should stand by each other and ever extend the hand of fellowship, be it on the campus or any other spot where our lot may be cast. With kindly greeting to one and all, I will meet you at M. A. C.

Very truly,

GEORGE G. TORREY, ex-'61.

T. C. Lewis, 99e, has changed his address from Los Angeles to Portland, Ore.

A LETTER FROM DIXIE.

Birmingham, Ala, May 24, 1914.

Dear RECORD:

I have just returned from a three weeks' trip through southwest Mississippi, and the first thing I looked for on entering the office was the last three numbers of the RECORD. I am always anxious to find out what the old boys and girls are doing, as well as learn how the baseball and track teams are fareing in the athletic world.

When I see the letters from those who are going to be back for commencement this year it makes me long to be among those present, even though it is not the year for naughty-two. I would come anyway but my work here will not permit this year.

On my recent trip mentioned above, I was looking up conditions in a section of the country that has been ravaged by the cotton boll weevil. This section, extending from Vicksburg to the southern Mississippi line, was at one time one of the wealthiest sections of the United States, but the advent of the boll weevil eliminated cotton as a commercial proposition, and as that was the only crop the land owners knew how to grow, most of them went broke. A new era is now dawning on that section. The land is naturally very fertile, and well adapted to general farming and livestock production. New settlers are coming in and buying up the cheap land, and I predict that within a few years it will be one of the most prosperous sections of the country. Corn, oats, peanuts, potatoes, and all the clovers and most of the standard hay grasses can be grown to perfection. Pasture may be had the year around, and beef and pork can be produced much cheaper than in the north. Land values are low. Good fertile land can be secured at from \$5 to \$15 an acre. I saw oats ready to cut that will yield from 30 to 50 bushels to the acre; red clover sown last October that will yield two and one-half tons to the acre at the first cutting. In fact, I never saw a country with greater possibilities.

On many of the places the buildings alone are worth more than the price asked for the land. One place of 430 acres sold for \$5,500, and the house on this place could not be built for \$1,500. There are many such bargains to be picked up and I wish some of our hustling Michigan farmers had some of this land. They would work a revolution in that section.

Sincerely,

M. A. Crosby.

W. Carl Chapman of Detroit, spent several days at the College last week.

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ALUMNI (?) DEFEAT VARSITY IN HOTLY CONTESTED GAME.

Following the hint handed them by Notre Dame the day before, the team representing the alumni took the measure of Macklin's team last Friday afternoon by the score of 3 to 2. That only four of the members of the superannuated aggregation were former students is excused by the fact that the remainder of the team were "near-grads," and at any rate, it is felt that the "was-ers" have a right to all they can get.

Weeder, the diminutive spit-ball artist, was sent to the firing line for the collegians, and twirled so effectively that not a hit was registered on him until the seventh round. This, of course, was due to the old timers having been out of the game, and lost the knack of smiting the ball. We admit that the players of former years were naturally better than those of the present. Oh, naturally!

"Baldy" Spencer, who will deign to accept his diploma within a couple of weeks, pitched for the alumni, and let the 'varsity men down with five hits. Although wild in the opening innings, he steadied and pitched stellar ball toward the finish.

Of the old men who were back, there was Crissey, the star back-stop of 1909 and 1910. "Criss" remarked that he had not played a game since the alumni-'varsity contest last year, but his performance would have done credit to a league player. The way he caught the runners going to second made them hesitate to take liberties on the bases.

Walter Vance, former third baseman and one-time dangerous batter, played second, and lived up to his reputation by poling out a two-base hit in the eighth inning. Cortright was at short and Dancer at third, and both men displayed their old form throughout the game. Gauthier, Hunt, Griggs, Spencer and Buell were drafted from the ranks of the senior class to fill up the line-up.

The 'varsity scored its first run on a base on balls, a stolen base and Dodge's hit to right. Following that, but two men got on until the sixth, when Fuller's two-base drive followed by Frimodig's single to right, scored the 'varsity's last tally.

The "Has-Beens" remained passive until the seventh, when Gauthier singled, went to second on Vance's pass, took third and tore on home when E. Chilton fumbled Fick's toss of Cortright's easy grounder. A base on balls, a sacrifice hit, Vance's two-bagger and Griggs' single scored Spencer and Vance in the eighth, and won the game.

The score by innings: R. H. E.
 Alumni0 0 0 0 0 1 2 0— 3 5 1
 Varsity1 0 0 0 0 1 0 0 0— 2 5 3
 Batteries—Alumni: Spencer and Crissey; M. A. C.: Weeder and Bibbins.

The Freshmen won the annual cane spree last Friday evening by winning five of the nine events. Winning is a habit with 1917.

IRISHMEN PUNISH TWO PITCHERS WINNING LAST GAME.

Notre Dame staged an old-fashioned slugging bee last Thursday, when they drove Ralph Dodge from the mound in his last appearance for M. A. C., and greeted Miller, his successor, with a volley of hits. The final score was 12 to 4 in favor of the fighting Irishmen.

When Dodge left the mound in the eighth, it was the second time in his four years at M. A. C. that he has failed to finish a game after he had started it. He has not always won, but his winning percentage is unusually high. Given a warm day and even fair support, the Aggies' premier southpaw would have won in a walk.

Berger, who started for Notre Dame, may be considered lucky, for the Aggies were hitting the ball. Some fielder always chanced to be in the way, however, spoiling many good drives, while the visitors were hitting equally well, and placing them safely. Kelley, who pitched the last two innings, featured the ninth by retiring the locals on eleven pitched balls.

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 M. A. C.....0 0 1 0 0 3 0 0 0— 4 5 7
 Notre Dame0 0 0 3 0 0 2 6 1—12 14 5
 Batteries—M. A. C.: Dodge, Miller and Bibbins; Notre Dame: Berger, Kelley and Gray.

INTERSCHOLASTIC HONORS WON BY DETROIT EASTERN.

It is customary to refer to each interscholastic meet as "the largest ever held here," and this was no exception this year. With more schools represented than ever before, and the race for first honors unsettled until the final event, Detroit Eastern High took first honors by two points, having a total of 25. Bay City Eastern finished second, after a see-saw battle, with 23 tallies. Muskegon with 20 5-6 and Grand Rapids with 17 were the other schools in the running. Detroit Central was the surprise the day, gathering but two lonesome points when Tillotson took a third in the high hurdles.

Most of the events were hotly contested but with the exception of the 100 yard dash none of the existing records was endangered. In this event, Henry, of Detroit Eastern, made a new record of 10 seconds, lowering the previous mark by 1-5 second. This mark looks good, in view of the fact that a stiff breeze was blowing down the stretch in the faces of the runners.

One of the features provided for the entertainment of the visiting high school athletes was a canoe tilting contest on the Cedar. Tip-overs were frequent, and the fun was enjoyed by a large crowd. Rowland and Mandenberg won the contest, tipping over three of their opponents.

JESSE J. MYERS

After an illness of but one week, Prof. J. J. Myers passed away at the Yale University Hospital from a disease thought to be typhoid fever, though all the attending physicians did not concur in the belief. Every effort was made to save him, but all proved of no avail. At the time of his death, Prof. Myers was 37 years of age, just entering the period of greatest service to the state and the community.

Mr. Myers was a native of Illinois, being a graduate of the Genesee High School and the University of Illinois, where he served as laboratory assistant for a year previous to coming to M. A. C. in 1901. In 1907 he was made assistant professor in the zoological department, which position he held until his death.

At the time of his death Prof. Myers was enjoying a leave of absence granted him by the State Board for the purpose of studying nutrition under Prof. L. B. Mendel of Yale University. He had intended remaining through the summer, unless needed for the summer session at M. A. C.

Boundless energy and conscientious hard work characterized Prof. Myers' life at the College. Active in the Christian work of the community and always ready to aid the students in their doings, he was popular and beloved by all who knew him. His loss will be keenly felt, not only by his immediate associates but by a large circle of friends, who extend to Mrs. Myers heartfelt sympathy in her bereavement.

THE OPEN AIR PLAY.

Under the direction of Prof. E. S. King and C. B. Mitchell of the English department, the College Dramatic Club will stage its second open air play on Wednesday, June 10.

Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" will be given, and if hard work and

study are to count for anything, the advance notices need have no hesitation in declaring the efforts a success.

Over forty people are required to complete the cast, and these will be further assisted by an orchestra of 18 pieces. The stage will be the broad expanse of sloping lawn just north of College Hall, with a large group of stately evergreens for the background. The seat sale has progressed rapidly, and by the time the opening scene takes place, standing room will be at a premium.

SUMMER SESSIONS ASSURED.

Prof. E. H. Ryder, in charge of the plans for the summer school at M. A. C. this year, is authority for the statement that the work of the proposed session will in no way be hampered by the recent troubles of the college.

For some time, considerable doubt was expressed as to whether the institution would be able to carry out the plans for the summer school this year, but with the clearing up of the tangle, the way seems clear and classes will begin June 24th.

Owing to the delay in making a start, but little is known as to the probable number of registrations, but from the

amount of interest already shown, the prediction that the first general summer school will be a success.

Keats K. Vining, '13a, completes his work at Fremont, Mich., high school this week, and expects to go to Ypsilanti shortly after to take charge of instruction in agriculture for the summer school there.

The M. A. C. tennis teams tied with Ypsilanti last Saturday, the local boys sweeping their events and the Normal Misses doing likewise. The contest ended with the score three all.

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