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THE FIRST PUBLICATION AT M. A. C.

The following letters have been received from some of the "boys" which will correct an impression left from Mr. Collingwood's letter in the Record of March 23:

"Editor M. A. C. Record:

"He is mistaken in this remark, 'I think this was the first paper issued by the Agricultural College students.' He was too slow by over a dozen years. There is, or should be, in the library somewhere, a file of the 'College Bubble,' published regularly during the year 1868. F. S. Burton, of the senior class, was 'chief pen yanker,' others of that and the junior class acting as assistants. As those most active in the management graduated that year, the paper did not continue. It was an active, breezy sheet while in existence. I think quotations could be made from the old paper that would interest some old fellows today. Aside from that I think Mr. Collingwood's statement is correct.

"A. G. Gulley, '68.

"Prof. of Hort., Storrs, Conn."

Another letter received on the same mail reads as follows:

"Record Editor:

"Mr. Collingwood is in error in thinking that the Speculum was the first paper issued by Agricultural College students. Somewhere in the archives of the library should be a file of the Bubble, a very pre­tentious monthly that made its appearance in 1869 or 1870. I would be glad to know if any of the old timers' have copies of any of the numbers.

"A. H. Pinney, '70, Detroit."

The College Library has four complete sets of the "Bubble," two of which are bound. At one of the reunions after the Bubbles were bound, Dr. C. E. Bessey's signature was secured for permanent record as one of the editors of the Bubble. Mrs. Landon, the college librarian, would be very glad to receive the signatures of other Bubblesites.

The following extracts were taken from the last Bubble issued under date of October 24, 1868:

"Since the year of its creation, Michigan State Agricultural College has had 556 students: 290 of them have been residents of this State, representing about 40 different counties.

"Efforts have been made and still being made to gather together a sufficient number of the graduates of the Agricultural College, upon the 11th of next month, to organize an alumni society. From what has been learned, about 20 will be present."

"If anyone owes us anything on subscription we hope they will send it soon, as we have fulfilled our contract with them, and moreover, will soon change our address."

"Preserve your Bubbles—they will be valuable in the future.

"L. Vanderbilt, '84, farmer, Okemos, Mich.

"A. F. Allen, '61, teaching, Harrisonville, Mo.

"A. J. Cook, '62, instructor in mathematics, M. A. C.

"W. W. Tracy, '67, foreman of the gardens, M. A. C."

NEWS AND COMMENT

Dr. C. A. Griffin ex-10, spoke at the meeting of the Forestry Club last week on "First Aid."

Prof. C. W. Chapman made a trip to Cassopolis last week to talk before the Golden Rod Grange on "The Farm Auto."

Miss Elda Yakely, college registrar, was in Ann Arbor last week Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in attendance at the sixth annual meeting of college registrars.

The executive committee of the State Home Economics Association held a meeting at East Lansing last Saturday to arrange a program for the section meeting of this Association in connection with the State Teachers' Association which will be held this fall in Saginaw.

C. Dwight Curtiss, '11e, spoke before the Engineering Society last week Tuesday on the Catskill reservoir, which supplies water to New York City. His practical experience in this vicinity where he had charge of some road building work last summer, was very interesting.

Following an editorial last week regarding the M. A. C. Union, the Lansing State Journal came out with an article which informed us that the campaign was started for a $100,000 fund. It would be more feasible at this time to see if we could not float a loan for $200 to pay our printing bill. Have you done your part?

Hudson Maxim, inventor of high explosives, lectured to a very attentive audience in the Armory last week Tuesday. In spite of gray hairs, which seem to indicate advancing years, there was no trouble in hearing him through lack of vocal power. It may be that he has absorbed some of the very vigorous qualities of his product of invention. Some of his ideas are here given: "The European war will be a draw." "Germany cannot be starved out, for they can make bread out of trees—I had some of that variety the other day." "The most effective coast defense for the U. S. would be a great navy." "We spend enough money on chewing gum in one year to build three battleships, and enough on alcohol to build 200." A very pleasing diversion from the usual end of the Liberal Arts lectures was the chance given to ask this noted authority questions, and several people took the opportunity.
FIFTH MILL PASSES BOTH HOUSES.

The State Board of Agriculture won out in its fight for the fifth mill tax for M. A. C. and as a result there are a lot of people at M. A. C taking good full breaths for the first time in three months. The final vote came in the House last Friday and while the Governor has not yet signed the bill, there is no difficulty expected in that direction. This aid for M. A. C is sort of a compromise from the measures first under consideration in the legislature, which included besides the fifth mill, the special appropriation for a library and auditorium and another for a gymnasium.

Taking full cognizance of the economical streak of the legislature, the Board agreed to abandon the special appropriation it asked for and threw all its power in support of the fifth mill, which, after the first year, is considerable better than the sixth mill plus the special gymnasium appropriation which the House had agreed to.

Under ordinary circumstances no building can be engaged in until all the money necessary to complete the operation is on hand before the building is commenced. But while this bill carries no special appropriation for buildings at M. A. C, it does specify that under special conditions, a building may be started before all the funds are on hand. This special provision will make possible the starting of a gymnasium, which will probably be the first building started, as soon as plans can be drawn up.

Of course, this action of the legislature does not give M. A. C the amount of money it could have used to good advantage, but it is a step in the right direction and will be a large enough help to justify a real celebration whenever two or more friends of M. A. C get together. It will give M. A. C a new birth of life and assist her in taking her place among the agricultural Colleges of the land.

STATE AGRICULTURAL TEACHERS HOLD CONFERENCE.

The fifth annual meeting of the Michigan Society for the Promotion of Agricultural Education in Public Schools convened at the College last Friday night and Saturday morning. Fifty people interested in this branch of education, including school superintendents and principals, besides the regular agricultural teachers. Some of these came from the Upper Peninsula, which is indicative of the interest being displayed in this work.

The subjects presented were varied, most important being placed, however, on the relative to extension work and co-operation with the College, which shows the trend that activities in these agricultural schools are taking. Incidentally it also shows that the instruction side of this work is becoming more standardized and is creating less discussion. The wealth of material which is being collected to assist in teaching secondary agriculture was shown by many charts and tables and blue prints which were sent in for exhibition.

Those on the program were: President McVittie, '11, of Bay City; Prof. W. H. French; President J. L. Snyder; K. K. Vining, '13, Fremont; H. J. Wheater, '13, Boyn City; D. L. Hagerman, '13, St. Johns; Supt. McAlpine, South Haven; Supt. Dohle, Portage township school; C. P. Reed, '01; J. F. Cox. Officers elected for the next year were: K. K. Vining, president; G. F. Leonard, vice president; D. L. Hagerman, secretary-treasurer; W. H. French, corresponding secretary.

A summer session of the agricultural teachers during the Rural Conference, July 6th to 16th, was arranged for and it is thought that a plan will be worked out so that the students in agriculture from the various schools will be brought to M. A. C at that time and be given a taste of College life along with a vacation, under supervision of the agricultural teachers.

Other M. A. C people present and the places in which they are working are: Kirshman, '14, Hart; Storm, '14, Addison; Kunze, '14, Dowagiac; Garlock, '14, Bay City; Spaulding, '14, Marshall; Servis, '13, Monroe; Post, '14, Evart; Turner, '08, Hillsdale; Nash, '09, Muskegon; Clother, '13, Bangor; Holcomb, '14, Manistee; Kebler, '14, Hastings; Paine, '14, Grandville; Sheldon, '14, Grand Rapids; Kroodsma, '13, Charlotte.

It is a mere matter of addition to determine that the quantity of legislation turned out by the last legislature is much less than usual, but friends of M. A. C will readily testify that the quality is far above the average.
A SHORT TRIP.

The other day the editor made a short visit to Ann Arbor. In the railroad station at Lansing he met L. A. Queal, '11, and Mrs. Queal, who had visited in Lansing at the occasion of the marriage of Albert Frutig, '11, to Miss Mary Winans, on April 18th. Mr. and Mrs. Frutig will be at home in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, after June 1st, visiting the Panama Exposition in the meantime. The birth of a nine and one-half pound daughter to George Merrill, ex-'11, and wife, of Hamburg, Mich., on April 1st, was another bit of news picked up. In Ann Arbor the writer called on A. C. Digby, '03, who is a very successful grocer, later on C. H. Redman, '88, who was found with a bunch of over fifty other engineers working on the D. U. R. appraisal. Among these engineers it developed that several were M. A. C. men, some of them working in the same room with other M. A. C. men whom they did not know as being from the same school. Among those at work were George F. Bristol, a student at M. A. C. in '86-'88, afterwards a civil engineer with the P. M. Ry. Co., living in Grand Rapids, later a very successful contractor in Grand Rapids, which work he left for the appraisal work. Clarence A. Stimpson, '05m, was working with Bristol. In another room were Burtwill Harvey, '13e, (star outfielder and hitter on two 'varsity teams); Frank E. Phelps, '14; C. G. Baker, ex-'13.

While this trip was primarily a business trip, it added a good deal of pleasure to meet these M. A. C. people and talk over things in common, and this little sketch is given to show that anyone, no matter where he goes, can always find some M. A. C. people who would be glad to pass a few minutes with him. This brings up the advisability of having a complete working list of the addresses of all people who ever attended M. A. C. which is the ideal that all hope to attain sometime. At the present the editor will be very glad to furnish addresses, as far as he is able, to anyone making an extensive trip. The value of knowing the addresses of M. A. C. people for purely social purposes is a very small item compared to the value which might accrue to M. A. C. if all county agents and extension men had complete lists.

APRIL BOARD MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the State Board of Agriculture convened last Wednesday at the College. President Snyder, Messrs. Wallace, Deherty, Woodman, and Graham present.

Dean Shaw was given permission to visit two experiment stations, probably which two will be Wooster, Ohio, and either Illinois or Iowa.

The resignation of C. H. Burgess, now of the chemistry department, as head of the poultry department for the next year.

The resignations of Miss Agnes Hunt, professor of domestic science, and Harmon Wright, assistant in bacteriology, were accepted.

The recommendation of Dean White that the position resigned by Miss Hunt be offered to Miss Mary E. Edmonds, of the University of Montana, was approved.

A request of Miss White for installation of a passenger elevator in the Women's Building and for the building of a cistern in order to provide soft water at the Women's Building was approved. Both of these will be great step savers for the girls.

Frances W. Sly, '02, has charge of the household science at the Lockport township high school, Lockport, Ill.

Prof. Halligan has had charge of the extensive shrubbery plantings which have been made in the vicinity of the new Veterinary clinic this last week. This and Prof. Gunson's work on the new roads and lawn around this building will add one more beauty spot to the campus.

The annual germ is around early this year. Miss Arda Strong, a senior, has announced her engagement; also the engagement of Miss Helen Kennedy, secretary to F. H. Leed, an instructor in chemistry, has been made public; also the engagement of Ruth Price to Fred Masse, both juniors. Another is the engagement of Dr. Hibbard, of the botany department, to Miss Doris von Wallhausen, former instructor in French.

Dr. W. J. Bean sends the following as "Something for M. A. C. to Think Over:" Massachusetts Agricultural College has plans nearly perfected to begin, a year from next June, to adopt a new scheme to teach students forty weeks in a year and graduate them in three years, instead of four. There are numerous points in favor of the scheme especially in botany, horticulture, and farm crops. Chicago University has tried the scheme for 25 years and seems to like it.

Students of Christian Science, both men and women, hold weekly meetings Thursday evenings in the parlor of the Woman's Building. Miss Marion Leonard, '15, is president of this organization.

The M. A. C. Band played at the Thursday night session of the meeting of the school superintendents of Michigan. This session was held in the Lansing high school auditorium. Much favorable comment for the work of the band was heard. The fine work of the band is also apparent on the campus every Monday at regimental parade and every Tuesday at battalion parade. Next Tuesday the band will participate in a concert at the Lansing Woman's Clubhouse.

The spring term elections to the Omicron Nu have been announced, Miss Bessie Hoover, a graduate of Leland Stanford, who will receive her M. S. this June, is elected to honorary membership in the sorority. The following active members have been chosen: Allie Bishop, seniors; Pauline Connors, Grace Martin, Bertha Public, Florence Stoll, Grace Coleman, Elza Robb, Margaret Haddan, Sadie Bates, juniors. The initiation occurred last Wednesday night following which a spread was enjoyed in the Wildwood Tea Rooms by 36 members. The M. A. C. chapter, is planning to entertain the Omicron Nu members. The M. A. C. chapter, is planning to entertain the Omicron Nu conclave May 14th and 15th. There are now six chapters eligible to representation in this conclave.

The course in agricultural journalism, which is offered two hours in the spring term and limited to ten people, is proving very popular again this year. Students who have taken the course think that it is one of the best minor courses offered in the junior and senior years. Many of them have submitted articles on agricultural topics to the best farm papers in the U. S. and these have been accepted with seeming delight. In fact so much interest has been shown in this course that next year it will be offered for two hours each term throughout the entire year and will be open to 20 or more students. The course in advanced public speaking for students preparing themselves for extension work in agriculture is also exciting much favorable comment. This was formerly limited to 10 students but has been enlarged to 20 this term. In this course the students prepare lectures and talks, running to an hour in length, and give them before the class.
HELP BOOST PORTRAIT FUND.

About $75 is needed to make the Portrait Fund complete. With the coming plans for Commencement on the calendar we hope to get this portrait matter where it will not demand so much attention at an early date. We would appreciate it if you would advise us of your intentions at once. As stated in a previous issue the money need not be sent at once but collections will be made about June 1st.

"Enclosed find check for the subscription of Mrs. Coulter and myself to the Miles-Fairchild fund. Dr. Miles had left college before M. A. C., but it was our privilege to have four terms of English under Prof. Fairchild and to help break in his successor. It is a fine thing to have these portraits and we hope that you can secure pictures that will do justice to these men of high character."—J. E. Coulter, '82, Grand Rapids, Mich.

We have also received subscriptions from Cora L. Feldkamp, '06, and A. H. Voight, '81, this last week.

BOTH WESTERN RESERVE AND BETHANY FALL FOR MACKLIN'S MEN.

The game with Western Reserve last Friday on the home field was the best exhibition of baseball seen this season up until Saturday when a still better game was staged with Bethany College, of Huntington, W. Va. The work of M. A. C. in these two games proves that the boys are getting in better form as the season advances.

Western Reserve lost the game by a score of 6 to 1, the lone lone score being due to an error by Williams. Blake Miller pitched the first five innings for M. A. C. and in this time fanned 11 men, and allowed but three hits, with no bases on balls. Springer went in in the sixth and fanned seven, and allowed one hit and one base on balls.

For M. A. C. Fick, Thomas, Brown, Williams, and Fuller got two base hits, while six singles were registered, one each for Williams, Clark, Brown, Bibbins, and Miller and two for Fuller.

Weeder started in the box against Bethany Saturday and in the four innings which he pitched fanned four men and walked none. Springer finished the game, striking out eight men and passing one. Hits were comparatively scarce in this game, Crothers, the southpaw for Bethany, holding the Aggies down to five hits. Fick bolstered up his very good average by poling out another two-bagger, and getting a single also. Fuller tallied two hits and "China" Clark one.

Bethany was able to collect only three hits off Weeder and Springer. Crothers fanned eight men.

Box score:

M. A. C. AB H O A
Fick, ss 3 2 2 2
Thomas, cf 4 0 0 0
Williams, sb 4 0 0 2
McWilliams, 1b 4 0 0 0
Hood, If 4 0 0 0
Bibbins, c 3 0 11 2
Frimodig, lb 4 0 0 0
Clark, rf 2 0 0 0
Weeder, p 1 0 0 0
Springer, p 2 0 1 2

BETHANY, AB H O A
Slater, 1b 4 2 2 0
Batsch, 2b 4 0 0 0
Hagey, cf 4 0 0 0
Rodgers, ss 4 2 1 2
Bergen, c 4 0 8 2
Shively, 3b 4 0 3 1
Brown, 1b 3 0 11 2
Crothers, p 2 0 0 0

Score by innings:

M. A. C. AB H O A
0 1 0 0 1 2 0 *—4
Bethany . 0 0 0 0 0 0 0 —0

Umpire—Ferguson. Time, 1 hour 30 minutes.
VARSITY TRACK MEET.

The results of the first 'varsity track meet, which was pulled off last Saturday before the ball game, shows that there is much chance for improvement. In fact the team's showing the past week was so far below Coach Macklin's ideal that he did not send any men to compete in the Pennsylvania games. The decision, however, was reached in part on account of Bill Blue wrenching his back. The results of the meet:

120-yard hurdles, time 18 4-5, won by Vandenberg, with Blacklock second and Hammil third.

100-yard dash, 10 5-5 sec, won by Brusselbach, Alderman, second; Harvey, third.

220-yard dash, 22 2-5 sec, won by Brusselbach; Alderman, second; Jewett, third.

Half-mile, 2 min. 9 4-5 sec, won by Sheldon, Trezise, second; Cowles, third.

Mile, 4 min. 40 sec, Sheldon, first; Betts, second; Murray, third.

Two-mile, 10 min. 48 3-5 sec, Barnett, first; Dinan, Warren.

High Jump, 5 ft. 4 in., Loveland, Smith, Frazier.

Broad Jump, 19 ft. 16 in., Brusselbach, Noch, Warren.

Pole vault, 10 ft., Loveland, Harvey.

Hammer throw, 107 ft., Lukins, Blacklock, DePrato.

Shot put, 39 ft. 3 in., Blue, Blacklock, Loveland.

In the freshman oratoricals of the Sesame Society last week Marjorie Smith, of Ann Arbor, won first honors and Fannie Rogers, of Lansing, (daughter of F. F. Rogers, '83), second place.

Miss Carrie E. Lyford, instructor in domestic science at M. A. C, 1900-1904, is now connected with the Bureau of Education at Washington, D. C, and is living at Wardman Courts, 14th and Clifton Sts.

There were sixteen New Englanders at a meeting held last Thursday night for the purpose of forming a New England Club. W. C. Senior was made chairman of a committee to draw up a constitution for the club.

Dr. Mason W. Gray, '77, prominent physician of Pontiac, Mich., died at his home April 13th after a brief illness. Dr. Gray was a very prominent Pontiac citizen, having once served as mayor, and also as city health officer, in which capacity he started agitation which resulted in the present city water system. As a student in M. A. C he had a strong college record. He was popularly known as "Put" Gray, and was a member of the Phi Delta Theta. He graduated from the department of medicine at the University of Michigan in 1880, and the following year took a post-graduate course at the University of Pennsylvania. His medical practice began at the Quincy copper mine in the Lake Superior region. In 1883 he moved to Pontiac where he practiced medicine until shortly before his death. Besides his widow he has two sons surviving, both lieutenants in the U. S. Army. One is on the faculty at West Point and the other stationed at Laredo, Texas.
A L U M N I  N O T E S

Sam Hagenbuch, '10a, of Three Rivers, was in East Lansing last week on business.

Flora Bates, '11, who has been teaching at Dexter, Oregon, is now at 1436 Salem St., Glendale, Cal.

Chan Taylor, '09, and Carl Phinney, '14, both with the Kentucky Tobacco Products Co., were seen on the campus last week.

Louis A. Bregger, of Bangor, Mich., and J. C. Stafford, of Lawrence, Mich., both of the class of '88, visited M. A. C. last week.

John A. Boerema, '14e, with Boerema & Son, Oak Park, Ill., is building and selling houses and says that the market has been fine. His address is 939 Wenonah St.

"At present I am coaching the baseball team at Purdue University and might add that we won our first conference game yesterday by a score of 4 to 2 from our greatest rivals, University of Indiana."—B. P. PATTSOX, '12.

David M. Purmell, '14a, and Miss Anna E. Sharoff, of Dorchester, Mass., were married March 27th, and are living in Woodbine, N. J., where Purmell is in charge of the horticultural department of the Hirsch Agricultural School.

C. B. Smith, '94a, agriculturist in charge of farmers' co-operative demonstration work in the northern and western states, made a visit to the College recently to confer with Extension Director Baldwin regarding the extension work under the Smith-Lever act.

Martin DeGlopper, '13e, was married on April 14th to Miss Margaret Shinn, of Pontiac. DeGlopper is with the Oakland county road department.

S. W. Doty, '07a, former football captain, at present in the Office of Markets at Washington, was a visitor at the College last week. Doty lives at 3550 New Hampshire Ave., Washington.

Dr. Albert E. Bulson, '88, is editor and manager of the The Journal of the Indiana State Medical Association, published at Fort Wayne, Ind. For many years he has also held the chair of professor of ophthalmology in the medical department of the University of Indiana, and he holds a clinic and lecture before the seniors at the school, located at Indianapolis, throughout the entire school year.

It may be of interest to those agriculturally inclined to know that Elmer Thompson, ex-'98, has three great grand daughters of the famous College Holstein cow, Belle Sarcasit, on his 320-acre ranch in Tulare county, Cal. Mr. Thompson has seven other registered Holsteins and thirty grades, but he prizes the three first mentioned above all the others and he hopes their record may equal or exceed that of their famous ancestor.

Gerald D. Cook, '13f, city forester of Cincinnati, is very enthusiastic over his work, having been in the position about three months. He says that they are now employing about 40 men, using them in the city nursery work and also in the municipal forest which they are starting. About fifty or sixty thousand trees will be put in permanent plantings, including a wide variety of species. For the nursery this spring they have 6,000 Ginkgo seedlings from France, and they plan to have a forest block of this species.

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