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ENGINEERS STUDY COLLEGE PROBLEMS FOR THESSES.

Senior engineers are taking up for their theses a serious study of some of the more knotty problems which the college will have to face in the development of college property in the next few years.

One of these problems is the grading necessary for improving the new athletic field and drill ground south of the present athletic field. While to a large extent these problems will be solved by the new field, there are still some problems which remain. One of these is the bridge over the river at the White Elephant site.

Grading schemes and surveys and estimates for grading improvements are being worked out by L. F. Levin and A. F. Comb. Under the direction of Professor Mellick of the Civil Engineering department two schemes are being investigated for the bridge. One of these calls for an open span with reinforced concrete arch floor. Work on this is being done by senior civils, D. L. Mead and Jimmie Kasbach. The other idea, a solid span with reinforced concrete arch floor, is being worked out by W. D. Kimmel and H. A. Morse.

Among the mechanicals a 10-ton electric traveling crane of 25-foot span is being designed. Nicholas Prakken, ex-92, a representative of the Shepard Crane company, spent a day at M. A. C. recently going over this problem with L. A. Pratt and G. W. Quick who are doing the designing. D. C. Black, W. E. Savage and H. L. Campbell will run comparative tests on four or five different makes of carburetors. G. C. Somers and H. W. Hayes will run a series of tests on gas engines.

ATTRACTIVE PROGRAM FOR SUMMER SCHOOL CONFERENCES

Professor E. H. Ryder, director of the Summer Session, has announced a special conference on rural community leadership which has been scheduled for the week of July 5 to 12.

J. M. Gillette, professor of sociology at the University of North Dakota, will make an analysis of rural life from the standpoint of the sociologist. Professor Gillette is vice-president of the American Sociological Association, and in June will have charge of the rural section of the convention of associated charities in Pittsburgh.

Others who will give lectures during the week are Bishop Henderson of Detroit, a man who is a very popular speaker in college gatherings throughout the United States; Paul Voght, national rural field agent for the Methodist church and formerly professor of sociology at University of Ohio; W. W. Diehl, rural field agent for Michigan; and Dr. Lloyd Douglas of Ann Arbor.

Boys' and girls' club work and recreation will come in for special attention during the week. The second special conference of boys' and girls' club leaders will be held. E. C. Lindenmann, who will give a course in community leadership throughout the entire summer session, will arrange his program so as to give special attention to lectures and demonstrations for the rural leaders that week. He will have the assistance of the boys assembled for the boys' camp in his demonstrations.

Another feature of the program which is expected to be popular is the provision for superintendents of the different denominations to conduct round-tables for the discussion of their particular rural church problems.

The Ben Greet Players will give a performance during this special conference week.

TAE BETA PI INVITATION

Public initiation of the Tau Beta Pi fraternity for the winter term took place last week. The following juniors were taken in: M. G. Jewett, St. Johns; L. N. Jones, Galesburg; B. W. Bellinger, Battle Creek; R. L. Doyle, Hastings; W. E. DeYoung, McBain; A. M. Hoeperstead, Muskegon.

The initiates were banquetted at the Wildwood Tea Rooms Wednesday night. Dean Bissell presided at the toast program. Responses were made by H. H. Muesseman, M. E. Johnson and A. Iddles of the instruction staff, Minto S. Nelson of the senior class, and L. N. Jones of the Junior class.

At a meeting of the athletic board of control recently a rule was passed which will prohibit anyone who has not been in college the term previous from participating in varsity athletics.

RECOLLECTIONS OF AN "ORATOR."

In Which the Benefits of training are Excolled

In my day, 1891 to 1895, the members of the open literary societies benefited more from the declamations, debates, orations and other work of the society than they did from the rhetorical courses of the college. Some what prior to that period an inter society oratorical organization was formed and each society elected a representative. To win was one of the greatest honors of the college life because it brought honor and standing to the contestant and showed what the society was doing for its members.

Among the gold and silver medalists of that period whom I remember are L. Whitney Watkins, Kenyon L. Underhill, Dor N. Stowell, A. B. Cook, W. L. Harvey, R. S. Welsh, R. E. Doolittle, and E. D. Sanderson, every one of whom has been prominent in public affairs locally at least and in many cases in state and national matters.

PREPARATION CONTEST

The very night of the contest in the fall of 1891, when I was a Freshman, I formed the ambition to be the winner when I became a senior. In the fall of my junior year I told Dr. Edwards, then head of the English department, of my ambition and asked his advice. He suggested that I have voice training, so during the winter vacation (fourteen weeks in those days) I studied with a professional elocutionist in my home town. She gave me no pretty pieces to recite or sing—nothing but exercises, vocal, facial, armal, footal, bodily. At the end of her course during which I put in two to six or eight hours a day she told me she had never had a student who started with more faults. * * * On my return to college I took private lessons from another professional elocutionist then residing at M. A. C. She dug up a brand new batch of faults fully as big as the first lot. These she sought to eliminate by "pieces"—pathetic, gruesome, sentimental, weird, hilarious, ghastly—just to develop expression and feeling, which were conspicuous because of their lack. No one at the (Continued on page 4.)
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THE FUND.

We wish to remind some of the RECORD readers again that the alumni have started a project to raise a fund of $1,500, the interest on which is to be used for the encouragement of public speaking at M. A. C.

Up to the present time we have had about 150 subscribers to this fund and the total amount raised is in the neighborhood of $400. This is a good beginning and indicates that with a very general response this first constructive piece of work by the alumni may be completed. Have you enlisted the support of your college friend who is not taking out the RECORD?

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RECOLLECTIONS OF AN "ORATOR."

(Continued from page 3.)

college, except my teacher, ever heard me declaim any one of them, for I spoke them mostly between 5 and 6 a. m., as I strolled gesticulating and "eloquently" from the bridge down the lane to the Grand Trunk track. **

Well, I was nominated and elected, not because of my silver tongue, my grace of movement, my ringing voice, my poise, nor a combination of these and other attributes. Blessed if I know why, unless it was because my society brothers felt that I would work.

THE CONTEST ITSELF.

And the contest—a perfect stampede of fright. The first speaker started out bravely enough, but I think he was a Methodist and not at home in the Congregational church. At any rate, he made such a weird and prolonged pause that the other three of us felt inundations first of chilly ripples, then of frigid billows racing and chashing up and down our vertebral columns. While number two was busy talking partly extemporaneously, for he forgot some of his lines too, but had his nerves with him somewhat better than the rest of us, I heard number three anticipating his turn. His breath was coming and going with the most remarkable tremble effect I have ever heard. It accompanied a vigorous rattling of his teeth, suggesting that he has several roots which he was shaking loosely in a box. Then came one of the most uncomfortable moments I ever have heard! Next number three did his best to forget his lines, but I was too busy getting ready for my turn to note his progress especially. I followed. Before I had well launched into the first paragraph I discovered that a gila monster, or something several sizes larger than a bull frog had crept into my pharynx and was sitting on my epiglottis. It got what would nowadays be called "my goat."

Was the game worth the candle? For myself I can honestly say that while it was an experience hard for me to forget I also have never heard of anyone who has grown away from it.

Therefore, Mr. Secretary, I am eager to do "my bit," as we Canadians say, and encourage the two classes of undergraduates who should devote their energies to public speaking—those who think they may have to speak to audiences as large as their prospective families or larger, and those who feel they will not have such audiences. Why the division? Among those of the first group may be some who may develop into good speakers. Others who might become unmitigated bores may be forced or shunted into less harmful channels. In the second group may be some who may discover unsuspected latent talent; but probably a larger number who can thus "do more toward present buildings of our future." Mr. Secretary, I know that in the school of public speaking the alumni have a special short course in forestry at Port Washington, N. Y.

THE ALUMNUS' RETURN.

(From the Minnesota Alumni Weekly. It applies equally well to M. A. C. But our Alma Mater will be home June 19-29. Are you coming back?—Ed.)

Alma Mater, Blessed Mother!
We return to thee awhile.
For we fain would find some heart-balm
In the sunshine of thy smile.
We are weary, Blessed Mother,
Of the tumult of the strife,
And the ups and downs and levels
Of this thing which we call life.

Alma Mater, Blessed Mother,
Give again thy calm serene,
And those lotus-hours idyllic
Spent upon thy campus green.

Alma Mater, Blessed Mother!
Why this bustle everywhere?
Whither gone the calm abstraction
That befits the scholar's lair?

Words unknown and strange of meaning
Jangle harshly on my ear—
"University extension."
Learning carried far and near.

Long course, short course, and still shorter,
Campus stretching through the state;
Tabloid courses swallowed quickly,
No time now to meditate.

Don't you know, O Blessed Mother,
"Woman's place is the home?"
There to offer balm and solace
When to thee thy children come?

Home no longer, Alma Mater,
Satisfies thee, there's the rub!
In these days of active women,
Like the rest, you've joined the club!

FORESTRY SUMMER SCHOOL

The Forestry department will offer a special short course in forestry at their summer school camp near Cadillac this summer. It is open to young men sixteen years of age or over and carries no entrance requirements other than that the students should have had two years in Latin or the equivalent.

The courses to be given include elements of forest practice, covering the identification of trees, methods of lumbering, forest protection, fire patrol, etc; timber cruising and mapping, including timber estimating, study of the rate of growth of trees, the use of pocket and surveyor's compass and the construction of forest maps, conservation of natural resources, consisting of a series of lectures on the conservation of forests,
water, mineral and wild life; field methods and wood craft, covering instruction in camp packing photography, etc. Physical culture, The camp this year will be in the same place as last year, on the land of the Cummer-Diggins Lumber Company at Dayhuff Lake, about 12 miles from Cadillac, where there are excellent boating and bathing facilities, and all the opportunities for enjoying life in the open.

RESOLUTIONS ON PROFESSOR CARPENTER'S RETIREMENT.

Professor R. C. Carpenter reaches the retiring age at the end of the present college year and will sever his active connection with Cornell University at that time. Respecting his retirement, the committee on general administration of the Board of Trustees adopted the following resolution:

"Resolved, That the Trustees in accepting the resignation of Professor Carpenter express their high appreciation of his services to the university for nearly thirty years. As a pioneer in the field of experimental engineering he is held in the highest esteem by all mechanical engineers, and by his writings in this field he has made an assured place for himself in the annals of his profession. As a teacher and investigator he is affectionately remembered by many generations of students and his retirement from the faculty of Sibley College will be viewed with great regret by all his colleagues."

Professor Carpenter retires in good health and expects to maintain his activities in the fields of engineering investigation and research for several years to come.

After graduating from M. A. C. in 1873, Professor Carpenter was connected with the institution from 1875 to 1890, in the later years in the capacity of professor of mathematics and civil engineering.

FIRST FRESHMAN CONVOCATION.

The first freshman convocation ever scheduled at M. A. C. was held in the assembly room, Agricultural building, last Tuesday afternoon. It was the first time that the entire freshman class ever got together and nearly every seat in the big room was filled. Members of the teaching staff had seats on the platform.

President Kedzie spoke on "The Heritage of an M. A. C. Student." He emphasized the qualities of the students who had gone before and told the freshmen that if they got their lessons and entered into the spirit of the college they would add to the heritage of the students of the future. If they soldiered on the job they would detract. Secretary A. M. Brown gave a fine resume of "Finance of M. A. C."

COMMENTS ON PUBLIC SPEAKING FUND.

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At present, the various buildings are my diploma fee paid my last debt to Alumni hall with class rooms for these departments and perhaps an auditorium. Personally I do not feel that my diploma fee paid my last debt to the college. It seems to me that most of us could dig down to help pay for such a building. Couldn’t a plan be worked out for each one who was able and willing to donate say ten dollars per year for ten years? This is merely an idea. I should like to see some discussion on it.

Yours very truly,
H. M. Jacklin, '13-E.

OTHER CORRESPONDENCE.

Editor of RECORD:
I have taken a long time lease with option to buy upon a large farm on the East Shore of Maryland. It borders for a mile and a half on Sassafras river and Wind Creek about 45 miles from Baltimore. Baltimore steamers make regular stops at the wharf on our farm.

We have about 40 acres of asparagus, a bearing apple orchard of 3,300 trees and about 2,000 peaches, with general farm crops on the rest of the 300-acre farm. Climatic conditions are very good here and the fine roads place us within easy reach of city and seaside pleasures. O. B. Brumall, ’05.

Galena, Maryland.

Dear Editor:
Am here for keeps now and if you will send my RECORD to me at Crawther, McMullen Co., Texas, it will reach me O. K.

Was at Whittier, Calif., a few days ago and saw Schuster, ’13, and Richards, ’15. Both are hitting the ball hard on the Leffingwell ranch. Am busy digging for oil here and hope for luck.

H. J. Lowe, ’14-F.
San Antonio, Texas.

M. A. C. RECORD:
Recently on a six days trip with 14 farm advisers and several directors from each of the several counties, making a party of 70 altogether, I discovered that Farm Adviser Connor of San Joaquin county was an M. A. C. man in the class of ’92. He is doing excellent work for the people of his county. I run across every now and then some of the older men in this large state of ours.

Our University Farm School at Davis is in the north central part of the state and yet we are as far from San Diego as Chicago is from Philadelphia. We have this year 314 students in the Farm School 3-years’ course, students who spend all of their time at the University Farm of 779 acres. We have 100 University Juniors and seniors here this semester to secure that work which requires land, live stock, crops, trees and machinery. We have 268 short course students, the total of which is 882, a half more students in our farm school than M. A. C. when I was there.

Davis, Calif.

H. E. Van Norman, Vice-Director and Dean.

BASEBALL SEASON OPENS IN THREE WEEKS.

With the opening of the baseball season hardly three weeks away attention is centered on the campus on the prospects of a winning team.

As was expected to be the case the greatest difficulty at present seems to be in developing an adequate pitching staff. "Lefty" Brown will not be in college and the only varsity twirler left from last year is "Frenchie" DeMond. DeMond gave a good account of himself last year and he seems to be going better than ever at the present writing. In the more or less intermittent try-outs watch Coach Morrissey has been able to hold the past three weeks some likely candidates for the pitching staff are showing up. Mills, a class pitcher last year, seems to be a close second to DeMond. Hinkle and McCool, last year's scrubs, will also be strong contenders for the slab position.

"Chief" Fuller's place behind the bat will be contested for by Oas, Williams and MacDonald. It is quite likely that Przeding will hold his old place at first again. Hood, who was out of the game last year on account of an operation, is slated for second base and Hoebel for third. PICK, who is captain of the team, will very likely play shortstop. Thomas is the only outfielder who graduated last year and a man by the name of Willman seems to be the strongest contender for this position. Dean Williams and McWilliam will be back fighting for their garden berths.

The first game of the season will be with Olivet at East Lansing on April 14. With a kindly weather man this will give the boys two weeks practice in the open and may serve to bring out some strong contenders for baseball honors that have not been able to show up well in the cramped quarters of the cage in the livestock pavilion.

POSITIONS FOR ENGINEER GRADUATES

No. 10. A well-known company, building gas tractors steam engines and threshing machinery, can use four engineering students as apprentices.

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NEWS AND COMMENT

Glenzu, an M. A. C. junior horticulture student, has been selected to supervise the garden club work in Lansing this summer.

Five senior veterinary students took the clinical service examination last week for appointment to positions in the Bureau of Animal Industry.

Dean Lyman of the Veterinary division read a paper at the recent conference of the Missouri Valley Veterinary association at St. Joseph, Missouri. The subject of the paper was "The Action and Control of Animal Parasites."

Among the alumni visitors at the college last week were: E. C. Peters, '93, Saginaw; "Dutch" Oviatt, '16, Bay City; Russell A. Murdoch, '09, Detroit; J. M. Moore, '16, Chicago; Vera Gruner, '15, Imlay City; W. W. Barron, '16, Detroit.

As a result of short notices in the Ladies' Home Journal recently concerning two extension bulletins of the college, one on table setting and serving and one on textiles, Director Baldwin has already received between three and four thousand requests for these circulars. Letters asking about them are still coming in.

At the meeting of the students' veterinary association last week, Dr. Gitler told of the work of the Bacteriology department. Several seniors spoke also, giving account of the recent milk and meat inspection trip which they took to Mt. Pleasant and Detroit under the direction of Mr., Coolidge and Dr. Hallman.

Last week Friday Dr. Gitler reported that 19 cases of scarlet fever had come to his attention since January, two of which had developed in the same family. The latest cases were children of Dr. Bessey of the Botany department and Mr. Winters of the Experiment Station. The lower four grades of the East Lansing schools have been closed.

Members of the Farm Crops department and wives met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Spragg last Wednesday evening in compliment to Prof. V. M. Shoessmith who left the next day to take up the management of a large tract of land north of Grand Rapids. Professor Shoessmith was presented with a Masonic ring as a token of the esteem in which he is held by his associates.

NEW LITERARY SOCIETY.

A new literary society known as the Orphic has been formed on the campus. This makes the 18th organization of its kind for men. It is estimated that at the present time 6/10 M. A. C. men hold membership in some literary society.

MURRAY HEADS BASKETBALL NEXT YEAR.

Byron M. Murray of Marquette was elected captain of the 1818 M. A. C. basketball team at the election held last Friday. Monograms for basketball have been awarded as follows: Murray, Sheffield and Vevia, forwards; Peppard, center; McClellan and Frimodig, guards.

FERONIAN GATHERINGS.

Every two weeks former members of the Feronian society in Lansing hold a meeting. At a recent gathering these guests from out of town were present: Frances Farrand Dodge, ex-'02, Cincinnati; Grace Bryant, ex-'16, Bloomington, Ill.; Norma Loewe, ex-'16, who is now working at the capitol; and Ruhamah Force Doherty of Mackinaw Island.

FACULTY RECITAL.

An especially fine program has been prepared for the Faculty recital which will be given this week Wednesday at 8 p.m. in the parlor of the Woman's building. The local teachers of music, Mabel Louise Leffer, Louise Freyhofer, and Frederic Abel, will be assisted by Delia, pianist, violinist, Mary Louis Creys, contralto, and Leah Seib, accompanist.

SENATE-HOUSE CLUB AT M. A. C.

About 50 women of the Senate-House club were guests of the Home Economics division at the college last Thursday afternoon. The Girls' Glee Club entertained the guests in the parlor of the Woman's building and refreshments were served. Each visitor received a booklet with the club name and date on the cover and 12 of the choicest recipes enclosed.

HORT CLUB.

Members of the Hort club were privileged to hear a very interesting and highly instructive lecture on "Darwinism" at their regular meeting last week. The lecturer was Dr. J. T. Jones, pasto of the East Lansing People's church, whose knowledge of Darwin and other great men of his time, gave him the lecture the stamp of authority. He said that Darwin was a specially trained man, narrowly trained in fact, who never expressed a disbelief in God, but who acknowledges that his lack of interest in religious things was probably due to an undeveloped appreciation along that line the same as in poetry and music.

FORMER PROFESSION'S SON GETS CROSS.

Edward R. Grange, son of Professor Grange who was formerly head of the M. A. C. Veterinary department but now of the Ontario Veterinary college, has been awarded the Distinguished Cross for Gallantry by the French government as a result of a fight on January 4 in which he had three separate engagements with hostile aeroplanes. He was well over the enemy lines when he was wounded in the right arm but guided his machine with his left hand back into safety. He is now in the Royal Naval Hospital, Haslem, where he is progressing favorably. Last September Grange was awarded the Croix de Guerre.

VETERINARIANS MUST TAKE EXAMS.

The attempt to let down the bars so that veterinary graduates of last year and this year would not need to take the state examination for practitioners has been foiled. It appeared in the shape of a bill which was introduced in the legislature at the instance of the students of the Grand Rapids Veterinary college. This was opposed by all the veterinary students at M. A. C. who submitted a petition to the committee on education to which the bill had been referred. Had the bill been reported out and passed it would have defeated the purpose of a measure passed two years ago which had the effect of raising the standard of the veterinary profession.

SOCIAL EVENTS.

The 13th annual Themian German was held in the Armory last Saturday evening with Professor and Mrs. Stewart and Mr. and Mrs. Leroy chaperons. Among those of the old girls back were Cora Amphlet, Marion Preston Cole, Helen Storrier, Ruth Beebe, and Faye Lobdell Jones.

Ero Alphians entertained with their annual dinner-dance last Saturday night. The dinner was held in the basement of Wells hall and the dance in the Agricultural building. President and Mrs. Kedzie and Prof. and Mrs. Hurston were patrons for the affair. Luelia Wilder, Vera Gruner, Rose Hogue, and Olive Donovan returned for the occasion.

The faculty open-house held in the parlors of the Woman's building by the Sesame girls last Saturday evening was fully up to the high standard of their former entertainments. A musical program was presented and girls of the society "took-off" various members of the faculty.

'15.

F. Lee Bloom, b, and Miss Frances Jane Price of Craig, Missouri, were married March 8, 1917. After April 1 they will be at home at 207 S. Glenn street, Wichita, Kansas. Bloom has charge of the business of the California Fruit Growers Exchange at Wichita.

Helen L. Kennedy, h, is teaching domestic science at Saginaw this year, living at home, 705 N. Michigan avenue, west side.
**ALUMNI NOTES**

'87.
The Record has learned indirectly that W. W. Diehl, who has made a national reputation as a rural pastor in Illinois, has accepted the position of rural field agent for the Methodist church in Michigan. It is reported that in Mr. Diehl’s speech at the Country Life conference at Kalamazoo last week he “took the conference by storm.”

E. F. Riley, e, is teaching in the North Dakota State School of Science at Wahpeton, N. Dak.

'08.
According to E. C. Mandenburg, extension specialist in forestry, Milton W. Sprague of this class is a successful farmer at Vermontville. Sprague has a sugar bush and is interested in the standardization of maple products, which project Mandenburg is pushing.

G. H. Osborne, e, who has been associated for the past five years with the American Blower company in Chicago in the capacity of sales engineer, will establish a sales office for the same company in Milwaukee, April 1. He will have jurisdiction over the larger part of Wisconsin and part of Illinois.

Further news from E. W. Baldwin regarding his position in South America tells us that he will be with the Braider Copper company at Sewell, Chile. His position is principal assistant to resident engineer, and his salary will be $5,000 a year “U. S. Gold,” instead of $4,000 as reported last week. You have our congratulations and best wishes, “Baldie.”

Ruth E. Wood, h, buyer and designer of the J. W. Knapp store, Lansing, has left for New York City.

A daughter, Kathryn Mae, was born to Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Sorenson, of Fresno, California, March 10.

'12.
J. M. Moore, e, has finished his cost accounting work in Saginaw and has gone back to Chicago for the present. He is working for the Management Service company, 1118 Westminster building.

W. H. Betts, e, is drafting for Pawling and Harnbach, crane manufacturers, in Milwaukee, at an increase in salary over his previous position and better chance for advancement. His address is 784 National avenue.

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