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MICHIGAN STATE AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE.

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#### BAND CONCERT.

Fully Soo persons gathered in the armory Sunday afternoon to listen to the first sacred concert of the year. An excellent program was rendered, and we are sure that every person present appreciated the opportunity to spend an hour in this way on Sunday afternoon. Great credit is due Prof. Clark and his military band for the effort, and the entertainment was made doubly enjoyable by the addition of the choir, the violin quartette and the vocal solo by Prof. Huston.

It was thought that the 500 new chairs just purchased for use in the armory, in addition to those already stored, would be adequate, but there were, it is estimated, some 200 persons standing.

Below is given the program as rendered :

#### PART I.

#### PART II.

Violin Quartette Selection from The Passion ..... Haydn Hymn of Praise....... Webb Audience

#### M. S. C.

#### State College, Pa.,

Jan. 15, 1912. Dear Mr. Faunce :

The movement relative to changing the name of the college appeals to me as one of great importance. As has been said, the old name and that combination M. A. C. is dear to every man who has gone out from the institution. The disadvantage of this name to an engineer was impressed upon me very forcefully when I began to hunt for a new position in Boston, and later in New York. The fact that I claimed to be an engineering graduate from an agricultural college always seemed to give the impression of inferiority. or a by-product sort of an education. Hence, instead of feeling proud of the name of my alma mater, I found myself avoiding the name whenever I could. A name that would imply more nearly the scope of the work given at M. A. C. would work justice to all, and injury to none.

We always speak of our college in the feminine gender; hence, how can we or our most honorable legislature object to Miss M. A. C. exercising her prerogative? This being a leap year too.

I have just taken a position here at Pennsylvania State College in the Mechanical Engineering Dept. Will you kindly change my address on your mailing list to the above.

Very truly yours, E. N. BATES, Jr.

Ira Butterfield, for two years a sufferer from tuberculosis, died at his former home, in Bay City, on Monday noon, Jan. 15. Mr. Butterfield was a student at M. A. C. in 1900-'01, and dropped out of college to enter the grocery business with his father-in-law, F. J. Groat, now purchasing agent for the college boarding clubs. Two years ago Mr. Butterfield entered business in Bay City, and the brightest of prospects were in store for him when his health failed and he was obliged to seek relief in another climate. With his wife he spent some time at Ashville, N. C., but received no permanent benefit, and later returned to the farm home of Mr. Groat. At times he has shown a return of strength which was very encouraging, and during the whole two years has made a brave fight. He leaves a wife and little son, Warner, Mrs. Butterfield was formerly Mattie Groat, also an M. A. C. student at one time.

IRA BUTTERFIELD.

#### LOUIS POST HERE NEXT FRIDAY.

On Friday of this week, at 4:20 p.m., Louis Post, editor of "*Public*," Chicago, will speak in the assembly room of the agricultural building.

Mr. Post has been editor of this publication for a quarter of a century, and has been on the lecture platform during all that time, actively engaged in promoting reform in the ownership of land and other social reforms. He was a member of the Reform School Board of the city of Chicago under Mayor Dunne, and took an active part in the Lloyd-George taxation reforms in England, spending several months making speeches all over the realm.

This lecture is given under the auspices of the department of economics, and everyone is invited to come out and hear what Mr. Post has to say. Date, Jan. 26, 4:20 p. m.; place, agricultural building.

#### DEBATING CLUB.

The debating club, having elected officers, are again busy arranging for the winter term's work. This year M. A. C. will have two first teams instead of a first and second as heretofore. One of these will prepare to debate the affirmative, while the other will uphold the negative of the question chosen. This year the affirmative will debate Ypsiianti here, and the negative at Alma. The new constitution provides for three men and an alternate on each team, or eight in all.

Regular meetings are held each Thursday evening in the agricultural building, and every student interested in debating should attend. The triangular arrangement with Ypsi and Alma should create more than usual interest, and we are sure M. A. C. will turn out debating teams which will reflect credit upon the institution. Guy L. Stewart, agricultural and industrial agent of the Cotton Belt railroad, with headquarters in St. Louis, was burned to death in his private car in a wreck in which trains of three different roads collided, Tuesday, January 16, at Kelso, Mo., 140 miles south of St. Louis.

GUY L. STEWART, '95.

The accident occurred in the west end of the yards of the Thebes bridge, which crosses the Mississippi river there. The yards are used jointly by all the roads crossing the bridge.

The Cotton Belt passenger train, headed for St. Louis, was late in arriving at Kelso. When it reached the bridge yards it found the track blocked by a Chicago & Eastern Illinois freight train. While the passenger train was waiting an Iron Mountain freight train, northbound, crashed into it from the rear, telescoping it into the Chicago and Eastern Illinois freight train ahead.

Stewart's car was at the rear end of the passenger train, and telescoped the Pullman car in front of it. So far as has been learned, no passenger in the Pullman was seriously hurt. The engine of the Iron Mountain train plowed into the special car, and fire from its furnace ignited the car.

The only other occupant of the car was Willian Osborne, of St. Louis, a negro porter, who was only slightly hurt.

Mr. Stewart entered Michigan Agricultural College in the fall of 1891, and graduated in August, 1895. Like many other students at that time, he had to depend entirely upon his own endeavors to pay all of his college expenses. The first two years were a struggle for him, and it was only after he had demonstrated the stuff that was in him that a far off relative by the name of MacPherson, then United States senator from New Jersey, furnished some financial help.

Since his graduation, Mr. Stewart has had a varied career, teaching in the Lansing City High School for a time, afterwards becoming connected with the United States department of agriculture; was State Orchard Inspector of Maryland, and for several years was Industrial Agent on the Southern Railroad. In 1907 he again entered the bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture, and for the last three years, he has been in the employ of the Cotton Belt Railroad as its agricultural and industrial agent. He had the full confidence of his employers, as is shown by the fact that a car was assigned to him for his individual use, and it was his privilege to go and come at will over the extensive lines of the system, his nominal headquarters being in St. Louis.

The remains were taken to Gaylord, Mr. Stewart's former home, and funeral services were held at the home of his parents Saturday afternoon, Jan. 20.

### ALUMNI

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#### '89.

P. G. Holden has formally announced his candid tey for governor of Iowa. During his connection with the Iowa College of Agriculture, Prof. Holden has become famous for his work along the line of corn production. He has labored with the farmers in practically every county in the state, the majority of whom will no doubt give him hearty support. Mr. Holden takes for his platform "Greater Iowa."

#### 202.

Irving Gingrich, musical director of the South Bend Conservatory of Music, has just been tendered the position of organist and choirmaster of St. James Episcopal church at South Bend, Ind. In addition to his work in this capacity, he will also establish a summer school of music at Oakwood Park the coming season. Mr. Gingrich will also have charge of a new pipe organ soon to be installed in South Bend's Masonic Temple, which will be dedicated with proper services. An elaborate program will be carried out.

#### '07.

C. II. Goetz, instructor in forestry at Columbus, Ohio, writes as follows:

"During the Christmas vacation I was a visitor down in Florida, and everywhere I went I found that everybody knew of M. A. C., and they spoke very highly of the men that came from Michigan.

"The experiment station down there at Gainsville is doing good work, and on the land of the New South Farm and Home Company (where I own a farm) an experiment station farm is going to be established, giving this company a chance to find out through this means what their 120,000 acre tract is good for.

"On my way back I came by way of Washington, D. C., and attended the foresters' conference there on the 28th and 29th of December.

"I met several old M. A. C. men there, Dr. Hugh Baker and his brother, Prof. Fred Baker, among them.

"The foresters' conference was called by chief forester Graves, for the purpose of standardizing the work of teaching forestry."

#### '09.

Walter Postiff, who, after two years service in the Bureau of Entomology, resigned to return to his farm near Greenfield, Mich., writes that his first season has been a very successful one. From three acres of land he sold \$884 worth of cabbage. He also raised 1,000 bushels of potatoes, and, in addition, a large amount of truck crops, which he disposed of in Detroit. He writes that farming is a much more strenuous business than entomology, but he is well satisfied with the change.

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#### BREEDERS' AND FEEDERS' ASSOCIATION.

The 21st annual meeting of the Breeder's' and Feeders' Association, held at the college on Wednesday and Thursday of last week, was one of the most successful. It is estimated that between 350 and 400 persons attended one or more of the various meetings held at this time.

All of the sectional meetings were held in the various rooms of the agricultural building, the general session at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday being called to order in room 402. At this time, Pres. R. C. Reed, of Howell, delivered his annual address; Prof. W. J. Fraser, of Illinois, spoke on "Dairying," and Dean J. H. Skinner addressed the meetiag on "The Farmer and the Cattle Feeder." The main speaker in the afternoon was Hon, A. C. Carton, secretary of the Public Domain and Immigration Commission, who spoke on "Remedies for the Farm Labor Problem."

Horses, cattle, sheep and swine, all came in for a share of time, and in each meeting enthusiastic discussions were carried on.

An informal reception and joint meeting of all sections was held at 5:00 p. m. on Wednesday, following which a luncheon was served in the large dining room of the womens' building, by the college to all members of the Association. It is stated that 186 persons were provided for at this luncheon. At the close of the feast, Pres. Snyder, acting as toastmaster, called upon several for informal toasts. Among those to respond were Prof. French, Hon. Jason Woodman, Mr. Halliday, the new member of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, R. C. Reed, of Howell, W. F. Raven, college field agent, and Mr. De Geus, a prominent land owner in the Saginaw valley. In addition to the above, the following were added to the list already given; H. H. Hinds, of Stanton, Thos. F. Marston, of Bay City, and I. R. Waterbury, of Detroit.

A feature of the meetings this year was a program marked out for the ladies – wives of the Holstein breeders—25 in number. The program included inspection of work in domestic science, under the direction of Miss Gilchrist. With the aid of the stereoptican, Prof. Pettit told them something of garden and household pests. The green house and poultry plant were also inspected, and at 3 o'clock (Wed.) the ladies were entertained at an "At Home" by Mrs. Anderson.

The Holestein Breeders with their wives also held a banquet in the Masonic Temple in the city Tues-

day evening, Prof. Anderson acting as toastmaster.

Among the prominent Holestin men responding to toasts were: N. A. Cole, of Ypsilanti, and Geo. S. Bigelow, of Bangor. Geo. W. Horton was also in attendance at this banquet. Two lady speakers— Mrs. J. L. Snyder, and Miss Benjamin, school commissioner of Livingston County—responded to toasts.

#### BASKET BALL.

That basket ball is not a dead issue at M. A. C. was proven by the splendid crowd which turned out on Tuesday evening of last week to witness the Alma game. The rooters were well informed as to yells and songs, and used them to the very best advantage. It seemed like the old time games, and the way Capt. Chamberlain and his men swept all before them looked good to the wearers of the green.

The team work was perfect, and Alma was completely lost during the first half, the home team closing with 29 to the visitors' 5 points. The final score was 53 to 14. Chamberlain and Vatz starred for M. A. C., but every man put up a good game.

Tuttle and Pattison, both M. A. C., officiated, Time of halves, 20 minutes.

#### INDIANA TRIP.

WINONA 21-M. A. C. 37.

The basketball team, with Prof. Macklin, left on Thursday morning of last week, arriving at Winona, Ind., at 5:00 p. m. The game here was called at 8 o'clock, and proved a hard fought one from the start. Our opponents were much heavier than the boys from M. A. C., but were unable to stop the splendid team work put up by them. The final score of 37 to 21 in favor of M. A. C., while a safe margin, does not tell the whole story of this exciting game.

#### WABASH 32-M. A. C. 26.

Leaving Winona at S:t4 Friday moraing, the party arrived at Crawfordsville at 3:30 p.m., where they played Wabash, losing to that institution 32 to 26. This has been the history of M. A. C. and Wabash in basketball. The first half ended to to 8 for Wabash, and during the second half it was anybody's game until the last few minutes of play. At this stage of the game four fouls and one basket told the story, and won the game for our opponents, though by a small margin.

#### ROSE POLY 31-M. A. C. 33.

The team reached Terra Haute at five o'clock on Saturday, and the game with Rose Poly School of Technology was called at 8:15. Here again M. A. C. was up against a team which far outweighed them, and each a splendid individual player. The team work of M. A. C. was again a winner, as during the first half our opponents were played entirely off their feet, this half ending 21 to 12. In the second half Rose Poly took a decided brace, and went in to win. M. A. C. increased her points to 27, and Rose Poly tied it. At 29 and 31 they did the same thing. At this critical stage of the game the ball rolled outside, and R. P. crowded around it, hoping to secure one more point, when Vatz sent it spinning to Spencer, who stood under his own basket and, without any interference, scored the last and winning 2 points, as time was sounded in about two seconds.

Although the trip was a tiresome one, it was also enjoyable and, as a whole, successful. We have one of the strongest teams in years, and it is to be hoped that they will continue to receive such support as was accorded them at the recent Alma game.

#### THE ARMOUR GAME.

#### GIRLS ADMITTED FREE.

The game with Armour Institute on Saturday evening of this week will, without doubt, be one of the very best and most exciting games of the season. Armour has an exceptionally strong team and comes with a good record.

Two class games will be played at this time, and an attempt will be made to play these two games before the varsity game. The first class game will be called at 6:30, and the Armour-Varsity will probably be called at 8 o'clock.

All ladies will be admitted free, and it is hoped that a large crowd will turn out for this game on Saturday night. Plan now to see this the greatest game of the season.

#### H. R. PATTENGILL'S ADDRESS.

More than 250 short course men listened to H. R. Pattengill Saturday night in the chapel room of the church on the subject, "The Citizen's Try-square."

For the nucleus of his talk, Mr. Pattengill used Emerson's definition of A Servant of the Republic. — "One who knows the history of the past, believes in the future, lives in the present, and stands ready for the next step."

The young man of today should know enough of the past history of this country to foresee something of the future, and thus know how to pave the way to greater things. If it were only possible for the young men of to-day to have a vision of life 30 years hence, what an incentive to greater things it might be.

Among the many good things suggested by Mr. Pattengill was the training of the mind by way of reading a portion of some good book each day and then thinking upon it until the thought expressed was thoroughly understood. It is as essential as the training of the physical body, if we would get the most out of life. The speaker had his usual fund of good stories, which kept his audience on "tip-toe" all the while.

His wholesome hearty laugh is contagious, and his stories carry with them an application to the question in hand in such a way that the lessons taught are the more easily remembered. Mr. Pattengill is a favorite with all college students.

Dr. Blaisdell was in charge of the meeting Saturday evening, and announced that he hoped later in the term to secure the Governor for an address.

Stanley Filkins, '13, is assisting Mr. Musselman in the power machinery classes during the winter term.

#### HORT. CLUB.

The last meeting of the Hort. Club again taxed the Hort. lecture room far beyond its capacity. Mr. Raymond Hitchings, son of Grant Hitchings, of Syracuse, N. Y., was the speaker for the evening, and gave an intensely interesting account of the sod mulch method of orcharding, which has become famous through their home orchards. At the conclusion of his talk, Hon. A. D. Graham, of Grand Rapids, gave a few very flattering criticisms of the Hort. Club and its work. Harry Taft described the Jonathan apple.

#### M. A. C. AT VIRGINIA.

M. G. Kains, '95, writes that he has just returned to New York from the meeting of the Virginia State Horticultural Society, at Harrisonburg, where he met E. R. Lake, '85, who delivered a lantern slide talk on "Orchards of Oregon." Lake had a particularly fine series of slides, and interspersed his talk with many little humorous touches and sly digs at eastern fruit growing methods.

Dr. S. W. Fletcher, director of the State Experiment Station at Blacksburg, and formerly professor of horticulture at M. A. C., spoke on "The Outlook for Fruit Growing in Virginia." His paper was particularly meaty and conservative; full of optimism for the fruit industry, and of advice to would-be orchardists.

II. W. Collingwood, '83, editor of the *Rural New Torker*, delivered one of his splendid talks on getting closer to the consumer. He made a splendid hit by presenting a half a peck of apples purchased in one of the Harrisonburg stores miserable, shriveled, small and partially decayed fruit. These when presented after an introduction commending the high quality apples shown in the exhibition hall, aroused a great deal of laughter.

Collingwood also made a hit by saying that he had asked for apples at a store in front of which was the sign: "Fine fruit." There was not an apple to be had there. Instead the Italian woman in charge offered him some lemons. While he was making the purchase of some good lemons, M. G. K. "ran in" three sorry specimens which Collingwood wanted to get, but which the woman would not sell. These lemons also aroused considerable laughter when presented in public to the president of the association.

On his way back, Kains stopped over in Washington for a few hours, and had chats with W. A. Taylor, '8S, W. F. Wight, '93, and Homer Skeels, '98. Several other M. A. C. boys and girls for whom he inquired were either absent from the city or from their offices when he called,

Arthur L. Campbell, '10, who has been spending several weeks with relatives in Pennsylvania, stopped at M. A. C. this week on his return to Wyoming. He states that Mr. McMillan, with the class of '10, who has been superintendent of the ranch with which he is connected, will return to Michigan in the spring. He has purchased a dairy farm near Coopersville, and will make this his future home.. The M. A. C. RECORD.



C. F. Barton, '13, left M. A. C. last week for Cornell, where he will enter for work in farm crops.

Miss Ketchum, our college nurse, was called to her former home in London, Canada, last week, on account of the death of her mother.

F. L. Granger, '13, and H. F. Truax, '12, were both taken to the hospital on Thursday of last week. It is hoped their stay will not be prolonged.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarance M. Dudd announce the birth of a 9-lb. son, Harmon Alden, on Sunday, January 21st. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dudd were formerly employed as clerks in President Snyder's office.

The RECORD is in receipt of a most excellent bulletin on New England Trees in Winter, issued by the Storrs (Conn.) agricultural experiment station. The work consists of more than 570 pages, including about 200 pages of cuts representing trunk foliage and fruit of the various species.

At a recent meeting of the faculty, the matter of the Thanksgiving recess was again taken up. The privileges granted heretofore in connection with this vacation have been, to a certain extent, abused by many students who go home at that time. In view of these facts, and after a general discussion of the subject, it was decided to dispense entirely with the recess, and allow only Thanksgiving Day hereafter. All students will be held strictly to this rule, and no extension of time will be granted.

Since the last report, five more short course men have been enrolled, bringing the total to 345.

The Moderatar-Topics is publishing a series of splendid articles on "Agriculture in the Rural Schools," by Prof. W. H. French, of M. A. C.

About 40 couples attended the New York club party held in the agricultural building, Saturday evening. Prof. and Mrs. Anderson and Prof. and Mrs. Wilson were patrons.

J. Rykse, a former short course man and assistant in our dairy, has accepted a position as buttermaker at Mancelona, and begins his work April 1. He is doing testing for dairy department at present.

Liberty H. Bailey, Sr., father of Dean Bailey, of Cornell, died at his home, near South Haven, on Jan. 16, at the age of 92 years and 11 months. Mr. Bailey was one of the oldest residents of southern Michigan, and, it is said, he was the oldest Mason of the state.

The department of agriculture is co-operating in the farmers' institute work this winter by furnishing speakers from the bureau of farm management. Prof. C. B. Smith will attend institutes between Feb. 1 and 16 at 12 different places, and Prof. J. C. McDowell, who has just completed a series along the Lake Huron shore, will speak this week at Saginaw and St. Louis. He will also be one of the speakers at the round-up to be held at the college Feb. 27 to March 1. Jay Marr, with '08, was at M. A. C. for the Breeders' meeting on Jan. 17–18.

There are at present 471 regular students in botany, and in addition 40 short course men are taking work in this subject.

G. A. Brown, of our Department of Animal Husbandry, was elected secretary of the Breeders' and Feeders' Association held last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, of Winnipeg, Canada, were guests of Prof. and Mrs. Lodge several days last week. Mr. Davis is a prominent real estate dealer in Winnipeg.

N. P. Hull, Master of the State Grange and prominent farmer near Dimondale, was quite badly hurt in a railroad wreck which occurred Sunday, Jan. 14, on the Big Four Ry., at Kenton, Ohio. Mr. Hull is being cared for at the hospital in Kenton, and, though his injuries are painful, they are not considered dangerous. Mr. Hull was a student at M. A. C. in '88–'89.

In the freshmen oration contest, held Friday evening of last week, G. J. Warnshius won first place with the oration, "The Ship of State." C. J. Reeder was awarded second place, taking for his subject "The Father of Our Country." The judges were Dean R. P. Lyman, Prof. V. T. Wilson and Instructor C. S. Dunford. There were eight contestants, and the orations were all exceptionally well given. Both Mr. Warnshius and Mr. Reeder will enter the race for collegiate honors on Feb. 2. Mrs. Bessey, who has been visiting her parents in Iowa for several weeks, is expected home Wednesday of this week.

Judge Collingwood will address the short course men Saturday evening in the church chapel, on "The Home Folks and the Neighbors."

C. P. Reed, 'ot, of Howell, A. H. Perrine, '10, Rives Junction, E. O. Elmer, '03, Devereaux, J. B. Strang, '01, Grand Ledge, and Rosco Carl, '05, Bath, were all in attendance at the Breeders' meetings the past week.

Remember the regular college oration contest to be held in the chapel Friday evening, Feb. 2. Good orations — good music, At this time M. A. C.'s representative to the state contest will be chosen.

The following faculty members are on institute work this week: Prof. Baker and Prof. Anderson are at Saginaw on Jau. 25; Dr. Blaisdell and Prof. Taft at Holt on Jan. 22; Dr. Marshall at St. Louis on Jan. 24 and Ovid the 26; and Prof. Eustace at Ludington on Jan. 24 and 25.

Two new kerosene engines have been installed in the farm mechanics laboratory recently. One of these was loaned by the Ellis Engineering Company, of Detroit, the other by the Arthur Colton Co., of the same city. Much interest is being manifested in the new kerosene burner attachment furnished by the Seager Co. for their engines. This is a new departure, and promises to work some changes in the power problem on the farm.

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prove the Wheat Crop." Editor Lindemann, 'tt, of the Gleaner, spoke in the People's church Sunday morning on "The Social Problems of the Church," citing some of the examples which had come under his observation, and which, he believed, should be taken care of by the church. It was an excellent address and contained much food for thought. Mr. Lindemann also had charge of the

evening service at 7 o'clock.

George W. Dewey, '11, was on the campus Thursday morning, on Washington, D. C., to his way where he has accepted a position as scientific assistant in the division of pomology, bureau of plant industry, department of agriculture. After graduating, Mr. Dewey went to the Bitter Root Valley, Montana, where he was employed by the State Board of Horticulture in orchard inspection, and later fruit inspection. He secured his present position through the civil service examination taken during the spring term of his senior year.

of Detroit; vice president, G. F. Kimball, of Alpena; secretary, G. S. Harris, of Greenbrier, Tenn.; treasurer, St. Clair Edison, of Grand Rapids. Club will meet every Wednesday in Hort, lecture room at 2:30 p. m., to discuss the different phases of fruit growing.

Much interest is being shown by our short course men in the work given by Lieut. Cron and his assistants in the way of physical exercise. About one quarter are taken care of in the pavilion of the agricultural building, and the remainder go to the armory. The work is given the third period of the afternoon, thus breaking up the lecture periods at a time when a little recreation is most needed by our short course men. Very few have asked to be excused from this work, the majority readily recognizing its worth.

#### 202.

Floyd Owen is general manager of the Crescent Air System Co., with offices in the Ford Bld., Detroit. S. L. Christiansen, 'oo, is also associated with this company.

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