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ANNUAL EXHIBITION BY FRUIT MEN IS BIG SUCCESS.

The Sixth Annual "Hort" Show, conducted by the seniors and juniors of that department, was easily the feature of the week at M. A. C. In amount of space used, arrangement of exhibits, and in point of attendance, this year's show far exceeds anything of past years. The president and members of the Hort. Club are to be congratulated on the outcome of their efforts.

The display was made in the large pavilion of the Agricultural Building, and the entire space was needed. In this respect the show differs materially from those of a few years ago, when the small laboratory in the Hort. building was large enough to hold it.

Almost as soon as the doors were opened Friday afternoon, the crowd began coming, and found sufficient to hold their attention for some time. Fruit and fruit products were dispensed from two large booths near the entrance, the idea probably being to get the people coming and going. The men and girls in charge of the booths reported an extensive sale of their wares.

The larger portion of the room was taken up with artistically arranged displays of fruit and flowers, nearly every apple-growing state in the country being represented. M. A. C. has representatives scattered in all parts of the horticultural world, and they had sent in prize plates of choice fruit. H. E. Truax, '12, and W. S. Field, '13, sent samples from the Arkansas experiment station, and J. H. Carmody, '12, did likewise for Kentucky. E. H. Brown, of whom mention was made last week, donated some of the "fruits of his labors" in Western Michigan. There were also many plates of fancy apples sent in by fruit growers in all parts of Michigan.

A collection which received no little share of attention was that of apples taken from a 60-year-old orchard in western New York, renovated by Ernest Hart and George Hays, '14. The specimens were large, clean, and of exceptionally fine quality.

Pruning instruments and samples showing proper and improper methods of pruning

received considerable attention, especially from the short course men. An extensive display by the department of entomology showed the insects injurious to fruit trees and methods of control. Devices for harvesting the crop also had a place in the exhibit.

The class in landscape gardening had a number of miniature models of properly designed grounds, with a large collection of drawings and maps. During the show, various students took turns in giving illustrated lectures on fruit diseases and insects, the proper methods of spraying, and other timely information. These lectures were well attended.

In the pie-baking contest, something like 45 creations in pastry were entered, and first prize, \$5.00 in gold, was awarded to Miss Bernice Woodworth, Fremont, Mich. Miss Ruth Rutherford, of Sparta, Ill., received a barrel of fancy apples as second prize. After the prizes had been awarded, the pies were auctioned off to the highest bidders, realizing a neat sum for the department.

Dr. Beal sends in the following item: Dean C. Worcester has spent twenty years among the Filipinos. He says, "The people are fond of music, and have produced remarkable work in wood carving and painting. They have a national passion for gambling, chiefly in the form of cock-fighting. Laws and moral leagues were powerless to break this passion until the introduction of baseball, after which the keepers of cock-pits soon went out of business. The game has also helped to change the Moros from a race of determined head-hunters into a peaceful and well-behaved people." (Possibly they have discovered that there is a zest in "getting the umpire's goat," instead of his head.)

H. H. Harrison, '09e, is still in Alabama, though he has changed his address. At the present time he is with the Tennessee Coal, Iron and Railroad Co., doing curative title work. He makes his headquarters at Jasper, Alabama.

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IS HE THE RIGHT MAN?

In the list of possible candidates for state office there appears one name, at least, which should have the careful consideration of every person in Michigan whose sympathies are with the best interests of the Michigan Agricultural College.

William Nank, of Mt. Clemens, Michigan, will be a candidate for the office of Secretary of State in 1914. And rather because of the influence he will have than because of any especial importance attaching to the office itself, it will be well for those interested in the affairs of the Agricultural College to know something about Mr. Nank.

In the last legislature Mr. Nank was the great and immovable stumbling block in the way of measures tending to promote the interests of M. A. C. Although not a polished nor brilliant man, he was able, by sheer forcefulness, to sway the House to his bidding. The best thing that can be said of him is that he was consistent in opposing progressive measures. Having made up his mind, he refused to argue any point, and the one reply he had was learned perfectly. "Duplication" was a permanent cry with him when matters important to M. A. C. were considered. The fact that the state supports four normal schools slipped his mind.

As a member of the Ways and Means Committee of the House, Mr. Nank was hostile to all Agricultural College measures, and but for a hearing on the new mill tax bill, when

the friends of the institution forced action, might never have been reported out. As it finally passed there was a rider, or "joker," attached, with the evident aim of killing the engineering department at M. A. C. This fact has two significant angles.

In the first place, Mr. Nank, in his assumption of power, aided and abetted by the other members of the committee, attempted to do a thing absolutely impossible under present conditions, namely, to dictate to the State Board of Agriculture regarding the actions of that body. This was, and is, out of the question under the present state constitution.

Secondly, they ordered the State Board to violate the agreements between this state and the federal government through various legislative acts, by attempting to dictate the disposal of federal moneys appropriated to the college. The "\$35,000.00 clause" attached to the sixth-mill act is in direct opposition to acts passed in 1863, Act No. 42, Public Acts of 1885, the Second Morrill Act in 1890, and the Nelson Amendment in 1907, and in direct opposition to the plainly expressed wording of the second paragraph of the very act to which the proviso is attached.

Another feature of the matter lies in the fact that sooner or later the College and State Board must become involved in a Supreme Court fight, simply to prove a point plainly evident to those who care to see.

We repeat that the supporters of the Agricultural College cannot be too careful to see to it that a man as avowedly opposed to the progress of a great state institution as Mr. Nank has showed himself to be and as unlearned in the legislative history of the state, is defeated for any important public office. He is NOT THE RIGHT MAN.

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IT WAS NO JOKE.

The editorial which appeared a short time ago was not meant as a jest. The statement that the RECORD would be as lively and interesting as you, each and every one, helped to make it, had truth sticking out all over it. A number of our readers have already showed their inclination to assist by sending in frequent notes, and we trust that more will appear each week. To show that our heart is in the right place, we will send addressed envelopes to any desiring them, as a first aid to more frequent correspondence with this office.

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Elsewhere in this issue will be found a line relative to the influence former students have in sending new men here. Have you helped in this?

WHY STUDENTS COME TO M. A. C.

During the past visit of Dr. Beal at the College, one of the ideas he put into practice was the determination of the reasons why men and women enter the Michigan Agricultural College. The question was submitted to 140 first year students, with the following result:

- 40 came because of the good reputation of the college.
- 39 because they desired good instruction in some particular lines of agriculture or horticulture.
- 29 because a former student advised them to come.
- 5 because the expense was light.
- 2 because a professor at Cornell recommended it.
- 2 because they were not prepared to enter Cornell.
- 2 because they sought work in veterinary lines.
- 1 because his father was a student here.
- 1 because friends near home advised it.
- 1 to get away from city life.
- 1 because his girl was a student here.
- 1 was favorably impressed when attending an interscholastic track meet as a high school student.

From the above statistics, it may be seen that favorable advertising is unquestionably the greatest factor in the growth of the College. Of the 124 answers to the above, 86 may be traced directly to some form of college advertising. The item of 29 shows clearly one way in which the alumni and former students can be of assistance to M. A. C.

Frank Benton, '79, was much interested in bees while a student at M. A. C. One of his experiments was an attempt to hive bumble bees, with an idea of improving their habits. The fact that he was not successful in reforming the ways of said bumble bees evidently did not deter him from making further experiments, for the following clipping was sent in by Dr. Beal: "A few years ago Prof. Frank Benton went to Palestine to investigate the bee industry, and as a result of his efforts there is now in this country a particular strain of bees known as Holy Land bees, which are scattered widely over the United States."

Nothing but compliments have been heard regarding the new form of the M. A. C. RECORD. We hope to make it better as time goes on. You can help if you write in semi-occasionally.

PROF. PETTIT MEETS SEVERAL M. A. C. MEN IN SOUTH.

Prof. R. H. Pettit, of the entomological department, spent his Christmas holidays attending the meetings of several National societies at Atlanta, Georgia, and reported a very pleasant trip. Almost from the time he left home until he returned he was constantly meeting former M. A. C. people. From Toledo to Cincinnati he rode with Adrian Naglevoort, a former student at the College, who is now with the Thompson Chemical Co., in their spraying department.

While in Atlanta he had the pleasure of greeting T. F. McHatton, '07a, professor of horticulture in the University of Georgia, S. M. Tracy, '68, P. W. Mason, '12a, of the Purdue department of entomology, A. C. Mason, '13a, of the Florida experiment station, and E. H. Gibson, '12a, who is working under F. M. Webster in the U. S. Bureau of Entomology. Gibson has been working in Mississippi, but has recently been transferred to Arizona in order to hasten his recovery from malarial fever.

Entomologists from all parts of the country were in attendance, and Prof. Pettit reported a very helpful meeting. Some of the advances made during 1913 were little short of remarkable, in his opinion, and those present look forward to the coming year with high expectations.

CLEAN ELECTIONS.

The student council has declared itself in favor of clean methods in conducting the campaigns for various student offices. Not that the M. A. C. students have been guilty of underhand methods in the past, but to head off any possible tendency toward the use of such means in the future.

In recent years, competition for the several offices distributed at the annual election has led to extensive campaigning on the part of some of the candidates. Advertisements in the *Holcad*, the distribution of printed cards, and various other means have been adopted. Such a campaign naturally drew heavily upon the finances of some of the candidates, and almost none of the offices carried any other return than a modicum of honor and a great deal of hard work.

According to plans under consideration by the student council, the total campaign expenses of any candidate for a student office will be limited to one dollar. This money can be spent as desired, but the amount must not exceed the limit.

CORRESPONDENCE

O. L. Ayrs, '02a, writes to suggest that a Southern Association of M. A. C. people be formed. There are not enough at any one place to make a local association a success, but he feels that much may be done by correspondence and occasional visits. Besides himself, M. A. Crosby, '02, and F. D. Stevens, '03, are located in Birmingham, Ala., all in the Brown-Marx Bldg.

F. O. Foster, '03, mentions the following: "The Flint (Mich.) *Daily Journal* keeps two M. A. C. men continually before the public here. They are County Agriculturist W. H. Parker, '07, and City Dairy and Food Inspector E. J. Friar, '12. They stand the lime-light well, and are doing vigorous work in their respective positions. The reporters are not following the rest of us, but we are probably busy."

H. D. Fargo has written to the RECORD. He gives his present address as 13809 Ida Rose Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

M. D. Farmer, '10e, is in the U. S. Patent Office at Washington. In a letter to Chace Newman, he has this to say: "Our new chief (of our division) is W. D. Groesbeck, an M. A. C. of about 1890, and who taught machine shop after graduation." Farmer goes on to say that he is taking work in the Law School there, with apparent success. He also tells of a "bug" who applied for a patent on perpetual motion, the machine being composed of three bricks, two rubber balls, and an old silk hat. He did not get his patent.

From H. C. Skeels, '98: "If the RECORD stopped coming, we would be telegraphing to find out who was dead! The news about 'Rocky' Kedzie was most interesting. * * * We have quite a little M. A. C. community here in Tacoma Park. Among others are C. A. Reed, W. F. Wight, and, until recently, C. B. Smith. There were 29 children under 14 years of age in our square, and the Smith's moved away five of them."

Chace Newman, ex-'96, assistant professor of drawing at M. A. C., has expressed the hope that the amount of personal news in the RECORD will continue to grow. The men who are away from school appreciate all the items regarding former classmates and acquaint-

ances, and the management of the paper realizes that the larger portion of your interest in the RECORD lies in this sort of news. We will enlarge on personal items as fast as we receive them.

HOODOO DATE HAS NO TERRORS FOR JUNIOR CLASS.

Like President Wilson, the class of 1915 evidently believes that Fridays and thirteens are lucky. At least they do not fear the much maligned date and numeral. That much is evident from the fact that they have gone boldly ahead with plans for the annual "J Hop," which will take place at the Masonic Temple, in Lansing, on Friday, February 13.

Under the direction of President Bibbins, the various committees have been hard at work for some months, and with the great event but three weeks away, everything appears to be shaping up nicely. As is always the case, the 1915 hop will without doubt be "the best ever."

The large attendance in recent years has caused the floor to be uncomfortably filled, and in view of the fact that the new dances require even more room for proper interpretation, the committee in charge has worked out a system of "sit out" numbers. In this way a fourth of all the couples will sit out certain dances, according to their initials, leaving the floor to the other groups, who will, in their turn, take the part of spectators.

On Wednesday, January 28, Dean Eugene Davenport, of the College of Agriculture of Illinois University, M. A. C. '78, will be a leading figure in an important ceremony. It is the admission of the name of Philip D. Armour to the Illinois Farmers' Hall of Fame. Mr. Davenport has kindly furnished the RECORD with a program of the ceremony. He will officially receive the portrait of Mr. Armour on behalf of the University.

The classes in dramatic literature in the English department will observe the anniversary of Robert Burns in a suitable manner. Dr. Williamson, of Lansing, a loyal Scotsman, will speak on Burns, and will read some of his better known poems. Mr. Earl Killeen, director of the chorus, will render some of Burns' poems which have been set to music.

George R. Fryman, '05e, is city engineer at Raton, New Mexico. Mrs. Fryman is also a former M. A. C. student.

What's Doing This Month

This is a new department for the RECORD, but we believe it will be appreciated by many. The former members of various societies will be glad to know when their parties occur, and there are other functions of interest to the alumnus. The editor, while in Detroit recently, was asked about various parties, such as band dances and militaries, which leads to the belief that this column may be helpful. The list of activities for January is given below:

- Jan. 30—Ionian party, Ag. Bldg.
- " 31—Band dance, Armory.
- " 31—Eclectic party, 'Tic house.
- " 31—Delphic party, Ag. Bldg.
- Feb. 6—Recital, Women's Bldg.
- " 6—New York Club Party, Ag. Bldg.
- " 7—Senior Hop, Armory.
- " 13—Junior Hop, Masonic Temple, Lansing.
- " 14—Concert, Armory.
- " 20—Union Lit. Party, Armory.
- " 20—Columbia Party, Ag. Bldg.
- " 21—Sororian Party, Armory.
- " 21—Phylean Party, Ag. Bldg.
- " 27—Dramatic Club Party, Armory.
- " 28—Themian Party, Armory.
- " 28—Eunomian Party, Ag. Bldg.

TOUR OF BASKETBALL SQUAD NOT MARKEDLY SUCCESSFUL.

Coach Macklin's bunch of basketball tossers returned Sunday afternoon from their first jaunt of the present season, on which Lake Forest, Northwestern College and Notre Dame were met. In point of games won, the trip leaves something to be desired, although the players picked up experience which will prove valuable later in the year.

Lake Forest was met Thursday night, and proved unable to solve the running guard playing of Goss. The final score was 30 to 24 in favor of M. A. C., and the fact that "Old Fox" Goss caged 14 of the "Aggies" total indicates the part he played in the game. Capt. Gauthier and "Dutch" Miller, the Schultz of football fame, also deserve credit for a stellar performance. Reports from Lake Forest say the game was unusually rough, with M. A. C. being the principal offender.

As has been the case in past years, Northwestern put up too strong an argument for Macklin's men, the final score being 44 to 25. M. A. C. has met this team several times in past seasons, usually with the same result.

Notre Dame furnished the opposition in

the third and last game, that of Saturday night, and also forced the M. A. C. five to accept the short end of the count. In this game, the final score was 28 to 17.

Picking the star of the last two frays is made difficult by the fact that M. A. C. lost. Assistant Coach Cortright gives every man credit for playing a consistent game. Circumstances, in the shape of an inexperienced team, strange floors and lax officials, combined to bring about our downfall.

FARMERS' CLUB.

Professor Thomas Gunson, as speaker of the evening, entertained the members with an interesting talk on "Landscape Gardening in Connection with the Farm." Emphasizing the point that too many farms have houses in place of "homes," he briefly outlined plans which tend to add to the attractiveness of the commonest of farms.

The importance of site, as regards sanitation, convenience, etc., was brought out, and was followed by instructions as to planning the house for the best light and pleasing views. The harmony which should exist between trees, walks, drives and flower beds was carefully depicted.

At the next meeting Dr. Bessey and Prof. Pettit will continue the discussion left over from last week, on the care and handling of farm manure.

J. M. N.

So far the plea for more local associations has been received with a non-committal silence in most instances. The association secretary will welcome prescriptions for removing the coating of indifference which seems to prevent action.

ADDRESSES WANTED

The RECORD is desirous of obtaining the addresses of the following former M. A. C. people. If any of our readers can help us out on this matter we will appreciate it very greatly. The last known address is also given here:

- Wilhelm Neilson, Cleveland, Ohio.
- Bertha W. Wilson, Knoxville, Tenn.
- Bert Wenham, Bellingham, Wash.
- Mrs. Jennie Woodward, Chicago, Ill.
- F. N. Grover, Rivermines, Mo.
- Earl F. Riley, Chicago, Ill.
- F. B. Cavanaugh, Eaton Rapids, Mich.
- Mabel C. Severance, Bottineau, N. D.
- R. H. Seiler, Bremen, Ind.
- J. H. Briley, Polson, Mont.

EAST LANSING INVITED TO UNITE WITH LANSING

Western Neighbor of College Town
Desirous of Expansion.

East Lansing inhabitants received a shock a short time ago, when it became known that the college city had been formally invited to unite with the city of Lansing. For several days the topic formed the principal item of discussion, and the question will probably be voted on this spring.

Such of the officials as could be seen declared that the chance of East Lansing accepting the proposal was remote, to say the least. It is said that the college city would have little or nothing to gain, and considerable to lose in so doing, inasmuch as the tax rate of Lansing is higher than that at present in force in East Lansing, not to mention the large bonded indebtedness of the larger city as compared with none in the smaller one.

Just what effect the change would have upon the college is not readily foreseen. It is likely that local sentiment would preserve local conditions to a large extent, although the frolicsome sophomore might find it necessary to outwit a member of the police force, in addition to the faculty, during the fall evenings when freshmen roam about.

It has been said that street lights and pavements might result from a union with Lansing, but it is also claimed that these things may be had in any event, if a bonded debt were desired. In helping to assume the bonded debt of Lansing, such improvements would be expected as a matter of course. At present, the possibility of a Greater Lansing at the expense of the college town is very slight.

THE RECORD is becoming popular. We note that one of the state papers copied an article recently and gave us credit.

ALUMNI

'71.

A letter has been received from F. A. Sessions, one of the real "old boys" of M. A. C. In his day he was known as the "expert ox-driver" of the college. Among the interesting reminiscences he tells is of the time in 1871, when the students were called out to fight a forest fire in the old wooded plot, then known as No. 12. Mr. Sessions has for a number of years been conducting a mercantile credit agency at Reading, Pa.

'86a.

Geo. W. Park, a successful seedsmen, florist and publisher of La Park, Pa., has recently favored the RECORD with copies of his *Floral Guide* and *Park's Floral Magazine*. Both contain many hints of value to the lover of flowers and gardens.

'97a.

E. A. Robinson is county surveyor of Charlevoix county. He attended the engineering meeting held at the college a short time ago.

Ex-'02e.

A. J. Decker, a former student at M. A. C., is assistant professor of civil engineering at the University of Michigan.

'03a.

Bronson Barlow is now with the Dickinson Seed Co., of Chicago. He recently received the degree of

M. S. from the University of Illinois.

'10a.

O. C. Lawrence, who is now a successful farmer near Hudson, Mich., visited the campus last week.

The name of C. D. Aldrich appears in the list of nominations for postmaster recently sent to President Wilson. If appointed, Mr. Aldrich will succeed B. B. Rosecrans as postmaster at East Lansing.

The Hort. club meeting of last week took the form of an open house, at which the short course men were the guests. No regular program was planned, the idea being an informal "get acquainted" meeting. Several musical numbers were furnished, and everybody got his share of the feed, consisting chiefly of apples, according to the tradition of the club.

The M. A. C. rifle team appears to be bent upon following the footsteps of the gridiron heroes. In the second and third intercollegiate matches they reached a high score of 973 in a possible 1000. Norwich was the victim in the second match.

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