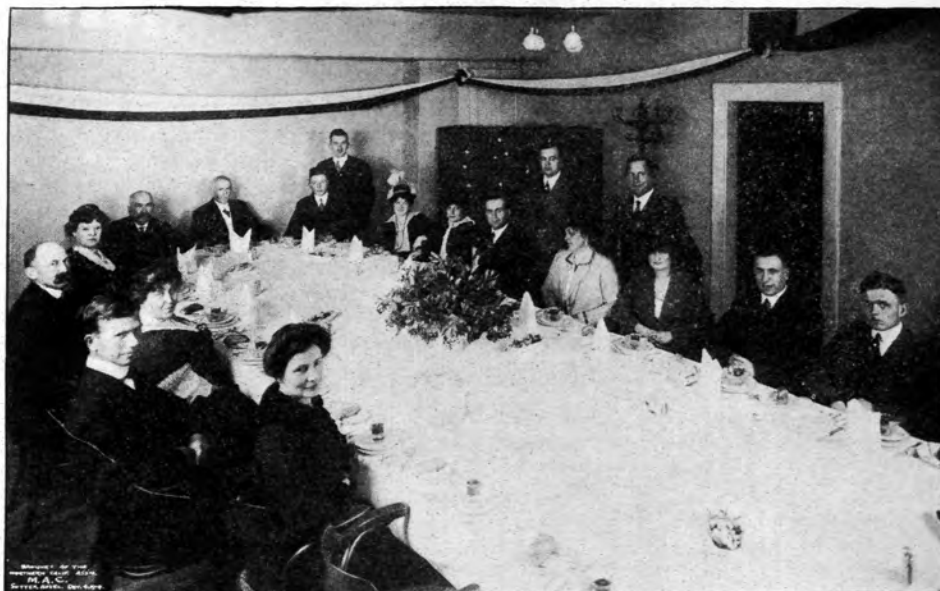


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NORTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION ORGANIZED.

The M. A. C. Association of Northern California was organized at a meeting of former students held in the Hotel Sutter, San Francisco, Dec. 4th. The meeting was very successful, and included a good dinner, renewing of old acquaintances, and election of officers. The officers for the ensuing year are: Prof. A. J. Cook, '62, president; E. Carl Bank, '84, vice president; G. H. Freear, ex-'10, secretary-treasurer, and H. E. Van Norman, '97, member of executive board. Regrets were received from the following M. A. C. people who were in this territory but were unable to be present: L. C. Bartmess, '89; J. M. Bidwell, '10; J. E. Blanchard, '68; E. H. Bradner, '69; Prof. A. J. Cook, '62; F. C. Davis, '86; H. H. Douglas, '10; J. B. Leonard, '85; J. A. Mitchell, '09; Andrew Park, '84; Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Piper, '07; N. C. Perry, '07; C. B. Plummer, '82; B. B. Pratt, '09; Waldo Rhonert, '89; H. E. Van Norman, '97.

A monthly luncheon meeting was decided upon, to be held in San Francisco the last Saturday of each month, in order to encourage more fraternal feeling amongst the members. A hearty welcome is extended to all, and it should be considered a duty for every member to attend if possible. Members will be notified in regard to the place for such meetings.

Temporary headquarters were decided upon as the office of George H. Freear, 424 Holbrook Bldg., 58 Sutter St., San Francisco, where a register will be kept, and all M. A. C. people visiting the city will kindly make it their business to register.

The following resolution was adopted, which is of considerable interest to all M. A. C. people who contemplate making a trip to the Pacific coast next year: "The M. A. C. Association of Northern California is of the opinion that the most desirable time to hold the California reunion of the M. A. C. Association will be about the time of the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, which is to be held in San Francisco the week beginning August 2, 1915."

Truman J. Dean, '13, is chief of a survey party in the United States Reclamation Service, located at Horte, Mont.

A. G. Craig, '02, is horticulturist for the Arcadia Orchards Co., Deer Park, Wash.

PROMINENT FARMER ADDED TO LIST OF EXTENSION WORKERS.

James N. McBride, former president of State Farmers' Clubs, and prominent farmer of Owosso, has been chosen as special investigator on marketing and organizer of the bean growers of Michigan. Mr. McBride will be engaged for the next three months in interesting bean growers of the state in an association that will have for its purpose the collection of data regarding acreage and production of beans, and market conditions, so that a schedule of prices, to be in effect during the marketing season, may be arranged with the Michigan Bean Jobbers' Association, and thus do away with the fluctuating market conditions in regard to this most important crop. It has been said that the bean market has been steadied already on account of the activity in this work, and there should be decidedly permanent and far reaching results growing out of this investigation.

DECEMBER BOARD MEETING.

The last monthly meeting of the State Board of Agriculture took place Dec. 16th, with President Snyder, Members Beaumont, Waterbury, Doherty, and Woodman, and also Superintendent Keeler present.

The resignation of Charles F. Baker, as foreman of the forest nursery, was accepted.

The recommendation of the faculty that the leader of the Glee Club be paid \$150 for his services was approved.

The appointment of J. M. Wendt, acting co-operatively with St. Joseph county as county agricultural agent, was approved.

Mr. Robert Baldwin, director of college extension work, was authorized to employ an extension man, for the period of three months only, to deal with the subject of marketing in this state.

The Secretary of the Board was authorized to provide a dinner to be given for the members of the State Live Stock Breeders' Association on the occasion of their annual meeting in January.

Following the apportionment of money for the running of the different departments, and salaries for the next six months, the meeting adjourned.

R. E. Haines, with '07, lives in Wellston, Okla., where he is minister in the M. E. church.

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A GOOD SUGGESTION.

The suggestion given elsewhere in this issue re-
garding alumni meetings and special class stunts
merits a good deal of consideration. We believe
especially that the best way to get a large number
of alumni back at Commencement time is to have
special class exercises, "class stunts," and the policy
at other institutions where these matters are handled
entirely within the class and by class members would
seem to be worthy of imitation. In this way the at-
tendance at reunions will be largely a matter of
rivalry between classes, and according to the Dix
plan, which we have adopted, this will bring the same
classes back in competition that used to compete in
contests while in college. Since two members of
one class that will return this year have already
started agitation in regard to the reunion we will
look for something special from them, and hope that
others will follow suit.

In regard to the special reunion, other than at
Commencement, it seems that the alumni dinner at
the occasion of the chosen "alumni football game"
every fall will take care of this matter satisfactorily.
The dinner held last fall at the time of the Michigan
game was very well attended and the idea well re-
ceived, and this will no doubt become an annual
affair.

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WESTERN NEW YORK ALUMNI RE- UNION DINNER.

The M. A. C. Western New York Alumni will hold
a reunion and dinner at 6:30 p. m., Thursday, Jan.
28, 1915, at the Hotel Rochester, Rochester, N. Y.
The Western New York Horticultural Society meets
in Rochester at the same time and will undoubtedly
draw many M. A. C. men from various parts of the
country.

Make up your mind to attend this dinner and
notify J. P. Haftenkamp, '05, care Rochester Railway
& Light Co., Rochester, N. Y., or Dr. B. S. Palmer,
'81, Palmyra, N. Y., at once.

MICHIGAN EXPERIMENTERS MEET.

The annual meeting of the Michigan Experiment
Association, with which the Corn Improvement As-
sociation affiliated last year, will take place at the
college on the evening of the 14th and day of the
15th, this month. A good deal of interest has been
growing in the state among the farmers, the past few
years, and it is predicted that this meeting will be a
record breaker. With many new features added,
such as the students' farm crop show, and new
trophies for the corn and grain show, a program is
presented that for the meeting is at once diversifi-
ed and complete.

Prof. A. M. TenEyck, former agronomist of Kansas
Agricultural College, now county agent in Illinois,
and Prof. W. A. Wheeler, of Mitchell, S. Dak., are
the speakers from out of the state. Dr. M. M. Mc-
Cool, of the soils department here, will also be on
the program. C. B. Scully, of Almont, will give the
president's address; there will be a report on the
investigations of the soil fertility committee, by
Chairman C. B. Cook, of Allegan, and five-minute
talks will be given by prominent growers of pedigreed
seed in the state. Of the latter the following are
typical: A talk on Rosen rye, by Carl Horton, of
Allegan, who raised 40 bushels per acre; talks on
vetch, by Judge Williams, of Allegan, and Dr. Simp-
kins, of Saugatuck, and a talk on sweet clover, by
Samuel Willis, of Thompsonville, the largest grower
in the state.

The following examples of the demonstrations by
students in farm crops will give some idea of how
thoroughly the students have inquired into the dif-
ferent phases of crop production and yields, and also
something of how much value these demonstrations
may be: Milling tests of wheat; comparison of
crossed with tested varieties; field selection of beans;
Spragg's "resistant" high yield bean; root budding
alfalfa.

The corn and grain show, held from the 12th to
the 15th, bids fair to outclass all previous exhibi-
tions. Besides the trophy cups that have been offered
before, the Goemann Grain Co., of Mansfield, Ohio,
offer a \$150 cup as a rye trophy. The Michigan bean
jobbers and Michigan millers offer several cash prizes
for wheat and beans, the latter of which must be
exhibited as they come from the thresher. Prof. Ten
Eyck will be judge of the show. A new contest will
be started on yield of oats, for which a gold medal
will be given for the best ten acres or more of pedi-
greed oats, from seed recommended by the college.

How Michigan boys and girls make the best better
will be shown in the boy's and girl's club products
contest, in charge of E. C. Lindemann, state leader
of boy's and girl's club work.

Oliver M. Elliott, '11, and Miss Marian Hartshorn,
with '15, of Owosso, were married, Dec. 23d, at
Owosso. Arthur Edwards, with '14, of Detroit, was
best man, and the bride was assisted by Seraphine
Dimmick and Helen Storrer, both of '15. Mr. and
Mrs. Elliot will reside in Detroit, where "Ollie" is
a civil engineer and landscape gardener.

MORE COLLEGE SPIRIT AMONG ALUMNI.

"Dear RECORD Editor:

"In a recent issue of the RECORD, you asked for suggestions. In connection therewith, I am inclosing a clipping from our local paper regarding the celebration at Union last summer.

"In connection with our alumni gatherings, I am strongly of the opinion that more time should be given to the same and not try to sandwich it in with the Commencement Day.

"I would also suggest that some action be started to create more enthusiasm or so-called college spirit among the returning alumni; grotesque parades, etc., etc. It may be that it will not be possible to do anything along this line immediately but I think that it is well worth serious consideration.

"Very truly,

"L. C. Brooks, '92,

"Schenectady, N. Y."

The clipping referred to is a notice of an alumni dinner, providing a place where the alumni not attending reunion dinners can mingle. It is planned by the graduate council and has proven popular, 140 alumni having attended the one in question, which was the second one of its kind.

MORE OF SUCH SUPPORT NEEDED.

Dear RECORD:—I am very glad to see that you are making an effort for Miles-Fairchild paintings. When you asked for subscriptions for the Kedzie and Beal paintings I was very glad to contribute. Kedzie was my best friend while I was a student, and Beal has been my personal friend more than a third of a century, though he is one of the younger men, and did not come to the college until long after my time. I enclose check, and will send another if needed.

I regard Dr. Miles as the pioneer of real scientific agriculture in America. He was the first of American scientists to make a study of the metabolism of animal nutrition, the first American to construct a working silo, and the best instructor under whom a student ever worked. While in his class in "practical agriculture" during my senior year I worked hard, and knew I was doing good work with him, but when he gave us our grades at the end of the semester and gave me only 7.5 I was thoroughly disgusted with him—but forgave him when I found that my grade was the highest in the class. His grading shows that the class of '68 was a brilliant lot of men. He was the only professor with whom I ever had any trouble, but I avenged his "injustice" by helping to duck him in the black muck out in No. 9 one afternoon while the class was working there under his personal supervision. He was a very quick tempered man, but the ducking was too much for him, and he took it like a lamb. Eight years later I met him in Philadelphia, when he laughed at me about the "accident," and took me over to the French consulate to have a bottle of wine with him. And I would tell more stories of him if the RECORD had space.

Fairchild won my undying fealty when he gave me my entrance examination in 1866. I had gone to the college only to take special work for one year, and so had expected no examination and had made no preparation, but he told me that I must at least pass for the prep. class, and that I should report to him an hour later. I knew I could pass for a prep. and reported without fear. He began with arithmetic—which was easy, then algebra, in which he was careful to ask me nothing difficult, then geometry, and I shall never forget that part of the test.

He gave me two or three simple theorems to demonstrate, and then one a bit more intricate, but which I thought was easy, and it was easy until I was about half way through the demonstration, when I was "up against it" for fair. I had no idea what I was trying to, or how to do it, and he sat there looking at me with the most quizzical expression I have ever seen. I looked at him, and at my figure on the blackboard—and then looked at both of them several times. And then the inspiration came—I added another line to my incomplete figure and completed the demonstration. He smiled very broadly—for him—and said: "That is sufficient, Mr. Tracy. I think you will do best if you enter as a regular sophomore." He was surely good to me, and I want to thank him in the only way possible. He was the most finished scholar we had in the college, and those of us who knew him personally, and those who know his work, will be glad to honor his memory.

S. M. TRACY, '68.

Contributors to the Portrait Fund since the last issue are: H. H. Jenison, '67, and Samuel M. Tracy, '68, Herman Schreiber, '04, D. A. Spencer, '12.

NEWS AND COMMENT.

Mrs. Landon spent Christmas at Niles, Mich.

Former professor of soils, Joseph A. Jeffery, called on college friends last week.

Prof. and Mrs. Rhyder visited at Marshall and Ann Arbor during the holidays.

Farmers' Week, or Round-Up, will be held this year at the college, March 1st to 6th.

The Forestry Department furnished Christmas trees for all instructors and professors at the college that desired them.

Hearty, Dorothy and Lakin Brown spent the holidays with their parents. Dorothy has been attending Bryn Mawr the past year.

The first basketball game of the season will take place on the home floor next Saturday night when the boys meet the Toledo Buckeyes.

Charles F. Baker, foreman of the college forest nursery for the past six years, has accepted a similar position at Syracuse University, at a substantial increase in salary.

Dr. Giltner, Zae Northrop, and C. W. Brown, of the Bacteriology Department, were in attendance at the meeting of the American Bacteriologists, held in Philadelphia last week.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Morrison, of Waterloo, Ia., on Dec. 6th, a nine pound boy—James Scott Morrison. Mrs. Morrison was formerly Miss Grace Scott, of the music department, 1910-1912.

Prof. F. S. Kedzie made a trip East during vacation, visiting several chemical manufacturing plants and attending the meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science at Philadelphia.

The following are scheduled for county farmers' institutes this week: Millersburg, Jan. 5 and 6; Long Rapids, 6th and 7th; Harrisville, 7th and 8th; Whittemore, 8th and 9th; Standish, 11th and 12th.

The work on the new college well, the building of which was approved at the November meeting of the State Board, has been started. It is to be a 12-inch well, and is being put down back of the Forestry building.

The foresters' vacation trip, announced in the last RECORD, was called off at the last moment, because

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all of those who would go, and who were not in the party last year, will have another chance next year, and the trip will then be put on the two-year basis.

Miss Alison Ransford has been appointed instructor in dairying, and begins work this term. Miss Ransford received her training at Kilmarnock Dairy School, Scotland, where much emphasis is placed upon cheese making, and she will have charge of the cheese course at M. A. C.

Dean R. S. Shaw gave one of the five papers presented last week at the Conference on Agricultural Engineering, held at Chicago. His topic was, "The Place and Field of Farm Engineering." H. H. Musselman, '08, assistant professor of farm mechanics, was also in attendance at this conference.

At the December student pay day, 450 college students received a total of \$3,500 for their work the last half term. The remarkable thing about this is that nearly half the men in college have been thus aiding in the cost of their college course. It is estimated that \$10,000 is paid out annually at the college for student labor, the average price per hour being close to twenty cents.

One-week short courses will be given this week at Ray Center, Jasper, Saginaw, and Quincy. O. E. Robey, A. R. Potts, and Ashley Berridge will have charge of the school at Ray Center; C. L. Brody, Wade Weston, and Robey at Jasper; W. F. Raven and J. W. Chapin at Quincy; E. P. Robinson and C. W. Waide at Saginaw. In the last two schools, the college has the co-operation of the county agents, Chapin and Robinson.

In the Michigan Alumnus for December, in a write up entitled, "A Review of the 1914 Football Season," there appears the following very fair account of the Michigan-M. A. C. game: "In the game against M. A. C., at Lansing, Michigan met a very worthy foe, and was very glad to come home with a victory. The Aggies, it must be confessed, outplayed Michigan, and probably nothing but the call of time kept them from scoring a touchdown at the end of the first half."

Prof. Morgan, in charge of the Department of Rural Organization at Amherst, Mass., talked before Prof. Rhyder's class near the close of the last term. This department goes out into rural communities, calls a mass meeting and the people of the community vote on some one or two phases of rural betterment that they wish to take up the next year. If it is the improvement of live stock, for instance, then the matter is turned over to the live stock department of the college and they handle the situation.

The week before school closed last term the M. A. C. girls had a Christmas party in the gymnasium. Each girl contributed a small amount of money, which was turned over to the Salvation Army. A Christmas tree and class stunts were the feature of the evening. Of the latter, the baby show by the freshmen and the new song, the words and music of which were composed by the seniors, were most prominent. The seniors sang the song from the balcony and then threw down printed copies to the rest, and all joined, in the learning. Then again, on the last Thursday night, with candles lighted in the dining room, the song was rehearsed with much enthusiasm.

H. Erne Taylor, '12, writes from Surigae, P. I., where he is principal of the Surigae provincial high school. Mrs. Taylor (Mae Parmelee, '11), is principal of domestic science in this school. Mr. and Mrs. Taylor report that they are enjoying life, as a whole, and do not expect to return to the United States until 1916.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Vern C. Shaffer, '11, visited college during the holidays. Verne is farming near Sturgis.

W. A. Wood, '12, and wife were seen on the campus last week. Wood is the agricultural instructor at St. Louis, Mich.

G. C. Dillman, '13, and Miss Anna Rose Broadwell were married at Bangor, Mich., Dec. 15th. They will beat home in Lansing after Jan. 15th.

C. B. Tubergen, '11, blew in for a few minutes on his way home to Grand Rapids from Geneva, N. Y., where he is on the experiment station staff.

Clinton V. Ballard, '12, and Miss Marjorie George, of Hudson, Mich., were married Dec. 30. They will be at home at Iron Mountain, Mich., after Jan 15th.

Lillian Taft, '05, dietician in the homeopathic hospital, Ann Arbor, took New Year's dinner with her parents. Harry Taft, '13, was also home for the holidays.

Ruth Lindemann took command at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Lindemann, '11 and '10, respectively, Lansing, Dec. 30th. Weight eight pounds, six ounces.

H. B. Fuller, '92, is with the Department of Agriculture, in the office of farm demonstrations for the Northern and Western states. He resides at Takoma Park, Wash.

H. R. Parish, '95, "Josh," of Allen, Mich., is making an effort to interest all '95ers in being back for the 20th anniversary of their commencement, which will occur this year.

Those home from graduate school for the holidays are: Max Gardner, '13, University of Wisconsin; Robert Snyder, '14, Cornell; Nina Belle Hewitt, '11, University of Michigan.

John M. Wendt, '13, has been appointed county agent for St. Joseph county, Mich., and has been on the job for two weeks. His headquarters are the county seat, Centerville.

C. A. Jewell, '96, principal of the high school at Winnemucca, Nevada, delivered an address recently at the Nevada State Teachers' meeting, on "Agriculture in the High Schools."

Alice Cimmer, '00, teacher of domestic science at Battle Creek, assisted in judging at the Junior Agricultural Club show at Albion last week. The girls exhibited sewing and baking and the boys corn, which was judged by Harry Taft, '13, and E. C. Lindemann, '11.

H. S. Davis, '12, and wife called at the alumni office during the last week of last term. Davis is now forest examiner with the United States Forest Service, and has been making his headquarters the past year at Gorham, N. H. It may be news to some that Mr. and Mrs. Davis have a boy over a year old.

At the meeting of the West Virginia Horticultural Society, recently held in Charleston, the M. A. C. men in attendance, besides the president, S. H. Fulton, '97, were: E. D. Sanderson, '97, director of the West Virginia experiment station, and Prof. E. S. Good, '03, head of the Animal Husbandry Department of the Kentucky agricultural experiment station.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

Ashley Berridge, '12, of Greenville, was a college visitor last week.

A. J. Carpenter, '07, deals in whole-sale grains, 216 Ward Block, Battle Creek, Mich.

J. C. Hogenson, a special student in horticulture in '02 and '03, is now state leader in boy's and girl's club work for Utah.

Bessie E. Bemis, '05, instructor in domestic science, University of Minnesota, spent Christmas with her parents in East Lansing.

A. Crossman Pratt, '07, and Mrs. Pratt (Phila Smith, '12), of Atlanta, Ga., visited parents and friends in Lansing during the holidays.

Carl Nilson, '14, and Miss Marion Roe, of Lansing, were married Dec. 24th, and are living at 315 W. Main St., Lansing, Mich. Nilson is working at the Reo.

Don't forget to register at the alumni office while you are in attendance at the meeting of the Association of Michigan Experimenters and Corn Show.

H. J. Lowe, '14, is with the Land Office, U. S. Department of Agriculture, working in the Imperial Desert, with headquarters at Los Altos, Cal., R. F. D. 18, Box 77A.

C. Ross Garvey, '12, is working with the Red River Lumber Co., of Westwood, Cal., the largest yellow pine outfit in the state, employing 1,200 men. This company has a ten-year contract with the Forest Service to cut all the lodgpole in that section, which amounts to a half million poles. Garvey's headquarters are at Hotel Adena, San Francisco, Cal.

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Lucile Marr Titus, '14, was married, Dec. 12th, to Arthur William Kohler, U. of M. '14, at the bride's home, near Lansing. M. A. C. alumni present were: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wood, both of '09; Lawrence Queal, '11; Mae Bartlett, '13, and May Curren, Muriel Smith, Zora Lemmon, Ruth Wood, '14. Mr. and Mrs. Kohler will live at 5419 C. First University Ave., Chicago. Kohler is assistant purchasing manager of the Woods Motor Vehicle Co.

M. L. Holland, '13, traveling for the Vaughn Seed Co., writes that he is very lucky in meeting M. A. C. men on his rounds. Among those whom he has come across are Carl Pinney, '14, traveling for the Tobacco Products Co., of Louisville, Ky.; also C. C. Taylor, '09, with the same company; Harry Schuyler, '13, and Dr. Ray Fisher, '95, at Wichita, Kan., and John Woodin, '13, Kansas City. Holland says that despite the war his business has jumped 40 per cent. this year.

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