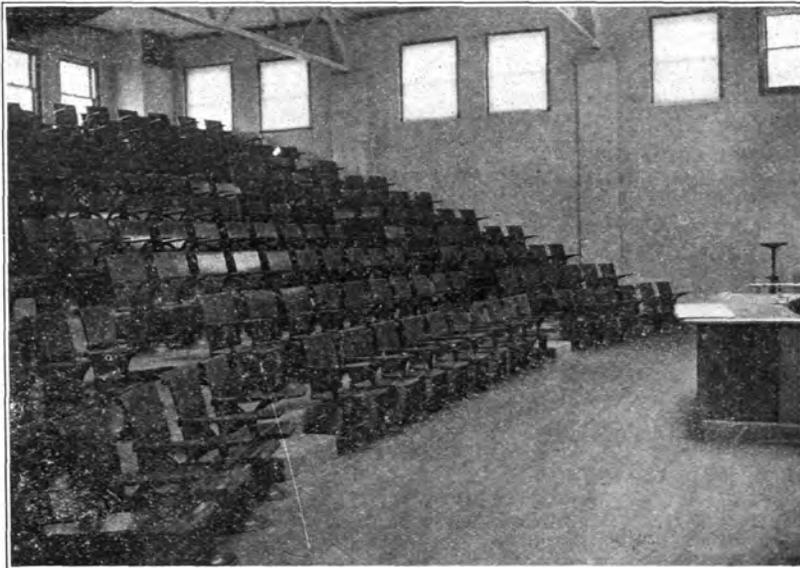


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"FARMERS' WEEK" NEXT WEEK.

One of the special features of Farmers' Week, which begins March 1st, will be the song and lecture recital, entitled "Songs That Live," by Mrs. Morgan, of New York City. She is a woman of strong and pleasing personality who has not only given much time to the cultivation of her voice, but in traveling into many countries to search out and study the songs that live. Those who heard her at Washington last fall are most enthusiastic in her praise, and it is certain that the audience will be interested in the entertaining way in which she presents her subject.

Another feature of the general evening programs will be the presentation, on Thursday night, of the comedy, "Captain Hackett," by the M. A. C. Dramatic Club, under the directorship of Prof. E. S. King. Other subjects of wide interest that will be treated in these general programs are "Eradication of Disease," by Dean Vaughn, of the University; "Good Roads," by Hon. P. T. Colgrove, of Hastings; "Convenient Kitchens," by Mrs. C. W. Foulk, Columbus, Ohio; "Foot and Mouth Disease," by Dr. Ward Giltner; "Boys' and Girls' Club Work in Michigan," by State Leader E. C. Lindemann. There will be music by the various college musical organizations which have been finding so much favor of late.

Some very instructive exhibits are being prepared in home economics, poultry methods, fruit marketing, farm and home engineering, crop insects, farm crops, and soils. A record attendance is confidently expected this year.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT GIVES DRILL IN FUNDAMENTALS.

On account of the very poor preparation that has been received in some lines by the students entering M. A. C., the English department has been forced to devote special time to instruction of the freshmen in grammar and spelling. Eighty freshmen have been found to be particularly poor in grammar, and hence extra work is given in this twice a week. In spelling, the standard was lower still, so that 100 have qualified for extra work in this once a week. The instructors are doing this work besides their regular routine, and get no extra pay. Thus they are trying to correct a fault originating lower in our system of education. This is,

no doubt, due to the fact that in the readjustment of courses which has taken place in late years, some of these fundamentals have received less emphasis, and according to Prof. Johnston, there is need of a revival, especially in the old-fashioned spelling school. That the attention of educators is being directed in this line is shown by the fact that just recently Battle Creek put in an old-fashioned course in spelling. Other schools are showing interest along this line.

C. B. Mitchell, coach of the debating team, will be pushing the eight men on the team to the limit from now until March 12th, when the debate will occur. The question for debate this year is, "Resolved, That the U. S. should augment its navy more rapidly than at present." It is understood by the three teams making up this Tri-State Debate, viz., Ames, Pudrue, and M. A. C., that the "at present" means two battleships a year and \$21,000,000 for auxiliary craft. The following is a list of eight men who have been working for some time on this question, and from which the six men to represent the two teams will be chosen and the alternate for each team: B. W. Bellinger, '18e; C. G. Nobles, '16a; L. S. Wells, '16a; H. H. Fuller, '16a; G. A. Newlon, '17a; A. L. Maire, '17a; H. A. Furlong, '18a. The teams will not be chosen until the last week in February. Our negative team goes to Ames, while our affirmative team meets Purdue here.

LANSING M. A. C. ASSOCIATION.

The M. A. C. Association of Lansing and vicinity will hold their annual meeting and banquet March 9, 6:15 p. m., in the Chamber of Commerce rooms. Former students, alumni, and immediate relatives are invited to attend. Over 250 invitations are being sent out, to a mailing list made up by F. S. Kedzie, Z. C. Goodell and C. S. Langdon, and a record attendance and exhibition of the M. A. C. spirit is looked for. The banquet will be served in true College style, following out the ideas of the committee, Florence Hall, Zella Kimmel, J. D. Tower. The program committee, W. O. Hedrick, C. B. Collingwood and F. D. Radford, have promised some good things in this line. Make yourself a committee of one to see that every M. A. C. man and woman of your acquaintance knows about this banquet. Hail, hail, the gang will all be there.

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PROGRESS IN LEGISLATIVE MATTERS.

As was fully expected, the bill that was introduced
into the legislature calling for a special appropria-
tion of \$150,000 for a gymnasium has not been, nor
is likely to be, reported out, but the word gymnasium
has been substituted for "auditorium" in the bill
asking for \$339,200 for a library and auditorium.

If any credence can be given to press notices, it
would seem now that if for any reason money for
both of these buildings is not forthcoming, the li-
brary would suffer. We can see no weighty argu-
ments why a gymnasium is needed more at M. A. C.
than a library. If there are any, we will be glad to
publish the views of any of the readers. In fact, we
take this stand in hopes that some comment may
be forthcoming on our attitude towards this ques-
tion.

To place the need for a gymnasium ahead of that
for a library would mean that M. A. C. stands for
athletics first and scholasticism last, a condition
which any thinking alumnus will not tolerate.

Following are some of the questions that come
to our mind and seem to pertain very closely to this
matter: With a new gymnasium, would a course in
gymnasium exercises be elected by the student body
at large? A library could be made to serve every
student, and every one could be induced to use it
(most graduates will acknowledge that a little more
work in the library while they were in school would
not have ended in physical breakdown). Admitting,
for discussion's sake, that a "gym" might be used
for an auditorium, would there be special care in
its construction to take account of the acoustic
properties? Would the athletes, using the gym,
agree to place seats and remove them at the occasion
of its use as an auditorium? We are not arguing
the question of a gym versus auditorium, but when
the need for the latter is so urgent it cannot help
but be mixed up in the discussion as to the relative

importance of the library and gym, especially when
the gym is to be used for an auditorium.

It is sincerely hoped that we may get some dis-
cussion on these points, and in that way know that
editorials are sometimes read and considered.

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NEWS AND COMMENT.

L. S. Fuller, '08, of the Fuller White Leghorn
Farm, East Lansing, addressed the class in poultry
last week.

President J. L. Snyder and Prof. W. H. French
will attend a national meeting of educators in Cin-
cinnati, Feb. 26th.

National traveling secretary of the Intercollegiate
Prohibition Association, Neil D. Cranmer, has organ-
ized a branch of this association at M. A. C.

J. W. Nicholson and I. K. Maystead, seniors, who
have specialized in corn judging, have been doing
some extension work for the College along this line.

The seniors held a hop in the Agricultural Hall
last Friday night. Saturday night the Forensics
used the same rooms for their annual midwinter
party.

Dr. Ward Giltner attended live stock meetings in
Chicago the early part of last week, and the latter
part of the week was spent in institute work in Sag-
inaw county.

The *Detroit News* last week contained a picture of
Roscoe Gilmore Stott, former instructor in English
at M. A. C., now at Richmond, Ky., and spoke of
Stott as the poet laureate of the South.

Dr. deZeeuw has assumed charge of affairs at the
botany department in the absence of Dr. Bessey. The
latest word from Lincoln was that Dr. Bessey, '69,
seemed to gain at times, and then the doctors would
give him up.

The rifle team has not lost a "shoot" this season
and yet are not in the lead. This is maintained by
Washington State. M. A. C. won from California
two weeks ago by 969 to 941, and last week from
Naval Academy by 971 to 965.

Washington's birthday was appropriately observed
Monday by vacation from school duties and a lecture
in the auditorium by Dr. Wishart, of Grand Rapids.
In the afternoon a party was held in the gymnasium
with the College band furnishing the music.

Several specimens of grasshoppers, of the name
chortophaga viridifasciata, var. *infuscata*, have been
found already this spring. Prof. Pettit, in comment-
ing upon the earliness of their "coming out," says
that he predicts good early fishing.

A special meeting of the Veterinary Association
was called last Friday to listen to Dr. H. P. Hoskins,
of the University of Minnesota. Part of Dr. Hos-
kins' mission here was the crystalization of senti-
ment for an honorary branch of the national veteri-
nary fraternity, Alpha Psi.

Dr. W. J. Beal has been ill for the past ten days
and is slowly recovering at the home of his daugh-
ter in Amherst, Mass. His illness has not been
thought serious enough to call home his son-in-law,
Ray Stannard Baker, who has been spending some
time in Virginia, investigating a new phase of the
Negro problem.

If any of the readers of the RECORD in East Lan-
sing have rooms that they will be able to give over
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Dean R. P. Lyman attended, in Chicago last week, meetings of the U. S. Live Stock Association, and of the Association of State and Provincial Veterinary Colleges. The Dean is secretary of the latter association. Chief among the points of discussion at the latter meetings were the standardization of requirements and the uniformity of work given.

C. H. Burgess, of the chemistry department, has given several talks before the poultry class. Mr. Burgess had much experience in poultry raising in the west before taking up his work at M. A. C. He was much interested in the Co-operative Egg Circle at Grand Junction, Col., and has been able to give the boys many good pointers on egg marketing.

Word has been sent to the various departments of the College that all expenses, not absolutely necessary, must be curtailed else the College will be in worse financial condition than last year. On this account nothing definite can be promised in regard to the publication of the alumni catalog. In fact not nearly all the necessary data has been collected and if we have not heard from you, drop us a line at once.

Last Friday night was "music night" at M. A. C., under the title of the "annual midwinter concert." It saw the initial public appearance of the Boy's Glee Club, the Girl's Double Quartette, and the M. A. C. Chorus. Much praise was heard of the work of the college orchestra also. Mr. Oscar Jackson appeared on the program and scored a decided hit. The chorus was assisted by Mrs. Rolland Baker, soprano; Mr. J. L. Morse, baritone, and Miss Mabel Loeffler accompanist. The excellent way in which the art of these various organizations was received makes plain that music is not a neglected feature at M. A. C. Much credit is due the conductors, Miss Louise Freyhofer, Fred Killeen, A. J. Clark and Bruce Hart-such.

President Harris, of Northwestern University, with simple language characteristic of a real man of letters, carried his point in his lecture last week before the students on "The Value of Useless Culture." The nicety of his arguments seem to win his listeners, almost without their being aware of it. M. A. C. needs more of such kind of lectures—almost as badly as she needs a place for such to be given in. The following are some of his somewhat epigrammatic sayings: "We must get over the notion that the world began when you and I were born." "Culture consists in having many live points." "Men, to be more cultured, must get into the world they are born in." "Do not confine yourself to professional reading."

The Alpha Zeta fraternity took in four juniors at the winter term initiation last week. They were: L. S. Wells, Townley; R. W. Lautner, Traverse City; G. I. Hobbs, Traverse City, and M. E. Bottomley, Charlotte. A summary of the graduates of Alpha Zeta since the formation of this chapter in December, 1902, shows a total of 101. Twenty-eight of these are farming, 31 are teaching (ranging from high school teachers for those of recent years to heads of departments in colleges for the earlier ones), four are on experiment station staffs, five are extension workers, seven are with the U. S. Department of Agriculture, six are in the U. S. Forest Service, three are in editorial work, twelve are in business, three are graduate students, and two have died.

The card of Cora L. Feldkamp, '05, in the next directory will read: Librarian, Office of Farm Management, U. S. Department of Agriculture. Home address, 1335 Twelfth St., N. W., Washington, D. C.



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ALUMNI NOTES.

C. B. Baker, '12f, is in the U. S. Forest Service, located at Kalispell, Mont., in the Blackfeet Forest.

O. M. Elliot, with '11, is with Mason I. Brown & Co., civil engineers and landscape gardeners, of Detroit.

A girl was born, Feb. 17th, to Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Bennett, of Mason. Mrs. Bennett was formerly Olive Graham, '09.

March 5th is the date for the banquet of the North-east Michigan M. A. C. Association. It will be held in Bay City.

O. W. Fairbanks, '09e, is teaching science and manual training in the township high school at Des Plaines, Ill. Coaching the basketball team is a sideline.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Dorland, of Houston, Texas, announce the birth of Geneva Dibrell Dorland on Feb. 10, 1915. Dorland, '07, is state inspector of orchards and nurseries.

C. H. Spencer, ex-'02, is at present assistant district engineer for the Interstate Commerce Commission, division of valuation, with residence at 6808 Sixth St., Takoma Park, D. C.

A. C. Mason, '13, with the Florida Experiment Station at Gainesville, writes that he and A. J. Strong, with '01, instructor in mechanical engineering in the University, constitute the M. A. C. Association there.

R. W. Blake, '90, U. S. Commissioner at Grass Range Montana, has written the dairy department to secure information relative to creamery organization. He is going to help boost a creamery for that new country.

Charles F. Herrmann, '97a, of Minneapolis, Minn., spent some time on the campus last week, getting acquainted with the new order of things. Mr. Herrmann said that his 13-year-old daughter is already planning on M. A. C. as her college.

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ATHLETICS.

The last home game in basketball was lost to the West Virginia Wesleyans last Thursday night by a score of 30 to 42. The regular line-up was out for M. A. C. except H. Miller, but still the boys seemed to be asleep all the first half and only woke up in time in the last half to find that they couldn't overcome the lead. The score at the end of the first half stood 27 to 6, with Riker, who was in for Hewitt, throwing the only counts. Blake Miller had to be taken out during the first half on account of his bum ankle. Frimodig took his place, with Peppard at center, but the combination did not work, so Hood went in for Blake and Frimodig took his old position again.

This game marks the fifth one lost in succession, and the boys are determined to win the only two remaining games, if possible, with the crippled team. The Ohio Northern game for last Saturday at the Armory was cancelled by the Ohio boys. M. A. C. plays Hope College at Holland this week Wednesday, and ends the season with the Detroit "Y" at Detroit on March 2.

Coach Macklin has started practice for baseball by warming up the battery recruits in the live stock pavilion. The principal job at present seems to be the development of some twirlers. Blake Miller, Patterson, and Weeder are on hand from last year's squad, but none show the form of Dodge, who graduated. LaFever is also a possibility. Captain Bibbins is doing considerable work in trying to round up some good material.

ALUMNI NOTES.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Gordon, of Muskegon, on Jan. 19, a girl, Mary Phyllis, weight seven and one-half pounds. Gordon graduated from the engineering department in 1906, and is now engineer with the Muskegon Motor Specialties Co.

Gates L. Stannard, of Phoenix, Ariz., incloses the following note when he sent in his contribution to the portrait fund: "Perhaps some of the alumni will be glad to know that S. P. will route tourists to the Exposition by way of Globe, from there to Phoenix via Roosevelt Dam by auto stage."

D. F. Fisher, '12, and Mrs. Fisher (Alida Dearborn, '12), made flying calls on M. A. C. people the early part of last week. They were on their way from Washington, D. C., to Wenatchee, Wash., where Fisher will continue work on fruit diseases. They do not expect to return east for two years.

L. R. Himmelberger, '12, has been doing research work in bacteriology for M. A. C. since graduation. The excellence of his work has attracted the attention of bacteriologists from the University of Kentucky, so that Himmelberger leaves M. A. C. March 1st and takes up the position of associate pathologist for the experiment station at the University of Kentucky, at Lexington.

H. R. Smith, '95, professor of animal husbandry at the University Farm, St. Paul, Minn., begins work March 1st as special lecturer and live stock specialist for the First National Bank of St. Paul, Minn. This promotion comes largely from the excellence of his recent book on "Feeds and Feeding." James J. Hill, who owns a controlling interest in this bank, secured 5,000 copies of this, and circulated them through the bank.

"M. A. C. graduates seem to be a scarce article in this section, but we have some who are good when it comes to loyalty. Philip Woodworth, with '07,

and "Uncle Billy's" real nephew, is a mining engineer in this city, and is the proud father of three children. Paulhamus, of about '92, who says he helped to put the science of fencing at M. A. C. 'on the blink, is doing some high grade technical work, along with John Dunford, '02, on the city's canal bridges. Smith, with '92, who tells of hunting possums in the good old days when he wasn't drawing pictures of Prof. Breckinridge in the class room, is a contractor in this city. Kennedy, with '97, has tired of working for others, and is going it for himself now. As he puts it, he played baseball when in college. For my part, I am assistant estimator in the city engineer's office, and find the work very pleasant."—
L. C. BRASS, 2310 First Ave., Seattle, Wash.

"On Tuesday evening, January 26th, the Alumni Association of Southern California was invited to spend a social evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Davis. Between 25 and 30 were present, many of them new faces we had not seen before. All report a jolly good time, and we hope there may be more of a similar kind. We went back to good old college days with many reminiscences and college songs.

"C. W. Garfield, '70, and wife are again with us for the winter. They are at the home of ex-Secretary H. G. Reynolds, '70, in Pasadena. Messrs. Garfield and Reynolds enjoy frequent tramps of several miles a day, and often prefer it to a spin in the automobile.

"R. E. Caryl, '14, wrote us recently for information regarding the Southern California M. A. C. Association. He is on the Sespe Ranch, Venture county, Cal., and has supervision of the Japanese lemon pickers. There are over 300 acres of lemons on the ranch.

"A. L. Waters, '90, is temporarily on the old Michigan homestead, at Spring Lake, owing to the sudden death of his father last December. As he is the only heir to the estate, it is left to him to settle up the affairs as best he can. At present he is trying his hand at running the farm, but we imagine he finds it a little awkward at times, after being a mining engineer and away from the farm for some 25 years. Mrs. Waters and the children are at their new home, 146 South Van Ness Ave., Los Angeles. We all hope he may soon be with us again.

"Guy Van Alstyn, with '96, has resigned as manager of the insurance department of the Auto Club of Southern California, and is at present in Salt Lake City, Utah, on a deal which he hopes may prove what it appears to be.

"G. C. DAVIS,
"Sec.-Treas. Southern California Assn."

ALUMNI LUNCHEONS.

Every Saturday noon the M. A. C. Association of Chicago has luncheon at the New Morrison Hotel, Clark and Madison Sts. Any M. A. C. men who happen to be in Chicago at this time will find some friends here and a hearty welcome.

Luncheon meetings of the Northern California Association are held the last Saturday in every month at the Hotel Sutter, San Francisco, Cal.

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ALUMNI NOTES.

F. L. Granger, '13, with the North American Fruit Exchange, has taken up work at Laredo, Texas, for that company.

O. W. Schleussner, '12, has recently accepted an appointment with the Office of Markets, Washington, D. C., at a handsome salary.

H. A. Haigh, '74, of Detroit, president of the general M. A. C. Association, is spending some time in Florida this winter, meanwhile keeping close "tab" on Association work.

Huntington Oliver Allen, weight seven and one-half pounds, arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Allen, Jackson, Mich., on February 15th. W. B. Allen graduated in 1907, and is now civil engineer with the Fargo Engineering Co.

R. C. Graham, '06, of Terry, S. Dak., sent in a mighty good suggestion from Chicago, where he attended the cement show. The suggestion was to the effect that a standing notice of the Chicago weekly luncheon be run in the Record.

According to a letter from Leon B. Gardner, '12, instructor of agriculture at Traverse City, there is much probability of an M. A. C. Association being formed in that locality in the near future. The number of M. A. C. people is not large, but loyal.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Kempster, of Columbus, Mo., on Feb. 6th, a seven pound daughter, Elizabeth Curtis Kempster. Kempster graduated with '09, and is now associate professor of poultry husbandry at the University of Missouri.

F. E. Skeels, '78, is still with Cobbs & Mitchell, of Cadillac, as surveyor and forest cruiser. He writes that he

has been snow-shoeing this winter over a considerable tract of timber in Cheboygan county, and laying out logging railroads which will connect with the G. R. & I. at Boyne Falls.

Word has been received from E. Van Alstine, '07, associate professor of chemistry at the University of Illinois, that L. R. Binding, '12, who has been with the University since he graduated from M. A. C., has accepted a position as agricultural chemist for the International Correspondence school, at Scranton, Pa.

"Prof. Herman W. Reynolds, professor of mechanical engineering at the University of the Philippines, Manila, (formerly assistant professor of M. E. at M. A. C.), and Mrs. Elvina Armstrong Reynolds, '03, visited us from Dec. 12 to 15, '14, taking in a fancy dress ball and the annual target practice of the coast artillery garrison. Prof. Reynolds has just taken up consulting engineering as a side line."—MARK L. IRELAND, '01, and IRMA THOMPSON IRELAND, '00, Fort Mills, Corregidor, P. I.

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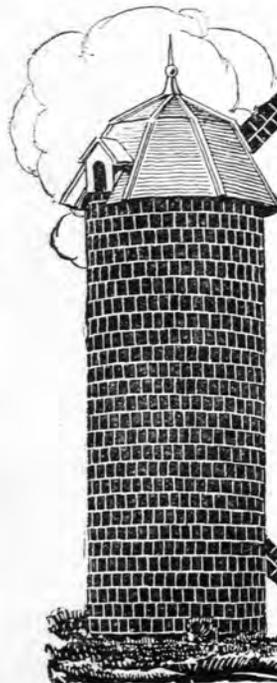
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