



The M.A.C. RECORD

STATE BOARD APPROVES PLANS FOR NEW ENGINEERING BUILDING AND SHOPS.

The most important action of the State Board of Agriculture in its meeting last week was to authorize the Secretary to have plans and specifications prepared for reconstructing the Engineering Building and for the erection of the shops, and to advertise for bids for the construction of the same. The main building is to be erected very similar to the one burned except that it will be fire proof and contain some minor changes. Plans for the shops, however, are considerably different from the ones destroyed. The proposed arrangement of these structures and place for future enlargement are admirably shown in a cut printed in this issue, gotten up by Dean Bissell.

A report by Dean Bissell in regard to the burning of the Engineering Building was read and approved. Regarding the reorganization of the work which had already taken place when he arrived from Chicago, ten hours after the fire, he said in his report: "This was a wonderful achievement and I wish here to record my sincere thanks and appreciation of the efforts made and the results

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M. A. C. LOSES DEBATE WITH PURDUE AND IOWA STATE.

M. A. C. upheld the affirmative of the debate with Iowa State in the College Armory last Friday night, but according to the decision of the judges, Pres. Waldo of Western State Normal, Prof. Cave of Hillsdale College, and Prof. Ray of Olivet, Iowa State won, 2 to 1. The question, "Resolved, that there be vested in the Federal Government the exclusive right to manufacture and sell arms and munitions of war," is not by any means an academic one and the arguments brought forth by the debaters were most instructive and interesting.

From the standpoint of the constructive argument by the M. A. C. team, which was made up of L. S. Wells of Adrian, H. H. Fuller of Hart, and C. C. Huebner of Detroit, little more could be desired or expected. Fuller and Wells, veterans of last year's team, were fine in both their constructive argument and rebuttal, while Huebner easily showed his right to qualify with these veterans. The Iowa team was made up of Miss Laura Seward, M. W. Emmel, and H. E. Rath. The two men were very strong debaters and Miss Seward, who was compelled at almost the last moment to substitute for G. E. Beck, read a very able paper which seemed to strengthen rather than weaken the negative.

The affirmative attempted to prove that the exclusive government right to manufacture and sell munitions of war would enable a more economical expenditure of government funds and would result in greatly improved national defense. It was also argued that this is naturally a government function. The arguments of the negative were that this matter is not a proper function of the government, that government manufacture would be impractical, and that it would be a poor business policy.

Before the debate began the M. A. C. band and the Glee Club appeared on the program and showed the visitors that some M. A. C. organizations are winners. Governor Ferris presided at the debate. In closing he said: "I am especially pleased with the temper of this debate, which is something

I cannot say about the debates I have been forced to enter in the last three years. I believe that the training which these men have received in collecting facts and presenting them in logical order is a most valuable one, and commend it to every one of you as one of the big things in the fitting of our men and women for citizens."

In the debate with Purdue, M. A. C.'s team, composed of H. M. King of Battle Creek, H. C. Rather of Elkton, and B. W. Bellinger of Battle Creek argued the negative side of the question, and were defeated, by a two to one decision.

TAU BETA PI INITIATES.

The Tau Beta Pi fraternity initiated six juniors as active members last week and made one of the engineering faculty an honorary member. The latter was M. M. Cory, assistant professor of electrical engineering, and the juniors were: K. B. Spaulding of Detroit, H. L. Campbell of Yale, W. D. Thompson of Port Huron, H. C. Stewart of Hillsdale, F. W. Openlander of Grand Ledge, and L. F. Levin of Sault Ste. Marie.

On Thursday evening active and honorary members to the number of 30 met at the Wildwood Tea Room for a banquet. After the banquet President Betts introduced Dean Bissell as toastmaster who called upon Mr. Fisher, Mr. Thompson, Mr. Cory and Mr. Musselman for speeches.

NORTHEAST MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION ANNUAL MEETING, MARCH 24.

On Friday evening, March 24th, the Canoe Club at Saginaw will be the scene of the annual banquet of the M. A. C. people in Saginaw valley. Prof. W. W. Johnston, head of the English Department at M. A. C., will be the official representative for the college and will bring an interesting message. The banquet is scheduled for 7:30, reception beginning at 7 o'clock. Earl P. Robinson, '07, secretary of this association, says as to the meeting: "Get with the M. A. C. bunch on the 24th and 'drive dull care away.'"

GLEE CLUB CONCERT AND DANCE FEATURE DETROIT ANNUAL MEETING.

Plans for the annual meeting and banquet of the Detroit M. A. C. Association are meeting with a good deal of interest, which bespeaks for the reunion this year one of the most successful in the history of the organization. The usual reception and banquet will be held this year at the Church of Our Father, Dr. F. S. Kedzie and the Glee Club from M. A. C. being the guests of the Association. Following the banquet the Glee Club will sing in McCollester Hall, which is in connection with the church, and after this there will be dancing for the young folks—this term including all M. A. C. people in Detroit. From the interest that is being taken it is believed the Detroit M. A. C. Club—which is the organization of Detroit students now at M. A. C.—will be very largely represented at the banquet.

FLINT ASSOCIATION TO MEET.

According to word from D. D. Stone, '15, plans are going forward rapidly for a meeting of the Flint M. A. C. Association on the evening of March 28, which is also the date that the Glee Club sings in Flint. The meeting will take place at the Congregational Church, one of the church organizations serving a supper. The concert will also be held at the church. Dr. F. S. Kedzie has announced that he will be on hand for the meeting and urges a full attendance of the M. A. C. people in Genesee county.

The Engineering Society has not ceased its weekly meetings on account of the fire. On the contrary the fire seems to have energized the society so that the last two meetings, held in the Chemical lecture room, have been the best ones of the year. A week ago Prof. Gehring of the Civil Engineering Department, elaborated on the subject, "Engineering and Philosophy." At the meeting last week Lieut. Longacker took up some of the military engineering phases of preparedness.

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COMMENCEMENT REUNION.

The class of 1916 is throwing itself with enthusiasm into the novel plans for Commencement this June and it is certain that the experiment will be given a thorough trial from this quarter. The point that we are interested in is how far the alumni are going to co-operate towards making this experiment a success. We have been receiving letters of approval from alumni who seem much in favor of the plan, and work should now be directed along the line of getting a large turnout for the reunion. The plan as finally adopted provides interesting events for the alumni all the time from Sunday, June 11th, until and inclusive of Wednesday night, June 14th. At the coming local reunions in Michigan this reunion should be one of the main topics of discussion and interest aroused for a big celebration.

The following classes are scheduled for reunion this June: '76, '77, '78, '79, '95, '96, '97, '98, and '14. It is believed also that 1906 is planning to celebrate, in reunion, its 10th anniversary of graduation. Are you in on any of the above reunions? If so, it's up to you to get busy. And if your class isn't regularly scheduled, come anyway. This is going to be the biggest Commencement in the history of M. A. C.

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The next Record will appear April 4th.

Two bulletins have just been issued for the Boys' and Girls' Club work in Michigan. One is on Poultry, by Prof. C. H. Burgess, and the other on Pig Raising, by Prof. G. A. Brown. These bulletins are gotten out in simple, forceful language, and are illustrated with many suggestive charts, pictures, and building plans. They will be of great value as aids in instructing the farm boys and girls in the science of these farm enterprises.

A RECOGNITION OF SERVICE.



The appointment of C. B. Cook, '88, to the position of assistant director of county agents in Michigan is one which will receive the approval of everyone who knows anything about the demands of the office and the qualifications of the man appointed. And there are few men interested in practical and scientific agriculture throughout the State who do not know C. B. Cook. In his farming operations at Owosso he long ago demonstrated his ability along the lines of scientific agriculture. For many years he has been a prominent institute lecturer in the State and has been "dubbed," in this service, by his associates and farmers as "an old war horse." For the last three years he has been working in Allegan county as county agent. He went into this work when it was in the experimental stages. Probably there has never been a man who took up this line and who was better fitted for it, and yet Cook, in his natural reticence, felt shaky at the knees and ill prepared for the exacting position. But he has made good with a vengeance, and his valuable experience will be of great assistance to him in this related work. It is understood that his time will be devoted largely to field work, in aiding the present county agents and pointing new counties for the work.

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accomplished by the President and other authorities, our colleagues in all departments of the college, and by the students. The real M. A. C. spirit conquered every obstacle and at this writing I can report that all work is going on profitably to all concerned, in spite of inconveniences here and there." Dean Bissell's report gave the inventor value of the engineering plant as being \$240,000, of which, in the foundry which did not burn and equipment saved, there remained \$31,200.

Several important actions were taken at the Board meeting relative to the Extension Division. The resignation of C. A. Tyler, as extension specialist in forestry was accepted. C. B. Cook was appointed as assistant to the state leader of county agents. A county agent was authorized for Van

Buren county, T. A. Farrand being appointed. Chester Spaulding was made assistant in Boys' Club work, beginning September 1. R. H. Ellsworth was appointed assistant field agent in marketing. The Extension Reading Course, formerly under the direction of the department of agricultural education, was transferred to the extension division. Director Baldwin, Dean White and Miss Raven were given permission to attend a conference of home economics extension workers in Chicago, April 11th to 12th.

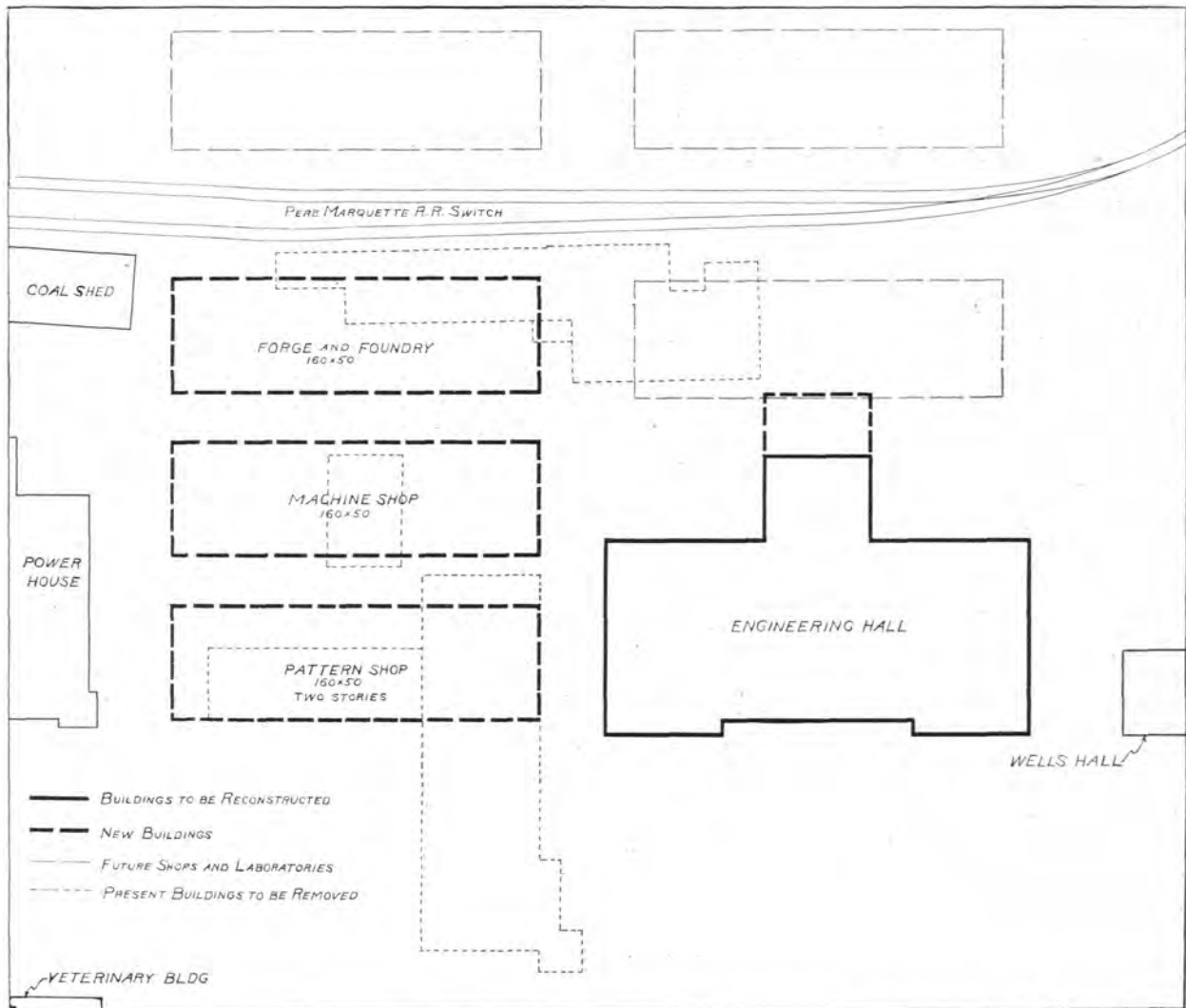
Dr. John I. Handley was appointed research assistant in bacteriology, appointment to take place September 1st. C. G. Nobles, a senior at present, was appointed to take charge of the work with nodule-forming bacteria September 1st. Dr. Hallman was requested to present to the Board at its next meeting a report showing the financial status of serum production under the conditions at the college, and his request for additions to the present plant were laid upon the table until such report is received.

The request of Prof. Johnston for authority to pay the expenses of the debating team to Purdue was granted. The proposition of the Michigan State Telephone Co. in regard to change in the Bell telephone service at the college was accepted. Fees for rural school teachers taking summer school work was set at \$2. A communication from Dr. W. O. Thompson of Ohio State, chairman of Association of Agricultural Colleges and Experiment Stations, in reference to the establishment of military training schools, was laid on the table. President Snyder was appointed a delegate to attend the inauguration ceremonies at Wooster College in May. The matter of right of way of the East Michigan Power Co. over certain college lands, was laid on the table pending the proposition of this company in reference to building an interurban station on college grounds.

It was resolved by the State Board of Agriculture that the State Grange, the Association of Farmers' Clubs, and the organization of Gleaners in Michigan be invited to co-operate with the Extension Division of M. A. C. in preparing and presenting to the next legislature a bill which would provide for the standardization of farm products by the establishment and naming of grades and the conditions under which such names can be used in marketing farm crops.

Mr. Cooledge, research man in milk bacteriology, gave a very interesting and instructive talk at the Dairy Seminar last Wednesday on "Milk and Cream Shows." He showed their value as a means of educating both consumer and producer as to the worth and cost of wholesome milk.

The rifle team notched the usual mark of 1,000 again last week.



This is the plan worked out for the immediate building operations in the Engineering Division, and also that for extension in the future. The contract will be let soon, and will call for completion by October 1st.

ALUMNUS FAVORS RE-FORMED SPELLING.

"M. A. C. RECORD:

"I wish to protest against the action of the Board of Agriculture in suppressing the reformed spelling recently adopted by the RECORD.

"I have never yet heard any real defense for the existing method of spelling the English language and there are very numerous arguments against it, chief of which, is that less than one person in one hundred ever learns to spell it correctly without a dictionary at the elbow. The time wasted in learning the absurdities of spelling our language could much more economically be spent acquiring more useful information. Some one must lead in such reforms and it might as well be the RECORD as any other paper. M. A. C. was a pioneer in the matter of placing the compound

microscope in the hands of the student and it has since become a universal custom.

"I notice considerable discussion concerning 'preparedness' in the RECORD. I have not so much objection to a reasonable amount of 'preparedness' as a principle. What I do object to is the agitation for a great army and terrific navy that will become junk before we have a chance to use it. Our diplomacy seems to have sufficed us for over a century, during which time the other great nations could have done things to us, but now that their terrible armaments and their credit are shot to pieces and the end not in sight, we are getting exceedingly worried that we shall have a scrap with some one. Any kind of navy we build now will rust and any soldiers we drill will have forgotten the meaning of their commands long before a European power will have recovered from the present shock. If we had had a

great army and navy at the outbreak of the war and a president with a chip on his shoulder we would have had plenty of opportunities for being drawn into the conflict. Because one man was killed and one nation refused to grant another nation the amount of time they thought they needed to adjust the matter, over ten million lives and tens of billions of money to say nothing of the untold misery in nearly every household is the cost to date and the end is problematical.

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NEWS AND COMMENT

Clara Waldron, '13, of Council Bluffs, Iowa; Hazel Warren, with '16, of Kalamazoo, and Amy Gumm, with '17, of Onaway, were back to M. A. C. for parties recently.

A financial report of the Hort. Show, made at the Hort. Club meeting last week showed a total expenditure of \$186 and a profit of \$2.10, the latter of which figures speaks volumes for the management of the affair.

Dean Lyman spoke before the Veterinary Medical Association Wednesday night on the topic, "The Work of the Veterinarian." He pointed out that there rests a great deal of responsibility upon the veterinarians for the control of infectious diseases in Michigan, a state having a sum of \$175,000,000 invested in three-quarter millions of animals. Election of officers for the spring term resulted in the following: President, H. J. Stafseth; vice president, C. S. Burgett; secretary, H. A. Weckler; treasurer, C. B. Olney.

Dr. John I. Handley, who was appointed research assistant in bacteriology at the last State Board meeting, will come to M. A. C. from North Carolina where he is acting as assistant and where he will also receive his master's degree in June. His veterinary degree was obtained at the Alabama Polytechnic Institute. His work at M. A. C. will be on contagious abortion—one of the most important and

pressing problems confronting live stock men in Michigan. M. A. C. is getting in on the ground floor in this work as only five other stations are doing work with the problem.

The parlors of the Woman's Building were filled to overflowing Tuesday evening by an audience who heard a fine musical treat in the program given by Miss Lyla Edgerton and Mr. Fred Killeen, who was accompanied by Miss Doris Rogers. Mr. Killeen presented a varied program beginning with the somber Recitative and Aria from Haendel's Jephtha and closing with the lighter numbers, Sweet Little Woman o' Mine, by Bartlett. The Vow by Bohm, and O for a Breath of the Moorland by Whepley. Miss Edgerton's selections were largely of brilliant type in which she is always pleasing.

C. W. Waid, extension specialist in potato culture, gave an illustrated lecture at the Hort. meeting last week on "Potatoes and Their Possibilities." He pointed out that in one experiment last year an acre of potatoes which was sprayed produced 136 bushels more potatoes than another under the same conditions without the spraying. This figure seems remarkable when it is known that the average yield of potatoes in Michigan is little over 100 bushels. Mr. Waid recommended that potato growers of the various localities get together on one or two varieties, instead of growing 25 different kinds as is sometimes the case. Then they could pool their product and sell in carlots.

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ALUMNI NOTES

'76.

W. L. Kelley (with) has recently purchased the farm where he was born at Lyons, Mich., making him one of the largest land owners in that section.

'82.

J. R. Shelton, of Topeka, Kan., spent two weeks in Lansing the first of this month looking after his real estate. He did not miss the opportunity of calling on friends at his Alma Mater.

'84.

E. C. Bank, of Berkeley, Cal., visited college friends at M. A. C. last week.

'85.

"Dear Friend RECORD:—I find my accounts are in arrears and I hope that I will not be taken off the list, so will send check which will give me news from the old school for a while longer. I am forming the habit of looking for the RECORD every week and when I find it on my table I read it through before removing my overcoat. I look for news from the old boys of the 1885 class and although they do not write for themselves some one has seen one or more and gives the account. This week's notice of Antisdale in Chicago, and Hoyt in Cleveland. To know that they are alive and able to banquet takes one back to those days of pleasure and work at M. A. C. May they all take the RECORD and pay up but not shut up.

"J. W. MATTHEWS,
"20 Park Ave., Detroit, Mich."

'92.

The present address of Charles M. Conner of this class is desired. Several years ago he was assistant commissioner of agriculture in the Philippines, but the information has been received that he is now farming somewhere in California.

'95.

Herman Freeman Lake, Jr., is editor and publisher of the Gunnison News-Champion, Gunnison, Col. Besides this he carries on a thriving business in book and job printing.

'07.

W. L. Hart (a) proprietor of Hart's McAllen Nurseries, McAllen, Texas, writes that he is getting along very nicely and is enlarging his plant extensively. He incloses a check for the RECORD for five years and on this account we excuse him. (Yes, it's five years in advance and not in arrears.)

'08.

Shelby E. Race (e) of the Lansing Company was at the college last week looking for a draftsman for that company.

'11.

Guy H. Smith writes that they have cut out the "Lahue" of the Smith-Lahue Co., commission merchants, De-

troit, and that the name is now Smith Poultry and Egg Co., Western Markets, Detroit.

J. Frank Campbell, now a very successful coach and teacher of manual training at Milwaukee, Wis., has been chosen to teach manual training in the summer school at M. A. C. and also supervise the athletics for summer school students.

H. C. Hilton (f), with the U. S. Forest Service at East Tawas, Mich., took a run out to the college last week while in attendance at the State Fire Protection Congress in Lansing. This meeting was called for the purpose of those interested in fire control, securing co-operation with the railroads along fire prevention lines. Agreement was reached as to proper fire screens used by locomotives along branch lines.

E. W. Steck (e) sends the following interesting bit from Port Arthur, Texas: "I never intended to wait so long before renewing but will try to make up for it by paying a year in advance. I certainly want that 'news sheet' from M. A. C. for I seem to be the only grad. down this way and need its company to keep me posted on current events. I am still with the Gulf Refining Co. and expect to 'hang on' a while longer."

'12.

A daughter, Elizabeth Arone, was born March 13th to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Jonas of Royal Oak.

'13.

W. A. McDonald (f) and Miss Hazel E. Wright of Syracuse, were quietly married at Syracuse, March 13th. The marriage came as a complete surprise to the friends of the popular couple. McDonald is at the head of the Forestry Extension Service of the College of Forestry at Syracuse University.

"Editor RECORD:

"I have just received the RECORD telling of the loss of the Engineering Building and shops and I am exceedingly sorry that such a loss has occurred, especially at a time when prospects for new buildings were so bright. One cannot help but admire the spirit in which the students displayed their loyalty to M. A. C. by making the best of a difficult situation, rather than taking advantage of it, as could easily be done. As I read the account I could not help but be rather appalled at the enormity of the loss, when I considered the amount of work and the records destroyed. It also brings back memories and associations which mean possibly more to me now than they did when I was a student. I believe it was Colridge who said, 'To meet, to know, to love, and then to part is the sad tale of many a human heart.' This in a way expresses my feelings relative to the associations I had while at M. A. C. I know everyone is going to buck the line hard, as usual, and if I can be of

any service, let me know. I am putting in about twelve or more hours a day, but I still have a little time left to boost some.

"E. A. YOKE."

(Efficiency Engineer with the Ohio Dairy Co., Toledo, Ohio.)

'14.

Abe M. Vatz (a) an all-around athlete in his college days, is now a merchant at 128 Clinton St., Johnstown, Pa.

J. Wade Weston (a), who has been acting as dean of the short courses at M. A. C. this winter is now at Escanaba, Mich., where he is working as upper peninsula extension specialist for the Extension Division.

"Editor M. A. C. RECORD:

"I read with regret of the burning of the Engineering Building and also with a good deal of pride in the spirit shown not only by the students of the Engineering Department but by all in the college in picking up the work and going ahead under such seeming difficulties. I am also glad that the rebuilding is to start so quickly.

"I am changing my address from Claremont, N. H., to Salt Lake City, Utah. Please have my RECORD sent care Sullivan Machinery Co., 704 Kearns Bldg., Salt Lake City. I am to work from that office from now on. I am to be under H. E. Moon who holds the dash-records at M. A. C. I am sure that when he sees what a lot of things the RECORD contains of interest to all alumni he will want it. I see with the deepest regret of the many of my classmates who have undertaken the fearful plunge of matrimony. The ravage of Dan Cupid is truly awful to behold.

"Yours sincerely,

"HERMAN H. ALLEN."

'15.

G. K. Fisher (f) who has been

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spending some time at the college, returned last Wednesday to his home at Interlochen, Mich.

E. L. Underwood (a) finished his duties as instructor in chemistry at M. A. C. with the close of the short course and is now a dairy and food inspector at Jackson with T. H. Broughton.

"Crow" Vandenburg (a), who is with the California Fruit Growers' Exchange, has been transferred from Chicago, Ill., to Cleveland, Ohio, and should now be addressed 566 Broadway, Cleveland, Ohio.

Miss Linda Louise Himmelein, of Saginaw, and Howard Patrick Henry, now with the Office of Markets at Washington, are to be married at the home of the bride's parents, Saginaw, on Saturday, March 25th. Miss Himmelein will be remembered as a recent instructor in domestic art at M. A. C. Mr. and Mrs. Henry expect to make their home in Minnesota this summer where Henry will be stationed for the government.

Early in December A. E. Cherry (v) gave up his practice at Dowling, Mich., to take a special appointment in the Quartermaster's Department, U. S. Army, at El Paso, Texas. Here he was urged to take the army veterinary examination, which he did, and passed, and immediately received an ex-

cellent civil service appointment in the Philippine service. He embarked for Manila, P. I., from San Francisco on the transport Sherman, March 6th.



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