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FARMER'S WEEK, MARCH 5-9.

The annual round-up of institutes and farmers' meeting throughout the state will be held this year the week of March 5. While the detailed schedule of the week has not been worked out, Prof. L. R. Taft, farmers' institute specialist, has announced enough of the program to make it of compelling interest for farmers and farmers' wives.

The general plan of the week will be as follows: Monday afternoon will be given over to farm crops and poultry, Tuesday to soils and crops, Wednesday to dairying, Thursday to animal husbandry, and Friday to horticulture. There will be a home-keepers' course which will run the entire week with a special women's congress on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons. A course in poultry husbandry will also run the entire week.

Professor A. R. Whitson of the soils department of the University of Wisconsin will be the special lecturer on soils topics. Professor Fisher of Purdue will lecture on crops, Professor A. G. Fuller of Wisconsin on animal husbandry, Professor W. H. Card of Connecticut on poultry, Professor S. A. Beach of Iowa State on horticulture, and Professor Isabel Bevier, head of the department of Household Science at the University of Illinois, on topics relating to the home.

Of the special evening entertainments the play, "Back to the Farm," which will be put on by the Dramatic Club, will perhaps be most popular. This is the play used with such great success in the extension work at the University of Minnesota. Samuel H. Ranck, Grand Rapids city librarian, will give an evening lecture on "Rural Library Extension." One evening will be devoted to an illustrated address on "Farm Life and the Children," by Chas. W. Farr, one of the country life directors of Cook county, Illinois. Professor Bevier will also give an evening address on "The Problem of the Farm Home." On Monday evening Gilbert McClurg, the celebrated lecturer who has appeared twice before at M. A. C., will give a moving picture lecture on "The Happy Farmer—An Invitation to the Soil."

During the week there will be held numerous conferences, the most im-

portant being those for County School Commissioners and those interested in standardizing the work now being done in the state in school and home gardening. These conferences will be addressed by such men as Chas. W. Farr of Chicago, Supt. Greeson of Grand Rapids, Dr. Burnham of Kalamazoo, Rev. E. E. Gunther of Somerset, Commissioners Searle of Mason, Tefft of Saginaw, and Ford of Big Rapids, Hon. Fred L. Keeler, R. J. Baldwin, E. C. Lindemann, F. S. Kedzie, and Dean White.

Various departments of the college will have special exhibits and demonstrations so that visitors can see what the College is doing. Chief of these will be in soils, crops, forestry, farm lighting, farm sewage disposal and water supply, judging demonstrations, and demonstrations in home economics and domestic art.

CENTRAL MICHIGAN ASSOCIATION WELCOMES DIRECTOR AND MRS. BREWER.

ALUMNI ARE GUESTS OF
W. K. PRUDDEN, '78.

Members of the faculty, M. A. C. alumni, former students, and friends in Central Michigan to the number of 240 gathered at the Prudden Auditorium, Lansing, last Saturday night in annual meeting. But it was more than just an annual meeting, it was a love feast in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, who had made the trip from Columbia, Missouri, for the occasion.

That the annual meeting was a success goes without question. Contributing to this were the informality, cordiality, and genuineness of the M. A. C. spirit which prevailed as never before. But perhaps the greatest factor of all in the success of the occasion was the splendid hospitality of W. K. Prudden, '78, in turning over to the alumni the keys of the auditorium which bears his name. The main auditorium floor was used for dancing and this, with the spacious and comfortable dining hall in connection, made the place the best that has ever been found for this annual gathering.

To make the reception for Mr. and Mrs. Brewer a general one, guests

were invited from various alumni associations and from athletic teams at M. A. C. under Brewer's regime. Many regrets were received but there were present Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Robinson, '98, of Detroit; E. W. Ranney, '00, of Greenville; Gerald Allen, '09, of Detroit, and Jim Fisk, '06, of Northville. Telegrams were read from "Pete" Woodworth, '86, of Chicago; A. E. Rigtterink, '08, of Holland; H. I. Glazier, '07, of Chicago; E. W. Baldwin, '11, of St. Louis, and J. W. Beaumont, '82, of Detroit.

While the guests were assembling the clarion notes of the bugle, played by Sergeant Black of the M. A. C. Bugle Corps, brought to the assembly memories of military drill on the campus, and, in connection with the present national crisis, reminded a few of the days when M. A. C. boys marched off to join the colors.

C. B. Collingwood, '85, retiring president of the Lansing Association, in his remarks before introducing the toastmaster, called attention to some of the problems M. A. C. is facing. One of these he pointed out is the difficulty of keeping good instructors on account of low salaries. He said that men like L. H. Bailey might just as well have been kept at M. A. C. and that there were others who would be lost if the College were not put in a position to meet the requirements.

In the introduction of "Pete" Bancroft, '12, as master of ceremonies, President Collingwood said that the choice was made after a thorough canvas of the list of possibilities in which "Pete" stood out head and shoulders above the rest. Bancroft, always eloquent, rose to dizzy heights in handling the program and fully justified the action of the committee in placing him in charge.

Dr. J. L. Snyder, the first speaker on the program, was unable to be present, but he sent a masterful letter, read by Mr. Prudden, in which he told how he "discovered" Brewer in the first place.

M. A. C. co-eds were very ably represented on the program by Helen Eselstyn Wood, '09, who, according to the toastmaster, was forced to accept a position on the program after her husband had assured the committee that his wife did the talking for the

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CONCERNING DEMANDS ON THE DEPRECIATING DOLLAR.

Should the alumni limit their influence to the securing of only the brightest high school pupils for students at M. A. C.? Or, in other words, should M. A. C. strive essentially for quality of graduates rather than quantity? Is it compatible with commonly accepted ideas of democracy for an institution such as ours to so administer its work that there will be no place for the weak student?

The answer to these questions is coming to be thought of by educators as one to be pondered. It is held that there are present in our colleges today a large number of students who are a drag on the work, who cannot or will not profit by the expenditure of time and money they and the state are forced to use and who would be better out of college.

These questions come up especially at this time on account of the depreciating dollar which colleges have to spend. In order to maintain at any degree of efficiency the work in progress now, incomes of institutions must be greatly increased, and larger fields of endeavor, the like of which M. A. C. is taking up constantly, will demand still greater revenues. The increasing of student fees to take care of increased cost will not settle the matter. By this means the premium is put upon wealth rather than ability, and there is nothing to show that the best students have the most money, rather is the contrary true.

According to Professor H. J. Davenport of Cornell University, who expressed his opinion in a recent address on "The Depreciating Dollar and University Policy," educational institutions "must decline to lavish their resources on students who, by lack of ability or industry or interest, are not qualified for the educational process. The right of an education must be made conditional on the hunger for it. The bright man is discouraged at the barren routine of courses adapted to students who have neither the capacity nor the disposition to learn. The policy must be abandoned that awards tumult and acclaim to pretty

nearly anything but scholarship. The minimum requirement should be the accomplishment of average ability working at a high rate of industry."

Speaking on the same question, President Schurman of Cornell said, "Standards both of interest and accomplishment should be raised to the end of making the university a place of severe and strenuous intellectual effort—no one permitted to enjoy the privileges of the university except those who are glad—not merely willing, but glad—to meet the conditions imposed. * * *

This question affects M. A. C. as much as any other institution. In the light of your experience what looks like a proper treatment of the subject? * * *

STUDENT SOCIAL ORGANIZATION.

A movement has recently taken place among the students at Princeton University in the direction of a solution of a problem peculiar to American colleges—the problem of social organizations within the student body.

The situation at Princeton is this: Social organizations are known as clubs. Students are not elected until their sophomore year. Statistics show that all but about fifteen per cent. of the students belong to clubs. This fifteen per cent. feels humiliated, that it has been marked as "undesirable." The trouble last fall started with the refusal of a group of sophomores to accept election in any club. Many of these sophomores are leaders in the University and were at the head of the list of eligibles. One of them is Richard Cleveland, son of the late President Cleveland. In a statement regarding the action of the group he said: "Any elective social system is opposed to the highest life in a college community. The men who need social intercourse most are the ones barred. When men train for life with their backs turned to social paupers their interest in after life turns to the unfortunate with much resistance from hinges rusty with lack of use. The remedy is a university club where all classes shall eat and which will be their social center."

It is interesting to note that the action of this group at Princeton received the approval of several prominent seniors, members of the clubs, and President Hibben.

If present conditions continue there will probably never be such a revolt against the social organizations at M. A. C. With the twenty-four literary societies enrolling but about half of the student body, there is no small group of students that can be pointed to as undesirables. Here is where M. A. C.'s democratic spirit stands out. Society men and non-society men are thrown together in a social way considerably. Without a doubt, however, there are students who feel that they

are undesirable and we do not say that snobbery is never practiced at M. A. C.

Notwithstanding the fact that conditions might be worse, we believe that the proposed M. A. C. Union will be a step in advance in the social organization at this college. We hope that it will be so organized that there will be no bars put up on account of finances or social amenities.

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PRESS CENSORSHIP.

The matter of censoring the copy which goes out to the papers of the state has been brought up several times at the College in the past few weeks. At the present time ordinary class room lectures are looked upon as free copy when any press representatives feel like using them. And they are used frequently without the consent of the instructor.

One instructor points out, and one by the way who has not been offended by any press notices that he has received, that a class room is a sacred institution where what happens is a closed book to the outside world, unless those most closely concerned, the instructor and students, agree that it should be given out. This, it is pointed out, would not stifle free speech of the instructors and would guard against wrong interpretations which are sometimes read into press notices of an instructor or institution.

We have no solution to offer at this time. Doubtless there are two sides to this question and it is possible that injustices have been done in the past. In this connection it is interesting to note the method which Woodrow Wilson is said to have used when he was teaching economics and theories of government at Princeton. He locked the doors at the beginning of the class period and made his students feel that what passed between them during the class was personal.

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ARE THERE ANY OTHERS?

The editor believes that there are others in the class from which Harry J. Westcott has just graduated, and wonders if there is not some method by which the rest may be railroaded through to "Commencement." This class is defined (also the method of graduation) by this letter which Westcott writes, from 345 Lafayette Ave., Passaic, N. J.: "I frequently meet E. H. Sedgwick, '97, and he invariably hands me a copy of the Record, whereupon I ask myself, 'Why don't I send along my subscription and get this campus breeze regularly?' Met him at lodge last night and have propounded that question to myself for the last time. The enclosed dollar is the answer."

Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Brewer were entertained at the home of Prof. and Mrs. Gunson last week.

DR. SNYDER TELLS HOW HE DISCOVERED BREWER.

EXTRACTS FROM A LETTER READ AT THE LANSING BANQUET.

Dear President Kedzie:

I take this opportunity of congratulating you again on securing the services of Mr. Brewer and I may add also the services of Mrs. Brewer, as she will be a valuable acquisition to the College community. * * * Every body knows how college athletics should be run. They are even more free to criticise the coach than they are to criticise the president, and that is saying a good deal.

The College is now about to enter upon a period of physical training for all the students and the very best of athletic development. * * *

I remember well the first time I saw Mr. Brewer. I had recently brought to the College a man from the East whom I had known previously as a very successful football coach. He had, as we all thought, our team in trim condition. The first game of the season was played with Albion on the race track, (Radford, '01, will remember it.) Well, it could scarcely be called a game. Albion had it all her own way, greatly to the disgust of our students. They criticised our new coach and charged Albion with having "ringers," professionals, and all sorts of criminals on their team. I had a suspicion that I knew where the trouble lay. I felt pretty certain that a chubby-faced, boyish-looking young fellow sitting quietly on the end of the Albion bench was responsible for our trouble. You would not have suspected from the innocent look on the face of the young Albion coach that he was the responsible party. He seemed to really feel sorry for us and I think he did. But I decided right there and then to keep my eye on that young man. At the end of two years I was satisfied that I had his measure correctly, but on account of the very bitter feeling existing between the students of M. A. C. and Albion—a condition for which the young coach was in no way responsible—I hesitated to call him to this College. A little later, however, the way opened, and after having the assurance from certain members of the Albion faculty that he was a young man of the very highest qualities of character as well as an excellent coach—a fact of which we already had abundant evidence—I opened negotiations with him and he and his vivacious, girlish wife visited the College and decided to take charge of the athletic department. The students soon forgot that he came from Albion and he won at once their confidence and support. They never wavered in their loyalty to him for a moment. If we had a bad year, as all teams must have, you never heard

Guest of Honor at Lansing Banquet



LATEST PICTURE OF
C. L. BREWER

any one lay the blame on Mr. Brewer. How from year to year our athletic department under Mr. Brewer became stronger until it was able to compete successfully with the teams of our larger universities is a matter of history and does not need to be repeated here.

Mr. Brewer entered into the life of the College. He played on the faculty ball team against the seniors, but it was no fault of his that Dr. Hedrick should try to stop with his nose the ball which he threw to him at first base. Mr. Brewer was much larger than his department. He always worked for the College and the welfare of the students.

The time came, however, when he was called to a larger field. We could at that time offer him no inducements to remain with us except a small increase in salary. Our new gymnasium

and larger opportunities were how far no one knew in the future. We therefore very reluctantly said good-bye and thus endeth the first chapter.

The second chapter will open when Mr. Brewer takes charge next fall. That it will be brighter and even more glorious than the first is our earnest wish and confident expectation.

J. L. SNYDER.

1918 JUNIOR HOP.

Another "J" Hop is history. And it was "the best ever." It occurred last Friday and Saturday from the hours of 5 p. m. to 3 a. m., at the Lansing Masonic Temple, 150 couples taking part. The banquet, which started shortly after 7 o'clock, was preceded by the reception, and dancing.

The banquet was a five-course affair



W. K. PRUDDEN, '78.

Mr. Prudden is president of the General M. A. C. Association. He was host to the alumni of Central Michigan at the Prudden Auditorium, Saturday, February 10.

during which Fisher's orchestra of Ann Arbor and Finzel's of Detroit, with the Achi Hawaiian duo, furnished the music. Solos were sung by Joseph Barrett of Detroit, who was forced to respond to encore after encore.

Toasts followed with Burdette W. Bellinger of Battle Creek presiding as toastmaster: "The Caste," by Willard M. Coulter of Grand Rapids; "The

Dress Rehearsal," by Miss Margaret Johnston of Middleville; "The Opening Night," by Milton F. Beauchamp of Port Huron; "The Climax," by Miss Fern Ferris of Allegan; "The End of the Play," by Harry K. Wrench of Milwaukee, and "The Newspaper Reports," by Burton F. Daugherty of Holly.

The grand march was led by President Daugherty and Miss Naomi Pope

of Chicago, followed by the vice president, Miss Vera Foster of Haslett and Dwight Cavanagh of Cadillac. Patrons: President and Mrs. Kedzie, Secretary and Mrs. A. M. Brown, Dean White, Miss Elida Yakeley. Guests of honor were Director and Mrs. C. L. Brewer, Governor and Mrs. Sleeper, other class presidents, and captains of the various athletic teams.

NEW YORK MEETING.

Recent word from Donald Stroh, '15, is to the effect that as a result of a "humdinger" of a preliminary meeting just held in New York City, it has been decided to call the M. A. C. people of that vicinity together for an organization meeting on Feb. 24. Mrs. Landon, college librarian, who will be in the East, in attendance at the Washington meeting on Feb. 21, and the Philadelphia meeting on Feb. 23, will be present at the New York meeting, and it is possible that W. K. Prudden, '78, president of the M. A. C. Association, will be on hand also.

FOOTBALL SCHEDULE CHANGED AGAIN.

At a meeting of the Athletic Board of Control Monday night another change in the 1917 football schedule was announced. The Nov. 3rd date, which was to be filled with the U. of S. D. at East Lansing, will be contracted with Kalamazoo Normal. The faculty of South Dakota would not permit their team making the trip to East Lansing. It is understood that several big teams wanted to fill this date on the Aggies' schedule, Oregon Aggies being one of those to press the engagement.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS ARE MADE STIFFER.

From now on all students who enter M. A. C. on examination will be required to pass 15 credits off in this manner. Heretofore those applicants for admission to the courses in agriculture, home economics, forestry, and veterinary science were required to pass examinations only in algebra, English, physics, and geometry. Applicants for the engineering course had to take an exam in physics in addition. According to the new ruling, which was passed at the faculty meeting last week, candidates for admission from high schools not accredited will have to take exams in enough additional subjects to make a total of 15 credits. This step, the committee feels, is in the direction of higher scholarship for freshmen.

'08.

F. J. Nichols, a, is in the claim department of the Reo Motor Car Co., Lansing.

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family. She was followed by Professor C. B. Mitchell of the English department who gave several well-received readings.

E. C. Lindemann, '11, spoke briefly of the things which he found, through his constant travel in the state, the people of this commonwealth expect of M. A. C. In his tribute to the new athletic director he said that he did not expect Brewer's teams would always win, but win or lose, it would always be by true sportsmanship. He closed with an original poem written in praise of Brewer.

Ranney, '00, of Greenville, an exponent of the fighting spirit of football teams in "the early days," expressed the pleasure which all alumni feel in having Brewer at the helm of M. A. C.'s athletics again. President Kedzie gave his approval to Lindemann's suggestion of a wider extension program for the college, and, in the matter of securing Director Brewer, he gave much credit to the demands and co-operation of the alumni.

W. K. Prudden was called upon for a few remarks and he spoke of the pleasure he experienced in having the alumni meet in the Auditorium. He also told of the dramatic incident in the 1910 game with Notre Dame when defeat seemed imminent but was turned into a victory by the influence of one of the players who said, "We must do it; do it for Brewer's sake!"

Mr. Brewer was called upon to close the speaking program. Deeply moved by what had gone before, and with transcendent modesty he was able to proceed but slowly. He said he realized that there was a great work at M. A. C. and that he hoped to carry out his program with the earnest support of the alumni, but with no clash of cymbals in the way of publicity. The assembly adjourned to the dance room after "Pete" engineered "nine rahs for Mr. and Mrs. Brewer."

During the banquet the alumni were entertained by the fine singing of the college quartet and occasional bursts of class yells. In the latter accomplishment Mark Smith, C. B. Collingwood, J. D. Towar, and Harris Thomas easily took the palm with their "Skin 'em Alive, Skin 'em Alive, '85, '85, Rah, Rah, Rah!"

Officers for the coming year were elected as follows: President, Z. C. Goodell, '11; vice president, Florence Hall, '09; secretary-treasurer, Arthur Lyons, '00; members of executive committee, W. S. Cumming, '13, and Claribel Pratt, '16; representative to the executive committee of the general association, W. O. Hedrick, '91.

Too MINOR TO MENTION.

Judge Collingwood said he had pre-

pared an hour and a half's speech and dared the crowd to invite him to give it—the crowd demurred. But the Record is brave, Judge, shoot ahead.

For the first time in—well, the memory of the alumni secretary runneth not to the contrary, Florence Hall forgot to pay her annual Record subscription. We'll excuse you, Miss Hall, for we know that with "Zeke" Goodell as president the vice president will have some job this coming year.

Less than 10 per cent of the total number present at the banquet are not "contributing" readers of the Record. Which speaks volumes for the judgment of the 90 per cent.

The East Lansing folk turned out nobly. We begin to believe in the surpassing optimism of the "underpaid professor."

No, "those present" don't get in this time. They were "too numerous to mention."

WASHINGTON MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Washington Alumni Association will be held Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, in rooms located at 611, 12th St., N. W.

The gathering is to be a very informal affair, and some pleasant surprises are in store for all. There will be an opportunity to dance, the old-fashioned waltz and two-step to have a prominent place on the dance programs.

Mrs. Linda E. Landon, the Librarian, is to be the representative from the College.

Washington members are all expected to be present, and any out-of-town alumni who can plan to be in Washington at that date are cordially invited. CORA L. FELDKAMP, '05.

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AGGIES QUINTET STILL HAS CLEAR SLATE.

By defeating the Detroit Y. M. C. A. a week ago Saturday night by a score of 33 to 26, Ohio Northern, Thursday, 52 to 9, and Wabash, Saturday, 20 to 19, the M. A. C. basketball squad has been able to keep the slate clear to date. This makes a total of nine straight victories.

The game with Detroit "Y" was a much more evenly matched one than the score seems to indicate. M. A. C.'s victory was largely due to Vevia's unerring eye and arm in shooting baskets and Jack Mazer's inability to count the fouls which came his way.

As the score indicates, the game with Ohio Northern was uninteresting. Peppard ran up a total of fourteen baskets. Three fouls and three baskets from the field were all that the Ohio boys could put across.

The real test of the season came last Saturday night when the team from Wabash College was met. The boys from Crawfordsville have the reputation of being the best college quintet in the country. But their measure was taken on the armory floor.

Stonebreaker, the much touted center, was unable to do a thing (comparatively) with Frimodig guarding him. At that he shot most of the baskets for Wabash. Peppard, at center for M. A. C., got the jump on the giant Hoosier almost every time.

At the end of three minutes of play Wabash led by six points. The first half ended 8 to 7 in their favor. But through team work the Aggies were able to draw away the first part of the second half and scored a lead which could not be overcome.

WAR CORRESPONDENT LECTURES.

"The Battle of the Somme was merely a training school for what is to come this summer," declared Frederick Palmer, noted American war correspondent, in a lecture before the student body last Tuesday evening. In Palmer's opinion the offensive for which the allies are now preparing will end the war.

The Armory was filled to capacity long before the lecture began, many people coming out from Lansing to take advantage of the opportunity to get some authentic information on the great war. Before showing the slides and motion pictures Mr. Palmer told graphically of several interesting episodes of his European sojourn. One of these was an aeroplane trip across the English Channel. He described most vividly the curtain of fire which is always used before an attack.

M. A. C. lost all three games to Illinois in the first intercollegiate bowling contest last week.

NEWS AND COMMENT

The annual banquet of the Engineering Society has been set for March 6.

Dr. Bessey will give his lantern slide lecture on Turkistan at the meeting of the Farmers' Club next Tuesday evening.

F. A. Nagler, '14, and Miss Ruth Wagner, '16, were speakers at the Union meeting in the Chapel last Sunday evening.

A daughter, Maud Marie, was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. F. Woodcock on January 29. Mr. Woodcock is an instructor in botany.

B. A. Faunce, assistant to the president, will visit high schools at Fremont, Manistee, Traverse City and Elk Rapids this week, giving a lantern slide lecture on M. A. C.

Mr. E. C. Lindemann, '11, Anna Cowles, '15, and C. A. Spaulding, '14, will attend the first annual conference of boys' and girls' club workers at Ames, Iowa, this week.

The House and Senate committees on M. A. C. visited the College again last week. They were entertained at luncheon in the private dining room at the Woman's building.

W. E. Reuling, assistant professor of mechanical engineering, talks at the meeting of the engineering society this week on the subject of gas engines. Mr. Reuling was formerly with the Fairbanks-Morse Co.

Mr. E. C. Lindemann, state leader of boys' and girls' club work, has been asked to present the Michigan plan of home and school gardens at the meeting of the garden section of the N. E. A. at Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 28.

Alumni visitors the past week were: N. S. Mayo, '88, Chicago; Wm. L. Davidson, '13, Milwaukee; Hewitt Miller, '16, Colorado; Blake Miller, '16, Mt. Pleasant; "Dutch" Oviatt, '16, Bay City; Vera Gruner, '16, Coldwater; Jerry DaPrato, '16, Detroit.

Mr. W. N. Clark, instructor in animal husbandry, has resigned to take up the work as manager of a dairy farm near Chicago. The enterprise is a new one and part of his work will be the building up of a Guernsey herd. His resignation is to take effect about the middle of March.

SEM BOT ELECTIONS.

The following eight candidates successfully passed the examination for the Sem Bot, the honorary botanical society, last week: D. Atanasoff, '19,

Gramada, Bulgaria; H. C. Diehl, '18, New Haven, Conn.; J. E. Kotila, '18, Hancock, Mich.; R. G. Voorhorst, p. g., East Lansing, Mich.; J. Godkin, p. g., Shelton, Conn.; G. W. Putnam, p. g., Kansas.

BOTANICAL JOURNAL CLUB.

Graduate students in Botany, together with members of the botany teaching staff have a Botanical Journal club, which meets every Friday afternoon at 4:30. This club was organized last fall and has for its purpose the discussion of current botanical literature and also the study of the work of the early botanists.

HORT. MEETING.

Alan R. Starr, '14, of Grass Lake, told the members of the Hort. Club last week of the methods of handling fruit on the Detroit markets. Starr is now with his brother on the big seed farm at Grass Lake but was formerly connected with the California Fruit Exchange in Detroit, so his thorough-going discussion was from very practical and first-hand experience and was greatly appreciated.

REGARDING MEMBERSHIP ON THE STATE BOARD OF AGRICULTURE.

A proposed amendment to the constitution of Michigan to the effect that four of the six members of the state board of agriculture be practical farmers has been "asphyxiated," so the press comment says. This measure was fathered by the executive committee of the state grange. Members of the legislature do not believe it consistent, according to the State Journal, for the grange to ask that practical farmers have a majority vote on the board of agriculture when the master of the state grange is not a practical agriculturist, but is engaged in the garage business.

DEBATORS WORKING HARD.

The Varsity Debating squad, which meets Purdue and Iowa State on April 20, has the question analyzed and briefs prepared. Thus they are a month in advance of previous years, which will give much more time for polishing work. Coach Mitchell reports that he has a fine lot of workers and is certain that they will be a credit to M. A. C.

The date for the tri-college debate, which has been arranged between Kalamazoo, Albion and M. A. C. for the freshmen of these institutions, has been set for April 13. Two have already been chosen to represent M. A. C., and try-outs will be held soon for the other two.

ABORTION WORK RECOGNIZED.

Dr. Ward Giltner of the Bacteriology department has been made chairman of a new standing committee of the United States Live Stock Sanitary

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Association on infectious abortion. This is a fine recognition of the work on this disease which is being done in this state. Michigan leads the states of the union in the amount of work done and, according to experts at Washington, the investigations are along the right lines. On February 28 Dr. Giltner talks on infectious abortion at the first annual conference of the veterinarians of the state of Indiana, at Purdue University.

RIFLE CLUB SCORES 954.

The rifle team scored a total of 954 points last week. Berridge, who shot a perfect score the week before, dropped down to fourth place with a total of 190. Pennington led with 193. The others of the first five were Shane 192, Harmon 191, and Kean 188.

The Military department has just learned that M. A. C. took second place in the first shoot. Washington State led with the remarkable score of 987. M. A. C.'s score was 941, the next nearest score was 920. As was expected U. of M. is shooting in class A this year. In the first shoot they totaled 791.

THE STATE MARKET DISCUSSION.

Considerable discussion has appeared in the state papers of late as to the proper work of the state office of markets. Certain organizations of farmers want the market man to be a state commission man. It is pointed out that under the present conditions, however, the law calls for the office simply to investigate prices and assist and advise in organization of marketing associations.

The committee of the state board of agriculture on this subject which met recently with officials of the College decided that they will favor a continuation of the work in its present trend, which is merely that of education, and which they believe is as far as an educational institution ought to go.

NEW GIRLS' SOCIETY.

The Sphinx, a new girls' society which has been in process of formation since last spring and which was recently recognized by the faculty, is organized along different lines than any other in college. It is made up of upper class women taken from each girls' society and also from the independents, and it aims to take up any problems which might present themselves for solution during the college year. In a way it is an attempt to break down the rigid society lines and make for greater democracy among the girls.

Sergeant P. J. Cross of the M. A. C. cadet corps suffered an attack of heart trouble early last week. When last heard from he was resting easily, but it will probably be a long time before he gets back to work.

ALUMNI NOTES

'81.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Smith of Olean, N. Y., announce the marriage of their daughter, Amy Dorothy, to Mr. Gerald F. Sibley on February 3.

'88.

In the January number of *Better Fruit*, the monthly organ of The Northwest Fruit Growers' Association published at Hood River, Oregon, the work of Director A. B. Cordley of the Oregon Experiment Station, is written of in the highest terms. He is credited with finding a process for controlling and eradicating anthracnose of apple trees, which has made rapid havoc with the orchards of that state, also a special treatment of apple scab. In the same number of *Better Fruit*, Victor R. Gardner, '05, professor of pomology at O. A. C., has an article on "Influence of Pruning of Fruit-Spur System of Apple."

'90.

A. L. Waters has finished mine examination work near Globe, Arizona, and gone to the Dripping Springs Range northeast of Kelvin, Arizona, on similar work.

'98.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred L. Woodworth live at 529 W. Ionia St., Lansing. Mr. Woodworth is the newly appointed State Dairy and Food Commissioner. Jeneatte Coryell Wheeler is living at 3219 Tularosa St., El Paso, Texas. Her husband, Captain Mark Wheeler, has just been ordered to the Big Bend country.

'01.

V. M. Shoesmith, head of the Farm Crops department, reports that on a recent trip through central Michigan he met Sidney A. Rochester, '97-'98, who is now a conductor on the P. M. R. R. He lives at Ionia.

'02.

Lyman Carrier, agronomist of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, is the author of a recent bulletin dealing with the identification of grasses and small grain seedlings by their vegetative characters. It is said that many of our common grasses may be identified just as positively, and far more easily, by their leaves and other vegetative characters as they can by their flowering parts.

'03.

Frank C. Rork, e, is engineer with the Consolidated Arizona Smelting Company at Humboldt, Arizona.

H. Ray Kingsley writes from Chicago, where he is back at his old position with Graham, Burnham & Co., architects, that the recent article in the Record on his service with the Ambulance Corps in France was "like most newspaper articles," more or less contorted, but he "did enlist and

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'04.

L. O. Hess, who spent two years with this class, is in the contracting business in Chicago, with residence at 6227 Blackstone Ave.

'05.

R. S. Newton, e, superintendent of the city water and electric light department of Mason, was on the campus last week for consultation on engineering problems with members of the Engineering department.

'10.

Chas. A. Lemmon, e, wholesale salesman for the Studebaker Corporation, has recently been transferred from Meadville, Pa., to Elmira, N. Y. His residence is 708½ College Ave.

'12.

A daughter, Elizabeth, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Earl Webb, at Gary, Ind., Feb. 1.

Harry R. Bates, e, is assistant superintendent for the Prudential Life Insurance Co. at Mason City, Iowa. Mr. and Mrs. (Lelia Bolen, '12) Bates live at 504 21st St., S. E.

Fred Tabor, '07-'09, and Miss Helen McVeigh of Hubbardston were married on Saturday, February 10. They will live in Grand Rapids. Tabor has a position with the Grand Rapids-Muskegon Ry.

'13.

T. J. Dean, e, is with the Detroit Union Traction Co., as road engineer.

'14.

F. C. Gilbert, a, is still manager of Colberry Farm, Bloomfield Highlands, Pontiac. He gets his mail at route 6.

'15.

C. P. Johnson, a, is doing a good piece of work as instructor in agriculture at Fulda, Minn. This week he has scheduled a short course in agriculture and home economics, in co-operation with University of Minnesota extension, and will hold in connection a community fair for men and women, and boys and girls.

'16.

Leah E. Swift, h, is teaching domestic science in the Rosebud Boarding School at Mission, N. Dak. This is a position secured as a result of a civil service examination taken last April.

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