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NORTHERN OHIOANS IN ANNUAL MEETING.

The fourth annual reunion of the M. A. C. Association of Northern Ohio was held Saturday evening, Feb. 23rd at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Driskel, '02, 2122 Surry Rd., Cleveland Heights. The twenty-two present were: Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Loomis; Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Appleyard, '00; Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Driskel, '02; Mr. and Mrs. David Moomaw, '07; Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Parker, '97; Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Valentine, '09; Madame Coats (Lydia Trotties, '00); Mrs. F. S. Curtis, '01; G. W. White, '04; Roy LaDue, '09; S. S. Fisher, '09; F. B. Love, '17; A. L. Pino, '17.

In view of the fact that the college were not in position to send a delegate and due to the present national crisis the committee of the M. A. C. Association of Northern Ohio decided not to hold the usual banquet but to hold a party.

Nearly at the last minute the committee was disappointed to learn that the hall engaged had been through some misunderstanding previously engaged to another party; for a time it appeared that we were to be compelled to postpone the reunion but to our pleasant surprise H. G. Driskel and wife came to the rescue and offered their home which was gladly accepted.

The evening was taken up in playing various games cleverly planned by the committee after which a very delightful lunch was served by the ladies.

During the business meeting the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, H. T. Loomis; secretary, H. G. Driskel, '02; treasurer, S. S. Fisher, '09.

A. H. VALENTINE, '09, Sec.

HODGKINS, '17, SURVIVOR OF TUSCANIA.

Word has just been received here by Prof. Chittenden that Philip M. Hodgkins, '17, "Tip," was aboard the Tuscania when it was sunk off the Irish coast. Hodgkins was with Co. D, 10th Battalion, 20th Engineers (Forestry).

Information of his being aboard was written from his father in Vermont, and stated that he is now in

England with others of those surviving. From the fact that his home is in Vermont, his name did not appear on any of the lists received in Michigan, which listed only Michigan and Wisconsin men.

Hodgkins was a graduate assistant in the forestry department after graduation and served there most of the fall term, having left about December 1 to enlist in the 20th engineers.

G. H. ALLEN, '09 LAUNCHES ENGINEERING FIRM.

G. H. Allen, '09, who for the past three years has been factory manager for the Detroit Starter Co., has entered into business with J. T. Boone in the development of an engineering practice in Detroit. The new partnership will undertake industrial engineering problems, drafting, designing and developing in electrical and chemical engineering lines and the designing of tools, dies and fixtures for rapid production.

Allen became associated with his partner last summer and has been more or less engaged with him since that time, but did not resign his position with the Detroit Starter Co. until January. At the present time the company is designing all the dies for the production of field howitzers in certain sizes for the government and have completed dies for a mine anchor being manufactured by Detroit concerns. They are also doing work for the Continental Motors Co. in designing tools for the various parts of the Liberty truck engines. Jerry writes: "My partner, Mr. Boone, is an extremely clever engineer being particularly well fitted in design and production in ignition apparatus starting and lighting equipment for automobiles and small generators and motors. Some of his designs have been manufactured very profitably by outside companies. We have a fairly well equipped electrical laboratory and with our various connections in Detroit are able to handle any kind of electrical physical or chemical analysis or tests. For the chemical work we are depending on my father and are equipping a laboratory of our own."

For his many M. A. C. friends the RECORD extends best wishes for the success of the new undertaking.

UNION BANQUET FOR M. A. C. SOLDIERS BIGGEST EVER.

Entire College Community Responds To Make It Huge Success.

The largest gathering of the M. A. C. family — students, faculty and friends—that has been known in some years assembled Friday noon, Washington's birthday for the banquet of the M. A. C. Union honoring M. A. C. soldiers at Camp Custer. The dinner was held in the new gymnasium and the long tables set for 700 banqueters completely filled the large auditorium. It was by all means the largest banquet ever undertaken.

The hall was simply decorated with flags and evergreens, and blue and white streamers from the ceiling, the decorations being those used by the juniors for their hop in the gymnasium the night before. Previous to the banquet a reception for the Camp Custer men was held in the armory and at 12:30 with the band leading all marched to the banquet room.

A splendid banquet was served, one that was appreciated the more from the fact that it was entirely prepared on the campus. The direction of the banquet and its preparation was the work of Miss Edmonds and Miss Garvin of the domestic science department and their assistants. Fifty senior girls served. W. L. VanZant, steward of the Downey Hotel in Lansing, acted as overseer and organized the serving and the general handling of the affair in the hall. Mr. VanZant timed the serving and stated the serving of the dinner course which was completed in 17 minutes was record time for so large a number.

The invocation was pronounced by Rev. Roscoe Kedzie, '99, of St. Johns. Following the banquet President Kedzie, who presided, introduced Judge C. B. Collingwood, '85, who gave the afternoon's address. Judge Collingwood's message was directed both to our men in service and to that part of the M. A. C. family who must stay at home and keep the home fires burning, and was one of the finest talks given on the campus in some time.

He appealed to those going out to represent M. A. C. in this struggle for democracy to fight, to shoot and

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THE UNION BANQUET.

The Union banquet in honor of Camp Custer soldiers was from beginning to end an "all college" affair. It was the largest gathering of the college family in some time, and was undoubtedly the biggest undertaking in the way of a banquet that M. A. C. has ever attempted.

The fact that such a banquet for 700 persons can be arranged and handled by college people alone and that it may be followed by such an address as was given by one of our own number, demonstrates the wonderful resources of the institution. The gymnasium in its incomplete state had no facilities whatever for handling the affair—everything had to be prepared outside and brought in. Tables, chairs, serving facilities, gas stoves for keeping the prepared food hot while it was being served, were all brought in for the occasion. But there was the common cause, that of showing M. A. C.'s appreciation to our fellows in service and bidding those who are soon to leave a good-bye and Godspeed, and everyone from the president down, attacked the problem with energy and worked hard to make the meeting a success. The magnitude of the finished task and the effort it brought forth may be taken by all M. A. C.'s soldiers as a token of the appreciation the college feels for her men representing her in the present conflict, and the esteem with which she holds them. The banquet was to honor M. A. C. soldiers and every man in uniform may feel that, though thousands of miles intervene between his camp and Alma Mater, had he been present he would have taken his seat among the honored guests.

Someone remarked that there were more faculty and teaching force out than had been together in any sort of public college meeting in years.

It was especially fine that the gymnasium could have been available for this banquet in honor of our soldiers.

It was the first use of the gymnasium by the college as a whole and showed the new auditorium's splendid adaptability as a general meeting place for the big college community. The fact that 700 can be seated very comfortably at a banquet in the auditorium and have plenty of room for elbows and for serving speaks of the size of the new gymnasium hall. Its facilities will from now on add materially to the social life and the development of closer relations between all of us of the college community. Even in its unfinished state it proved its wonderful worth on Washington's birthday. In years ahead it must become a great force in maintaining the democratic spirit of M. A. C. and in the unbuilding of college spirit through the opportunities it will open for large meetings and social gatherings of the college family.

OUR FIRST SACRIFICE.

The first gold star on the college service flag shines for William R. Johnson, 1912. He was the first graduate of M. A. C. to give his life in the present struggle, the first of the men representing us to have fallen in the world war for democracy. Not fallen either, rather helplessly taken by a ruthless enemy before his opportunity to fight came. In his last letter to the RECORD written early in January he signed himself as corporal "Bill" Johnson and told of his work in camp and the fact that they were polishing off their "squash right, harch," an expression very typical of M. A. C. With the life of Corporal Johnson our first great sacrifice has been made. The spirit of M. A. C. has answered the call for service and for sacrifice in the cause of democracy.

WM. R. JOHNSON, '12.

Final reports on the sinking of the Tuscania have placed the name of Wm. R. Johnson, '12, among those buried on the Scotch coast. This was not established for over a week from the date of the sinking of the ship, several conflicting reports having been received by Michigan papers and by his parents, relative to his fate.

Wm. R. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Perry Johnson, prominent farmers of Hadley, was born June 26, 1891. He attended the Hadley high school, and graduated from the high school of Lapeer in 1908. He then entered M. A. C. finishing in 1912. Upon graduation he returned to the home farm near Lapeer and gave himself unstintingly to the management of the 260 acres for his father. He was very active in church and community work and represented the Baptist church on the town federated committee. He was president of the farmers' club the last two years and was particularly interested in boys' work, athletics, corn clubs, etc. He was also a member of the community

glee club, president of the literary society, and was prominent in all of the social and community affairs of Hadley.

He went to Camp Custer November 19, after having made application through Prof. Chittenden for the 20th Engineers (Forestry). His mother writes: "He wanted to go to Ft. Sheridan last spring, but realizing how we needed him here at home, as he had practically assumed the management of our 260-acre farm, he remained with us." At Camp Custer he was assigned to the depot brigade and was then transferred to the medical supply office of the base hospital early in December. His application by that time had been acted upon for the 20th Engineers and he left Camp Custer December 17 for Washington, D. C., where he was in training with the forestry regiment at American University Camp.

He leaves his parents, a brother, Bert, and a sister, Mrs. Frank Hartwig (Reta Johnson), who attended M. A. C. in 1911-12.

During the time that he was in college "Bill" was widely known



about the campus. He was prominent in class athletics, having been manager of the class baseball team in his sophomore year and playing with the team through its four years. In his senior year he was president of the Athenaeum society.

The pastor of his church at Hadley writes the following: "No undertaking of a public nature seemed complete without his having a part in it. His unusual thoughtfulness for the home folks is revealed in his leaving cards with a friend in Washington to be mailed at intervals to the folks at home so that they would

not know of his going over until he could cable home "Safe in France." But it was not to be. The cruel blow of the assassin was struck. He was the first martyr from our neighborhood for the cause of world democracy. That he was widely known and loved is evident from the many letters of sympathy to his parents from every part of the state, each expressing what his life and friendship had meant to them."

Union Banquet For M. A. C. Soldiers Biggest Ever.

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to kill until those German common people that make up the Kaiser's army should rise up against their war lord and demand peace. But while urging them to a "positive action" he cautioned them to guard against a negative reaction that might militate against the world democracy toward which we are striving.

President Kedzie called attention to the first gold star on the service flag, that for Wm. R. Johnson, '12, who went down on the Tuscania.

Following the banquet a matinee

dance of sixteen numbers was given under the auspices of the Union.

Thirty-five men attended from Camp Custer. Faculty and college friends were especially glad of this opportunity to again see their former students and classmates and welcome them to the campus. A number from camp were prevented from attending because of quarantine, many have been transferred and those of the Officers' Training School were not permitted to come, their commanding officers deeming it inadvisable inasmuch as examinations were held there Saturday morning. Those attending from Camp Custer were Carl H. Strauss, '18; Lieut. Warren J. Hoyt, '18; Lieut. Lewis A. Wileden, '13; Lieut. A. W. Ferle, '16; C. J. Canfield, '17; B. F. Gleason, '19; W. E. Newlon, '17; Capt. C. S. McArdle, '14; Lieut. F. E. Kunze, '17; Lieut. A. W. Barron, '16; C. B. Waters, '16; D. L. Bailey, '17; B. F. Smith, '19; J. F. Galloway, '17; W. E. Frazier, '18; B. L. Schneider, '18; Caryl C. Burlington, '19; Capt. L. B. Billings, '15; John U. Ludwick, '20; Paul E. Thompson, '17; Lieut. S. B. Lee, '17; Lieut. Lloyd R. Leavitt, '17; Lieut. Carl F.

Miller, '18; Elias T. Vetter, '14; Carl V. Maloney, '18; H. M. Krebs, '18; H. A. Putnam, '18; F. F. Spaulding, '18; M. M. Gordon, '18; Lieut. O. G. Dryer, '15; Lieut. C. M. Brownfield, '18; Lieut. Blake Miller, '16; H. K. Wrench, '18; Capt. Walter R. Wright, '17; Ralph A. Paton, '20. Lieut. I. J. Cortright, '11, of Mason, also attended.

Much of the success of the affair was due to the efforts of the home economics department and the girls who served the banquet, as well as to Director Brewer and his committee who made complete arrangements for the seating and serving of so large a number in the unfinished gymnasium. All the clubs who prepared the food and helped in its serving are also deserving of much credit for their cheerfully given assistance.

Share your news of fortunes and misfortunes with your fellow M. A. C. friends. Remember that there are nearly 2,500 RECORD readers, many of whom know you and will be glad to hear from you. Write the RECORD of any personal happenings that might interest them.



THE UNION BANQUET, HONORING M. A. C. SOLDIERS.

The Picture Was Taken During the Invocation Pronounced by Rev. Roscoe Kedzie, '99. The Service Flag Hangs Midway on the Left Wall, Behind the Speaker's Table.

SIXTY-FIVE M. A. C. MEN ENROUTE OVERSEAS.

Men of the 119 F. A. and the 409 Motor Train Get Together at Port of Embarkation.

Dear "Mac":

While the present students at M. A. C. are stepping the light fantastic step tonight at the J-Hop some 65 former Aggies are dreamily gazing into the camp fire picturing such former days when all was peace with us. Yes, there are 65 of us present waiting the arrival of our transports to take us "over there." The 119th Field Artillery are stationed here and in this regiment there are 14 officers who hail from M. A. C. and 35 enlisted men who proudly proclaim this same Alma Mater. The 409th Motor Train boasts of six Aggies. The Ordnance Corps has four. The Detention Corps has three and the Ambulance claims the same number. Undoubtedly there are others whom we have not as yet seen.

We all have been here since Monday and each evening have held a reunion. New York received us one eve but the military authorities have decided not to let the boys loose there again. Patterson, N. J., was next visited and now all reunions are restricted to this camp.

It certainly speaks well of M. A. C. to have this representation—especially when they number among those first to go to the front. The 409th Motor Boys are carrying their heads high since they've heard that they were assigned to Pershing's first Expeditionary Forces and are to be the first ones to use the new Liberty Motor trucks.

It is nearly impossible to name all the Aggie lads who are here but the following are some who are present this eve: "Link" Maire, '17, Ordnance; "Jennie" M. L. Holland, '13, Ordnance; Lt. "Pa" K. W. Hutton, '16, Field Art.; Capt. "Fiz" F. G. Chaddock, '17, Field Art.; Lt. Glenn Carey, '16, Field Art.; Sgt. G. A. Livingston, '19, Field Art.; "Ham" M. J. Hamilton, '20, Field Art.; Denning, Field Art.; Lt. "Hockey" Knapp, '13, 409th Motor Train; Major "Chuck" Amos Ashley, '08, Field Art.; Lt. C. J. Schneider, '17, Field Art.; H. C. Oldenburg, '19, Field Art.; Harold H. Beltz, '18, Field Art.; Lt. R. D. Hale, '18, Field Art.; Corp. "Doc" F. G. Dana, '20, Field Artillery; Corp. "Pete" Williams, Field Art.; Corp. "Chi" H. I. Fick, 409th Motor Train; Corp. "Lefty" Ralph Dodge, 409th Motor Train; Corp. "Larry" A. L. Bibbins, 409th Motor Train; Corp. Redford, Field Art.; Corp. H. E. Thompson, '18, Field Art.; Corp. "Bunny" Carl Warren, '18, Field Art.; Lt. C. H. Donnelly, '17, Field Art.; Ralph Hale, '18, Field Art.; Lt. H. C. Jarvis, '19, Field Art.; Lt. "Bill" Jarm, '19, Field Art.; "Sis" Wayne Harris, '18, Field Art.; and many more.

We've talked all the old days over again, sang all the songs and arranged for a big home-coming when the present "show" is over. Last Tuesday we were supposed to leave but the date was again postponed and none of us of course know when the eventful day will come. Dodge, Fick and Bibbins are stationed in the same barracks that held the bunch that went down on the Tuscania. Fick saw a black cat the other night and was deeply moved but Bib found a silver spoon the next day so Fick's gloom was of short duration.

There is very little to be written at this time but after these two "outfits" get across you may expect a lengthy report from Berlin telling how the artillery blew up the Germans and the 409 tanks mowed them down.

Some one just mentioned that Gauthier's athletic record lacked the names of Lt. Kenneth Hutton, Ralph Dodge, Stace Griggs and Walt Vance.

We all wish the best of luck to you who are keeping the institution going and all we can say is "Carry on—we're with you."

With a hearty "Hello" to all, we are,

"THE BUNCH."

P. S.—"Mac": The boys stuck this paper and pen in my hands and asked me to write at their dictation—hence the message, but keep my name out as I'm innocent.

ENTRANCE OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS IN E. R. C. OPEN TO MEN NOW IN SERVICE.

The chief of engineers of the war department has recently announced that through the direction of the secretary of war, enlisted men in the army now in active service who entered the service by voluntary enlistment or draft after September 1, 1917, and who were eligible at the time for enlistment or induction into military service under the regulations covering enlistment by engineering students in the engineering branch of the enlisted reserve corps, may be transferred to the engineers enlisted reserve corps and placed upon the inactive list for the purpose of completing courses in approved technical schools.

Dean Bissell is corresponding with all engineering students who have entered service or have been drafted since September 1, 1917, and who are eligible for the engineering enlisted reserve corps, with the idea of making known to them the new action of the war department offering them an opportunity to return to complete their college work. The new order requires that the expenses of the transfer from his present camp or assignment back to his college must be borne by the soldier and the application for a transfer by soldiers without the boundaries of the United States will be entertained only under

exceptional circumstances. Each candidate for transfer must submit an application for the transfer to the chief of engineers before action may be taken. The transfer if approved, will be arranged to take effect in each individual case at such time as to give the United States the use of the man's services and the individual the benefit of the military training up to the date at which he can resume his studies, at about the point at which they were interrupted by his enlistment or induction into military service. Each application must be accompanied by a certificate by the president or dean of the institution showing that the applicant will be permitted to resume his regular course and that he is eligible as indicated by his academic records for enlistment in the engineers enlisted reserve corps. The qualifications set by the war department for the entrance of students into the enlisted reserve require that the scholastic work done by the applicant must be such as to rate him in a class with the first third of the young men who have graduated from the institution during the past ten years.

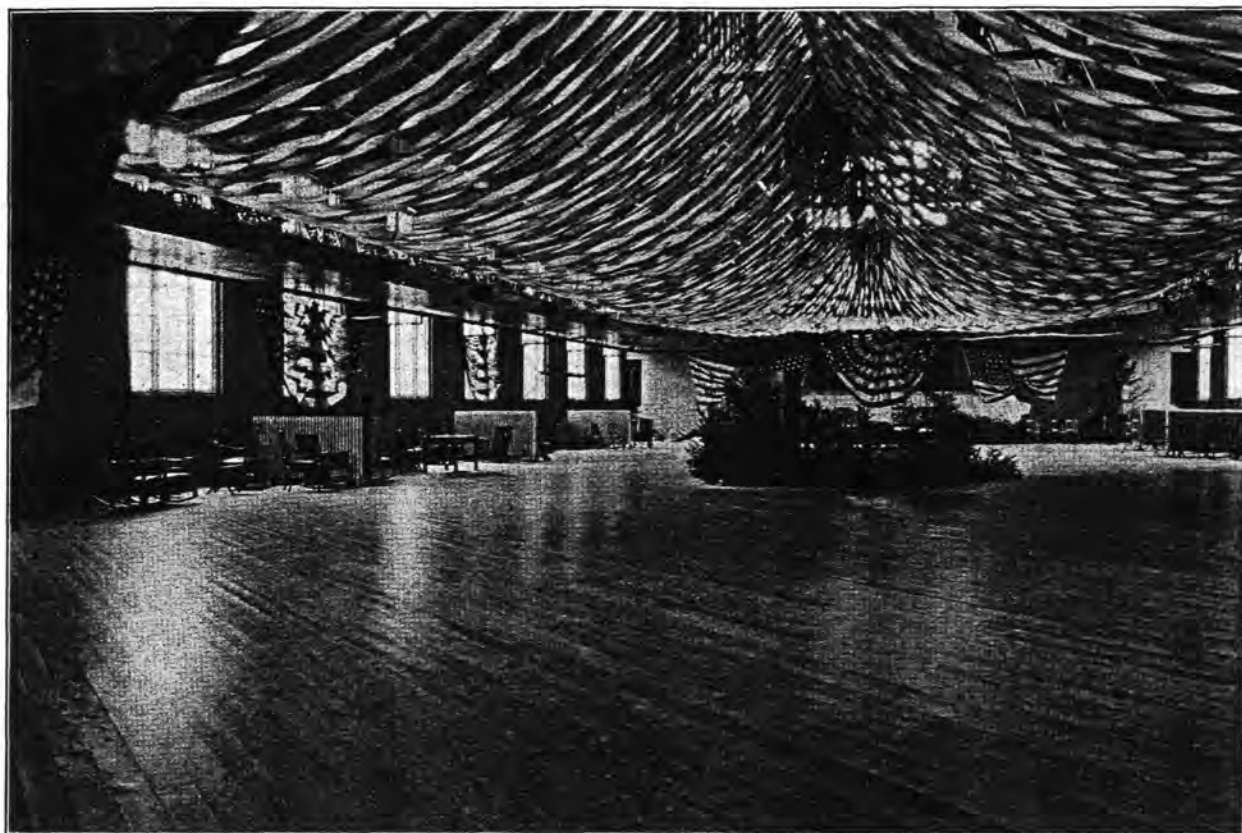
It is thought by Dean Bissell that a number of the men who would be juniors and seniors this year and who are now at Camp Custer and other cantonments in the United States may wish to avail themselves of this opportunity to complete their studies and fit themselves for a greater usefulness to the army and the nation.

FORMER M. A. C. COACH SELECTED FOR "Y" COMMISSION TO RUSSIA.

Rev. C. O. Bemies, who was professor of physical culture at M. A. C. during the years 1899, 1900-01, has just been appointed on the Y. M. C. A. commission to Russia as an ambassador of American country life to the new republic.

Mr. Bemies has been pastor of the Presbyterian church of McLellandtown, Penn., for a number of years, and has been an ardent social worker in rural communities. So successful has he been in making his church a community center that he has attracted the attention of the whole country to this particular work.

During the summers of 1910 and 1911 he was brought back by Dr. Snyder to lecture at the two first conferences for rural ministers held at the college. Mr. Bemies has been in army Y. M. C. A. work, having been religious director at Camp Pike, Little Rock, Ark., since last September. He owes his selection on the Russian commission to the reputation he has gained throughout the United States as a "realistic idealist" regarding country life on which he has spoken in many towns and cities throughout the middle west, New York, and the New England states. Two of his sons are engaged in army work.



THE NEW GYMNASIUM MAIN FLOOR READY FOR THE J-HOP.

J HOP IN NEW GYMNASIUM.

This year's junior hop was an unusual event in more ways than one. In the first place it marked the opening and was the first use to which the new gymnasium has been put by the college. Secondly, the hop was unique in that it was a strictly home affair, both banquet and dance being arranged by college people and held on the campus, and the decorations, pleasing and sufficient, although not of the usual elaborate nature, were planned and executed entirely by members of the class.

The banquet and reception were held in the Woman's building and the party adjourned about 9 to the gymnasium for dancing. The banquet was prepared in Club C and served by sophomore girls. The toasts were especially good, the general theme of those responding being descriptive of the work of the 1919 class "in the trenches." President J. L. Engels presided as toastmaster and the following responded: Zero Hour, C. F. Ramsey; Artillery Barrage, Claudice Cober; Over the Top, Russell Montgomery; No Man's Land, Gertrude Rogers; Rest Billets, Newton Reed.

The gymnasium hall was very tastefully decorated with flags and greens. A blue and white canopy effected by parallel strips of crepe paper covered

the hall being draped from the ceiling to the galleries. The service flag was effectively displayed at one end of the long hall. Evergreens were used to camouflage piles of lumber and unfinished spots of the side wall, for the gymnasium hall is as yet uncompleted.

About 200 persons attended the party, a number of former students who would have been juniors and seniors attending from Camp Custer. The patrons were President and Mrs. Kedzie, Secretary and Mrs. Brown, Prof. and Mrs. Vedder, Dean White and Miss Yakeley. The guests were Governor and Mrs. Sleeper and the governor's staff, including Colonel Bersey, Major Peterman, and Captain Hume, Major and Mrs. Wrightson, Director Brewer, Mr. and Mrs. James Hasselman, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. McKibbin, Byron Murray and R. J. DeMond.

The unfinished floor had been smoothed off and sanded for the occasion and the music furnished by Shook's colored orchestra of Detroit made the dancers forget that they were tripping on the pine sub flooring instead of the one-inch hard maple surface that will grace the completed hall. Juniors entertained their guests next day at the Union banquet in honor of Camp Custer men, and the Union dance afterward.

POSTCARD REMARKS FROM M. A. C. SOLDIERS.

"Thanks a lot for the RECORD. It's a joy wagon." L. C. Wheeting, '16.

"M. A. C. boys on the job and appetites on the increase." W. F. Van-Buskirk, '17.

"We are coming back to M. A. C." L. D. Hoxie, '19.

"DeYoung, '18, and I were two of the four chosen from our company to attend the engineering O. T. C. at Camp Lee, Va." R. T. Gibbs, '17.

"Looking over the personnel of our barracks one would think he was in an M. A. C. dorm." Howard C. Rath-er, '17.

"The RECORD is the missing link between school and war." Burton Daugherty, '18.

"Will be tickled to death to get the RECORD." Lieut. C. R. Crozier, '17.

"Pardon my not answering your letter, too busy trying to find where I go next." Lieut. Jos. F. Jonas, '12.

"Five M. A. C. men, all satisfied—Benedict, Hoxie, Gray, Reeves and I." Sherman Coryell, '18.

"Work is hard here. It's the first time I ever saw men run for class and object to holidays." Wilbur Wright, '16.

"It's a gay life if you don't weaken." W. G. Retzlaff, '18.

WEDDINGS.

BILLINGS-BROHL.

The wedding of Capt. L. B. Billings, '15, and Miss Helen Brohl, '15, took place December 26, 1917. Capt. and Mrs. Billings are now living in Battle Creek, Capt. Billings being in command of Co. G, 338th Inf., Camp Custer.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing check. * * * I called on J. Rodney Abbot (class of

'84) near San Gabriel, yesterday. He has sold out his milk business and leased his dairy farm recently. Has a fine boy of 4½ years. Has just sold his crop of seedling oranges, on the trees, from six acres, for six thousand dollars. We are getting beautiful sunshiny weather but disastrously dry. Less than one-tenth of the usual amount of rain has fallen, thus far this winter. No grain sown nor sugar beets planted. All the ranchers waiting for rain.

Sincerely,

J. SATTERLEE, Class of '69.
203 W. 47 Place, Los Angeles, Calif.



WITH THE COLORS



Maurice H. Pancost, '18, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Pancost, West Michigan Ave., who is a radio operator on the United States ship Antigone, writes of his experiences on the Atlantic in his first trip overseas:

"The war zone is a thing that is vague and indefinite to those comfortably seated at home with their feet to the fire, as they read in the daily papers that this and that ship has been mined or torpedoed there.

"To the soldier in training, to the sailor on our own coasts, it is a symbol of excitement. It is only after the Statue of Liberty is 1,500 miles behind that a general realization of what the war zone is begins to creep into the mind of the man going to Europe.

"It was Christmas eve when the Antigone entered the dangerous area. The life boats had been swung out, the crew drilled in abandoning ship, the guns tested, and lookouts doubled, so that all was prepared to give Fritz a warm reception if he desired one.

"What little sleeping was to be done was done with clothes on and a life preserver at hand. The first shock of the war zone came over the radio, a ship was torpedoed in the Mediterranean sea, and the faint S. O. S. call was picked up. Submarine warnings came fast and frequent, telling of subs sighted in territory over which our course led.

"Christmas passed quietly with the eight destroyers covering the sea on all sides of us. Another ship's distress call was picked up that night off the coast of England. This time subs were reported all about us, but none sighted. About noon of the 27th land was sighted and it seemed our danger was passed. A weird whistle at this time, followed by the report of a gun showed that Fritz was still on the job. More guns were fired. Later developments indicated that the sub had fired a torpedo at the Antigone but missed it and then the DeKalb and destroyers had opened fire. Depth bombs were also dropped, one bringing up discolored water, indicat-

ing that perhaps one more sub was done for.

The bay soon swarmed with sub chasers and destroyers and two military aeroplanes circled overhead. Shortly after we were safe behind the nets.

MAURICE H. PANCAST, '18,
Radio Operator, U. S. S. Antigone.

MEN IN SERVICE.

The RECORD wants service snap shots. We should be very glad to use in the RECORD any snap shots of M. A. C. soldiers in camp or at war. A number of war record forms have come in unaccompanied by photographs. Please furnish photographs if you have not already done so, that our records may be complete. If you do not have a large photograph of yourself small snap shots will do provided they are sharp and clear and large enough for reproduction.

PROMOTIONS.

Allen W. Barron, '16, 1st Lieut. Inf. N. A., 1st Co., 160th Depot Brigade, Camp Custer, Mich.

NEW ASSIGNMENTS.

Louis E. Cottle, '19, Receiving Co. 50, Rifle Range Tents, Camp J. E. Johnston, Fla.

Lieut. A. O. Olson, '16, Supply Co., Q. M. C. No. 302, A. E. F., France, via New York.

Lieut. F. O. Adams, '15, Sanitary Corps, Field Laboratory, 42d Div., A. E. F., France, via New York.

Wesley F. Malloch, '19, Co. K, 23d U. S. Eng., Laurel, Md. "G. W. Tiedemann, '18, is acting sergeant, Paul H. Lemon, '19, both in Co. K."

C. M. Stover, '19, 124th Co., 9th Regt. Marines, A. E. F., France, via New York.

Lieut. F. R. Bates, '16, 184 S. Converse St., Spartansburg, S. C.

Lieut. Earl M. Hough, '16, Advance Base, Veterinary Hospital No. 1, U. S. A. P. O. 709, A. E. F., France, via New York.

Lieut. Howard G. Smith, Co. B, 168th Inf., A. E. F., France, via New York.

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Picked up on the Campus

Jacob Schepers, cashier in the secretary's office, is spending several weeks in Florida, recuperating from a recent breakdown resulting from overwork.

Corwin C. Armstrong, instructor in English at M. A. C. from 1914 to 1916 has enlisted in the ordnance branch of the army and will take the army stores course at Ann Arbor. Mrs. Armstrong (Sophie Dodge, '14) will remain with her parents in Lansing.

The ordnance department of the army is in need of thousands of workers for the prosecution of the war "behind the lines." They are calling for 10,000 stenographers and clerks, 400 engineers to test ordnance material, 4,000 machinists, drop forgers, tool makers and mechanical tradesmen, 1,000 draftsmen and 4,000 engineers and inspectors for ordnance work both large and small arms. The civil service commission announce that information may be had relative to any of the positions open from the commission at Washington or at any government office in the country. Many of the positions open do not require an examination before appointment.

Alumni Notes

'79.
Ray Sessions may now be addressed at 325 Graceland St., N. E., Grand Rapids, Mich.

'89.
Waldo Rhonert is a wholesale seed grower at Gilroy, Calif.

Orlando J. Root writes from Spaulding Flats, Moline, Ill.: "I am again in the harness with my old company, Root & Vandervoort Engineering Co., after five years on the Pacific coast, Eagle Rock, Calif., recuperating from a serious illness."

'90.
A. L. Waters is in the office of the highway department of the state engineer of Arizona and may be addressed at 1603 W. Washington St., Phoenix.

'91.
Prof. Willis A. Fox is county chairman of the Red Cross chapter of Steuben county, Indiana, and had considerable to do with the very successful meetings and program of the Steuben county war conference held under the auspices of the Council of National Defense, Indiana State Council of Defense and the Steuben County Council of Defense at Angola, Ind., Feb. 4. Prof. Fox addressed the conference on the immediate problems of

the Red Cross and also made the presentation speech of the Red Cross flag to the winners in the membership campaign. Both Mr. and Mrs. Fox are active in Red Cross work, Mrs. Fox being a member of the woman's section of the county committee.

'93.
Information has been received of the death of the wife of Charles H. Alexander (with) at the family residence, 532 Paris Ave. S. E., Grand Rapids, Mich., on Feb. 12, following a severe illness of several weeks with pleuro-pneumonia and other complications. In addition to her husband, Mrs. Alexander leaves two sons, John L., 8 years, and Robert G., 5 years, her mother and a brother.

'02.
Geo. W. Stroebe has removed from 309 Parkwood Blvd. to 18 Belmont Ave., Schenectady, N. Y.

'04.
Herman Schreiber is chemist for the Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co., and may be addressed at 3958 Juniata Ave., St. Louis, Mo.

'07.
Fletcher A. Gould, city engineer for the city of Owosso writes the following: "Mrs. Gould (Bess Covell, '08) and I have looked over the alumni notes week after week for some sign of life in the '07 and '08 classes (especially, '07) but all in vain. Consequently we decided that the first chance we got we would give these sluggards an eye opener. Our opportunity came on Feb. 9 last when twin girls, Elizabeth Covell and Anne Covell, arrived at our house. Their mother, of course, is very proud of them."

'08.
Wm. M. Rider is professor of animal husbandry and dairying of the Joseph Slocum College of Agriculture, Syracuse University, Syracuse, N. Y., and may be addressed at 536 E. Colvin St.

Raymond J. Alvarez, Bureau of Forestry, Manila, has just been appointed second lieutenant in the artillery in the P. I. National Guard and is located at Camp Stotseburg. He writes "We are raising a full division to place at the disposal of the United States. I believe it is our duty to help." He may still be addressed care Bureau of Forestry, Manila.

'09.
Claude L. Nash, county agent for Branch county, may be addressed at 172 Church St., Coldwater, Mich.

Leroy C. Smith, deputy highway commissioner, Lansing, was elected vice president of the Michigan Engineering Society at a recent meeting of that organization in Grand Rapids.

Gilbert L. Daane (with) is vice president of the Grand Rapids Savings Bank, having as his special function the direction of the seven branches of the bank located in various parts of the city. "Gil" is a leader in Y. M. C. A. work and untiring in his devotion to the forward move-

ments, seeking to make the Valley City a wholesome location to bring up a family. Everybody likes to clasp his hand for he radiates a spirit of kindness and service.

'10.
A. H. Sargent who is electrical engineer with Millers National Fire Insurance Co., may be addressed at 6186 Berlin Ave., St. Louis, Mo. "M. A. C. people scarce around here. Having real Michigan weather, which is rather strange for this part of the country. Afs beware, if you don't roast out with the hot weather you are washed out with high water. Am on the road most of the time and don't get a chance to attend to my correspondence."

'11.
Harry L. Baker, administrative assistant in charge of timber sales of the office of silviculture for district one of the forest service, may be addressed at 417 S. 4th St. W., Missoula, Mont.

'12.
Mrs. Jas. G. Glenn (Carrie Lockwood) may be addressed at 163 Alexandrine Ave., Detroit.

Forrest H. Kane is at present engaged with the Automobile Industries Committee of Washington, D. C. This committee under the leadership of Alexander W. Copeland and Hugh Chalmers "is assisted by several automobile engineers loaned by different manufacturers for this war work. I am representing the Oakland Motor Car Co., Division of the General Motors Corporation, of Pontiac, and expect to return there when this work is finished. The work consists in part in finding out from the government departments what is wanted in the way of munitions, supplies and equipment and then placing these departments in touch with concerns in the automobile industry which are equipped to handle the work."

'13.
Elmer F. Hock who is a teacher in the Detroit schools may be addressed at 1833 Scotten Ave.

I. T. Pickford is superintending the Chase plantation consisting of 750 acres of citrus fruits at Corona, Calif. He writes: "My brother of '14 is



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here also. Our other M. A. C. boys have gone to war. Brundage, '15, is in France; L. V. Williams, '16, is at Camp Custer; G. Ray Warren, '16, and Ralph Caryl, '14, are awaiting call to the base hospital."

'14.

Geo. R. Wheeler is an assistant in the department of agriculture in the Central State Normal School at Mt. Pleasant, Mich.

Allen R. Nixon is acting sergeant of the 222d Aero Squadron, Kelly Field, S. San Antonio, Texas.

Arthur E. Welch (with) is a first lieutenant in the aviation section of the signal corps and is located at Vancouver, Washington. He secured his commission at the second officers' training camp at the Presidio, San Francisco, Cal., and is now with the spruce production division of the signal corps, who are engaged in getting out spruce from the Washington forests for airplane construction.

T. R. Hinger (with) is now a cadet in the Second Aviation Construction Center, A. E. F., France, via New York. He should be addressed Cadet T. R. Hinger, at the above camp.

Emil A. Marklewitz who has been commercial engineer with the Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co., of Denver, Colo., is ill at his home in Lansing, and may be addressed at 811 May St.

'15.

Russell J. McCurdy (with) is a senior medical student at the University of Chicago and may be addressed at 4160 Drexel Blvd., Chicago, Ill.

Hugh N. Gilmore (spec. with) is a sergeant in the Hdqtrs. Co. of the 328th Field Artillery Band, Camp Custer, Mich., having been recently transferred from Co. D, 328th M. G. Bn.

'16.

R. W. Wyant, instructor in the dairy department at M. A. C. since graduation, has entered the army and is now stationed at Ft. Oglethorpe, Ga.

L. E. Wilson, assistant inspector of ordnance stationed at the factory of the Nash Motors Co., Kenosha, Wis., may be addressed at 585 Charles St., Kenosha.

Leah E. Swift, who has been teaching at the Rosebud Boarding School, Mission, S. D., is now teaching domestic science in the schools at Harbor Beach, Mich.

'17.

Wm. Howard Rowan (with) is an electrician in the 228th Aero Squadron, A. S. S. C., located at S. San Antonio, Texas.

Elsa T. Schueren has resigned her fellowship at the University of Michigan and has accepted a position as bacteriologist at the Sherman Laboratory in Detroit. She may now be addressed at 420 Woodward Ave., Detroit.

J. F. Sheldon, yeoman 3c, U. S. N. R. E., may be addressed at 600 Granby St., Norfolk, Va.

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