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THE FIVE COMPANIES of the S. A. T. C. unit celebrated the closing week of their stay at M. A. C. by a round of company banquets which were notable for the elaborate and festive way in which they were conducted. Companies A and D combined dancing with the more serious business of eating, while the other three units contented themselves with strictly bachelor affairs. Good speaking, plenty of music, and a generous allowance of "pep" characterized all the banquets.

VARSITY MONOGRAMS have been presented to eleven members of the 1918 football squad, the number being the smallest which has been given out in several years. Five men were presented miniature gold footballs in appreciation of their services as first string substitutes, while 28 other members of the squad were classified as reserves and given silver footballs. Those who have earned the right to wear the coveted letters are: Captain Larry Archer, Captain-elect Franson, Dean Ferris, E. D. Young, John Schwei, H. Dunphy, John Bos, J. E. Johns, R. O. Van Orden, I. J. Snider, and Harry Graves. The substitutes are: B. Anderson, J. O. Brady, W. Simmons, R. J. Wilson, and P. F. Bailey. Every one of these men except Anderson and possibly Archer is expected back next fall.

THE REGISTRAR, Miss Yakeley has not been at her customary desk for the past two weeks, being detained at home because of the illness of her mother.

THE 1918 FOOTBALL season came to an official close this week with the election of H. E. "Siwash" Franson as captain for 1919, and the squad banquet, which was held at the Hotel Downey on Tuesday evening, December 17. Franson played right tackle on the varsity this fall, and proved himself one of the best linemen M. A. C. has ever had, which is saying a good deal when one considers Gideon Smith, Gifford, Blacklock and the rest. Service with the Great Lakes gobs interfered with Franson's college work to such an extent that he will have to come back next fall in order to earn his diploma, in spite of the fact that he would have graduated with '19, under normal conditions. The football banquet lived up to the precedents set by former celebrations

of a similar nature, and incidentally set a few standards of its own. Forty-five members of the squad, the officers in charge of the college post, and a few invited guests made up the party. "Pete" Bancroft, '12, as master of ceremonies, called for talks from Lt. J. F. Lessig, athletic officer, Arthur Burd, Lieutenant Lord of the Canadian Expeditionary forces, Captain Franson, Coach Gauthier, Eddie Shields, Michigan, '94, and others.

ELEVEN HUNDRED AND THIRTY M. A. C. men who have responded to the colors and are serving or have served in the army and navy are represented on the service flag hanging in the library. Twenty-seven gold stars are being placed on the flag.

A CHRISTMAS TRIP is being arranged for the basketball team so that the boys may secure a little seasoning before they undertake the regular schedule. Present plans call for four games, to be played the first four days in January. The Grand Rapids Y. M. C. A., and Kalamazoo College are two of the teams that will be met. The formal schedule will open on January 8 when DePauw comes to the new gymnasium. Oberlin at Oberlin on the eleventh and Hope here on the 17th are the next two games. The two meetings with Michigan have been set for February 15 and 28, the first at home and the second at Ann Arbor. Under the coaching of Gauthier the team is improving rapidly and should be in fine shape by the time of the first game. Kurtz, Garratt and Johns, guards, Snider, Heasley and Gilkie, forwards, and Foster, at center, seem to be about the best of the men who have been practicing.

DEMOBILIZATION of the S. A. T. C. unit is practically completed. Companies A and B, the vocational men, were mustered out on Tuesday, December 17, while Company E was disbanded Thursday. Indications are that Companies C and D will be discharged before Saturday night, December 21, which will complete the demobilization of the entire detachment. The officers are being discharged with their companies. An encouraging feature of the departure of the "army," is the fact that many of the men have signified an intention of returning to the campus on January 2 as regular students.

THE HOLCAD, which suspended publication during the S. A. T. C. regime, will reappear during the winter term. The surviving members of the staff are already making plans for the publication, and expect to get out the initial issue early in January. Fortunately the Holcad is in very good shape financially, for the trials of the business manager, with a small student body to draw upon, will be great.

COLLEGE WILL RESUME its regular peace time schedules on January 2d. Fall term work, as well as the regular winter term schedule will be offered in all courses. The reasons for giving the fall term work is to permit young men and women, who, for military and industrial reasons, could not enter last fall, to begin college work without further postponement.

EAST LANSING SCHOOLS have been closed because of influenza for the past ten days and will not be reopened until after the holidays. The epidemic which was apparently more prevalent in the city than on the campus, is being brought under control.

SOLDIERS "DUTY" BAGS are much in evidence on the campus this week. Groups of them lined up with their soldier owners in front of the quartermasters office register the passing out of soldier life on the campus.

THE ALPHA PSI, Honorary Veterinary Fraternity, initiated the following men, on the evening of December 14: Earl G. Baxter, w'15, of Rochester, N. Y.; Stanley G. Colby, '19, of Shattsburg, Mich., and Gerald D. Tenney, '19, of White River Junction, Vt. The banquet which has usually been held at the time of the fall initiation has been postponed until the spring initiation.

THE WINTER SHORT COURSES and dates on which they commence are: Eight weeks courses in Agriculture, Horticulture and Dairying, Jan. 6; sixteen weeks course in Agriculture, Jan. 7; eight weeks course in Farm Management for Women, Jan. 7; four weeks Auto Truck Tractor course, Jan. 20; two weeks gardening course, Feb. 3; four weeks Auto Truck Tractor course, Feb. 17; one week Beekeepers course, Feb. 24; Farmers' week, Feb. 3.

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THE S. A. T. C. PASSES.

A return to the old peace time order of things again will be welcomed by everyone at M. A. C. Not that the college on a war basis has not proceeded smoothly and harmoniously, for there has been only the closest sort of co-operation and harmony between college heads and the army officers in charge during the military regime. M. A. C. has been most fortunate in that respect. If there is any feeling of regret in the passing of the S. A. T. C. it is in the loss to the community of the splendid staff of officers who guided M. A. C.'s military establishment.

But the lifting of the restrictions so necessary in war time and in preparation for war is bringing a feeling of unqualified relief. There is a pleasure in the thought of taking up tasks unfinished, of returning to the old courses and classes and of getting back the old student body and the old college spirit so noticeably lacking in the S. A. T. C.

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SEND A STUDENT.

Indications for a student body are not encouraging. It is doubtful whether any of the 600 vocational men of the S. A. T. C. will return for college work next term. Of the collegiate section sixty per cent are being counted on to re-enter for the regular college work. At the present time there are not in sight more than 450 men students who will begin the term. Alumni can and must help to swell this number to that of pre-war days. Right now there are hundreds of returning soldiers whose futures are unsettled. Many of them ought to be in college. Few of them but that can come if they have the will and the inclination. There are some of these young men in your community. Point out to them the value of college training. Make it your business to meet them and talk with them and the fact that at M. A. C. every man has an equal chance. Talk

to them and talk hard for Alma Mater needs the students.

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The next Record will be issued on Friday, January, the tenth.

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In the meantime a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Charles A. Pratt, with '06.

Charles A. Pratt, with '06, died of pneumonia following influenza on December 11th at his home at Benton Harbor, Michigan. Charles Pratt was a brother of Burr Pratt, '09 whose death occurred two months earlier of the same cause. He was two years older than Burr Pratt.

Charles Pratt entered M. A. C. from Benton Harbor and followed, as did his brother Burr, the horticultural course. He did not graduate, however, having left college at the end of his junior year. From college he returned to the home fruit farms at Benton Harbor and has been very successful in their development.

There survive him a wife and three small children. He was a member of the Eclectic society.

DIED IN SERVICE.

Harold A. Furlong '18.



Lieut. Harold A. Furlong, '18, was reported in the December 16th casualty list as having been killed in action. No other details are known at this time.

Furlong was one of the first of the

under classmen to enter an officers' training camp and received his commission as second lieutenant of infantry August 15, 1917, at Ft. Sheridan. He was assigned, however, to the 341st F. A., Camp Funston, Kansas, as an instructor in calisthenics, but in November, 1917, was transferred to Co. M, 353d Infantry at the same camp. His regiment sailed for France in the early summer. On August 4th he wrote, "as you will notice I have recently made a very violent change of address. The commencement number of the Record brought me the inspiring message from Dr. Liberty Bailey. I very recently met Bottomley, '16, who is just out of a training school and is here with another regiment of my division as a signal officer. I only met him for a short conversation in the street as he was departing for his regiment. He stayed all night in my village and I sob every time I think of the good old gossip I missed. Everything is O. K. I am enjoying myself immensely although I miss a great many things I have always been used to. I find the experience is a truly great one."

His interest in agriculture is shown throughout the letter by his frequent mention of agricultural conditions and the methods of farming in France.

At this time there are no details of the engagements in which Lieut. Furlong took a part or the manner in which he was killed.

He entered M. A. C. from Detroit with the class of '18 and in his freshman year made a name for himself by winning a place on the debating team. He was one of the varsity debaters in 1915-16-17. He was a member of the Forensic society, Oakland County Club, Farmers' Club and the Y. M. C. A. Cabinet in 1916-1917. He had a wide circle of acquaintance on the campus and in July en route from Camp Funston to a point of embarkation he visited East Lansing and called on college friends.

Garth J. Williams with '19.

Information has just come from his parents at Laurium, Michigan, of the death of Garth J. Williams, with '19. He died November 14th in a hospital in France of wounds received in action.

Through an error occurring in the official casualty lists his death was reported on October 13th and mentioned in an October number of the Record.

Death resulted from an abdominal wound, although he had never written of any wounds except those received in the leg. Several letters were written to his parents for him by the army chaplain in the hospital, but in none did he mention the seriousness of his condition.

Williams was in college two years with the class of '19 in the agricultural course. He entered from Laurium, Michigan. He was a member of the Students Citizenship League.

GOLD STAR MEN.

M. A. C. Soldiers Who Have Been Killed in Action and Died in Service.

Churchill, T. W., '15, 1st Lieut., Detroit, Mich. Died of heart failure at West Point, 7/8/18.

Cooper, Gordon W., w'18, Flying Cadet, Lansing, Mich. Killed in falling airplane on Taliaferro Field, Ft. Worth, Tex., June 13, 1918.

Crone, Leonard, w'13, Lieut. Cadet, Royal Air Forces, Shepardsville, Mich. Killed in aeroplane crash in Waddington, Lincoln, Eng., 7/1/18.

Edwardson, Arling F., w'13, Manistee, Mich. Died of pneumonia, 10/19/18.

Esselstyn, Frank, w'18, Private, Lansing, Mich. Died of wounds in France, 8/11/18.

Gordon, Walter, sc. '12-'15, Plymouth, Co. A, 125th Inf. Died in New Jersey, February, 1918.

Halbert, Earl, w'20, Lawrence, Mich. Died at Camp MacArthur, Tex., 3/8/18.

Harrie, Lester P., w'17, Johnson City, Tenn. Killed in action in France, 7/9/18.

Harvey, S. D., w'16, 2d Lieut., Grand Haven, Mich. Died at Camp Custer, 10/4/17.

Hice, Lewis K., w'18, Private, Three Rivers, Mich. Killed in action in France, 6/19/18.

Johnson, Wm. R., '12, Pvt., Metamora, Mich. Drowned in sinking of Tuscania, Feb. 6, 1918.

Leveaux, Cosmer, w'18, Corp., Ludington, Mich. Killed in action in France, 8/10/18.

Luther, Olin C., w'19, Lake Odessa, Mich. Killed in action in Alsace, Sept. 25, 1918.

McMillan, Donald C., '15, 1st Lieut., Detroit, Mich. Died of wounds in France, 11/1/18.

McNair, Samuel R., w'20, Dansville, N. Y. Died of bronchial pneumonia on U. S. S. Mercy, 10/13/18.

MacLachlan, Ira D., '10, Capt., Sault Ste. Marie, Mich. Died of wounds in France, Oct. 31, 1918.

Miller, Donald A. Died in eastern camp, 1918.

Monroe, George S., w'18, Supply Sgt., South Haven, Mich. Killed in action in France, 8/22/18.

Peterson, Ernest E., '15, Corp., Kinde, Mich. Died in France, Sept. 1918.

Perrotet, Laverne, w'19, Wheaton, Ill. Killed in action, 6/15/18.

Rust, Wm. H., w'18, Lieut., Merrill, Mich. Died of wounds in France, Sept. 2, 1918.

Sheldon, H. J., '14, Lieut., Lansing, Mich. Killed in action in France, 10/10/18.

Smith, Burrell F., w'19, Private, Flint, Mich. Died at Camp Custer, 3/29/18.

Woodbridge, John, sc. '15, Wilmette, Ill. Killed in action at Vimy Ridge,

France, Apr. 9, 1918. Member of 72d Highlanders, Canadian Inf.

Wyllie, Hubert B., w'19, Pvt., Shelby, Mich. Died of pneumonia at Camp Helabird, Md., 10/2/18.

Williams, Garth J., w'19, Laurium, Mich. Died of wounds in France, 11/4/18.

Furlong, Harold A., w'18, 2d Lieut., Detroit, Mich. Killed in action in November, 1918.

THE WAR FACULTY.

That the M. A. C. faculty are a very versatile group and widely accomplished in various subjects is shown clearly in a glance at the S. A. T. C. schedules that have been in force during the past term. The soldiers courses were of course outlined and laid down by the war department and included strictly war subjects with practically none of the sciences.

With the diminished teaching force at the college many shifts were necessary in order to provide instructors for all classes. Botany, zoology and English departments with practically no classes of regular students furnished instructors for the war courses.

Among the most noteworthy of the shifts were those involving Dr. Bessey and Professors Johnston, Hedrick, King and Roseboom. Dr. Bessey, head of the botany department, has been teaching classes in War Aims, a course in the history of the causes leading to the war. Prof. Ryder has directed the war aims courses. Prof. King of the English department has been teaching mathematics. Prof. Hedrick, head of the economics department, has become one of Prof. Ryder's instructors in War Aims. Prof. Roseboom of the Zoology department has been teaching classes in physiological chemistry. Profs. DeZeeuw and Woodcock of the Botany department have been meeting classes in physics; Instructors Mayne and Weaver of the English department, and Prof. Conger of the Zoology department, have been teaching War Aims; Profs. Burt of the Geology department and Darlington of the Botany department have been teaching mathematics. Prof. Dunford of the Economics department has been giving a course in business management for prospective ordnance officers. Prof. Reuling of the mechanical engineering department and Philp of the civil engineering department have both been teaching mathematics.

R. S. CLARK '18 WRITES OF RUSSIA.

The following extracts from a letter from R. S. Clark, '18, to Mrs. C. C. Wood, East Lansing, is of particular interest since Clark is the only M. A. C. man so far as we know who is a member of the expeditionary force in Archangel. Clark is in Co. C, 1st Bn., 310th Eng., A. N. R. E. F.

"There are a host of things about

Russia and Russians that I might tell you about. The rules of the censors are very reasonable indeed, so I believe I will tell one or two things. Archangel, one of the principal ports of Russia and a city of 40,000 inhabitants, is situated at the mouth of the Dvina river about 50 miles up from the White Sea. The whole of the surrounding country is alluvial deposit or delta, and so flat is the country that even here the tide rises three feet or more. The river is navigable for the largest ships, and is almost the sole support of the city. There is practically no agriculture in this vicinity, only marsh hay and small garden stuff being produced and these at fabulous prices. Carrots are one rouble (10c) each. Hay, 1,000 roubles per ton. A skinny Russian pony is held at 4,000 roubles (\$400). Archangel has a street car line, electric lights, telephones, wireless, and a railroad. Great sawmills form the most prominent industry. The river front for miles is all lumber yards and piles of logs. The mills are very complete and modern (in the Russian meaning of the word) and as all the lumber is soft wood they make this a veritable carpenter's paradise.

"The Russian streets and roads are very, very miserable, not to say absolutely rotten. I ride a bicycle to and from work, and find that indeed it takes an engineer to run it. A motor truck lasts about six months. The good old Ford certainly comes into its own in Russia. The homes are mostly of logs—not the rough cabin our American pioneers built but veritable log castles, the joints and crevices all packed with tow, the corners all dovetailed, all partitions ditto, and the workmanship most admirable. I take off my hat to the Russian carpenter. He is a slow old fogie, and does most of his work with a razor-edged, club-handled hand axe but he is a 31 degree craftsman. He seems to be trying to build for all times, in fact I fancy some are trying to turn out work that shall still be O. K. when the first few eons of Eternity have rolled past. He takes a week to do a day's work, and for that reason he can't work on my gang, but I take off my hat to him just the same.

"One-half of Archangel seems well to do enough, but the other half seems positively destitute. I see scores of well dressed men and also scores of very pretty girls. I truly believe there are more handsome young women and more hideous and decrepit old ones in this city than in any one I have visited before. The men go in strongly for uniforms—gold braid, brass buttons, military caps, ornaments and dinky little gewgaws of all sorts. A nightwatchman in Archangel has an American Admiral beaten a mile so far as uniform goes. Everyone who has ever had a job where a uniform could be considered permissible wears that uniform as

long as a rag and a brass button remain, though he work at 25 different jobs in the meantime. That is the Russian of it. I imagine they think our plain uniform pretty slow.

"Russia is the Land of the National Smell. The well dressed people, men as well as women, affect strong perfumery. The ragged people wash only once a year and I shall not try to describe the result—it simply has to be experienced to be appreciated. The houses are devoid of ventilation. There is no adequate sewerage system, open sinks are used that smell to high heaven. Refuse of all sorts is dumped in the street. Somebody said pretty aptly that one's strongest impression of Russia enters one's head through the nose.

"Not knowing a word of Russian, I don't get acquainted here very fast. Most of my Russian friends are the children who swarm about our carpenter job. The little boys beg continually for tobacco, but some of the little girls are nice enough if they were only well scrubbed and dressed more warmly (some are still barefooted and we have had 1-8th in ice already). One in particular named Lualua rides home with me on the "rumble seat" of my wheel. The Dvina Bridge is 1-3 mile long, and makes a splendid place for trick riding. Tonight as I came across the bridge with Lualua on behind and her little chum on the handle bars, both laughing and chattering at once in Russian I saw a score of long-whiskered, sullen-faced Russians smile who hadn't smiled in a blue moon I'll warrant.

"Paper money is plenty here but the catch is, it takes a hatful of it to buy anything. I enclose a three rouble note (30c) and a 10-kopeka stamp (1c) as curiosities. Both are "published" in large sheets and pass (locally only) as legal tender. The children are rich in kopeka—everybody has a pocketful of it. The boys sometimes have silver and copper coins also, which they would be glad to barter for tobacco.

"I am very busy these days, helping to make barracks sprout and grow where none grew before. That is back at the old trade for me, and I enjoy the work immensely. The natives look with wonder at our hurry-up methods and no doubt prophesy the collapse of our structures. The boys are contented enough here, being busy and well-quartered. Contrary to our expectations we are free from vermin. Can you imagine that in the army?

"The long night is beginning to close down a little. I saw the Aurora at the zenith the other day. The sun already sets at 5:30 p. m. and only gets 25 degrees high at noon. We are expecting 40 degrees below zero about Christmas when the sun only shows for three hours at noon, but warm clothes are plentiful and I guess no one dreads the winter much. If these

poor people can live I reckon we can worry along some way. * * *

M. A. C. SOLDIERS RETURNING TO CIVIL LIFE.

Baker, H. P., '01, Captain, Camp Gordon, Ga.
Bartley, H. J., '18 (with), Lieut. Camp Lewis, Washington.
Brownell, S. J., '16, Lieut. Camp Lewis, Washington.
Calrow, Lytton, '18, Lieut. Camp Taylor, Ky.
Cawood, W. N., w'18, Lieut. Camp Perry, Ohio.
Dee, Thomas, '18, Lieut. Montgomery, Ala.
Edmonds, G. C., '17, O. T. S., Camp Taylor, Ky.
Froelich, H. L., '18, Sig. O. T. C., Camp Meade, Md.
Hall, J. W., w'18, Lieut. School of Fire, Ft. Sill, Okla.
Keating, T. W., w'18, Lieut. Camp A. A. Humphreys, Va.
Kelly, W. T., '19, Cadet, Ebert's Field, Lonoke, Ark.
Pino, Otto, '17, Lieut. Camp Jackson, S. C.
Rainey, D. F., w'20, Sig. O. T. C., Camp Meade, Md.
Ralya, L. L., '16, Candidate, Camp Taylor, Ky.
Seidel, C. J., '17, Lieut. Ft. Monroe, Va.
Strauss, Carl H., w'18, Lieut. School of Fire, Ft. Sill, Okla.

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IN HOSPITALS

Stimpson '05.

C. A. Stimpson, '05, is in the Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., recovering from wounds received on the French front. Stimpson was wounded in action March 28th. He was with Co. B of the 6th Engineers. During the early summer he was in a base hospital in France and has since been removed to the Walter Reed Hospital in Washington, D. C. His wounds have necessitated the amputation of his left arm between the elbow and shoulder.

Mrs. C. A. Stimpson (Edna Hopson) a former music instructor at M. A. C., is living at Hillsboro, Oregon, at 1548 Maple Ave.

Gorsline '19.

R. H. Gorsline, '19, is in England recovering from wounds. Gorsline left college only last spring and made record time in getting over to France, up to the front, over the top and finally "getting his" in action. He was with Co. A, 102d Eng. and is now in Ward 7, War Hospital, Bath, Somerset, England. The following is from a letter written to Mrs. C. C. Wood, East Lansing:

"I am here in England in a British Hospital, getting mended. I was wounded on October 17th at LeCateau which is on the Cambrai-St. Quentin front. I spent ten days in the first Australian Base Hospital at Abbeville and was then transferred to the Englishman's Blighty. Fritz made five hits on me—high, side, two in back, and left hand, but none of them are really serious, and I'm going to get off with only two and one-half fingers missing on my left hand. I am gaining rapidly and hope to be entirely well in a couple of weeks more. I can get around by myself some now. I am in hopes to be home by the first of the year but of course that all rests with Uncle Sam."

HARDTACK.

How verdant they bloom in the fields of my memory,—

The feeds we enjoyed in old Company "C,"

The mystery stew, the delicious "plum apple,"

And even the tan-liquor rationed as tea.

I chuckle to think of the 'M. & V. mixture,

That vegetable compound of flavor so rare;

And last but not least, of the famous Iron Ration,

The U. S. A. hardtack they fed to us there.

The armor-plate hardtack, the jaw-breaking hardtack,

The case-hardened hardtack they fed to us there.

That 'piece de resistance' I hail as a treasure,

For often at mess-call I've waited in line,

To get, at the hands of the Cook-shanty Despot,

The kitful of "souple" that I could call mine.

I grumbled, perhaps, that the stew was of mutton,—

Recalling Camp Custer's more sumptuous fare,

But always I grabbed for the fair "Bishkie Dobra,"

The two army hardtacks he handed me there.

The water-proof hardtacks, the diamond-drill hardtacks,

The oil-tempered hardtacks he handed me there.

And now far removed from Archangel's environs,

My wartime experience dims on my view,

In the fair light of PEACE all the angles are softened,

Old memories fade, before those that are new.

No longer I think of inspections and chillblains,

And guard-tours at night in the Bolshevik's lair,

But never I swear will I cease to remember,

The dainty white hardtack they fed to us there.

The elegant hardtack, thrice blessed hardtack,

The fill-belly hardtack they fed to us there.

Sgt. R. S. Clark, '18,
Company "C," 310th Engrs.,
Archangel, Russia.



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THE LAST CALL.

After this week the campus will turn from the bugle to the college bell as a marker of times and periods.

From R. W. Peterson, '16, Base Hospital 62, A. E. F. France.

Although some distance from the front, we have plenty of evidence that a war is going on. Characteristic Yankee pep is surely accomplishing things and the United States is pushing the war in a way highly satisfactory to all but the Germans. Sounds more or less trite but the significance can only be grasped by one who has seen a little of what the Americans were up against before the present organization was built up. It is astonishing what the French have accomplished with the meager equipment at their command and were it not for the immortal spirit with which they have conducted war the past four years, the Americans would be tempted to laugh at their antique methods, or possibly swear at them after bouncing along a day or two on one of their railroads in a Koonerville like trolley car. But after exchanging a few American dollars for a bale of French paper and investing in a pair of wooden shoes, some of the Parisian swank is unconsciously acquired.

We hear many rumors over here of an early termination of the war as all are satisfied that it will be a whirlwind finish.

From John P. DePagter, '15, an inspector of bridge construction with the 87th Squadron, Spruce Production Division, Siemscarey, Washington:

The tales in the Record from the boys at the front make one feel unkindly to say the least towards a fate that keeps a healthy young buck so far behind the lines that he can't even imagine things as they are over there. But Uncle Sam says he can't use men with defective vision in the trenches so here I am. At least, we of the Spruce Division do all we can and what more can any man do.

I have never come across any article in the Record that indicated that any other M. A. C. man was out here or that you had ever received any information regarding the activities of this organization. On the supposition that you might be interested in what we are doing I'll give a little resume.

The S. P. D. is organized for the purpose of getting out spruce for airplane construction. As you know the Sitka spruce is the best material to use in aeroplanes and is found in commercial quantities only in the Pacific Northwest. So Uncle Sam organized the S. P. D. to get it. He appointed Colonel Disque (now brigadier general) as its head and told him to supply ten million feet a month of first class spruce lumber. He did. He used limited service men to build the largest mills in the world at Vancouver, Wash., and Port Angeles, Wash. At the same time he sent limited service men into the forests. He built railroads in super record time. Cut timber till the old timers gasped. He reached the ten million mark all right and Uncle Sam said "Well done good and faithful servant," now get out thirty million feet a month. Wise-aces said "It can't be done." Gen. Disque says nothing but starts the wheels.

We're after that extra twenty million. This country is undeveloped, in fact it looks much like one would imagine the forests "over there" look now. Some twenty years ago fire devastated these hills in many places and the naked snags stick up out of the green as silent monuments of the "days before." Some hills are entirely barren. But inside is vegetation such as man seldom sees north of the tropics. The likeness to the country "over there" is continued by the many army camps with their rows of white tents. Each morning and each night the call of the bugle is heard. Throughout the day we hear the roar of heavy charges of dynamite and the calls of the Swede powder monkeys.

Oh, it's a great life and a gay one. We'll be glad when it's over but wouldn't leave the service for any man's money till it's finished. I happen to be a Forester so I guess I'm in the right place at that, though I'd like to be with my old classmate, Doc Brundage "over there."

Lieut. S. J. Brownell, '16, who has just been discharged from the service at Camp Lewis, Washington, visited college this week. A coincidence occurred in the officers' mess of the first and second battalion of the Depot Brigade at Camp Lewis, Washington, in which out of eight men at his table six were M. A. C. men. The names of all six of the Aggie contingent there begin with B. Beside Brownell there were J. Bartlett, '18; Gus Bartels, '20; W. B. Brown, '16; C. F. Barnett, '17, and Hugh J. Bartley, '18. Bartley was discharged and returned to Michigan with Brownell.

Alumni Notes

'61.

Jared M. Knapp (with) of the department of Biological Sciences, Washington State Normal School Bellingham, Washington, has just written, "all students of the Michigan Agricultural College who were present in the beginning of the institution will greatly miss old College Hall where they received instruction. All classes were held in this building. I would like to attend the reunion at the college next year but the journey seems a long one for a man 80 years old. I trust the college may have a prosperous year."

'89.

E. A. Holden, 600 Shiawassee St., Lansing, Michigan, is secretary of the Patrona Mutual Fire Insurance Co., also of the Patrona Cyclone Co., both of which he organized. He is "doing a little farming just to help feed the world, especially the boys at the front fighting for world freedom." His son, Harold P. Holden, with '17, is a sergeant at Camp Custer.

'00.

John R. Thompson, Bureau of Valuation, Interstate Commerce Commission, Chicago, Illinois, received a commission as Captain of Engineers in October. He expected at that time to leave for service within a week or ten days.

'01.

Hugh P. Baker, Capt. Inf., has just been mustered out of the army from Camp Meade, Md., and has returned to resume his duties as dean of the New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse, New York.

'02.

H. E. Young, Secretary of the Illinois Farmers' Institute, has just sent in a very attractive booklet on "Illinois Mighty Agricultural Patriot," a 1918 centennial issue. From the booklet we learn that Illinois ranked first among all the states in the value of all farm crops produced as estimated by the U. S. Department of Agriculture for the year 1917. It presents in a very graphic way the work that the state has done in food production and farm development and reflects Mr. Young's own activity and success as secretary of the Illinois Farmers' Institute.

'04.

W. J. Wright, director of the New York Agricultural School, Alfred, N. Y., has just resigned that position to become state leader of junior extension work at Cornell University. The following is quoted from the Fiat Lux, a publication of the students of Alfred University, "The work which Dr. Wright takes up was created through the Smith-Lever law and carries with it great responsibility and importance. Dr. Wright has held his present position since 1912 and has proven so eminently successful that it is with the deepest regret to the University and the community that his resignation has been received. The state is to be congratulated on being able to secure the services of so competent and authoritative a man as Director Wright."

'05.

Horace S. Hunt was appointed by Dr. H. A. Garfield last July as administrative engineer for Michigan on the Bureau of Conservation U. S. Fuel Administration. He has recently moved with the other officers of the administration to the Book Building, Detroit. Hunt has charge of all coal conservation activities in Michigan as they pertain to steam power plants. He writes, "every power plant is being inspected and rated as to efficiency, and recommendations are being made for the adoption of more efficient operating methods in order to save coal." His work includes the inauguration of skip stops on railways, utilization of excess water power and the closing down of inefficient isolated plants. He expects to return soon to the Fargo Engineering Company of Jackson, Michigan, from whose em-

ploy he was temporarily released to assist the Fuel Administration.

'06.

E. N. Bates, who has been Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Pennsylvania State College, resigned during the fall to enter government work in connection with the storage and dockage of grains and grain products.

'07.

O. A. Kratz is now chief of the Bureau of Construction for the city of Portland, Oregon.

'08.

H. I. Glazer is now captain in the Quartermasters Corps. His address is 1340 Randolph, Washington, D. C.

Laura Hyde Kratz, Hillsdale, Oregon, writes that she is doing her "bit bringing up two young sons, Malcolm, four years old and Courtney nearly three."

F. M. Barden writes of a light peach crop during the past season, having only 1,200 bushels, but that what they lacked in quantity was made up for by the splendid price which they brought. There are many things to be thankful for.

'09.

Leta Hyde Keller who has been spending the past year in Oregon and California has just returned to her home in Hastings, Michigan.

This from Chan C. Taylor, 205 Hillcrest Ave., Louisville, Ky., "though much belated I wish to announce the arrival of Ruth Eleanor Taylor on June 26th. Time flies so rapidly that I have not realized that five months have since passed. Still at the same old job, assistant to vice president of the Kentucky Tobacco Product Company, Louisville.

'10.

M. M. Babcock, instructor in Industrial Engineering at Pennsylvania State College, was a visitor in East Lansing last week. The engineering buildings and power plant at Penn State burned on November 25th and college men and S. A. T. C. soldiers were given a ten-day leave. Babcock says that Penn State still talks about the M. A. C. football team which administered the drubbing to them on their new field in 1915 and that ever since that memorable day their sole object in military work has been to develop a band that would

equal the M. A. C. band that accompanied the team to Penn State. They also wish to redeem themselves in football as the defeat M. A. C. administered was the first they suffered on their new field. Mr. and Mrs. Babcock (Fernelle Allen, '12), attended the wedding of Mrs. Babcock's sister, Verna S. Allen, '12, and Russell Val-leau, '16.

'11.

H. E. Dennison is back in Michigan working in one week schools for the extension service of the college.

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G. E. Watts has just accepted a position with Swift & Co., in their produce department at Alma, Michigan.

Glenn France has taken over the management of an 18,000-acre ranch at Fontane, California. The size of the proposition can be judged from the fact that 3,500 acres of the ranch are in fruit.

E. C. Lindemann at present with the War Camp Community Service, will accept a position with the Y. M. C. A. College of Chicago on January 1st. The Chicago college trains county "Y" leaders. "Lindy" has been in New York securing 50 community singing leaders for War Camp Community Service.

W. H. Urquhart has just been made superintendent of the Michigan Bolt and Nut Works, Detroit, Michigan. A recent issue of the Iron Age in an item on the personnel of the company contains a picture of Urquhart and mentions that "he came to the company six months ago as mechanical engineer and has been assistant superintendent for a considerable portion of the intervening time." Urquhart is living at 670 Helen Ave., De-

troit, Michigan. There are two Urquhart children, Barbara Jane, two years, and Robert Gordon, six months.

*12.

F. H. McDermid writes in November, "we have just finished harvesting our biggest crop of apples and they are bigger and a better crop than ever. We now have 2,400 bushels in our storage."

*13.

J. M. Wendt, Agricultural Agent for St. Joseph county, reports a young son, nine and a half months old, whose name is John Martin, Jr.

Wm. Curtis, Jr. (with) is driving a Red Cross ambulance in France and may be addressed, care American Red Cross, Transportation Department, 4 Rue Gabriel, Paris.

R. R. Pailthrop, employed by the Bureau of Markets, at 424 Federal Bldg., Spokane, Wash., says, "now that the war is about over I hope that the fellows who have been in service will take a few minutes off and let us common citizens who have not been fortunate enough to get into the scrap hear from them through the columns of the Record."

*14.

R. B. Kellogg, Jr. (with) who has been a junior lieutenant on the U. S. S. Iowa, is now chief engineer on the U. S. S. Raleigh, a gunboat. His address is care Postmaster, New York.

Mrs. W. R. Cartwright (Miss Jessie Whitney) has moved from Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, to 741 W. Exchange St., Akron, Ohio, where her husband is employed by the Firestone Tire Co.

Austin L. Coons is on his farm at Lowell, Michigan, and has had a very good year with his orchards. This year's apples were the best quality that he has yet produced and next spring he expects to start a good-sized peach orchard.

*15.

Etha B. Smith, who operates the End of the Trail Store at Houghton Lake, Michigan, is now in Webberville.

F. E. Burrell has moved from 337 Putnam Ave., to 733 Second Ave., Detroit, Mich. Burrell is employed with the D. U. R. Company.

Julia A. Raven, St. Mary's School, Mission, S. Dakota, has been changed from matron to the Domestic Science Department, and together with her teaching and other school duties oversees cooking for the institution.

John W. Leggat is order clerk and stock chaser in the shell department of the Maxwell Motor Company. He entered the munitions work on July 1st. Previous to that time for two years he was connected with the technical advising branch of the Maxwell

service. "Am father of another boy now four months old, making for me a family of two boys."



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'16.

Charles B. Dunphy, captain in the Veterinary Corps, is assistant to the department surgeon of the Department of the South, and is located in the department surgeon's office at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

'17.

Helen Peterson manages the cafeteria of the Reo Motor Car Company in Lansing.

Lieut. Frank W. Marx is acting as an instructor in a training camp in France and is located at O. & T. Center No. 5, A. P. O. No. 922, A. E. F.

H. E. Macomber is in the Chemical Warfare Service at Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood, Md., and is working under Lieut. Al Iddles, '12. Macomber is in Company 2, 2d Bn.

J. Clyde Anderson, Sand Creek, Michigan, writes, "doing duty on the farm. Uncle Sam would not let me enlist nor would he take me in the draft. In that no account class of physical disabilities. Yours for a post war M. A. C. that will outshine all others.

Chauncey A. Hoag who is with Diak & Smith, chemical engineers in Detroit, has accepted a position with the Lincoln Motor Company, and on January 1st will enter their chemical research laboratory. The Hoags are living at 671 Lothrop Ave., Detroit, Michigan.

1st Lieut. A. L. Turner (with) is with the 37th Infantry of the regular army guarding the Mexican border in the vicinity of Laredo, Texas. Ft. McIntosh at Laredo is headquarters for the regiment. During September Lt. Turner was detailed for four weeks to help instruct University of Texas students at Camp Mayby just out of Austin. He was commended for his work among the students. Mrs. A. L. Turner who was Susan E. Black, w'19, has been with her husband on the border for over a year.

This is an excerpt from a letter from Glenn S. Thomas, Hort, who is gracing the business office of Stark Bros.' Nursery, at Louisiana, Mo.: "We have just got word down here that the war is over. Some of the natives are wondering 'what war,' but they can't fool me. I know. Darned if I wasn't pretty nigh into it—I had almost convinced the war department I would make desirable cannon fodder. Now little Tommy will be compelled to stand around, feeling about as necessary to mankind as the hole in a perforated doughnut, and cheer while the boys come marching home."

'18.

H. C. Diehl has been working in the Yale Chemical Warfare Service Laboratory at New Haven, Conn., principally on research in gas defense. He writes that Doolittle, '14, and Prof. Huston, now captain in the Medical Corps, are also in New Haven, the former connected with the Yale laboratory and the latter at the Brady Army Laboratory at New Haven.

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