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THE OLD COLLEGE BELL, which for so many years announced the hours from the tower of Williams Hall is to be supplanted by a Western Union clock system. The contract has just been let to the Western Union Company to supply the campus with twenty-four Western Union controlled electric clocks, nineteen of which will be placed indoors in the various buildings, and five are to be placed outside at conspicuous points on the campus. The contract calls for the installing of the clocks within six weeks and extends over a period of a year. The campus is to be entirely without bells or gongs of any sort, the coordinated clocks to serve instead. This time scheme is in the nature of an experiment and will be tried out for a year.

THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA has just installed in Bessey Hall the Bessey Memorial Tablet, commemorating the work of Dr. Chas. Edwin Bessey, father of Dr. E. A. Bessey of the Botany Department. The tablet was a gift of Dr. E. J. O'Gara '02 of that institution, who was a former student of the senior Dr. Bessey.

A LIBERTY MOTOR, real "cooties," a wireless telephone equipment in operation, a machine gun and war relics without number will be on display Farmers' Week among the general exhibits in the barrack buildings. Along with the relics there is to be a typical army canteen conducted by college Y. W. C. A. girls. A large number of the relics to be displayed are trophies collected by M. A. C. men along the front lines.

THE FIRST TWO YANKEE war heroes with wound stripes applied at the college this week for entrance, under the contract being drawn up by the college and the war department for the rehabilitation training of wounded soldiers. An act recently passed by congress provides that wounded soldiers may enter certain educational institutions for training which will refit them for new vocations. The Government furnishes each man \$65 a month and the cost of his course of training. Of the two men making application thus far, one from the nature of his wounds is required to take up some out of door work and has elected the Forestry course. The other, who has lost several fingers on

his left hand, is entering the electrical engineering course. This is a phase of war reconstruction work in which M. A. C. will undoubtedly become very active because of the practical nature of her courses and one of which the state should be very proud.

THE FACULTY gymnasium class has been divided into two groups—the Reds and the Blues. Contests in basketball, volley ball and indoor baseball are being indulged in vigorously Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 5:00 to 6:00. Points are being allowed for every score made by either side and at the end of the schedule the winners will be banqueted by the losers. Professors Hasselman, Giltner, and Roseboom are the Red managers in basketball, indoor baseball and volley ball respectively and will lead their crews against aggregations headed by such Blue men as Professors Cox, McCool and Hedrick.

E. C. LINDEMANN, '11, formerly state leader of boys and girls club work for the college, left East Lansing this week to take up his new duties in the Y. M. C. A. College at Chicago. Following his several months' work during the fall for the War Camp Community Service, "Lindy" suffered a general breakdown in health and for the past four weeks has been at home in East Lansing recuperating. His work in Chicago will be in connection with the training of "Y" county secretaries and will include a series of lectures before certain groups at the University of Chicago.

SIX SWIMMERS from the Detroit Athletic Club will give demonstrations and exhibitions in fancy diving and swimming as a part of the reception and athletic entertainment for the Legislature and Farmers' Week visitors in the gymnasium Thursday night, February 6th. The D. A. C. swimmers will bring to M. A. C. the first swimming exhibition to be witnessed in the new pool. Their appearance should not only be a means of demonstrating M. A. C.'s wonderful swimming facilities, but will also serve to stimulate interest in aquatic sports among both men and women students. Tom J. Clemens, swimming coach at the Detroit Athletic Club and the holder of a number of swimming and diving records heads the list

of tank artists. Clemens has had wonderful success in developing swimming talent for the D. A. C. particularly in bringing out youthful swimmers. Others on the program are Fred Jorn, the world's record holder in the plunge for distance; Ed Van Dyke, state record holder of the 50 and 100 yard free style; Elmer Calvert, state back stroke champion; Frank Schwedt, national interscholastic champion and plunge for distance, and Marie Curtis, state record holder for fifty yards. Miss Curtis is a protégé of Clemens and is but sixteen years old. She won the state record after being under the coach but two weeks.

A GROUP OF EAST LANSING women numbering 14, calling themselves a "Committee on Civic Information," began Saturday to mobilize the feminine voters of the college city for the election in April—the first in the history of Michigan in which women will participate equally with the men of the state in the exercise of the right of franchise. In undertaking the work of organization thus early, the East Lansing women are credited with having set the pace for Ingham county, and possibly for Michigan. The committee has divided East Lansing into a number of divisions, in each of which the women resident therein will be brought together for wafers, tea and politics. These last, it is said, will consist of instruction in methods of registering and voting. The first meetings on Saturday afternoon in the homes of several of the committee members, were well attended and demonstrated that East Lansing women will not fail to use their rights at the polls. Later on it is planned by the committee to arrange for lectures, probably in the East Lansing school house, on the intricacies of marking and casting ballots. Prof. E. H. Ryder, who in his non-professional moments is mayor of East Lansing, has volunteered to be the lecturer. A number of women have already registered at the office of city clerk B. A. Faunce in the library building.

THE SENIOR CLASS at a recent election, selected Newton L. Reed of Saginaw, as president, and Miss Claudice Kober of Toledo, Ohio, as vice president.

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LOCAL MEETINGS.

During the war local M. A. C. Associations became badly disorganized and disofficered. Men entering service and both men and women going into war work and moving about made it difficult in many instances to keep a firm organization.

Everywhere, now that the war is over, we meet the spirit of reconstruction and reorganization. Branch alumni associations are feeling it. There is a general desire to get going again on the old basis and to get the old crowd together for the old-time reunions. Don't overlook it in your town.

A Grand Rapids man wrote last week, "realizing that the college is now undergoing a strenuous period of reconstruction I have taken it upon myself to call the alumni together for reorganization and immediate action of some kind that will be helpful to the college." In the next three months we hope to see several men and women in every local M. A. C. Association taking the initiative that Schneider, '85, did in Grand Rapids. There is much for the local associations to do, as Mr. Schneider has pointed out. The college is "undergoing a strenuous period" and "immediate action" by the local organizations will, to say the least, be helpful.

TWO M. A. C. MEN GIVEN D. S. C.

Capt. William D. Thompson, '17, and Lieut. Howard G. Smith, '17, have very recently received the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism in battle.

The official report of the War Department of Captain Thompson's decoration, which was made public on January 21 is as follows: "Capt. William D. Thompson, 2d Machine Gun Battalion. For extraordinary heroism in action near Fleville, France, October 4, 1918. By skillfully employing his machine guns, Capt. Thompson silenced the fire of hostile guns, which

were holding up progress of the infantry. He also led an attack on several nests with the aid of tanks, and when his objective was reached and his guns placed, he returned through the heavy barrage and brought up a platoon of infantry which had been lost. He was severely wounded in this last exploit. Home address, Mrs. Kate Thompson, mother, 1928 Seventh St., Port Huron, Mich."

Capt. Thompson, who by the way was promoted to captain on the field, is apparently well recovered from the wound which is mentioned in the official record of the war department. A photograph and a Christmas letter recently received by President Kedzie indicate that in November he was able to be up and about.

Lieut. Howard G. Smith, '17, of the 168 Infantry, was decorated for extraordinary heroism in the Bois de Romagne, France, October 15th. It is reported that Lieut. Smith was wounded early in the engagement but declined to be replaced, although he was suffering much pain. He brilliantly led his platoon in charge of four machine guns, which he captured with many prisoners. He was instrumental in clearing the Bois de Romagne of the enemy under terrific machine gun fire. Throughout the action his leadership, courage and determination inspired the greatest confidence. When he was partly overcome with loss of blood he volunteered to guide sixty prisoners back over a shell swept area and refused medical treatment until the prisoners were delivered at battalion headquarters.

Both Lieut. Smith and Capt. Thompson were decorated with the French Croix de Guerre early in the summer for valor in action in the spring campaigns. These Distinguished Service honors now being conferred and coming directly from General Pershing prove conclusively that the two 'Seventeen men were consistent and hard-fighting fighters who were able to repeat their spring performances in the fall.

AGGIES RUSH SQUAD FROM CUSTER, 31-13.

Outplaying the officers in every department of basketball, the Aggies last Friday night defeated the Camp Custer Officers' team by a score of 31 to 13. M. A. C. took 23 points in the first half, as against the Custer squad's eight.

Team work was the thing which counted last night. The Aggies rushed the ball up and down the field at will. When the Custer men captured the ball, there usually was no one in sight to receive it. As a result, the officers repeatedly through both halves tried for baskets from the center of the floor. The Farmers each time worked the ball to the basket, increasing their chances of dropping it through for two points.

Kurtz and Garratt were the mainstays of the M. A. C. defense that the visitors found lots of difficulty in penetrating.

Confidence that the Aggies can trounce the University of Michigan in their two games during February was instilled in Coach Gauthier's men, not alone by the wonderful teamplay exhibited in last night's game, but by the fact that the Custer players who met the U. of M. not long ago, declared the East Lansing team is the faster of the two. The visiting officers declared they expect to see M. A. C. beat Michigan.

The next home game for the Aggies will be February 7 with Wabash college. The team left Wednesday for a three-game trip to Wabash, Depauw and Notre Dame with games Thursday, Friday and Saturday evenings with the three institutions respectively.

GRAND RAPIDS ALUMNI REORGANIZE.

The Grand Rapids M. A. C. Alumni Ass'n held an informal Cafeteria supper at the Y. M. C. A. Saturday evening, January 18.

Chas. W. Garfield acted as chairman through the absence of the president and remarks were made by C. F. Schneider, '85, Hugh Lynch, '10, Roswell Carr, '08, D. S. Cole, '93, W. K. Clute, '96, S. E. Coulter, '82, R. S. Cleland, '89, and H. S. Bradford, '01. A committee was named to make plans for another supper of the same nature on January 25th at the same place and nominate officers for the coming year. Thirty-two were present and the following alumni:

Chas. W. Garfield, '70; C. F. Schneider, '85; D. S. Cole, '93; W. K. Clute, '96; Mrs. E. D. McBain, '79, Mrs. Alice Weed Coulter, '82; J. E. Coulter, '82; H. S. Bradford, '01; L. B. Littel, '01; Alta Lawson Littel, '03; Lula Pepple Baarman, '02; Roswell Carr, '08; R. J. Cleland, '89; Mrs. Alleen Raynor Atkinson, '09; Hugh Lynch, '10; Hazel Lamareaux, '13; Clara Rogers; C. H. Perkins, '12; Margaret Kedzie-Perkins, '11; Herbert J. Duthie, '11; Winifred Felton Duthie, '11.

W. F. D., '11,

Temporary Secretary.

The final reorganization of the Grand Rapids Association was accomplished at a meeting held Saturday evening, January 25th. The new officers elected are President H. I. Duthie, '11; Vice President, Mrs. L. B. Littel, '11; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C. '03; Secretary and Treasurer, Mrs. C.

RAY STANNARD BAKER '89 TO DIRECT PEACE CONFERENCE PUBLICITY.

A recent issue of the New York Times has the following to say relative to President Wilson's appoint-

ment of R. S. Baker, '89, as director of publicity at the peace conference:

"A start has been made on the machinery through which the American public will learn of the doings of the Peace Conference. Hitherto the British and French press have had access to much more information than the press representatives from the United States. The British and French have also been issuing their own official communiques regarding the meetings. It has now been decided to issue a joint communique, prepared by a committee representing all the nations, this to be the sole official giving."

"President Wilson has also decided to communicate with the representatives of the American newspapers, of which there are more than 100 in Paris, through the medium of a publicity agent. Ray Stannard Baker has been selected as the agent."

The plan, as announced, is for President Wilson or some member of the American mission to communicate to Mr. Baker such details of the proceedings as are not embraced in the communiques and which the President desires to make public. Mr. Baker conveying the information to the correspondents. The correspondents will not have the original contact with the source of information.

Ray Stannard Baker, a magazine editor and newspaper writer since 1892, became attached to the Committee on Public Information after the United States entered the war. He was the managing editor of the McClure Syndicate some years ago, and later associate editor of McClure's Magazine. From 1906 until 1915 he was one of the editors of The American Magazine.

"He was born at Lansing, Mich., April 17, 1870, a son of Major Joseph Stannard Baker and Alice Potter Baker. He took a partial law course and completed his literary studies at the University of Michigan. From 1892 until 1897 he was a reporter and sub-editor on The Chicago Record, from which he went to McClure's Syndicate. He is the author of several books under his own name and of several under the pen name of "David Grayson." Some of these are: "Boys' Book of Inventions," "Our New Prosperity," "Seen in Germany," "Second Boys' Book of Inventions," "Following the Color Line," "New Ideals in Healing," "The Spiritual Unrest," and "Adventures in Contentment."

"Mr. Baker has also contributed much to English and American magazines. His home is at Amherst, Mass."

THE SOO'S GIFT TO FRANCE.

The following tribute to two M. A. C. men is reprinted from the editorial columns of the Soo Times:

The Soo and all Chippewa county has been saddened by the death of two soldier heroes, Colonel Robert

Welsh ('94), and Major Ira MacLachlan ('10). The careers of these two gallant and high-spirited soldiers are peculiarly alike. Both were members of old and respected Chippewa county families; both received their instruction in military science at the Michigan Agricultural College; both were in command of local companies of the National Guard when their country engaged in war—Colonel Welsh in '98—Major MacLachlan in 1917. Both were active in the fraternal and social affairs of this city while dwelling here, and both died in France from wounds just a short time before hostilities ceased.

Had heroic France asked us for the finest manhood as a definite proof of our willingness to sacrifice for the liberty of ourselves, our Allies and the world, we could have made no finer choice than those two splendid men, who with courage unshaken, and determined purpose, crossed the sea to rescue the enslaved women and wretched children of Belgium and Northern France, and prepared to pay with their lives, if need be, the ransom of the oppressed and desolated.

Colonel Welsh, who spent the last twenty years of his life in the United States, is remembered best by the older residents of the city and in Dafer township, where so many of his relatives reside. "Bob" Welsh, as he was long known here, was not only a successful superintendent of schools, but endeared himself to many by his sincere, happy spirited participation in so many of our fraternal and social activities, that it is not surprising the Soo boys chose him as captain of the local National Guard company and cheerfully followed him to Cuba in '98. After distinguished service during the Spanish-American war Captain Welsh was commissioned in the regular army where he served until his death.

How natural it must have seemed to Colonel Welsh, who in '98 helped liberate Cuba, to join in liberating Belgium in 1917. He typified the American spirit of "help others" and his memory adds luster to this community, which will not dim while memory lasts.

Major MacLachlan, prior to his last two years spent on the Mexican border and overseas service, was an active factor in the Soo, and the news of his death shocked us all. When a young man engaged successfully in business foregoes the joys of home and family and waives physical defects sufficient to disqualify him for military service, in order that he may strike a blow at his country's enemies, no doubt can arise as to his courage and patriotism.

Ira MacLachlan disregarding injuries received years before on the football field, went to France determined that Kaiserism must perish from the earth. We mourn that he had to make the final and complete sacrifice. We turn in sympathy to

the bereaved family, and yet we realize that Major MacLachlan's example teaches a lesson which we must not forget. "As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free," was the thought which inspired Bob Welsh and Ira MacLachlan. As they have died to make men and nations free, let us stand ready, if need be, to keep them free, for otherwise these brave friends of ours and many like them have died in vain. They and many other brave men from this country and county who served in this great war, possesses the highest virtue of citizenship. They have kept the faith, their work is done well and nobly done. So let us do ours.

DR. L. H. BAILEY '82 COMPILES WHO'S WHO.

Professor Liberty H. Bailey, '82, Dean of Agriculture at Cornell, has recently compiled and published a volume entitled, "R. U. S.: Rural Uplook Service, a Preliminary Attempt to Register the Rural Leadership in the United States and Canada." It is a handsome volume of 313 pages and contains the agricultural records and attainments of 2,746 persons. This is less than three sevenths of the number solicited for inclusion in the volume (7061). Dean Bailey has aimed to include persons regularly and permanently engaged in rural work; such as farmers, teachers, investigators, lecturers, etc., if they have become public characters.

Officers of agricultural colleges above the grade of instructor are included and engaged in agricultural or rural work. In the preface Dr. Bailey remarks, "we should have as good record of the rural range as of the urban range. *Rus* and *urbs* together make up the public welfare."

RESOLUTION.

Resolved, That the Phi Delta Society extend their heartfelt sympathy to the bereaved family and friends of Frank G. Russel, '19, who has given his life in France in the service of his country.

We mourn the passing of so noble a man and true brother.

Be it Further Resolved, That this resolution be published in the Holcad and M. A. C. Record.

Signed, F. C. Pinkham, S. J. Kestell, Committee.

Whereas, Almighty God has taken from this world the life of our brother, John Kelham, '17, be it

Resolved, That the members of the Hermian Literary Society extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy. We mourn the passing of a noble man and a true friend.

Resolved further, That these resolutions be published in the Holcad and the M. A. C. Record, entered in the records of our society, and sent to the bereaved family.

Signed, Hugh J. Bartley, for Committee.

COMMENTS AND REMINISCENCES ON THE BURNING OF WILLIAMS HALL.

The January 10th number of the *Record* brings the news of the burning of "Williams Hall," one of the old landmarks of the campus to those classes of long ago. My class has reason to remember Williams Hall, for many of our boys lived in Williams Hall four years and all of us had three meals each day in the big dining room in the basement, where, in those days, the entire student body assembled at one time. On the upper floor there were several society halls which supplied the real college life and intimate friendships to the boys.

With the destruction of Wells Hall, College Hall, and Williams Hall, there is not one big building, familiar to the boys of '81, left on the campus. This is a matter of regret to many of us, and yet, unquestionably, is an evidence of progress, for all through life we find that the old makes room for the new.

Out of the thirty-three who left the college in August, '81, twenty-six are still living, and most of them active in business or professional life. Some day we hope to have another reunion of the class of '81, and I will voice the hope, for the rest of the class, that we shall find a new and enduring building to take the place of College Hall and a new and up-to-date dormitory building to take the place of Williams Hall, for the dormitory system, as noted in the *Record* "makes the atmosphere and spirit that is peculiar to M. A. C."

A. H. VOIGHT, '81,
Los Angeles, Calif.

We had a little while ago a severe snow blockade and some of my mail was missed. From the *Record* received yesterday I infer the "Williams Hall" has been burned. Is it so?

If so, with that gone and the Old College Hall "razed" there will be little on the campus that will be of interest to the older "Alumni." It would be more like going to a funeral than otherwise to visit it now. I am sincerely thankful I got there in 1915 while these were still standing and when I saw them I could persuade myself that I had been a student there once on a time but with them gone I am afraid it would be difficult in the extreme to do so especially with "Frank Kedzie, whom we remember as little more than a boy as Pres. although we are glad to know he is "making good" in his position, and equals if not exceeds any of his predecessors in that office.

M. T. RAINER, '74,
Belvidere, S. D.

I notice that old Williams Hall has gone up in smoke—too bad. It was in Williams Hall that I spent three and a half very pleasant college years. Unless it had changed consid-

erably since those days the loss of life must have been terrible. The boys at that time were not its only occupants.

FRANK R. SMITH, '87,
902 Palm Ave., Miami, Fla.

In 1872, when Adam Oliver of Kalamazoo, a landscape gardener, was making plans for walks, drives and locations for new buildings he was much disturbed because three of the buildings were in a row, viz., the Old Boarding Hall, Williams Hall, and College Hall, of the dwellings, then in existence, number 7 occupied by the Professor of Botany was out of place, so much so, that the State Board decided to take it down in a few years.

At one time scarlet fever was prevalent at the college and all the public buildings were to be fumigated by burning sulphur; the creak in the second story of the southwest corner of Williams was broken and a six-hundred-dollar-fire was the result—or one of the results. Mr. Knapper, the florist, was looking into the nozzle of the hose when the water was turned on and took him in the eye; this was another result of the fire.

During President Snyder's administration a much talked of scheme of an administrative building accompanied by one for the library was in vogue, notwithstanding nearly all colleges and universities place the library in a separate building. Why M. A. C. should be a rare exception to the rule perhaps some one can tell. Cheap buildings have been our rule—cheap or nothing. Wasn't the botanist glad to secure a showy shell of wood at a cost of \$6,000 to be burned in ten years including a unique museum of plant products?

A word regarding the great need of a new building for the museum—not large but unusually well selected and exhibited, containing no trash. The specimens are costly and many could not be replaced. By all means set in motion the necessity of a new building for the museum and keep talking till everybody knows it.

The herbarium is the result of much labor—the largest and by far the best in the State, not made for show but for the advancement of the science of botany, horticulture and agriculture. Once started the museum and herbarium would soon be drenched by water thrown on to extinguish the fire.

In case a new building were provided for a library, why wouldn't the vacated room be ample for the use of the president, secretary and their "allies"? The museum and library as well as the offices of president and secretary are in one building and have been exposed to great risks from fire; I mentioned a few instances; in

the basement directly below the room of the cashier was a work bench. On one end of the bench was a box a foot or more in diameter filled with matches. In the southeast corner of the same room were two containers for kerosene which had escaped more or less and followed the grain of the floor along the east side; in a room of the second story was a barrel containing alcohol which was for use by several laboratories; many jars of specimens in the museum above contained preserved specimens; electric lights installed by the college, one on the west end of the library and one in the office of the president flashed into short circuits and were noticed because they occurred in the day time.

DR. W. J. BEAL,
Amherst, Mass.

The passing of Williams Hall brings many memories to the man who spent all but his first freshman term under its roof and three of his four years in one room—No. 39. That room was the best in the building because it had the only maple floor—easy to keep clean and safe for bare feet. That floor was due to a fire caused by fumigation for some disease that attacked the occupant shortly before I entered college. In my day the corridor was known as Bedbug Alley, a name which it fully merited, for the *Bitem Atultem* of that time were full regulation size and not the "small visitor" referred to in the recent editorial. The only time during my sojourn when they were not numerous was following the fumigation of the whole hall after the diphtheria outbreak in 1891.

Before the days of electric light, darkness was made visible by a smoky lantern on each floor. What those lanterns, especially on the second and third floors, saw would fill several interesting volumes. I have heard it said that one night when there was a fearful noise concert—cabaret, minus the cats, it might be called today—one active sophomore who was beating time with a bed slat on the dust box happened to look up to find no other member of the orchestra present and only one spectator—"Pete" Woodworth, '86, then professor of physics, who was highly appreciative, as usual.

Upon the occasion of another seance the cry arose, "Here comes Old Doc." Immediate silence! Prompt darkness! Deluge from hall tub! Splashed Doctor! No one to be found! Ward captain in bed asleep!

The top floor was the favorite place for a refined game in which the quiescent participant bent over, placed his face in a soft cap and after the application of an invisible hand at the right angle of his frame endeavored to guess whose hand tingled. Success in this guessing contest promoted him to the crowd and gave the tinger a chance to guess.

In the fall of 1893 when the first concrete walks were built, the empty barrels mysteriously disappeared. Rigorous search failed to disclose their whereabouts. But on Halloween ninety or more descended from the roof of Williams where the sophs had stored them for the bonfire that started in front of the building with no one near!

Speaking of the stairs one of the favorite nocturnal pastime of the "down towners" who not content with stamping as loudly as possible would use drain tile as a more effective sleep dispeller. The tile would be rolled in single file down the steps. I mention this as a frequent incident because M. A. C. in my time was in a chronic state of being drained.

Such salient memories as these, to say nothing of the more intimate personal ones, must now stand out in the minds of a thousand vigorous men who filled the hall with shouts and snores, laughter and song with enough genuine work sandwiched in to make many of them take rank as moulders of the nation's, and in some cases of the world's, advance in agriculture and mechanics.

M. J. KAIN'S, '95,
Port Washington, N. Y.

Just heard of the burning of Williams Hall. Too bad, but perhaps we will get a regular 'dorm' to replace it. Will try to get back for commencement this year. We ought to have some reunion.

G. K. FISHER, '15,
Box 157, Clarendon, Ark.

I have noted the loss of Williams Hall by fire. I sincerely hope that a new and modern dormitory may be built to replace it. The old site should be reserved for a more important building.

E. A. BURNETT, '87,
University of Nebraska, Lincoln.

Roy S. Wheeler '10.

Roy Spencer Wheeler, '10, died December 19th at his ranch near Durango, Colorado, of Spanish influenza.

The following clipping was taken from the Durango Democrat: "Influenza last night, December 19th, claimed as a victim a well known lower Florida mesa farmer when Roy Wheeler succumbed following a few days illness. He was thirty-one years old and is survived by a wife, father and mother. The late Mr. Wheeler formerly was employed by the government as a forest ranger in the Durango district, but resigned to devote more time to his ranch interest, which were some ten miles south of the city. He was an industrious young man and his friends were legion."

Wheeler entered M. A. C. with the class of 1910 from Union City, Michigan. He was popularly known in college as "Buck" and was very active

in athletics, having been a member of the varsity football team for three years and the varsity track team for as many seasons. He was a member of the Olympic society.

Having followed the forestry course he entered the forest service upon graduation and served several years as ranger and deputy forest supervisor on the Durango National Forest, with headquarters at Durango, Colorado. Soon after graduation he married Nettie Wilson, with '11, who survives him.

It is a peculiar circumstance that Wheeler's mother died of influenza only a few days after his death, both having been brought back to Union City for burial at the same time.

DIED IN SERVICE.

William T. McNeil '13.

Lieut. William Thomas McNeil, '13, died December 27th in France of wounds received in action. Word of his death was received by his parents Mr. and Mrs. John McNeil at Caro, Michigan, January 21st, but no information has come from any source as to the nature of his injuries.

McNeil entered M. A. C. with the class of 1913 and followed the agricultural course. Upon graduation he returned to the home farm at Colling. He reported at Ft. Sheridan for the Second Officers' Training School in August, 1917, and having won a commission as 2d Lieutenant sailed from Hoboken in January, 1918, for overseas duty.

On July 2d he wrote from Paris that he was on his way to the front and cabled his parents on August 5th and again on August 27th of his safety after engaging in battles. He was promoted to first lieutenant in September and had full charge of a company of infantry, composed of Boston and Massachusetts men. Before the big battles in October he had been in various skirmishes and trench raids and both he and his men managed to escape injury.

His last letter to his parents was dated November 10th and laboriously penciled while in the hospital. The next letter, a week later, was written by one of the hospital nurses for him. Through all of his letters the intention was evident to spare his parents worry.

Lieut. McNeil was thirty years old and is survived by his parents and one sister.

A number of relics and trophies sent to his parents by Lieut. McNeil indicate his active service in the front lines and on several different sectors.

Harold R. Siggins with '17.

Harold R. Siggins, with '17 died in the hospital at Beauvois, France, of pneumonia, on October 17th. Siggins attended M. A. C. two years with the

class of '17, and enlisted in July, 1917, in a Michigan Medical and Ambulance unit. He left the Allentown Camp in August, 1917, and has since been serving in France.

The following extracts are from a letter which was received by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Siggins, Grand Junction, Michigan, before Christmas, from his lieutenant:

"I received today the official notification of the death of your son Harold in the hospital of Beauvois of grippal pneumonia, and hasten to offer my condolences and sympathy and to tell you how much I and all the other men in this section regret his loss. Always cool, always cheerful, even in circumstances fraught with danger. As mechanic the section centered around him and whatever glory and honor has been won by this section, the credit in a large measure belongs to him. A few weeks before his last sickness he was gassed while rescuing a damaged car from an area heavily shelled and deluged with gas, but his strong constitution enabled him to recover quickly. The strain and fatigue of the attack coming so soon afterwards must have weakened his resistance so that after a short fight he succumbed to the pneumonia. As a result of his gallant conduct I proposed him for the "Croix de Guerre" or French War Cross, which he had so well merited. I have had no news of it since but hope sincerely that it will be accorded as it would be a precious souvenir for you.

"He is missed by everyone of us. He was our brother, for in a small command like this, where for over a year and a half it has been share and share alike, ties are formed that are often as strong as ties of blood. Therefore, we share your grief, but hope that you will find some consolation as we do in the thought that he died as a man dies best, fighting for his country.

He was my right hand in the section in its work and in its counsels. I then miss him perhaps more than the others, and I honor his memory as that of a good friend and brave soldier, who fought the good fight to the end.

"With deepest sympathy,

"ROBERT W. MILBANK,
"1st Lieut. S. S. W. 591, B. C. M.,
"Paris."

Siggins' death in France adds another gold star to the college service flag.

★ WITH THE COLORS ★

R. J. Coryell, '84, has written the following regarding his son, R. I. Coryell, '14, now with the 96th Aero Squadron in France:

"Ralph may get home by spring but it looks doubtful to me. He has charge of the work of the observers

of the first bombing squadron of the 2nd army. He went up to the front among the first bombing squadron of the first army. There was 40 in their group. In all there was six detailed to other groups. All the others became casualties, mostly by being taken prisoners. At the time of the St. Mihiel drive, headquarters had lost all their planes and the boys had gone in so far that the whereabouts of the front was lost. Ralph was sent over to find the front. The clouds hung very low so the pilot followed the German line several miles just over the heads of their troops. The dough boys were so close the Germans did not dare to shoot, as it would give away their position. Thus they were able to bring back the information. Ralph knew that part of the country so that he was able to mark the locations.

"When he got back to his own squadron, he found them almost wiped out. The papers in the U. S. said that in a certain raid, the bombers were protected by 22 fighting planes. They did not say that these fighting planes were of the Boche variety. Ralph carried over some four tons of bombs and has since been to the places to see how much good they done. In one place, they reported "No results" on their return. After the armistice, the inhabitants told them that they killed about 200 machine gun men."

From H. H. Allen, '14, Co. D, 18th Eng. (Ry.) U. S. A. P. O. 705, Bordeaux, France:

I just received the Record dated Nov. 1, enclosing application blank for seats for Notre Dame-M. A. C. game. As it is a little late to apply now, and as Uncle Sam still has the say as to my traveling I have to pass it up. Nevertheless I would like to have seen the game. The M. A. C.-Purdue game is the only game I have heard about except the first game which I saw in the Record.

I am now thinking about going home! It is not a unique thought but one which is in every one's mind nowadays.

Our regiment was one of the first to come overseas. I think we were well inside the first thirty thousand. Whether or not that will have any weight in precedence of sailing is hard to tell.

Everyone who has been at the front says we have been fortunate in not having to go there but by far the most part were aching to see or at least hear a little of the big "do." But we have been right here building docks, railroads, etc., and helping the 1st Army fight "on its stomach" by keeping up supplies down here in the S. O. S. (Service of Supply). We were considered S. O. L. (No translation necessary).

I have been very thankful for the Record which reaches me spasmodi-

cally as does all oversea mail. Yet I get them all.

I received a fine letter from Dean Bissell which I answered. I wonder if he ever got my reply. A number of my home letters have gone astray some way or other.

Best regards to you and all who may happen to remember me. "Gauch" and his wife are among those I hope.

P. S.—I met up with Douglas, '13E, a while back. Or, rather, I met up with his outfit. He was near us at an artillery school. I just missed him all the way around but got a good letter from him afterward. Also Lieut. Chittenden, with '13F (my recollection) and Sgt. Jerry Cook, both of the 10th Engineers (Forestry). I have also met a number of others with whom it is always pleasant to call back familiar times, scenes and faces.

HENRY NORTH LAWRENCE DIES.

Henry N. Lawrence, treasurer of the Lawrence & Van Buren Printing Company, who for nearly twenty-five years have been printers of the M. A. C. Record, died January 20th. Mr. Lawrence was over ninety-two years old and was remarkably well preserved. He was bookkeeper for the company and was in his office and actively carrying on his duties up to within a few weeks before his death. Previous to his connection with the printing company Mr. Lawrence had held several State positions of importance and had served in the Michigan legislature.



Alumni Notes



'69.

James Satterlee, 306 W. Ottawa St., Lansing, Mich., wishes to register as a "laboring man." He has had a splendid war garden the past summer and makes note of the fact that he has "had lots of fun killing weeds and bugs, and harvesting garden stuff for our own use and to give to the neighbors."

'78.

Emmor O. Ladd, farmer and fruit grower of Old Mission, Michigan, is a representative in the State Legislature from Grand Traverse county, Michigan, and is spending the winter in Lansing during the legislative session. Representative Ladd is a member of house committees on Agricultural College, horticulture, education and School for the Blind.

'89.

Frank M. Paine closed his florist business in Traverse City, Mich., last October and has been visiting in Ypsilanti and elsewhere since December 1st. He expects to enter employment in a new line of activity in the spring. "After twenty-four years of continuous grind in one field of labor I feel

the need of a change and am certainly enjoying my present rest."

'87.

Frank R. Smith, proprietor of Oak Hill Farm at Somerset, Michigan, and Mrs. Smith are spending the winter in Miami, Fla., and living at 902 Palm Ave.

'00.

George B. Fuller is assistant chief aeronautical engineer with the Glenn L. Martin Company, manufacturers of airplanes, and airplane accessories in Cleveland, Ohio.

'01.

Dr. Hugh P. Baker, formerly a captain of infantry in the army, has been discharged and has returned to

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resume the deanship of New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University. He writes, "It is fine to be back in the work of the college after sixteen months in uniform. * *

* We are very proud of the record made by the State College of Forestry and I think it is just a bit unusual. Of something over 500 alumni and old students 87 per cent were or are in service. Probably if we were an older institution we would not have had so large a percentage."

'05.

A daughter, Harriet Maynard, was born January 27, to Lieutenant and

Mrs. (Lillian Taft) Sage at East Lansing. Lieut. Sage is in the Medical Corps at Camp Jackson, S. C.

'08.

Wm. M. Rider, formerly professor of animal husbandry at Syracuse University, has been appointed director of extension service of the National Holstein-Friesian Association, with headquarters at Brattleboro, Vt. In commenting upon his selection the January number of Country Life in America has this to say: "His previous experience has admirably fitted him for this post, since it has included the practical management of dairy herds, travel and study of dairy conditions in most of the important dairy states, college and post graduate training, extensive teaching experience in several institutions, active association with several important dairy expositions, and training along editorial lines gained by contributing generously to the agricultural press."

'09.

Chas. W. Lapworth is assistant construction engineer for the Detroit Edison Company, with offices at 1800 David Whitney Bldg. His home address is 421 Montclair Ave., Detroit, Mich.

B. H. Roberts, R. F. D. No. 5, Grand Rapids, Mich., is "still farming at the same old stand and at about the same speed. Added forty acres more to the ranch last spring so that Roberts farms now number 300 acres."

'10.

Clarence G. Clippert is a captain in the Sanitary Corps, and is now at Base Hospital, A. P. O. No. 701, Amer. E. F. France.

Capt. Chas. H. Ponitz has been discharged from the army and has returned to his home in Bay City. Ponitz has been stationed at Watertown Arsenal for over a year. He visited campus friends during the week.

'11.

Lieut. W. B. Clark is with the 51st F. A. at Ft. Sill, Okla.

Verd H. Carpenter is "still in the postoffice business" as postmaster at Central Lake, Michigan.

'12.

M. T. Munn is assistant botanist at the Geneva Experiment Station, Geneva, N. Y.

Clinton H. Chilson, an aviator with the Amer. E. F., was promoted to captain in the aviation section on November 10th.

D. F. Fisher, assistant pathologist in fruit diseases and investigations in the Department of Agriculture, has just published a bulletin entitled "Apple Powdery Mildew and Its Control in the Arid Regions of the Pacific Northwest." The bulletin is a professional paper of the Bureau of Plant Industry of thirty pages. It contains a very complete description of the disease and its economic importance in the northwest, outlines the results from spraying experiments carried on by the author in 1915-16-17 and offers suggestions for the control of the disease.

'13.

Earl H. Shuttleworth on January 1st accepted a position with the Michigan Millers' Insurance Company of Lansing, as a special agent on the inspection of mills and elevators. He is to have charge of the work over the state of Indiana.

H. G. Clothier moved from the farm at Petersburg in November to take up County Agent work in Calhoun county. He writes, "I am proud to be in a position where I can help shape some of the agricultural policies of the greatest nation on earth. Right now there is plenty of work for all, especially those who have had the advantage of training at our good old Alma Mater. I hope she studies and meets the needs of those she is trying to serve." A daughter, Flora Irene, arrived at the Clothier home August 31, 1918. They are now living at 217 S. Marshall Ave., Marshall, Mich.

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'14.

Richard Henry Publow arrived January 16 in the home of H. L. and Mrs. Publow (Hazel Powell, '13) in East Lansing. Publow is an instructor in engineering chemistry at M. A. C.

Robert Snyder has been discharged from the army and is spending a few days at his home in East Lansing. Snyder was a private in the Medical Corps and has been doing laboratory work in the Army Medical School at Washington, D. C.

L. C. Milburn is with the Glenn L. Martin Company of Cleveland, Ohio, manufacturers of airplanes and aircraft accessories. Their products are chiefly machines of five to ten tons gross weight, but include radio apparatus, wireless telephones, magnetic

compasses, parachutes, etc. Milburn is chief metallurgical engineer and has charge of the company laboratories and supervises the selection and use of metallic materials. A future co-ed, Audrey Shirley, arrived in the Milburn home September 10, 1918. Milburn is living at 1451 E. 134th St., E. Cleveland, Ohio.

'15.

H. W. Hulbert is now professor of Farm Crops at the University of Idaho and has entire charge of experimental work in farm crops. His address is Box No. 189, Moscow.

Samson Liph is engaged as agricultural investigator and extension worker with the Jewish Agricultural Society with headquarters at 706 W. 12th street Chicago, Ill. Liph covers the middle western territory for the society.

W. R. Thompson is with the Bureau of Markers in Atlanta, Ga., and is living at 36 Washita Ave., Apt. No. 4. He asks that we make it known to M. A. C. people that "we will appreciate visits from any M. A. C. folks who chance to be in this vicinity."

'16.

Lieut. E. G. Hamlin has been discharged from service and is at home at 88 High St., Ilion, N. Y.

Ray Nelson, who was research assistant in plant pathology in the botany department, and who was given leave of absence to carry on war work in marketing, has been reinstated and will return to M. A. C. on February 1st to resume his duties.

Lieut. Herbert Cooper has been discharged from the army and has returned to his home in Lansing. Lieut. Cooper was in France seven months with the 20th Field Artillery. He was in the drive of Sept. 12 and saw service on several sectors. He was fortunate enough to get through the several months service at the front without suffering a casualty, or spending any time in the hospital.

'17.

Esther Parker is teaching in the Detroit schools and is living at 99 Englewood Ave., Detroit, Mich.

W. Howard Rowan (with) has been discharged from service and is living at 647 Vinewood Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Lyle M. Wilson is in the Q. M. Headquarters of the 2d Army, care Sales Commissary Unit No. 313, A. E. F. France.

Albert F. Schumacher is a sergeant, Utilities Co., Q. M. Corps, at Camp Gordon, Ga. He is in the Department of Roads and Drainage, but expects to be released very soon.

F. W. Openlander, who was inducted into the Radio Officers' Training School at Columbia University, N. Y., has been discharged from service and has returned to work in Lansing, Mich. He is living at Room No. 403, Y. M. C. A.

'18.

Ralph H. Major has just accepted a position as Junior Highway Engineer of Illinois. He is located at 311 W. Madison St., Paris, Ill.

George S. Clark (with) is a 1st lieutenant in the 104th Aero Sqdn., Amer. E. F. He is in service with the Army of Occupation on German soil.

Roy M. Shane, who has been seriously ill for several months at the Laing Hospital at Escanaba, is reported to be slowly improving. Shane was taken ill in March, 1918, while working in St. Clair county, as assistant county agent, and since then has been confined to the hospital. The doctors have hopes of his recovery. No doubt Shane will greatly appreciate letters from his old college friends and classmates.

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