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EAST LANSING, MICHIGAN, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1919.

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THAT A VAST NUMBER of Michigan boys and girls have joined the ranks of the producers and are learning lessons of business and thrift is indicated in the annual report just issued by the office of junior extension at M. A. C. on the results of the efforts of Michigan youngsters in 1918. The report sets forth that 46,989 boys and girls, mostly in rural communities, became members of clubs during the year—and incidentally became acquainted with co-operation, helped to raise live stock and crops, and to can fruits and vegetables. Other items in the report disclosed that during the year a total of 2,700 clubs were organized and supervised. The total cost of supervising the work, which was undertaken as an educational rather than a money-making project was \$54,980, a part of which was paid by the federal government, a part by the state, and a part by county and local governments. The total net profit reported by the youngsters was \$188,290.56—making the total net profit to the state after all costs were deducted, \$132,670.65. The state leaders who directed this work were Ray M. Turner, '10, state leader of all junior clubs, and Miss Anna Cowles, '15, state leader of girls clubs.

PRESIDENT KENZIE held his annual meeting and lecture with the freshman class last Thursday evening. As in the past the meeting had to do chiefly with an explanation of the customs and traditions of M. A. C. and her campus, the part which each freshman must take and the responsibilities which he assumes as a member of M. A. C.'s student body. The president laid particular stress on health conditions and emphasized the importance of attending to mere indications of illness at once and calling on the college physician, Dr. Bruegel, at the Infirmary in the Athenæum House.

THE OLD COLLEGE HOSPITAL, near the Weather Bureau building, which during the S. A. T. C. dynasty was used as a Medical Detachment headquarters is being repaired and overhauled for the use of the Y. M. C. A. The college "Y" which since the burning of Williams Hall has been located temporarily in the Engineering building, is happy in the finding of a permanent home. The first floor will contain an office and reading and so-

cial rooms, and the second floor will be used by the Y. M. C. A. cabinet and various "Y" committees. Mr. Ambler, who succeeded Don Hefley as secretary at M. A. C., is very enthusiastic about the new headquarters. At this particular time the location cannot be considered central from the standpoint of the principal part of the student body, but when the attendance has increased so that more men live off campus the new headquarters will be very close to the center of population.

THE WILD GOOSE MAN of Ontario, Jack Miner, made a very interesting talk to men and women of the East Lansing Church following the regular monthly Bohemian supper on Thursday evening of this week. Mr. Miner is famous as a wild bird lover and has an international reputation for his work of conservation of wild fowls in Ontario. At this month's supper the East Lansing Garden Association convened and discussed plans for the coming year.

RAY TURNER, '10, and Anna Cowles, '15, are in Chicago this week attending the annual convention of the National Education Association.

THE ATHLETIC FIELD has not suffered its usual winter inundation as yet, and unless the weather turns markedly from its open winter style the field will probably stay up high and dry this spring. This winter has been a very unusual one for the campus. There has been very little snow, not enough for sleighing and practically no ice on the river so that no skating has been possible. Lake O'Gara and other campus ponds that usually form themselves in the late winter and spring will not be looked for this year unless the old March prediction of "coming in like a lion and going out like a lamb," fails us.

WHETHER MUSICIANS who elect to become members of the college band rather than the Reserve Officers' Training Unit can be given military credit for their band work is a matter that is being carried to the War Department at Washington, D. C., by Commandant Major Wrightson. The college has decided to give graduation credit to men playing in the band, but under the regulations of the R. O. T. C., band men are not provided for. Major Wrightson points out the

fact that the army was short of band leaders during the war and asks the War Department that the college be allowed to give credit to ten per cent of the student body for band work, without requiring them to take physical training or R. O. T. C. work in addition. The band in recent years has been one of M. A. C.'s most popular and successful organizations and a favorable decision by the War Department in the matter of military credits will be helpful in maintaining its standard.

B. F. KINDIG, of the entomology department and at present state inspector of apiaries and secretary-treasurer of the Michigan Beekeepers' Association, was chosen president of the National Beekeepers' Association at their annual convention in Chicago last week. The National Association, which is an organization of 48 years standing, represents about 800,000 beekeepers from over the entire United States, with the bulk of the representatives coming from the central and farwestern states. Last year's honey crop, which was estimated at 200,000,000 pounds, found a ready sale on account of the scarcity of sugar and focused the public eye on the beekeeping industry as never before in its history. Next year's convention will be held in February at Buffalo, N. Y. This is the second time recently that a Michigan man has been named president of the National Beekeepers' Association, Mr. David Running of Filion having formerly held the position. Mr. Kindig has charge of the division of Apiculture in the department of entomology of the college, and is receiving congratulations on this very distinctive honor. He was a special student at M. A. C. in 1905-06 and 1909-11.

EX-PRESIDENT WILLIAM H. TAFT will address an M. A. C. audience Wednesday evening, March 5th, on the subject of "A League of Nations." Plans for the lecture, which is the first of this year's Liberal Arts series, have been changed to permit a larger attendance. Instead of being held in the Armory, as previously announced, it will be in the Gymnasium.

ASHLEY BERRIDGE, '11, director of short courses, has been ill with influenza since Farmers' Week. He is just returning to his duties this week.

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THE MEMORIAL.

Now that the war is over we hear on every side of the erection of memorials commemorating those who have laid down their lives in the conflict. States, cities, towns, and many of the smaller units of American society are coming forward with memorial plans covering many different forms of memorial structures. M. A. C. men and women have not been backward either in giving thought to the placing of a fitting memorial on the campus of Alma Mater to commemorate our fallen heroes. Strangely enough there is a great concurrence of opinion, in that the college memorial should take the form of a Union Building.

There are several points that have been brought out in the discussion of a memorial and that have led to the general concurrence of ideas focusing themselves on a Union Memorial Hall. Everyone who is interested and who has given the matter any thought feels that it is in keeping with the spirit of M. A. C. that our memorial structure should be of a nature useful to the campus and of benefit to our men and women. No one favors a monument or a size suitable to this great commemoration that would not serve some useful purpose. It is the spirit of the campus that it must be useful and that it must serve. Another feature is brought out by a committee who recently met to discuss the matter. The war has brought men and women together as they have never been brought together before, and has furnished a common ground for meeting; it has been a great developer of community pride and community spirit. Consequently thoughts for war memorials turn very naturally at this time to community build-

ings that will become social gathering points for all the people. This is precisely the Union idea.

Any memorial placed on M. A. C.'s campus must be representative of all of the college and her interests, one in which everyone in the community may take a part; one that will include faculty and friends of M. A. C., as well as students and alumni. The M. A. C. Union is the only all college organization that includes everyone who has any interest whatsoever in the college. The Union Memorial Building appeals to everyone with M. A. C. in their hearts and affords a suitable monument to our fallen that will be ever useful to the institution.

Peter H. Felker '71.

Peter H. Felker, '71, died at his home in St. Louis, Missouri January 25th of a cerebral hemorrhage. He was sixty-eight years old and apparently in good health.

Mr. Felker was an exceedingly young looking and active man for his years. The day on which he died he had gone to his business in the morning, and in the afternoon had driven Mrs. Felker in an automobile.

A letter from his daughter Ruth Kate Felker, a painter of portraits and mural decorations in St. Louis, tells that just a week or two before his death he had entertained the family at dinner one night with many amusing anecdotes of his college days at M. A. C.

The following account of Mr. Felker's life and work has been very kindly furnished by Charles Garfield, '70, of Grand Rapids, Mich.:

"Felker's college name was 'Fat Boy,' he being the tallest and thinnest member of his class, and we who knew him and loved him continued to use this form of address until he passed on. He gave special attention to the study of botany, as I remember, and had some thought of becoming a teacher of this science. In the late seventies he was foreman of the gardens at M. A. C. and afterward entered the publishing field in Grand Rapids where he met and married his wife who belonged to one of our most esteemed families. After closing out his interest in the Saturday evening Post in this city he went to St. Louis, Missouri, and established a trade paper of unquestioned value and usefulness. This in time he sold, but retained the job printing business connected with it which he continued until his death. He had a married son Paul, twenty-six years of age, who had returned from government service only a few days before his father's death; and there is a grandchild, the idol of two families; Ruth, a daughter, has always lived in the family home.

Mr. Felker had a summer cottage at Highland Park near Grand Haven, in which the family enjoyed their va-

cations getting relief from the oppressive heat of St. Louis during midsummer. He often called upon me for a brief visit during these outings and he always delighted me with his companionable ways and his delightful sense of humor. He had a retentive memory and a gift of expression which made him a rare companion in the drawing room or on excursions. He was a keen observer, a lover of nature and of his home. He was sixty-eight years old. The only classmates who survive him are Professor E. M. Shelton of Seattle; R. M. Slocum of Dakota; Frank A. Sessions of Pennsylvania, and Dr. Henry P. Halsted of Shiawassee county, Michigan.

This class graduated twelve members. Members of my own class, '70, became very intimate with the boys of '71, because the teaching force of the college was so few in numbers that classes were merged for recitations and '70 and '71 made many combinations, during the course, which connected many interclass friendships that have endured until death claimed all but nine of us.

AGRICULTURAL HISTORY SOCIETY FORMED.

Lyman Carrier, '02, of the Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C., has just been elected secretary-treasurer of the newly formed Agricultural History Society. The society was organized at Washington, D. C., February 14, 1919. The object of this society is "to stimulate interest, promote study and facilitate publication of researches in agricultural history." The officers selected at the first meeting are: Dr. Rodney H. True, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C., president; Prof. Wm. J. Trimble, Agricultural College, N. Dak., vice president; Lyman Carrier, '02, Bureau of Plant Industry, Washington, D. C., secretary-treasurer; Prof. R. W. Kelsey, Haverford, Pa., and O. C. Stine, Office of Farm Management, Washington, D. C., members of the executive committee.

Any one interested in this subject, who pays the dues of \$1.00 per year, is eligible for membership and should write to the secretary-treasurer.

Commenting on the newly-formed society Mr. Carrier, who is also secretary-treasurer of the American Society of Agronomy, says, "the society is a national organization and I am sure that it will interest a number of M. A. C. people."

SPECIAL PREPARATORY COURSES FOR DISCHARGED SOLDIERS.

A plan for enabling young men to catch up who quit high school when war was declared to enlist in the army and navy has been devised by the faculty and approved by the State Board of Agriculture. A series of special courses have been arranged,

so that individuals who lost a year or more of high school can enroll and take preparatory work that will fit them to meet the entrance requirements for the collegiate courses. The first of the "catch-up" courses will commence on April 1. Returning soldiers and sailors will be permitted to enroll until January 1, 1920.

"Boys who quit high school when they were juniors and seniors to enlist in the army and navy have become men as a result of their military experiences," declared President F. S. Kedzie, in explaining the plan. "Few of these boys who are now men will care to return to high school, and unless some provision is made for them many who might otherwise have continued their schooling will neglect it. Our idea is to make courses in algebra, geometry, physics and other preparatory subjects available to these individuals, so that they can come to college and keep up their schooling among men. These special courses will be dropped immediately the need for them has ceased."

Returned soldiers and sailors, and men still in the military and naval services, are advised that they can secure more details if they will write to B. J. Faunce, Michigan Agricultural College, East Lansing.

WAR FIGURES WORTH PONDERING.

Total number of M. A. C. men entering service, 1,169.

Army officers:	
Colonels	3
Lieutenant Colonels	4
Majors	14
Captains	70
Lieutenants	334
	425
Navy officers:	
Lieutenant Commanders	2
Junior Lieutenants	1
Senior Lieutenants	1
Ensigns	14
	18
Total officers	443

BASEBALL SQUAD BEGINS WORK-OUT.

All records for the opening of the baseball season at M. A. C.—and probably for Michigan—were demolished on the campus by the score of young men who are hustling for places on M. A. C.'s 1919 squad. Encouraged by the spring-like breezes that had been tranquilly fanning the college the past few weeks, the boys have been letting themselves out a bit in the agricultural pavilion. Candidates for backstop and mound positions have been most numerous.

As Coach Brewer sizes up the Aggies' prospects, he believes there is much need for practice, for much green material will have to be used.

Of veterans, only a few are in college, though luckily, Stanley Johnson, last year's catcher, is one of the boys who commenced warming up this week.

Pitchers, apparently, seem to be scarcer than kings in Germany. Every old-timer who would be eligible is still in the army. Hartwig, of the All-Fresh of a year ago, and McMillan, a pitcher on one of the class teams, at present are the only men.

The possibility that not as many men may be on hand as may be necessary to hold the pace of former years has not interfered with the schedule making. A series of games is being lined up with all the Aggies' old opponents, and a few new ones. The schedule to date is:

April 19, Kalamazoo College, in East Lansing.

April 28, University of Indiana, in East Lansing.

April 30, University of Notre Dame, at South Bend.

May 14, University of Michigan, at Ann Arbor.

May 22, University of Michigan, in East Lansing.

May 27, University of Notre Dame, in East Lansing.

NOTRE DAME EVENS WITH M. A. C.

Though their rally in the last half of Saturday night's basketball game with Notre Dame made the college a close second, it fell short by one point and M. A. C. dropped another game on its home floor. The final count was 17 to 16.

M. A. C. was outpointed nearly two to one in the first half of the Notre Dame game Saturday night. In the second half the Aggies stiffened their play, however, and the Catholics were held to a single field goal in this frame. Despite the fact that Notre Dame could gather only two points in 20 minutes, M. A. C. was unable to overcome the odds that had been piled up against them in the first period.

Erratic passing and wild basket shooting which practically cost the Aggies the Michigan game proved their undoing again in the Notre Dame contest. Time after time the ball was under the M. A. C. basket and shot after shot was made but none of the players were able to get the ball into the cage.

Garratt played a steady game at guard for the Aggies Saturday night breaking up many of the attacks that Notre Dame made against the Aggies. Palm was the star on offense and doubled his foul count by scoring two baskets from the field.

Bahan, football star at Notre Dame played at center on the basketball team and proved one of the Catholics' best men on the floor. He made four field goals, three of them coming in the first half, helping the visitors to build up the 15 to 8 score in that period.

The varsity goes to Ann Arbor for its return game with Michigan Friday night and ends its playing season Saturday night with Hope college at M. A. C.

FEBRUARY MEETING OF STATE BOARD.

A meeting of the State Board was held February 17th at the president's office with present: President Kedzie, Messrs. Graham, Waterbury, Beaumont, Woodman and Doherty.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved without reading.

Mr. George C. Raviller was appointed assistant to Mr. Tenant in Live Stock Marketing, his title to be Field Agent in Marketing. The appointment is made in co-operation with the Bureau of Markets, the latter to pay a part of his salary beginning at once.

County Agents Bernie Beach, C. L. Rose and A. L. Olson who were taken from the emergency roll November 16th on account of deferred classification were continued in their positions upon Smith-Lever funds.

E. B. More was appointed County Agent for Calhoun County on emergency funds in place of H. G. Clothier who has resigned.

C. O. T. Scheetz was appointed County Agent for Alpena County on emergency funds; R. V. Tanner, County Agent for Barry county on emergency funds; E. G. Amos, County Agent for Menominee county, a part of his salary to be paid from emergency funds.

E. K. Chamberlain was appointed as specialist in Farm Crops Extension work during the absence of Wm. Murphy serving with the U. S. Marines in France, his appointment to begin February 20th.

Professor Mumford was authorized to attend a meeting at Ithaca, N. Y., looking to the formation of the Federation of Farm Bureaus with expenses paid.

The following resignations were accepted: Professor Polson, effective April 1st; Mr. McBride, effective March 1st; Mr. Householder, effective March 1st.

Mr. Blanford was authorized to attend a conference of state leaders at Chicago, February 25th to 26th provided government transportation can be changed from Dr. Mumford to him, otherwise Dr. Mumford is authorized to go.

Kay Turner was authorized to attend a conference of Club Leaders at Kansas City, February 28th, without expense to the college.

The expense account of Charles H. Graves in attending a meeting of the American Farm Management Association at Baltimore was approved.

The president was requested to correspond with the special committee looking after the so-called Newlands Bill having relation to the establishing of engineering experiment stations.

The recommendation of Dean Bissell that Professor Melick be authorized to carry on work for the State Highway Commission outside his college duties was approved.

Mr. French and Mr. Lightbody, formerly instructors in the chemical department and who were given leaves of absence during the war, were authorized to return if they so desire.

The matter of additional office space for Dr. Mumford was referred to the secretary and Dean Shaw.

The fee of spring term freshmen domestic art was made \$2.00 in accordance with the recommendation of Dean Edmonds.

The home economics division was authorized to entertain the Senate and House Club at luncheon at such time as it may be convenient; and Miss Winifred S. Gettemy was authorized to attend the National Home Economics Association meeting in Chicago, February 28th and March 1st with transportation expenses paid.

Charles G. Nobles, after leave of absence in the service of the Sanitary Corps, was reappointed beginning January 1st. F. W. Fabian was restored to his former position on January 1st and his title made assistant professor and assistant bacteriologist of the Experiment Station. Mr. Gerald Dikmans was restored to his position as half-time graduate assistant.

Professor Patten was authorized to make a trip to Washington early in February for a hearing in regard to the so-called Gore bill, relating to feed stuffs.

The matter of Professor Pettit's request to send Mr. Whalen on a tour of inspection on spraying material's was referred to the president.

Ray Nelson, who has been away on leave of absence, was reappointed to his former position on the Experiment Station staff.

The plan for carrying on crops breeding work at the Chatham Station as submitted by Professor Cox and approved by Dean Shaw, including the appointment of G. W. Putnam as crops breeder, beginning January 1st was approved.

The recommendations of Professor McCool introduced by Dean Shaw to the effect that L. C. Wheeling be appointed instructor in soils, beginning February 15th and that C. W. Simpson be appointed to carry on co-operative investigational work in several counties were approved.

D. L. McMillan was appointed superintendent of the Chatham Experiment Station upon the same terms as are now in force with Mr. Householder, the appointment to date from April 1st.

Justus Rising was appointed instructor in drawing and design.

The resignation of Dr. L. E. Heasley as assistant professor of poultry husbandry was accepted.

An addition of \$145.70 was made to the apportionment of the Military Department for the present period.

The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that the secretary, an executive officer of this board, is hereby authorized to execute any bond or obligation which will enable the War Department through its committee on education and special training, to issue to this institution for the use of the members of the Reserve Officers Training Unit such material as may be deemed proper to be issued for the use of the members of such corps."

"It is also further Resolved, That this board request the committee on education and special training to detail to this institution some properly qualified officer to act under our commanding officer as accounting officer for all material issued by the War Department in compliance with the request contained in the previous resolution."

The secretary was authorized to pay the expense of entertaining the members of the Boys and Girls Clubs during Farmers' Week.

The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that the board approves an appropriation of not more than \$5,000 to assist in building the road in question and the secretary is requested to assist Mr. Leighton in regard to securing the same."

The bill for a Library and Administration Building carrying an appropriation of \$300,000, already introduced in the legislature, was approved and the secretary was directed to prepare a bill for an Auditorium carrying an appropriation of \$270,000.00.

The plan for special preparatory courses for soldiers and sailors was approved.

Professor Huston, who has been absent in the service of the government, was reappointed to his former position in the chemical department.

The old hospital building is to be put into condition for the use of the Y. M. C. A.

\$1,095 was added to the apportionment for the registrar to cover the expense of fire proof vaults.

Arthur S. Burkett who was given leave of absence for the duration of

the war, was reappointed to become effective as soon as he returns to the college.

The expense accounts of the board members were approved.

The following resolution was adopted: "Resolved, that the special committee recently appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives in response to a resolution of that body asking for information in regard to the receipts and disbursements of Michigan Agricultural College, be invited to the college, given all clerical assistance in its investigations and access to all books and records of the institution, in order that it may gain the fullest information regarding the financial affairs of Michigan Agricultural College."

Adjournment.

THE FATHER AND SON SUPPER at the People's Church Tuesday night was attended by 95 boys, old and young. Harry E. Gardner of the Lansing high school was the chief speaker, most of the program being furnished by the boys themselves. Maxwell Seeley, son of D. A. Seeley, '98, acted as toastmaster.

WEDDING.

Lieut. Gero A. Himebaugh, '17, and Miss Leona Fennel were married in Burr Oak, Mich., last Thursday, February 13, 1919. Lieut. Himebaugh was recently discharged from service at Houston, Texas. He is now teaching agriculture at Lowell, Michigan.

FEBRUARY CALLERS AT THE ALUMNI OFFICE.

Ralph E. Dinan, '15, Ord. Dept. U. S. Navy, 500 Delaware Ave., Detroit, Mich.

Merl A. Russel, '13, agricultural and science teacher, Highland Park, Mich.

C. L. Hodgman, '10, mechanical engineer, Butcher & Gage Machine Co., Jackson, Mich.

H. K. Wright, '13, H. K. Mulford Co., Glenolden, Pa.

M. Wershow, '13, Ann Arbor, Mich.

A SUGGESTION FOR COMMENCEMENT.

ED. RECORD:

The soldier boys will be coming home soon, and it seems probable that most of them will be here by mid-summer. I am wondering if we cannot have a grand "campfire" to give them a welcome at next commencement. The boys have done nobly, and we want to show them our appreciation of their services. There are still several of us left who served in the Civil war nearly sixty years ago, and we shall be very glad to welcome our sons and grandsons on their return from this world war, and I am sure it will add greatly to the pleasure of all if this welcome can be given on

the grounds of our Alma Mater. We love and admire and respect these boys who have taken our places at the front, and we want them to know that we recognize the greatness of their work. I wish that we might have some formal occasion on which we might say "Thank you," the best and only words I know to express our feelings towards them. We old ones who fought to preserve the Union want to do honor to the younger men who have fought to preserve democracy and civilization.

S. M. Tracy, '68.

Biloxi, Miss.

Charles H. Hilton, '00, teacher and farmer, Benton Harbor, Mich.

George C. Monroe, '91, banker, South Haven, Mich.

A. L. McClellan, '17, Holland, Mich.

Ethel Raven, '14, Mulliken, Mich.

LOST.

The following M. A. C. people have become temporarily "lost." Any assistance given the Alumni office in locating them will be appreciated. Their last known addresses are given here:

Barnett, Mrs. Mae, '15, Alma, Mich.
Clinton, Miss Ruby, '18, East Lansing.

Dunford, J. A., '02, 314 N. 79th St., Seattle, Wash.

Dimmick, T. B., '16, Y. M. C. A., Detroit Mich.

Darling, F. W., '10, Ft. Ann, N. Y.
Geldhof, P. Edward, '14, 121 Onondaga Ave., Syracuse, N. Y.

Goetzen, C. D., '15, 270 Harrison, Detroit, Mich.

Hall, H. D., '15, Paw Paw, Mich.

Henry, Orville K., w'17, 420 Saginaw St., Lansing, Mich.

Hurd, A. L., '10, 421 Orchard Lake Ave., Pontiac, Mich.

Hoyt, C. E., 200 N. Elmwood Ave., Oak Park, Ill.

RALPH POWELL '11 WRITES HIS ANNUAL FROM CHINA.

Methodist Mission, Peking, China,
January 6, 1919.

Dear McKibbin:

At last I am writing you the letter which I promised many months ago. First let me thank everyone who joined in the greeting which you forwarded last February. When one is so far away he is especially glad to be thus vividly reminded of old friends.

As you will see from the heading we are now in Peking, some nine hundred miles north of our station at Changsha. It is the policy of our Mission to give each newcomer his first year free for language study but it was not possible to do this in my case and in the first two years I learned very little Chinese, so this year the Mission voted to give me my time free for language study and we came up here to the North China Union Language School. This is, I believe, the largest institution of its kind in the world, employing between sixty and seventy teachers. It welcomes all foreigners who find it necessary for their work in China to be able to speak Chinese and the emphasis is on speaking, although we get some drill in reading and writing.

The direct method is used, as very few of the teachers can speak any English and none are allowed to use any in the class room. We repeat phrases after the teacher and then combine them into sentences. At first the meaning is explained by giv-

ing us printed slips with the English translation of the sentences but soon each new word is explained by the teacher by means of words that we have had, or by signs, or pictures. My greatest difficulty, and I think that of most foreigners in using Chinese, are the "tones"; that is, the meaning of a word is different according to the inflection given it. For instance, "shih" pronounced at an even pitch means a lion, with a rising inflection it means a stone, pronounced with a pitch first falling and then rising it means history, and pronounced sharply with a falling pitch it means a market. I suppose I must consider myself lucky, for those who go to South China and learn Cantonese have ten different tones to master.

To the beginner the Chinese written character looks absolutely hopeless, but, as a matter of fact, it is a very interesting study. The great majority are made up of two parts, much as our English words of Latin origin are made up of roots, prefixes and suffixes. One part is supposed to give a hint as to the meaning and the other as to the sound, but as the beginner generally does not know how to divide it or which part is which, it isn't all clear sailing. Well, so much for my trouble.

We find Peking a very interesting place in which to live. It has been the capital of China almost continuously since 1271, having been built in its present location by the Kublai Khan of Marco Polo. One of the first points of interest which we visited was the Altar of Heaven where the emperor, as the representative of the people, used to worship the "Supreme God" at each winter solstice. It is a circular platform of white marble in three terraces, 90 feet in diameter at the top and 210 at the bottom and 15 feet high. It is paved with blocks of marble. The one at the center on which the emperor knelt is a true circle. This is surrounded by nine concentric rings with nine blocks in the first ring and 9x9 or 81 in the outer ring. This may have some connection with the Chinese idea that winter consists of nine periods of nine days each, following the winter solstice. Nine is quite a favorite number here. Peking has nine gates; in fact, a literary name for it is "the city of nine gates."

Another place of interest which we have visited is the Summer Palace where the manchu Emperors spent the summer months. It lies on a side hill rising from the shores of a lake some ten miles from Peking. The curved roofs of glazed green and yellow tile give a striking appearance. The buildings themselves are of wood but of elaborate workmanship and painted in red, blue, green and gold in a way that has to be seen to be appreciated. This was the favorite residence of the old Dowager Empress and millions of dollars were diverted from the appropriation of the navy

department to add to its magnificence. In the water near the shore there stands a marble boat which is said to have cost \$1,000,000 but as it was largely made of wood plastered with lime to represent marble, which is now peeling off, there must have been a good deal of "squeeze" in this as in most other public works in China. Some claim that the Chinese defeat in the war with Japan in 1894 was really due to this subversion of funds, for at the battle of the Yalu the Chinese fleet was stronger than the Japanese and fought bravely but were defeated because they had no shells for their large guns, nothing but solid shot.

In November we had a chance to see the president's palace, in fact, the president himself, as he granted an audience to the members of the language school and other missionaries in Peking.

I might ramble on in this way for some time but I guess this is enough for one letter.

Sincerely yours,
RALPH W. POWELL, 11E.

FROM THE WATCH ON THE RHINE.

Vallendar, Germany,
Jan. 22, 1919.

Dear McKibbin:

Received two copies of the RECORD today and have read them through twice including ads. They are the first ones that have reached me although I read most of those up to Dec. when in Paris.

I do not know whether many of the fellows have sung the song of praise for the University Union but I'm sure all who have dropped in there feel that way about it. Its most the only home we have over here. I think if it could be arranged such a union—U. of M., M. A. C. and Mich. C. of Mines in each State would be a great thing. Since I left M. A. C. I've run into lots of things and one thing I've learned is U. of M. men are great friends except in regards to athletics and I think such a Union could be put across.

I'm one of those fortunate or unfortunate who is taking part in the Watch on the Rhine. However, my watch is broken so it doesn't do me any good. My military record goes something like this: Came over with the 85th division in July, joined the 2d division in August and with the exception of a month at school after the war was over, I've been with them ever since. We took part in the St. Mihiel drive, the capture of Blanc Mount ridge in Champagne and the Meuse Argonne scrap. I've been over the top eleven times, been wounded once, but very slightly, been promoted to first lieutenant and that's about all but I'm here to declare it's enough as far as I'm concerned. I might add, however, that my division took over 5,000 more prisoners than any other

(U. S.) and advanced 60 kilometers against enemy resistance while our nearest rivals did only 51 and that we broke through the German lines in the Muese scrap a thing accomplished by no other division of any army.

Naturally we think a good deal about sea voyages just now and wonder how cold it is back in the states, and also if we will get home in time to start that farm we intend to work after we leave the army. You might tell Miss Thompson for me that I'm trying to decipher a German Botany by Otto Schmeil, but find it rather hard going. The only part of it I understand so far is the pictures.

I was disappointed a bit in the Wis. score but it isn't so bad but what I can go home when they will let me. Instead of coming back to M. A. C. I'm going into the nursery business near Milwaukee, and I hope that is soon. However I promise you that whenever M. A. C. and Wis. play the trees will have to shift for themselves one Sat. Thanks for the RECORDS and my regards to everyone at M. A. C.

Cordially yours,

PREP WRENCH, with '18.

Sendelange, Luxemburg.

Dear Old Friend,

The M. A. C. RECORD:

The RECORD because it represents M. A. C. of the past, present, and the future. I have just received the RECORDS of Dec. 6 and Dec. 13 and have held my M. A. C. Reunion as best one could.

Our Division, the 5th, is concentrated here in Luxemburg, and waiting anxiously for the verdict—whether it will be forward or back. The pleasant news which I heard today was that in early spring, we would advance into Germany to relieve some National Army Division and that we would probably remain over here for several months yet. At the end of seven months, the period between taps and reveille will be cut so short, and the inspectors will have us polished up so that we will look like the Distinguished Order of Owls on dress parade. Our hardest battles are now being fought. We are entrenched behind cleansing material (not Dutch Cleanser this time) everything from Castile soap to Creolin.

The entire battery went into position today in the stables. Just a few days ago, the mänge advanced on us. The main lines were cut, "tails" began to circulate. We all decided that a skin game was being worked on us. We first launched a counter attack with creolin, but the advance continued. The Veterinarian then conducted a raid under our barrage of sulphur solution and we are now holding tight on our objectives.

Hearty congratulations to M. A. C. for her brilliant year and best wishes for her successful future.

WALTER P. THOMAS, '16F,

2d Lieut., 20th F. A.

DETROIT ALUMNI

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Alumni Notes



'75.

Oscar E. Angstman, a Detroit lawyer with offices at 848 Penobscot Bldg., has never lost his interest in agricultural lines and practices his agricultural college training in a small way with a fine flower and vegetable garden including a hot bed. He is much interested in choice trees and shrubs and writes, "Have lots of fine tools of all kinds for recreation. Prefer an automobile for the family, particularly in the summer. Am a great advocate of activity and exercise, but it must be productive exercise."

'92.

W. D. Groesbeck, an examiner in the patent office, writes, "No change in five years, everybody who reads the RECORD saw the same thing last year so don't try to get a personal out of it. I took the mechanical engineering course but helped raise a war garden last summer that will keep us in "chow" all winter."

'02.

T. G. Phillips, who has been with the U. S. Housing Corporation, as town planner on the several projects that the government built for war workers, has been released from service and is back in his former location as landscape architect at 706 Kresge Building, Detroit, Michigan.

'04.

George S. McMullen is "still on the old home farm doing my little bit. Much grieved to learn of the destruction of Williams Hall, my home for a year in rooms 3 and 20." McMullen's address is R. 5, Grand Ledge, Michigan.

J. H. Prost is with the Agricultural Extension Department of the International Harvester Company and lives at 824 Castlewood Terrace, Chicago, Ill. He has been doing war work as director of the State Garden Campaign for the Illinois Council of Defense, and has been giving lectures in the Army Y. M. C. A. buildings at various cantonments on "The Future of Farming."

Jerome A. Priest is farming with dairying a specialty at Romeo, Mich. He has three young prospects for M. A. C. in the future, the oldest, a boy of eleven, and two girls, nine and three years, all of whom he hopes to see entered as students of M. A. C.

Robert D. Maltby is supervisor of agriculture for the Georgia State Board for Vocational Education, with headquarters in Athens, Ga. He has been connected with the Georgia Board for a little over a year and is enjoying the work there very much. He

occasionally sees some M. A. C. men, among whom have been Capt. Gork, '16, who is connected with the military department at the University at Athens. "The arrival of Robert D. Maltby, Jr., on January 7th, makes another candidate for admission to M. A. C."

Cass A. Lamb for the past year has been factory manager of the Dayton Automatic Products Company, which specialized in making screw machine products for the Liberty Airplane Engine. Lamb is living at 811 Neal Ave., Dayton, Ohio.

'07.

George Henry Ellis is a frequent contributor of poems to various engi-

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neering journals, his last publication being contained in the November issue of "The Monad," the official publication of the American Association of Engineers. It is descriptive of certain mosquitoes encountered by a surveying party in the west and is entitled "A Little Bovine Salve or the Resourcefulness of the Engineer." The last stanza runs:

"So, each evening, after supper,

We went hunting through that hay,
To take the bills from those mosquitoes,

To use on survey work next day."

'08.

Raymond J. Alvarez has been released from military service and has returned to his former position with the Bureau of Forestry at Manila, P. I. Alvarez was promoted from 2d Lieutenant in Field Artillery to Captain of a Machine Gun Company with the second regiment of infantry in October, and has been serving with that organization at Camp Tomas, Claudio, P. I.

'10.

Dr. Chester A. Griffin, formerly a lieutenant in infantry, has been discharged from service and is reopening his office in Lansing at Suite 360, Capitol National Bank Building and resuming his osteopathic practice.

Eugene D. Hallock is still plant engineer for the Republic Metalware Company at Buffalo, N. Y. Hallock has a nephew, A. Hallock Johnson at M. A. C. this year and three of his own to start in the future, Jack four years, Junior two years, and Dorothy Ellen five months, "consequently no dull moments."

Oren L. Snow is manager of the electric lighting plant department of the United Engine Company at Lansing, Mich. Their main line is small lighting plants for farm homes, but they also install 110-volt plants up to five k. w. capacity. His company had a unit on display at the college exhibit Farmers' Week. The Snow's are living at 122 S. Butler St., Lansing.

'11.

Vern C. Schaeffer is farming at Sturgis, Michigan.

'12.

Josephine Hart is a home economics teacher at the Lincoln High School, Seattle, Washington, and is living at 4001 Whitman Ave.

Otto B. Holley is electrical engineer for the Michigan Northern Power Company at Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, and is living at 700 E. Portage Ave.

'13.

Arthur C. Mason was discharged from the army on December 31st. His present address is Box 1134, Miami, Fla.

'14.

Lieut. Edwin B. Scott is with the 21st Engineers, Camp Travis, Texas. He received his commission at Camp Lee, Va., in July, 1918.

Benjamin H. Ernsberger in a recent letter to Prof. Eustace announces that he is back at his old job with

the Limoneira Lemon Company, Santa Paula, California, after an absence of fourteen months spent in the service. He writes, "The company were good enough to keep track of me while I was gone and as soon as the armistice was signed began to urge me to return. They gave me a soldier's reward of some \$400-\$500 (a share of their 1918 profits) and increased my salary upon my return."

The California Fruit Growers Exchange expends \$500,000 a year in advertising its Sunkist products. Two M. A. C. men, Don Francisco, as advertising manager, and Paul S. Armstrong '15, as assistant advertising manager direct the use of this large advertising appropriation.

Harold S. Bird is with the Bureau of Markets, as Investigator in Marketing, and is employed chiefly in connection with the preservation of fruits and vegetables in transit and storage. His department is attempting to eliminate the approximate 750,000 bushels annual loss of potatoes in the United States through freezing while in transit from the growing sections to the markets.

'15.

Theodora Hollinger is teaching in the Hamtramck high school where she has charge of the domestic art work. She is living at 179 Bearsford Ave., Highland Park, Mich.

An apology is due G. Karl Fisher who in a recent issue of the RECORD was mentioned as a Lieutenant. Fisher has been a Captain since August 1st, 1918.

B. Eldon Shaffer for the past year has been a farm manager and farmer, reorganizing three farms which joined to make one totaling 567 acres near Vicksburg, Michigan. He writes, "It has been some struggle with me to equip the old place with machinery and stock preparatory to feeding the world, but now I can just begin to see daylight ahead after a year and a half of real hard digging. Believe me there is no time for play or pink teas on a farm like this when it is next to impossible to hire good help." His address is Vicksburg, Route 2.

'16.

Lieut. Herbert Cooper, who has recently returned to Lansing from active service overseas with the 20th Field Artillery, has accepted a position with the South Lansing Real Estate and Insurance Company and is to become manager of the firm. The company's offices are 1204 South Washington Ave.

Lucius D. Sears, formerly a sergeant in the Aviation Section and stationed at Rich Field, Waco, Texas, has been released from the army and has returned to North Adams, Michigan.

Sgt. C. M. Loesel has been transferred from the Red Cross Hospital at Plattsburg, N. Y., to the Red Cross U. S. Army Convalescent Hospital No. 1 at Lawrenceville, N. J. He writes, "this place is just in its infancy and

no one knows just what they expect to do with it. Their main line is agriculture, having a 500-acre farm here." At Plattsburg Loesel was instructing wounded soldiers in agriculture.

Earl P. Robinson, '07, recently appointed county agent leader for the state of New Hampshire, writes, "Attended an executive committee meeting of Hillsboro County Farm Bureau last Saturday. Found the organization back of their county agent strong. They have recently boosted his salary \$400. I mention this because he is an M. A. C. man, C. A. Smith, '16. I believe he and I are the sole representatives of M. A. C. in extension work at New Hampshire College."

L. R. Stanley is teaching agriculture in the Sturgis schools and is living at 209 West St. there.

'17.

Claude Eppley (with) has been transferred to the Tank Corps at Gettysburg, Pa.

A. L. McClellan, a lieutenant at the School of Military Aeronautics, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, Mass., has been discharged from service and is now at 169 E. 5th St., Holland, Michigan. McClellan spent the week end in East Lansing.

Henry N. Putnam who has been serving with the 10th Engineers in France, has returned from overseas and received his discharge from the

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army. Putnam spent several days on the campus last week.

David Peppard received his Ensign's commission in Boston early in February.

Don A. Meeker, formerly county agent in Michigan and who entered the Officers' Training Camp at Camp Hancock, Ga., has been released from service and is now a salesman for the International Harvester Company on the east coast of Florida, with headquarters at Jacksonville, Fla.

Norman O. Weil at the U. S. General Hospital, No. 26, Ft. Des Moines, Ia., writes, "I applied for discharge when in New Haven but as I belong to the Sanitary Corps and have no dependents the release from service

was not granted. At present I am negotiating for a transfer into the educational department with the idea in mind of doing practical work with the wounded men at this post. You are aware, no doubt, of the extensive program worked out in the Surgeon General's office for vocational training of the disabled soldiers. We have some eight or nine hundred of these men and not a few of them are eager to learn in order that they may go back to civilian life equipped with tools with which to earn a good living. As long as I can be of any service to them I shall be glad to remain in the army. Kindly extend my best wishes to the good people of M. A. C. There are no bad ones so you have a job on your hands."

David E. Blair has been released from the army and is "back at the base of supplies at Staatsburg, N. Y."

Lieut. R. T. Gibbs (with) has been transferred from the Amb. Service at Gettysburg, Pa., to the Tank Corps at Camp Dix, N. J.

Roscoe W. Rice served in the army as a chemist in the Division of Science and Research in the Bureau of Aircraft Production in Washington, D. C., from October 1st to January 1st, 1919. He is now assistant chemist with the Melco Chemical Company at Bayonne, N. J.

Edward B. Benson, who was recently discharged from the army, has accepted a position with the Bureau of Markets and is stationed in Chicago at 595 City Hall Square Building, doing experimental work along storage and freezing lines with apples, onions, tomatoes and sweet potatoes.

Ralph J. Morgan, who was commissioned in the Field Artillery Reserve Corps, December 18th and discharged at that time, accepted a position with the Kentucky Extension Department on January 1st. He was with the Department of Agriculture until last August when he entered the army. "I did not do as much for old M. A. C. as many of her sons did, but I did my best and that is what counts in the end."

^{18.} Leo J. Klotz (with) formerly at Base Hospital, Camp Custer, Michigan, has been transferred to Mobile Hospital Unit No. 105, Amer. E. F.

Harold Stevens (with) a member of the Ambulance Corps in training at Allentown, Pa., has been transferred to the Army Medical School, Washington, D. C.

Ernest A. Rudelius (with), a first lieutenant with the 44th Infantry, has been transferred to the Presidio, San Francisco, California, his address being 176 Infantry Terrace.

Mary Crocker is teaching at Hillsdale, Michigan, and living at 220 West St. North.

^{19.} Boyd A. Rainey, Sergeant, 1st class, 218th Field Signal Bn., Camp Travis, Texas, has been released from service and styles himself Mr. Rainey of

Homer, Michigan. He expects to re-enter M. A. C. soon.

Eaton F. Perkins has been appointed Assistant Postmaster of the 9th Army Corps, Amer. E. F., and his address is Headquarters Detachment, A. P. O. No. 932, Amer. E. F. He writes "Have been trying repeatedly to be transferred to an engineers outfit and in a day or two may meet with success." He is stationed at St. Mihiel and is in the same outfit with Stub Van Aken, '15, and was very near Bert Cathcart, '15, in the Toul sector before Thanksgiving Day.

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