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FLINT MEMBERS STAGE FINE MEETING

Without any blare of bands or sounding of trumpets, but with a lot of college spirit and friendly feeling, the members of the Flint M. A. C. Association gathered around the festal board last Thursday evening for the first real get-together meeting they have enjoyed in a long time.

The meeting was held at the Dryden Cafe, and when the call to mess was sounded and Secretary Stone took account of those present, he discovered that just two score had responded to the call. Regrets were sent by many more, leading one to the conclusion that Flint has what is probably the largest and liveliest M. A. C. crowd of any city of its size in the country.

While the members were assembling, an informal reception was held, at which time many old friendships were renewed and not a few jokes on various individuals were uncovered. It was with a spirit of good-will and fraternity that the crowd sat down to an ample repast, and careful observation showed that the majority had been in training for the event for some time.

After the tables had been cleared, Mr. Glenn H. Stephen, '09e, took charge of the meeting as toastmaster. The entire affair was conducted in a very informal manner, and considerable credit is due Mr. Stephen for the excellent way in which the impromptu program was handled.

Dean G. W. Bissell, of the Engineering Department, was the first speaker

called upon, and kept his hearers interested by a clear-cut description of the present situation at the College, giving in order the various enactments as described in the RECORD, and the effect of the present legislation on College affairs in general.

General Secretary Sheffield, of the Association, discussed several topics of general interest, and concluded with an outline of what the visitors might expect on reunion day, and extended a cordial invitation to all those present to come back on June 23 and have a good time.

Mrs. Helen Ashley Hill, '07, L. G. Kurtz, '11, and several others gave extemporaneous talks on various things remembered from college days.

Acting President R. L. Kurtz, '09e, then took charge of the business meeting and an election of officers for the coming year was held, with the following result:

President, R. L. Kurtz; vice president, Mrs. Helen Hill, '07; secretary, Miss Edna Reed, ex-'14; treasurer, Don D. Stone, '13; member of the board of directors, C. B. Crawford, '13.

The constitution was signed by the members present, and plans for another meeting to be held within sixty days were discussed.

Space prevents the publishing of the names of those present, but it will suffice to say that the Flint association is on the way to become one of the leading M. A. C. organizations in the state.

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SUPREME COURT FAVORS M. A. C. IN IMPORTANT DECISION.

The long-awaited decision from the Michigan Supreme Court was handed down last Friday afternoon, and, as a result, the victory, though somewhat doubtful in nature, lies with the College.

The entire act of 1913, granting the Agricultural College an increase from one-tenth to one-sixth of a mill, was declared unconstitutional, and the funds which have been tied up for more than two months are now available.

Here is where the dubious part of the victory comes in. Under the sixth-mill act, the College would receive, on the assessed valuation of the State, a sum of \$381,000. By reverting to the tenth-mill basis the income from this source will be but \$228,000, a difference of about \$152,000. Inasmuch as plans during the past year have all been based on the first named sum, the authorities will be heavily handicapped in many proposed lines of work.

Most important of all are the following phases: The legislature of 1913 exceeded its powers in attempting to deprive the College of its constitutional control of funds derived from the Federal government. The Federal fund remains an agricultural college fund within the constitution, and is required to be annually applied to the specific objects of the original gift, grant or appropriation, namely, "the instruction in agriculture and the mechanic arts."

Judge Ostrander, who prepared the decision, made the following comment Friday afternoon:

"So long as the agricultural board employs funds for the purposes intended by the grant, it is beyond the power of the legislature to control the board's use of funds received from the Federal government, and long ago appropriated to the agricultural college."

The next legislature will be called upon to make up a deficit of \$30,000, occasioned by the loss of the \$152,000 by reverting to the tenth-mill tax, and there is some doubt as to

whether or not plans for the summer school will be continued. It is generally conceded that the college will have to practice strict economy, but the authorities declare they can manage to get along until the legislature meets in January.

HIGH HONOR TO WM. A. TAYLOR '88.

Dr. William Alton Taylor, a member of the class of 1888, has been made the recipient of a very signal honor by his selection as assistant secretary of agriculture at Washington, following the resignation of Dr. B. T. Galloway, who goes to Cornell as head of the College of Agriculture.

Dr. Taylor, who has been chief of the bureau of plant industry in the Department of Agriculture for a little more than a year, probably will assume the duties of his new office about July 1, the change officially taking effect August 1.

Graduating from M. A. C. in 1888, Mr. Taylor spent three years on his farm at Allegan, entering the Federal department as assistant pomologist in 1891. Recognition of Dr. Taylor's work in the department has been marked, recommendations made by him having been adopted throughout the country. The degree of Doctor of Science was conferred upon him by M. A. C. in 1913.

PROF. MEYERS DEAD.

Word was received at the College late last week of the sudden death of Prof. J. J. Meyers, assistant professor of zoology at M. A. C. For some time Prof. Meyers has been at Yale for advanced study, and according to the reports, succumbed to typhoid fever after a short illness.

Ethel Caldwell, '11h, who has been teaching at Dassell, Minn., during the past year, has completed her duties for the present and returned to her home at Benton Harbor, Mich.

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STAY IN THE GAME.

The College has been successful in its long fight to retain control of the funds entrusted to its keeping, and things promise to progress smoothly for the present, at least. By the recent decision, a portion of the funds on hand will become available at once, while \$50,000 of Federal funds and some state tax money will be at the disposal of the College authorities July 1.

No loyal supporter of M. A. C. should be lulled into peaceful unconsciousness by this seeming victory. The fight which has been carried on more or less continuously for fifty years is not going to be settled by a single court decision, and as soon as matters have quieted down again the friends of the institution may reasonably expect some new variety of attack.

It behooves every supporter of the Agricultural College to be on the alert from now on; keep yourself informed as to what is being done, and be prepared to throw your support behind the College where it will count. It is impossible to say from what quarter the next attack will be made, or what its nature will be. We simply urge upon all the necessity for eternal vigilance.

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THE REUNION IS SURE TO HAPPEN.

With the developments of the past week, there is now no doubt that the proposed reunion on June 23 will take place, or that it will be a record breaker in more ways than one. The only thing that remains for each one to do now is to make a red circle about the date and plan your engagements in such a way as to permit of attendance. Take it from us, there will be a lot of people on June 24 who will regret the fact that they did not get back to East Lansing this year.

Following the suggestion made recently in the RECORD, we have received several letters from people

saying that they will be here. Attention is called to the letter from A. C. MacKinnon, on another page. There is no reason why more of our people cannot let us know in the same way.

The program for the day is being arranged so that it fits in perfectly with the plans of the faculty for Commencement. So far the following events have been arranged:

Commencement exercises at 10:30.

College luncheon, including all alumni, at 12:30.

Annual business meeting of the Association, 3:00.

Band concert, 4:30.

Class suppers and reunions, 6:00 to 8:00.

Ball and reception for visitors, 8:00 to 11:00.

If you think of something that ought to be added, let us hear from you. This is not an affair for any few men to handle; it is a reunion of the Association, and every member has a right to offer his suggestions. The affair is sure to come off now, and June 23 is going to be a memorable day in the annals of M. A. C.

Make your plans now to be with us.

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MAY MEETING OF THE STATE BOARD.

The State Board of Agriculture met in the regular May session last Wednesday. The more important details of the meeting have been treated elsewhere in this issue. In addition to the step taken toward obtaining funds for the College, several minor matters were taken up.

M. C. Lilley & Co., of Columbus, Ohio, were awarded the contract for furnishing the new military uniforms next fall. The clothes, which are to be of olive drab material, as described in a previous issue of the RECORD, will be furnished by this company at a cost of \$16.35 each.

Bids for coal for next year were also opened, but definite action on them was temporarily postponed.

An offer from the H. J. Heinz Co. to furnish a scholarship, to be known as the H. J. Heinz Industrial Scholarship, was accepted by the Board. In brief, the agreement is as follows: The H. J. Heinz Co. agrees to pay a salary of \$500 to the graduate student employed, and to provide him with all sustenance and travel expenses during the period of active field work. The student will be one selected by the department of botany subject to the approval of the company, and will do research work on control measures for cucumber diseases and other unhealthy conditions of the crop. He will be a "research man" and not an extension agent either for the college or the company. The student who is fortunate enough to be selected for the position will have opportunity to work for his master's degree, and his research work will count toward that degree.

It was decided that thirty per cent. of the funds in the hands of the Liberal Arts Committee are hereafter to be used for musical entertainments.

The summer school project is to be held in abeyance, pending the development of the financial difficulties of the College.

THINK THIS MATTER OVER.

The following letter was received by President Snyder last week, and we would go so far as to say that it sounds attractive, at least. However, it is hoped that every reader of the RECORD will think the subject over carefully, and let us have your opinion, either by letter or at the reunion:

Santa Cruz, Cal.,
May 18, 1914.

President Snyder, M. A. C.

Dear Sir:—Much has been said during the past year concerning the holding of an M. A. C. reunion in California in 1915. So far, nothing definite has been done, and no one has taken the lead in this matter. In order to get it before the alumni and student body, I propose and, on behalf of the people of Santa Cruz, invite the alumni, students and friends of M. A. C. to hold the above mentioned reunion in this city instead of in San Francisco.

The advantages of holding it here over those of San Francisco are many. Below I have attempted to name a few:

1. Santa Cruz, a city of 12,000 people, is the leading sea side resort of California. Here is to be found the finest beach on the Pacific coast.

2. The city is located in a garden spot, at the mouth of a beautiful valley, surrounded by mountains, forests and sea. The natural attractions of such a place make it an ideal spot for such a meeting.

3. People from all over the United States summer here, and a meeting here, according to the present plans, would be a great advertisement for M. A. C. If the same meeting were held in San Francisco it would be only one of 400, most of which will be the supreme lodge or convention of great organizations. Ours would be so small in comparison that it would pass unheard of. The 400 conventions will bring a total of 400,000 delegates, and will mean about ten conventions per week.

4. The above conditions will make such a gathering very expensive because of the great demand for meeting places. Rents in Santa Cruz are, of course, lower; in fact, we could hold open air meetings, which would be more pleasant. Living expenses are also much lower. We figure that a week's stay here would cost from \$12 to \$15, including side trips, while the same in San Francisco would cost at least \$25 to \$30.

5. Everybody could be accommodated at the Cottage City, a unique hotel where every room is a cottage surrounded by gardens, making it much more pleasant for all to be together. The Cottage City on the beach is convenient to all attractions.

6. Santa Cruz is convenient to San Francisco, being but 70 miles away. The train service is good, and a \$3 round trip rate is in force.

7. Other attractions are the "Big Trees," the Cliff Drive, California's leading Chautauqua resort, Extinct Valcano, Big Basin Park, a redwood forest reserve, the largest apple shipping community in the world, and the second largest swimming baths.

The California M. A. C. Association are working out a four-day program, in case the reunion should be held at Santa Cruz, including the following events:

Reception, tendered by the city officials; banquet; grand ball; immense parade, swimming, boating, etc.; trip on Cliff Drive; "stunt night" on the beach, with bon-fire; athletic contests, fireworks, band concerts, a picnic at Big Trees, and trip to the Big Basin.

A large portion of the expense of this and other meetings of this character is borne by the city, which has a provision for such matters. Our share could be met by charging a small registration fee. The Chamber of Commerce has already offered its services.

In order to arrive at some definite conclusion in the matter, and to be able to decide whether or not a large enough crowd could be depended upon at any one time to make it worth while, I propose that each student, alumnus or friend of M. A. C., if it is their plan to come to the Fair, send a copy of the following to the chairman of the California M. A. C. Association:

1. I am coming to the Fair.
2. I can best arrange to come in June/ July/ August. (Cross out one, and indicate second choice.)
3. I favor Santa Cruz / San Francisco.
4. I expect to bring.....with me.
5. I am a member of the class of
6. Full name and address.....

Literature will be mailed to all who respond. Hoping that we may be successful in holding a "greatest ever" reunion next year, and that Santa Cruz is chosen as the place of meeting, I am

Sincerely yours,

WELLS PRATCHNER, '11a.

Chairman California M. A. C. Assn.
152 Walnut Ave., Santa Cruz, Cal.

An item in one of the Detroit papers stated that Wm. L. Lightbody had been transferred from the Higgins schools to the Lillibridge school, in the capacity of principal. The Lillibridge is the largest grade school in Detroit, which redounds to the credit of Mr. Lightbody. He is a member of the class of '89, and is president of the Detroit M. A. C. Association.

HORT. CLUB FEASTS ON VEGETARIAN REPAST.

On last Wednesday evening the members of the Hort. Club met in the final session of the year, the annual club banquet, which marked the closing of one of the best years of this growing organization. In numbers alone, the club has more than doubled in the past few years, and the interest has kept pace with the numerical increase.

The menu cards which were found at each plate tested the knowledge of the banqueters fully as much as one of Prof. Eustace's quizzes, for the entire list of gastronomic events was by scientific nomenclature, not even the humble radish escaping. The ponderous nature of the names, however, did not affect the appetites of the diners to any extent, and full justice was done to an excellent meal.

The nature of the program was comparable to the course in Hort. 8, and was conducted by President Verne C. Pickford in the role of Chief Evolutionist. The subjects and speakers were as follows:

"Dominant Characters," E. C. Volz, '14.

"Survival of the Fittest," Dean R. S. Shaw.

"Influence of Environment," R. S. Streat, '14.

"Hereditary Characters," Prof. H. J. Eustace, '01.

"Mutations and Sports," D. W. Francisco, '14.

"Use and Disuse," F. L. Bloom, '15.

"Development from Within," Prof. Thos. Gunson.

Each of the speakers indulged in a bit of light repartee, but left his hearers with some worth while thoughts. Prof. Gunson was up to his usual form, and gave the departing seniors, as well as the other men, some sound principles to carry out from M. A. C. when they leave.

REUNION DOPE.

Dear Mr. Sheffield:

Agreeable with your request in the RECORD, I am writing to advise you that I am looking forward to June 23d with a great deal of pleasure, anticipating a visit to the college at that time. In fact, I have laid aside \$6 to cover my expenses for the occasion. It would be a great thing if 999 others would do the same thing. Total \$6,000, and then we could jointly say:

What the Hel(me) do we care for Jim!

Yours truly,

A. C. MACKINNON, '95m.

SOME NEW STORIES COMING.

Dear RECORD:

June 23d? I hope so.

Tell Arnold White that we will try to renew his thoughts of M. A. C. 25 years ago with a new stock of stories, the like of which Club A never dreamed. But such is life.

Doubtless his \$1,500 per acre ranches are better for the promoters than any one else, at least so far as Easterners are concerned.

I hope that by June 23 the question of finances will be settled, and that the engineering department, which so many of us are trying to be a credit to, will not have to fade by the wayside. With best wishes for success.

L. C. BROOKS, '92e.

Route 49, Schenectady, N. Y.

KIRBY GOES TO BAT.

Ralph G. ("Cub") Kirby, '12a, who is associate editor of *The Gleaner*, went to bat for M. A. C. last week, and scored a hit. In one of his editorials he gave a first-class description of the situation at the College, which we believe will open the eyes of a good many people to the true state of affairs.

E. J. Friar, '13a, has been appointed sealer of weights and measures for the city of Flint, Mich. Mr. Friar has gained considerable popularity in that city as food and dairy inspector, and his friends wish him all possible success in his new duties. He retains his former office.

June 2 was a big day for Lansing. Ringling Bros.' circus combined with the state meeting of Knight Templars to provide the people with excitement, and there were parades and bands galore. The M. A. C. cadet band acted as escort for the Lansing Commandry of Knights Templars, and was a feature of the parade.

Frank Parker, '09e, was for some time in the employ of Lewis & Kitchen, of Chicago. This firm went out of business during the winter, but one of the uncompleted jobs was that of installing the heating and ventilating systems in the new general building at the Michigan School for the Deaf at Flint. The state is carrying on the work, and Parker is in charge. He reports that he has been doing quite well, and sends his regards to any of the old boys whom he used to see on the campus.

AGGIES WIN AND LOSE IN GAMES AT ANN ARBOR.

Playing a sand-lot brand of baseball one day and booting the game away in a carefree manner, only to come back in top-notch form the next afternoon and win, the M. A. C. team secured an even break in the final two games with Michigan this week, and thereby redeemed themselves in the eyes of the local fans.

There were few bright spots in the game of Friday. When the Aggies were not looking foolish at the bat they were pulling off erratic stunts in the field. Baribeau, pitching for the University boys, had the M. A. C. batters at his mercy, while Miller was nicked for eleven hits. At that, Macklin's crew might have had a chance but for the wierd exhibition of the infield. However, post mortems aside, the 'varsity bingles, added to Aggie misplays, enabled Michigan to accumulate ten runs, enough to win two ordinary games.

Just what worked the transformation probably will never be known, but the conditions on Saturday were exactly reversed. The M. A. C. players, who in the previous two games had been made to look ridiculous, worked with the ease and skill of finished players, while the hitherto smooth-running Michigan machine wobbled miserably. Although the deluge of runs did not begin until the fifth inning, it seemed that it was M. A. C.'s game.

Dodge, pitching in rare form, had the Michigan batters worried—so much so, in fact, that eleven different players contributed to give the curly haired southpaw a total of 15 strikeouts. Only four hits were registered for the University lads, as against nearly three times as many for the home hopes. In addition to this, the Farmers played a perfect game in the field, while Michigan registered four errors.

In the fifth inning, Ferguson retired under a volley of hits, and was succeeded by Quaintance, who found the going rather rough. The final score of 8 to 1 took the edge off the two previous defeats, and almost satisfied the most rabid Aggie fans.

The scores:

FIRST GAME.

	R.	H.	E.
M. A. C.....	0	0	0
Michigan	0	0	5
Miller and Bibbins; Baribeau and Baer.	3	5	6

SECOND GAME.

	R.	H.	E.
M. A. C.....	1	0	0
Michigan	0	0	1
Dodge and Bibbins; Ferguson, Quaintance and Baer and Hippler.	8	11	0

Dean Robert S. Shaw, who has variously been mistaken for a janitor, a short course student, and a farmer, has been the victim of a new joke along the same lines. While standing in a field one day last month, he was accosted by an individual, who desired to know "Where his boss was."

ERRORS HAND GAME TO LAKE FOREST.

Had the rain which threatened all during the game come down a trifle harder about the fifth inning, M. A. C. would have had another victory to its credit. Up to that time the team had played great ball and supported Weeder in faultless style, and was leading by one run. However, the rain failed to fall, and the visitors ran away with the latter portion of the game, winning by a score of 8 to 3.

Two hits coming together in the fifth caused Weeder's removal, and Peterson took up the burden. Weeder would have finished the game at least as well as did his successor, for no brand of pitching would have survived the errors committed thereafter. When the visitors were not hitting, the Aggies were handing them the runs, and the total became so large that not even the frenzied rooting of the seventh inning could pull the home team out. The Lake Forest pitcher improved as the end approached, letting the Aggies down scoreless in the closing rounds.

The score:

R. H. E.

M. A. C.....	1	0	0
Lake Forest	0	0	1
Weeder, Peterson and Bibbins; Mather and Kreuger.	3	11	5

MICHIGAN FRESHMEN WIN TRACK MEET.

The All-Fresh track team from the University clashed with Coach Cortright's proteges last Saturday afternoon, and departed with a victory. The final score was 79 to 52, the University boys getting away with a majority of the first places. Michigan made a clean sweep in the shot-put, and M. A. C. retaliated by taking all places in the two-mile run. The University lads jumped into the lead at the start, and were never in danger of losing.

A new local record was hung up in the 100-yard dash, when the Michigan runner came through in 9 4-5 seconds. This meet concludes the local season, with the exception of the interscholastic on Saturday.

H. R. Fraser, '11, advises the RECORD that his address is now 119 East Fourth St., Flint, Mich.

A. J. Carpenter, '07, has removed from Edwardsburg, Mich., to 216 Ward Bldg., Battle Creek, Mich.

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HERE'S THE HINT—LET'S HAVE SOME ACTION.

Dear Mr. Sheffield:

The most interesting series of articles to the old boys of M. A. C., and probably to the present students also in some respects, is the series of biographical sketches being sent in by Mr. Davis, of Southern California M. A. C. Association.

I can remember when I was in college that one of the things that most interested me, and one of the things I used to get the most satisfaction out of, and brag the most about, was the success made by former graduates of the college, because this gave me a chance to set a mark for myself in order to keep pace with them, which was in itself an inspiration.

Now there are probably 150 or 200 men that I knew well at M. A. C. and of whom I know now nothing at all of most of them, and only the addresses of a few others. As for the actual success they are making I know little, except in a relatively few instances, and yet I presume that many of them are doing things that are not only a great credit to M. A. C. but would be inspiring to present students and more recent graduates as well as a pleasure to the men of their time to know about.

Why would it not be a good idea for the secretary of every local M. A. C. Association in the United States to look up the actual careers and accomplishments of the M. A. C. men in their locality, so far as possible, in more or less detail, and send them in a few at the time and have them printed in the RECORD?

By this means every issue of the RECORD could carry a page of these little sketches, probably for two or three years. I am sure it would be of immense interest not only to a few members of the alumni but to all members of the alumni.

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The *Lake Superior Farmer*, published at Ashland, Wis., has something to say of an M. A. C. graduate, K. D. Van Wagenen, '12a, recently appointed agriculturist of St. Louis county, Minn. It tells how he came from Denver to M. A. C., something of his record here, and the excellent impressions made by him upon assuming his duties as teacher in the schools of Cloquet, Minn. His district is larger than some states, and has grown faster than any other portion of Minnesota. He has a big job cut out for him in the territory surrounding Duluth. "K. D." sizes us his job as follows:

He is to lay stress on boys' and girls' clubs for competitive poultry and potato culture, in connection with the county fair. The necessary funds have been raised, and it is hoped to make a big thing of it. He is now in the midst of a series of short courses, arranged for three days each, at several farmers' clubs. But one of the meetings is on a railroad, drives of from five to fifteen miles being necessary in order to reach the others. A healthy desire for improvement is evidenced by the farmers of the county, which makes his work more pleasant.

Frank K. Webb, '09e, with the Saw Mill Construction Co., at Savannah, Ga., writes that J. J. McDevitt, '09e, is in the contracting business at Chattanooga, Tenn., and Charles W. Dunlap is with the American Bridge Co., at Gary, Ind. To use Webb's words, "Both are

married, no children. Both are happy and so am I." So far, Frank has stuck to single blessedness.

This week the writer had a pleasant call from T. C. Lewis, with '99. He has been in Los Angeles since last June. His work here is with a Portland, Oregon, firm, introducing and installing new refrigerating machinery through this section. In the near future he plans on going onto a farm of his own in Oregon.

B. F. Harvey, '13e, has left Detroit for Butte, Mont., where he has secured a good position in the mines.

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