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ALUMNI GAME TODAY

There is a little inside history in connection with the M. A. C. game which was scheduled for May 30, that may be of interest to some people at M. A. C. as well as at the Normal.

The M. A. C. Record of May 31, unsuspectingly throws light upon some rather peculiar methods of doing business over there, which we have thus far been unable to understand. Early in March Coach Brewer of the M. A. C. made a contract with the Normal management for a game to be played at Lansing, on May 30. The game was evidently satisfactory, for Mr. Brewer O. K.'d the contract, with a "Thank you" upon it. Two weeks before the date agreed upon, he wrote to Manager Rivett, saying that he had been instructed to cancel the game because there were no enclosed grounds to be had for that day. Reminded of the contract, he stated that the M. A. C. athletic council refused to rescind its action. It later developed that he had arranged for another game on that day, and was simply desirous of escaping the contract.

Says the Record:

"Decoration Day began in its usual dreary way. The morning was rainy and very threatening, and so the game scheduled with Ypsilanti was cancelled. The Normal has a weak team, and its presence would not have drawn out a crowd. For that reason a game was arranged with the Oldsmobile team of Lansing. But the feminine wielders wanted a trip and insisted on playing. But the weather man was kind to them."

To our mind a contract is an agree-

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THE VALUE OF FIELD AND HERBA-
RIUM WORK

WILLIAM P. HOLT
(Concluded)

The next step is to print on an Edison mimeograph a sheet with which every member of the class is to be supplied, calling attention to the purpose of the trip, and advise such definite directions and suggestions as may be necessary. To prepare 150 such sheets, means a solid evening's work, and some may prefer to dictate such directions, or to write them on the blackboard, requiring each pupil to copy same in his field note book. The mimeograph sheets are time-saving to the pupils and also have many advantages.

When each pupil has his "direction and suggestion" sheet, and knows how to go to work for himself, forty to fifty pupils can be handled on a single trip, although half of that number is preferable. The printed sheets do away with the "sheep and shepherd" idea where the teacher leads or drives his flock of pupils; or with the so-called "lecture plan," where a well-intending instructor attempts to gather about him his flock and explain to them the points of interest as he sees them. To keep together thus in the field forty to fifty active young people, and hold their attention, one must be an unusually clever general, and have a stentorian voice. Moreover, in this plan of procedure, the pupils are likely to be told much that they ought to find out for themselves.

Each pupil has his own sheet, and as soon as he arrives he goes to work by
himself, or joins a small group with whom he prefers to work.

By a certain time all are busy working and taking notes. It then remains for the instructor to pass around among the different groups to see how their work is progressing, giving such encouragement and suggestions as he deems best.

The next laboratory or recitation period the reports of various members of the class are read and discussed. Some errors in observations or conclusions may be brought to light; but it also gives abundant opportunities for calling attention to the best ways of working carefully and intelligently in the field.

After the desired points of the trip have been carefully reviewed, and each pupil revises or re-writes his first account, this is finally copied in the laboratory book as a special laboratory exercise.

As soon as the flower season has arrived, considerable interest can be added to the field work by the keeping of a "flower calendar." The flower calendar is kept on the blackboard, or in some other conspicuous place where the pupils can easily refer to it. The scientific names of the flowers are recorded, together with the date when first brought into the class, and the names of the pupils first bringing them in. The public recognition thus given to the active, energetic field workers, encourages a healthy, good-natured rivalry between the different sections or the different individuals.

One specimen of each kind of plant is sufficient for a credit, and this does not render necessary the ruthless destruction of a large number of plants.

In order that each pupil may know when he has secured a new—i.e., an unrecorded—specimen, it is necessary for him to have a knowledge of the specimens already reported, and thus there is an incentive to become familiar with as large a number of plants as possible. There is little difficulty in getting a list of over one hundred species of wild flowering plants during the spring and early summer, which gives the pupil a fair introduction to the wild flowers of his vicinity.

Another most useful and interesting line of field work is a study of our common trees. Of the public at large, probably not one in five hundred can name with certainty a dozen of the common trees around them. In smaller and larger places alike, trees are easily accessible for field study. There are few places, indeed, outside of the largest cities, where it is not possible to study at least forty different kinds of trees within a half-mile of the high school building.

It is, of course, necessary to review these trees a great many times before they are fixed indelibly in the pupil's mind. After a certain trip of this kind last year I found that the public, without any previous warning, could give the names and identifying characteristics of over 35 different kinds of trees growing within a quarter of a mile from the high school building. By another trip of equal length in another direction the list could easily have been increased to 50.

In regard to the herbarium, I believe that every high school should have a school herbarium containing representatives of as large a number as possible of the local flora. That this can be judiciously used by both instructor and public there can be no doubt. Whether it is best to require each pupil to make an herbarium for himself is a very different question.

The science and art of preserving and mounting flowers, leaves, and other interesting parts of the flowering plants is valuable to the pupil, just the same as is a knowledge of making mounts and staining sections for the study of the lower forms; but the consideration of the plants thus destroyed must not be overlooked.

In rural districts the conditions are different; but in the larger places where the flowers near at hand have been so largely
exterminated, it would seem a great mistake to require the pupils to hasten this unfortunate condition by making individual herbariums of the choicer wild herbaceous plants.

If field work on trees is to be undertaken, then an herbarium of pressed leaves, carefully identified, from 20 species of our common trees, might be valuable to the pupil; and at the same time would not make the least appreciable difference to the trees themselves.

The preparation of leaf herbariums would give the pupil the knowledge of how to make an herbarium and how to "write up" each specimen carefully; it would consume a comparatively small amount of time; and, best of all, it would not hasten the extinction of any desirable plants.

If the pupils were encouraged to make weed herbariums I am not sure but that it might effect very desirable results, and at the same time teach the science and art of herbarium making as well as if choicer flowering plants were used.

A study of weeds can be made of great profit and interest in many ways; and requiring a weed herbarium of 20 specimens, all of which should be "written up," would do much to acquaint the pupil with some of the more common weeds and their undesirability, as well as to assist in their ultimate extinction.

By ecological studies in the field the most important knowledge of our desirable wild flowers could be obtained without their ruthless destruction. At the same time an opportunity is offered to impress upon the pupils that too many of our most interesting and most beautiful wild flowers are very rapidly disappearing; and that an effort to preserve them is now becoming necessary. Where can the sentiment against this destruction of nature's most beautiful flowers be better instilled than in the coming generation of citizens now in our high schools?

Carefully selected and well developed field work is yet in its embryonic stages: something has been written about it; some progressive, thoughtful teachers have given us valuable bits from their own experiences in this work; but have its full possibilities and importance yet begun to be appreciated by the majority of teachers?

PROGRAM FOR COMMENCEMENT WEEK

A cordial invitation is extended to alumni and friends to attend the several exercises of commencement week which will be held in Normal Hall.

SUNDAY, JUNE 19

Baccalaureate Address—President L. H. Jones, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, JUNE 20

Junior Class Day Exercises, 2:30 p.m.
Choir Concert . 8:00 p.m.

TUESDAY, JUNE 21

Conservatory Commencement, 9:30 a.m.
Senior Class Day Exercises, 2:00 p.m.
Reunion of Former Classes, 4:00 p.m.
Rooms assigned at alumni headquarters (Room 3).
Alumni meeting (open to the public) 7:00
President's Reception to Seniors and Visiting Alumni, . 8:30 p.m.
(In general offices and library.)

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 22

Commencement Exercises, . 10 a.m.
Address by Dr. Arnold Tompkins, principal of the Chicago Normal School, "Beauty as a Factor in Education."
Presentation of Diplomas and conferring of degrees.

IMPORTANT

The closing exercises of the Training School will occur in the assembly room of the Training School at 9:30 a.m., June 17. Patrons and others interested in the school or any of the classes are cordially invited to be present.

The Students' Christian Association will hold its annual farewell service in Starkweather Hall, Sunday, June 19, at 2:30 p.m.
THE GREAT SUMMER SCHOOL

The greatest Summer School of the Middle West will be held in the Michigan State Normal College, beginning June 27. Some of the reasons for its greatness lie in the fact that nearly all the members of its remarkably strong faculty will remain to teach and lecture,—this is especially true of the Heads of Departments.

Many teachers will also be drawn here by the non-resident lecturers, all of whom stand high in educational circles. Mr. S. H. Clark, professor of elocution and oratory, of Chicago University, is well known in Michigan, and his work in our summer school last year was highly satisfactory. Colonel C. H. French, the great traveler and explorer, also has a wide reputation; and in his illustrated lectures here last summer was very delightful and instructive. Mr. George E. Vincent, professor of sociology, Chicago University, will lecture. He has made himself very popular in Michigan. Many will recall with pleasure his strong address at the late State Teachers' Association, at Saginaw. Mr. George Kennan, the traveler and author, is widely known and much interest is expressed in his coming. We have another opportunity of hearing the Honorable N. C. Schaeffer, state superintendent of public instruction, Pennsylvania. Mr. Schaeffer is remembered by many as having delivered the commencement address here last year, and so happy an impression did he leave on the minds of his hearers that he will be cordially welcomed in his coming visit.

But faculty and lecturers do not make a successful summer school. There must be men and women who are here for a definite purpose, and who can appreciate the advantages offered. The school last year numbered nearly 300, and from a comparison of the number of letters received it is safe to predict a much larger school. Here's to the Normal College for the Summer of 1904!!

NORMAL COLLEGE REUNIONS

The Executive Committee of the Normal College Alumni Association is making plans for a very interesting meeting to be held in Normal hall, Tuesday evening, June 21, and it is hoped that every Normal graduate will make an extra effort to be present at that time. Representative members of various classes have been secured for five-minute speeches. The Conservatory Men's Quartette, the Conservatory Ladies' Quartette, and several former members of the Conservatory will furnish music for the program.

A reunion is being planned for the class of '94, and all communications concerning this meeting can be addressed to Miss Beitha Goodisou, who is making the arrangements for it.

Should there be a sufficient number present of the class of '84, a reunion of its members will also be arranged for. This alumni reunion promises to be an enthusiastic gathering, and it is hoped you will be present.

GYMNASIAUM EXHIBITION

The following are the events which will take place at the exhibition given at the gymnasium, Thursday evening, June 16:
1. Figure march. Phys. training 3.
   b. Traveling rings Misses D'O'Dell and Ruth.

"If there is an angel who records the sorrows of men as well as their sins, he knows how many and deep are the sorrows that spring from false ideas for which no man is culpable."
THREE MUSICAL FEASTS

SUCCESSFUL PUPILS' RECITAL

The piano pupils of Miss Grace E. Mansfield, '96, gave a very artistic recital Thursday evening, June 2, at St. Luke's church house. Miss Mansfield was assisted in her recital by Miss Ethel M. Clarke, a student at the Conservatory, who has an unusually sweet voice. A large audience was in attendance, and the program, which was well rendered, reflected much credit upon the pupils, as well as upon Miss Mansfield, who is a fine pianist and a most successful teacher.

DELIGHTFUL RECITAL

Miss Mabel DaFoe gave her graduating recital last Thursday night, June 2, assisted by Mr. Harold Jarvis of Detroit. The event was one of the most delightful of its kind that has occurred this season.

Miss DaFoe rendered a program including many difficult selections, with much skill and feeling. She is a player of unusual intelligence and has an excellent technique, having a rare musical temperament. Mr. Jarvis was cordially welcomed and added pleasure to the evening. The recital was truly artistic and highly successful in every detail.

Pleasing Recital

One of the best recitals of the year was that given last Tuesday evening by Miss Edna Childs, who is one of the two graduates from the vocal department of the school this year. Miss Childs has a mezzo-soprano voice of unusual quality and her program was especially pleasing because of its varied character. The cycle of Browning songs were especially beautiful, while the last group, which included that favorite of Nevin, "Little Boy Blue," was enthusiastically received. Miss Childs also did excellently in her more difficult Aria from "St. John's Eve," which was beautifully rendered. The Franz group she sang in German in an excellent manner.

Mr. John Cushing, pianist, of Toledo, assisted Miss Childs. His numbers were well received and all acknowledged him to be an artist in his profession.

ATHLETICS

At the annual meeting of the Athletic Association Tuesday evening, Howard Prine was elected president. Mr. Prine is an athletic enthusiast and was one of the sophomores who assisted in arranging the junior-senior indoor meet. Roy Head was elected vice-president; Wm. Kennedy secretary; and Mr. Peet treasurer.

The game with Orchard Lake was played here last Saturday. In the first two innings neither side scored. Then the Normals ran in three scores, followed by four runs for the cadets in the fourth. When the Normals came to bat in the last half of the eighth, the score was 9 to 6 in favor of the soldiers. The Normals began hitting the ball for long drives, tying the scores with but one man out. The visitors were clearly going to pieces. Unfortunately an unimportant decision of the umpire was disputed, resulting finally in the forfeiture of the game to the Normals. According to official rules the offending team loses its score, and so the final score was officially announced as 9 to 0 in favor of the Normal team.

The Detroit College game has been cancelled by Detroit for financial reasons.

The alumni game this afternoon, when the regular nine will play a picked team of former Normal stars, promises to be one of the most exciting of the year. Failor in the box and Gass behind the bat, as the battery will probably keep the boys guessing. Churchill, the well-known "educational missionary" will play at first, and the chances are that there will be no attempts on the part of runners to take the base by storm in case the ball gets there first.

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Two weeks more will see three hundred Normal College Seniors with their college work completed. Mingled with the regret which there must of necessity be, will also be an intense satisfaction in the thought, "This one thing I have done." It is something definite and tangible which we have accomplished, a fact which is always a source of satisfaction. Now we set our faces toward the future, and with a definite end in view, say again, "This one thing I do." It is these determinations to do, and their accomplishment, that make life.

There are still some Seniors who have not paid their class dues. Come now, be loyal and pay up. You cannot afford to be a delinquent for the paltry sum of ninety cents.

The 1904 Aurora will be out in a few days. It goes without saying, of course, that they will far surpass anything of the kind before attempted. Yes, it is the first leather-bound book ever put out by this school, and it is certain that the contents will match its cover in "newness."

Here is a word to our Alumni Subscribers: You will all be considered subscribers of the News for next year unless we are otherwise notified. Will you kindly advise us at once of any change of address, that the first issue of the News in the fall may reach you without trouble.

The manager of the News has received a goodly number of subscriptions during the past week. He has found the "yellow slip," a good reminder. Those who have not settled with us will receive another yellow card this week. We trust you will not have the uncomfortable feeling of having the slip fall out before some one. At any rate, every debt must be paid by June 17, 1904.

There is much talk of a ball game between the Seniors and the Faculty. Such games in former years have afforded endless amusement, and another this year would be hailed with delight by the student body.

The Northwestern X-Ray, of Oklahoma Normal, comes out this month as a souvenir edition, and a fine edition it is. Faces of many of the students and others connected with the school appear, and there is plenty of good reading material. Pi Kappa Sigma girls will be interested in the article on that sorority. Look for the number among the exchanges in the library.

"Doubt of any sort cannot be removed except by action."

"They only are wise who know that they know nothing."
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FRATERNITIES

Miss Madge Slattery entertained the Alpha Sigma Tau Sorority, Saturday evening, June 4th, at her home on Maple Ave.

Mr. Bruce Milliken attended the annual banquet of the Beta chapter of the Phi Delta Pi fraternity at Mt. Pleasant, Mich., June 4.

The Phi Delta Pi fraternity held their last regular banquet of the year at the Lancaster Club, Saturday evening, June 4. Mr. Reinhold acted as toastmaster, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

The Harmonious Mystics held their regular spring initiation banquet Saturday, May 28. They were entertained by their patronesses, Mrs. Pease, and Mrs. D'Ooge, at the home of the former. After the initiation ceremony had been performed, and the initiates, Mrs. Laura Sweet, Misses Susie Cowley, and Estella Willits had been welcomed by the members, an elaborate five-course luncheon was served, covers being laid for twenty-six. Miss Susan Mills acted as toastmaster. Toasts were responded to by Mrs. D'Ooge, Misses Elsa Meier, Donna Riblet, Lorinda Smith, and Mrs. Laura Sweet.

Alpha Chapter of Pi Kappa Sigma gave its annual party Friday evening, June 3, and it was so delightful an affair that it will long be a happy memory to the sorority and its guests.

The gymnasium, which has this year in so many attractive ways been transformed into a beautiful room, was unsurpassed on this evening, in point of novelty as well as in artistic effects.

The guests entered the south door, dressing rooms having been arranged on this side. By the use of screens, a wide corridor was made through to the North gymnasium, and this was softly lighted by shaded lamps. At the center door the guests were received by Miss Savannah Marshall, Mrs. Alice Eddy Snowden, and Mrs. Lena Knapp Mellen camp.

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Rattan chairs, palms, jars of peonies, and harmonious cozy corners made an attractive scene.

Punch was served in the hall, and the office was arranged as a chapter room, with elaborate hangings of blue and gold, and a large lantern in the center, with the sorority letters, "Pi Kappa Sigma."

The out-of-town guests were: Miss Louise Dales, Mabel Thompson, Grand Rapids; Carrie Birdgett, Edith McMaven, Valaria Kreigoff, Detroit; Mr. and Mrs. Seely, Ann Arbor; Andrew Dickinson, May Hitchcock, Pontiac; James McKaig, Troy, Ohio.

CLUBS

The Portia Club gave their annual banquet Friday evening, June 3, in the Olympic room. Potted plants, cut flowers, and the club colors were used as decorations. The table looked very pretty with bouquets of forget-me-nots and place cards of appropriate quotations. An elaborate supper was served after which some good toasts were given upon the following subjects: The School of One, Our Critic, The Portia Slogan, The Girls we Leave Behind, The Senior Members, and Auf Wieder Schon. Miss Erb and Miss Eagle furnished the music for the evening, and the club furnished the tin with which it showered one of its members who is engaged to teach the school of one.

LOCALS AND PERSONALS

Miss Winnifred Childs, who is a graduate of the Normal, expects to sail for Europe, June 18, and will spend the summer in France and Germany.
Miss Louise Dales, of Grand Rapids, spent a few days this week with Miss Eva Reynier.

Cut flowers may be ordered at the Woman's Exchange across from the gymnasium, 811 Ellis St.

If you want to secure a position to teach, write James P. McCullough, 639 Fine Arts Building, Chicago.

President Jones will deliver the graduating address of the Saginaw High School, E. S., June 23.

Miss Viva Spore, '03, has been elected teacher of music and drawing at Eaton Rapids.

Miss Effie Dean, '04, has accepted a position as teacher in the County Normal at Ludington next year.

Miss Mary Phelps returned to Pontiac this week, after spending a couple of weeks with her sister, Miss Jessie Phelps.

Professor F. A. Barbour has been invited to give the baccalaureate address for the senior class of the Central Normal School at Mt. Pleasant.

Miss Mary B. Rose, who recently returned from Kauhala, Hawaii, where she was matron of the Kauhala Seminary, is the guest of Miss Eleanor A. Thomas.

Miss Mabel Arnold, of Battle Creek, spent Thursday last visiting the college, with the view of doing special work here in physical training next year.

White's studio at Ann Arbor, offers for the senior class its best cabinet photos for $2.50 per dozen. The work is positively first-class in every respect, and special attention will be given each sitting.

Miss Ethel Pepper, of Davison, was the guest of Miss Hadley of 399 Brower St., over Sunday, and while walking south of town Sunday afternoon, had the misfortune to lose her watch with fob attached. A generous reward is offered to the finder, as it is very highly prized by the owner. The name is within the case and the initials E. M. P. are on the locket.

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The class in Latin Comedy were most delightfully entertained by Dr. and Mrs. D’Ooge at their home on Congress street, Monday evening last. Professor D’Ooge gave a very interesting and entertaining talk on Sicily, after which games and delicious refreshments were enjoyed.

Last evening was the occasion of the great basketball game between the girls’ Star Team and that of Vicksburg high school. We regret we cannot give the outcome in this issue, but that it was a strong contest is sure, for the Vicksburg girls have never yet met defeat.

What might have been a sad accident was narrowly averted by the timely heroism of Mr. Ray Allen last Sunday afternoon. On returning from a boating trip with a friend, the boat suddenly swung into the current just as the young lady attempted to step to the shore, hurling her into the water. What caused the catastrophe, how deep the water, and who the friend was, the News has been unable to learn.

ALUMNI GAME, TODAY

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ment that the contracting parties are morally bound to respect, be it in athletics or any other kind of business. Because "its presence would not have drawn a crowd, another game was arranged." Fine reason for violating an agreement of good faith, we believe. It is farthest from our minds to imply any reflection upon our sister college, and we do not believe that the Record would have reported in the vein it did had they known the facts of the case.

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