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FARMER'S WEEK.

The second annual Farmers' Week has been a notable event in the affairs of the University. The increase in attendance over last year shows what a great success it has been. Nearly three hundred and fifty people registered. There were people from all over the State and also from Massachusetts and Washington, D. C.

The opening exercises were held Monday evening. The session was opened by Prof. Hurd, Dean of the College of Agriculture. Pres. Fellows, and the Hon. A. W. Gilman, State Commissioner of Agriculture were the speakers of the evening. Pres. Fellows, in his remarks, emphasized the fact that the people could derive a great deal of good from a close contact with the work of the College of Agriculture and the Experiment Station. His talk was illustrated with slides showing various Schools and Experiment Stations.

Mr. Gilman lectured on "The Relation between the State University, the Agricultural Department and the People of the State." The basis of his talk was that on agriculture all other industries stood.

The exercises of Tuesday were opened by Prof. Russell with a lecture on "How to know when an Animal is Sick." One of the principal facts that he stated was that it was necessary for persons to know the weak points of their animals and favor them accordingly. Prof. E. F. Hitchings, the State Entomologist, followed Dr. Russell. He spoke on the Gypsy Moth, and outlined the life history of the moth and described the many difficulties experienced in finding the eggs.

Dean Hurd spoke next on "Potato Culture." He stated the necessary things to be looked for in the growing of potatoes and the best methods of cultivating them.

Prof. P. A. Campbell closed the morning session with a lecture on "The Feeding of Dairy Cows." In the afternoon Prof. Herman Beckenstrater gave an interesting talk on "Culture of Small Fruits." He took up the methods of growing the different berries and their value to the farmer. During the remainder of the afternoon there was a demonstration of scoring and judging cattle.

Tuesday evening, Iran C. Weld, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture gave an address.

Wednesday morning, Leon S. Merrill, State Dairy Instructor, occupied an hour with a very interesting discussion on determining the value of dairy cows. He was followed by Prof. Hurd who spoke on "Grass and Clover Production."

As Prof. Tower, who was to give the next lecture, was called away, Director Woods of the experiment station spoke of the work of the Experiment Stations and the benefits derived from it.

Prof. Russell then gave a lecture on the inspection of animals and animal products. He gave an account of the government bureau of animal industry and of the important work it is doing.

The first lecture on Wednesday afternoon was by Prof. Waid, on the construction and ventilation of farm buildings. He exhibited a number of plans of barns and described each carefully.

Later in the afternoon, Prof. Campbell, gave demonstrations in the operating of dairy machinery and in butter making. Mr. Todd of Worcester, Mass., also gave a talk on farm machinery.

In the evening, the address was on Agricultural Education Extension Work by John Hamilton, Farmers' Institute specialist of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. His talk covered the causes of failure of agricultural institutions and the ways of guarding against it. During the evening the University Band played several selections which were well applauded.

Thursday morning, Prof. Campbell gave a lecture on "Breeding Dairy Cattle," stating the principle facts regarding this important work.

Prof. James E. McClintock, lectured on "The Means by which a Farmer may Obtain a Practical Knowledge of His Business." His talk was a plea for the Agricultural Colleges.

Hon. Paul D. Sargent, State Highway Com-
missioner gave a very interesting talk on the “Good Roads for Maine” and it was the cause of many heated discussions among his listeners.

During the afternoon, Prof. Hurd lectured on Commercial Fertilizers and gave a demonstration on the mixing of fertilizers. In the evening, an address was delivered by Mr. Paine the Massachusetts State Forester. The lecture was illustrated with lantern slides and was very interesting and instructive.

Friday the session was devoted to the Problems of Rural Betterment. Prof. Davidson gave a lecture on “The Rural Schools,” Prof. Sprague spoke on “Better Town Government”; Miss Barrows on “A Better Country Home;” and Prof. Clark of the Theological Seminary on “A Better Country Church.”

The afternoon was spent in demonstration of grafting and pruning in the orchard and a lecture by Prof. Beekenstrater on “Apple Growing in Maine.”

In connection with Farmer’s Week this year there were lectures on Domestic Science and Household Economies. This section was under the direction of Miss Anna Barrows, of Teachers’ College, Columbia University of New York City. Miss Barrows comes originally from Fryeburg, Maine and proved a very interesting and capable woman. Her position in Columbia is that of Instructor of Domestic Science.

Her lectures, on subjects of general interest to women, were very interesting and showed a thorough knowledge. In her demonstrations many new points of interest were brought out and many new theories, and ideas were laid before the listeners. The impression which she left with her audience was that of a very capable woman and will cause many to look forward with pleasure to the next Farmer’s Week which is to be held at the University next year.

NEW ENGLAND CONFERENCE ON RURAL PROGRESS.

The first annual meeting of the New England Conference on Rural Progress was held in Boston, March 6, at the State House. This organization is the outgrowth of a temporary organization, similar in its purpose, which convened last year, but which was not permanently organized at that time. This year, however, a permanent organization was formed, and the following officers elected: President, J. Lewis Ellsworth, Secretary Massachusetts Board of Agriculture; Secretary and Treasurer, Prof. Hurd, Dean of the College of Agriculture, University of Maine; and also a board of directors. This organization is sub-divided into sections, each having its own officers. These sections usually meet upon the evening preceding the meeting of the main Conference, to transact and discuss their business matters.

The Conference consists of about seventy New England organizations, those representing the State of Maine being the University of Maine, State Agricultural Experiment Station, State Department of Agriculture, State Dairymen’s Association, State Pomological Association, State Poultry Association, State Forestry Association, State Grange, and the State Superintendent of Schools.

The meeting this year was devoted to the subject of Elementary Agricultural Education, the principal speakers being Mr. Morrison, Superintendent of Schools of New Hampshire; Mr. Morse, Secretary of Committee on Industrial Education, of Mass., and W. M. Hayes, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

The University of Maine was represented at the Conference by Pres. Fellows, Prof. Woods, Prof. Hurd, and J. S. Irish, '08. Pres. Fellows was President of the Section of College Presidents of New England, and Mr. Irish was elected President of the Federation of Agricultural Students of New England.

The next meeting of the Conference will be held probably in Massachusetts the first week in March, 1909.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The regular monthly meeting of the Executive Committee of the Athletic Association was held in the Library, March 10. It was voted to accept the recommendation of the sub-committee on football, which recommended the election of Lester H. Bragg '10, and Chester C. Johnson, '10, as assistant
managers of the football team for the season of 1908. On the recommendation of the sub-committee on track Clifford Hall, '10 and Earl S. Berry, '10, were elected assistant managers of track for the season of 1908.

The following men on the recommendation of the sub-committee on basketball were awarded an M:

W. M. Black, '09; F. C. Morton, '08; J. G. Scales, '09; Guy French, '09; R. Marshall, '11; F. Wadsworth, '10; N. N. Scales, '11; F. P. Emery, '08, Mgr.

J. G. Scales was ratified as captain of the basketball team for the season of 1909 and H. L. Farwell, was elected manager.

Prof. Jones reported the action of the faculty whereby it had ruled that beginning September, 1908, "No special student shall be eligible to represent the University during the first year's residence at the University, in athletics." The following eligibility rules were adopted by the Association, on the recommendation of the committee on Eligibility Rules:

"In order to be eligible to compete in inter-class contests, students must be registered in the University as regular students, in which case they may represent the class in which they are registered; or as special students, in which case they may represent the Freshman class during their first year as an undergraduate, the Sophomore class their second year, Junior class, their third year and the Senior class their fourth year. Two year men shall be under the same rules as special students."

PUBLIC SPEAKING SCHEDULE.

1. MARCH 23—APRIL 10.
A Report, delivered before an alumni association of the University.
Aim: to make a clear statement of facts and opinion.
Topics:
1. Our need of a swimming pool.
2. Compulsory chapel.
3. Attitude of the faculty on athletics.
5. Required mathematics.
7. Present dormitory facilities.
9. Desirability of one large commons to replace fraternity dining rooms.
10. Our new fraternity houses.
11. Required physical culture.
12. Our students from outside the State.
13. Our students as church goers.
14. Our prizes and scholarships.

II. APRIL 13-25.
Speech at a class meeting.
Aim: to persuade class to co-operate in supporting some definite project or ideal.
Topics:
1. Preparation for our inter-collegiate debates.
2. Support of track athletics.
3. " " baseball.
4. Politics in class meetings.
5. The support of college publications.
6. On respecting college customs.
7. The abuse of buildings and campus.
8. On learning college songs.
9. On interesting preparatory school in University of Maine.
10. On rules restricting freshmen's manner of dress.

III. APRIL 27—MAY 8.
Biographical sketch.
Aim: to select in a man's career special incidents or achievements that illustrate his personality or represent his qualifications for a certain duty or office.

IV. MAY 11-23.
Narrative of short story or incident.
Aim: to select special incidents and details that take the "point" or humor effective.

V. AFTER DINNER SPEECHES.
Toastmasters in each section will assign original topics.

SOPHOMORE HOP.

At a meeting of the Hop Committee and the Aids last Tuesday, arrangements for the Hop were nearly completed. It is intended to decorate the gymnasium, as previously announced, Thursday evening and it will be necessary to close the gymnasium to the student body all day Friday. Those in charge are sparing no pains to make this a most successful affair and careful plans are being made to provide for the accommodation of those attending.
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EDITORIAL.

Some of the students have expressed it as their opinion that the flag should not be half masted except when the occasion demands the display of this conventional sign of mourning, instead of at the option of the attendant, as has been the case several times during the past month.

Special efforts this year are being made by the officers of the University and of the Alumni Association to make the coming Commencement the best ever. Alumni are being canvassed individually by the Association, and over half the alumni approached on the subject have evidenced an intention of setting foot on the old campus again this June. Special rates are being arranged for parties of alumni coming from the same vicinity. The fraternities are asked to bring pressure to bear to bring back their own alumni. The University will make every effort for the accommodation and entertainment of the large number of guests expected.

But alumni alone do not make a Commencement. There must be undergraduates, and at every Commencement to date at the University of Maine these have been sadly lacking. The Commencement exercises are held in crowded halls, where however, the undergraduate is conspicuous by his absence.

Now with these special efforts to effect an alumni reunion this June, a parallel plea should be made to all members of the student body who can possibly do it, to so formulate their plans that they can remain Commencement Week this year. It is the most pleasant time of year, when the campus looks its best. It gives the best opportunities of meeting fraternity brothers and old friends who have long since framed their sheepskins in the innermost recesses of an old hair-trunk. In short it is the best time to take three days' vacation around college with absolutely no plugging to do, and the underclassman who tries it is sure to do so again if he can.

INTER-CLASS MEET.

The eighth annual Indoor Inter-Class Meet was held last Friday, March 13, in the gymnasium. It was very successful in every respect, the events being closely contested, the spirit of the classes run-
fling very high, and the number of spectators being much larger than the average. The work of the different men tells admirably what "Steve" Farrell has done in such a comparatively short time, and it also serves as a forecast of what we can do later in the spring. Steve has worked hard, as the form and skill with which the men went into their events show.

Numerous forecasts of the meet were made and although many gave the meet to the juniors, hardly anyone expected them to double the score of the next nearest class. The sophomores of whom so much was expected, fell down and were not only beaten by the freshmen in the meet but also in the basketball game. The seniors came in last. Taking everything into consideration it was a pretty meet. The dashes and hurdles were run off with much spirit, but the relays, which were very fast caused the most enthusiasm of the evening. The faculty relay team which consisted of R. E. Clayton, '07; H. W. Bearce, '06; A. L. Grover, '99; and H. S. Sweet, Amherst, '07, which ran the winners of the class relays, showed that although they had retired from active athletics they had not "forgotten how." They gave the sophomores, the winners of the class relays, a hard race and finished not far behind in one minute and four-fifth seconds.

Dr. Reynolds's class in physical culture gave an interesting exhibit in club swinging, gymnastic dancing and sailors hornpipe that was very much enjoyed by the spectators.

The first event of the meet was the shot put which was called at 7.15 o'clock. In this event H. P. Higgins, '09, had it all his way, winning the event most easily, the other two places, second and third falling to the junior and freshman classes respectively.

Directly following the shot put was the 25-yard dash. This event was run off in seven heats, the winner of the heats qualifying for the semi-finals. The semi-finals were run off in two heats, the first two men in each heat qualifying for the finals. The first heat was exceptionally close but was finally given to Sawyer, 10. The second heat was won by "Johnnie" Kendrigan, '08, beating out Torrey much to everyone's surprise. Mc Hale, '11, won fourth heat. French, '09, Higgins, '09, Cook, '10, and Pond, '11, won the fifth, sixth and seventh heats respectively. In the first heat of the semi-finals Kendrigan, '08, and Mc Hale, '11, were disqualified, leaving Higgins, '09, and Cook, '10, qualifying for the finals. The second heat of the semi-finals was won by Pond, '11, French, '09, being a close second. In the finals Pond, '11, finished first, French, '09, second, Higgins '09, third.

The 25-yard high hurdles were run off in two heats, the first two in the fastest heat and the winners in the next fastest heat, qualifying for the finals. In the first heat Higgins, '09, and Skolfield, '10, qualified. The second was a dead heat between Knight, '09, and N. E. Smith, '11, which after two more trials was given to Smith. In the finals Skolfield, '10, took first, Smith, '11, second and Higgins, '09, third.

The high jump was the next event. This proved to be an easy thing for Claude Meserve, '08, Higgins, '09, and Phillips, '11, taking second and third respectively. The 25-yard low hurdles were run off in three heats, the winners of each heat qualifying for the finals. Skolfield, '10, won the first heat, French, '09, the second and Knight, '09, the third. In the finals Knight, '09, finished first, French, '09, second, and Skolfield, '10, third.

The 25-yard low hurdles were followed by the trials for the two lap relay race. The first race, '10 vs. '11, was very close and exciting. Pond, the last runner for the freshmen, was tripped by a projecting umbrella and fell, which gave an otherwise close and exciting race to the sophomores. The second race, '08, vs. '09, proved to be an easy thing for the juniors who finished half a lap ahead of their opponents. The finals of the two lap relay race, '09, vs. '10, although fast and exciting, proved to be a victory for the sophomores.

The pole vault was the next event and Roger, '11, proved to be the winner. Williams, '09, took second, and Winters, '10, third.

The 8-lap relay race, which followed the pole vault was run in two sections; '10, vs. '11, and '08, vs. '09. There were no finals in this event. In the first race '10, vs. '11 the freshmen were nearly lapped and in the second race, '08, vs. '09, the seniors succeeded in winning by a close margin.

The last race of the meet was that of the faculty relay team vs. the winners of the class relay race, the sophomores. It was a pretty race to watch,
being fast and exciting, the sophomores finally pulling out ahead, finishing some five yards ahead of the faculty.

THE SUMMARY
Shot Put—Won by Higgins, '09; second Farwell, '09; third Bearce '11. Distance 33 ft. 10 3-4 in.
25-Yard Dash—1st heat won by Sawyer, '10; time, 3 2-5 s; 2nd heat won by Kendregan, '08, 3 3-5 s; 3rd heat won by McHale, 11; 3 2-5 s; 4th heat won by French, '09; 3 2-5 s; 5th heat won by Higgins, '09; 3 2-5 s; 6th heat won by Cook, '10; 3 2-5 s; 7th heat won by Pond, '11; 3 2-5 s.
Semi-Finals—First two men disqualified. 1st heat Cook, '09, and Higgins, '09, time 3 2-5 s; 2nd heat Pond '11, and French, '09, 3 2-5 s.
Finals—Won by Pond, '11; second French, '09; third Higgins, '09. Time 3 2-5 s.
Finals—Won by Skolfield, '10; second N. E. Smith, '11; third Higgins, '09. Time 4 2-5 s.
High Jump—Won by Meserve, '08; second Higgins, '09; third Phillips '11. Height 5 ft. 5 in.
25-Yard Low Hurdles—1st heat won by Skolfield, '10; time 3 4-5 s; 2nd heat won by French, '09 4 1-5 s; 3rd heat won by Knight, '09 4 1-5 s.
Finals won by Knight, '09, second French, '09, third Skolfield '10. Time 3 s. flat.
Finals in 2-Lap Relay—Won by 1910. Time 1 m. 16 4-5 s.
Pole Vault—Won by Rogers, '11; second Williams, '09; third, Winters, '10. Height 8 ft. 4 in.
Faculty Relay Team vs. Winners of Class Relay ('10) Won by 1910. Time 1 m. 16 4-5 s.

SCORE BY CLASSES.
Shot Put ........................................ 8 8 1
25-Yd Dash ........................................ 4 4 5
25-Yd High Hurdles ............................. 1 1 1
High Jump ...................................... 3 3 1
Low Hurdles .................................... 8 8 1
25-Yd Relay ..................................... 3 3 5
Pole Vault ...................................... 3 3 5
8-Lap Relay ...................................... 2 3 2

Totals ............................................. 72 39 145 15

Points—First counts five, second three, third, one.
Points in the 2-Lap Relay race count 5 and 3.
Points in the 8-Lap Relay, 2½ will be allowed each winning team.

OFFICIALS.
Referee—S. J. Farrell.
Starter A. L. Grover.

Scorers—W. L. Emerson and L. C. Wood.
Announcer—P. E. Simmons.

FRESHMAN-SOPHOMORE BASKETBALL GAME.

At the close of the track events there was held the annual Freshman-Sophomore basketball game. Since there were many varsity players on both sides and the other players were all on the varsity squad, the game was very spirited and hard fought.

In the first half the sophs found the basket very easily so that when the half ended they were in the lead. However the Freshmen woke up in the second half and ended the game with a score of 27 to 21 in their favor. Wadsworth and Dow play the best game for the Sophomores, while Scales and Marshall excelled for the Freshmen.

The summary:-

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Wadsworth, 1 f, 3 (Scales, 1 F 4 (J
Dow, c (5) 1 (Ingranam, c 2
Merrill, } f t (Strout, r g
Clifford, r f, 1 g, 1
Russell, 1 g, 1
Referee, Emery, '08. Timer, Morton, '08. Scorer,
Cruickshank, '10. Time of halves, 20 minutes.

LOCALS.

Tuesday afternoon, March 10, the Ladies of the Round Table held their monthly tea in the Library. Sherbert, fancy crackers, and coffee were greatly enjoyed by the many farmers and guests. The committee was as follows: Mrs. Boardman, chairman; Mrs. Hurd, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Wad, Mrs. McClintock, Mrs. Simpson, Mrs. Jewett, Mrs. Morse, Mrs. Pearl, Mrs. Surface.

At a sophomore class meeting held Thursday, March 12, preparations for the coming Hop were discussed, and the invitations were distributed.

Horace A. Cook of Waterville, Me., has been elected Vice President of the sophomore class, to fill the vacancy left by W. E. Stoddard.

The sixth sophomore theme is due March 26. Students in this course will be allowed to choose their own subjects this time. The theme is to be exposition and to contain from 1000 to 1200 words.
THE MAINE CAMPUS

Miss Frances Weston of Bangor was the soloist in chapel Wednesday morning, March 11.

At the speaking contest between the Orono and the Old Town High Schools, Miss Imogene Wormwood is to recite "At the Game," the monologue which appeared in the December issue of the Blue Book and which was written by Miss Constance Holden, ex-09.

**MILITARY HOP.**

Those who were disappointed that the Military Ball, which had been an annual event for a number of years, was not held last year, were pleased to hear, a short time ago, that the battalion has voted to have a Military Hop, and that a committee has been appointed to make the necessary arrangements. Much has already been done by the committee and the affair promises to be very successful. It has been decided to have this hop rather more informal than the Military Ball of former years and it is for this reason that it has been voted to give it the name of Military Hop rather than Military Ball. The date decided upon for the affair is Friday, April 10. In the first part of the evening there will be a guard-mounting by a portion of the battalion, after which there will be dancing, for which Pullen's Orchestra will furnish the music.

There are two committees that have the affair in charge. One, consisting wholly of privates and non commissioned officers, which has the entire control of the matter. The other consists of the major of the battalion and the captains of the four companies and is merely for the committee to consult with. The members of the freshman committee are: W. E. Parsons, R. B. Pond, S. M. Jones, C. J. Pinkham, and H. K. Fenn. The officers' committee, consists of Major Jacobs and Captains, Irish, Farnham, Springer and Collins. The aids have not yet been appointed. Major Jacobs will act as floor director.

**SUNDAY VESPIERS.**

A good attendance was present at the Sunday vespers service in the chapel, March 8th. Rev. E. B. Lothrop of the Bangor Baptist Church was the afternoon speaker. Dr. Lothrop compared the manliness of ancient times with that of the present age and then contrasted this with the manliness of Jesus Christ. Miss Mina G. MacKusick of Old Town was the soloist.

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