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Red Cross Auxiliary

Now in Running Order. Every M. C. Girl to do Her Bit

On Wednesday evening Mrs. F. O. Johnson, representing the local chapter of the Red Cross, came to the college and presented to the girls plans for organizing a Red Cross auxiliary to include the college girls. While the college girls will be a branch in name, of the city chapter, they are really an independent company so far as officers, inspection and meeting place and the like are concerned.

Ten members are required before the auxiliary would be installed here, but seventeen members were secured in a few minutes at the Wednesday evening meeting. Those who are boosting the auxiliary expect that practically every girl in M. C. will be enrolled in Red Cross work. The membership dues are one dollar per year, but it is not compulsory that the girls pay this membership fee before they are allowed to work.

The officers of the local organization are: Evelyn Trostle, President; Ruth Shirk, Secretary and Golda Zook, Treasurer. These ladies have been among the busiest persons on the campus during the last week outlining their plans and getting things ready for the beginning of the work.

The management is giving them the use of the room in the north east corner of the library basement. This room is to be fitted for carrying on the work and it will be used as a storehouse for both the finished and unfinished articles. The room will be furnished through the kindness of several of the ladies of the Hill. Mrs. Trostle has donated a sewing machine and Mrs. Dettler a sewing machine and a chest. Several other chests and tables have been given by various ladies.

The auxiliary will meet in this room two afternoons of each week. The kind of work to be done will include knitting, sewing, piece comforters, and making children's clothing for the use of the destitute children in the war zone. The Red Cross powers are very strict with the work and it must all come up to certain high standards of craftsmanship. For this reason two local inspectors will be appointed to inspect each finished article. So high are the requirements that in most organizations about thirty per cent of the work is rejected while the ladies are becoming used to the work.

We are glad for this organization and congratulate the girls on this one further step in keeping M. C. in the front line. The Red Cross is doing a tremendous, almost inconceivable, work for the suffering world today, and the girls of McPherson will find their reward in the knowledge that through their efforts many a soldier boy will be kept clean and happy and comfortable.

Basket-Ball Practice.

Will Begin Monday Evening. A Strong Team Anticipated.

Regular varsity basket-ball practice will begin next Monday evening. Coach Verink will once more be on the job and the students will soon begin to derive considerable enjoyment from the sufferings of the aspirants to goal shooting fame as they are sent reeling and puffing through an evening of strenuous practice.

The men who have known the situation here for a number of years assert that there is a greater variety of material in school this year than there ever has been. Most of the men of last year's team are back in school and there is also much new material. Neighbors and Ches Moors of last year's team are out, but the new material will more than counter balance this loss.

At guard Mishler, Hoffman, and Mel Moors will again be on the job. Warnie Brubaker is also in school and will make a capable substitute. The central position will be a toss up between Brandt and Chas. Moors. At forward the greatest loss is sustained through the departure of Neighbors and Leonard Crumpacker, but one veteran, Jones, is back. In addition to this, Dich, who was a star forward of three years ago will be available. Eichleberger, a freshman is playing exceptional ball at forward and is being counted on for great things this year. Roy Neher has also been playing stellar ball at forward with the Freshmen in the inter-class games.

Inter-collegiate athletics have not been discarded this year at the special request of the President and the Secretary of War. It is hoped that every M. C. man with ability will be out Monday evening and put in his best efforts to make the team. Good athletics will keep the nation physically fit and a strong team will put McPherson on the athletic map. There is no reason why we shouldn't romp home with the bacon in the conference this year if the basket-ball men will do their part and are loyally supported by the students.

Irish Players Pleased

Played to Packed House

One of the largest crowds that ever packed the Opera House greeted the Irish Players Thursday night. The sale of tickets was beyond all expectation and the lecture course is an assured success. In four one act plays the Players presented forcibly and artistically the simple life and manners of the Irish Peasantry. And in everyone of the hearers was aroused a kindlier feeling toward and better appreciation of the Irish people, who, though poor in the comforts of life, are rich in human sympathy and overflowing with optimism.

Friday morning Mr. Kelley appeared in chapel and gave a most interesting talk. Off or on the stage Mr. Kelley is a true Irishman and he kept the students convulsed with laughter as he described the Irish movement and Irish life in general.

Anti-Tobacco Movement Inter - Society Academy Launched.

Dr. Fields Sponsors Intercollegiate Contest; to Enlist.

Nearly a month ago a movement for an oratorical contest was promulgated by Dr. Fields, who asked the students to rally in behalf of the public welfare.

The proposition was put to both of the colleges of McPherson and accepted with much enthusiasm. Each school had committees appointed which met at Dr. Fields' office Nov. 9th. At this time a new plan was proposed that is to include all the colleges of this part of the state. Invitations were sent to all the colleges of southwest Kansas. A number responded and showed a willingness to cooperate in the movement but stated that they would be unable to unite and organize this school year. However, we wish to thank them for their hearty support and appreciation in this reform.

The two local colleges, Central and McPherson, are tenacious. They maintain a bulldog grip upon anything they start, and they will surely give the public something interesting next March. These two colleges formed a permanent organization last Friday night when the committees composed of representatives of Central College and McPherson College, met at the City Y. M. C. A.

The student committee presented the newly drawn constitution, which was adopted without any material change. The following officers were elected for the coming year: Dr. J. W. Fields, Pres.; Dr. H. J. Harnly, Vice Pres.; and Prof. Lester J. Hoffman, Sec.-Treas.

One Day Off

The old order does not change. The prayers of some of the students have been once more disregarded and the management is refusing to give up the ship. Each year the question of a long Thanksgiving vacation or merely a vacation for the one day is threshed out. Thus far the management has always had its way for reasons which are perfectly obvious and legitimate. The students of M. C. are for the most part in struggling financial circumstances and it is necessary that the summer months be as long as possible so that the students can assemble as much of the wherewith as the time will allow. The length of the various vacations are stated in the catalogue in agreement with this plan, and it would mean confusion to make rulings contrary to the catalogue. There is generally a vacation of practically two weeks Christmas and no vacation Easter as in some colleges. This plan meets the approval of most students, although there are always enough dissenters to cause a clash of the question each year.

Tryouts

Were Held in Debate the 9th and 15th.

The tryouts of the respective academy societies for the choosing of the debaters who are to represent them in the inter-society contest were provocative of considerable interest. The tryout of the Emersonian society was held the 9th of this month, but the tryout of the Ciceronian society was not held until the 16th. The personnel of the respective teams is as follows: The Emersonians chose Mr. Fleming and Mr. Shores for the main speakers and Mr. Jones as alternate. The Ciceronian team is composed of Miss Agnes Baker and Mr. Saylor Neher as the debaters and Mr. Henry Stover as alternate.

The question which is to be discussed reads as follows: Resolved, That military training should be made compulsory in the United States. The question is one of contemporary interest and will merit the attendance of every thoughtful and public spirited person in school. It is by no means a settled matter as to what attitude the government is going to take with respect to this vital problem, and the Spectator is glad to follow this debate and make known the merits of the ensuing discussions.

The teams will arrange in battle array for the final contest on December the first. With the manifest growth of interest in debate we are certain that this event will be one of the drawing cards of the year in the forensic realm.

Irishman in Chapel

One of the members of the Irish Players Company which opened the Lecture Course at the Opera House Thursday evening, Mr. James Kelley, visited chapel Friday morning and gave a short talk which was appreciated by the students and the faculty very highly. At any rate the preceding statement was true if an audience can be judged by their actions.

The eccentricities of speech and manner of Mr. Kelley kept the chapel goers in an uproar from the beginning of his speech to the end. Mr. Kelley made the statement in the beginning that he wasn't a speechifier and then proceeded in a picturesque style to tell of the development of Irish dramas. A few leaders like Lady Gregory and Yeats were not satisfied with the English productions and set the Irish people at work writing dramas. And, by George, as the speaker affirmed, they went ahead and did it. True to the Irish in themselves they quarrelled some among themselves, but the quarrels of the Irish are more symbolical of love than of hatred. Mr. Kelley stated that the Irish found this means of expressing themselves as a nation and that their fame in the field of drama had gone out over most of the civilized world. He said that what Ireland had done, Kansas or any of the other states could do if they would apply themselves.

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Editorials from Rhetoric Class

Miss Trostle's class recently took up the study of editorial writing and some practical work was done. Editorials pointing out some of the crying howling and bellowing needs of McPherson College were contributed. Some of the editorials handed in were exceptional in originality and construction and it is the plan of the Spectator staff to publish these from time to time. They will appear in the editorial columns with the initials of the writer at the end.

OUR BIT

Much has been said and done during the short time that we have actually been engaged in this war, all of which we have termed as his or her "bit". This term is strictly an American phrase which is easily comprehended by all and one that conveys the meaning in strictly an original American way. The problems of efficiency in doing our bits is just as important a question as it is in the most complex manufacturing establishment. Many will be required to do their last bit, and for some it may be their greatest bit; yet after the war comes peace and reconstruction. This task will require the best thinkers of the land, the college trained men. Therefore our greatest bit at this time to our government and also to the world is our best possible work while in school. If we had any purpose for being in school before, that purpose is insignificant in comparison with the purpose we should

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have at this time. The world will demand more from the college man in the future than it has in the past and we dare not be found sleeping at our posts when the crucial moment comes. We must prove that we are as patriotic as the men who are taking up the burden in all other activities of this great war. To give up our lives for our country is undoubtedly the greatest act of patriotism we can possibly give. But the law of efficiency doesn't mean that all must express this high act of patriotism in the same way. To some men their greatest bit is the giving of their last bit on the battle field. To the college man his greatest bit will be a life of maximum usefulness.—D. R. Y.

Intercollegiate

Below is given a list of the student, college and high school publications received by the Spectator. For those who may not happen to know, these papers are placed on the rack in the southwest room of the Library. Students will find much of interest in reading these papers. The publications are: University Kansan, Lawrence; Wesleyan Advance, Salina; Bethany Messenger, Lindsborg; Ottawa Campus, Ottawa; Baker Orange, Baldwin; The Sunflower, Wichita, (Fairmount); Southwestern Collegian, Winfield; Cooper Courier, Sterling; Kansas Industrialist, Manhattan; Hays Leader, Hays; University Life, Wichita, (Friends); The Midland, Midland; Washburn Review, Topeka; Hesston Academy Journal, Hesston; Palmerian, La Verne, Calif.; Oak Leaves, New Windsor, Md.; Taber College Herald, Hillsboro, Bethel College Monthly, Newton; College Campus, Mt Morris, Ill.; The Manualite, Pittsburg; Junista Echo, Huntington, Penn.; Philomathean Monthly, Bridgewater, Va.; Our College Times, Elizabethtown, Penn.; The Habit, Salina; The Holtonian and The Optimist.

The reasons that a bluff has to be run is that it will fall over if it is walked.—Kansas Industrialist

The census of opinion at Lawrence seems to be decidedly against using "Hawkers" instead of "Jayhawkers". The former flattering term appeared in the Kansas City papers in their writeups of the N. U. K. U. football game.

Many a college romance leads to the altar, but many more alter before they get that far.—Southwestern Collegian.

Whether you believe the number 13 is unlucky or not the following will be of interest. One class at Fairmount started the school year with 13 members. Up to the present time two have died violent deaths, three have been forced to return home because of illness in the family, one member was drafted into the army, one withdrew from school on account of sickness, and another mourns the loss of a relative.

At the Freshman Holiday, November 14, at Bethany the upper classmen's resistance proved ineffectual and the Freshmen had things their own way.

Blind Girl Excellent Student

To be one of the best students in all your classes requires much work on the part of anyone. How much

more difficult must it be to be handicapped by almost total blindness. And yet Miss Elsie Stevens, Freshman in the college department, in spite of her blindness, is a brilliant student and an inspiring example for her more fortunate schoolmates.

Miss Stevens has been nearly totally blind since her early childhood, but she has gone on with her education, being a graduate of the School for the Blind in Kansas City. Not satisfied with a good high school course, she entered college this fall intent upon receiving a degree.

Miss Beshore, her roommate, is taking the same courses as Miss Stevens. The former reads her lessons aloud for her and one reading generally suffices. Miss Stevens is a good typist and writes her examination papers on the typewriter after taking down the questions in the dot system used by the blind.

Miss Stevens is also a fine pianist and, incredible as it may seem, she does much fancy work. Surely she is doing things that ought to put the accomplishments of some students, possessing every advantage, to shame. We wish her every success and all possible honors.

Ag's Take Tour

Prof. Mohler and his class in "Animal Husbandry" took last Friday off and spent the time in visiting various up-to-date stockfarms over the county. Their chief interest was investigating pure bred cattle and the best methods for their care, but horses, sheep and hogs also received the attention of these embryonic farmers in Prof. Mohler's charge. These agricultural courses are always made practical, and this trip is merely another evidence of that fact.

Prof. Rowland gave a brief but interesting discussion of music in chapel Thursday morning. By examples of his own composition which were played by Miss Brown he showed how music is supposed to be written to suit the inflection of the voice in ordinary conversation. He made the statement that lack of understanding was the cause of lack of appreciation of good music. The music of the grand opera is often merely voice exercises and one need not feel badly if he cannot appreciate it.

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PERSONALS

Miss Cecil Voshell spent the week-end with Miss Delilah Stutzman and other friends of M. C.

Dr. Kurtz delivered a lecture in Wiley, Colorado, Monday evening. He was to have been in Wiley the preceding week, but owing to a misunderstanding failed to arrive.

Homer O. Lichtenwaler, class of '11, is now connected with the Hercules Powder Works in Pennsylvania at a high salary.

Gilbert E. Barnhill, class of '13, has sold his bakery at Liberal, Kan., and with his wife is now in Lawrence where he is in the medical school of K U.

Dr. G L. Breon, Commercial '04, is giving up his practice in Hutchinson, and after a special course in surgery in the East, will be connected with the Axtell Hospital in Newton.

Miss Ida Brubaker, '06, and formerly matron of the Ladies' Dormitory, continues her work as matron at La Verne College, California.

Martin Beyer and Alice Pitzer Beyer have enrolled in the college taking special work.

Dr. Kurtz went to Hillsboro Friday evening where he presented to the people there the needs of the Y. M. C. A. in their campaign to make the life of the soldier a clean and comfortable one. He was in Canton also for the same purpose.

Lillian Kasey, Delilah Stutzman, Chester Ditch, Floyd Mishler, Herb Hoffman and L. F. Kimmel made a flying trip to Salina Tuesday in Miss Kasey's car.

A reward is offered the person submitting the best plan to get Jay Young and Don Sawyer to appear at their various classes and meetings at the appointed hour.

A gospel team consisting of the Boone brothers, Roy Frantz and Fred Hollenberg went to Monitor Sunday evening. Miss Mary Durst and Miss Edna Neher will assist the Quartet with readings. The quartet expect to go to Ramona next Sunday evening.

Miss Kathryn Thomas sang a very pleasing soprano solo, "Keep the Home Fires Burning" in chapel Saturday morning. The accompaniment was played by Miss Pauline Vaniman.

The following books in argumentation have come to the library for the use of the debaters: Argumentation and Debate, Ketcher; Essentials of Exposition and Argumentation, Foster; Argument and Debate, Denny, Duncan & McKinney; Elements of Debate, Lyon; Debaters Handbook, Compulsory Arbitration of Industrial Disputes.

Ikenberry while talking to an evangelist, learned that the evangelist's wife had acquired a fine singing voice. Upon further inquiry from Ikey, the evangelist said he firmly believed that the gift was acquired through prayer. Ikey dropped his head and thoughtfully stroked his chin. No doubt he was thinking of his girl who possesses an alto voice, for this is what he said, "Do you suppose the Lord could turn an alto voice into a soprano?"

The petitions sent in to Congressman Ayres a few weeks ago urging him to use his influence to stop the manufacture of intoxicating liquors and thus conserve the food supply by tons, received the Congressman's prompt consideration. In a reply to Dr. Culler he stated that the petition met with his cordial approval and that he had taken the matter up with President Wilson.



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Of a colored man in a Texas town,
Who got it straight from a circus

clown,
That a man in the Klondike heard
the news,

From a bunch of South American
stews

About somebody in Borneo,
Who heard of a man who claimed
to know,

Of a swell society female rake,
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Recent events have transpired to make us believe that the art of love making is at least being placed on a business basis. We occasionally have in our midst a jolly but clannish society. They are peaceful, energetic and apparently successful. This new society launched a brilliant idea somewhere on our cozy campus which ultimately culminated in the dining hall. It is strange, but folk do you know if this proves as practical as it did the first time, the old maid profession will become an utter impossibility. We grant there is some necessity for trickery these days but we thought this kind of trickery above our city damsels who banquet with us occasionally. Can anyone conceive of buying love? Yes, when it actually occurs. It would not be too much to say that our Westerner was bribed and we feel that a compensation may revolutionize love-making. Therefore we warn all our comrades and friends against the practice of buying invitations as special friends at common banquets. Those whom it may concern should remember there are many yet in reserve. And again do not act too often else prestige might be found wanting. However, we simply hope that this first attempt proves successful, for obvious reasons; one for instance, would be, the elimination of one local member from the cares and trials of our pedagogues.

It may be well to note that the whole affair was a system of checks and balances wherein our noble hero at least once proved himself capable. Some noteworthy expressions were, "If you don't like the way I eat, turn you back," and "If you don't like the looks of my face look the other way. I don't mind it for I am behind it therefore smile the other way." To the observer, one thought that those present wished they were moored to a cool bank in the summer heat. With all these ups and downs, we especially invite the young ladies of our urban population to again offer the price of a subject.

Prepares For Foreign Service

The Department of Interior at Washington is sending out literature to the various colleges warning them to prepare in their curricula to give students such courses that will prepare them to meet the demands of foreign service after the war. Dr. Swigger who is back of the movement, says: "Training for foreign service must be based upon satisfactory courses in commercial education. Industry, trade, and diplomacy are working conjointly in creating a new international policy for the nations of the world. The technique of commerce must be familiar to the consul and diplomat of the future.

Even the social and religious welfare of a nation in foreign fields, with or without the supervision or patronage of the government, cannot be efficient without training in foreign relations based on the fundamentals of commercial education."

Revival Meetings Close

Sunday night witnessed the close of the revival meetings which had been in progress for the past two weeks. The chapel has been crowded each week night and on Sunday it was twice taxed to its capacity. Thus far twenty-one have decided for Christ and there will doubtless be several more. Baptismal services were held Saturday and Sunday afternoons at which seventeen were admitted into the church. Rev. Williams has been very successful and his kindly nature has secured for him a warm spot in the heart of every student.

The Basket Ball Tournament

Below is given the standing of the teams up to Saturday, Nov. 17th. The past week has witnessed no upset as far as "dope" is concerned.

Team	W	L	Percent
Freshman Col.	6	0	1000
Sophomore Col.	4	2	667
Junior-Fresh. Aca.	3	2	600
Junior Col.	2	1	333
Senior Col.	2	4	333
Senior-Soph. Aca.	0	5	000

The Freshman College class, standing undefeated so far, has in its enrollment, enough basket ball men for two winning teams. They also have some excellent material for the College team this year. It looks as though "Little Davie" is going to fill Pete Neighbors place. Kelly Kriegerbaum is a heady player and is a marvel in agility, when you consider his fat. Big Chas. Moors is back again this year and playing a good brand of ball.

Billy Brandt has enrolled in the Junior class and it is hoped by all B. B. fans that he will enter in the tryout for the College Team.

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