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## Edith McGaffey Wins Fellowship to K. U.

Chosen by Faculty for Kansas University Fellowship.

Last Tuesday morning Dr. D. W.artz announced that Miss Edith McGaffey, President of the Y. W. C. A. and associate editor of the Spectator had been nominated by the faculty as recipient of the Fellowship to Kansas University.

The University of Kansas offers each year eleven fellowships to students from eleven Kansas Colleges and Universities. It is left for the faculties of the various schools to nominate the student best fitted for the honor. The fellowship consists of \$280 a year and carries with it the privilege of studying in any department in the University. However there is a certain amount of work to be done in the department. High scholarship and a recent graduate of the school are the requirements of the Fellowship.

There were four applicants for the position from the present Senior class. Their scholastic records were so uniformly high that there was considerable discussion in the faculty meeting before the decision was reached. Miss McGaffey has specialized in English and will enter the department at K. U. The majority of the Fellowships received by McPherson College students have been taken in the department of education.

Miss McGaffey has made an enviable record in her school work. She completed her high school work at Beatrice, Nebr. in three years, and she was valedictorian of her class. She has been one of the few if not the only one in M. C. that has received a Fellowship who has finished their college work in three years. Her record is all the more remarkable when it is noted that she has been most prominent in many school activities. She was Associate Editor on the McColpa last year. For two years she has been president of the Y. W. C. A. and under her able direction it has grown to be of real service in the life of the women of the College. Also she has been an instructor in the Academy for two years. Miss McGaffey is one of the strongest students that represented McPherson College at K. U.

In announcing the winner of the Fellowship to K. U. Dr. Kurtz emphasized the fact that there are many more Fellowships open to M. C. Seniors in other schools over the country. K. U. alone has 17 other competitive fellowships and scholarships. Any one desiring so may hand in their application to the faculty.

There are two former M. C. students, who have received Fellowships from K. U. studying at Lawrence this year. Both are in the department of Education. They are, Miss Alice Vogt '17 and Prof. Biehr.

## Library Receives Five Volume History of Kansas

The "Standard History of Kansas and Kansans" complete in five volumes was received by the Library last Tuesday. Without a doubt it forms the most extensive and complete history of Kansas ever compiled. It was edited by Mr. Connelly, Secretary of the Kansas State Historical Society and therefore he has had access to all the records of the society.

The history of Kansas from the exploring trips of Coronado down to the first administration of Gov. Capper is given. Detailed accounts are given of the struggle to make Kansas a free state and the part Kansas took in the Civil War. Besides a history of Kansas proper there is a number of biographies of the men who have been leaders in the growth and development of the state. Also there is a section devoted to a number of special articles such as education, churches, prohibition, etc. In this section there are two articles contributed by members of the McPherson College faculty. Prof. Craik has a short outline of the doctrine of the Church of the Brethren together with a brief history of the denomination in Kansas. The first member of The Church of the Brethren came to Kansas in 1854 and settled near Lawrence. Dr. Harnly contributed an article on McPherson College. He gives the chief events of the founding and growth of the school.

These books are of interest to all Kansans as they contain so much first hand information of the events in the interesting story of Kansas development. This illustrated set of five volumes contains nearly 2,800 pages and cost \$30.00.

## Roy Brubaker Reported for Military Duty

Roy Brubaker received word last week to report for duty yesterday noon at McPherson. He left last night for Camp Funston. He was in the last fifteen per cent of the first draft quota.

Roy is the third member of the college Sophomore class to leave school to enter military duty this year. He was in the first draft but on account of a minor physical disability he was excused.

This was his fifth year in McPherson College. He entered the school as a Freshman Academy. He was a hard working student and a good scholar. He has been much interested in Y. M. C. A. and church work while in school. His home is near Monitor.

## Glee Club to Appear at Roxbury Friday Evening

The Glee club is seriously thinking of going to Roxbury this coming Friday, provided the roads are not filled with snow drifts or mud holes. The last time they intended to go, the biggest snow storm of the season beat them to it by about a day. Here's hoping they don't have such ill luck this time.

## Faculty Gave Annual Reception. McPherson High School Won Championship.

Chapel Scene of Merry Making With Faculty As Host

Over two hundred students and teachers met together last Thursday for one of the most interesting social events of the year. It was the Faculty Reception to all the students and the former proved themselves to be excellent entertainers. A short program was given and following an informal social period, light refreshments were served.

It was originally intended to hold the reception in the Gym but several changes were made in the program and the chapel was used instead. All members of the faculty and their wives stood in the receiving line. Dr. Kurtz in commenting on it afterwards said he could recall the names of every student with the exception of only six or seven. The room was decorated in flags.

Prof. Craik told something of the life of Washington and other great men of the colonial and early republic days. His interesting and witty references kept his hearers laughing most of the time. Prof. Yoder spoke on the colonial education. He declared he did not find in any of the histories he had read (including Barnes) any mention that students ever wrote too personal remarks about their college president or that students ever failed to pay their bills on time. He related the ideal conditions that must have obtained in those good old times and he closed his talk with the wish that there could be a return of those ideal conditions. Later Dr. Kurtz talked on the purpose of the reception. He related some of the humorous experiences which he has had due to his inability to remember faces.

Clever drawings of all the faculty and their wives had been hung around the room. In the contest to see how nearly the original and the drawing appeared alike the Seniors won.

Following several selections on the Victrola, refreshments were served and with the singing of the college song the reception was ended.

## A Short Story of the German Empire.

I  
William the Sane  
Reared it with pain.  
II  
William the Rash  
Knocked it to smash.—Ex.

Thru lack of space we failed to mention the departure of "Idaho" Wampler last week. He had by far the most exciting school experience of any student ever enrolled in this institution. Lyman left for a trip east before returning to his home in the west.

Moundridge and Lindsborg Went Down to Defeat at Hands of McPherson

One of the events which has been looked forward to with much interest by basket ball fans of the county, was staged last Friday and Saturday in the McPherson College Gymnasium. This event was the McPherson County High School Basket Ball Tournament, in which six teams competed to decide the county championship. The teams that battled were: McPherson, Moundridge, Galva, Canton, Lindsborg and Marquette. This was the third year the Tournament has been held and the last two years Moundridge has romped home with the bacon. Three years ago the McPherson Republican offered a loving cup as a permanent trophy to the team that won it three consecutive years. Naturally all attention was focused toward Moundridge, and the other teams dreaded to meet them. The Ridge boys hold the record of being beaten fewer times than any High School team in the state.

The games started Friday afternoon at 2 P. M. with Galva facing Lindsborg. Galva sprung a surprise on the Swedes outplaying them entirely in the first half, altho they finished one point behind. Lindsborg was unable to get together and they lacked ability to score. Galva played fast and consistent ball considering their need of training and held the Swedes almost even. The game ended with Lindsborg three points ahead. This defeat threw Galva out of the finals.

The next game was between Marquette and Canton, and was too slow to be interesting. Marquette had never participated in the Tournament before and had only three weeks practice previous to this game. Both teams showed good material and great things can be expected of them in the future. Canton romped to victory with the score doubled.

The greatest interest of the tournament was centered in Moundridge-McPherson game which was next in order. The east side of the Gym was filled with M. H. S. rooters and the support they gave their team was very creditable. Moundridge started with hopes tuned high and secured a lead. McPherson then came together and evened things up and forged ahead with a lead that never was overcome. In the last half the Ridgers were played with team work that would grace any college floor. It was a pleasure to witness this game and one of our players remarked that he had not seen such work displayed by any college they had played this year. The game ended with Moundridge trailing the small end of a 20-44 score. This eliminated Moundridge and put McPherson in fine

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The fine example of school patriotism recently exhibited by Paul Brandt brings forcibly to our attention the status quo of oratory in the school. To all appearances orators seem to be about as scarce as the proverbial hen's teeth. This condition is not because of a lack of talent on the part of the students. It seems to be rather a short sightedness on the part of the many students who fail to look out for the highest welfare of the College. No one can be particularly proud of the part the M. C. student body has taken in oratory this year. In the local Old Line Contest there was only one contestant and the I. P. A. has secured an orator by a lucky turn of affairs. This is no reflection on the students who represent M. C. in oratory this year. But these conditions obtain not because of lack of talent, but because the students seem not to comprehend the incaluable good they can receive by entering these contests and the enviable position the College enjoys by always maintaining a live interest in oratory. As one possible remedy it has been suggested that the local contests be held earlier in the school year. The habit of putting the contests off until the middle of the year has worked such a great hardship on many students that they have been forced to give up their intention of entering the contests.

The trout of the season is to be realized the last of this week. Dr. Shaw of Salina, Dean of Oratory of Kansas Wesleyan University, will speak in the chapel Saturday evening at 8:15. He also speaks in Central College Auditorium, Friday evening at 8:00 o'clock. He is here under the auspices of the I. P. A.

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Early last fall Dr. J. W. Fields offered a series of prizes to those who should deliver the best orations against the evils of tobacco. He offered these prizes to both McPherson and Central College students. Dr. Fields has been deeply interested in the subject of the injurious effect of tobacco upon the human system. He has made a special study of the subject and his findings have convinced him that tobacco is a positive harm to the human body. The idea of forming an oratorical association among the colleges of the country has seemed to him to be one of the most practical ways of combating the evil. There is a dearth of accurate scientific data on the subject. And also the results of many scientific experiments on the effect of tobacco are not matters of common knowledge. His goal is a strong national organization that will both stimulate scientific research and also scatter broadcast reliable information. It is a national organization conducted somewhat on the lines of the prohibition contest that Dr. Fields is working on. He desires a national association which shall by the disseminating of convincing literature prove to be as valiant an opponent as the I. P. A. has of the alcohol question.

This was the idea toward which he was working and later events show that if the success of the plan this year is to be taken as a gauge, his plans will become realities. As considerable interest was created in both schools by his announcement of the prizes offered, a committee was chosen from each college to draw up a constitution and effect an organization. A constitution was written and adopted in which the official name of the organization was to be the Intercollegiate Anti-Tobacco Association. Officers were elected to act until the state meeting should be held. Dr. Fields was elected President, Dr. Harnly, Vice President, and Prof. Hoffman of Central College, Secretary. Invitations were extended to all the colleges in the state to enter orators in the state meeting to be held in the spring. Many of the colleges expressed a willingness to enter the contest but on account of the time they could not enter any contestants this year. They expressed their willingness to enter orators next year. However in addition to the two colleges in McPherson, Southwestern entered an orator. The state meeting is to be held and the officers are to be elected for the coming year. Prof. McKeever of Kansas University will be present and act as one of the judges and will also give a short address. He is intensely interesting in his subject and has furnished the Association much useful information. A strong effort will be made to line up all the colleges in the state in the movement.

The local contest is to be held tonight in the chapel. There will be no admittance charge as the orators have agreed to bear all the expenses connected with the meeting. There are five contestants; Miss Neher, Miss Julia Garst, Mr. J. H. Engle, and Mr.

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Jonathon Schmidt. Mr. Roy Brubaker has prepared his oration but of course will not be able to give it as he has left the school to report for military duty. His oration will be read. The Prizes are \$10 for first, \$5 for second, and \$3 for third place. Reports from Central College are that in the recent contest held there five orators entered.

Saturday all the contestants in the contest held a meeting in the chapel and elected officers. J. Howard Engle was elected President, Edna Neher, Vice President and Miss Julia Garst, Secretary-Treasurer. They are planning to put on a big membership campaign this evening and all students are earnestly invited to join this movement. With five classes represented in the local contest much class spirit should be manifest. Everybody out and enroll now and become a charter member of this organization.

### Intercollegiate

A ceremony, spoken of as the most impressive ever given in the halls of Southwestern, occurred when the big Southwestern Service Flag was presented. The flag bears the names of one hundred and four men, who have gone forth from Southwestern to take their places in the ranks.

Women of the State Agriculture College have organized a Red Cross Army and expect to be ready for the spring drive in France with surgical dressings for the allies. The girls of the college will be divided into companies with a captain and three lieutenants responsible for each company.—Industrialist.

The decoration in the new University Church is almost completed. The decorating is all realistic work and is said to equal any that can be found in the state. The pipe organ is expected in a short time and the setting of the seats will begin next week.—Wesleyan Advance.

The State Board of Administration approved the petition from the students in the school of Law for the six day plan of school work.

The School of Engineering of the University may be used by the government to train men for the war service.—Kansan.

Junior men of Indiana University have decided to wear buff corduroy vests for the remainder of the school year and the girls are considering buff puttees as a means of distinguishing juniors from other students.

Psychology Instructor: "What kind

of an organ is the nose?" Witte Stude; Some people use it as organ of speech; while others regard it merely as an organ and give recitals all night.—Ex.

More than a hundred scientific schools and colleges have volunteered to offer courses to train drafted men for special service in the army.

Mr. Paul Hoffman returned to Abilene, Kansas to spend the week end at his home. Lester Hoffman returned with him.

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## PERSONALS

Miss Cecil Durst went to her home at Moundridge for the week end.

Charlie Trostle and family of Nickerson, visited relatives on the Hill Sunday.

Mr. Dick Baker of Camp Funston, visited his sister Sunday.

Miss Effie Carter of Lyons, Kansas, spent a few days here last week visiting her sister Jessie.

Word has been received from Albert Cobb that he has arrived in France. He is in a Medical Detachment.

Rev. Eby held services at Nickerson last Friday and Saturday. On Sunday he preached at Hutchinson.

Miss Iva Curtis entertained at her home on Saturday evening February 21. In honor of the sailor boys who were to leave soon for training.

Floyd Mishler spent a part of last week visiting his brother Vern, at Camp Funston. Floyd reports that a sailor uniform gives a person more privileges in such a place than would civilian clothes.

Miss Faye Clarke invited a number of M. C. students to her home last Wednesday evening for a surprise party in honor of her brother, Howard. The evening was pleasantly spent in playing games and dainty refreshments were served.

Dr. Kurtz is a busy man these days. Last Friday he left for Grundy Center, Iowa. Saturday he will give a lecture at that place and Sunday he was to preach there. Thursday evening of this week he is to give a lecture at Ramona on "True Patriotism" as a number on their High School Lecture Course. Friday evening he delivers a lecture at Buhler on the Lecture Course there. He addresses the Saline County Teachers Association at Salina, Saturday afternoon and in the evening he lectures at Geneseo.

The Rhetoric class has a movement on foot to improve the English room. They sent a committee to the management and they made an estimate of the cost of such an undertaking and promised to pay half the expenses. The class then sent a delegate to each class meeting in the English room to put the proposition before them. The proposition was generally received as a good one and in the near future we may expect to see a great change in the appearance of the room. Good work Freshies.

### Get Ready For Tag Day

At the regular meeting of the Athletic Board, Friday morning it was decided that M. C. should have a tag day. The purpose of this event will be to purchase emblems, sweaters, and robes for the basket ball squad. Jones has played four years and should receive a robe this year. The other men will receive either fobs or sweaters. It was also decided to banquet the squad in the near future.

The games won by M. C. have not been as numerous as we would have liked but we are confident that we have men who will make it hot for their opponents in the future. The basket ball season has closed for the Bulldogs, but the Reserves will have one or two games yet.

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## McPherson High School Won Championship.

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trim for the remainder of the race.

The semi-finals were played Friday night with Canton and Lindsborg on the floor. Lindsborg came out strong and outclassed the Cantonites, winning with a heavy score. Team work was not displayed freely by either team. Canton not knowing how to break the defense. As an introduction to this game the coaches of the various schools arrayed themselves against Galva. Mr. Verink acted as special goal tasser and was easily the star of the game. He captured 19 of the 45 points, secured by the coaches, and it was that that a new score book would have to be procured. Galva hit the ring for only six lonely points.

The final game was played Saturday morning with McPherson and the Swedes as opponents. Lindsborg worked hard but the fates were with McPherson, and sour grapes were fed to Lindsborg in bunches as they were to Moundridge the day before. The Swedes started out strong and secured a lead but were unable to fathom the excellent work of the McPherson boys. The score was 25-34 in favor of McPherson. McPherson High has a good team and McPherson College wishes them the best of luck in all the future years. The cup was saved to McPherson for another year at least.

The Gymnasium was crowded to its utmost capacity for all the games. The cheering that emanated from all parts was excellent and upheld the spirit of the players. The college students stood with the local high school to a man, which was the right thing for them to do. It is probable that the college will get two or three good basket ball players from the high school next year.

Prof. Mohler and Mr. Verink were referees for the Tournament and they pleased everyone with the exactness of their decisions. Curtis Bowman was score-keeper and Clarence Bailey time keeper.

## Paul Brandt Enters I. P. A. Contest.

Restores the Confidence of the Students  
and Faculty in I. P. A. Contest

Gloom had covered the faces of the I. P. A. officers like a mask the past two weeks after it was learned that Miss Nita Cullen, who was to have represented M. C. in the district I. P. A. contest, had found it impossible to enter the contest. It would have been the first time in years that such a calamity had befallen the local Association and it did not of course reflect to the glory of the officers. But last week it was learned that the date for the district contest was to be postponed owing to the Southwestern's representative being called to the colors. Mr. Phillippi, the State publicity manager made an urgent appeal in Thursday's chapel for some one to enter the contest and Paul Brandt agreed to enter. Mr. Brandt will make an excellent representative for M. C. He has had considerable experience in this line of work. He has shown the true M. C. patriotism by entering the contest and altho he will be handicapped by lack of time he can be depended upon to do his best at the district contest.

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The Reserves swept their opponents off their feet in the first half. The M. C. men were in possession of the ball nearly all the time. The offensive of the reserves showed up well but the defensive of Galva was weak. The latter played good ball but their size proved to be too great a handicap. Galva was only able to gain six points the first half while the Reserves made 33.

The support the visitors received from the side lines should have encouraged any visiting team. When the fans saw that the Reserves were out of danger they turned their attention toward coaching the visitors, and the encouragement was a factor for the visitors put up a real contest the last half.

As seems to be their habit the Reserves made several shifts in their lineup at the beginning of the second half. The change did not make a stronger team and the contest was pretty even thruout the half. The visitors held the locals to only 19 points while they added 13 to their lot.

Floyd Mishler last year's captain of M. C. basket ball team was referee and pleased both teams by the fairness of his decisions.

The score, McPherson

	F.G.	F.T.
R. Neher, forward,	9	0
A. Rump, center, forward	8	2
L. Bowman, forward,	2	0
E. VanPelt, forward	1	0
C. Bowman, center,	5	0
A. Rinehart, guard,	0	0
E. Schermerhorn, guard,	0	0
Total	25	2

Y. M. C. A. Elect New Officers.

The officers for the coming year for the Y. M. C. A. were elected last Wednesday morning at the regular devotional period. Clyde Forney president for the past two years was not a candidate for re-election. Under his direction the Y. M. C. A. has been brought to the highest point of usefulness. More money was handled by the local organization this year than in any year previous. The outgoing officers must certainly be congratulated upon the splendid record they have made. The Y. M. C. A. is a most vital and practical organization in McPherson College.

The new officers are: Ray Cullen, President, Henry Stover, Vice President, Earl Bowman, Secretary, and J. Howard Engle, Treasurer. In the new set of officers the association will grow and progress as it has in the past. All the men are vitally interested in the work and all have had much experience in the duties of the association. The new officers will not take their offices for a couple of weeks and the date of the installation has not been set. The cabinet will be chosen this week.

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