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Outlook Is Bright

Music Off on the Right Foot. Choral Union About Organized. Personnel of Quartet Announced

Prof. Rowland is radiant these days when the prospects for the musical year at M. C. are discussed. From this distance it looks as though it were going to be all joy for the warblers of his department. All the musical organizations are rapidly being organized and commendable interest everywhere is being shown. A great deal of talent has come in during the year and this will, in a measure, replace some of the stars M. C. has lost by graduation and otherwise.

Voices for Choral Union are being examined now and though there is the usual shortage of tenors and basses, there will be enough to make a good showing. As Prof. Rowland has said, the only qualifications necessary to admittance to Choral are capability of carrying a tune and having one's voice classified. With these easy terms it is impossible that many will fall short.

In all probability there will be a full one hundred voices in Choral this year. The College union will be combined with the one down town and that will swell the numbers considerably. The Union has not yet been organized, but the organization of last year will perhaps be carried over to this year.

The oratorio, Elijah, will be given. This is a very heavy composition and will require a great deal of hard work

to insure mastery, but Prof. Rowland's capable instruction and leading will work wonders. A definite date for the rendition of this oratorio has not yet been set.

There was a delightful little surprise given the Choral Union members this year in the way of one hour college credit to those who do the work. A reward of this nature for those who apply themselves faithfully in this by no means insignificant activity of our school life has long been needed as an incentive to greater interest. The work done is often of as heavy a nature as some regular course and well deserves to be credited as such.

There was considerable calculating as to who would compose the College Male Quartet. This year three of last year's quartet men, Price Haldeman and J. W. Maxcy failed to matriculate and the outlook seemed rather gloomy. Many and varied combinations were proposed by the various critics among us. It is the opinion of the writer that the arrangement finally decided upon is the best possible.

The men on the quartet are: Chas. C. Maxcy, first tenor; Herwin R. Ellenberger, second tenor; W. F. Vaniman, first bass and Clinton Deter, second bass. The harmony and blending of these men's voices is exceptional and their singing ought to be a success. Prof. Rowland expressed himself as feeling very good over the outlook and was optimistic, believing that the work of the quartet will be well received.

The men will make their first appearance Tuesday evening, the 16th. They will sing on a program given in the Elks Home. Quite an extended program is being arranged for the year.

In previous years the male quartet has been highly appreciated. Male quartet music always takes and we feel that the type of music we are to have this year will be unprecedented.

Bozarth, who has been trying to kid himself into the belief that he can grow a mustache, is quite vain concerning his hirsute growth. Twiddling the place where the hair ought to be he one day approached Miss Winters and asked, "Don't you think my mustache is becoming?" All he got for his pains was the following rejoinder, "It might be coming, but its a long way off".

An Aviator Now

J. W. Maxcy Will Be M. C.'s Representative in Uncle Sam's Flying Corps. A Fight to Get In

"Wes" Maxcy, student at M. C. for the past three years, is now incorporated into the flying corps of the United States Army. For ten or twelve weeks his time has been largely taken up with strenuous endeavors to get into this select department of Uncle Sam's fighting men, but was not even given a chance to take his examination until a week ago. When he did get his chance, he passed with flying colors as everyone acquainted with him knew he would. There were handicaps to be overcome and several errors in procedure were made, but he feels that his success has compensated him for his long waiting period.

The tests given were numerous and exceedingly rigid. The corps of medical men in charge find out everything that is wrong with a man and some things one didn't know he was afflicted with. The ear, nose and throat tests are especially strict. One may pass with minor physical defects and blemishes elsewhere, but the ear, nose and throat passages must be absolutely sound, for if they were not, flying in high altitudes would be decidedly uncomfortable for the aviator. Maxcy was given an operation of minor significance on his nose before he was allowed to pass. The tests for equilibrium are numerous and strict. When an applicant gets through with the whirling dervish tests and the blindfold line walking and the like the officers have more than a faint idea of the uprightness of the flying aspirant.

A general intelligence test is given which consists to some extent of trick and obscure questions. Such questions as the latitude of the equator, the cause of the eclipses of the moon, the path of the sun, and the like are asked. There are practical questions too, asking for an explanation of different kinds of motors, questions about maps, etc.

Maxcy is not certain as to the location of his training camp, but it will perhaps be in Texas. The ground school and the regular training school will be included in the same camp. Eight weeks will be in the ground school and about six months alto-

gether in all the training schools. The contingent in which he is included will probably see service next spring. They are expected to be in readiness for the big spring drive. Maxcy's work will no doubt be that which is connected with the piloting of a machine and will include high altitude fighting.

As stated before "Wes" has been with us for three years and during that time has impressed everyone with his unusual all-around ability. For the entire three years of his sojourn with us he has been the mainstay in the pitching box of the baseball team. He is a gymnast of no mean ability and last spring demonstrated that he had the making of a good track man in him. There has never been a defeat in oratory chalked up against him in a local contest, and he has two firsts and a third to show for the three state contests in which he has participated. He is also a reader and songster of ability, having been a member of the college quartet last year. He has been connected with the college paper and was one of the cheer leaders during the basket-ball season. His absence will be keenly felt in student activities and in a social way, but we realize that he is answering a man's call to duty and we wish him success in the supreme experience into which he is coming.

Freshman Academy Hike.

Tuesday evening about thirty of the Freshman Academy class met in Price's pasture where they proceeded to take advantage of about a couple of hours spare time and to turn these spare hours into very beneficial periods. After engaging in a few sportive activities and listening to an interesting and edifying address by Dr. Harnly, the group surrounded and made a very successful attack upon a supply of weenies, marshmallows and buns. The enemy was completely demolished. Mrs. Harnly then gave the good night address in which she vividly portrayed the path that lay before the class during the coming school days, and the best plans for following it.

Pat: Mike, that's the worst looking baste I ever saw in harness. Why don't you fatten him up?

Mike: Fatten him up, is it? Sure an' the poor baste can hardly carry the little mate that's on him now. —Ex.

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Our Flagless Flag Pole

The fact that we have a flag pole on our campus would never be known by the students if they were to judge it by the uses to which it is put. School has been keeping for five weeks and Old Glory has never yet been flung to the breeze from the staff on the campus. Perhaps our new students have gained the idea that the perpendicular gas pipe is a part of our landscape gardening. There are several flags lying idle around M. C. but perhaps these are considered to be of too good quality to be flapped to pieces by the Kansas gales. If that is the reason, then it is up to the students to get a flag for our pole by student subscription. A good flag could be purchased by our three hundred students at such a price that it would work a hardship on none of them. While we believe that patriotism does not consist in making a splurge and that a man can be patriotic without a flag, still there is a certain irony in our possessing a flag pole at such a time as this and having no flag for it. Wouldn't a flag flying in the center of our campus constantly in the sight of the students cause them to be more mindful of the seriousness of the hour and the urgent call to duty that it means for them?

Corporal Verne Mishler came down from Funston Saturday and spent a short time with his home folk.

The astronomy class is making good use of the clear nights we are having now to do their laboratory work. About two hours are spent each week in observing the different constellations and in examining stars and planets through the telescope. Thursday evening the planet, Jupiter, was examined and the five moons it possesses were plainly visible.

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Perhaps the greatest sorrow of our life is the fact that we cannot rave over a baby with that air of sincerity which gladden's a mother's heart.

Trot out toward the tennis court clad in your tennis rags and blithely swinging your racket in your hand and someone will greet you with, "Going to play tennis, are you?" Walk down the hall with a towel over your shoulder and your shaving paraphernalia in your hand and someone will sing out, "Going to take a shave, are you?" What is the explanation? We ask because we don't know.

That stubborn streak one has which impels him not to want to see the truth, the opposite of which he has been arguing for the past thirty minutes but which position he now really knows is untenable, is utterly bad and of the devil.

Every student likes to indulge in heroics to this extent: they will slyly whisper it around the next morning that urgent duties kept them up the night before until twenty minutes after two.

Society Spirit—Is It a Minus Quantity?

The lack of society spirit in McPherson College is one of the most deplorable situations with which the faculty has to contend. If we only could do as they used to do 'back at Juniata', then all would be a howling success. But laying all jokes aside, there is occasion for serious thought with respect to the literary enthusiasm of our students.

Perhaps the most pointed criticism that has been received was that which issued from our dear pastor last year after being disappointed because a certain society waived its program in preference to a picture show. The old students will all recall the sermon referred to and we shall not attempt a summary of it here.

At the beginning of the year Edith McGaffey expressed in an admirable way the spirit that should prevail here. That is this, that among all the societies there should be a wholesome rivalry, good clean competition free from envy and jealousy. Certainly we all believe this condition should prevail. How many are lend-

ing their support in that direction?

Most of our sister colleges have outstripped us by far in this sphere. The debate teams are usually chosen through the medium of society contests and the debaters coached by the societies. This fact will account for some of the splendid teams we have met. Now such a condition should prevail here, and we can make it such if we will.

Let all those who have been criticizing and haranguing about this society situation at M. C. lean to the work with a zeal. There is no reason why we should not develop the finest type of society spirit here this year. Rally around this proposition with the spirit of a crusader; then we can put to rout the forces of indifference and indolence.

A Henrietta Stolen.

The Ford car belonging to Chauncey Vaniman of College Hill was stolen last week and has not yet been recovered. The car was stolen shortly after banking hours. It had been parked by the Peoples' State Bank and was awaiting the time when Mr. Vaniman would finish his duties within the bank where he is cashier. No one seems to have seen the car leave and for this reason the chances for apprehending the thief will be very slight. The fact that all Fords are so nearly of the same stripe will also make recovery difficult. It is to be hoped, however, for the good of automobile owners generally as well as for Mr. Vaniman's good, that the thief will be brought to justice.

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Visited Camp Funston

Dr. Culler spent last Sunday at Camp Funston. An invitation had been extended to him to preach two sermons at the Y. M. C. A. of that camp and he accepted this honor. All the time not taken up by his sermons he spent investigating the camp, and The Spectator is glad to offer its readers his impressions of this temporary home for our soldier boys. His account follows:

I had a delightful visit to Camp Funston, being entertained at the Y. M. C. A. Headquarters as a guest of Prof. Dotzour. Mr. Dotzour is a graduate of M. C. and has charge of the educational work, mostly in English and French, of which there are now sixty classes taught entirely by volunteers among the drafted men. I also met nearly all the Y. M. C. A. secretaries and through them many of the commissioned officers.

Camp Funston is a city, forty thousand strong, compact, new, rather crude of course, somewhat as tightly packed together as New York's tenement districts. The buildings hold about 200 men each. In some the sleeping quarters are all upstairs and the dining room down stairs, in others they are one in each end.

Every man is provided with bedding and is responsible for the same. The government provides 39c per day for their food which is expended to the best advantage by the mess sergeant. There being no other cost, the men get good meals and all seem satisfied with their conditions of eating and sleeping. The buildings are cold, but heavy radiation space is provided and they will undoubtedly be kept warm enough in cold weather.

The greatest trouble with camp life is to provide for the leisure hours. It is not the work or drill or even the lack of home comforts that are hardest on the camp boy, but the need for social and recreational life. To fill this need is the purpose of the Y. M. C. A. The government authorizes and sanctions Y. M. work, not because of its religious but because of educational, social and recreational features. Religion is supposed to minister to these. No one is allowed to preach an evangelistic sermon and give an invitation in a Y. M. camp.

There are twelve units, each having a thoroughly equipped building at Camp Funston. There is also a "Headquarters" building. At present they are also erecting an auditorium that will hold between three and four thousand people. Each of these twelve units has a social room, a lobby, a secretary's headquarters, a number of small rooms, and an auditorium holding between 500 and 600 men. Plenty of writing tables and

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benches are provided and there are games and other equipment. Each one has a library of several hundred volumes and also large numbers of old magazines.

The educational classes meet at 6:30 in the evening. At 7:30 every evening there is an entertainment of some nature. Wednesday night is religious service, one night a literary program, others musical, others athletic and some are movie nights. Much of the entertainment is furnished by the men themselves. There is all the talent needed for entertainment among the men. I met the first violinist of the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra—a private. Another man was singing who had been an evangelistic singer. At one Y. M. I saw an entertainment given by a private who is a professional entertainer. The men give their fellows a glad hand.

Talent is also imported. Madame Schumann-Heink sang for the boys on Saturday. I understand that Stewart Wille and Harrison Keller are to sing and play for the camps. Commercial amusement men have built a city outside of Funston called "Army City" to entertain and receive the money of the boys. But the Y. M. is providing them all the entertainment free.

Sunday there is Sunday School at 9 A. M. and church at 10 and 7:30. The auditoriums are overcrowded at all these religious services. The men are sincere, frank, openhearted, sympathetic and hungering for good things. They do not talk much about the war, but are anxious to be helped morally and spiritually. I never talked to a more earnest, appreciative, and hungry group of men. They crowded the front part of the room to shake my hand.

The moral conditions are better than I had expected and I am sure a credit to all the boys and to all concerned. There is no liquor, absolutely none. Women are not permitted in the camps except with their husbands, fathers or older ladies. The smoking has been greatly exaggerated and it is combatted by the Y. M. The boys all told me there was comparatively little profanity.

The non-combatant boys all testified to fine treatment both from officers and men. There is no scorn nor disrespect, at least not as a general thing. In fact I think people outside make more fuss over the subject than they do at the Camp. At first there

was misunderstanding and some trouble but that is dying out.

One is impressed at Funston with the democracy of the place. Rich men's sons, A. M.'s, Ph. D.'s, college professors, poor boys, illiterate boys—all together. A common necessity presses upon them all. The learned and able help the unlearned and weak. There is a wonderful spirit of service—such as we cannot understand until we see it in that setting. Many people walk through Funston and see the exterior, rough, dirty and forbidding, but they fail to get to the heart of it.

In the biological sense the highest mark of an individual is his ability to adapt himself to changed conditions. Morality oftentimes disintegrates when a man leaves his home and social nexus of his early life and comes into new situations. That is the big danger of army life. Those who come out clean will be stronger than before, those who fail will entirely go to pieces. That is the inexorable law. All the forces of good that can help the boys are a God send; anything that demoralizes is a devilish curse.

Some boys at Funston will go down morally—a few, I hope very few—most of them I believe will come out much stronger. They will have a deep, heart-searching experience, an enlarged sympathy, and will for the first time have met a great issue in life and—we hope win out.

Intercollegiate

Southwestern can be justly proud of her record of students enrolled in the different branches of service. Eleven S. U. men have already received commissions in the army, seventeen more are in training now, and ninety-five in all are following Old Glory in some way.

A glance at the exchanges which come to us reveals the fact that the various Kansas colleges are putting

out more or less inexperienced foot ball teams this fall. They are all worrying about how the teams will act under fire. M. C. has no such worries, although some of us deem it a misfortune rather than a blessing.

According to the Ottawa "Campus" it is very uncertain whether O. U. will issue an annual this year or not. A small Junior class and war prices are given as the chief handicaps. The fact that the burden of student activities is on a very few shoulders will also retard the publishing of a year book. These same conditions obtain in a great many other schools.

Decreased enrollments seem to be the common thing this year rather than the exception. The Daily Kansan has found that the large universities of the country have all suffered set-backs, some of them dwindling as much as twenty five per cent. Emporia Normal and Cooper College are the two Kansas schools which seem to have suffered most.

Delbert Culler, the eldest son of Dr. and Mrs. Culler, has been receiving timely instruction in the ideal of non-resistance. Quite recently while playing with Royce Emerson Kurtz, he received a whack with a stick and was only prevented from retaliating by his mother. Subsequently, however, while playing again with Royce, he must have accomplished his revenge, for the whoops emanating from Royce indicated as much. Mrs. Culler upon hearing the noise proceeded to investigate. She met Delbert returning from Kurtz's and asked him the reason for Royce's crying, whereupon Delbert complacently replied, "I tipped him over."

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J. Estel Jones came down from Ramona, Saturday.

Miss Edith McGaffey made a short rip to Hutchinson Saturday.

Mrs. Swope, who has been visiting in the East during the summer, returned to McPherson recently.

Glen Neighbors and Wilbur Baldwin, M. C. students of last year, have been pledged by fraternities at K. U.

Prof. Swope; "Would it be inconvenient for anyone to change this recitation period to 10:30?"

Roy Brubaker: "I can't Prof. I'm full every hour before dinner."

Miss Dithé Neff visited friends on the Hill during the week end. Miss Neff is teaching in the Windom H. S. and thoroughly enjoys her work.

Harrison Frantz goes to Larned every Sunday where he has been acting pastor since the resignation of J. M. Boaz. He will continue to fill the pulpit until a regular pastor has been secured.

Greta Eshelman, secretary to prexy last year, in company with her parents and others from Red Cloud, motored to McPherson Friday for the District Meeting.

Cedric Eichenberger is demanding an advanced German class. He complains that he does not have the opportunity to get the training which will be required when he teaches German I in the Academy next year.

Dr. Kurtz: Mr. Mishler, do men always act for pleasure to avoid pain?"

Ernie: "Sure.—ah—er—what did you ask, Doctor?"

"What would you do if I turned you down?" she asked slyly as they sat on the parlor sofa. The young man looked straight ahead and said nothing. After a few moments of silence she nudged him and said, "Did you hear my question?"

"I beg your pardon," he said, I thought you were addressing the gas."

"Idaho" Wampler says the blue

why was scared out of him when he was on the green carpet recently. We are hoping that this "blue why" represents a devil and that the process will be repeated six more times.

Miss Fayanna Snader, '17, who is teaching domestic science in the Climax High School, arrived in McPherson Thursday and spent the week end with friends.

Recent subscribers to The Spectator who live at a distance are: Bertha Boyd, Edna Burkholder, Fayanna Snader, Faye Sissler, Arthur Wendt, Lulu Ullom, Grace Bowman, and Clinton Detter. Join the crowd.

F. P. Detter and family, Miss Lora Trostle, Miss Evelyn Trostle, and Prof. Yoder, went to Nickerson Wednesday to attend the funeral of a relative. They made the trip in the Detter car.

The Iconoclast Literary Society, rendered a good program preliminary to the Saturday evening session of the District Meeting program. There were several good readings and musical numbers. Perhaps the feature of the evening was the new Iconoclast male quartet recently assembled. It consists of H. R. Ellenberger, Amos Boone, Ray Cullen and Galen Jones.

An Irishman decided to make his home in this country and put in his application for naturalization papers. He was given a blank to fill out, but wasn't just quite sure of his ground. Not wishing to confess his ignorance, however, he made the following effort: Name? Patrick O'Ginnity. Born? Yes. Business? Rotten.

Inquiry has been made concerning the following individuals all of whom seem to figure more or less conspicuously in our school: Molly Kewl, Ethel Alcohol, Billy Rubin, Annie Mosity, Phil Osophy, Eddie Fiation, G. Ology, Hale Ogen, Mike Roscope, Ella Keution, Anne Lize, Si Kology, Eva Lution, Matthew Mattix, Ed. U. Cation, Sara Bellum, Ben Zene, Jim Nastix, Polly Syllable, Eppie Demic, Ray D. Ation, Fan Tastic, Clara Fy, Anna Nabasis, Minnie Mize, Billy Verdin, Dick Shunary, Hi Draulic, Emma Grant, Ole O. Margarine.

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Edward Rexroad enrolled in the college recently.

Pete Neighbors who is in K. U. this year, is reported to have had an automobile accident recently.

Miss Hazel Vogt of Versailles, Mo., came to McPherson last week, and will take up her work in the academy again.

Choral Union practice started in earnest Monday evening. The assemblage is working on the oratorio, Elijah, this year.

The fire which was consuming the coal pile just outside the heating plant and which was thought to be extinguished was discovered to be still burning. The coal was scattered out and the fire was once more extinguished.

In a recent chapel address Dr. Kurtz emphasized the ideal set before us in the Sermon on the Mount embodying the idea that the spirit of the law is to be obeyed and not merely the letter. The people who manage to keep barely above the border line set by the law are within a mere hair's breadth of breaking the law. One should strive not only to keep above the border line, but to go far beyond. It is not enough that we should abstain from murder and adultery, but we must love our brother and think pure thoughts.

Cedric Eichenberger, who has been sojourning with us for the past three years, received notice recently to report for military duty and left us last Thursday. We view with alarm his departure as it leaves the school in a deplorable condition poetically. He had a monopoly on the favor of the muses and was far and away in the vanguard in the subtle art of converting the exaltation of his soul into music. Conspicuous among his lyrical triumphs are "Sunnybrook Farm," "A Glance into Retrospect" and "How Man 'Reich' the Gole." By no means the least of his achievements is his invention of "Spondulic meter" which mechanical device he incorporated into his verse with telling effect. We are sorry to lose our genius, but hope he is being ushered into fields of larger usefulness.

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The very thing, sed pop. As the old proverb ses, all vacation and no werk makes Jack a lazy Terk.

But G wizz; pop, it to hot to run errinds and make yourself genrelly usefill, I sed.

Its never to hot to make yourself genrelly usefill, take a lessin frum the electrick fan, sed pop. It wood do you a werld of good to have a reel job fer a little wile now you jest compose your thawts and rite a nice letter applying for the position.

Aw G, pop, I sed.

You'll find writing materials rite there in the desk, sed pop.

Wich I sat down at the desk and started to rite it, taking a long wile, this being it:

Deer Sir, Having saw your avvertisement in the paper and not wunt-to werk very mutch, I anser it enyhow by request. I woodent mind a position starting at haff past 9 in the morning or maybe later, and about 4 errinds a day with car fare, wich I cood keep if I felt like wawking. I am a brite boy 9 years of age. Respeckfully, Benny Potts.

Heer it is pop, I sed. And I handed it to him, and pop red it. saying, Shades of the erly Romans, you're a brite boy, as you say. And he tore it up, saying, Some other summir.

Yes sir, I sed. And I went out and got in a game of prisoner's base.

At a recent meeting of the college Sophomore class the following officers were elected: L. H. Hoffman, president; Mary Durst, vice president; Ruth Shoemaker, secretary, and Edward Gerard, treasurer. The class has a membership of thirty-one, and the outlook is very bright for a successful year.

Sophomore Steak Roast

Taking advantage of the cool, spicy evening, the college Sophomore class went on a hike on Monday last. They left the campus about 6:15 P. M. and proceeded in a southwesterly direction until they came to the "Jungles." This spot is indeed a jungle, being entirely enclosed by trees and vines. Finding that some of the natives had made way with the firewood collected in the afternoon, another search was begun and soon a huge campfire was started.

Casting aside the government admonition to "Hooverize," the class was soon roasting generous slices of steak. A cut of juicy steak done to a delicious brown and a bun is indeed food for the gods. Toasting cheese sandwiches without burning them proved to be somewhat of an art. Contrary to his usual custom, our capable advisor, Prof. Russell, drank a cup of coffee. However, there are some who insist he drank several. Others indulging for the first time seemed rather ill disposed the next day.

After the feed the stories began. Many new ones were exposed and particularly the one about Engle's ability to recognize his father in the dark. The class decided to offer a prize to the member handing in the best class yell.

The way homeward led past the graveyard. But to the disappointment of the crowd, no ghosts were about, and the campus was reached in safety.

Oyez! Oyez!

A new bulletin board has been purchased and erected on the campus within the last week. It is a large affair standing about six feet high and with corresponding breadth. The most of its face is taken up by a black board and the remainder is a white space for the placing of printed notices. For the convenience of absent friends at M. C. it is perhaps best to state that it is located just west of the

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Little Benny's Notebook

Ma was reeding the paper last nite and all of a suddin she sed to pop, Lissen to this advertizment, don't you think this wood be nice for Benny? Boy wunted for the summir to run errinds and make himself genrerally usefill. Address Box 407.

The very thing, sed pop. As the old proverb ses, all vacation and no werk makes Jack a lazy Turk.

But G wizz; pop, it to hot to run errinds and make yourself genrerally usefill, I sed.

Its never to hot to make yourself genrerally usefill, take a lessin from the electkric fan, sed pop. It wood do you a werld of good to have a reel job fer a little wile now you jest compose your thawts and rite a nice letter applying for the position.

Aw G, pop, I sed.

You'll find writing materials rite there in the desk, sed pop.

Wich I sat down at the desk and started to rite it, taking a long wile, this being it:

Deer Sir, Having saw your avvertisement in the paper and not wunt to werk very mutch, I anser it enyhow by request. I woodent mind a position starting at haff past 9 in the morning or maybe later, and about 4 errinds a day with car fare, wich I cood keep if I felt like wawking. I am a brite boy 9 years of age. Respeckfully, Benny Potts.

Heer it is pop, I sed. And I hand-ed it to him, and pop red it, saying, Shades of the erly Romans, you're a brite boy, as you say. And he tore it up, saying, Some other summir.

Yes sir, I sed. And I went out and got in a game of prisoners base.

At a recent meeting of the college Sophomore class the following officers were elected: L. H. Hoffman, president; Mary Durst, vice president; Ruth Shoemaker, secretary, and Edward Gerard, treasurer. The class has a membership of thirty-one, and the outlook is very bright for a successful year.

Sophomore Steak Roast

Taking advantage of the cool, spicy evening, the college Sophomore class went on a hike on Monday last. They left the campus about 6:15 P. M. and proceeded in a southwesterly direction until they came to the "Jungles." This spot is indeed a jungle, being entirely enclosed by trees and vines. Finding that some of the natives had made way with the firewood collected in the afternoon, another search was begun and soon a huge campfire was started.

Casting aside the government admonition to "Hooverize," the class was soon roasting generous slices of steak. A cut of juicy steak done to a delicious brown and a bun is indeed food for the gods. Toasting cheese sandwiches without burning them proved to be somewhat of an art. Contrary to his usual custom, our capable advisor, Prof. Russell, drank a cup of coffee. However, there are some who insist he drank several. Others indulging for the first time seemed rather ill disposed the next day.

After the feed the stories began. Many new ones were exposed and particularly the one about Engle's ability to recognize his father in the dark. The class decided to offer a prize to the member handing in the best class yell.

The way homeward led past the graveyard. But to the disappointment of the crowd, no ghosts were about, and the campus was reached in safety.

Oyez! Oyez!

A new bulletin board has been purchased and erected on the campus within the last week. It is a large affair standing about six feet high and with corresponding breadth. The most of its face is taken up by a black board and the remainder is a white space for the placing of printed notices. For the convenience of absent friends at M. C. it is perhaps best to state that it is located just west of the

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Miss Curtis Entertains.

Saturday evening a number of young people from M. C. and from down town were invited to the home of Miss Iva Curtis. A delightful evening was spent in playing progressive rook. That is, it was progressive for a few, but for the less skillful it meant staying in the same place. Arthur Price favored the gathering with a few, much appreciated, baritone solos. Delicious refreshments were served and the guests departed in the wee small hours. Those present were: Misses Kuns, Shoemaker, Williams, Eshelman, Snader, Vaniman, Stutzman, Chapman, Mrs. Horner, and Messrs. Ebersole, Curtis, Kuns, Maxcy, Ditch, Mishler, Price, Kimmel, Hoffman, and Detter.

A Peace Talk.

Galen Jones delivered an excellent oration on our hope of peace at the Sunday evening session. He decried the passive attitude which some of our churches are advocating during the present crisis and maintained that such an attitude was wrong while innocent women and children are being murdered. A distinction was drawn between personality and physical existence and it was declared that sometimes it is necessary to strip a man of his physical existence but that his personality cannot be destroyed. Mr. Jones advocated the League to Enforce Peace as being the most practical plan proposed with a view to securing permanent peace.

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District Meeting Opens

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The Annual District Meeting of the S. W. Kansas Church of the Brethren began Saturday afternoon. The vanguard of the crowd of visitors started to arrive Friday, and since then there has been a steady stream of delegates and other attendants coming from a distance. Excellent weather conditions made automobiling popular, and for the most part our visitors chose this method of conveyance. An unusually large number of cars were in evidence. The crowd Sunday eclipsed any gathering ever assembled on the campus. It is estimated that there were 800 people in the Chapel Sunday.

The crowd is being assimilated into the social life of the Hill without a great deal of effort. The private homes are all open to the attendants for sleeping quarters and for meals. In addition to this the basement of Fahnestock Hall is being used for a kitchen and dining hall as in days of yore and a great many of the visitors are getting their meals at the place that is so familiar to all the old students.

An excellent program is being enjoyed by the delegates. All the different phases of Church and Sunday School work was given a place. Sunday School problems perhaps received more emphasis than any other phase of Christian activity, and the problems of the ministers, elders, fathers and sons, mothers and daughters, missions, education and child rescue work are being handled thru round tables and addresses. J. E. Miller gave addresses Saturday evening and another on Sunday morning, both of which were appreciated by the crowds which overflowed the chapel.

The only deteriorating feature thus far observed is our lack of seating capacity in the chapel. The platform has been changed to the west end, thus making use of the two side rooms, but still our auditorium is overflowed. It is to be hoped that our new church will soon materialize.

The students of McPherson College welcome the visitors royally. All of them, perhaps, are friends and patrons of the institution, and we hope their stay here will be pleasant and profitable.

Arthur Price spent the week end with us. Mr. Price is now located at Concordia, a town of about seven thousand, where he has a studio and teaches voice. He is the only instructor of voice there and is rapidly building up a large class. Besides his individual instruction he is directing a large community chorus. This chorus is working on "The Rose Maiden" now and will next attempt "Elijah" or "King Saul". Mr. Price is a graduate of the voice department of M. C. and since then has had work at Bethany and under some of the eastern masters. He sang for three years on the college quartet and last year was assistant instructor in music here. We are all glad to hear of his success.

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A Broken Nose

Miss Goldia Zook while engaging in a game of basket-ball in the gym Thursday received a jolt which broke her nose in three places. It was a short time before the opening of the gym class, and Miss McVey having not yet arrived, the girls were in a scramble after a basket ball. In the tussel Miss Zook's nose collided forcibly with one of the girl's swiftly moving knees. The injury was quite painful at first but the breaks were successfully set and are healing nicely. This is the first of several accidents, most of them of a more or less minor nature, which we generally have in the gym each year.

J. E. Miller Here

J. E. Miller, editor of the Sunday School publications of the Church of the Brethren is here for the District Meeting of S. W. Kansas. Mr. Miller is a man of much ability and wide experience as is evidenced by the activities in which he has been engaged. He was a professor in Illinois University for a time, going from there to Mount Morris College where he eventually became president. After serving in that capacity for a number of years, he resigned and took up his present position. Editor Miller is here for several addresses to the delegates assembled at this place. Saturday morning he delivered a much appreciated talk to the students.

Dr. D. W. Kurtz returned Sunday from Colorado, where he attended a district meeting and helped conduct a bible normal. He reports a most profitable session.

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