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BIBLE NORMAL NOW GOING IN FULL SWING

Speakers From Outside Are Here—Visitors Are Coming

"Why The Chimes Rang" Was Given Last Night By Theopians—"Rose Maiden" Friday.

The Bible Institute week of McPherson College began with enthusiasm on Sunday morning, Reverend Frank H. Crumpacker delivering the sermon, "Christ in the Christian."

He pointed out the powerful effect produced when a man sincerely and honestly lets Christ reign in and control his life. Reverend Crumpacker's evening sermon, "The Cost of Christianity," presented in uncertain terms the cost in material wealth, personal ambitions, and possibilities of fame and worldly honor involved in the truly Christian life of devotion and self sacrifice.

The programs of Monday and Tuesday were perforce changed by the absence of M. R. Ziegler, due to conflicting programs in Illinois. Brother Ziegler will, however, be here for all his periods on Wednesday and the following days.

In his 11:30 period yesterday, Reverend H. F. Richards presented a cross section of the present status of the peace movement. Numerous organizations are working for peace, but by such devious methods that they are often at cross purposes with each other, though ostensibly aiming at the same goal. More than this, time is beginning to assuage the horrors of war and indifference is gaining foothold.

Professor John L. Hoff at 1:30 presented Christ as a Constructive Revolutionary. He pointed out that modern scribes and pharisees quibble over doctrines and dogmas, and let the great issues of politics, pagan capitalism, social need and religious stagnation go unheeded. They do not enter the field of progressive science and theology and are wont to prevent the entrance of those who would.

These programs were intensely interesting rich in thought and powerful in inspiration. The sessions are being held in the chapel in close proximity to the students, and the students are attending in good numbers.

The Thespians Club is presenting a play, "Why The Chimes Rang," this evening in the Brethren church. The play has been efficiently managed and appropriately cast. Costumes, lighting effects, and music will add beauty and charm to the presentation. No admission is to be charged.

"Y" GROUPS MEET

The joint Y. W. C. A. and Y. M. C. A. meeting last Tuesday morning was an entirely successful and well attended meeting. Earl Kinzie led the devotions with the scripture quotation "And He cometh upon the disciples and findeth them asleep." Applying this to the modern Christian's life, he gave an inspiring talk on personal progress, and ended with the challenge "Are we going a little farther or are we sleeping, today?"

Next was an enthusiastic presentation of the advantage of the Bible Institute by Nellie McGaffey who mentioned some of the various problems to be discussed in the meetings next week. Another interesting talk on the Bible Institute was given by Harry Lehman. He explained the value of the Bible Institute to the average individual and urged the attendance of the students.

The concluding number of the programs was a charming piano duet by Ruth Hoffman and Esther Dahlinger.

HOFF TELLS OF DETOURS

Professor J. L. Hoff led the chapel exercises Wednesday. His theme was on the experiences of life and was spiced with many humorous and appropriate illustrations.

He placed the various experiences of life in two categories: realities and counterfeits. Many of these are found in the life of today. Not only are imitations found in the material world but also in the world of thought. At the present time, we are substituting emotion for motion, rationalization for reason, and that we often follow the detours of life rather than the main highways.

He pointed out the fact that these substitutes and detours are also found in college life. Yet college is a place where each member should skim off the scums of the superficiality of life rather than a place in which to put the mind in cold storage for future success.

BULLDOG QUINTET WINS FROM FRIENDS

Cagers Get Revenge On Quaker Five By Taking A Two Point Victory.

The Bulldogs revenged themselves for the two point defeat handed them by the Friends University team earlier in the season by defeating them on their own court Friday night by a score of 27-25.

The game started out with many shots being missed by both sides, and after the first fifteen minutes of play, the score was 4-4. Then a few shots were successful, and at the half McPherson led, 12-6.

When the second half started, the Quakers began to creep up, strengthened by the addition of Captain Weaver, who did not play the first half. Nonkln, Canine center, went out of the game on personal fouls in about ten minutes to play. The Quakers seemed to think this was the time to start a rally, and rally they did. Led by Priddle, diminutive forward, they began to creep up, and lapped only two points of tying the score when the final gun sounded.

The game was loosely played. Missed set-ups and free-throws, bad passes, fumbles, and inability of the players to keep on their feet were the prominent features. Priddle, Friends, and Miller, who was substituted for Kinzie in the Bulldog lineup in the early minutes, each scored fourteen points.

KURTZ HAS ACCIDENT

Doctor Kurtz met with an accident last Tuesday evening. He was in his car, on the way to Peabody, Kansas where he was scheduled to speak to the school children and later to deliver an address.

Being a warm day, the roads had thawed considerable and has become exceedingly slippery. Dr. Kurtz was forced to travel over a bad stretch of this greasy surface on the Santa Fe Trail between Galva and Canton. The car skidded and turned over into the ditch.

Upon attempting to make his way out, Dr. Kurtz was thrown violently against the steering wheel by the sudden lurch of the car and completely winded him. Fortunately, help was at hand and the damage was small. He was able to continue his journey after a little while, little the worse for the accident.

HESS ACTS AS JUDGE

During the past week two more were added to the long list of those judged by Professor Hess this season. He went to Kingman Monday and also acted as a judge at Seagwick Tuesday evening.

TRUE-FALSE TEST INDICATES OPINION

Conservative Thought Is Shown By Student Body

Questions Are Among Most Vital In Religion Thought Of Present Day.

A significant insight into the thinking of college students concerning school and world conditions can be gained by a study of the answers given to the following questions by the eighteen members of Professor Hoff's Synoptic Gospels class. These are a few of the fifty questions to which students were to answer "true" or "false."

1. The present system of intercollegiate athletics is more of a detriment than a help to Christian education. False 1. True 17.
2. Christ would sanction use of force to compel individuals to conform to group practices which do not involve any moral issues. False 17. True 1.
3. Our present federal government is more Christian than pagan. False 16. True 2.
4. We are not entitled to leisure for worship when that leisure is paid for by some one who has never had any leisure for recreation or refreshment or education. False 1. True 17.
5. The government of Mexico is morally superior to the federal government at Washington. False 0. True 18.
6. Anti-evolution laws are a detriment to Christianizing of society. False 4. True 14.
7. The students should have some representation in the administrative body of the college. False 1. True 17.
8. Honor students who achieve a certain standard should be released from compulsory attendance at classes and lectures. False 4. True 14.
9. The average public school of America is a bulwark of a pagan capitalism. False 3. True 15.
10. The present protective tariff is morally unjustifiable. False 2. True 16.

PENNER AND CASSLER APPEAR IN TOPEKA

Miss Katherine Penner, and Mr. Winston Cassler returned Sunday morning for a week end trip to Topeka and Kansas City. Miss Penner was heard in contralto solos with piano accompaniment by Mr. Cassler, on Friday evening at the formal reception at the Governor's home, and again on Saturday morning at the business sessions of the Federated Women's Clubs of Kansas.

Saturday afternoon, the two eminent McPherson musicians made a shopping tour of Kansas City. Both express themselves as having greatly enjoyed the week end.

Bulletin Board

The Annual Tea under the auspices of the Y. W. C. A.—this afternoon. "Bob" Ziegler will have charge of chapel exercises Wednesday.

Thursday, Dr. E. H. Ely will conduct assembly services.

The Sterling College quintet will meet the Bulldogs on the local court Thursday evening.

Freshman class meeting Friday at 8 o'clock.

Dr. A. C. Wisard of Chicago will speak in chapel Friday.

The Y. W. C. A. Goodie Shoppe is scheduled for Friday, to be open to all from 5 o'clock P. M. to 10 o'clock.

In chapel Monday, Reverend M. Daniels of the Baptist church will head.

BOWMAN ADDRESSES STUDENT BODY IN CHAPEL

Many illustrations were drawn from the life of the Master in chapel last Friday morning by Professor Bowman.

Service and humility were the keynotes of Jesus' teaching, but today we are prone to rate these virtues far below their rightful plane. We are all looking for positions, but in the looking, monetary returns are of primary consideration. The idea of service is secondary. Each man who is a candidate for a political office will gain numerous supporters if they will but promise something in return.

Professor Bowman pointed out that our present viewpoints were invalid, and in all our striving, we should place foremost the two keynotes of the Master's teaching, service and humility.

NEW COURSES BEING OFFERED THIS HALF

Doll, Miller, Brown, Blair And Nininger Will Introduce New Courses.

Several new courses are to be offered next semester. Some of the following courses show a widening out in several of the departments of the college.

Prof. Miller is offering an entirely new course in Money and Banking. This course is for the specific purpose of showing the definite relation of our modern economic society to the banking system and the dealings in our society. It is to be a general course, and will afford a good introduction to banking. This course will give three hours credit.

The greatest opportunities and varieties are being offered in music. Prof. Doll has given a chance to take Violin as a class instruction, which will afford much better opportunities for the beginner in Violin.

Miss Brown is offering a course in Teaching Piano. Intended for those pupils who expect to take a certificate in Piano. It is the expectation to give a general instruction in the methods of teaching of Piano, and will be required of all pupils who will take a State Certificate in Piano.

Prof. Blair has offered a new course in Social Psychology. It will also give three hours credit. This course concerns itself with the psychic forces of societal evolution, conventionality, custom and public opinion.

The Biology Department broadens out more under the efficiency of Prof. Nininger, by the offering of the Advanced course in Birds. This course is not intended to take the place of the elementary course in this subject but will be entirely new and advanced course for the further study of this particular subject. This will offer three hours credit.

It is always desirable to give a very wide experience in the nature of sociology and the teaching of citizenship. Prof. Bright is offering a course entitled "Representative Americans," three hours credit, 11:30, Monday, Thursday and Friday. This is an exclusively outside reading course and will be well worth the effort expended, as the name of the course suggests.

AD BUILDING REROOFED

McPherson College is not growing old in spite of evidence to the contrary. The Administration Building, the center of this institution of learning, is becoming younger. Yes, it is being rejuvenated by the elixir of youth. A metal roof has replaced the old tattered covering on the east wing and on the east side of the building within the past week.

RATTO ENTERTAINS HIS AUDIENCE WELL

Impersonations Are Well Rendered—Is a Master of Pathos

His Impersonation Of A Criminal Is Masterful—Also Deplets Men Of History.

John B. Ratto, the impersonator, appeared on the lyceum platform of McPherson, last Friday night. His program was entirely a success, and while no encores were demanded by the audience, it can be explained by saying that the state of interest and suspense in which Mr. Ratto kept his hearers made such demonstration unnecessary as an acknowledgment of this appreciation.

The "spasm" which opened the program was a rapid-fire dialogue between an excited Irishman and an exasperated German station master. Thus introduced, Mr. Ratto continued with a series of "madeup" characters, in which, besides coloring and clothing to imitate his chosen personalities, he also, in a clever way, adapted facial expression, gesture, voice, and brogue to match a German farmer, candidate for office, saw fit to denounce everything from "education" to the selective draft and praised only the "inclination of Dependence."

"Gunga Ditt," the Blishti of the regiment, one of Rudyard Kipling's "Barrack Room Ballads," was recited by Ratto, as a huckster in London, an ex-Tommy of the Indian forces. It brought forcible to attention the fact that although we, the white race, may mistreat other peoples, yet they have hearts as "white" as our own.

National characteristics were cleverly magnified and shown in the way a Swede and Irishman, respectively, handled an embarrassing situation, the Swede running from the pursuing Ghost, while Pat quite suavely proceeded to bury the priest who was masquerading as a ghost. The dry humor of an Irishman was brought out in a courtroom scene. Tony the Italian fruit vendor told of the heroism of the cop who rescued Antoinette, his daughter, from a burning building, but the cop could not appreciate the garlic which accompanied the demonstrations of gratitude which followed the rescue.

The antics of a sanctimonious preacher, watching a football game, were only too true to life, though the demonstration caused by victory would really have appeared more appropriate under a green cap. The criminal's appeal for liberty, a chance to show his wife how he appreciated her fortitude during a former sentence, brought the audience to the verge of tears.

The program was well ended by a series of accurate impersonations of men who engineered the World War and figured in the Peace Parley that followed.

QUADRANGLE BEGINS ACTIVE SALES CAMPAIGN

Howard H. Keim, business manager of the '27 Quadrangle began last week an extensive advertising campaign among the Alumni of the institution. A circular, bearing the imprint of one of the illustrations to be used in the annual, and carrying a description of the general make-up of this year's book, was sent to each alumnus of the institution. A short letter, urging the reader not to fail to take immediate advantage of the opportunity to be "posted" on the '27 happenings of M. C., was included. The book, according to Mr. Keim will be ready for the mails by May 10, thus affording a guide book to the school for those who return for the fortieth Annual Commencement which takes place May 28 to June 3 this spring.

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The Student Forum

Last week's issue of the Spectator contained an article depicting one student's picture of what the Christ would do on this campus. What a narrow, dismal picture, it really portrays the individual's true opinion of the Christ; And what a pity it was written singly to coincide with the ideas of an instructor, to satisfy an assignment, and to gain a high grade!

I question whether any one can be so hopelessly narrow as to really believe that Christ would be the radically eccentric individual that this article portrayed him.

Even in His day, when to be religious was to be long faced, Christ dared to enjoy himself. Would He not then today, revel in the good times of student life? Would He not be the leader of games at the social? Would He not be outstandingly popular with the student body as a whole? I think every incident of his life as He lived it, indicates such a thing.

How can those who paint Christ as this artist did, as a round-shouldered, emaciated individual with his hair combed a la Bolshevik, hope to induce others to follow him. Must we all become freaks to be true Christians, to live the Christ-like life?

Why not paint Christ in a reasonable light, as a young man with a pleasing personality and keen intellect housed in a perfect physique? Does it detract from His divinity? Not to an open-minded individual!

I believe the Christ would revel in matching his strength against that of an opponent in a football game. I believe He would revel in this gridiron sport which teaches one how to enjoy physical exercise and competition, and which develops in one the ideals of true sportsmanship. And I think Christ would so win the respect and admiration of his team for His whole-hearted playing that he would be elected to the captaincy of the team.

Maybe I am radical. If so, I am glad of it. But I firmly believe that Christ would favor paddling the freshmen. It is a necessary part of the education of the freshmen that they lose some measure of their egotism before they can take on the culture and polish of a college education. When Christ caught the money-changers at work in the temple He did not hesitate to use a lash to scourge them out. Why can we not

then reasonably suppose that He would favor the paddling of the freshmen or others who conduct themselves in ways which do not comply with the ideals of the institution?

Why not picture Christ as the good sport, the popular young man, the ideal student? And consider Him as attending college to develop Himself and others socially as well as to prepare Himself to cope with the injustices of the political and economic strata of our civilization.

PAUL L. DICK

THE STUDENT COURT OF JUSTICE—WILL IT WORK?

In vain man has striven to secure justice, yet the innocent continue to suffer and the wicked go unpunished. At least that was the situation the world faced before the students of Fahnstock Hall established the Court of Convictions. This model judicial organization comes as a redeeming light to a distracted world. Men will cease fighting wars, committing suicides and murders nor justice may be secured no matter how abstract the complaint.

The school is justly proud of its Court of Conviction as it represents the youth, the college student; it is a product of the intelligentsia. Impartial judgment, absolute validity of the decision and rapid redress for the wronged are the achievements of this judicial body. The Court of Conviction, as the name implies is a court of convictions. Just what their convictions are we do not know. Maybe they do not have any. Publicly the duties of the court are posted, which is more that we can say for most civil courts. The duty of the body is to convict any person under suspicion. If they cannot do it, a few court will be chosen which can. Conviction of all under suspicion is not an original idea, but this is the first time the plan has been put into practice. It does away with the troublesome pleadings of the defendants. Another advantage is that there is no possibility of one member hanging the jury. If five members feel the impulse to punish, justice is then dealt to the prisoner. The innocent are never convicted, they are not even brought into court. The assumption, that if a person is popular enough to get into court he is guilty, does away with the possibility of error on the judge's part.

Recently the wisdom of the court was exhibited. The following articles were stolen on a dark, dreary evening from the room of one of McPherson's most popular students. A roast chicken, large coffee cake, sausage, pork chops for ten, and a quantity of sandwiches. Justice was quickly administered and eight suspicious boys were fined. Now all the plaintiffs have to do is to collect the money. The unusual feature of the case was the counter suit in which the plaintiffs themselves were convicted. As usual, justice was quickly administered, but through some error the fines inflicted were to be paid to the court treasury. No doubt this will make little material difference one way or the other. The court is now pending further action until the question, "Is it wrong to steal a stolen chicken?" can be settled.

ABOUT YOUR MA

So you think your mother is pretty slow, do you sis, because she doesn't want you to dance with that puffy, big-jowled pug pup, whom all the girls think so cute? Well, you have another guess about your ma, young woman. About forty-odd years ago, if all the old settlers don't lie, and probably they don't, your ma was the swiftest proposition that ever came down the Burlingame road. Your ma has been pretty well up and down the line. When your pa got your ma, he had to keep her as he, she was so torrid, until she was thirty-five. Anything your beloved ma didn't know about the boys of this town—the old boys who are now in their graves these ten years—Ruggles and Sterry and Plumb and Stotler in their bachelor days—you could put in a mighty small book. She had to slap half the young bloods of this part of Kansas in her day to make them "keep their place", and she knew a lady chaser when she saw him, and never made a wrong guess. She is

a staid and sedate woman now, and so far as that is concerned she was a good honest girl—just a trifle exuberant, and that's all; but now she goes to the revival and is a sewer in the Ladies' Aid society, which you sniff at, sis, don't you?

Well, as we were saying, when your ma married your pa, and you and the other children came one after another, your ma had to be up a good deal nights, when she could hear the fiddle and piano going in the other end of town, where it didn't interest her as much as it once did. She had a chance those nights, when she was listening to you breathe and putting lard and quinine on your dear little tum-tum to break up the cold—she had a chance to do a good deal of serious thinking. And she acquired a lot of sense. She knows things that you won't know for a long, long time. A woman sitting up at night tending babies has time to form conclusions that are resolvents of many years of undigested youthful impressions. So don't sniff at your ma, young woman, because she has grown fat, and wears her apron in the parlor, and smelts of the cooking when she comes in. And when your ma takes a look at that little human pug with the beady eyes, and the waxy pink and white cheeks, and when she shakes her head and tells you that he won't do, she knows—your ma knows; she is recalling just such a boy whom she had to show his place, and she is shivering in her soul for you! For whatever may be your ma's faults, young woman, she is not so slow.

—William Allen White

Bulldogmas

Reverend Richards expressed the thought—"Some people go wrong before they accept Christ, and some even marry before they accept."

Dorothy L.—"Don't our Bulldogmas look hot in their new suits?"
Lester V.—"They ought to. They're sweat clothes."

The only difference between the bad boy and the good boy is that the latter never gets caught.

It's a dull life if you don't week-end.

An alumnus writes that when he gets out of school, he began working in a boiler factory. It was so quiet in the riveting room that he could not keep his mind on his work. He resigned and moved to Washington, D. C. He now has a fine position as chief acoustic engineer in a bomb factory. Outside of the noise making homesick for his college days in the dormitory, he reports that he is enjoying his work.

If lip stick would only stay put like is name implies, fewer business men would be divorced.

CHILDHOOD AMBITIONS

Leland B.—"I wanted to be a stage hand with artists and models."

Russell S.—"My ambition has been to preach the gospel."

Dorothy G.—"I wanted to be like Gloria Swanson."

Charles B.—"Play fullback on the college team."

Isabel E.—"I longed for a man."

Mohler M.—"The height of my ambition was to work in a grocery store where I could eat lots of bananas."

Ralf M.—"Do you still run around with the little blond?"

Kirby S.—"She's married now!"

Ralf M.—"Answer my question!"

I met her at the County Fair. I swore that she'd be mine; One cat, two cats, three cats—Won my Cupid-doll so fine.

The friends of Ipa Idhe and Hank Barre will no doubt be interested to learn that although they were at the hospital, it was not because of illness.

The third floor boys learned there was a difference between poached

eggs and poached chicken.

If I had only studied.
Wailed the student in despair—
But now exams are over!
Why should I give a care?
I swore I'd never lag.
And let my studies slide—
But now exams are over!
I'll let my promise ride.

Paul Dick claims he learned his A. B. C.'s by eating alphabet soup. Do you suppose Professor Nininger learned his biology by eating animal crackers?

Affectionately, Robert.

By The Way

Samuel B. Kertz of the class of '26 visited on the campus over the week end.

Phillip Spohn journeyed to Coffeyville for a stay of several days.

Dorothy Mann, Abbie Emma Wright, Lena Beaver, and Thelma Budge went to Hutchinson for the week end.

Ted Dell, Lois Dell, and Eugenia Dawson visited with Milton Dells of Marion over Saturday and Sunday.

Ben Spitzer of last year's graduating class is here from Kingsley.

Miss Miles, a friend of Miss Mercedes Chapman, visited at the college for a couple days last week.

John Lehman of Abilene visited his brother Harvey last Friday and Saturday.

Warren Sieler, who was a student here last year, stopped at the college for a day. He was on his way to his home in Idaho, after an ex-

tensive tour of the middle western states selling Idaho apples.

Ernest Betts went to Wichita on business last Saturday.

Kathryn Swope and Melvina Graham visited with Anna Marie Strickler at the latter's home in Ramona over the week end.

Ole McAvoy and her brother were here several days last week.

Eugene Wray, a student of K. S. A. C. of Manhattan, is here visiting friends on the campus.

Claud Lowe of the class of '22, from Burton, Kansas, was a campus caller last week.

Harvey Lehman visited with home folks Sunday and Monday.

William Miller, student here two years ago, returned to visit with friends in the dormitory.

Mrs. Pearl Wiltfong Hummer visited with her sister Dorothy Wiltfong, last Friday and Saturday.

LIBRARY NOTES

Now is the time to check up on your books, and return all library material used in the first semester's work.

The library has just received a copy of the "Philippine Republic," a magazine published in the interest of the Filipinos.

The library will be closed on all evenings of the week of the Bible Institute.

MACHINES ARE PURCHASED

Four large Remington typewriters arrived at the college on Wednesday of last week. They will be installed immediately in the typewriting room of the commercial hall.

For anything in staple and fancy groceries, Hardware and Paint we are always glad to serve you.

Pay cash and pay less. Get the habit. It will keep you happy all through life.

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YE OLDE TYME GOSSYPE

There is an old fashioned fairy tale that is always in vogue, "Once upon a tyme there was a gossype,"— And I know of no place on earth where the gossip is so ultra fashionable as in the habitat of the M. C. coed.

The chief interest of our hearts is the dates and all the dear details attached thereto. The newest, latest couples out are the most exciting. There is keen competition among us as to which one shall discover them first. Oh there are many ways to find them out,—by taking the boy or girl into your confidence, by watching closely all symptoms of suspicious-looking ones, and then by just plain eaves-dropping. At the slightest noise we dash to the windows and throw up the blind often forgetting to turn out the light. We crane our neck and ears way over the bannisters and we rush downstairs upon forgotten but suddenly remembering errands.

The lecture course is a mecca of interesting material. The girls who were not fortunate to go, pounce upon those who were and demand not "how was the lecture?" but "who were the new dates?" and as each date is disclosed, there are due compliments and otherwise upon each one as they meet with favor or disfavor. We are perfect connoisseurs of whether couples are well suited or not and just which party is most interested. The "piece de resistance" is the failure of a steady couple to make their appearance. If no one dates the girl next door she is unattractive; if the same boy does not date her twice he went with her out of curiosity and if he does they are engaged.

Why do our minds dwell upon such things? There is nothing else there to think about. We have no time for serious thoughts, our minds are cluttered up with the boys and the girls they date. Why they do and why they do not, we are intensely interested in the affairs and business of everyone. I wonder first, if we have anything, with which to think, and second, what will make us think?

Doctor Kurtz has affirmed that we are the salt of the earth, "the upper ten percent." Heaven forbid! What must the lower ten percent be?

PI KAPPA DELTA CONTEST IN MARCH

The local tryout to determine the college representative orator to the Pi Kappa Delta contest at Ottawa, Kansas, will be staged Tuesday evening, March 8.

The orations must be limited to not more than 1500 words and any student is eligible to enter with any subject. The state contest at Ottawa is scheduled for April 1.

The local Peace Oratorical contest will be held in the chapel on the evening of March 13. The winner of the tryout here will represent McPherson in the state clash which will be held at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, April 22. The peace orations must be limited to not more than 15 minutes in length.

KURTZ TALKS IN CHAPEL

Dr. Kurtz had charge of chapel Monday morning, and used as his next text, "Then touched he their eyes, saying, 'According to your faith be it unto you.'"

The President of the institution stated that there was an opinion going about, that unless the endowment fund for McPherson College was raised by January 1, the students would lose their credits. He pointed out that this opinion was entirely erroneous, and assured the student body that the standing of the college with the North Central Association of Colleges has nothing to do with the credits of the students. Credits depend upon the work of the individual, and the endowment has nothing to do with the attitude of the State Board of Education toward the college. Further than that, the standing of McPherson College with such schools as Harvard, Yale, Ann Arbor, Chicago University, and the University of Kansas was well established.

Dr. Kurtz is very optimistic about the future of McPherson College. He said that it never was in better condition than at the present time. It is one of the few colleges of the country that has no deficit in its running expense. He then discussed the plans that are being used to finish raising the endowment.

JOHNSON IS HONORED

Wendell "Jack" Johnson, last year's feature writer of this paper, who is now a student in Iowa University, was smiled upon recently by Dame Fortune.

Professor Taensch of the English department of the University, under whom Mr. Johnson has worked, offered a very gracious recommendation of the talents of the McPherson lad to Dr. Craig, the head of the English department there. As a result, Mr. Johnson has been elected as one of four or five honor students who are to be included in a new feature of the University policy.

This new feature of establishing an Honors Course for the exceptional students, gives the elect, opportunity to read widely and expand in their field under expert supervision. The honor student is given special training in history, philoso-

phy, modern languages and classics. Thus, the new system is created primarily to adjust the University to the students who show ability in this department. Each year, several will be chosen from the ranks and offered the guidance of a committee of four or five of the best men in the English department.

From this time forward, we will think of Mr. Johnson browsing as he wills among the dusty book racks where, as Dr. Craig, the head English pedagogue of Iowa University promises, he shall find books that he never knew existed. Congratulations, "Jack!"

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**INTRAMURAL GAMES
TO START NEXT WEEK**

The tournament of the Man's Intramural teams will begin on Monday of next week.

Seven aggregations have given the names of their eagles to Coach Gardner together with the chosen name of the teams. Herewith are given the teams and respective players: T.N.T.'s: Kolow, King, Jamison, Hawkins, Rock.

Whizzers: Fleming, Brubaker, Elrod, Carney, Lehman, Peckover, Hoover, Clemons.

Third Floor Alley Rats: Hall, Curtis, Kinzie, McMullen, Johnson, Metzger, Albright, Harris, Bishop.

Puritans: Hoover, Dean, Miller, Hanna, Carlson, Freeman, Flockenger.

Cardinals: Beckwith, Swanson, Jacobs, Spear.

Bargrover: Kaufman, Garrelts, Reds: Ibrig, Mann, Bowman, Huehler, Eddy, Bishop.

HI or MIA: Murray, Finkenbinder, Rasor, Stutzman, Hutchinson, Yoder, Negley.

BANKERS WIN AGAIN

The McPherson Bankers, riding on the top of the Kansas Independent Basketball League of the state, annexed another decisive victory when they sent the Halstead five home last Thursday evening with the small end of a 47-33 score.

Probably the hardest game of the season will be staged Wednesday night when the Bankers clash with the classy Newton Athletic Club quintet at Newton.

ALUMNUS WRITES POEM

The following poem, "Wing-Dust" appeared last week in the Topeka Daily Capital in the regular poetry space, under the heading, "With The Kansas Poets." It is written by P. Roy Brammel, an alumnus of this college.

Butterflies fly in the heart of me,
Fly on velvety wings;
Turn with grace thru my soul's small place.

Then collide with my heart strings!
And at each wreck of the butter flies
The strings of my heart complain;
From the spotted wings of the fluttering things

The wing-dust falls like rain,
Dreams and butterflies fly in me;
What grief when a great dream crashes!

The spotted wings smile the trembling strings,—
Then a rain of wind-dust ashes!

**ANTI-TOBACCO CON-
TEST TOMORROW NIGHT**

The local contest of the Anti-Tobacco Association is scheduled for 6:30 o'clock, Wednesday evening, February 9.

The following orators have made known their intentions of entering the tryout at that time: Oma Holderread, Ralph Loshbaugh, Albert Phillippi, Henry Hall and Ora Huston.

The state contest of the Association will be held at Miltonvale, Kansas, March 15. The winner of the local contest will represent McPherson College there. The following college are members of the State Anti-Tobacco Association: McPherson College, Sterling College, C. A. C. of McPherson, Miltonvale, Brees and Tabor Colleges.

Last year, McPherson's orator ranked second in this state contest, while in 1925, our representative carried off first honors.

**THE SPECTATOR OFFICE
IS A BUSY PLACE NOW**

Monday morning. Just before sun-up. 'Tis the busiest time in the Spectator "lobby."

The room is choked with associate editors, reporters, and other debris. There the editor was found seated on the edge of his cot, hair ruffled, eyes sandy with sleep, and clothed in what man considers his closest possession—Bivvy Deez, issuing orders like General Foch at the battle of Verdun.

"Good Goshne, here's that article on last week's game that should have been in four days ago, and this calendar.—Here, one of you associates—get that. And you, my dear boy, cover the recital and mighty darn quick about it. Here, you,—man the typewriter while I revamp this editorial into a news story."

Yes—The editor's alarm failed to function at 4:30 o'clock last Monday morning.

**JULIET ALMOST LOSES
HER MIDNIGHT LUNCH**

A whistle! Then, "Are you hungry?" Pause. "Hurry up!"

Watches at darkened windows. A torn sheet dangles from third! A modern Romeo grasps the flowing ends. Consternation reigns in Arnold Hall.

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Romeo vanishes. Grasping hands fall.

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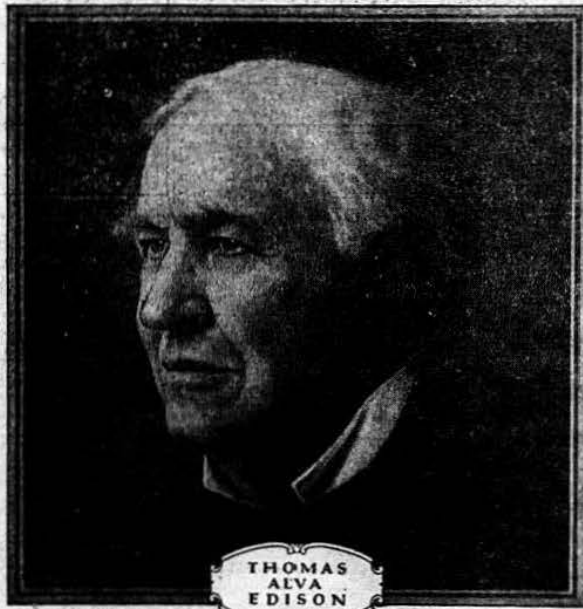
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