





**TRACK ASPIRANTS HAVE BEGUN RIGID TRAINING**

Now that basketball is over, spring athletics demand a conspicuous place on the scene. There should be a good Bulldog track team this year, as some of the new men have reputations in the events where last year's team was weak and also because many of last year letter men are back for another season on the track and field. The place of Captain Vogel, who abdicated to Kansas University, will be hard to fill, as he was a sure point winner in the half mile and mile. However, there are some recruits who are intending to garner points for McPherson in these particular events.

Letter men who have returned to school are Puckett, Jones and Kaufman, dashes; Whitteck, two miller; Rock, javelin and broad jump; Crumpecker, shot and discus; and Bowers, hurdler. There are many places to be filled in the jumps, hurdles and distance runs, but Coach Gardner is optimistic.

A great amount of diligent work will be required to develop as good a team as that of last year, which took second in the Hexangular meet at Sterling. This year's Hexangular track and field meet will be held on the local grounds, at which time, McPherson College will be host to athletes and students from Hays Normal, Salina Wesleyan, Bethel, Sterling and Bethany.

Some of the men have been working out for almost a month but practice will start in earnest as soon as weather conditions permit.

**GARDNER ANNOUNCES INTERCLASS MEET**

Coach George Gardner has announced the dates for the interclass track and field meet of McPherson College.

The same will occur on the afternoons of March 31 and April 7; field events dominating the activities of the first day while the runs will be the attraction on the other. Any man properly enrolled in either of the four classes can participate in the two day's class clash, but letter men can enter only those events in which they have won a letter.

The men of the four classes are already organizing and a meet is assured which will reveal a quantity of promising material for the varsity fleet-foot squad of 1927.

Mr. and Mrs. Diggs of Lyons spent Sunday with their son Lloyd.

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**KURTZ DISCUSSES I COR. 13 IN CHAPEL SPEECH**

President D. W. Kurtz based his chapel discourse of last Wednesday morning on the thought contained in the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians.

The speaker then presented a biographical sketch of the lives of St. Francis, St. Bernard and the Apostle Paul. Dr. Kurtz declared that these men, possibly above all others since the time of Christ, lived lives that were thoroughly permeated by the true spirit of love as it is explained in Paul's master writing that was read at the opening of the chapel exercises.

St. Francis of Assisi lived a beautiful yet rather passive life in comparison with Bernard and Paul. St. Francis was continually in tune with nature and lived a life of harmony and peace.

Applying the teachings of the thirteenth chapter of First Corinthians in a slightly different manner, St. Bernard and Paul each possessed a dynamic and innate fire to go forth to accomplish and to achieve.

All three historical figures were dominated by the spirit of love and harmony, and yet that true spirit of love is not full until vision, purpose and fire is witnessed in each life.

**SENIORS THINK KURTZ WILL DON "GOB" PANTS**

Dr. Kurtz placed the Greek letters composing the college seal upon the black-board and explained to the students of his Theism class that this seal should be interpreted as meaning "life and light."

After securing the customary ap-

proval from several members of the class that this is a very appropriate emblem for our college, he looked for evidences of "life and light" upon the person of those who inhabited the front row.

The beloved college emblem was noted on the fingers of members of the weaker sex. Then the Doctor turned his keen, penetrating, piercing glance towards the boy, Cassler. His eyes brightened, a smile crept across his face—evidently he had been inspired. An idea of how he might become a noted sheik was flitting across his brain. If he could only secure the apparel which makes our beloved senior outstanding, he would become famous.

With well chosen words, he addressed Mr. Cassler thus, "Where did you get those pants?" With the addition of the Doctor to the "sailor trousers crew" it is believed that other faculty members will soon follow suit.

A gospel team composed of Lora Shatto, Kate and Mariah Burgin, Mrs. Saylor Neher and Leland Baldwin, left Saturday for Portis and Covert.

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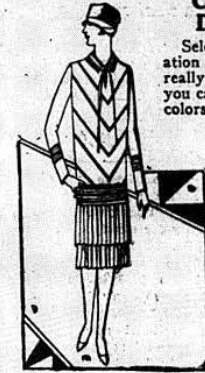
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**FORENSICS ELECT OFFICERS**

Many students enjoyed the interesting and entertaining program rendered by various members of the Forensic Club last Wednesday evening. Francis Berkebile gave a vocal selection, Paul Blickestaff followed with a violin solo, Oliver Ikenberry sang a solo. A reading was given by Mildred Swensen, piano solo by Lois Dell, a reading, "Happy Though Married," by Clifford Negley and a saxophone solo by Ivan Flory.

Officers for the coming year were selected at this meeting. Those chosen are: President, Maynard Plankenbender, Vice-president, Harold Crist, Secretary-treasurer, Mary Prauber.

This meeting terminated a year of very successful programs, a year of enlightened interest in the club and forensic endeavors fostered by the organization. Much credit for the success of the club during the past year can be attributed to the enthusiasm and splendid leadership of the retiring president, Mr. Ira Hilde.

**HUSTON LANDS PEACE PRIZE, HALL SECOND**

The local contest of the Peace Oratorical Association was held in the Church of the Brethren last Sunday evening at the sermon hour.

The winner of this contest will represent the McPherson College at the state Peace Oratorical Contest in April. The prizes for the State Contest winners are offered by the Bostonian ladies who have set aside a fortune for this purpose. The local prizes were offered by Professors, Hoff, Boone and Hess and amounted to \$7.50 for first place, \$5.00 for second place and \$2.50 for third place. The state prizes are \$50.00 and \$40.00 respectively for first and second place.

Seven contestants delivered orations. "The Dawn of Peace" was given by Oliver Ikenberry, "World Brotherhood" by Ralph Loshbaugh, "The Cost of Ignorance" by Alex Richards, "Tomorrow's Hope" by Henry Hall, "The Great Victory" by Ira Hilde, "Prostituted Ideals" by Ora Huston and "The Last Weapon" by Ralph Landes.

Ora Huston won first place, Henry Hilde second and Alex Richards third. The judges of the contest were Professor Munn, debate coach of Central College, Professor Potwin, superintendent of schools and Professor Frazer, principal of the Senior High School.

Professor Blair accompanied George Merkey to Larned, Saturday.

Mrs. Howard Sager returned last week after an extended visit with home folks near Pomona.

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**By The Way**

If thou art a man, admire those who attempt great things, even though they fail.—Seneca.

Mary Prauber underwent an operation for appendicitis, Sunday morning.

Mary Sherkey of Galva visited with friends in Kline Hall Saturday and Sunday.

Louise Muck left Wednesday for her home in Glen Elder, returning Sunday.

It won't be long now until we get out the garden tools and start raising blisters.

The catalogue number of the McPherson College Bulletin for the year 1927 is just off the press and ready for distribution.

Dr. H. J. Harnly, vice-president of the institution, had the printer of the bulletin in charge. The catalogue cover differs widely from former issues, appearing, not in the conventional gray, but in a deep crimson-colored paper of good quality. In keeping with the college colors, the printing on the cover is white. The new seal appears for the first time. The occasion for this radical change in appearance is discovered in reading the conspicuous white letters at the bottom of the cover page, "Fortieth Year." Thus the anniversary catalogue edition is novel and unique in appearance. The body of the catalogue was not changed in any marked degree.

**BASEBALL WILL START**

Thirty men assembled in Sharp Hall Wednesday noon as a result of a call for a meeting of all those interested in baseball.

Coach Gardner illuminated the present status of this major American sport in the neighboring colleges of this state and narrated of McPherson possibilities of promoting a successful season on the diamond. Gardner will be part time coach, dividing his coaching of spring athletics between baseball and track.

Nine former letter men are now in school and prospects are especially good for this year's team. Suits are available, a couple dozen balls have been ordered, and at least eight collegiate games are already assured.



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