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WOMEN'S DEBATE TRYOUT IS TODAY

Tryouts Will Be This Afternoon
In the Chapel At Three-Thirty.

SIX DEBATERS ON LIST

Three Members of Last Year's Team Will Speak.

At last women is to have her say. But of course there's a catch in it—they are limited to five-minute speeches at the tryout this afternoon. At 3:30 in the chapel it will be decided which four of six fair coeds shall constitute the women's debate team. As there are only six entrants, no one can win less than a position as alternate.

The contestants are: Ruth Anderson, Floy Brown, Helen Eberly, Fern Galle, Mildred Libby, and Dorothy Turner.

Miss Anderson, Miss Brown, and Miss Galle were members of the team last year. Miss Libby was a member two years ago and was previously a member of the varsity team. Miss Eberly is an experienced high school debater from Overbrook and Miss Turner is a former Hope high school debater.

In addition to the regular schedule, there is a great incentive to win a position. This is the probability that the team may participate in the state Pi Kappa Delta tournament at Wichita next spring.

MRS. CRUMPACKER

SPEAKS AT Y. W.

The regular meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association was held last Tuesday morning at ten o'clock under the leadership of Miss Iva Crumpacker. Miss Crumpacker introduced her aunt, Mrs. Frank Crumpacker, a returned missionary from China, who spoke to the girls.

Mrs. Crumpacker told of the condition of women in China and emphasized the fact that the hope of the women in foreign countries lay in following the way of Christ and in the spread of Christianity.

Announcement of Mrs. Grace Overton's coming was made.

LYCEUM THIS EVENING

The fourth lyceum program of the season will be presented Tuesday evening in the city auditorium by the Smith-Spring-Holmes Orchestral Quintet.

The organization itself is a pioneer in the field of instrumental music. Two composers of international fame, the Messrs. Clay Smith and G. E. Holmes head the quintet. Miss Coyle May Spring who has attained distinction in the field of dramatic impersonation and vocal work is the organization's reader and soprano. Miss Lotus F. Spring and Miss Katherine Donald are 'cello and violin respectively.

Extreme versatility characterizes the program which this group presents. It consists of trombone, 'cello, violin, saxophone, and vocal solos, and saxophone, trombone, and cornet duets, with various trio arrangements, and dramatic impersonations.

Mr. Smith, best known for the ballads which he has composed, is the author of "Sorter Miss You," "Until the Dawn," and "Eventide and You." Mr. Holmes is particularly outstanding for his military marches and orchestral compositions.

Plans for the new mechanical engineering building at the University of Wisconsin, for which an appropriation of \$557,000 has been made by the state legislature, includes rooms for honorary fraternity meetings, a library and reading rooms and a smoking and lounging room.

REV. LUCKETT SPEAKS

IN Y. M. C. A.

The Young Men's Christian Association was privileged to have the Rev. W. T. Luckett, speak in the Tuesday morning assembly meeting, December 4. Rev. Luckett is pastor of the First Brethren Church of Hutchinson and at the present time he is conducting a series of evangelistic meetings in the College Church. Luckett spoke on the evangelistic meetings in the College Church. Luckett spoke on the subject of "Self-Control." Fred Andrews was the leader.

Luckett said one of the fundamentals of self-control is to first try to control one's self before attempting to control the other fellow.

Uncontrolled passions, ambitions, tongues and temperaments bring havoc to society. The surplus energies must be controlled, abundant as they may be. Luckett cited the example of the steam locomotive which, with all of its power, was under perfect control of the engineer.

Luckett challenged the group to live the disciplined program if they would attain the efficient life. In conclusion Rev. Luckett said, "If I could realize one ambition it would be to help men to live the highest."

SUNDAY SCHOOL PARTY

Appropriately costumed in house dresses the members of the junior-senior girls' Sunday School class met at the home of their teacher, Mrs. J. Hugh Heckman, on Euclid Ave. last Saturday evening for a taffy pull.

The basement of the Heckman home had been converted into a place gayly decorated to suggest the Christmas season. Accomplishments in the culinary arts were displayed by the girls popping corn and making taffy, fudge, divinity and other candies, whose names tantalize the appetite.

A number of the girls were occupied with dressing some dolls for a box that the class is preparing for a poor family.

An impromptu program about the improvised fire place closed the evening's entertainment. After washing the dishes, the girls departed, assuring their hosts that they had spent an enjoyable evening.

Prisoner just back from trial; Hurrah fellows I'm crazy.

CALENDAR

Today—3:30 P. M.
Women's Debate Tryout
Tuesday, Dec. 11
Fourth number of Lyceum
Friday, Dec. 14—6:30
Y. W. Christmas party
Sunday, Dec. 16—3 P. M. in
Chapel
Christmas Cantata
Monday, Dec. 17. Student Recital
Tuesday and Wednesday
Mrs. Overton lectures

STANDARD RING AND PIN

A movement is on foot at the present to choose a standard ring and pin for the college emblem. It has previously been the custom for each class to make a different selection of class jewelry each year, which necessitated much time and expense.

At the last student council meeting it was voted to allow a committee to make a choice of a pin and a ring to be approved and adopted by the council. The members of the committee consist of three members of the student council, one representing each of three lower classes and two members elected from each of the freshman, sophomore, and junior classes. The chairman of the committee is to be a junior, but the organization of its members has not yet been completed.

It is the desire of the committee to select pieces of jewelry that will be pleasing in appearance, and of good quality. It is likely that there will be two possible choices of different priced articles in both the rings and pins.

Many students have expressed themselves to believe that such a move is desirable and worth while. Members of the faculty have also stated their views on the matter as being favorable.

The members of the committee are: Eugenia Dawson, Hazel Ratliff, and Wilbur Bowman, from the student council; Doris Ballard and Keith Hayes from the junior class; Dorothy Lindholm and Byron Sjoberg from the sophomore class; and Sylvia Flory and Donald Trostle from the freshman class.

Sweet young thing in a drug store;
I want a pet.
Earnie T.: I'd love to but the boss
is awful strict.

DEAR SANTA—

Dear Santa Claus—
Our professors told us that there was no Santa Claus but we know better, because we saw you come down the chimney last year and you gave us lots of nice things. We are just ignorant little college boys and girls and we all want something nice in our golf sox on Christmas morning. We know that you like children, and dear Santa—we have been so well-behaved all year.

Let us tell you how good we have been. The foot ball boys have worked hard and have at least won one game. They do not throw bread anymore either, but only because they have changed tables we think. Those boys worked hard Santa, and they deserve all you can give them. The seniors and juniors have acted very nicely also. The freshmen have been a little unruly in the ungraceful way in which they challenged the seniors to a football game—outside of that they have acted as freshmen usually do—rather greet. The sophomores, always a negative quantity, have been very good—but then they know how to do nothing else. The faculty have been very circumspect also, as they have never failed to sit on the platform and looked dignified—poor dears.

Santa—we have never failed the pep squad either. Every time our wonderfully handsome cheer leaders

have decreed a pep meeting, the entire student body has been there one hundred percent. We have never painted the Swede campus, and we did not even get mad when those dreadful Swedes said they were all up in the air about dropping stickers all over our campus. Well, confidentially, Santa, we think they must have been cross-eyed, for we found some of the stickers about ten miles west of here.

How are you coming to M. C. this year, Santa? Since the reindeers have the flu, we guess you will have to come with Commander Byrd in his new Zeppelin. Be sure you have lots of gas, because it would be tragic if we failed to see you at our various homes during vacation. Oh, yes—what are you going to do with Mrs. Santa? Is she going to Europe this Christmas to invest in some Parisian gowns? Take our advice and humor her because you know how difficult women are to handle when they want something. That is what is running through the minds of all the boys who date steady—"now what shall I get her?"

Well, we have about decided on what we want. All of us want A's in all our work and of course we hope the faculty will so recognize our so-called ability. We would also like to have those two extra days at the end of the vacation, and we wish

VOLLEY BALL DELAYED.

Due to inter-class basket-ball practice and tournaments on the part of the masculine athletic enthusiasts, the gymnasium was not available for girls' volley ball practice any time last week.

Little progress has been made, therefore, in the sport sponsored at the present time by the W. A. A. Each of the four teams has played but one practice game each.

Because of the urgency to complete the volley ball season before Christmas vacation, the present plan is to play all remaining practice games this week and play off the tournament next week if at all possible.

Basket ball will be taken up immediately after vacation.

BIG BONFIRE STAGED

Pep was present in great quantities Wed. night Nov. 28 at the annual bonfire celebration. According to Bulldog tradition of holding a pre-turkey day pep rouser around a bonfire, the students gathered around the huge pile of debris north of the athletic field to inspire the Bulldog eleven to fight to the utmost on the next day.

The pep band, conducted by Max Conner, led the way to the field, followed by the student body en masse. Before lighting the fire, a court was held over the dead body of a Swede. Judge Lindell announced the verdict of the court, and the effigy was accordingly thrown upon the huge bonfire immediately after it was kindled.

Familiar and traditional pep songs and yells occupied the next few minutes during which Miss Alberta Hovis and Ralph Frantz, cheer leaders, stirred up much enthusiasm among those present.

Coach Gardner spoke to the group and assured them that the team was going in to the game on the morrow giving every ounce of strength they possessed. Captain Ray Nonken addressed the crowd, speaking of the condition of the players and their desire to do their best for the alma mater.

After more cheering the loyal Bulldog dispersed, planning to invade Sweden the following day with all the pep possible.

Teacher: This book will do half of your studying for you.
Pupil: Give me two of them.

THESPIAN CLUB SELECTS

THE PLAY "HE AND SHE"

Tryouts Will Be Held As Soon As Copies Of the Play Can Be Secured.

MISS DELLA LEHMAN, COACH

Tryouts Will Be Open To Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors.

The three-act play, "He and She," by Rachel Crothers has been chosen by the members of the Thespian club as their annual production for this year. The club met Thursday morning at ten o'clock and heard a report from the play committee concerning several plays that were considered.

It was decided that "He and She" was best suited to production by the Thespian club. Try-outs will be held as soon as copies of the play can be secured, and will be open to all Sophomores, Juniors and Seniors.

The play has eight characters, five women and three men. It takes up the problem of deciding whether her home or children or her career shall come first in a woman's life. Miss Della Lehman, head of the dramatic art department will coach the play and rehearsals will begin soon after Christmas vacation.

QUARTET TO GIVE PROGRAMS

The college male quartet will give two concerts this week. On Wednesday night the group will appear at the Victoria School house near Lyons and on Thursday night at the First Congregational Church of Anthony, Kansas. Mrs. Anna Tate, instructor of the group, will travel with them. Lloyd Johnson, their accompanist, will also be with the quartet.

The quartet will make many other appearances in the near future. Several extended trips are being planned beyond Kansas, where they will represent McPherson College.

BOOK REVIEWED AT CABINET MEETING

At the cabinet meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association last Wednesday evening in the Y. W. room a partial review of the book by Herbert Gray entitled "With Christ As Guide" was given by Miss Harriet Hopkins, chairman of the program committee. The part reviewed was on "The Personality of Christ".

Plans for the Christmas bazaar and the Christmas party that are to be held were discussed.

Further arrangements for the coming of Mrs. Grace Overton were made and the possibility of a social function in her honor was decided upon.

STUDENT STATISTICS

The following statistics from the dean's office are of interest concerning student self support.

Record of Student Self-Support
McPherson College
1928-1929.

100%—Men, 36.6%; Women 15.6%.
51-100%—Men, 12.1%; Women 10.48%.
26-50%—Men, 19.75%; Women, 6.63%.
1-25%—Men, 4.56%; Women, 4.21%.
0%—Men, 27.39%; Women 62.72%.

Record for the entire school, both men and women:

25.65%—100% self-supporting.
11.45%—51-100% self-supporting.

12.99%—26-50% self-supporting.
4.4%—1-25% self-supporting.
45.58%—0% self-supporting.

Lots of love,
College kids of M. C.

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SOURCE OF WORLD PEACE

As the Christmas season approaches with its sentiment and true meaning we realize that, although there is more discourse to-day concerning peace than at any time within the memory of any man, peace is not a new idea. For nearly two thousand years the world has possessed the message of peace, and the thoughtful consideration of its necessary or real Christmas joy.

In no other way is the peace of the world accomplished than for every human heart to be imbued to depths with the spirit. What are the characteristics of a peaceful individual? He is thoroughly poised, presenting his sincere best at all times.

The daily cares and petty grievances of the peaceful personality remain private property, for he realizes everyone about him has his own special burdens. Patience is quality seen in the truly peaceful person. A certain magnanimity of heart manifest itself in tolerance for the undesirable. Worrying and nagging do not disand in respect for other personalities. turb the calmness necessary for the appease of the soul. They are unpleasant and accomplish nothing.

Sympathetic in understanding this peaceful individual maintains a gentle firmness. His friends feel strengthened by contact with him. Love, concord, and tranquility are evidenced in his being.

Have you seen the individual? The difference between him and the multitude may not be named, but it is noticeable.

The vote on the agreement with Bethany College made week before last indicates that most of the student body is in favor of omitting the raiding and painting of campuses along with other means of decoration from the means used to create pep before the Thanksgiving games in order that this may be effective it will need to be recognized as binding by every student of the college. The gentleman's agreement previously made was broken by McPherson students in order that the vote may indicate sincerity, the agreement must be observed.

Other means of creating pep have been successfully used that cause less disturbance, including lack of sleep and time, that have worked just as effectively. There may be arguments for the retention of this custom, but it scarcely seems that they outweigh those presented for its abolition. Let us hope that next year will witness a concentration of pep at home until the game is over that will win the battle.

CHAPEL ECHOES

Among many and varied purposes which students have in attending college, the desire for enrichment of life is perhaps the most noble.

Chivalry or courtesy is an evidence of the enrichment. Monday Miss Mildred Lamb gave an interpretation of chivalry in terms of college students.

A regard for every individual, reverence, and unselfishness are the principal constituents of chivalry.

Parents, elders, and women are especially deserving of chivalry.

No chivalrous student does anything which would cheapen himself.

Wednesday Reverend W. T. Luckett pointed out the small sins of the righteous as the deadliest.

There are three types of choices to be avoided: First, that which promises no good; Second, that which is questionable; and Third, that which indicates no particular destination.

A challenge to youth:

- 1. Relate yourself to the highest good you know. 2. Choose the highest occupation of which you are capable. 3. Be useful.

Among Reverend L. S. Ashley's chaff Friday, several grains were found.

The present generation should inquire, ask for, and demand of past ages the best they had. To this should be added the initiative of the present generation.

Two other attitudes might unfortunately be held. (1) A tendency to discount and even discard ideas because of age and (2) a tendency to accept as truth, all ideas because they are old.

The young man is not faithful to his father unless he becomes a better man than his father—for he has better advantages and greater opportunities.

THE ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS.

Christmas, a variation of Christmas, owes its name to the fact that in the Roman churches a mass in honor of Christ's birth was celebrated that day. In many languages the word for Christmas means birthday as the French word Noel, the Italian Natale, and indirectly, the German Weihnachten, or sacred night, alluding to the birth of Christ as the event that consecrated it. The correct date of Christ's birth is unknown, nor was the day observed as Christmas until two hundred years after his birth, but Yuletide had been observed five hundred fifty years before, the Persians keeping the holiday very much as we do today. Then Rome took up its observance and borrowed customs from Egypt, Persia and Greece, adopting the mistletoe and its rites from the Druids.

Julius, pope of Rome, fixed December 25, as the day of winter solstice, and the church introduced the grand masses or Christmases. Gradually there came Christmas carols or hymns, then Christmas trees and rites used with the Christian significance.

Christmas is now a day, where as it was formerly a season. Our English ancestors observed the holiday for twelve days and nights, finishing with Twelfth Night. In Ireland the little altar is kept up, with its candles and decorations, until "Little Christmas Day" two weeks from Christmas, and the Christmas decorations may be left on the wall until February 2, after which the people believe that they will see a goblin for every leaf left up.

Wherever the Christian church is, there Christmas is universally celebrated on the eve of December 25 as the anniversary of Christ's birth. What does the word mean? The first syllable the savior's name means Messiah. The last part is evidently synonymous with the communion service observed by the Catholic church upon the anniversary of Christ's birth.

VACATION LESSONS

Year after year students return from vacations without lessons; yet instructors still seem to hope that the situation will change. Professors continue to make vacation assignments, trusting that students can prepare at least one lesson—that

is, one for each Monday class. The theory is reasonable, but the practice is un sound.

Review one vacation period: The first day school is out, and everyone rushes home on the first train or bus. There follows a series of family and company dinners, parties, late hours, and all sorts of exciting times. The student body returns to the campus as late as Sunday night or Monday morning as transportation facilities permit. The first glimpse of the study table brings the realization that Monday's lessons are unprepared. A few become conscience stricken because of the lessons which they have not had time to prepare. The few who do manage to squeeze out a short time for preparation for lessons do them so hurriedly that the completed work is sadly inferior.

Every vacation is the same, and has been the same as far back as college vacations have existed. Still some professors feel the need of assigning holiday lessons, optimistically believing that some Monday after vacation the millennium will come, and students will return with their lessons prepared.—University Daily Kansan.

FROM OTHER HILLS

A new electrified-unit pipe organ is being installed in the chapel building of Simpson college.

Motion picture shows are being conducted at K. S. T. C., Pittsburg this year. Only faculty members and those students who hold activity tickets will be admitted to the shows.

Seniors at the University of Colorado are not required to attend student assembly this year for the first time in the history of the university. All other students are assigned seats and are required to attend.

Elizabethan songs composed in the sixteenth century, were revived recently in a program at the University of Minnesota, when the English singers of London gave a concert featuring the old and almost forgotten ballads which were carried from town to town by traveling players.

An auto mechanics class consisting of forty members has been organized at Pittsburg State Teachers College. The class repairs every type of car and an instructor's guarantee goes with each car released from the repair shop.

Winfield, C. C. P. A.—Dr. John Lee, professor of Business Administration at Kansas University was on November 7, and spoke in chapel on Southwestern's Campus, Wednesday, the subject "Can a Christian Be a Socialist." His answer was "I doubt if he can be anything else." The "Y's" sponsored the program.

Prof. F. R. Watson of the University of Illinois has a scientific explanation for the singing bath. He explains that the bathroom being small and having smooth walls, acts as a resonator like the body of a guitar or violin.

Because of the request of Dr. Parley P. Womer, that they give up their student self government, much agitation is being displayed by the Washburn students. This request has come as a result of the general student walk-out from classes, and the shirt tail parade. If the students continue to refuse to apologize, student government will be taken away.

"The Indian School Journal" has been received recently. This magazine is a product of The Indian Shop, a department of the Chilocco Indian Agricultural School, located at Chilocco, Oklahoma. The mechanical work is executed by student apprentices under the direction of the instructor of printing. Articles about Indians, their education and

Kenneth Freidel, editor of the Wichita Sunflower, Wichita University, has written two plays, one a comedy for which a name has not yet been chosen, and the other a one-act play, "The Mantle of God", which will be presented in the near future by Mr. George Wilner, professor of Dramatics.

The students at the University of Oregon will soon hold their sixteenth annual pledge day, at which they take an oath of allegiance to their school.

The awarding of prizes to the oldest dad, the youngest dad, and the dad having the most children in school, was one of the interesting features of the Dad's Day program at the Kansas State Teachers College at Hays.

Courtesy week is to be observed at Ball Teachers College, Muncie, Ind. During this week, talks on manners and how to develop personality will be given.

A freshman was heard boasting that he had received a notice through the mail, that a very important meeting would take place in the Dean of Men's office on Monday the nineteenth and that the freshman's presence was requested. The youth's ability is finally being recognized. —Emporia Bulletin

The University of Idaho has dropped the custom of singing its Alma Mater "Here We Have Idaho" following football games on the home field. The pep band and the yell leaders are receiving the blame for not staying and starting the song instead of leaving immediately after the close of a game.

That freshmen of George Washington University should wear "frosh hats" was the almost unanimous vote of the class of '32. The hats are to be worn on all school days from 9 a. m. to 10 p. m. on the campus and nearby vicinity. The caps are to be burned during the mass meeting which is generally held on George Washington's birthday.

Bulldogmas

Berkey: Can you play the piano? Martin: I don't know. I never tried.

Earley: Noises in my head keep me awake.

Fifer: That is impossible.

Earley: How's that?

Fifer: Noises can't be transmitted through a vacuum.

The radio was first operated in America when Paul Revere broadcast from one plug.

He reads the filthiest stuff possible.

Tabloids?

Nope—He is a professional mind reader.

Have you heard the latest Scotch song? Let the rest of the world no buy.

Girls who went in bathing years ago dressed like Mother Hubbard. Now they dress like Mother Hubbard's cupboard.

I simply must tell one more Scotch story. A Scotchman was seen walking down the street the other day looking for a cheap post office.

The Carolina Theater is sending out complimentary passes to boys in the University of North Carolina on the occasion of their birthdays. More than fifteen hundred will be remembered in this fashion.

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NEW BOOKS

Adventures in the Sargasso Sea.
In "The Arcturus Adventure," by William Beebe, is set forth the adventures of the six month's voyage of the New York Zoological Society to the Sargasso Sea, and the Galapagos region in the Pacific.

The "Arcturus" was the vessel, which is qualitatively equipped with a "pulpit," unique lateral booms, dredges, nets, diving apparatus; in short, a complete floating laboratory for deep sea exploration.

This volume will bring home to every reader the romance and excitement of exploration and scientific discovery. It is the story of stalking the elusive Sargasso Sea, of tide rips teeming with animal life; of the erratic Humboldt Current; of work with diving helmet in shark infested waters; of erupting volcanoes and weird lava flows; of the treasure hunter of Coccos; of giant devil fish, sea lions, and ocean life from the plankton of the surface to the strange, dark-world creatures of the two-mile depths.

Individual vs. Mass in Education.
A democratic philosophy of education is presented by J. A. Leighton in his book "Individuality and Education." To rescue the individual from mass standards of instruction of our present system of education and to substitute a system under which "personality," in its truest sense, can be developed is the theme developed in this book.

For several years the furniture industry has been pondering the reasons why people don't buy furniture to anything like the extent that they should. Leaders decided to find out. The Mills Advertising Company, specializing in the study and development of business on an industry-wide basis was, accordingly, commissioned to make this study, and to develop from it plans for the development of broader distribution. The result is this book which gives illuminating facts from inside and outside the furniture industry.

Books—New and Old.
A complete index of all the books in print January 1, 1928 has been received at the library the past week; it is the new United States Catalog, put out by the H. W. Wilson Co. after three years of preparation.

Some 190,000 books in print are recorded by about 870,000 author, title and subject entries. Twenty-five pounds of bibliographical information are contained in a book of 3150 three-column pages, 9 1/2 by 13 1/2 inches in size thus dwarfing all previous members of the family. This volume is 18 times the size of an ordinary book.

"Your Child Today and Tomorrow."
This is the third edition of this valuable study of child psychology by Sidonie M. Gruenberg. The wide scope of the book can be seen from the titles of a few of the chapters: Punishments and Rewards; Being Afraid; Gangs, Clubs and Friendships; Heredity and Environment.

The problems discussed are those which confront the mother, teacher, or other person who has the responsibility for the direction of a child every day. Miss Byerly recommended this book as one of the best in the field.

"A Guide to the Trees"
The book that every tree-lover has longed for and not found is now at hand—a description, in clear, understandable terms of every variety of tree in the area from Tennessee west to Kansas and thence north to the Arctic Circle. It is written by Carlton C. Curtis, Ph. D., Prof. of Botany, Columbia University. Simplicity is the watchword; but while

readily understandable to anybody, at the same time it is scientifically accurate. A glossary and more than 200 illustrations make the text still clearer.

There is also a short key by means of which any tree may be quickly classified without difficulty. This key is based on a special type arrangement that enables the reader to skip the reading matter which is not necessary to the search he has in hand.

International Golden Rule Sunday.
In discussing this book by Chas. Vickery, general secretary of Near East Relief, Calvin Coolidge says, "I regard International Golden Rule Sunday as a movement of much importance. Begun in an attempt to care for the orphaned children of Bible lands, it has been extended to other countries. I hope the voluntary observance of this day may become increasingly prevalent in America and throughout the world."

Albert Shaw, editor of Review of Reviews, says "Observed last year in fifty countries, it is fitting as President Coolidge has suggested in his letter, that the beneficent use of this day should be extended to relieve distress and banish bitterness elsewhere. If this service can be extended through the increasing observance of International Golden Rule Sunday, it will do much toward removing the misunderstandings and narrow rivalries that prey upon the moral and economic welfare of nations."

Those interested in practical furtherance of peace will do well to consult this book. It suggests a method of helping to realize the Golden Rule Ideal.

"Exploring Your Mind"
This new book by A. E. Wiggam is a series of remarkable creative interviews with the great psychologists of the day. The author brings you their living personalities, and shows you how, under their direction, you may measure your mind, your abilities, your character, your temperament, and may compare yourself with your fellow men.

The book has been very popular being read by students in educational psychology, general psychology, and students in general.

"Farm Life Abroad."
In this volume Prof. Branson, who has been a life-long student of rural social economics, has set down his observance concerning "The Country-end of things in Germany, Denmark and France—not the great cities and industrial areas but (1) the farm people, farm houses and villages, farm systems and farm practices; (2) the country communities, institutions and agencies; and (3) the standards of living in the rural

regions of these three countries." The observations are presented in a series of thirty-six vivid letters which delightfully portray aspects of European civilization that tourists usually neglect.

Other New Books.
Of interest to students of physiology are these books: "Immunity in Natural Infectious Diseases," by F. d'Herelle; "Natural Increase of Mankind," by J. S. Sweeney; "Problems of Human Reproduction," by Paul Popenoe; "Geology," a concise and interesting survey of the whole science, by A. Brigham is a well-illustrated book of interest to students of this field.

WASTE-BASKET PHILOSOPHY
We find time for that in which we are interested. Are you attending the Revival Meetings?

The College Song should be sung often enough that it may not become extinct.

The power of music is appreciated more after seeing its softening effect upon a faculty.

If the dormitory is to be in any sense a home, there must be visitors. It is the duty of the faculty to visit in the dormitory—as friends.

HAYES CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE

Organization of the committee chosen to represent the student council and the various classes to select standard college jewelry took place last Thursday morning at the meeting a ten o'clock. Keith Hayes, junior, was unanimously elected chairman.

Work on the selection of a standard ring and pin is well under way. The committee plans to have plans for the jewelry ready to submit to jewelers by Christmas vacation.

How quietly God's gift was given at the first Christmas! The stars shining down on the Syrian hills where the shepherds watched their flocks;

The camels making their silent way over the sandy desert, bearing the Wise Men;

The cattle softly munching their food in the stable where the Christ child lay—

Such gentle things were the accompaniments of the quiet and holy. Whatever else we do at Christmas time, let us open the windows of the soul to the Light of Life.

—Summer Osgood.
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Sports



Leo Crumpacker, star Bulldog athlete of the past four years, is captain of the Bankers basketball team which opened the league season last Friday night with a victory against the strong Wichita Elks team. Leo was high point man with five long-range shots and two free throws. Tonight the Bankers play at Newton, and next Friday meet Halstead on the home court.

THE CLASS BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT INTERESTING

Tournaments a Revelation of Some Good Material.

The class tournaments now in progress is revealing some good bids for places on the varsity basketball team. Among the material we have on the floor for the tournament as promising material are: Wells, Johnson, Baragover and Graham for forward positions; Duke and Elkins at center and Darrah, Windmill, King and Koffman for guard positions. None of these men have played basketball on the college team but an early prediction is that they all have a good chance on the varsity for the coming season.

The scores of these class tournaments will be announced in the next issue of the Spectator.

BASKETBALL TEAM ON TOUR.

The McPherson College basketball team has scheduled several pre-season games with teams outside of our own conference. The first game of this pre-season series is with Phillips University at Enid, Oklahoma on December the fourteenth. A game is expected to be scheduled within the next few days for December the fifteenth. The team will return home then until the following week and as many games as can be scheduled will be scheduled until December the twentieth when they play Springfield Teachers at Springfield, Missouri and on the twenty-first when they play Drury College also of Springfield. The boys will return home Saturday evening after the final game of the series.

Coach Gardner has not yet announced who will go along on this trip, so the selection is looked to with interest because of the close competition for places on the squad and team.

CHRISTMAS IN THE COLLEGE WORLD

A hectic purchase of Christmas gifts for the family. Paid for? Why, yes. With father's money, of course.

A mad dash from one Christmas party to another. Every organization sandwiching in a party before the holidays.

Study? No! Do that over Christmas vacation.

Sleep? No! make that up in the home town.

Home! But so much to do and go to in two short weeks. Christmas Eve! A party or a dance and then a late rising on Christmas morning to help the little brothers and sisters play with their toys. And then the "let down" feeling that comes after Christmas, which New Year's Day tries to remedy. Then, back to college.

"That first Christmas Day?" "Don't ask me to think about that, I am just too tired."

The Peace? The Joy? The gentleness of that first Christmas. Is it possible to bring the spirit of it into the present day college world?

—Eloise Keefer in the "Student News Letter."

COMPARISON OF THE "GOOD OLD DAYS"

From the pen of McPherson's Jonathan Swift comes the following satire:

For the man who worships "The Good Old Days" it would be a good thing if he turn back the pages of history to the fine old cultured reign of Queen Elizabeth and her predecessors or a hundred years ago.

True it is that in 1915 our government considered it necessary to deliberately kill in various ways some 3000 native Italians. But we must remember those people were black and foreigners. Back in Old England killings were much more closer home and of more personal character. Henry VIII, during his reign had two of his prime ministers beheaded and two of his wives treated the same. Our presidents, even though having cabinet members so corrupt they should be beheaded have never stooped so low as yet. Neither have our presidents divorced their wives, thus, even so much as deprived them of support, let alone murder them.

Henry's killings were more extensive however, he had scores of noble men and women, many blood related to him killed because they stood in the way of his power. Even in Mexico, killings are not as extensive as this, and here in our country the candidates' chances are determined more by his dollars than his daggers.

Henry was not an exception in his prosecutions we must remember, for Edward VI also considered it convenient to behead his prime minister Somerset, Edward V and his father were also beheaded.

Nor were the men the sole offenders. Queen Mary made her reign remembered for religious prosecutions. Certainly from the standpoint of promoting prosecutions the equality of women must date from her reign for she had beheaded and burned to the stake some 300 Protestants. Of course today many fundamentalists are not slow to condemn a liberal to hell, but as yet none of them have taken direct steps to send one there.

However, the story is only half told. The actions of the leaders in these good old days were only characteristic of that of the masses. Life was a rough, rude game in those days. When justice failed, the individual did not hesitate to take it into his own hands. And evidently the courts were inefficient even then judging from the men either personally enforcing justice or ignoring it, for no man went abroad at night unaccompanied by servants and torches. If he did do such he walked swiftly with sword drawn. Today, even in Chicago with its murder a day, not every man dreams it necessary to carry a weapon, even though he does desire a stop light on the rear of his vehicle of transportation.

Tris we do have incidents today comparable with one on Fleet Street in London where two men had a feud. One waited with a knife at the door of his neighbor. The neighbor came out well armed himself and because the crowd impeded the retreat of the ambusher he was murdered.

Then too in Northhamphire a girl was leading a harrow team too slow and her master slipped up behind the implement, scared the horses and the girl was dragged to death. This man was acquitted because the laziness of the girl justified the act. This act was much worse than that of Loeb

and Leopold who entered into their act with a scientific mind, and then too they were punished some, which shows the evolution of public conscience.

We must admit this however. Our age has little patriotism. Today if a man commits treason, he is merely shot, but in those days a man was first hanged till half dead, then quartered alive and then quarters thrown on a nearby fire. Real patriotism.

If a man poisons another today he is insane and receives a cushioned cell, in those good old days he was boiled.

In domestic discipline too, we have degenerated, for then a man had a right to flog his own daughter while today without this threat many women become flappers.

In short, today we have progressed along many lines, especially in a humane way, yet it must be admitted there remains much to be corrected and perhaps the application of old methods in some things would help.

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