

APPARENT INACTIVITY OF PROF. J. HUGH HECKMAN LIKELY TO BE RATHER DECEPTIVE

He Is Still Achieving Despite a Life-long Battle with Ill Health—Has Had Many Varied Experiences—May Be Back Second Semester

(By Lillian Carlson)

On a farm near the little town of Hammond, Illinois, another one of those small towns so common in rural America, was born on the 17th day of July, back in 1887, to the family of David Heckman, a son—John Hugh by name.

About two years later the Heckman family left Hammond for Cerrado, Illinois, where John Hugh Heckman spent his boyhood days, completing the grades and high school at that place.

And he was not the only child in his family for he had four brothers and one sister. It must have been an exceptionally religious home for all of the children have showed that influence in their lives. Today two of the brothers are farmer ministers back in Illinois, a third died a missionary in China a few years ago, while the sister today is helping spread the gospel in India.

When Professor Heckman was about ten years of age a very unfortunate accident occurred—an accident which injured his leg and which through the years has caused him no little suffering. And so after high school days were over he was forced to go West for his health, spending two years at Rocky Ford and one at Colorado Springs. While he was at Colorado Springs he finished his first year of college—being initiated into the mystery of Freshman days at Colorado College. The rest of his college days were spent in Mt. Morris where in 1913 he received his A. B.

Once, while he was attending one of the annual conferences at Des Moines, romance entered his life, when he met his wife-to-be in the form of a little girl from Ohio—



PROF. J. HUGH HECKMAN

Jennie Sellers by name. Today Mrs. Heckman laughingly tells of the time at this conference when Mr. Heckman treated her to an ice cream cone which at that time was just coming into popularity and how pleased she was with the novelty of it all. That was one of her earliest memories of Professor Heckman.

A while later he came out to Ohio to her sister's wedding and while there evidently took good advantage of his opportunities, for it was there that he asked her to share his life and she consented.

And so just two years after the conference at Des Moines they were married, while he was just about to embark upon his Junior year at school—and their honey moon days were spent at Mt. Morris.

And let me tell you a secret. The year before their marriage, while both were students at Mt. Morris the future Mrs. Heckman was matron of the dorm, so Prof. Heckman seems to have shown great taste and foresight in the choosing of his Lady Love.

While they were yet at Mt. Morris, Grace was born and who of us who have known Grace both in and out of the classroom will say that early environment does not play a part in the formation of one's character and habits?

With college days behind them they began their grand pilgrimage to Chicago, for since he was but a lad Prof. Heckman had been interested in religion and philosophy, and the ministry had been his goal. Graduated from the Bethany Bible School he taught there a while, and on the side acted as a student pastor. All in all they were in Chicago twelve years. During that time Professor Heckman—we can legitimately call him that now, spent a year at the University of Chicago in graduate work. Along with his teaching and preaching he did a great deal of writing, and so again in 1920, because of overwork—for he was never one to spare himself—he was forced to go west for his health. But a year later he was back in Chicago and served as pastor of the Chicago Church for the next five years.

It was during their sojourn at Chicago that the other two children were born—so early in his career as students and a preacher, Professor Heckman had also to assume the responsibilities and cares of teacher in

the greatest school of all—the home. And more than once he had to assume the role of stern father when misbehaving children just wouldn't be good. The story is told that once while in church Paul took a sudden notion as children do not to behave and so his father had to take him out, whereupon the young miscreant, alarmed at what his delinquency had brought him to, cried out quite loudly and distinctly, "Papa, papa! Don't spank me."

In 1925 the Heckman family left Chicago for Colorado, Fruita, on the far Western slope, being their destination. Professor Heckman was so ill he was forced to take the train but the rest of the family made the journey by automobile. And so for the next three years while he was once more recuperating he served as pastor of the Fruita church. While the Heckmans were still at this city, Dr. Schwalm, had become president of McPherson College and so invited Professor Heckman, whom he had known for a couple of years to become head of the religious department at our Alma Mater.

This then is the story of Professor Heckman's journey to our campus. In the years he has served our institution he has become beloved by the student body both for his unselfish service and his scholarship. Throughout the years he has had a continual struggle to keep up physically. But in spite of this great handicap he has always forged bravely and determinedly ahead. This time his old trouble has cropped out in a new place, in his left hip and so for a time at least he is forced to inactivity and rest.

But in spite of his so-called inactivity, Professor Heckman is far from an inactive man. For the past twelve years he has been writing a page weekly in "The Brethren Teacher's Monthly", and often in rewriting again old lessons he wonders why he wrote some of those things he thinks of now, back in those bygone days. Along with this he has shared in getting out a teacher training book "The Program of the Christian Religion" by Hoff, Heckman and Emmert. And as if this were not enough to keep an average man busy, along with his teaching and preaching he has in preparation for the Board of Religious Education a teacher training course on the Old and New Testament, and is editing "A Doctrinal Book for Young People of the Brethren Church", made up of suggestions obtained from the camps in which Dan West was active during the summer.

At the present time Professor Heckman must, for a while at least, rest—although his general condition is good. He may be able to teach the second semester; we hope he will be able to be back with us. We give our sincerest sympathy and best wishes for a speedy recovery to a man, who to his utmost has lived the Jesus way which he has taught.

Truth does not consist in minute accuracy of detail; but in conveying a right impression.

It is not the fact that a man has riches which keeps him from the kingdom of heaven, but the fact that riches have him.

With pleasure own your errors past. And make each day a critic on the last.

TWO HUNDRED STUDENTS IN NIGHT SHIRT PARADE

Carry Enthusiasm to City of McPherson

Thurs., Sept. 24—An unusual array of costumes was displayed to-night when about two hundred enthusiastic students assembled at Sharp Hall all set for the annual night shirt parade.

Most of the students were able to get rides on passing cars, and the parade was organized at the corner of Euclid and Ash streets with a girl between each two boys and the cheerleaders, Mildred Doyle and John Kindy, heading the line. The parade passed through business houses giving songs and yells and making a great deal of noise in general. On the corners they stopped to yell and traffic was halted for blocks in every direction until the merry-makers moved on.

At Walker's studio a picture was taken of the paraders, and from here they moved en masse to the Empire Theatre where they attended the second show.

An unusual feature of the parade was the large number of women participating.

MAGAZINES ARE NEEDED FOR COLLEGE LIBRARY

Mon., Sept. 28—Miss Margaret Heckethorn, librarian, states that a number of magazines are needed at present by the library to complete the files. The donation of any of the following would be much appreciated: World's Work, November, 1929; Review of Reviews, November, 1929, and April, 1930; Ladies Home Journal since March, 1931; and Woman's Home Companion since December, 1930.

A notable addition to the college library this week was the 1930-1931 edition of the University Debater's Annual. This book contains nine intercollegiate debates, with briefs and bibliographies, for the following subjects:

- The Young Plan for the Settlement of the Reparations Problem, Dominion Status for India.
- Amateurism versus Professionalism in College Sports.
- Repeal of the Eighteenth Amendment.
- The Machine Age.
- Free Trade.
- Recognition of Russia.
- Government Reformation of Farm Lands.
- Compulsory Unemployment Insurance.

Y. W. CANDLE-LIGHTING SERVICE TUESDAY NIGHT

Is Recognition Service For Association Members

Mon., Sept. 28—The Y. W. C. A. of the college will have a candle-lighting service at the Church of the Brethren on Tuesday evening, October 6. This is a recognition service for the membership of the association.

The ladies and girls of the city who are interested in this service in which college girls will participate are invited to attend.

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SENIOR-FRESHMAN KID PARTY TO BE MONDAY

Gives Freshmen Chance To Mix With Seniors On Level

One of the annual school events, that occurs at the beginning of each school year, is the Senior-Freshman Kid Party. At least once during the school year the Freshmen are given a chance to mix with their upper classmen, the Seniors, on the same level.

Monday evening, Oct. 5, is to be the night of this social event which will take place in the Gymnasium. All Freshmen and Seniors are expected to be present costumed in their childhood array. Refreshments for kids is one of the features of the evening.

"DISCIPLINED LIFE" STRESSED BY SCHWALM

Vigorous Character Is A Result Of Discipline

Fri., Sept. 25—As the students filed out of the assembly this morning, one girl was heard to remark that Dr. Schwalm had just given one of the best talks she had ever heard from him in chapel.

After Miss Fern Linzenfelter had played the professional and Mrs. Anna C. Tate had led the students in a song, Dr. Schwalm read the scripture. Then he stated that a vigorous character is the result of long disciplined living, although a disciplined life might mean long years of hard labor at inconspicuous tasks for a high purpose. The fact that reflects intelligence, appreciation, thanksgiving, and sympathy does not come from a hearty shop, but is inspired from within.

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SPORTS

WESLEYAN ONLY WINNER IN KANSAS CONFERENCE

Only Loop Game Scheduled for This Week is McPherson —K. Wesleyan Battle

Mon., Sept. 28—Kansas Wesleyan university emerged the only winner in four exhibition games played last week by members of the Kansas Conference. The Methodists beat Doane college 20-6 in a game played at Salina Friday night.

McPherson was defeated by Hutchinson junior college 6-0 Friday night on the McPherson field. The Bethany Swedes were buried by Oklahoma A. and M., 0-34, in half of a double header undertaken by the Aggies Friday night. Baker was outclassed by Creighton at Omaha Saturday night, 7-26.

The Kansas Conference schedule for this week is light. Only one conference game is listed, the McPherson-Kansas Wesleyan game at Salina Friday night. Bethany leaves the state for a contest with Hastings, Nebraska, Teachers. Baker plays Washburn at Topeka Saturday night. At Ottawa the Haskell reserves play Ottawa university on Thursday night.

FOOTBALL GAME FRIDAY

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for H. Binford; Countryman for Siemens; Taylor for Zinn; Beckwith for Taylor; E. Anderson for Beckwith.

Hatchinson—Schmitt for Anderson; Kimball for Kautzer; Anderson for Schmitt; Withroder for Henry; Querfeldt for Powell.

Summary: First downs, Hutchinson 14; McPherson 5. Passes, Hutchinson completed 5 for 60 yards, 6 incomplete; McPherson 8 incomplete, 1 intercepted for 2 yards. Punts, Hutchinson, 8 for 255 yards; McPherson 11 for 353 yards. Fumbles, Hutchinson 2, McPherson 1. Penalties, Hutchinson 6 for 90 yards; McPherson 6 for 40 yards (10 for incomplete passes).

Officials: Referee, Jack McClean, Kansas. Umpire, Harold Poort, Washburn. Head linesman, Stuart Dunbar, Salina Journal.

— DRIPPINGS — from THE DOPE BUCKET

Those new white jerseys with the Bulldog fighting red across the shoulders certainly did look good last Friday. We can't blame Hatchinson a lot at that for not wanting the white ball to lay up against those white fronts. At that, it wouldn't have been for long; for what jersey ever remained white long in action?

The only team last week in the Kansas Conference to win a game was Kansas Wesleyan. They have rumors out to the effect that the Wesleyan line averaged 205 pounds from tackle to tackle. Well, if they are really that big they won't be able to see Beckwith at all; so, we'll just give the ball to him and let him make the touchdowns.

We might not believe in the old adage that the fellow who's down enjoys companionship, but anyway there were not many McPhersonites who spent Friday night awake because the Oklahoma A. and M. in their second game that day took the Swedes into camp to the tune of 34 to 0.

Our conscience bothers us, or something. Do you possibly suppose that the old memories which were brought back to light last week concerning our friend Blanch Harris had anything to do with the fate that was in store for Carlson, Myers, and Andes? Anyway, if they don't read the Spectator it is their own hard luck. That'll learn 'em not to neglect their educational opportunities.

Something more ought to be said about these Coyotes at Salina. There is a law in physics about the larger a body the more wind resistance hinders its progress. Maybe these pigskin chasers up there haven't any spark plugs in 'em. But if they do, they'll just simply have to

out punt, out pass (?), and out run 'em. We'll promise the boys this much anyway. They'll keep right on getting the support for which McPherson is so well known, and which Leslie Edmonds has given his praise to when it kept right on coming in the past when the days were balmy and again when things weren't exactly going so good.

Baker we hear got the small end of the deal from Creighton of Omaha. We extend to the colleagues of the formerly famous Lange our sympathy. We have felt that way too, from time to time.

The Dope Bucket has learned from long and grievous experience that it is safer to stick to comment than it is to venture into the hazardous role of prophet. But if we all stick together (together, TOGETHER) the Phillips gang is slated to get all the fun they want when they arrive next week.

BULLDOGS WILL FACE STRONG COYOTE TEAM

Methodists Already Have One Win to Credit

Tues., Sept. 29—Coach Melvin Binford stated this evening that the Bulldog football squad has been showing up considerably better in practice this week than before, and without doubt will show Salina a harder game than Hutchinson had last Friday.

He ascribed last week's defeat to lack of cooperation and organization in the team, but said that the individual playing showed up well.

Haws has been giving signals this week, doing very good work, and Mowbray will be able to take his place in the lineup Friday night. Otherwise the Coyotes will face practically the same team which played against Hutchinson last week. The Salina game certainly is not going to be a snap for the Bulldogs for it was reported that their line average approaches the two hundred pound mark.

The Coyotes already have one win chalked up to their credit, having defeated Doane College 26-6 last Friday.

SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE FRIDAY

Tues., Sept. 29—A special election will take place Friday, October 2, from 10 to 12 A. M. to elect permanent officers for treasurer of the Student Council and Men's Cheer Leader.

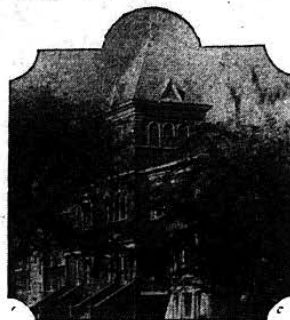
Ralph Keedy, president of the Student Council, reports that John Kinley has withdrawn his nomination for Cheer Leader because of his declination to play basketball next spring. This leaves Blanch Harris and Lloyd Larsen in the race for that office. Kenneth Blitkofer is the only candidate for treasurer of the Student Council.

THE POOR SENIOR

The college senior fared rather more badly than the college freshman in a report issued this past summer by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.

According to the report, based on tests given more than 10,000 college students in Pennsylvania colleges and universities, the "ravages of forgetting" caused the senior to lose, even before getting his sheepskin, much of the knowledge he had acquired during four years at school. "The college senior recognizes only 61 out of 100 words in familiar use by educated persons," the report said. "The effect of college on the word supply of the ordinary student appears to be almost negligible and in some cases positively injurious."

"The school and college curriculum," the report added, "consists of little else but isolated packages of specific ideas, segregated for the time being in self-contained courses, elected semester-wise and cut off by examinations and credits from any other living conditions. The sacredness of such systems of credit coinage dominates the teacher and pupil alike; they just Press.



Sharp Hall, the administration building of McPherson college. It was named after Dr. S. Z. Sharp, first president of the institution, who died late this summer.

Y. M. LEADER IS ON McPHERSON CAMPUS

Felix Manley Former President of Y. M. C. A. at K. U.

The McPherson college campus was honored last week end in the presence of Felix Manley, nationally known Y. M. C. A. leader. Mr. Manley was president of the Y. M. C. A. at Kansas university last year, and this summer was chairman of the Estes Park Y. M. Y. W. conference. He was chosen representative of the Rocky Mountain Field Council to the National Y. M. C. A. Council. He has spent most of the last summer in New York City, studying part of the time at Columbia University.

While at McPherson Mr. Manley went with the cabinets of the Y. M. C. A. and Y. W. C. A. on their retreat to Twin Mounds last Saturday night. He also interviewed a number of students who are leaders in the religious organizations of the school.

ESTES PARK Y. W. PROGRAM

Tues., Sept. 29—Evelyn Saylor opened the Y. W. C. A. meeting by playing a prelude. After a song, Louise Ikenberry read the devotionals. Ada Brunk gave a delightful chalk talk concerning Estes Park.

Following this Mrs. Anna Taylor sang Joyce Kilmer's "Trees", accompanied by Pauline Dell. Esther Brown and Alberta Yoder gave short talks on the Estes Park Conference which they attended in June. The meeting was closed with the benediction.

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