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Participation In Sports vs. Voice Culture

A CONTRAST of the British and the American system of athletics reveals a gross weakness in the latter method which is at once disgusting and sickening. In England the idea of sports is that no one be idle, that every one play; the emphasis is upon the sheer joy of playing rather than upon winning. In America, misbegotten daughter of materialism, we have the silly idea that sports are primarily for the few highly trained who perform in a bowl or arena while millions give vent to vocal exercises every Friday night and every Saturday afternoon cheering themselves hoarse in the vain hope that good old Rho Dammit Rho or Tappa Kappa Knee will emerge victorious, be it by ever so small a margin.

The sight of athletics commercialized and prostituted as they have been in America in recent years is by any token one of the major tragedies of the New Era. Athletics hold wonderful possibilities for development of mind, body, and character. Sports are so used today in England, Germany, Italy, and many another foreign country where more importance is placed upon stalwart manhood and womanhood than upon sensationalism and filthy lucre. But in America we see the sport pages full of box scores and highly spiced stories of pro and semi-pro athletics and the front page blazoning the most recent news of the latest graft scandal at Punkin Center Academy concerning the exposure of the system of parcelling out soft jobs and snap scholarships (not to mention outright cash payments) to star athletes. And sad to relate, what is true

of Punkin Center is true of virtually every other college and university in the land. In short, athletics have ceased to be an end in themselves, and are now merely a means to an end, and every college student knows it.

Perhaps the best way our colleges and universities can neutralize and combat the deadening effects of commercialized athletics is to provide a really adequate and suitable program of AVAILABLE intramural sports—sports varied as to nature, as to experience required, as to the number of players needed, and as to strenuousness. And above all, sports which can be indulged in at any time, not just from 2 to 3 on Thursday afternoon, or some other such silly schedule. If college students all have the facilities and opportunity to engage in lively and interesting sports whenever they desire, regardless of their past experience or their financial means, then we shall have begun to overcome the stultifying results of active sport for the few and voice culture for the many.

Gymnasiums and equipment are made for students, not students for the former. Therefore it seems a shame for students whose bodies are crying for exercise and whose minds need daily rest to be frustrated in their desire for active exercise by lack of facilities or by obstacles thrown up by sheer indifference or actual interference. Much as we love to watch an exciting contest played by others, we love infinitely more to engage in an exciting contest ourselves. Here, then, is the secret of truly successful athletics.—K. W.

Chapel Is Part of College

A GREAT DEAL has been said lately about chapel conduct. Not only has the conduct of the students been commented on, but their irregular attendance and their habit of being perpetually late has received its share of talk.

Chapels are a necessary part of any college curriculum. More so are they a part of a church college program as they are basically a worship service. As a place of worship and of educational programs, a chapel could hardly be called an ideal place to study. Could more be said about this?

Looking at the chapel situation from another angle, one realizes that

regular attendance is important. Those who are absent three times a semester lose one half hour credit in chapel. Not only that, but a half hour credit is added to the absentee's graduation requirements. A number of the students have been absent two times now.

Then it is discouraging to those participating in the chapel programs to delay for ten minutes because of the lack of punctuality of their audience. No student body is consistently late to all its classes. Why then should there be any reason for late attendance to chapel—a fully as important part of the college students' program?

Shall Militarists Pick Our Cinema News?

ONE of the major tragedies of the American cinema industry has been the extreme amount of space and time allotted in newsreels to the forces and activities of militarism throughout the world. As everyone knows, there is seldom a newsreel, particularly among those put out by the Hearst machine, that does not attribute major importance to militaristic news and propaganda.

To those with pacifistic leanings it is quite encouraging to note a slight lessening of militaristic emphasis during the last few weeks in newsreels. Many releases have presented quite well-rounded programs of current events without undue stress upon the military. For example, when the recent Japanese

students can and should make known their attitude toward militaristic emphasis and militaristic propaganda in movies, newsreels, the press, schools, and especially just now, in Congress. The militaristic lobby is now trying to get passed through Congress the Tydings-Cornwick bill, a bill which would stifle all criticism of the army and navy upon pain of heavy fine and imprisonment. The obvious danger to American liberty and the patent ridiculousness of this measure make imperative the immediate expression of disapproval on the part of every red-blooded American citizen.

Many college students can vote. All of them, regardless of age, can write to their Congressmen and Senators. The cost of a few stamps and a few moments is negligible in comparison to the cost of the passing of such a far-reaching measure as the Tydings-Cornwick bill. How about it, undergraduates? Do we sit down apathetically, twiddling our thumbs, and allow vested interests to run our government to suit their own ends? Or do we stand up like men, and express our Constitution-given right to exercise a voice in the government of our American democracy?—K. W.

As It Seems To Me

Promotion or Demotion

One can readily see that two-thirds of promotion is notion. Along with this comes the statement that everything comes to him who waits except the reputation for being a hustler.

Today we can see all around us men who the world terms a success. Outwardly they appear so, but inwardly they may be a complete failure. That is why we have suicides among people who have succeeded in the eyes of the world. These people have forgotten that there is such a thing as demotion and have lost their ability to serve. Thus they are a complete failure inwardly.

On the other hand, a man's external defeat may be a complete inward triumph. As one author puts it: "Speak history! Who are life's heroes? Are they those who gained the acclaim of the day? Which are victorious, Nero or the Christian martyrs, his tormentors or Socrates, Pilate or Christ?"

Thus the person who loses himself in a great task and is willing to suffer and die for it, is on the way to complete inward triumph. One must not seek promotion but demotion. You can only go down to rise.

When one enters a life of complete service to a great ideal, he forgets all about promotion and demotion automatically takes place for this person. But, the great ideal will move along on the upward road which is the thing that is wanted

The Gallery

Jane Kent

An observation at the Booster Banquet: the lacy sprig of parsley that caught in the veil of a madame's bonnet. It maintained its paramount position all through the clapping, coughing, and wiggling that issued from the proportions beneath the hat which was totally unconscious of its balcony attendant.

Do you know that: George Toland hops with such grace that he has pruned himself to be a pro-hopscotch-jump-er . . . that Margaret Fry never fails to bring down the house with her strains from Napoli . . . that "Cheesie" makes amateurs look ridiculous in the eyes of the students in these lately popular chance attempts . . . that the rendevous of Monopoly fans is easily discovered by the matron because a filmy door has reason to quake when it secrets the clamors

of rapacious real-estate dealers quarreling over make believe deeds and mortgages.

Laurels to the quartette for condescending to serve us with "Short-nin' Bread" for the first time this year.

I can think of nothing worse than to be a puny spectator watching these dusty Kansas winds batter against the stained glass windows in the church until the plects would flutter and fly out before my very eyes.

Vi Harris is as artistic in art design as she is in music interpretation; she presented a recital pleasing to the eye and to the ear. And didn't you like the way that temperamental crows bow you a parting kiss on the last "Goodbye"?

anyhow.

We can not withdraw ourselves from this world just because there is evil in it. We must associate with the world and try to change it to fit our great ideal. Another way of putting it is, "Go, suffer, but live life, my son." Thus we would have demotion for the individual but promotion for the ideal. Why not try it?—An Interested Observer.

Lindgren Places Third in Contest

The representative from Central Academy College, McPherson, won first place in the Anti-tobacco contest held at Miltonvale last week. Miltonvale placed second, and Alvin Lindgren, representing McPherson College, was third.

Grattan Speaks to College Christian Endeavor Groups

Mr. Grattan, McPherson lawyer, spoke to the College Christian Endeavor Sunday evening. Mr. Grattan spoke on such interesting subjects as love, a good woman is the making or breaking of a man, and other vital yet cleverly presented subjects. Ralph Sherry and Dorothy Dell led in group singing before and after the lecture. The meeting closed with the C. E. benediction.

McPherson Y Delegation Gives Exchange Program at Wesleyan

Representatives of the McPherson College Y. M. and Y. W. associations went to Salina today to give a program before the Y. M. and Y. W. groups of Kansas Wesleyan University.

This is another of the exchange programs that have been scheduled by the colleges of this district. Lucille Ullery led devotionals, Margaret Fry sang, and Paul Heckman and Inez Goughnour spoke to the group.

This program was similar to those that have been given recently at Sterling and Bethel.

Chemistry Club Shows Number of Films at Bi-Weekly Session

Several films were shown yesterday evening at the bi-weekly meeting of the Chemistry club. A two reel silent picture, "Making the Mines a Safe Place," proved to be of educational value.

Three sound films, "Magic Versus Science," "General Electric at the World's Fair," and "New Cascades" were also shown at the meeting. These were of an educational nature.

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Arcturus, Whose Light Started World's Fair, Is Now Visible

How many times have you looked up into a starry sky and wished that you knew more about its "contents"? What's the name of this star and that star? How can you tell one from the other? Is that a star or a planet? What's the difference?

These and many other questions may be asked and answered by yourself if you only care to spend a little time studying the stars.

One particularly interesting star may now be observed quite early in the evening. Nearly every one who attended the World Fair in Chicago will remember that it was the light from Arcturus that was used to "start the ball rolling." Forty years before this last Chicago Fair, another World Fair was held there. The distance from the earth to Arcturus being so great, it took about forty years for the light to travel that distance. Thus the light which arrived just in time to "open" the 1933 World Fair left Arcturus at the time of the Columbian Exposition.

This sounds simple, but what took place and how was it done? It is a commonly known fact that light is a form of energy. The light energy from Arcturus was gathered by a telescope and thrown upon a

photo-electric cell which converted the light energy into electrical energy. This impulse was carried to Chicago by wire and made to operate relays and switches that "started" Chicago's "Century of Progress Exposition."

Now that Arcturus has been given credit for opening a World's Fair, how can we find the star? If you were told that it is found in the constellation Bootes it might not help much. There is a very simple method of locating Arcturus. Taking for granted that you can locate the Big Dipper or Great Bear, follow the curvature of the handle on out until the brightest star in that region is located (a distance about again as long as the handle itself). There you have Arcturus, but please leave it there because in mythology we are told that Arcturus is the guardian of the Great Bear and we wouldn't want anything stolen from our beautiful Roof Garden.

Just remember that the stars are there and we may thoroughly enjoy them if we only will. At the same time it might be possible to enjoy them even more under certain conditions, but take heed, men, your freedom may become seriously curtailed through such actions.

Viola Harris Gives Graduation Recital in Piano on March 20

Miss Viola Harris of Swink, Colorado, presented her graduation piano recital on Friday evening, March 20, in the College chapel. She was assisted by her brother, Mr. Floyd Harris, cornetist, who is a former student of M. C. and is now attending school at the Greeley State Teachers College. Mr. Harris was accompanied by Miss Lucille Ulery at the piano.

Miss Harris succeeded in portraying a very effective program, with the stage decorated to depict an outdoor scene which helped to create an atmosphere of beauty in order to make the program more impressive.

A large audience attended, and the people were exceedingly appreciative. They were ushered to their seats by Dorothy Dell, Margaret Polister, and June McNamee, who were dressed in pink organdie evening gowns. The programs were presented at the door by Ruth Siegel and Bernadine Ohmart who appeared in blue organdie gowns.

Miss Harris is a student of the M. C. Fine Arts department with piano as her major. She has spent many tedious hours in preparation for the recital all year, and has been rewarded upon its presentation by a very encouraging success.

IN OTHER SCHOOLS

The Dutch dating system was given a trial last Friday night at the W. S. G. A. carnival held in Robinson gymnasium of the University of Kansas.

The New Deal has discovered what the ladies have feared all along—that women's hips are bigger than they used to be, and that something ought to be done about it.

After an exhaustive inquiry into feminine fashions, from the skin out, President Roosevelt's Consumers' council concluded that American women sit down too much, causing their hips to spread one and one-half inches. The council, headed by Dr. Walton Hale Hamilton, also found in the courses of his research that the average woman wears precious little underwear. Here's the official New Deal list of all her clothes: "... an all-in-one girdle and chemise combination, a slip, light wool dress, chiffon stockings and pumps."—The Collegio, Pittsburg.

The complete program for the 1936 Messiah Festival has recently been announced. The festival will be held April 5 to 12.—The Bethany Messenger, Lindsay.

A new contest is being held in Central high school. This year, being Leap Year, the girls will select a Leap Year King. The king will no doubt be the young man who causes the most girls to have palpitation of the cardiac valve.—Bliss and Gold, Aberdeen, S. Dakota.

Veterans of Future Wars Set High Aim

New Organization Formed in Several College Throughout Nation

Organizers of the "Veterans of Future Wars" this week promised to push the aims of their organization until they can "lough government handouts to specialized groups out of existence."

Princeton undergraduates, who are leading the movement for a national organization to seek an advance bonus for the youth of the nation, said they were also forming auxiliary chapters of future Gold Star Mothers, who, they believe, should be given free trips to the "undug graves of as yet unborn soldiers killed in action."

At Vassar College, sponsors of the Veterans of Future Wars announced that the first chapter of an auxiliary society, the Association of Gold Star Mothers of Veterans of Future Wars, was formed.

In a manifesto the officers said the organization demanded immediate payment of a \$1000 bonus due June 1, 1965, to each member.

"Because it is customary to pay bonuses before they are due," said the manifesto, "the Veterans of Future Wars demanded immediate payment plus 3 per cent compounded interest annually from June 1, 1965 backward to June 1, 1936."

Payment now, they said, would "lift the country out of the depression" and would enable the beneficiary to enjoy it before he had been slain in a future war.

The Gold Star Mothers will seek trips abroad for young women so they might view the prospective graves of their future sons, it was announced.

Meanwhile, the "veterans" themselves declared they were fully justified in their demands for an immediate bonus, inasmuch as many of them probably will be killed in the next war, making it impossible for them to enjoy any bonus which would be paid after the war was over.—(College News Service)

Viola Harris Is Entertained by Friends Following Her Recital

After the recital given by Viola and Mr. Floyd Harris Friday night, a group of their friends met at the home of Miss Bernadine Ohmart. The party was given in honor of the two artists and the guests were the ushers of the recital and their friends. The time was spent in playing Monopoly, Kurtis Naylor and Vi Harris, coping out ahead. Dainty refreshments in green and pink were served, and after taking some pictures the group adjourned.

Those present were: Viola Harris, Dorothy Dell, June McNamee, Ruth Siegel, Lucille Ulery, and the hostess; Floyd Harris, Willard Fleming, Emerson Chisholm, Russell Kingsley, Kurtis Naylor, Fred Nace and Glen Turper.

Harvard has a collection of 3,400 rare playing cards.

Personal

The Kansas State Teachers College, of Emporia, presented a program at the Community Hall for the benefit of the McPherson high school. The director, Orville J. Borchers, and his choir of seventeen voices sang a group of songs called the Madrigals. The organization has adopted their name "The Madrigalians," because of the type of songs they specialize in singing.

Prof. A. C. Voran was a Sunday dinner guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Dresher.

Mary Trostle spent the week end at her home at Nickerson.

Miss Ruth Emmert left Monday for Moran where she plans to visit her sister before returning to her home at Lake Bluff, Illinois.

Daniel Zook, Robert Fox, and Joyce Snowberger spent the week end at their homes at Zook.

Gordon and Wilbur Yoder, and Lola Mae Harbough visited Sunday with Evelyn Herr at her home at Navarre.

Conway Yount spent the week end at his home at Halstead.

Donald Evans and Robert Booz, former McPherson College students, are visiting here this week. They are attending the University of Chicago this year.

Dorothy Miller and Irene Smith spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Chester Murray of Conway.

Doris Pray spent the week end at her home at Elmo.

Heard in passing: Vi Harris—I got some sleep last night for the first time in two weeks.

Miss Atkinson—My, it will be nice to sit down to a banquet and not have to know all about it beforehand.

Cheesy—My apartment looked pretty nice before the dust storm. I'm not a "tis prisa" (?) but I can keep house.

Those in Kline who went home this week-end were: Opal Hoffman, Eva Faye Thomson, Joyce Snowberger, Yolanda and Maxine Clark.

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Syracuse Students Commit Federal Offense with Trick

Personal, if slightly informal relations with a lot of G-men were enjoyed by twenty-five Syracuse University students last week when the finger of the law identified them as the pranksters who had sent a fake bomb to Chancellor Charles W. Flint. They were charged with disorderly conduct, and the postoffice department wired a note of cheer from Washington, saying that Federal action might be taken.

The tale begins with a group of architectural students sitting around trying to think of something to do instead of studying architecture. Some bright lad thought of the bomb plot, and an infernal machine was immediately constructed from taped wires, cotton, dead dry cell batteries, cardboard tubes filled with sugar and an old alarm clock. Addressed to "Comrade Chancellor Charles W. Flint," it was entrusted to the U. S. Mails, wherein lay its undoing.

An alert postoffice clerk, noting the horrendous "Comrade" salutation, and the ticking of the alarm clock, rushed the package to a pail of water. Postal inspectors opened it in due time, were at first convinced it was genuine. The sugar-soaked cotton had the same appearance as gun-cotton, they said.

The University did not concern itself with the sad plight of the twenty-five pranksters when G-men had rounded them up and hustled them into cells at the city jail. "The matter is in the hands of the authorities," said Vice Chancellor William F. Graham.—(A. C. P.)

Children who will be unsuccessful in later life can be spotted at the age of six, says Dr. J. W. M. Rothney of Harvard.

An overdose of vitamin D can be fatal, in the opinion of University of California experts.

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Booster Banquet Nets \$2050 Cash—Many Give Large Sums

Another Booster Banquet has come and gone. Even though the banquet was over a week ago, however, the material way in which it helped the college will be felt for some time. The good will and co-operation which were exhibited by friends of the college will be remembered, perhaps, even longer than the material benefits which were derived from the banquet.

The amount taken in from ticket sales and gifts totaled approximately \$2050. There were 616 persons present, including those who served, worked in the kitchen and helped in any other way during the banquet.

Persons and firms contributing particularly generous amounts were F. A. Vaniman, Dr. J. W. Fields, W. J. Krebbel, the Wall family, B. M. Russell, Mrs. C. A. Hiebert, the Poehler Mercantile Company, the United Telephone Company, the Kansas Power and Light Company, and the McPherson and Citizens Bank.

As in previous years the people of McPherson and the surrounding community have shown their loyalty in McPherson College by contributing graciously and generously to the Booster Banquet.

Dorothy Dell spent Friday night with June McNamee at Kline Hall.

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Odd Costumes Are Seen As W. A. A. Initiates New Members

When some fifteen respectable college girls appear on the campus and in the classrooms, dressed in bathrobes, hair in rags, and wearing boys' shoes you can make a guess that something different is happening. These girls are the new members who were going through with their initiation to the gratification of the old W. A. A. members. It seems that all the old members, for one day at least, got their fill of candy and peanuts, this being one requirement. Everything progressed nicely throughout the morning with Dr. Schwalm asking for as little noise as possible (just as if it were possible), when children wear roller skates to school. It is also rumored that the Lights Out Professor not only turned the clan from the door but has no time or patience with little girls would find their shoes.

Again some of our more refined faculty and students should have been on hand to hear and see jolly good fun when these said girls had the opportunity to speak on the streets of McPherson. Maxine Clark told the public that the cow that jumped over the moon had been inspired to do so because it was abnormal (this information was researched from Dean Smith). La Vena High would not give the subject of her speech because she considered the assigned subject indecent to the school of quality. The essence of her speech concerned Catherine the Great (for further information see Miss High). Rilla Hubbard solved the problem "why asparagus tips?" as she stated that all good things must come to an end. Ruby Welmer preached on the text, "the devil or the deep blue sea." And so the city of McPherson, and especially the Candy Shop, McCourr Hotel, Cut Rate, Ritz, and other centers of attraction, were given one good treat.

Later in the evening (6:30 p. m. to be exact) these same somewhat ruffled barefooted, blindfolded girls were led through the halls of the "Ad" building. The climax of the evening (or in light of at least one of our clan) came in the play-room when a respectable gentleman gave each and every one of the new girls a break. The after climax came while the girls stood in buckets of water, dip, and syrup, and at the same time were fed raw egg, vinegar, and syrup.

The process of this initiation was fun and more fun; the method was one of good sportsmanship; the result is fifteen new W. A. A. members.

The new members are Lola Mae Harbaugh, Lenore Ehrick, Evelyn Herr, June McNamee, Opal Hoffman, Maxine Clark, Marjorie Flory, Irene Smith, Eva Faye Thomson, Miriam Kimmel, La Vena High, Lucille Hornbaker, Ruby Welmer, Rilla Hubbard, and Becky Stauffer.

SPORT LIGHTS
By Conway Yount

Track practice got into full swing last week with several men reporting. There is still a need for more men than we have at the present time and as was suggested last week there is a plea being made to get all the men in school out for this sport.

We promised you last week that we would have an individual box score of the conference completed by this week. We have written several times for some of these scores and as yet have received no reply. Until we receive these it will be impossible to complete this list.

A tennis tournament is to be staged among the college students soon. There are to be no medals given in this tournament. Coach Binford is urging every man in the college to enter the tournament and in such a manner the tournament will have greater significance. The varsity will not be picked altogether from the winners, for some good player might be eliminated in the first round because of his drawing someone who might make a good teammate for him.

Bernard Crasner, 41, who matriculated at C. C. N. Y. when he was 20, will get his degree in June. The World War is responsible for the delay.

COLLEGE DAZE
(From "Gourdie" Green's Diary)

Thurs. 19. Boy, the banquet was swell last night, I'm sure glad I got to help so I could go. It kind of makes me feel funny up the back of my neck when I think of all those men who give a lot of money so we can have a chance here. Say am I ever mad though at what somebody put in the Speck about me being like Eleanor Roosevelt. They're just trying to undermine my morality, that's all. I never yet told a girl to go ahead and try and see how much she could hold, and I don't believe in divorces neither. And what I think the country needs is to stop starting so many experiments until we get to paying for some of the ones already lost, and to have a common sense business administration by somebody who will tend to business and not be off grinning pulling politics all the time. I never did like a guy who was real good at making you think he was on your side but never did anything for you. And further, we need a president's wife who will live with her husband, the people never elected Eleanor anyhow, why does she half to go out making money out of it?

Fri. 20. Worked today at the Prairy Gardens. You should hear Naylor gripe about what they had to do, you'd think all he went for was to find something what didn't suit him. Here he went and asked for work and then kicked when they gave it to him, always looking for a soft job. Some guys make me tired. I guess, they think I have not got sense enough to get in out of a dust storm.

Sun. Doc Flory was good in S. S. this morning, I didn't realize we had such a literary background in our church. Somebody ought to carry the ideal ahead. Wanted to sleep this afternoon, but a bunch of guys come in and bothered me, they're always dust in my atmosphere somewhere.

Mon. 23. The day is hot, and dark and dreary; it's dry, and the wind is never weary. The dust piles deep in the staggering halls, and at every gust some more dirt falls.

My skin feels old, and dry, and brittle.

My neck is dirty, and grey my spittle.

I tremble with ague and break out with sweat.

And well meaning friends say I've seen nothing yet.

I've an ache in my tooth, a crick in my back; My mind's in a muddle, my thought off the track; My poor throbbing brain raises welts on my head; Ambition's as fresh as a loaf of dry bread.

I dreamed of the future, then rose on the terrain To slowly drift over my castle in Spain.

My voice is choked up till I can't even cuss— Oh, why must a mortal keep suffering thus?

Why go on inhabiting this vale of tears, Enduring such agony down through the years.

When a noose, a leap, a jerk of the rope Would suddenly terminate this forlorn hope?

But alas! As did Hamlet, I stand at back aghast At what may come next when this sad state is past.

I dread to solve boldly the riddle of time So sit here impotently making this rhyme.

A flash of the lightning, a shower of rain?

Oh what I would give for some clean air again!

With a hard driving wind and a choking dust cloud.

Oh, why should the spirit of Kansas be proud?

Yet if Gratton speaks true, that a traveler is one Who sees others' country while spending his mone—

Then I've one consolation as dust goes pell menn: I've seen seven states without leaving my cell.

Tues. 24. I wish I could get away from some of these guys I am always going to their rooms and talking to. Procrastination may be the thief of time, but it can't hold a candle to a good bull session for killing it.

Wed. 25. Sure good to have some sunlight the last couple of days. Big bull session and I haven't got time to write any more.

Knox College is using alumni as "career" advisers.

Origin of Cosmic Rays Believed to be Found

Thought to be Caused in Part by Explosion of Distant Stars

Important evidence, indicating that at least a large part of the cosmic rays reaching the earth, originate when distant stars explode, this week was reported by scientists of the Mount Wilson Observatory and the California Institute of Technology.

A super-nova, a giant exploding star, 6,000,000 light years away, was discovered last January by Dr. Edwin P. Hubble. Although six supernovae have been found on photographic plates of various observatories during the last thirty years, that discovered at Mt. Wilson is said to be the first to occur when intensive calculations could be made. Situated in the constellation Virgo, it was calculated to have expanded suddenly at a velocity of more than 4000 miles a second, emitting atomic particles possessing energies of more than 100,000,000 volts. These voltages are of the order associated with cosmic rays.

"These calculations" said Dr. Fritz Zwicky, of Caltech, "indicate that we now have at least an indirect verification of the theory that cosmic rays are originating in supernovae."

The more direct proof of the theory, it was explained, would be the actual measurement of an increase in cosmic ray intensity from the present exploding star. This, however, is impossible because the star is too small an object of its type, is too far away and occurs at a point in the heavens where the earth's magnetic field would deflect particles associated with any cosmic ray effects.

Preliminary calculations indicate the temperature of the star during its sudden transformation from a huge super-sun to a smaller, but vastly more compact core of neutrons, may have been as much as 200,000 degrees centigrade.

Foreign films have been made a regular part of Amherst language courses.

Modern Robinson Crusoe Tells Story of Six Months on Island

A modern Robinson Crusoe told San Jose State College students how it feels to colonize an entire tropical island.

George West, former student at Honolulu high school, now a freshman at the San Jose school, told how he and three other high school students lived for six months as the only inhabitants of Jarvis island, a waterless dot of land which will be one of the links in the new trans-oceanic air program of this country.

Accompanied by Henry Ahia, Daniel Toomey, and Frank Crockett, West was put ashore on the island by the government cutter Itasca. The group had a large supply of water and food, which they supplemented with fish caught about the island, and eggs found on the cliffs.

They built a shelter from the wreck of the schooner, Amaranth, which had been wrecked on the island in 1913.

For six months the only signs of human life they saw were little headstones which marked the disastrous end of a British attempt at colonization many years ago. West is enrolled as a freshman at San Jose State and plans to complete his education here, but he says a marvelous education may be obtained on a desert island.—(College News Service).

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