

## Independent Study Courses Feature of Next School Year

### Change Announced By Dr. Boitnott Head of College Curriculum Committee

According to a report received last week from Dean J. W. Boitnott, independent study courses will be one of the new curriculum features for next school year.

These courses will be open to juniors and seniors who have made at least a "B" average on twelve or more semester hours in the semester directly preceding the one in which they desire to take the independent study courses.

Independent study courses will have no definite meeting time. The major professor will meet with his students by appointment. Problems and projects must be approved by the curriculum committee and must be written up in thesis form. Projects must be done in such a way that the completed thesis will be acceptable to the major professor and considered satisfactory by the curriculum committee.

At present, at least, the independent study curriculum will list only such courses as come in fields in which the college offers majors, chemistry, biology, mathematics, philosophy and religion, history, industrial arts, economics, and English.

Students may be required, in the final analysis, to take both written and oral examinations, at the discretion of the major professor and the curriculum committee. Credit given will vary from one to three hours, depending on the scope and quality of work done.

According to Dr. J. W. Boitnott, dean of McPherson college, change in curriculum will have a two-fold benefit. Students will have a chance to show initiative, and will have a chance to work on projects which ordinarily would not be discussed in a regular class.

## Crillosophical Cogitations

It is midnight, and the night is so quiet that I can hear the sounds peculiar to it, rather than the noisy, cacophonous symphony of the day. As I lie in my bed I can make out the sound of escaping steam at the refinery, a car going by on the highway, the distant popping of a pumping engine, the lonely barking of a dog, the sound of the crows stirring in the trees in the cemetery, the sound of a radio in the next block. I was awakened by thirst caused by dried peaches eaten two hours before, but instead of slaking my thirst, I lie here picking out the sounds that come with such clarity to my consciousness, thinking of the import of these sounds—what they mean to me and to other people. The thought came to me that they were the sounds of yesterday, today, and tomorrow; they are the sounds of humanity marching out of the dim squalor, to the glorious future of mightier technological monuments, and greater, more glorious governments. It occurred to me that the troubled times were but the travail of the birth of a world community. We have in the past had the birth of the age of inquiry, the birth of nations, and the dawns of civilizations. Now we shall have the birth of a new era—a time when men shall beat their swords into ploughshares and their poison gases into insecticides. We shall have a world in which the argosies of trade will supplant the expeditionary forces of nation against nation. The oceans will be peopled by the merchantmen of every nation. Trade will begin again feverishly and then will swell in volume as every nation concedes the right to trade freely to every other nation. For the thought came to me that just as the divine right of kings has vanished into the social horizon behind us, so will the divine right of nations pass away.

## Refugee Passes Placement Test With Flying Colors

State College, Pa.—(ACP)—A girl refugee student who was unable to speak a word of English when she arrived in the United States in 1939 has passed her English placement test at Pennsylvania State college with an almost perfect score.

Ruth Littmann compiled a score that was exceeded by only 1 per cent of all those tested. As a result, she is exempt from taking the usual elementary course in English composition and may take a more advanced course, according to Theodore J. Gates, head of the department of English composition.

## Deadline On Applications In Four Days

### Publications Posts Filled April 1; Student Council Posts Filled April 15

Only four more days are remaining until the publications posts of McPherson college will be filled by Student Council elections. President and treasurer positions of Student Council are to be filled at a later date, April 15.

Reports made by Lena Belle Olwin, secretary of Student Council, indicate that there have been no applications to come in for positions of publications at the time this article is being written. Because of the present set-up there will be no change in the editorial staff of the Spectator until the mid-term of the next school year; however, applications will be received for the Spectator business manager and Quadrangle editor and business manager. All applications for these positions must be in by April 1. The elections of these officers are to be conducted by the Student Council.

The president and treasurer positions of the Student Council will be determined by a general election to be held April 15. A candidate for one of these positions must submit not later than April 5 a petition to the Student Council signed by not less than fifty people. Since the time is drawing near, supporters of any candidate are urged to lose no time possible in submitting their petitions. This election is a highlight in the school year and occasions a great amount of interest among the students. Coming elections to be announced at a later date are class representatives to the student council, representatives of extra-curricular activities, and cheer leaders.

## SCM Guest Speaker

### Katherine Parker Interviewed Students Concerning Vocations

Travelling secretary for the Student Volunteer Movement, Miss Katherine Parker, was secured to speak twice on this campus yesterday.

Born in India, Miss Parker is a graduate of Park college, '40. She has done extensive speaking in churches and before students, of missionary subjects. She is a candidate for appointment to overseas service under the Presbyterian Board of Foreign Missions.

A special meeting of the S. C. M. was held Thursday morning at 9:40, at which time Miss Parker's primary concern was to increase awareness of the world-wide scope of the Christian Church and of the vocational opportunities provided in its overseas service.

## Heard In Chapel

### All-School Sing In Friday Chapel

Chapel program Friday consisted of an "All School Sing" led by Professor Fisher. The student body sang many numbers.

The program was composed of "O Sacred Truth", "Sweet Hour of Prayer", "In the Evening", "Clementine", "Polly-Wolly-Doodle", "Stars of the Summer Night", and "Sweetly Sings the Donkey" as a round and also as special number from the faculty.

## Boitnott Speaks On Love

"Love for yourself is necessary before proper love for your neighbor can be shown," said Dr. Boitnott in chapel Monday morning. "We do not love ourselves as we should, but show too much love for others."

Dr. Boitnott quoted several tips to success in order that we may know how to show the greatest amount of love for ourselves. The successful student has a purpose in life, he can make successful social adjustments, he can make wise decisions on his own initiative, and he has a sense of sensitivity which is essential for creative development.

Do we love ourselves well enough to adjust ourselves to society in order that we may show a greater love for others?

## Nauman Speaks In Wednesday Chapel

"American institutions are the means of propagating the American Way" according to Dr. Walter Nauman, professor of languages, who spoke in chapel Wednesday morning.

The American people talk about their higher incomes, their greater number of automobiles and their greater life span in comparison with those of other countries but "these are the natural consequences of things more substantial."

The two institutions which have contributed much to the American Way are the church and the liberal arts colleges. The church has contributed much because of its demoralization which allows men and women to have different viewpoints in which they have faith and conviction. The intermingling of various church groups helps Americans to have respect for one another and increases the possibility of democracy. "Uniformity leads to dictatorship, but the mingling of faiths makes for democracy." It is the duty and privilege of the American to practice these habits of freedom.

The W. A. A. formal annual banquet will take place this year at one of the downtown hotels, April 25. Plans are progressing.

## Men's, Women's Debate Teams Win First In Tri-State Meet

### Take High Honors As Peterson Rout's Foes In Extemp.

McPherson college, the dark horse in the Pi Kappa Delta debate tournament at Bethel college, raced down the home stretch last Saturday morning and in a sudden spurt of glory routed to Macampus victorious.

Macollegian debaters were the only participants who were not representing a Pi Kappa Delta chapter, but, much to the despair of their worthy opponents, were successful in winning five medals which represented three first rankings.

The loquacious Ernest Peterson ranked first in a field of more than twenty entries in the extempore speaking contest. The extemp speakers represented college chapters in Nebraska, Colorado, and Kansas, the states which make up the "Province of the Plains" of the Pi Kappa Delta organization.

Two of the first place medals went to Kathleen Brubaker and Maxine Ruehien, the "undersold" woman B

## Agriculture Club Organizes On Campus

Organized by Prof. R. E. Mohler, adviser, the McPherson college Agricultural Club was inaugurated last week with a charter membership of twelve students.

Officers elected were S. G. Hoover, president, Galen Bengston, secretary-treasurer, and Johnny Trostle as vice-president. Jim Burger will be the club reporter.

An extensive program is being planned by the club and the members are cooperating to make this venture a success.

## Thespians To Give Ibsen's "Doll House"

### New Cast Appears In Play May 9

The Thespian Club's second major play of the year is now in production, and the finished product will be presented to the public on April 9. The play is Ibsen's well known classic drama, "The Doll's House".

There has been a change in the cast since first announced. Because of Quadrangle duties, Virginia Kerlin and Raymond Siffer have been forced to give up their parts. These two vacancies have been filled by Donna Jean Johnson and Forrest Stern. Other members of the cast are Margaret Davis, Roy McAuley, and James Crill.

"The Doll's House" is one of the most difficult plays that the Thespian Club has ever undertaken to produce and it is worthy of the cast's best efforts.

## Chem Club Takes Annual Hatch-Trip

Featured by the Chemistry club, an all day trip to Hutchinson will be taken by the Chemistry classes today. Open to all chemistry students, this trip, an annual event for the past fifteen years, will include brief tours through several companies and plants in Hutchinson.

Especially outstanding is the tour through the Carey salt plant and a trip to the salt mines in Hutchinson. Guides will be furnished, and the students will be allowed to go down the mine shaft into the mine proper.

For those who are interested more in their stomach than their education, the Ralston Baking company or the candy plant may be a place of interest. For those who enjoy a bit of Coco-Cola occasionally, there is the Morton salt plant, the Kelly flour mills, a straw and paper board plant, and the reformatory.

This trip is open to anyone who has even taken chemistry, and with the dean's permission, other students may go by seeing Doctor Hershey.

## "Dear Brutus" Cast Announced Yesterday By Committee

### Detrick To Direct Play Sporting Accomplished Cast

## TUNE IN ON OUR SOCIAL CALENDAR

Friday	Chemistry Class Tour
Friday	Easter Parade 8:00
Saturday	"M" Club Banquet 7:00

## Local Tilt For Peace Speakers Held Sunday

### Winning Orator To Give Speech At State Tourney

On Sunday, March 30, various members of the Macampus student body will compete in the seventeenth annual Peace Oratorical Contest. Since 1924, this contest has been an annual event. The prizes for places in the contest consist of \$7.50, \$5.00, \$2.50, for first, second, and third, respectively.

The winner of the local contest will represent McPherson college at the State Contest to be held at Winfield on April 18.

According to the roster, the entries will be Betty Jean Sellers, Harry Reeves, Wayne Crist, Wayne Paris, Barbara Holdreid, James Burger, and Wayne Geisert.

## Formal Party Given For Underclassmen

The Freshman Sophomore Formal Party is history now, but those of the underclassmen who attended it will have the memory of an enjoyable evening. A few girls even acquired new frocks especially designed for them. They should be attractive for they were designed by those relentless judges of women's clothes, the men. (For further information see anyone who was at the party.)

The evening was begun when refreshments were served. Despite the fact that no nickles were collected for refreshments they were quite delicious.

After the men had proved their skill at designing dresses, Roy McAuley introduced those of the program. Eleanor Moyer played a piano solo. A trumpet solo was given by George Voth. James Mason added a bit of humor and laughter to the party with his rendition of a humorous reading. Lucy Hough sang a lovely solo after which Arline Sedell played a piano. Wayne Geisert told a few "tales out of school" on various underclassmen, and now everyone is convinced that Geisert's poetry should be reciting poetry to the lovers. Winding up the evening's entertainment, Eugene Lichty led the group in the singing of familiar old songs. Everyone who attended the party declared it a success and there have been many requests for "more of the same."

## Manufacturer Wills Money to Wholly Masculine Institution

Hanover, N. H.—(ACP)—A man who never went to Dartmouth has given the college \$500,000 because he believed it a "wholly masculine institution." Email Brommer, Brooklyn, N. Y., manufacturer, specified in his will that the funds may not be used for the "so-called dead languages" or for the maintenance of competitive athletics.

Following Wednesday tryouts, the cast was selected for "Dear Brutus", the senior class play, by a committee of faculty members and a downtown dramatics teacher.

John Detrick, Thespian Club president, has been chosen to direct the play. The cast of characters includes James Crill in the part of Loh, a queer gnome-like man; Elizabeth Ann Mohler as Mrs. Dearth, a woman most beautiful when sulen and hence beautiful all the time; Dale Stucky as Mr. Dearth, an artist who has wasted his life; Mildred Miller as Mrs. Purdy, a soft, quiet woman who has no earthly reason for trusting her husband; Kirk Naylor as Mr. Pardie, a man who always chooses the wrong thing; Sara Jane Olwin as Margaret, a dream child of Mr. Dearth; Donna Jean Johnson as Joanna, a woman out for other women's husbands; Geneva Schleuber as Mrs. Coade, who is concerned because her husband doesn't pay enough attention to the memory of his first wife; Don Newkirk as Mr. Coade, a gentleman who wouldn't change things if he could; and Keith Pierce as Mately, the dishonest butler.

Each character is individual; the parts are very evenly divided, and provide ample material to display acting ability.

"Dear Brutus" is a play written by James M. Barrie. It is based upon the famous lines by Shakespeare:

The fault, dear Brutus, lies not in our stars, But in ourselves, that we are underlings.

In this play each of the characters is given a chance to live his life over. As in most of J. M. Barrie's plays, the atmosphere is one of fantasy and mystery.

May 9 has been set as the day for the final production of the play. Rehearsals will get under way about April 2.

John Detrick, the director, has had much experience in acting during his college days, and has been active on the campus in dramatics. He is the President of the Thespian Club, and a member of the Alpha Psi Omega cast.

Those who selected the cast of the play were Miss Della Lehman, Mrs. A. M. Harvey, and Dr. Desmond Bittinger.

## FOR Conference Ends With Banquet

### Over One Hundred People Attend Meeting

The State F. O. R. Conference ended Saturday night with a banquet at which Dr. D. W. Bittinger addressed the group on "Preparedness Through Christ". At least a hundred people attended the conference which was held here.

Outstanding speakers were Don and Barbara Smucker of Chicago, Illinois, Dr. F. Q. Davidson, Wichita, Kansas, Dr. D. W. Bittinger and Professor Maurice A. Hess. Robert Hunt represented the Institute of International Relations which will be held in Wichita next June.

At the Saturday morning meeting a state organization was set up. This will greatly aid the work of the F. O. R.

## Bronk Buster Turns Aviator

Vermillion, S. D.—(ACP)—From bronco rider to airplane pilot in easy lessons—that's the story of Jim Owens, and he says they're easy. Owens, who never had piloted anything but a bucking horse, finished second highest in a University of South Dakota flying course. Flying beats bronco riding, he says.

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## The Spectator Sees---

### Guest Talent

This week, space in the editorial column is given to Donald Newkirk, prominent McPherson College senior, who recently attended a meeting of the National Policy Committee at Des Moines, Iowa. Newkirk, who was invited by the National Policy Committee to attend its convention with all his expenses paid, attended many instructive study groups.

Therefore, the Spectator has devoted its editorial column to Newkirk so that McPherson College students can profit by his experience.—the Editor.

### Assuming Responsibility

Viewing the lengthy conflict in Asia which shows no signs of cessation, and the shorter but more costly conflict in Europe with a likewise indefinite termination, as signs of world evolution, American citizens are crying frantically, "What shall we do to avoid revolutionary aspects of this world-wide change?"

That more friendly understanding of, and closer relation with the twenty republics of Latin America is essential if this hemisphere is to avoid the violence of the evolution is the consensus of opinion among historians, economists, political scientists, and sociologists.

Educational groups over the entire nation are awakening to this realization and are doing their best to make reciprocal an understanding which has for a century been one-sided.

The Pan American Union has set up a bureau of cultural relations. The U. S. Government has various agencies at work on the problem. 4-H clubs are learning Latin songs and dances as a step toward a better understanding of these neighboring peoples.

We—a college community—should likewise take our share of responsibility in this movement. This is especially true since the fundamental philosophy of McPherson college is stated in terms of "love and understanding" rather than in terms of "force and hate."

But what is the "School of Quality" doing as its share in this direction? There is listed in the college catalog a three hour course in Latin American history which is offered every fourth semester. That is all the effort that McPherson College—a liberal arts college with a professed Christian interest—is giving to so worth while a movement.

Vice-President Wallace not long ago delivered a speech to the Latin American students now attending the University of North Carolina. He did them the honor of delivering his speech in nearly perfect Spanish. These students were very expressive of their appreciation. Relations between our countries were actually strengthened by this act. But the Vice-President can not do the entire job.

This, then, should be an indication to McPherson College of the validity of offering Spanish language courses as well as academic instruction in the sociology, history, economics, art and music of the Latin Americas.

In the extra-curricular field the International Relations Club has a vital responsibility. The S. C. M. might likewise take on some measure of practicability in this direction. Active support of these organizations by the college administration would be of definite value and quite in accord with the stated purposes of the college.

Universities are facing up to their responsibility in giving technical training to American students who wish to work in the industrial development of Latin America. They are also giving scholarships to Latin-American students who wish to study in this country. A vast exchange of professorships has taken place during the past few years.

The responsibility of liberal arts colleges lies in a valid development of cultural understanding—not to be misconstrued to mean cultural fusion—among the common people.

To meet this responsibility squarely and unflinchingly will add greatly to a speedy alleviation of the hemispheric problems growing out of this difficult "World Crisis."

## Henry Speaks For I.R.C.

By Thomas Doppner

### Local News

There will be no International Relations Club meeting today because of the numerous other activities going on at the same time.

### The World At Large

The Yugoslav government crisis is nearing a climax as Regent Prince Paul and Premier Cvetkovich struggled to replace the three cabinet Ministers who had resigned. Axis quarters claim that an accord would be signed soon in Vienna, but other circles predict a possible breakdown of the whole government.

Russia is stepping back into the center of international interest again. German troop concentrations in the Balkans became too vital for Russia's interest in the Dardanelles. Although the newspaper headlines "Russia pledges aid to Turkey" are nothing but a great exaggeration, Russia's promise of "full and comprehensive neutrality", whatever that means, came as a great handicap to Germany. At the same time, Russia ceased sending oil and gasoline to Hitler, which does not seem to be appreciated in Berlin too much either.

## Kampus Kapers—

By Isabel "Crutchie" Crumpacker

During the party last Saturday night, a group was congratulating Kathleen Brubaker on her success in the recent debate. Several girls overheard the congratulations, but they did not know what was the occasion for it. As Kathy was sitting near Wilbur Livville as usual and the remarks seemed addressed to both of them, the girls naturally supposed the congratulations were for the twin.

Speaking of engagements, Eleanor Macklin seems to be doing all right, as she sports the prettiest little sparkler that you ever laid your eyes on. The lucky guy? Why Roger Fasnacht, a former student. The announcement was made at Eleanor's home last Sunday.

Inez Fike's birthday was last Tuesday and because of this great event, Ernest Peterson was run through the belt line in front of the dorm. It seemed that the whole Macampus turned out one hundred per cent to give Ernie the flogging which was coming to him.

If Mary Jo Holzeimer and Mildred Fries have their way about it, they plan to start a new fad on the campus. They have been seen wearing red necklaces made from shell macaroni and painted with nail polish.

It is a fact that—if you want Limburger cheese to put in someone's room, Clifford Schapansky is the fellow to obtain it from. The many absences are accounted for by the

fact that the chemistry club members left for Hutchinson this morning. Gladys Wiggins received a luscious cake from home recently and the girls had a feed in her room, during which time the last crumb of cake was licked from the platter. Virginia Kerlin, ye Quadrangle editor, is volunteering her services at the Jarold shop down town during the pre- Easter rush—drop in some time. Doris Doane has been sunning herself in California for a week; ostensibly she is there to try to obtain her last summer's position for this year; however it's a good excuse for a swell vacation.

Merlin Frantz, Don Davidson, and Ronald Orr visited the latter's home in Nebraska recently. Each was accompanied by his co-ed and during the stay, horseback riding seemed to be the main attraction. After their return home, Don simply reclined in bed and violently declared that he could not possibly get out that Monday morning. Miss Neher was very much afraid for awhile that she would have to serve him breakfast in bed.

Professor Mohler walked by the boys' dorm just in time to spy Russel Elsenhise tossing big bricks up to catchers on the balcony of Fahnstock, and to see Clancy Bunyan throwing a slab of butter into "Prexy" Klotz's room. What must have gone on in the Prof's mind?

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# All-School Track Event April 9

## Class Captains Are Selected To Head Team-Participants

Coach Hayden announced plans this week for a large intramural track meet which is to be held on the college athletic field April 9, the day before Easter vacation is scheduled to begin. The contests will be conducted in official style, with judges, time-keepers, and score-keepers in charge.

It will be an inter-class meet with the four teams representing freshmen, sophomore, junior, and senior classes. Competition will be open to any student of the college, and the points will be given to the class to which he belongs. The teams will be organized by track squadmen from each class.

Captain of the seniors will be Rollin Wannamaker, veteran track man and record-holder at Macollege. Juniors will be organized by Jack Yetter, another letterman. At the head of the Sophomore squad will be Arlos Tarn, while Richard Mohler will captain the Freshmen.

Participation by all is urged by Coach Hayden, whether or not the entrant plans to stay out for the season or not, although Hayden will have the opportunity to test the ability of his present squad and will also have the chance to see prospects in action. Lettermen from previous years will be eligible.

Among the events which will be held will be the mile relay, 100 yd., 220 yd., 440 yd., and 880 yd. dashes. One mile and two mile runs will also be conducted. Broad jump, high jump, and pole vault will also be featured, as well as the hurdles. The shot, discus, and the javelin will probably round off the program.

Rules such as the number of events in which each man is to participate will be announced later, and schedules for the events will be drawn up. Everyone who plans to enter is to see his class captain in order that the teams will be organized.

# Women's Council Sponsors Fashions

## Easter Parade To Be Friday Evening Feature

Sponsored by the Women's Council of the college, an "Easter Parade" will be given next Friday evening, April 4, in the college chapel. This will be an elaborate style review of the costumes worn throughout the history of our nation from the landing of the Pilgrims on Plymouth Rock to the present modern age of Easter finery. It will be interesting to the historian as well as the close follower of modern fashions.

Five periods of history will be represented in this "Easter Parade." Two girls from the Council will plan the costuming and program for each particular period. The Puritan Period will be planned by Helen Davis and Flora May Brooks. The Revolutionary Period, with its powdered

wigs and bustles will be planned by Sara Jane Olwin and Leta Becker. Elizabeth Ann Mohler and Gladys Williams have charge of the period of the Gay Nineties. Sport skirts will represent the Post War Period, planned by Geraldine Spohn and Rowena Wampler. Mildred Miller and Ramona Fries will plan the Modern Period. This period will include fashions for the men as well as for the ladies.

Throughout the program for the evening, music, popular during each period will be played.

During an intermission, refreshments will be sold in the audience by costumed members in the "Easter Parade." Edith Spengler has charge of the publicity and refreshments.

A slight admittance charge will be made at the door.

Come and see what the well dressed person has worn and will wear!

## EAVESAY OPPERDRAY

For lack of better subject this week I chose to dwell upon—Guess what? I'll give you a hint, it's something we all have, or as is the case of coach Curly Hayden and Cue Ball Forney, have had. You guessed it—hair! Hair, the characteristic outgrowth of the eidermis forming the coat of mammals.

When I first considered this topic it was distasteful to me as it probably is to you. In fact it was just plain dry. Plain dry! That's the case; nobody likes plain dry hair. All it needed was a little dash of the old oil and a wrimp in it. These I shall attempt to administer.

Little do we appreciate the value of hair, yet, we even bemoan its very existence when its care demands an output of cash or labor. How unjust! How unfair! Did you ever stop to think that if it were not for hair, its cultivation and education, our whole economic and political set-up would collapse; countless thousands of barbers, hair dressers, and beauty operators would be automatically thrown among the ranks of the unemployed, and their wives and children would die of starvation. Just imagine Satchel's Luck Hair Tiger Tonic Incorporated being forced into bankruptcy and all the soap having to find a cheap substitute for bay rum. All the olive oil growers would go broke because they wouldn't have a market for their product and when they stopped shipping olive oil the steamship lines would go on the rocks. If men didn't have hair they wouldn't put hair oil on their heads and it wouldn't run down their necks and get their shirt collars dirty and the laundries would suffer! Hence the soap manufacturers would have to lay off men. Naturally, when all these thousands of men were laid off they wouldn't have any source of revenue so they would be unable to buy food. If they couldn't buy food the Iowa farmers couldn't give any money to McPherson college and then we couldn't go to school here!

How would you like to hear people going around singing "I love dear Jeanie with her light brown skull," or "When your scalp has turned to silver!" Just imagine Ralph Nicholson saying to Lucille Wade, "Honey, you have the smoothest shinkest scalp!"

The gentler sex would probably be decorating their bare scalps with

## Sportin' News For "Guys 'n Gals"

This week the two sport columns "To Whom It May Concern" and "W-A-A-hoo Athletics Play" have been combined.

Sportball season is on its way and girls of Macampus are well aware of the fact! After being put through a work-out in pitching and catching this week, girls could account for many a stiff joint and sore muscle. But this is all a part of the game and the "gals" love it.

And speaking of baseball, there's usually a gang of baseball enthusiasts adorning Fahnstock lawn at noon attempting to "burn out" the other "guys" with their wicked pitching.

The annual city basketball tournament begins this week. As usual many college boys are participating. Two teams, Fahnstock and Elyria, are composed almost entirely of college boys. The Elyria team is the

same team that won the second half of the intramural league a week ago. They loom as one of the favorites to win the tournament. Many of the other college boys are also playing on downtown teams. The officials for the tournament will be Jake Cramer, and "Doc" Hoover.

Alta Gross, Lola Lawson, Ruby Voshell, Doris Voshell, accompanied by Miss Warner and Coach Hayden will journey to Topeka to attend the State Health and Physical Education Association at Topeka High school. They will attend various discussion groups on Friday and Saturday.

Invitations are being sent out this week to 125 "M" Club members for their annual banquet, it was disclosed by Glen Funk, "M" Club president. The "M" Club has secured Hobbs Adams as guest speaker this year.

den, journeyed to Topeka today to attend the State Health and Physical Education Association at Topeka High School. This is an annual affair and discussions pertaining to physical education will be held until Saturday noon.

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—Clarence E. Day

John Fante, born in Denver, Colorado, in 1910, spent his early life in Boulder, was educated in the Jesuit high school in Denver and at Colorado University. His father, a native Italian, came to America from Abruzzi, Italy; his mother was a Denver girl. Into his book, DAGO RED, John

Fante has written the joys and sorrows of the typical American Italian family. A way of life is set down in feeling behind it.

Tom Sawyer is re-incarnated to some degree in the character of Jimmy Toscano, who tells the story, and transplanted to the crowded metropolis from his beloved Mississippi River region.

Hisa papa—hisa maka funny talka lika italiano. Thesa kinda maka funa da papa and hesa getta so mad. But hesa not meaha it—hesa laugha whena da kidsa runna.

The tenor of the narrative changes to a more mature note when Jimmy, at 21 years of age describes the family scene upon his return from college.

Readers who have had experience with Italians; those who have lived and worked among them, will truly enjoy the adventures of Jimmy Toscano. Those who do not know the Italian mind and feelings will certainly gain a better insight upon reading John Fante's book DAGO RED. formally, but shows clearly the depth

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## Santa Fe Trail Scene of Bloody Battle as Factions Fight Begin Open Season on Boosters As Palm Crossing Boys Triumph

Tortilla Fries, that cussin' cabalero from south of the cactus groves, and his aide-de-camp, Gibraltar Rock, led their intrepid allies from their ranch at Palm Crossing in a fracas on the Santa Fe Trail last month against the Macactus boosters, of "For Seniors Only" fame.

This scuffle was shelved to our readers by the Pony Express only twenty-four days after it happened.

Tortillas' right-hand man, Gibraltar Rock, organized the Palm Crossing boys into a solid fighting unit while Tortilla remained to the nearest shade-tree, only two hundred miles away, and perused the latest edition of Esquire.

The booster boys, captained by Wisly Washburn, who was right-handed by Liniment Sloan, gave an excellent account of themselves. Out-numbering the Palm Crossing boys by a two-to-one count, the boosters practically won, but they failed to take into account the fact that the Palm Crossing boys always win.

Casualties were numerous, each side having made serious inroads into the ranks of the other. Glass-Jaw Culver suffered a dislocated skull, he made the serious mistake of walking into the pile-driver right of Gargantua Jim Mason. Illiterate Helms assassinated Gentleman Joe Dell by talking him to death. One of the sidelights of the fight was the accident which befell Straying Doc Hoover. Straying Doc, who left the fight for a rest, came upon a huge mountain lion. Straying Doc, though noted for his bravery, was somewhat taken aback, particularly inasmuch as he was unarmed. However, he was always one to make the best of a difficult situation. So he kicked the lion in the mouth, seriously injuring both his foot and the lion's mouth. What invention won't necessity be the mother of next?

Anyhow, it was a good fight while it lasted, and the number of good fights is small. The winners, the Palm Crossing boys, are looking for new fields to conquer.

## Corralosophical Whitlin's

'Tis midnight, and the night is so still I can hear Maverick Bunyan snoring all the way from Macactus clear over here to Shotwell's Sody Fountain, where I had wandered to slake my thirst. As I sit there sipping my 140 proof I have to think that we folks—even though we are just folks—have a beautiful land. Over to the east there is the mud-cat fishing hole where they ain't any better fish in the hull county. Over to the west is the best range in the whole United States. And it shore makes me mad. Skunks like that Two-gun Dutch Goering and his low-down side-kick High-pockets Wana-maker are running sheep there. Such low-down mangy coyotes as them birds ought to be ground-hung. Then I remembered a word that Prechin' Funk said down at the meeting-house the other day: "When a man sees the light, and comes to the altar, he is like a flock of sheep" or something like that. I don't just recollect his exact words, but they was shore powerful. Say you ought to hear Prechin' Funk preach. When he gets warmed up he shore makes it hot for the old Nick. He gets so excited he can make Mayor Albright at a Fourth of July celebration sound as squeaky and wheezy as Nasal Pierce. Everybody knows that Pierce sounds like an alkali-blinded doggie. Yesir, it shore is powerful funny about that kid. Ever since he was a little bit of a shaver, he has sung in that high-pitched nasal voice of his. Or when it doesn't sound like that it sounds like somebody sharpening



## Last Week's Fun

### Monday

A musical program sponsored by the Softball Club of the cactus clumps was the main feature in town last Monday and was well received by the snoring Macactus population. The program, noted for its monotony, consisted of vocal and instrumental music.

The citizens were fortunate in having the Evangelical song leader, "Nightingale" Achilles, lead them in several group songs.

Two numbers, "The Old Spinning Wheel" and "Roll Out the Barrel" were shouted by the Barber Shop Quartette, consisting of "Lanky" Eberly, first base; "Letter" Squeak Meyer, second base; Sammy Geronimo Clark, third base; and "Red" Hammersley, home plate.

A trio consisting of Macactus bankers playing a saw, a Jew's Harp, and an old inner tube, played the lively number, "Largo."

### Tuesday

"Nails" Taylor opened women's rights program Tuesday evening by leading the group in a song, "Blest Be the Tie That Binds."

Louise "Lazonga" Sanger, superintendent of Reno, Nevada, schools, spoke about the art of Man Defense. Some excerpts from her speech run as follows:

"Remember, girls if you give men encouragement, they are underfoot like a rubber heel, they stick around like a corn plaster. Keep them away entirely. It is no better to have them at your feet, prodding your corns, than to have them on your shoulders inspecting your dandruff."

She closed her inspiring talk by asking for volunteers to assist her in carrying on her program of Man Defense. Every girl in the crowd, except "Pert" Neher, "Better" Warner, "Electric" Shockley, and Hula Hoover promptly volunteered their services.

### Wednesday

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### Sunday

We had church in charge of preachin' Funk assisted by Nightingale Achilles.

## "Bull" Dobrinski Goes Under Knife

"Bull" Dobrinski, the village blacksmith, whose tonsils otstapped a stray bullet as he was forging checks under the old chestnut tree, was in a critical condition this morning. "Sawbones" Jim Burger Macactus hos doctor, predicts that amputation may be necessary to save his worthless life.

Prepare for the Panic of 1937. Money ain't growin' on bushes.

Why not elect Andrew Jackson for a third term? Roosevelt is going to do it in 1940.

Sell short if necessary, but get out of the stock market. There is a crash looming up for 1929!

Theodore Roosevelt will be born in nineteen years.

## Dry Gulch Stucky Rides Again Highway Patrol Urges Caution

## Citywide Headache After Hoedown

Prominent Citizens Will Remember With Throbs

The Macactus annual spring hoedown left the city in a state of chaos and dilemma as the din and clamor of the punch drunk celebrators died down to an occasional eye-wink this A. M. The citizenry awoke with throbbing heads after partaking heavily of the punch, which was doctored by Lichty and Singing Shirley Spohn, the yodelin yokels. This was decidedly out of harmony with the rules of the party and was severely frowned upon by Gallopin Gladys Wiggins, of the Woman's Temperance, Tolerantion, and Tetotalers Union.

The host and hostess at the brawl were Mayor Lyle Albright and Glamor Glances Wampler, the owners of the Silver Slipper Sody Fountain. Arizona Arlene Nicholson, who acted as the hat and gun check gal, had a little difficulty with Lone Ranger Lowber, who declared that he didn't feel safe without his shootin' irons as long as Montana Miller was out of jail.

The main attractions of the evening were the folk games led by Lighthouse Lillian Warner and Tenderfoot Helms, her illiterate dude boyfriend from the east.

All seemed to be going smoothly until Bull Bellow Bill Harvey caught S. G. "Shotgun" Hoover dealing from the bottom of the deck in a poker game in the back room. Dealing from the bottom of the deck, as you probably know, is a capital offense at Macactus; however the sheriff did not hold Hoover since he was playing with Diamond Dick Burger and Aces Arios Tarn, the gamblin men of the town, and he declared that he had to play their kind of chess to keep from losin his shirt.

## Horse Races Held For Hustlers

Hardy Hoodlums Turn Out In Hullions

A large crowd of Hoss Lovers turned out for the annual Dry Gulch horse races, Sunday afternoon in Mochin' MacCauley's pasture. The feature race of the afternoon was the Dry Gulch handicap, with a purse of \$3.53 going to the winner.

Seven of the fastest nags in Macactus county were entered in the race. The favorite was "Conast Long" owned by Lily-White Berg and ridden by one of America's foremost jockeys, Tiny Franklin. However, an outsider, Flying Red Horse, owned by Butter Crist, and ridden by Busy Siffer, Iowa's gift to the hosses and Olga, nosed out Trojan Horse, owned by Bashful Brenneman. Trojan Horse was ridden by Blubber Jones, America's leading jockey of 1834.

A gun brawl between Balmly Bronlewewe and Sammy Geronimo Clark over a fifteen-cent bet was arbitrated by Pampas Pete Peterson, local loan shark, who would slit his own throat for a share in his will.

"Them youngsters" is a goin to the dogs," said Crafty Colline, local magazine saleslady, on hearing that escalators are going to be invented in ninety-four years. "When we wuz young," she continued, "we thought nuthin' of walkin' up stairs."

Did you hear the one about the travelling salesman? (censored by staff).

It isn't the cough that carries you off, it's the coffin they carry you off in.

And what is so rare as a day in June?

## Notorious Horse-Thief Rescued From Cottonwood By Mates

### Vital Statistics

### Births

A male calf, born to Anabelle, the Bovine pride and joy of "Lili" Fulkerson and family.

A litter of white mice, born to "Theodosa" Throckmorton, the prodigy of "Cactus" Crill. You'd about given up hope, hadn't you. ("Cactus.")

### Divorce

"Chicken-legs" Denny applied for a divorce from "Bustle" Eisenbise on the grounds of non-support and negligence. It is probable that an allegation of affections suit will follow with "Annie Oakley" Vanorsdel named as defendant.

### Deaths

Terry Nickey, the animated rug, died of flea-bite, mange, and antiquity today. He is survived by "Rosy" Nickey, Mama Nickey, "Keg" Kagatrice, and the other Nickeyites.

## Theatre Gives Laboratory Love

Microbe And Test-Tube Qualified for Performance

Hurry! Hurry! Hurry! Get your tickets while they last. The line forms on the right. "Egress only by ticket," is the newly adopted slogan of the little theatre across from the bank at Dimes Square. David O. Selznick presents for your entertainment this week those stars of stage and screen, Microbe John Mason and Test-tube Lois Kreitzer in Kruger's and Switzer's latest hit, "Laboratory Love," or "We Wuz Tempted."

Electric Shockley, publicity manager, urges all citizens of Macactus to attend this function as it will give them a wide variety of social-experience. Macactus stage-goers are urged to shave off their sage-brush and come to town for this feature of the week. As suggested by the publicity manager, a good time will be had by all, for the simple reason that past performances of these rance lovers promise much in the way of interest. As a matter of fact, akits have been given in Macactus during the past few weeks. You don't want to miss this!

There will be an experienced barber in town on Wednesday and Friday of next week. Everyone should get behind the Chamber of Commerce now that we can see what they do. MACACTUS IS GROWING.

## To Preserve School Law

While the crowd was still hanging around after the lynching of Lone Ranger Lowber yesterday afternoon, our school board president, Goliath Davis, took advantage of his opportunity to make an announcement which should put fear into the hearts of next year's crop of ornery whip-persnappers who plan to go to school in the little red schoolhouse just between Ruelhen Ridge and Gross Gulch. Davis announced that he and the other members of the board—namely, Terror Tarn, Dead-eye Dietrich, Gene Atry Bullinger, and Russel (Bustle) Eisenbise—have finally corralled Sagebrush Saddle Morrison and expect to lasso and hog-tie

\$5,000 Reward for capture dead or alive. (Preferably dead).

A large band of Dry Gulch Stucky's hombres, commonly known as the Calamity Clique, rescued their leader from a necktie party in the nick of time Monday afternoon. Dry Gulch Stucky, alias Disaster Dale, was caught flat-footed while committin' hoss thievery on a broken down nag belonging to Rattlesnake Robert, the bartender of the Silver Slipper Drug Store. Nance said he didn't mind losin' the nag so much as the forty dollar saddle it was wearing.

Dry Gulch Stucky's gang was led by Cactus Crill and Forney the Kid, (not of Frankie and Johnnie fame). They ambushed the committee of Vigilantes, rescued Stucky, stole the rope, and robbed the Vigilantes, among whom were Prechin' Funk, the village missionary who had gone along to administer the supreme unction, and Cheyenne Schubert, from the hills behind the Eight-Ball ranch, and stole their horses.

It is rumored that Stucky is hiding out in Buffalo Gal Florie's room above the saloon, or at the Bar Foot ranch of his brother, Dogie Dean.

The sheriff, Bull-Bellow Bill Harvey, the fellow who was made to fit the hoss, warns that any honest, God fearing cattleman who happens to run across Stucky had better start drawin' and slingin' lead because the no-good coyote would sooner shoot a man than look at him, as was vividly exemplified on our last U. S. Marshall, Pampas Pete, alias Ernest Peterson, God rest his soul.

Dry Gulch Stucky and his gang are also wanted for robbing the stage coach, putting cockle burrs under saddles, causing brazen glances at the village belles, and bathing in, and thereby contaminating the hoss tank at the village hitching post.

## Queen Victoria Changes Literature

Sidney Carton Expected To Make Way For Doc Savage

Stop the presses! Call off the pony express! A most momentous thing has happened to the world. Queen Victoria took the throne of England, thereby changing for all time the literature of the world. Such literary experts as Dime Novel Slug Myers, Words Wallace Lindberg, and others have collaborated on this statement to the Macactus Gazette: Queen Victoria will change readin like nothin you ever saw. We never seen nothin' like this before."

Eat wheat now! They're going to plow it under in the twentieth century.