

### Dear Santa

We know that you're going to be awfully busy this year with people who don't have as much as we have—with folks who don't even have enough to eat and wear, or a place to sleep—and we haven't been as good as we might have been, for we haven't always done our very best. We've been unkind to folks who needed our help; we've been impatient when we needn't have been; we've said things about other people that we shouldn't have said; we've not tried with all our might all of the time; we don't appreciate what people do for us. But, please, Santa, we want to get something this Christmas that will last all year and that will make other people just as happy as it makes us. We think that if this Christmas Eve you'd drop in our stocking the real Christmas spirit, we'd have just the best Christmas present anyone could ask for. Just think how much good we could do with a present like that! Why, we could start all over again with more love for God and everyone, and we'd do things for them to show them that we did love them—we would understand other people's problems—we wouldn't be envious of other folks—we would always try just as hard as we could in everything we did—but we could go on mentioning things like that forever, Santa. We guess, though, that something like that isn't dropped in a stocking on Christmas Eve, for it's something to work for, but if we could have anything we want, that's what it would be, Santa.

## Holidays Begin Friday; End January 4

### Double Cuts Incurred For Absences Before And After Vacation, Says Dean

Christmas vacation begins on Friday noon, December 19, and ends on January 4, at 7:50. Thus students are given practically a full week to travel homeward for their Christmas turkeys.

Dean Bottmott announced that double cuts are incurred for absences from class the class session immediately preceding or subsequent to each vacation. Unexcused absences are penalized by the loss of honor points, 124 of which are necessary for graduation. One honor point is deducted for three unexcused absences or fraction thereof. Therefore if a student cuts immediately before or after vacation, the absence counts as two absences.

"However, if a student is able to present a valid excuse as to why he must miss his class, the Dean retains the privilege of excusing him. The student should see the Dean and acquire his excuse before the class is cut or the vacation begins. Class work missed should be made up at once.

"Our purpose in imposing the double penalty," said Dean Bottmott, "is to discourage the students from cutting class immediately before or after vacation without valid excuses. We should like to keep all students in their classes until noon on Friday, December 19, and should like to have them back, ready to go to work by 7:50 on Monday morning, January 5. If the students cooperate, we believe this to be possible."

## Meyer Tells of Week Spent With The All Star Gridders At Manhattan

By Siquak Meyer

Arriving at Kansas State College, Manhattan, on Sunday afternoon, 5:00, Jack Vetter and myself immediately became a part in the rush of activities planned for the All-Star team. Caught up in the tide of dinners, practices, and entertainments which had been scheduled, we started on a week's program which proved to be a collegiate football player's Utopia.

After the initial dinner on Sunday evening and the introduction of the personnel, Fran Welch of Emporia State and Emil Liston of Baker University were in charge of the first chit-chat. The principles of the "double wing back" formation were discussed and explained to the thirty-four star squad. Signals were given for the eighty different plays which we learned in the one week of training.

Each day's program from Monday through Friday differed in detail only. Breakfast was scheduled for 7:30, and morning practice started at 9:30. We learned plays, practiced blocking, and scrimmaged for two hours every morning. We did not practice any defensive plays during the entire week, but instead all drill

was concentrated on offensive plays. Our lunch consisted of soup and eggs, principally, for the afternoon was again given over to rigorous practice and scrimmage-play. Afternoon practice started at 2:30 and continued for two to three hours.

Most evenings were free for the fellows. We were given complimentary tickets to all shows and burlesques. Tuesday evening we were entertained by the Manhattan U. S. O. The Tri Delta Sorority acted as hostesses to the All-Star team Wednesday evening. Thursday afternoon from 5:00 to 5:30 the team and coaches gave a special broadcast over Station K. S. A. C., Manhattan. That evening we were guests at the Doane-Kansas State basketball game and were introduced to the fans during the half.

Friday we had only one practice which occurred in the morning. That was the only practice during which the defense plays used by the Army team were attacked. We used four defense formations in our game on Saturday.

While we were in Manhattan, Jack Vetter and I were interviewed by scouts for the professional Brooklyn

Dodger's team and the Philadelphia Eagle's professional football team.

Expenses were paid for us by United Service Organization, for which organization the Saturday game was a benefit. We fellows were really treated royally by the U. S. O., the American Legion, and other interested organizations.

The Wildcats of Manhattan, a group of professional men who are interested in football and which is comparable to the Quarterback Club of McPherson, presented a certificate to each of us who played on the All-Star team. These same football enthusiasts are giving each All-Star player a small gold football.

Of this thirty-four man football squad twenty-six were fellows representative of the various colleges of Kansas and eight were Kansas State football players.

Outstanding men on the All-Star team were Huff, Kansas State guard; Layden, Southwestern; Timmons, Baker guard; Garzanti, St. Benedict's end; Dargett and Hayes, Wichita University squaddies; and Goldsmith, an end from Emporia State College.

# The Spectator

## Christmas Party Tomorrow S. Claus To Be Featured; Party Begins at 7:30

### Macampusans Favor Dormitory Victuals

I lift mine eyes unto the dining hall from whence cometh my vitamins and there I find the source of much misunderstanding and controversy. It is traditional from time immemorial for college students to lament the victuals; however, from a recent survey conducted on our campus among quantity and quality of dining hall fifty students representing a fair cross section of dining hall boarders it would seem that this lament is more traditional than genuine.

Of the fifty students interviewed only seventeen had eaten in the dining hall last year and of these seventeen there were fourteen who thought that the food was better this year than last, one who thought that it was the same, and three who thought that it was not so good.

It is interesting to note that contrary to the customary dislike so loudly professed for dorm food that when interviewed individually and their true colors brought out, only four declared themselves to dislike the food while thirty admitted that they liked it and sixteen said that they thought there was room for improvement.

Upon the question of liking or disliking the Sunday evening lunches the verdict served to uphold the tradition heartily. There were 28 votes against the present order, 6 indifferent, and 10 in its favor.

Voting split more over the issue of dressing for dinner every other Wednesday night than over any other question. Although half, or 25 of the interviewed were in favor of maintaining the present set up, the other half was split between those who would rather dress for dinner once a month and those who would rather not dress for dinner.

When asked for comments these students made a variety of replies. Perhaps the comment most often made was upon the fact that oleomargarine is served in place of butter. This seems to be the cause of considerable unrest among the students, especially those who come from the farm. Several students lamented the fact that oleomargarine is served

when most of the tuition is coming from students out of country homes. By way of contrast, many of the girls wanted more salads and vegetables and fewer heavy foods, whereas most of the fellows preferred the heavy foods to the salads. This exemplifies the fact that it is impossible to please everyone's taste.

Several students, though not displeased with Sunday evening meals would like to see more variety in them. Sunday breakfasts rate the stamp of approval of many.

One fellow suggests that it would be nice if we could choose our own dinner partners for the evenings when we dressed for dinner. Also it was suggested that dinner be later on these evenings. No doubt the list of these suggestions would popularize the event considerably.

Four tons of potatoes, over 4,000 loaves of bread, and 2300 gallons of milk were consumed last year by approximately 100 students who ate in the dining hall. This fact should rate at least a blush from those of us who so loudly proclaimed that we were dying of starvation.

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### Foods Class Gives Home Ec. Tea

#### County Home Ec. Association And College Women Invited

Guests were entertained at a tea given by the Foods Class in the Student Union Room of the Oldlace. As a class project the class followed a Christmas motif in entertaining home economics women of the city and county.

Students from McPherson College, Central College, and McPherson Senior High School as well as members of the Home Economics Association of the county were guests. Also present were the mothers of the members of the Foods Class.

A radiant room decorated with a Christmas tree and pine cones and medleys formed the background of a beautifully appointed tea table. White-chrysantheums with holly and mistletoe were the centerpiece of the table. Pouring tea were Harriet Pratt, Maurine Gish, and Kathleen Brubaker. Decorating was in charge of Mildred Freels. Table decorations were prepared by Gertrude Gandy.

John Olsen, Ardis Sawyer and Bernice Guthrie were chairwomen of the refreshment committee. Eleanor Meyer had charge of the music. Heading all the committees was Arline Sidel, who also acted as general hostess.

### Band Increases Music Repertoire

#### Purchases New Music Concert Pieces And Marches

Kenneth Thompson, Macollege's band director, announced today that new music, both concert type and marches, has been purchased for the band. "Now that basketball season is here, the band will again play an important part in backing the team at the games and, in pep chapel," said Thompson.

Yesterday in pep chapel the "Clarinet Polka" was featured by Alvin Janet, Allison, Gertrude Gandy, Geraldine Hoxess and Wayne Gierbert, clarinets in the band. "We're here to support the basketball team," says Thompson "and we are going to put every effort forth to their success."

### Tune In on our Social Calendar

- Friday, December 12—Sterling here.
- Chemistry Party, 7:30 P. M.
- Saturday, December 13—Christmas Party.
- Tuesday, December 16—Friends here.
- Thursday, December 18—Sterling here.
- Friday, December 19—Vacation Begins 12:00 Noon.

### Kerlin Presents Final Recital

#### Is Called Back For Two Encores

Music enthusiasts of McPherson turned out in generous numbers to hear the graduation recital of Miss Virginia Kerlin. Miss Kerlin, accompanied by Professor Nevil W. Fisher, head of the McPherson College Music Department, and Miss Kerlin's instructor for the last four years, entranced the audience with a selection of numbers, including such renowned favorites as "An Love Hut a Day," by Mrs. H. A. Beech, "The Lord's Prayer," by Albert Hay Malotte, and "Come Where My Love Lies Dreaming," by Stephen C. Foster.

Miss Kerlin displayed quality and range of voice that indicated the ultimate in voice culture and was certainly a credit to the McPherson College Music Department and to her instructor, Professor Fisher.

Professor Fisher presented a piano solo during the intermission that was quite in keeping with the abundance of good music that dominated the evening. Miss Kerlin, a senior this year, is a member of the A Cappella Choir of the college, student director of the women's quartet, and soloist at the Christian Science Church of McPherson.

If you haven't been a good little boy, or girl, or prof, you had better have a change of heart soon because Santa Claus will be on Macampus Saturday evening. The occasion is the annual all-school—faculty Christmas party to be held at 7:30 in the gym. So important is this affair that usually reliable sources have stated that Mr. Claus will not only be there in person, but also that he is bringing his sleigh and a reindeer—plus a bag full of toys to be distributed among those whose recent conduct has been above reproach.

An elaborate program has been planned for the occasion. Bob Frantz and the Recreational Club will have charge of group games. In keeping with the games to be played and also the remainder of the entertainment it has been suggested that suitable shoes and clothing be worn.

Carefully planned stunts will also be in order. First and second floors of Fahnstock have been hives of activity since the beginning of stunt planning. Furthermore, it is rumored that the faculty has conceived of a bit of slapstick entertainment to be produced under the tutelage of Prof. Wayland Kilne and Arnold will also be represented during the course of entertainment.

Fasso-Lyle Albright will lead the group in the singing of the well known Christmas carols. He will be accompanied by his brother, Dave Albright.

It is not known exactly when S. Claus will arrive but upon his arrival all activity will be called to a halt while he distributes the gifts. He has a couple of requests to make that should be stated at this time. First, please do not feed the reindeer; and second, bring a ten cent gift to help the cause. First and second floors of Fahnstock have been hives of activity since the beginning of stunt planning. Furthermore, it is rumored that the faculty has conceived of a bit of slapstick entertainment to be produced under the tutelage of Prof. Wayland Kilne and Arnold will also be represented during the course of entertainment.

### Former Librarian Dies

Word has just been received that Miss Margaret Wallace, former M. C. College librarian, 1922-24, has died of pneumonia, Sept. 11, 1941. At the time of her death Miss Wallace was reference librarian of Oklahoma A. and M. College.

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## Let Us Be Thoughtful

This is the day for which we have all been waiting. If adversity and struggle are character builders, and if youth and courage are the materials from which character may be moulded, then today we are at the crossroads.

Japanese planes over San Francisco last Tuesday convinced the last doubters that the United States is at war. The United States declaration of war last Monday, bombs falling on Manila and Guam, air-raid blackouts in San Francisco, all convince us that America is now, if ever, in need of sound Christian guidance.

Thinkers all over the United States are racking their brains for solutions to the present international dilemma into which, bodily, our country has made the final plunge. Authorities on various lines of thought are advancing contradictory theories which serve but to cloud the issue.

In times like these it would behoove us to strive to think clearly. To every man in this free land is afforded the privilege of choosing his philosophy, and of advancing one's setting forth his ideas before he has completely his opinions. But the abuse of such privileges comes of one's setting forth his ideas before he has completely thought them through.

All of us, before committing ourselves, should be conscious of the fact that our opinions are basically and fundamentally our own, and that therefore they should be studied before being given utterance.

Some of us have made dogmatic statements during the past few days. All of us should remember that there are two types of statements which are quoted: statements which are well thought out and which offer constructive comment, and statements which show little thought.

This is the day for which we have all been waiting. Let's not muff it, but carry it with the mental and spiritual grace which comes of clear, Christian thinking.

## Two Thousand Years of Retrogression

Ninety-nine score and twenty years ago, a philosophy was born, conceived in charity and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created free and equal. Clothed in human form and embellished with idealism, this philosophy has lived for two thousand years.

Inspired by the prophecy "And they shall call his name Jesus," his simple parents christened him according to the dictates of their consciences.

Later in Palestine, this man went about the country teaching subversive doctrines. He was somewhat of a radical and very much of an idealist. He had a lot of queer notions about peace and brotherhood and such. The reactionaries labeled him as a "menace to the state;" a fanatic. Before long he had paid the maximum penalty for his attempt to change the status quo. But because an ideal

## Wilson Points Out Course For America

### Says Christian America Must Plan Reliance On Arms And Plan for Peace

E. Raymond Wilson, Educational Secretary and Dean of Institute Faculties of the peace section of the American Friends Service Committee spoke in the college chapel on Monday morning at 9:40. In view of present national crisis, he gave the background for present conditions in the Far East instead of his formerly announced topic "An Analysis of Leading Peace Proposals for Post-war Europe."

Wilson said he was not attempting to justify Japan's attacking of United States possessions but rather to clarify the issues as to what is back of Japan's present feeling of enmity toward our country.

It was the United States who in 1853 encouraged Japan to disperse her barriers to trade and commerce with other nations. Yet, since that time, numerous happenings indicate a feeling of superiority existent in our attitude toward the Japanese.

Wilson stated that the average Japanese person is kindly disposed to the United States. Nevertheless, when our Congress passed the Japanese Exclusion Act without any debate, an unfriendly feeling arose.

ken we engaged in conversation and later he offered to drive me home. As luck would have it, we ran out of gas within the block, but he was not one to forsake a lady in an emergency so he promptly hailed a taxi, took me home, and borrowed another quarter to pay the cabbie with.

The next nite we had our first date. Oh it was heavenly. I shall never forget it. He borrowed two dollars from me and we went to the movies, visited a restaurant, where he signed the bill, and then went for a ride in my car.

I have gone with him for two wonderful weeks now and am certain that he is the man for me. I have never met a person like him before.

My girl friends think that just because I have borrowed \$23.50 from me and is wearing my dad's top coat, my brothers hat, and driving my car, plus the fact that he says that he is too proud to do anything but executive work and can't find any openings at the present, that he isn't any good. I think that they are just jealous. What do you think?"

In answer to this poor befuddled young lady's letter I would say: Upon this question and in view of the evidence submitted I don't think, I know! However, if you can afford it and he is really the man of your dreams, don't let sentiments stop you! After all, some people spend their money on dogs, some on model airplanes, some on fur coats, so why can't you have your expensive hobby?

## Dorm Victuals

The popular misconception that the operation of a college dining hall is a get-rich-quick scheme is quickly shattered by figures from the business office. Statistics from last year show that with board and room figured together there was a difference of only \$484.38 between the total income of board and room for all the dormitories and the total expenditures for food, heat, light, upkeep, and labor. Of course all of the profit, if any, goes back into the college. A number of the students who were interviewed remarked that they thought that they were getting their money's worth in the dining hall. With the huge increase in food and labor prices it would seem that in view of the slight profits from the dining hall in previous years from the same board bill that they are charging thus far this semester that they are getting more than their money's worth; however this is merely a theory and lacks actual figures to substantiate it.

## A Sap's Fables

By Clancy Bunyan  
Some weeks ago there appeared under this head a series of articles designed to answer questions both real and imaginary, based on problems arising largely from love affairs. This was not as profitable a subject as it might have been, as I discovered after having to hide out in the hills until the tempest stirred up by my last attempt at advice to the lovers died down. However that was all long ago and now I have been forgiven and society has come somewhat to tolerate me again.

Now that my confidence is restored I feel obliged to answer, through the medium of the fortieth estate, a letter which was too sincere, too full of love and noble emotion, too typical of the plight of the modern coed to overlook.

It would be impossible to bring out the full flavor and deep passion of this soul stirring masterpiece without presenting it to you exactly as I received it.

Please bear in mind while reading that this is the sacred revelation of the deep inner soul of a confused and bewildered young lady.

The letter  
"Dear A. Sap  
I have met a man. (Nice goin' Babe!) He is the man I have always dreamed of, my real prince charming in shining armor and a convertible coupe.

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## The President's Corner

The United States through our President and the congress has spoken and we are in a state of war with Japan. This is a serious and sobering state of affairs and demands our highest and best thinking and action. May we remain intelligently and spiritually sane even when it may seem impossible! Both our personal and institutional freedom are being attacked and may we say and do those things that not only will preserve our freedom but will guarantee a lasting peace for the world after the fighting has ceased.

To the young men and women of this generation: my generation prays that you will be more successful in developing a world organized on a just and durable peace than were we after the close of the first World War.

We may differ on our attitude toward war but we agree that the democratic way of life is in harmony with the Christian belief and doctrines and is worth preserving even if it means great suffering. Let us be charitable and consider of one another's views and practices and take seriously the statement of Jesus who he said, "He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone." May we guard carefully our words and speak only after careful and deliberate consideration. Those who have been granted the privileges of civilian service ought to be exceptionally careful to prove themselves worth of such consideration. They should be ready to expose themselves to as severe danger and likelihood of death as the men who carry arms. What you say and do will determine the attitude of the general public toward the civilian service program. There must be no "better than thou" attitude on your part.

Never did a generation of youth have the resources out of which to build a world brotherhood as has the present generation. We need the intelligence, the moral courage and the spiritual values that will destroy race and national prejudices and hates and will extend to all peoples the right to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

We cannot undo the past but we can profit by our knowledge of it. We are morally obligated to make the next peace a success. This will be realized when the causes of war are removed.

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# New Dormitory To Be Ready For Occupancy In January

## Finish Work Is Well Under Way; Furniture Not Yet Bought

The male students of McPherson college early in January will be ready to move into the new men's dormitory which is rapidly nearing completion.

The finishing work on the three-story red brick building is now underway. The heating plant is in operation and work may be continued no matter how cold the weather might become.

The dormitory is modern in construction throughout. It is heated by a hot water system. The inside walls are snow white and the rooms, 11 x 16 feet in dimension, with built in dressers and modern slide door closets. One large bath room is included on each of the three floors.

On the second floor, at the entrance on the west side of the building, is a large lounge room which may be used as an assembly room for the students. It will be furnished with appropriate furniture for such a room. North of the lounge room is the quarters for the dormitory maintenance. This includes a large room or office, dining room, bed room and bath room. The rooms are large and convenient and take up the northwest corner section of the second floor.

Each of the rooms will be floored with composition tile. This is not a hard tile but a dark reddish brown material laid down in squares.

Construction Superintendent L. S. Nelson, who has been in the construction business for the last 49 years, is in charge of the construction project. He is employed by the college and not by the contractor, for the building is not being built under a general contract plan.

"The majority of the men working on the dormitory have been students," Mr. Nelson explained. "At one time I had as many as 60 students on the job. Besides the bricklayers I have employed only six other men on the project. It might easily be said that the building has been built by the students themselves."

Construction work on the dormitory started early last June and rapid progress has been made. Originally when the dormitory was planned it was to be opened and ready for occupancy in November but construction work did not start soon enough.

The college has not yet purchased the necessary furniture for the building and there may be a delay in this phase of the project.

### Walters Talks On Medical Training

Dr. Orville Walters, president of Central College, spoke in chapel Wednesday morning on the subject "Doctors in the Making."

"Three or four years of college work are required of students wishing to enter medical school," said Dr. Walters. However, a large number of those who are admitted drop out during the first two years. Most of the third year work is done in the clinic.

Medical students frequently suffer from two diseases—textbookitis and internitis. A student who studies a disease and comes to believe that he is suffering with the disease is said to have "textbookitis" while the latter refers to an intern who becomes overconfident in himself.

### Challenge To Youth Is '42 Quad Theme

"The Challenge of Youth" is the theme of the 1942 Quadrangle. At least that's what Oscar Siffer says and the readers will probably agree that this is quite a reliable source. Members of the Quad staff for this year are as follows:

First, but not least, of course, is Ray Siffer himself, editor and otherwise boss of the rest of the staff. The members will have another superior after the twenty-second of this month when "ye olde ed" takes for himself a "wife." Ray is from the famous state of Iowa.

Isabel Crumpacker is the general assistant who drives her light-colored V-8 coupe on week-ends. "Crummy" lives here in McPherson, but Mamma Crumpacker put her in the dorm to "get some discipline."

Probably next in line is the business manager, Dean Stucky, who figures out the expenses of the year book and thinks in dollar signs. Dean runs around with one of the cute campus coeds. His home is in Elyria, Kansas, a metropolis about five miles south of the campus—population unknown but it doesn't run more than two figures in length.

Two writers are Luella Poister and Harry Reeves. The former is a musical miss, who is the author of the "Sass" iety column in The Spectator. She hails from Morrill, Kansas, a big city near that little burg

of Topeka. Reeves is a sophomore, a Denver-ite, and is best known for his red sweater and book satchel, which looks as though it might belong to Dr. Naumann.

Lastly are the photographers, Harold Bowman, Jack Bowker, and Ronald Orr. Harold pops here and there, with his little camera, wry smile, and clever remarks. His home is in Northern Kansas but after the next couple months, he expects to change his address to Camp Mag-nolia, Arkansas.

Jack Bowker is a tall, blond fellow, who packs a big Contax camera, the flash bulb of which on numerous occasions fails to "go off." He lives here in McPherson on East Marlin and his telephone number is 465. "Call me up sometime, girls."

Ronald Orr is a member of the male quartet and has photography as a hobby and does very well at it. Ronald is a senior and comes from Nebraska, although his heart is in Nampa, Idaho.

### Campus Comment To the Spectator

Hands off? Is that what we want, men and ladies? Perhaps I had better explain what I am driving at.

In my brief conversations with the members of both sexes here at M. C., I have found that we are practicing a policy here which is contrary to our desires, according to the people I have questioned. It seems that when a boy dates a girl once or twice she is branded as being his and vice versa. Both the boys and girls say this should not be so. They say "Variety is the spice of life." At this rate we can not get much variety.

Our fellow students say that one can appreciate the fine qualities in another when he can compare them with someone else's. And if it proves to be that the person likes the new friend a little better, that certainly is a step toward betterment, which we are all looking for. When we have that feeling that we are tied down we miss a lot of opportunities to develop ourselves. If we do not feel that we are hooked by or obligated to one person, we have a good chance to

broaden ourselves by learning to understand many different people.

Our friendships and our opportunities to learn to understand people while we are here at college are going to mean a lot in our future lives. In these days of stress and strain we must make greater efforts to have recreation to keep us going. By having lots of fun with lots of people we will have a much richer life.

Things are too tense throughout the world as it is now. Let's not put on more shackles by holding ourselves down and expecting someone else to tie himself down and thus isolate himself from having the best possible life while here at college.

We can still have our extra-good little friend when we don't have a hands off policy. In fact by getting a chance to broaden out and by giving our extra-special friend a chance to broaden, we will find that our close friendship will probably become closer, and we will not have that feeling of obligation and suspicion which ruins many potential friendships.

I have only talked to a few of the people here, but I am sure that you will find that almost everyone will agree with what I have said here. Talk it up with your classmates and see if this won't help you to have a lot more fun. And we all know that fun is a welcome friend now-a-days.

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# Story Enacted Two Thousand Years Ago Repeated

## Thespians Score With "Mrs. Moonlight" Dec 5

By Leo Postman

I have always envied poets their license to travel through space and time at their pleasure, sovereignty to dispense with the laws of natural science, and to give free flight to their fancy in a world of sentiment and fantasy. The English playwright, Ben Levy, made full use of his poetic privileges when he wrote "Mrs. Moonlight," the pastiche play presented by the McPherson Thespian Club at Convention Hall last Friday night.

The play deals with a problem that has fascinated poets and mythologists since time immemorial—the desire for eternal youth. The poets of the ancient world sang about it, Oscar Wilde wrote about it in the Picture of Dorian Gray, and Ben Levy's Sarah Moonlight, (Virginia Korlin) was only one of the innumerable people all over the world who said, "I wish I could remain young forever." But unlike so many others, she was granted her wish by Providence which, for the occasion, took the form of an ancient Scotch charm handed down to her by her equally faithful and outspoken maid, Minnie (Jean McNichol).

How often does realization of a desire prove to be a bitter disappointment, how often do we wish that our most fervent prayer would not have been answered, that our desire would have remained a beautiful dream beckoning from the distance and becoming a wistfully romantic memory with the passage of time. That is the moral of the play. For the fulfillment of Sarah's wish brings a disaster to her and to those she loves. Realizing that she is now outside the pale of humanity with its common heritage of age and slowly approaching death, she goes out into the world, a fugitive from herself and those she holds dear.

After her departure her husband Tom (Paul Dannelley) remarries, and the play gives a masterful portrayal of the rhythm and flux of family life, of the change of customs and attitudes which remains only outward while the same problems and the same basic conflicts recur. Besides the leads who performed their parts with great capability, I should like to mention the other members of the cast: Jean McNichol, whose performance was as genuinely Scotch as her name or is it, perhaps, Irish; Harriett Pratt whose spinsterish Edith Jones was most skillfully portrayed; Roy McAuley whose self-conscious, blushing Percy Midling captured the heart of the audience, Jean Oberst as Jane Moonlight, and Clancy Bunyan as Peter Midling.

The conclusion of the play is on a note of deeply moving symbolism. As the ever-young and restless wanderer returns, Providence that punished her so cruelly for her foolish, presumptuous wish, grants her a reunion with the man who possessed all the love and affection of her heart. And it is this power of love that breaks the spell and unites the two lovers in the common heritage of their earthly life: the death which

perhaps is only the beginning of a more lasting union.

### Party Line

Whooooo, Christmas comes but once a year, but when it comes, you sure have a heck of a time trying to decide what to get everyone.

There's a certain lad on our campus who really rates in the big time newspapers. We won't mention any names, but you may let your imagination run wild, and if you happen to think of P. E. Dannelley, here's a word to the wise: you're on the right track. (Note: Sneaked Past Editor's censorship). It would seem that Wellesley College in Massachusetts also sent delegates to the Journalism convention at St. Louis, and in last week's edition of their school's organ appeared a snub about the convention which applies so aptly to the person hinted at above that we'll quote it practically verbatim:

"There was an amazing Horatio Alger character from a small Kansas College who worked fifteen hours a week while editing his paper, starting in the school play, winning letters in several sports, and achieving . . . and so on." Information furnished by C. R. Bunyan.

Sounds like the real McCoy, doesn't it? We hadn't thought of Paul as exactly the Alger hero-type, but, come to think of it, he does have those qualities which make frail little waitresses want to carry his trays. Funny deal, that article, since Wellesley is a girl's school and how would Paul ever become acquainted?

Scene: vicinity of Arnold Hall. Time: Tuesday—A. M. What vision meets our eye? A shadow creeps by the window—stealthy footprints are heard approaching—listen!—we seem to sense in the sound of the tread of those feet which are so laboriously picking their way along that they are carrying a heavy burden. It wouldn't be . . . it couldn't be . . . it shouldn't be . . .

It is! You guessed it, Alvin Klotz' and Wayne Crist's drawers—of the dresser variety—being toted from the men's dorm to . . . of all places! . . . Arnold's parlor. Just think what those drawers can tell their grandchildren! A couple of cars were parked directly in front of the steps, too, and they looked as if they would have been driven into the parlor, too, if the rattle hadn't presented a minor barrier to such goings on. Everyone goes around with a Who-Done-It look in their eye, but—well, we jes' ain't talkin'.

Maybe gentlemen prefer blondes, go with redheads, and marry brunettes, but Muriel—er—uh—(stammer, stammer)—seems to like redheads. That's O. K., cause we like blondes and Titus locks together. Something like the Coronado colors . . . or any '40 license tags.

G'bye for now! See you next week if you don't see me first!



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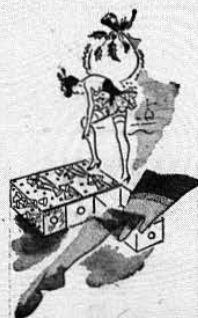
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An unknown quantity, the McPherson College Bulldogs, will display their skill on the mat when they journey to Sterling to take on the State College in their season opener. The outcome of the contest is extremely hard to predict, but it is certain that the Bulldogs will have a strong quintet on the floor.

In the probable starting lineup will be three lettermen, Captain Art Schubert, Junior French, and Raymond "Squeak" Meyer. Rounding out the lineup will probably be two newcomers, both of whom have been earning their positions through a good showing in practice sessions thus far. They are George Voth, a junior, and Paul Voth, freshman.

The team will average over six feet in height, with none of the expected starters below six-one. The lineup will probably include Schubert and French, last year's high point men, in the forward positions. Playing center will be George Voth, and at the guard spots will probably be Meyer and Paul Voth.

Bob Burkholder, forward probably see action during the game as will Milford Zook, Clint Hill, Walt Pauls and Eldon McDowell. In view of the short and early season trip, Hayden is expected to take a squad of about 10 men.

Next on the Bulldog schedule will be a game with the Friends University Quakers, who suffered a defeat Tuesday night at the hands of the Baker Wildcats, when they entertain the Quakers at Convention Hall next Tuesday night. A return match with the Sterling cagers will be played on the local maties next Thursday. The conference opener for the Canines will be with the Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes, last year co-champs, at McPherson on Jan. 7.

### Nordling, Ex MC Student Coaches Ace FBI Gridders

#### Keith Reinecker And Rolander, Other Local Boys On The Team.

A football team coached and managed by Bernard Nordling, former McPherson college student, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eben Nordling, McPherson, has won the Federal Bureau of Investigation championship, according to a letter received recently from Bernard. Two other McPherson men, Arthur Rolander, Jr., and Keith Reinecker, were on the team.

Nordling received a letter from J. Edgar Hoover, chief of the FBI, congratulating him on winning the title. The letter follows:

I have just learned that your football team, the "Redskins," has won

the championship of the Bureau. I wish to congratulate you and every member of your team for your splendid efforts and I trust that in future activities you and your men will continue to be successful."

Nordling's team piled up a total of 274 to 89 in the nine "conference" games played. In addition the team won a non-conference game 28 to 9 and won another conference game by a forfeit. Nordling was the leading scorer of the league with 29 touchdowns to his credit.

Nordling is in Washington attending George Washington university and working in the office of the FBI.

He says in the letter that he is now busy training and managing a basketball team composed of boys in his division of the FBI and that they are out after the championship.

### Keck, '32, Coaches Outstanding Team

Coach Elmer Keck, McPherson college graduate of 1932, this fall had an outstanding record with his football team at Centralia, Kan. High school, located in the northeast part of the state. His team played eight games, won seven of them and tied the other. During the season Centralia was not scored upon and accumulated 244 points. Following are the scores of the season: Centralia 26, Seconia 0; Centralia 23, Ionia Rapids 0; Centralia 6, Powhattan 0; Centralia 32, Onaga 0; Centralia 0; Frankfort 0; Centralia 68; Axtell 0; Centralia 29, Waterville 0; and Centralia 47, Vermillion 0. Keck was an outstanding lineman when he played at McPherson college.

### All-Stars Down Army Eleven 21-6

#### Meyer and Timmons of KCAC Start Game; Vetter Plays Third Quarter

In Kansas' first All-Star Game last Saturday the Collegiate All-Stars defeated the Fort Riley Army Eleven 21 to 6. The game was played at Memorial Stadium in Manhattan before a crowd of 9,000. Of these 4,000 were soldiers from Fort Riley.

Coached by Emil Liston of Baker, Fran Welch of Emporia State, and Gus Holm of Washburn, the All-Stars trailed 6 to 0 at the half. However, in the last half with "Red" Hayes of Wichita University and "Kary" Emmot of Washburn spearheading the attack, the All-Stars pushed over three touchdowns. A blocked punt by Larry Timmons, Baker guard, also added two more points to the All-Star total.

Local interest in the game was high as two McPherson boys were on the All-Star team, "Squeak" Meyer, who was conspicuous by his absence from the All-Conference team this year, was one of the two Kansas Conference boys in the starting lineup. Larry Timmons, Baker guard, was the other conference boy to gain a starting berth.

"Squeak" played almost three quarters of the ball game and played

## Gridiron Gleanings

By Bob Burkholder

We are at war. With striking suddenness this country has joined in the world conflict. And even though the war is almost a week old, very few of us begin to realize its full implications. Undoubtedly it will have an influence on almost every sphere of human activity—sports included.

How will athletics be affected in this country? That is one of the hundreds of questions that has been asked since last Sunday. More specific questions that have been asked are: "Will there be a Rose Bowl Game at Pasadena, California, or an East-West Game in San Francisco, where the danger is the greatest?" Or some have asked "What about professional baseball next year?" Although it has been too early to tell what is going to be done, every indication is that athletics will continue as normally as possible under the circumstances.

One thing is certain, competitive athletics will not be abandoned. Their importance may even be increased, although the scene of action may be shifted from college stadiums, baseball parks, etc., to the many army training centers in this country. Besides building better men physically for the army, athletics is also one of the best morale builders the army has. The army camps now have an extensive athletic program and this will probably be broadened with the coming of actual warfare.

War brings about changes—it always has and probably always will. So it can be expected that the changes will come about in athletics during the war and after the war is over and reconstruction has begun. These changes will be one of the interesting things to follow, along with those of a more serious nature as this war progresses.

his typical steady game of backing up the All-Star line and smearing up the Army's plays before they could get started.

Although he did not start the game, Jack Vetter also played bang-up football while he was in the game. He was instrumental in setting up one of the All-Star touchdowns when one of his punts rolled dead on the Army 12 yard line. He also returned an Army punt for 32 yards in one of the most sparkling runs of the day.

Without a doubt Vetter, Meyer, and Timmons of Baker were the standout performers of the Kansas Conference. Vetter and Timmons proved conclusively that they deserved their All-Conference ratings and the play of "Squeak" Meyer at center left no doubt that he should have come in for more consideration when the All-Conference teams were picked.

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Geraldine Tharrington will be in charge of the volleyball club and the basketball club is headed by Maxine Ruelken. Regular meeting times for the two clubs will be arranged at this afternoon's joint session.

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