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The celebration of Christmas in different parts of the world has taken various forms, but contrary to the belief of many people, observance of Christ's birthday has not existed since 1 A. D. Derived from the medieval Christmas Mass, or Mass of Christ, Christmas was not celebrated in the first centuries of the Christian church because death, rather than births, of remarkable persons were observed.

however, this custom, which has become imbued with an almost religious significance, was derived from ancient times. The use of holly, mistletoe, the Yule log, and the wassail bowl—all are relics of pre-Christian times, and the Romans were the first to use Christmas trees.

In the fourth century a feast was established in memory of the event, but it was not until one hundred years later that the question was decided as to whether the holiday should occur on January 6, March 25, or December 25. At this time, the Western church ordered a celebration to be held on the day of the old Roman feast of the birth of Sol, as no certain knowledge of the day of Christ's birth existed.

No matter whether the people of one country celebrated this holy day by attending mass or by some type of festivity, observance of the day is almost universal. It is interesting to note that, in England, recognition of the day was forbidden by an act of Parliament in 1644. Charles II revived the feast, but the Scots adhered to the Puritan view, and at the present time business is not totally suspended in Scotland on Christmas. A knowledge of the origin of certain customs and ideas of Christmas, and the setting apart of the day itself, should add meaning to the occasion which we are to celebrate soon.

### Parties Fill Pre-Holiday Week

Monday evening found two groups—the girls of the college, and the Recreational Council—"partying" in the holiday style.

During a festive evening Wednesday, Arnoldists found presents and goodies in their shoes, played games and sang carols.

These and other pre-holiday activities led up to a grand climax Friday noon when students were given their annual two-weeks "leave of absence" (Christmas present from the college) to spend vacation at points elsewhere.

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### Censorship - For Better or Worse

Congruous with the question of war is the question of censorship. Of more and more interest to the American newspapers as the war progresses, reasonable censorship of the news is conceded by many to be somewhat imminent.

Not at all compatible with each other are these two conflicting theories: that man must sacrifice civil liberties in order to battle for the perpetration of those very liberties. However, one cannot fail to realize that news which is not interpreted for the good of the country may justifiably be suppressed at times like these. Included in this category are news items which release vital information to the enemy, items which dampen the morale of the American people, and items which do not present facts as they actually are.

President Roosevelt announced recently that the public would be given the benefit of the reports he receives, provided that said information conforms to two cardinal principals: first, that it be accurate; second, that it not be information which gives comfort and aid to the enemy. The task of choosing which items will or will not be suppressed falls to the offices of the Secretaries of War and Navy. The President denies that these mandates indicate that unfavorable news about the war will be withheld from the people.

Interpretation of the conditions which the President imposed will doubtless result in somewhat of confusion. It is debatable whether certain information, if released, would be valuable enough to the American people as a morale builder to offset the damage which might accrue to the making known to the enemy clues to our military movements.

On the other hand, it is important that citizens at home, who are helping by making sacrifices that we may continue under our democratic system, know how their nation progresses in the fight. Truth is a great dispeller of rumor. If truth is denied the people, disturbing rumor will take its place.

### National Balance Threatened By Spreaders of Hysteria

American public enemy number 1, the bugaboo of intellect—war hysteria—is sweeping the country. This bane of education is most prevalent in two groups.

First, it is apparent in student groups, as evidenced by the terrific numbers of young American College students who have forgotten their objectives and have flocked to the recruiting offices all over the nation. These young men are forgetting that there are only a few weeks until the end of the first semester, and that they are sacrificing fifteen weeks of school work for the quick satisfaction of their ideals. For this group we can say only that they are letting their patriotism rise to an undesirable height; and although most of them are foolishly allowing their emotions to rule their lives, none of us can fail to admire those boys for their spirit and enthusiasm.

Second in the list of hysteria spreaders is the group of wailing old women—people who wring their hands and declare that this country is headed for complete annihilation.

In this group will be included those whose fertile imaginations turned a flock of gulls flying over San Francisco into a Flight of Japanese bombers. Here also will be found those who believe everything that some two for a nickel radio commentator says. If these solid citizens hear that New York has two air raid alarms, they are certain to repeat to all listeners that New York has had three raids, and the next wag will swear by all that's holy that New York has lost 18,000 civilian population, the Japanese have landed on Coney Island, and "what over will become of us?"

As level headed leaders have been pointing out, there is only one thing for every true American to do. That is to do the job at hand in the best possible manner. Our army and navy officials are carrying on their jobs with dispatch and accuracy. Our duty is to think clearly, act with judgment, and do what we can do to maintain our standards in the present dilemma.

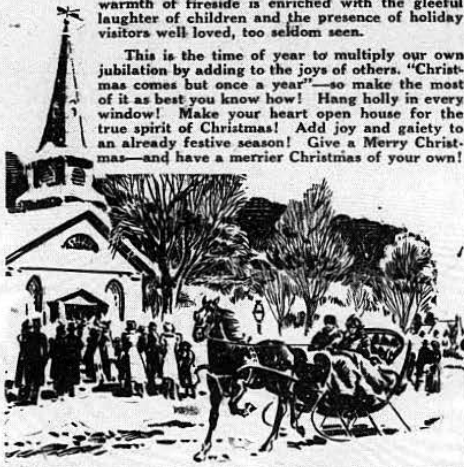
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# Christmas Is Season For Open Hearts and Minds

This is the time of year so many of us like best. When the fresh-fallen snow crunches an invitation to enjoy all outdoors—when the glowing warmth of fireside is enriched with the gleeful laughter of children and the presence of holiday visitors well loved, too seldom seen.

This is the time of year to multiply our own jubilation by adding to the joys of others. "Christmas comes but once a year"—so make the most of it as best you know how! Hang holly in every window! Make your heart open house for the true spirit of Christmas! Add joy and gaiety to an already festive season! Give a Merry Christmas—and have a merrier Christmas of your own!



and two loyal Iowans who are counting the days until they can get to the old home town of Kingsley are Vesta Vannordel and Harriett Pratt. Mary Siller sees visions of cranberry sauce and tarts at Conrad and Frank. Lewis has been anticipating Christmas at Guthrie Center for the past semester. Lyle, Rowena, and Dave Albright, Imogene Sheller, and Merlin Frantz who will have their sleigh rides and sled parties at Eldora are hoping that the Sledding won't be rough. Russell Jarboe will be throwing snowballs at Farnsworth—so stay out of throwing distance! In case you want to send a Christmas card to Orville Buckingham, his address will be Prairie City. Alvin Klotz and Russell Stern who will be at Frederickburg and Lucy Blough and Paul Snavely at Waterloo think it might be exciting to be "snowbound" by one of their famous Iowa snowstorms—say around about Jan. 5. Jack Kough and Orin Wolfe want to help the Old Year out and the New Year in at Waterloo, Dick Burger, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Parris, and Mr. and Mrs. Lankley will live up the "holly" days at Udel.

Virginia Kerlin has heard the call of the Northland and will go this week to Worthington, Minn., to visit Ardyz Metz.

Bernetta Denny would like to go to California but has decided to divide this Christmas vacation between McPherson and Elmo, Kas.

Within the next week, Texas, will be welcoming back two daughters, Lucile Horner wants to arrive at Fort Worth Wed. evening in time to do 11th hour Christmas shopping and Bonnie Elledge is planning to get to Perryton to join in the Christmas festivities.

Lenora and Ruth Shoemaker like McPherson so well that they have decided to remain here. They will enjoy the holidays with the Mohler's.

Dayton, Ohio, is the destination of Mr. and Mrs. Virgil Brailer and Miss Lehman. They are driving through, taking Lena Belle Olwin to her home at Warrensburg, Illinois. Leo Postman and Catherine Fruin who are also accompanying them, will go on to New York for a happy reunion with their families.

Willodene Argo is going to enjoy the holidays at both McPherson and Morrill, Kans., and Lois Kreitzer expects to see a white Christmas at Sabetha. Twella Peck will join the home folks a Morrill in time for Christmas.

festivities. Jean McNeel will find parties and festivities at Lost Springs, and will be seeing Katie McElne nearby at Ramona.

## Poesy And Prose

By Katy McKae

This year our Christmas season is overshadowed by war. There is tragedy and suffering abroad. In our country we face a serious nation emergency. Yet, if each one of us in accordance with his capability will do what he can to make someone happy, to be helpful to other people, to smile and encourage others to smile, we can help maintain the spirit of Christmas. Let us open our hearts in friendship for others in joy of service, and the hope of happier days to come.

### A Christmas Thought

Oh! Christmas is coming again, you say.  
And you long for the things he is bringing;  
But the costliest gift may not gladden the day.  
Nor help on the merry bells ringing.  
Some getting is losing you understand;  
What you hold in your hand may slip from your hand;  
"There is something better than having;  
We are richer for what we give;  
And only by giving we live.  
Your last year's presents are scattered and gone;  
You have almost forgot who gave

them;  
But the loving thoughts you bestow live on  
As long as you choose to have them.  
Love, love is your riches, though ever so poor;  
No money can buy that treasure;  
Your always, from robber and rust secure,  
Your own without stint or measure  
It is only love that we can give;  
It is only by loving we live.  
For who is it smiles through the

Christmas morn—  
The Light of the wide creation?  
A dear little Child in a stable born,  
Whose love is the world's salvation,  
He was poor on earth, but He gave us all

That can make our life worth the living;  
And happy the Christmas day we call  
That is spent, for His sake, in giving.

He shows us the way to live;  
Like him, let us love and give!  
Lucy Larson

Three gibbons, anthropoid and more closely related to man than any of the monkeys, have been secured by the psychology laboratory at Pennsylvania state college for experimental purposes.

A booklet of advice published by Isogon, senior honor society, and written by Kay Tully of Southbridge and Mary Donahue of Newburyport advises not only how to dress but how to act.

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Dear President Peters,

There are certain every day experiences that capture our imagination and are preserved in our memory for a long time. For many of us your Chapel talk of last Friday was such an experience, mainly because it met such an urgent and immediate need: the need to formulate the issue we are facing with all its implications and to approach it logically, sanely, and intelligently.

It would serve no purpose to deny the fact that there is today a basic division of opinion on this campus. There are those who honestly believe that there are things worse than war and that the Cause of Freedom is worth fighting for. It is safe to say that all of those who harbor war and regard it only as an inevitable evil. There are those who with equal sincerity feel that there is no situation in life than can justify the use of arms. It is safe to say that they no less than the others cherish the Cause of Freedom. In the last analysis, therefore, we all have the same ultimate goal: a world in which there will be no more wars. Once we mutually recognize our community of ideals we can remove all bitterness

from this division of minds and agree to disagree. Your talk has been a contribution toward that end because it contained equal recognition and appreciation for all of us. By your own example you have shown that we all have a distinctive part to play, whether it be in the winning of the war or the winning of the peace.

A Pacifist and A Non-Pacifist.

## "Sass" iety

By Luella Polster

The past week we have been "snowed under" (a delightful experience in this case) with numerous holiday parties and festivities. Senorita Isabel Crumpacker is either getting ready or is now on the way with her parents to celebrate Christmas with the Mexicans in Old Mexico.

"America's Switzerland" (Colorado) will welcome back Helen Davis and Evelyn Wilson to Wiley. Likewise, Grace Giffen, who will spend the happy holidays at Rockyford and Lucile Harris, who says that plum pudding and turkey await her at Swink, Colo. To all those who anticipate skiing in the mountains over vacation we say "Happy Landings!"

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# Dogs Clash With Sterling Here Tonight

## Attempt To Avenge Loss At Sterling Last Week

### Dogs To Have Second Try With Sterling Thurs.

Will Attempt To Avenge 35-31 Defeat At Sterling Last Week

Tonight the McPherson College Bulldogs meet Sterling College in the second home game of the week. The Bulldogs, gunning for their second win of the week, will also be out to reverse the 35 to 31 defeat at Sterling last week.

Faced by Tunnell and Sanderson, Sterling was too formidable an opponent for the Bulldogs in their opening game. But with two games under their belt and some of the rough edges worked off during the week, the Bulldogs ought to be too strong for the Sterlings tonight. With Junior French and Art Schubert finding the range, the Bulldogs have a very potent scoring combination and will cause opponents much trouble this year. The probable starting lineup will include Walt Pauls and Paul Voth at guards, Junior French at center, and Art Schubert and Bob Burkholder at forwards.

### Bulldogs Drop Close Opener To Sterling

Tunnell of Sterling Is High Scorer of Game; French Second

Led by Tunnell and Sanderson, Sterling College defeated McPherson last Friday night in the opening cage season of the Bulldog season.

French and Schubert led the McPherson attack with 11 and 10 points respectively. Sanderson and Tunnell led the Sterling scoring with 10 and 16 points. Playing his first game of college basketball, Walt Pauls scored 7 points besides playing a bang-up game on defense. Paul Voth, another ex-lineman High player also showed up well in his first game.

The Box Score:

McPherson—31	FG	FT	F	Pts
Schubert, f	3	4	2	10
French, f	4	3	2	11
Voth, c	0	0	4	0
Meyer, g	0	1	0	1
Pauls, g	3	1	2	7
Burkholder	0	0	0	0
P. Voth	1	0	1	2
Zook	0	0	0	0

Totals

Sterling—35	FG	FT	F	Pts
Sanderson, f	5	0	1	10
Stubbs, f	1	2	1	4
Tunnell, c	5	6	4	16
Olson, g	0	0	1	0
Helm, g	1	1	3	3
White	1	0	0	2
Wilson	0	0	1	0
Schreiben	0	0	0	0
Brown	0	0	0	0

Totals 13 9 11 35

With a game under their belts Sterling played smoother ball than did the Bulldogs, carrying their early game lead to a win. The Bulldogs displayed early season raggedness, playing good basketball in spots, but throughout the game showing a lack of smoothness which comes with experience. Sterling assumed the lead early in the ball game and never lost the lead after that. The Bulldogs tied the score twice early in the second half but could not gain the lead. The Bulldogs never trailed more than six points throughout the game. The half-time score was 14 to 14, Sterling.

When a man doesn't care a whoop what people think, he has likely reached either the top or the bottom.

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### Meyer, Vetter, Bullinger Crash Midland All-Stars

Three members of this year's McPherson College football team received positions on Midland College's all-opponent team this year. They were "Sneak" Meyer, Jack Vetter, and Wilbur Bullinger, all of whom are seniors.

Midland this year was one of the few undefeated teams in the nation, and faced South Dakota, Iowa, and Nebraska teams besides the Bulldogs.

### Winter Sports Get Under Way

#### Thirty Girls Report For Basketball Teams

Sports managers Ruehlin and Tharrington are clicking their heels together over the fine turnout of girls to basketball and volleyball last Friday afternoon. Both sports promise to have a large following during this season. Enough girls were out for six basketball teams. Intra-mural tournaments are being planned for both of the sports. They will meet regularly on Tuesday and Friday afternoons, volleyball ball at four and basketball at 4:45. However, they met this week on Tuesday and Thursday.

Even if a girl hasn't gone out for any sports this year, it is not too late for her to become a W. A. A. member. She may still do so by coming out for one or more of the winter sports.

Tumbling club will open its new season next year—that is, on January 6. This is a chance for those to start who enjoy the Tumbling Demonstration and wish to become as proficient as those girls were.

The Outing Club held no meetings this week, but will be back in the swing of things after Christmas vacation.

The W. A. A.'ers all wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

### Two Lettermen On Ottawa Cage Squad

Ottawa, Kan., Dec. 12—Ottawa University, under Coach Dick Godlove, has a squad of sixteen cagers working out, but only two are lettermen. They are Morley Fraser, forward, currently out with an injured ankle, and Raymond Shogor, forward who promises to be the best scorer on the squad.

Two others from the squad last year are—Tom Trigg, guard, and Harry Phillips, forward. Prospects include Sheldon Frear, Chanute, now injured; Bob Patty, Chanute junior college, guard; Gené Stanley, Eureka, center; Bill Jones, Ottawa, center; Tom Porter, Ottawa, forward; Reginald McCollum, Chanute, guard; Bob Mickey, Rosendale, Mo., guard; John Asee, Wellington, guard; Willard Frank, Ottawa, forward; Roger Phillips, Edgerton, forward; Ray Ilyce, Leavenworth, forward; and Bryce Churchill, forward, Ottawa.

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## Reboundings

By Bob Burkholder

Basketball is here! Although many do not know it, basketball is the largest spectator sport in the country, even though capacity crowds for basketball games never exceed fifteen to twenty thousand, while baseball and football draw from fifty to one hundred thousand. But basketball is played in almost every village and hamlet in the country. In Indiana, where basketball enthusiasm is the greatest, it is not uncommon for a high school basketball game to attract ten or twelve thousand. And under the sponsorship of Ned Irish, basketball has been the largest money-maker in the Madison Square Garden in New York the past two winters. Capacity crowds of about sixteen thousand twice weekly see the strongest collegiate teams of the country in action.

Why is basketball at the top among spectator sports? There are several reasons for this. Perhaps the chief reason is that there is action all of the time with more opportunity for score. Although the playing time of a football game is sixty minutes and that for a basketball is only forty minutes, there is almost twice as much actual playing time in a basketball game than in a football game. Of fifty minutes in a football game only twelve to eighteen minutes of it is actual playing time.

Another reason why basketball is so popular is that it is easier to understand. Football to the average fan is not easily understood. The average fan watches the ball carrier and lets it go at that because he does not know enough about block and interference play to comprehend it. But in basketball the action is all confined to a smaller space and the action can be understood by sports fans from grade school age to eighty.

And then football is almost impossible in small schools where there are only a few boys and limited athletic budget with which to buy equipment. So many of the smaller schools spend most of the fall getting ready for basketball in the winter.

This year there were very few basketball rule changes. The rule-makers had finally decided that they have basketball speeded up enough. The past few years almost every important rule change was for the purpose of speeding up the game.

### Bulldogs Win Easily Over Friends

#### Burkholder, French And Schubert Lead Bulldog Scoring

Assuming the lead in the opening minutes of the game the McPherson College Bulldogs defeated Friends University of Wichita 41 to 22 in the opening first home game of the season Tuesday night. After jumping into the lead the Bulldogs were never headed and won going away.

Paced by Paul Voth and Walt Pauls, freshmen guards from Inman, the Bulldogs completely dominated play throughout the first half. With Schubert, French, and Burkholder hitting the basket from all angles, the Bulldogs assumed a commanding 22 to 10 halftime lead. With the opening of the second half the Quakers changed from a zone to a man to man defense. But the Quakers could never narrow the lead.

Taylor, Friend's elongated center, was held to 9 points by French and Clint Hill. The closing gun found the Bulldogs piling up the lead with all of the men scoring. The Bulldogs played much smoother basketball than they did in their opening tilt against Sterling last Friday.

Burkholder led the scoring for the

Bulldogs with 11 points, followed closely by French and Schubert with 9 and 8 points respectively; Taylor led the Friends scoring with 9 points.

The box score:

McPherson (41)	FG	FT	F
Schubert f	3	2	1
Burkholder f	3	5	2
French c	3	3	4
Pauls g	3	1	3
P. Voth g	1	1	3
Meyer g	0	0	0
C. Hill c	1	1	2
Total	14	13	15
Friends (22)	FG	FT	F
Schulte f	0	1	4
Swain f	1	0	1
Taylor c	2	3	1
Rutledge g	0	0	2

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Raymond Meyer, Sr.	G	2	Inman
George Voth, Jr.	C	0	Elyria
Bob Burkholder, Jr.	F	0	Octavia, Neb.
Milford Zook, Soph.	F	0	Larned
Walt Pauls, Fr.	G	0	Inman
Laurence Hill, Jr.	C	0	Galva
Paul Voth, Fr.	C	0	Inman
Clint Hill, Fr.	C	0	Galva
Gerald Lott, Jr.	F	0	Wilmore
Dale Auxman, Fr.	F	0	Arnold
Eldon McDowell, Fr.	G	0	Kipp
Warren Sies, Soph.	G	0	Lorraine
Lloyd Wilkens, Fr.	C	0	Lorraine
Melvin Mohler, Fr.	C	0	David City, Ia.
Chet Nording, Soph.	F	0	McPherson
Delmar Wessler, Fr.	C	0	Lorraine
Bob Frantz, Sr.	F	0	McPherson
Dave Albright, Fr.	G	0	Eldora, Ia.

Coss g	1	0	3	Woodard c	0	1	1
Ellis g	0	1	1	Singer g	0	0	1
Shirk f	1	0	0				
Davis f	0	2	2	Total	6	10	18
Lemon g	0	0	1	Referee: C. D. Caldwell, Great Morris f	0	0	1

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