

# McPherson Debaters Now Pi Kappa Delta Members

McPherson College is now a charter member of the Pi Kappa Delta, a National Forensic Fraternity, was the word received from Prof. Maurice A. Hess, who, along with Ernest Peterson and Wayne Geisert, attended the national meeting at Minneapolis, Minnesota this week.

Prof. Hess reported that Macollege had been voted into membership and installation of the McPherson chapter would take place May 2, by a Pi Kappa Delta representative probably from Bethany, a branch of the national organization.

Ernest Peterson, who was elected temporary president of the local chapter of the Pi Kappa Delta March 16, has announced that the installation service for charter members will be conducted at a special banquet on May 2.

In charge of the general plans for the banquet are Wayne Geisert, temporary vice-president, and Maxine Ruehlen, temporary secretary of the local forensic fraternity.

It is probable that a delegate from Bethany College, Lindsburg, representing the National Pi Kappa Delta, will conduct the installation service at which time approximately twenty-five charter members will be initiated.

Former debaters and orators of

McPherson College, who are eligible for membership have been contacted by Prof. Maurice A. Hess in order that they also may become charter members if they so desire.

The installation banquet will be held May 2 in the home economics department, Harny Hall.

Varsity debaters of last year participating by special invitation in the Regional Pi Kappa Delta tournament at Newton last year made outstanding records for McPherson College which was not even a member at that time. The junior men's team of Geisert and Peterson and junior women's team of Brubaker and Ruehlen won first place in the B. debate division of the tournament.

It was at this regional tournament of March, 1941, that McPherson made formal application for membership in the forensic organization.

This week's granting of the application for local membership in the Pi Kappa Delta came after diligent efforts on the parts of Prof. M. A. Hess and Dr. D. W. Bittinger, forensic sponsors of Macollege.

## Annual Music Festival Here Tomorrow

### Scholarship Prizes To Be Awarded To First And Second Places

Starting at 1:30 on Saturday, April 11, will be McPherson College's annual music festival under the direction of Miss Jessie Brown, head of the music department of McPherson College.

Each year at this time the college stages this event which is opened to music students up to and including age 20 who live in the central Kansas district. The contest is classed in two divisions, the juvenile for students under 15 years of age, and the adult addition for ages 15 to 20. "No student enrolled in the McPherson College Music Department at the time this event shall be eligible." These contestants may present either vocal or piano numbers of their own selection, not exceeding eight minutes in length.

Prizes are to be awarded. "Each contestant will be allowed a ten percent reduction in music tuition, provided he enrolls in the McPherson College Music Department during the year following the contest, and that he does not win a scholarship." First prize in the adult addition is a \$25 tuition scholarship and second prize is a \$12.00 music tuition scholarship.

First prize in the juvenile addition is an \$18.00 scholarship and the second a \$9.00 tuition scholarship.

Judges of the contest are Prof. Nevin Fisher, Miss Gulah Hoover, and Prof. Stutzman, professors of music at McPherson College.

## Melton Presented In Co-op Concert

### Well-Known Tenor Sings Folk-Songs, Ballads, Opera

The third and last concert of the community concert series will be given by James Melton, tenor, in McPherson on Wednesday, March 15.

James Melton is an American and a native of the south. He was educated in American schools and colleges and has received voice training and operatic schooling also in this country.

He is very skillful in the interpretation of the lovely folk songs and ballads of America, and he also catches the musical and dramatic moods of Italian, French and German classics as equally well as those of his native tongue.

Now laurels gained in opera by James Melton have rounded out his remarkable talent which entranced the public from the first. Of his singing one critic recently stated: "There is something on all occasions indefinable in the voice of James Melton which reaches the heart and creates a pleasurable reaction which must be experienced to be appreciated."

# "M" Club Initiates Program On Chapel Stage To Amuse Pepsters

Thursday of this week was a memorable day in the life of the new "M" Club members. Starting at 7:30 A. M., and running on through the day with many a break, the new initiates breezed through their many trials and tribulations.

Highlighting the occasion was the program of initiation in the chapel during the activity period. In charge of the festivities was Ted Washburn, and handling the persuasive influence were Jack Vetter and Squeak Meyer. All of the boys had to get up and make a little two minute speech. Costumes added not a little to the effect of these speeches on the audience and not a little to the embarrassment of the speechmakers. Prompter for the initiates was Junior French.

Outstanding in costume and in fact was Miss Darwin Culver a cutie of no mean proportions who put compli in her wop pitchin' and was willing to demonstrate the art to any male who was game to try. Ol' Amos Butler has turned shoe shine boy to support that new wife of his. Ol' asked how he likes married life. Butler just says married life is just swell. Harry Romeo Reeves says that

the cards were stacked against him and that time and tide and Miss Neher wait for no man. Key, "Casanova" Burkholder proved to be a troubador of melodious abilities and you should have heard him strum that guitar. The boys have practically proved that Kay shaved before the week was over, but that pair of sideburns in evidence yesterday made at least a wild attempt to disprove the assumption. Cap Miller as old Davy Crockett himself drew out the astute observation that if a man is "early to bed and early to rise, his gal will go out with other guys."

Blind man Clancy (who really is not so blind as you might think) observed that "blind dates are all right if you're blind." Also there is more truth than fiction in the statement that he is certain audience unprepared for yours truly happens to know. Other performers on this list of historic versatile were Walt Pauls as a two-timing, backwagger man. Rooster Mohler as a football commentator. Tinkler as Big Chief Wahoo, Adolph Finrook as Heel Hitter, Moll Brubaker as Mrs. "Pretty

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## Poister Presented Piano Recital

### Assisted By Twila Peck, Senior Contralto.

Luella Poister presented a piano recital in the chapel auditorium Monday night. Poister, a junior from Morrill, Kansas, has had six years of piano study before coming to McPherson College. She is continuing her work as a student of Miss Brown. Her program was the following: "Maiden's Wish," "Prelude F sharp major"; "Valse A flat major," by Chopin and "Sonata," by Beethoven.

Poister was assisted by Twila Peck, contralto, a senior from Morrill, Kansas. Peck has completed one and one-half years of voice study at McPherson College. Miss Peck was accompanied by Prof. Nevin W. Fisher.

The recital was ended with a double piano number "Concerto G minor" in which Miss Poister was assisted by Miss Brown.

## Women's Council To Answer Questions

It was revealed last Wednesday that the women's council would appear in the chapel on Monday evening, April 20, to answer questions submitted to them by the men's council.

These meetings are conducted in order to acquaint the student body with various social co-educational problems and are under the sponsorship of Professors Ida Shockley and S. M. Dell, sponsors of the women's and men's councils, respectively.

## Charm Chat Monday

This month's Charm Chat will be held Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the S. U. R. for all girls in school. "Proper manners" will be the topic discussed and is being worked out by Lena Belle Otwin and Ruth Shoemaker. Skits on how-to and how-not-to, along with mimeographed hints and reminders, will be presented.

# College Quartettes Tour Through Five States

Tuesday morning the men's and women's varsity quartettes, together with their director, Professor Nevin W. Fisher, leave for a sixteen day deputation tour which will cover an area comprising parts of five states.

Albright's Pontiac, "Leo," and the college car will furnish transportation for the musical group during its sixteen day concert tour.

Beginning with a concert on the evening of April 14, at Kansas City, Kansas, the tour will continue for sixteen days, ending on April 30 with the concert at Navarre, Kansas.

So many requests for concerts were submitted to Professor Fisher that it was impossible to fill them in the sixteen days allotted to the tour. In order to satisfy part of these requests, the quartettes have elected

to separate at various places and to route, and give single concerts.

On April 18, the quartettes will separate, the women going to Udell, Iowa, and the men going to Ottumwa, April 22 the women will go to Green, Iowa, and the men to Fredricksburg, April 23 the women go to Lewistown, Minnesota; and the men to Preston; April 25 the women go to Sheldon, Iowa, and the men to Kingsley; April 26 the women go to Curlew, Iowa, and the men to Dumont; April 27 the women go to Dallas Center, Iowa, and the men to Adel.

April 30 after the final concert, the quartettes will return to the campus, having covered parts of Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Minnesota.

## Defense Classes Started This Week

Defense training classes which are being sponsored by McPherson College, along with the aid of Kansas University, got under way this week. The first of these classes, a safety

engineering course, started last Monday evening, having completed requirements for its being taught. Names were sent in to Kansas University and approved. The class is being taught by Frank Liebl, of the Globe.

The second, a two-in-one class, teaching both elementary drafting and production drafting, has sufficient signers, but as yet returns have not been received approving the applicants. In all probability, approval will be made and classes will commence next week. This class is to be held on Tuesday and Thursday. It will be taught by R. H. Uehlsch, Principal of the Junior high school in McPherson.

Classes will be open to seniors now enrolled in McPherson college, juniors and undergrads will not be eligible, however.

## Men's Council Takes Charge Of Senior Day

At the Senior High School Festival to be held on the campus this weekend, the men's council will act as guides to conduct high school groups in tours of the campus, it was announced Wednesday evening by Professor Dell, sponsor of the council.

At the meeting of the men's council last Wednesday night, it was decided that the men's council will conduct tours, after which they will bring their respective groups to the evening banquet, which is the outstanding event of the festival.

Dr. R. E. Mohler will give an address Monday, April 12, at the district Rotary conference of the 123rd, district of Rotary International to be held at Ottawa Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday of next week. Dr. Mohler will speak on "The Place of Rotary in International Relations."

# Brandt To Be Conductor Of Combined Chorus

McPherson's two colleges will combine their musical talent this Sunday evening to present A. R. Gaul's oratorio, "The Holy City." This sacred oratorio will be given in Convention Hall at 8:00 as the fifth consecutive such composition to be given in the past five years.

## Chemistry Club Takes Annual Trip

### Pilgrimage Includes Candy Factory, Reformatory

Members of the chemistry club will make their annual pilgrimage to Hutchinson to visit points of interest there Friday April 17.

The itinerary includes visits to the straw and paper board plant, the candy and Coca-Cola plants, the Rainbow bakery, and the state reformatory for boys. Plans have not yet been made definite, but it is thought that other places may also be added to the list.

In past years the outstanding highlight has been the tour through the salt mines and plants, but because of the war situation this feature will not be possible this year.

This trip, which is a custom of more than twenty years, is open to anyone taking chemistry; and, with the dean's permission, other students may go seeing Dr. Hershey.

Transportation will be furnished mostly by students in possession of automobiles.

# Vancil Leads Honor Roll With 51 Points

### Total Of Sixteen Students Rate Roll, Seventeen Make Honorable Mention.

Sarah May Vancil again heads the honor roll at the end of the nine-week period for the second semester with 51 honor points. Eunice Swank ran her a close second with 50 honor points.

Ardis Sawyer was third high on the honor roll with a total of 47 points. Luella Poister and Harold Voth ranked next with 46 points each. 44 points were gained by James Nagely, while Woodrow Franklin and Arline Seidel each gained 43.

Lucile Horner and Maxine Ruehlen rated the honored list with a 42 point total, and Blanche Geisert and Wayne Geisert divided honors with 41 points. David Albright, Russell Jarboe, Jean Oberst, and Milo Unruh each had 40 points.

Seventeen Macollegians rated the honorable mention list of the honor roll with 35 to 39 points. They were: Anne Janet Allison and Ann Witmore, 39; Arlene Cavert, Wayne Crist, Doris Miller, Ernest Peterson, each with 38; 37 points were made by Paul Dannelley, Alvin Klots, Jean McNeil, and Warren Sles.

Making honorable mention with 36 points were Geraldine Hedges, Barbara Minneman, Lena Belle Otwin, Mrs. Gwendolyn Smith, Viola Van Hoozen, and trailing with 35 honor points were Maurine Gish and Joseph Hoffer.

## Tune In on our Social Calendar

Friday April 10—Rehearsal for Oratorio.

Saturday April 11—H. S. Music Festival.

Sunday April 12—Oratorio 8:00.

Monday April 13—Charm Chat.

Tuesday April 14—Recital-Seidel.

Wednesday April 15—J. Melton-Concert.

Friday April 17—"M" Club Banquet, Chemistry Trip.

Professor Clarke Brandt, head of the music department of Central College, will direct the 175 voice chorus, which represents McPherson College and Central College. This will be the instigation of a new plan whereby the planning and the directorship of the oratorio will be alternated yearly between the music directors of McPherson's two colleges with the choruses being combined each year.

Mrs. Charles Hawkes, well-known as a soloist in music circles of Salina, will carry the soprano part in the oratorio. Miss Helen Miller, former teacher in McPherson now teaching in Salina, will sing the contralto solos. Professor Nevin W. Fisher, voice instructor of McPherson College, will be the tenor soloist for "The Holy City." The bass solos will be sung by Mr. Chester Critt, who teaches voice at Bethany College, Bethany, Oklahoma. Soloists have been selected by Prof. Brandt, director.

Accompaniment for the oratorio will be two pianos by Miss Anne Janet Allison and Miss Gulah Hoover.

Complying with the presentation of this year's "The Holy City" is the Ministerial Alliance of the City. There will be no evening services in the churches of McPherson in order that the oratorio may be audenced by all.

Gaul's oratorio has as its theme "the new heaven and the new earth" referred to in the Bible. With the exception of two hymns, a verse from Milton, and three verses from the Te Deum, the words are entirely scriptural.

Ninety students of McPherson College sing in the oratorio chorus and will this year be a part of the annual oratorio presentation.

## Lacqueament Talks Of "Seeing Eyes"

### Tells Of School Where Dogs Are Trained

Dr. Lacqueament of Canton, Kansas, accompanied by Mrs. Lacqueament and his "seeing eye" dog Taj, appeared in Chapel Monday morning. Dr. Lacqueament gave a talk concerning "Seeing Eye Dogs."

Lacqueament said that nearly all such dogs are German Shepherds. The one hundred fifty dollars which one must pay for one of these dogs includes not only harness, leash, and muzzle for the dog, but also a month's training room and board for his master. This very rigid training which a blind person must undergo before he may obtain his dog is very helpful in making the recipient more self-dependent, according to Dr. Lacqueament.

"The trainers who work in the 'seeing eye' training schools must be real men," said he. They must be well-educated, strong in body, and must know something of human psychology. It takes four years of hard work to become a trainer. Statistics show that only two percent of those starting this educational process ever actually become fully qualified trainers.

"Present indications are that every one desiring to be placed will secure a good position for this next year," stated Dr. R. E. Mohler this week. Calls are coming in every day for teachers and office workers. As many as 10 calls a day is not unusual.



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## Gleaned from the Screaming Brain of Ye Scribe

Ashes to ashes and dust to dust; that's how the weekly dirt gets into the gossip columns.

With abandon disregard for common courtesy, Jeanie McNeil, the sunshine girl, got up at the crack of dawn Wednesday morning and aroused all the gals "out of bed with reveille."

Some guys have all the luck, as was exemplified by Harry Reeves, the good fortune Easter Morn. Imagine waking up and finding Marjell Lamie in your room.

Saying "If you can, we can," the Arnold dwellers sallied forth and captured Herby Ronk to replace their lost member.

Always in times of strife and turmoil more and more people turn to religion. Apparently this has happened to the potential "M" Club members who look much like old-order Brethren with their long, flowing beards.

Several of the gals of the "M" Club initiate have been raising violent protests at this inhumane form of torture; strangely enough however, Marilyn Sandy has voiced no complaint.

Mystery ensnareds the Geisert Geisert's gal, and party, picnic last week end. Knowing the couples who went they just couldn't have spent a whole evening without some newsy little item popping up.

he didn't think he could make it. That's funny, I didn't know that the "V" Club stayed open that late.

Indeed phenomenal is the manner in which Johnnie Mingenback consumes candy bars. Of course the noise is a bit disturbing to other library patrons, but no one protests because it is such a joy to witness the process.

### Hayden Speaks At Banquet

Coach Thomas C. Hayden, athletic director for men at McPherson College, was the principal speaker at a banquet in Canton for members of the basketball and football squads.

### Stork Stories for April

- April 1, Blanche Geisert. April 4, Elvin Brown. April 4, Kenneth Thompson. April 6, Kurtz Eibert. April 7, Albert Miller. April 7, Barbara Misenman. April 9, "Squeak" Meyer. April 11, Merle Finhook. April 11, Olga Alice Slifer. April 14, Herbert Ronk. April 26, Margaret Hamm.

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## The President's Corner

One's character shows up most effectively when he is placed in a critical or unusual situation or when he is thwarted in his natural habitual ways of thinking and doing.

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### IRC Discusses Russia At War

The International Relations Club meets this afternoon at 4:00 P. M. in the Student Union Room. William Gahn will give a review of a new headline book, "Russia at War," that has recently been received from the Foreign Policy Association.

It is hoped that in the very near future the I. R. C. will be able to obtain a film dealing with the Latin American countries.

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## Little Manufacturer Can't Keep Up

With priorities on war materials running rampant, the little business man and manufacturer finds that, contrary to peacetimes, he can get only a limited supply of whatever he needs.

Priorities must, no doubt, be had; but it is definitely hurting the small manufacturer. These small factories, although they are not necessarily making war materials, are supplying some need of the people, which in itself is helping the war effort.

To go still further, after the war is over, will business be resumed? In all probability, the majority of these factories closed with a financial loss by so doing.

Present conditions would lead one to believe that these business houses which are now closing will be unable to open without some system wherein they can be given sufficient time to "get back on their feet."

## Need Pre-Induction Training?

The average male undergraduate is badly prepared for his inevitable life in the armed forces and American educational institutions are giving no evidence that he will be any better prepared in the near future.

College editors report that universities and colleges introduced vast changes in curriculum after Pearl Harbor and 74 or more new "defense courses" were reported by the 72 schools.

Pre-induction military training is of two kinds, basic and specialized. Into the basic classification fall Reserve Officers Training corps and similar devices to teach military fundamentals.

"Defense courses" reported to the Maroon are of three types: specialized pre-induction military training, best exemplified by the numerous "cartography" courses which have a definite military implication; courses in "fire fighting" and "smittings" would fall into a general civilian defense classification; and war industries training courses include such courses as "personal administration" and "industrial microbiology."

In answer to the student and public demands for pre-induction military training, the educational institutions have offered these courses, but what they have not offered is any assurance that the men taking these courses will ever have the chance to use what they learn in the army.

The report concludes "There must be a close cooperation between the army and educational institutions to standardize 'defense courses' before the college man can have any assurance that his specialized training will be utilized."-(A. C. P.)



## Twenty-Two On Dean's List For Nine Weeks

Seven Seniors, Five Juniors, Five Sophs., Five Freshmen

All students who made grades of B or above last semester are admitted to the Dean's List. Those who maintain this grade are retained but students who receive a C grade during the first nine weeks of a semester are dropped from the List at the end of the nine weeks. Membership on the Dean's list entitles the student to the privilege of attending a minimum of two thirds of the class periods without formal excuse and without a loss of grade points.

The following students have retained their Dean's List rating for the nine weeks. The seniors hold first place with seven names appearing: Wilbur Bullinger, Helen Davis, Woodrow Franklin, Lucile Horner, Virginia Kerlin, Joy Smith, and Sarah May Vancil. Juniors, Sophomores and Freshmen tied for second place with five from each class. Juniors named are Anne Janet Allison, Arlene Cavert, Joe Dell, Jeana Oberst, and Harold Voth. Sophomores on the list are Maxine Ruehlin, Ardis Sawyer, Jean McNicol, Dean Stucky, and Eunice Swank. Freshmen honoraries are David Albright, Mary Kittell, Wilma Kuna, Doris Miller, and Ann Wittmore.

## Student Council Election To Be Next Tuesday

Campaign Speeches To Be Given In Chapel On Tuesday Morning

Elections for the positions of student council president and treasurer, respectively, will be held next Tuesday, it was announced Wednesday night by Virginia Kerlin, president of this year's council.

Candidates for the position of president of the student body are Wayne Crist and Robert Burkholder. Nominees for treasurer are Wayne Giesert and John Trestle.

Campaign speeches will be delivered Tuesday morning in the college chapel from 8:40 to 10:15, after which the election polls will be open in the Student Union Room from 10:15 until 12:00, and again from 12:30 until 2:00 in the afternoon.

The election board, as in former years, will consist of the senior members of the student council, Doris Voshell being chairman.

## Seidel Presents Recital Tuesday

Assisted By Jean Oberst, Reader, And Tess Brown.

Tuesday evening next week, Miss Arline Seidel will present a piano recital in the chapel auditorium. She will play a Beethoven Sonata, "Grillen" by Schumann, "Caprice" from Targanini by Schumann, "Polonaise" by McDowell, "On Wings of Song" by Mendelssohn, and several other selections of note.

Miss Seidel is a sophomore in McPherson College studying piano under Miss Brown. She will be assisted in her recital by Miss Jean Oberst, reader.

## Thompson Announces Engagement Via Spec

Announced At Home Town Last Friday Night.

Mr. Kenneth Thompson announces his engagement to Miss Bernadina Ingram of St. Joseph, Missouri, via the Spectator in order that all Macallegians might learn of the glorious news at the same time, since he wishes to show no preference to any of his many friends.

The announcement was made last

Friday night, April 3, at the home of Miss Ingram in St. Joseph. The wedding date has not been definitely announced.

Kenneth, a senior this year, is a major in music and has been an active member of the A Cappella Choir this year. He is best known around Macampus for his college band, which under his directorship, has been extremely successful this year.

## Play Production Class Performs April 22

Sponsored by the social committee of the Student Council, members of the play production class will present three one-act plays, two comedies and a tragedy, Thursday evening, April 22. Miss Della Lehman announced this week.

The first of the plays, "Joint Own-

ers In Spain" by Alice Brown, centers about an amusing incident in an old ladies' home. In this play are Margaret Hamm, Lena Belle Olwin, Olga Silber, and Margaret Davis. Lena Belle Olwin will be the director.

"A Minute" by Louis N. Parker, a costume play of the time of the French Revolution, is the tragedy of the group. Under the direction of Wayne Giesert, Lucile Horner, Paul Danneley, and Wayne Giesert will take the parts of the Marchioness, the Marquis, and the Gaoier, respectively.

"The Bronze Lady and the Crystal Gentleman" by Duvernols, a clever presentation of the actions of a few mentally unbound, will be directed by Max Branton. Playing the parts of the "mentally unbound" are Roy McAuley, Max Branton, Robert Mays, William Gahn, and Jean Oberst.

This also seems to be the season for shewing. Just ask any sheep, or Ploppy, who's been wanting a new set of bows for over and under size heads who come to be shorn. All she needs now is a barber pole and some sweet stinking stick-on so she can be a full fledged barber. I betcha the Flory establishment wouldn't have a hard time finding shoeshine or sweep-out boys. Whatcha bet?

Scene: Girls' dorm parlor. Time: Just after the mailman's visit. Characters: Phyllis Miebler and a letter. She reads: "I won't be able to get to see you any this week—(censored)" Sounds like a tragedy in the

make. The mood of the piece changes. Rodney walks onto the scene. Need we go on? Anyway, they all live happily ever after.

And speaking of haircuts have you seen Dee Miller lately? You may have and didn't know it. He looks like a fugitive from a Jimricka, or maybe

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Monday morning. Oh, well, she's Ben happy like this before after a trip to the city. (P. S.—And a convertible, too) (P. P. S.—She said her "family" brought her back) (P. P. P. S.—Chuckie, chuckie)

Ah—spring, when a young man's fancy lightly turns to baseball and other forms of pitching—or to quote Little Bull, "to what the girls have been thinking about all year." And speaking of antics turning, or returning, this agent hears that the old Long-Coughenour flame is flaring up again. Do ya s'pose they broke any keys off in any locks, or didn't they have an exciting time Saturday night.

Scoop! Flash! Bring on the headlines! Sies Takes Drastic Measures to Crash the Headlines! Warren gets a joint de-jointed in a jointer. They say it was quite a sight to see Prof. Dell and the boys under Squeak's able direction combing the sawdust for the fragments of the Sies digit. In order to put it back on the old stamping grounds. The Sies-burger they didn't find is to all human knowledge still lying in the sawdust. Oh well, says the lad from Lorraine, "One less fingernail to clean." I guess when some of the fellows went home, their mothers, wives, room-mates, or what have you, noticed the sawdust in the cuffs and began inspecting the son, husband, room-mate, or other victims of circumstances for the telltale scalp wound.

It's nice that so many went to see "A Family Portrait" last Sunday night to swell the crowd and enjoy the performances. It was 'too bad some of the students (I should use that word more sparingly) had to leave early. We suppose they thought the girls had to be in by ten, so they left at 8:30 to allow themselves time to make the journey from Main Street to College Hill by ten. There's nothing like being precautionous to avoid entanglement with the point system. A 7 1/2 point girl does give one high blood pressure, jangled nerves, the feeling of the fox in the chase. Speak up. That's right isn't it Dannelley? But the era of jitters is over for a spell now that a new nine-weeks period started. That's why you're seeing a calmer, more composed Paul around the campus.

There's nothing like a trip home to put the bugs under the eyes, a dose in front of them, and that light of you-know-what in them. Witness for example the case of Ariens Heywolds. The bugs and the dose came later, but the light was in evidence Sunday night and Monday morning. Miraculous! Imagine anyone's having anything but sleep-sand in their eyes at breakfast time—especially on

Paul around the campus.

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# Finals Reached In Table Tennis Tournament

## French, Defending Champ, And Stucky Reach Final Bracket.

Junior French, defending ping-pong champion of Macampus, has again advanced to the finals of the college open tournament against fast competition, and is hoped to repeat as this year's winner. French, who is also defending city champion, and who has been state Y. M. C. A. winner previously, meets Dean Stucky in the final game.

French, the number one seeded player advanced with a bye in the first round, defeated crafty Esther Ikenberry in his next round, and defeated "English" George Voth to advance to the finals. Stucky defeated Robert Burkholder in the first round, upset Harry Reeves, the other seeded player, in the next round, and then took Ted Washburn for the right to meet French.

First round winners in the tournament were French with a bye, Ikenberry with a bye, George Voth over Coughenour, Hoffert over Bowman, Reeves with a bye, Stucky over Burkholder, Nicholson over McAuley, and Washburn over Sanger.

In the second round, French defeated Ikenberry 21-18, 21-19, while Voth defeated Hoffert 21-11, 21-17 in the upper bracket. In the lower bracket, Stucky slipped by Reeves 21-19, 22-20, and Washburn defeated McAuley 21-12, 15-21, 21-16.

In the semi-finals French defeated Voth 21-9, 21-10, and Stucky defeated Washburn 21-10, 22-20.

# Staehling Attends Athletic Meeting

## Annual Convention Has Militant Fitness Theme.

Miss Jean Staehling, director of athletics for women, returned this week from attending the ninth annual convention of the Central District of the American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation held April 1-4 in Des Moines, Iowa.

"Militant Fitness" was the general theme of the meetings. "War, and the need for physical fitness not only

in the armed forces but also of the home front was emphasized throughout the convention," declared Miss Staehling.

Six general sessions were held and a number of section meetings in the fields of health, therapeutics, research, teacher training, recreation, camping, dancing, men's athletics, women's athletics, and student sections for physical education majors.

In the mornings lectures and discussions were held; in the afternoons tours of the public schools in Des Moines were made.

The group of 400 delegates at the general sessions was composed of coaches, directors of physical education, health department officials, and representatives of the Office of Civilian Defense. Nine states, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota, Kansas, Iowa, Wyoming, Missouri, Nebraska, were represented.

# Ramblings

By Robert

Track no longer holds the high position in the field of sports that it once did. This is in spite of the fact that today we have better track men than ever before. Gregg Rice, Cornelius Wammerdam, Fred Wolcott, and Al Blozis all hold world's records. It is also in spite of the fact that indoor track in Madison Square Garden this year attracted more people than ever before and also that in recent years the Penn relays, the Kansas Relays, the Drake Relays, and others have been highly successful.

What are the reasons for the decline of track? One of the big reasons is that track cannot support itself. Track requires a considerable amount of equipment, yet the income from track is negligible. The gate receipts of track last year at the conference met amounted to only a few dollars. Thus track has to be supported in most schools out of the profits, if any, from football and basketball. Because of this, track has been abandoned in the background in many schools.

The other big reason track is on the decline is that the American public goes in for team sports rather than individual sports. Track is strictly individual, with the exception of the relays.

Although track is on the decline, it will always be of national and international interest. Track is one of the

few sports in which there is international competition. Before the present war, once every four years, the Olympics were held in which any country might participate. Although the Olympics have discontinued for the duration, they will no doubt be revived after the present world conflict.

# M Club Banquet Next Friday Night

## Ferguson Main Speaker Pribble To Be Toastmaster

Patriotically, Victory will be the motif of the "M" Club banquet to be held at the Hotel Warren Roof Garden on Friday, April 17th.

Thus sustaining a tradition of long standing, the "M" Club plans to entertain its members and their guests, as has been the custom for some years, at the annual spring banquet.

Insuring the success of the event, Homer Ferguson, of the Farmer's Alliance Insurance Company, and loyal supporter of McPherson College and its athletic program, will deliver the main address.

John Pribble, one of the most enthusiastic fans of McPherson College athletics, will, in the capacity of master of ceremonies, add the necessary humor and wit that is required to add flavor and keep the party moving.

All "M" Club members, both in school now and alumni members are eligible to attend this event and to bring a guest.

Admission will be 75c per plate and the banquet will begin at 7:30 in the evening.

# Senior Girls Guests At Tea Saturday

Senior girls of McPherson College will be entertained Saturday afternoon with a tea and program at 2:30 in the Student Union Room. Miss Margaret Sandzen, artist from Lindborg, will be the speaker of the afternoon. Miss Sandzen is the daughter of Berger Sandzen, nationally known Kansas artist.

The entertainment is sponsored by the local branch of the American association of College. "The purpose of the organization is to maintain interest of graduate women in education," stated Miss Ida Shockley, president of the local branch.

# Mutterings

By Mary

Miss Staehling has returned from Des Moines, Iowa, where she has been attending the District Convention for Physical Education teachers. She is brimming over with a surplus of knowledge gained at the convention. If you're ever around the gymnasium she'll give you plenty of exercises. The aim now is physical fitness and we girls certainly need it.

Jean Oberst puts in her plea for more Robin Hood's in archery. "Floppy" Flory, Helen Davis, and Marjory Throne are the faithful arrow slingers. There is to be a National Tournament and there must be at least eight members to send in their score. The Archery Club wants to enter, so why don't some of you girls join this club.

Notice to the Outing Club! If the weather man permits, a weiner roast is in the offing for Saturday. So don your hiking clothes and come along with us!

Girls wanting to enter table tennis tournament see Ruth Miller, manager. This is an opportunity for those who are not so experienced with tournaments.

# Burger Speaks In Friday Chapel

Dick Burger, a student minister, spoke on the subject "How Green Was My Valley" in chapel Wednesday morning. Burger stated that there were two kinds of valleys. Those which were green when we inherited them and those which we must make green by our efforts.

Scriptures and prayer were given by Maxine Ruehlen. The men's quartet sang two numbers, "Near My God to Thee," and "For God So Loved the World."

# Prof. Bowman To Adopt New Motto

"Knock before entering" should be Prof. Bowman's motto if it already isn't. But who would ever suspect that 18 pretty maidens, bedecked in swimming suits would be running around loose in clothing lab, and Mrs. Mohler's office!

Opening the office door, Prof. Bowman was met with rabid shrieks from the dressing girls who were going to have their posture pictures taken by the waiting photographer next door—and Prof. Bowman just blushed!

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Coughen'r	G. Voth	G. Voth	21-11, 21-17
Hoffert	Hoffert	Hoffert	Reeves
Bowman	Reeves	Stucky	21-19, 22-20
Reeves	Bye	Stucky	21-10, 22-20
Stucky	Burkholder	Stucky	21-10, 22-20
Nicholson	McAuley	Washburn	21-12, 15-21
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