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Bales Appointed To Campus Editorship

A youthful aspirant to journalistic fame, Virginia Bales, takes up the tasks of the campus editor of the Spectator at the close of the semester. Her name was submitted by the Board of Publications and approved by the Student Council in its regular meeting Wednesday evening.

Virginia, a sophomore, has showed her interest and ability in Spectator work by the numerous stories she has written this semester. She has been a faithful assistant in performing many "flunkie" duties for the present staff. A course in journalism under Professor Hess, also, helps to qualify her for the position.

The office of campus editor will be left vacant by the promotion of Berniece Guthals, now serving in that capacity, to the post of managing editor. Anne Metzler, present managing editor, will step into the position of editor-in-chief when it is left vacant at the end of this semester by the expiration of Blanche Geisert's term.

The appointment was made according to the rules prescribed by the Student Council whereby all regularly enrolled students have the privilege of applying for the job.

Dr. Peters Offers New Year Message

With an eye toward the future, Dr. Peters began the first chapel of the new year on the topic, "The Year Ahead." Stating that he is an opto-pessimist, one who can keep his head in the sunshine and his feet on the ground, Dr. Peters gave wise advice for conduct during the critical, but hopeful year. Truth is more powerful than error; consequently our thinking should be undergirded with certain fundamental religious beliefs, clear understanding, the knowledge that no race is superior, and the ability and practice of keeping away from hasty generalizations.

"A global peace can be won if people are willing to believe and work for it. Friendliness of people, eventually of nations is a prerequisite. Immediately after the war is concluded it is admonished by Dr. Peters that a cooling off period must be given before justice will be given. He advocates a protective force for countries who will need to be allowed to reconstruct their own government. Wise and socially adjusted leaders combined with religion will play leading roles in the reconstruction of the world ideologies. The words "With malice toward none, with liberty and justice for all" will be as true now as 80 years ago according to President Peters.

After this major portion of his speech Dr. Peters then showed how each can do his part in making these plans work. Among other injunctions he said people should read widely, listen to varied programs, think quickly but act with deliberation.

"Ours is to be the task of profiting by past mistakes. Since isolation is out, it is our duty to be constructively alert to present conditions. What are you going to do with these opportunities in the new year?" was Peters' final question.

Church Of The Brethren Welcomes Students:

Sunday School for College Students 9:45 a. m.
Church Service 11:45 a. m.
Sermon—
Dr. Desmond Bittinger.
College B. Y. P. D. 6:45 p. m.
Evening Worship 7:30 p. m.
Sermon—
Rev. James Elrod.
Subject—
Brethren Service in this country and abroad.

Literature And Music Featured In Chapel

Monday morning, December 20, the chapel service featured Christmas in literature and music.

Mr. Harold Beam, rural McPherson, alumnus and trustee of McPherson College, sang two Christmas numbers accompanied on the piano by Professor Nevin W. Fisher. Norma Lea Jones read "Why the Chimes Rang."

Elrod Directs Thought On Peace Adjustments

Thoughts in chapel Wednesday were directed by Rev. Elrod along the topic of major problems of civilians. The first one considered was that of the making the peace. Although military men must win decisions in the war, it will not be theirs to write the peace terms. Civilians are the ones who will determine the kind of peace they will allow to be written.

Problem number two is that of the readjustment required after the war. Industry has replaced those who have gone into the service with many who will want to retain their positions after the war, which will result in much unemployment. There is also the problem of moving from defense centers, just as there has been in moving into them.

Rev. Elrod concluded by saying that he had presented these problems for our own considerations, and that the greatest need today is for eyes that see and hearts that understand.

Student Union Room Reopens For Use

Use of the Student Union Room is again being made possible by a measure which was taken by the Student Council in its last meeting.

It was decided at this time that the room would be opened according to something of an honor system. Students will have the responsibility of taking care of the furnishings without the presence of a keeper. Trust is being placed upon the individual, and it is hoped that Macollegians will prove themselves worthy. Of course, there will be someone in charge of looking in at various times to see how things are going.

The room will be open from 8 o'clock in the morning until closing hours on every day except Saturday and Sunday. On these two days it will open at 1 o'clock and remain so until closing hours except for periods during which church services are being carried on at the local church.

The arrangement is only a trial. Its permanence will depend upon the cooperation obtained.

Exams Halt Journalists

Examination times are days of worry and confusion to Spectator writers, as well as to the rest of the students. Consequently, editorial activities will be halted for a week as these "newshounds" pause to be examined. The next issue of the Spectator will appear January 21, the first Friday of the second semester. School work will begin Tuesday, January 18.

Bittingers Will Be Honored In Farewell Party

Popular Faculty Member Accepts Editor's Duties

Sunday afternoon, January 9, students, faculty, and the directors of McPherson College will meet in the S. U. R. to pay their respects to Dr. and Mrs. Desmond Bittinger who are leaving at the end of the semester for Elgin, Illinois. Dr. Bittinger accepted the position of Editor of the Gospel Messenger. Dr. and Mrs. Bittinger will be greatly missed by the students and faculty of McPherson College.

S. C. M. has charge of the farewell party and the following committees have been appointed. The service committee is composed of Eunice Swank, chairman; Dorothy Grove, and Joan Blough. Lois Nicholson, Ruth Davis and Evelyn Bentley are on the table decorations committee. In charge of the refreshments are Berniece Guthals, chairman; Betty Kimmel and Mary Beth Loshbaugh.

Metzler Philosophizes To B.Y.P.D. Audience

Last Sunday evening Dr. Metzler talked to the B. Y. P. D. Although he started to view life with a rather pessimistic view, he ended his speech by proving that life is worth living. His talk was based on parts of Ecclesiastes.

After an informal Christmas program, lads and lassies of McPherson College B. Y. P. D. donned their heaviest wearing apparel the Sunday evening before Christmas and serenaded the residents of College Hill. After filling the air with carols, the group returned to the basement of the church for refreshments of coffee and rolls.

Criminology Class Tours Boys' State Reformatory

Students of Criminology class under direction of Dr. Bittinger itinerated to Hutchinson, Thursday afternoon to visit the State Reformatory for boys. The following seventeen students that made the trip to Hutchinson are: Virginia Bales, Lillian Fulkerson, Alta Gross Lucile Harris, Eunice Swank, Maurine Gish, Evelyn Wilson, Marvin Reeves, Wayne Geisert, Alvin Klotz, Ed Murray, Wayne Parris, Edwin Rodabaugh, Leslie Rogers, Glenn Swinger, Lewis Thomas, and Santos Jaures.

Debaters Will Meet

Forty Teams May Contend In Tomorrow's Tournament

S.C.M. Sends Gifts To Relocation Center

Like children on a lark, so gathered students and faculty to the S. U. R. for the annual Christmas party. Each deposited a gift at the foot of the lighted tree and as the evening drew to a close, Santa distributed gifts to all.

Since college people have more pressing tasks than that of child play, the guests left their gifts in two conveniently placed baskets. The next Tuesday morning the Student Volunteers spent a pleasant half hour as they wrapped the toys in gay Christmas wrappings for the children of the Amache Relocation Center. Thus, a large number of gifts were sent to children, who otherwise would have had no Christmas.

Muzumdar To Talk Tomorrow

S.C.M. Secures Indian For Informal Conference

Dr. Haridas Muzumdar, student of Indian and Oriental affairs, will be on the McPherson College campus tomorrow morning at 10:00. Muzumdar has been secured by the S. C. M. thru the Kans. Institute of International Relations.

Dr. Haridas Muzumdar is a biographer of Gandhi, distinguished Hindu sociologist and educator, authority on the Orient, and interpreter of the present crisis in India.

The speaker was born and received his early education in the state of Baroda, India, attended the University of Bombay, and came to America to complete his education. He received his A. B. and M. A. degrees at Northwestern and his Ph. D. at Wisconsin University. He was a member of the faculty at Wisconsin and Howard University.

Dr. Haridas Muzumdar will speak at the First Congregational church this evening at 8 o'clock. Students are urged to attend this meeting. The subject will be "Democracy—The Way Out or On The Way Out."

Faculty, Students Enjoy Xmas Party

Complete with a "jolly Saint Nick" the all-school Christmas party was held Saturday night preceding vacation, Dec. 18. Faculty and students mingled in the rollicking games which were directed by Eunice Swank and Les Rogers, who was chairman of the recreational committee.

In the program which was planned by the committee headed by Maurine Gish, Eugene Lighty led group singing. Keith Burton gave a chalk talk and sang a solo. Dr. Desmond W. Bittinger told his personal observations concerning a Christmas celebration in Africa. A further note of Christmas was added by the male quartet with its special music. To the tune of tinkling sleigh bells "Santa Claus" Harry Reeves burst in upon the party. Here the distribution of gifts was accomplished along with the reading of some humorous letters which Santa Claus had received.

The small tokens of Christmas which had been bought by the guests and placed under the tree to be handed out by Santa were later returned and wrapped for Japanese-American children.

Popcorn balls and hot chocolate were served by the refreshment committee under the leadership of Eunice Swank.

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Venture Forth, Shy Bashful Maiden --- You Too, Can Have A Man

Days have come and gone till at long last we have again reached the season in which a young girl's fancy turns to lover's technique while the young man turns on his heel and runs away. January 1 of the Leap year is the date at which traditional love practices are discarded, Cupid's aim is distorted, and romantic chaos is a close-following ramification.

Let us attempt an authoritative study of this natural phenomenon, this magnetism between the sexes, this game of hearts of which the cherubic son of Venus is so fond. Because of the emotional insecurity, the intangible aspect of the subject, a compilation of fool-proof facts is an extremely difficult undertaking.

For example, it is a generally believed myth that John first suffers pangs from the historical Arrow and that with difficulty he steals the heart of his Mary. Yet investigation

proves that though the subtle girl may not have resorted to open capture before January 1, the match was first conceived in gentle Mary's efficient mind.

Much of Cupid's old pattern has been destroyed by Mars and his khaki-clad cohorts. "There is something about a uniform . . ." and "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" and Cupid recoils as his arrows sometimes miss their predetermined mark and break their feathers in a tangle of navy blues. Campus coeds sport diamonds, freshman friendships ripen before their time, the emphasis is love. Girl meets Soldier, Mars acts as Cupid, and the minister pockets five dollars. Cupid is overworked.

More young people are asking for marriage licenses than ever before. Now come Leap Year. And by some strange geometric progression let us

wager, optimistically and pessimistically depending upon whether you are male or female, that marriage will increase one hundred per cent and that by 1945 all girls whose fourth fingers left-hand were not adorned by fair and square means before Leap Year may manage to snag either one man or another during the hunting season.

Worry on the part of Macollege femmes is not necessary. They will find that the transformation from a shy twisting-her-handkerchief maiden to the bold sit-in-the-girl's-dorm-parlor-and-flirt paramour is rapid and completely natural. So rapid and so natural that with luck and the best wishes and close cooperation of her sisters in conquest that the unsuspecting heart of some of the foolish fellow may fall into the snare set for him by the skirted wolf.

Annual Chapel Carol-Fest Held With Quartet Aid

The annual chapel carol-singing fest took place Friday morning December 17.

Professor Nevin W. Fisher led the chapel audience in familiar carols and Christmas songs. Both the Men's and Women's Varsity Quartets were seated on the platform to offer their musical assistance.

At proper places in the program the quartets sang separately and various members of the group offered appropriate solo numbers.



At The Stroke Of The Clock

Friday, Jan. 7—Basketball Game with Bethany—There.

Saturday, Jan. 8—Debate Tournament at McPherson.

Sunday, Jan. 9—Farewell for Bittingers, 3:00 p. m. in S. U. R.

Tuesday to Friday, Jan. 12-14—Examinations.

Thursday to Friday, Jan. 13 and 14—Registration.

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Sunflowers and Sandburrs

Another year and this one is Leap Year! Judging from chance remarks, I should prophesy that Cupid's dart will reverse its beaten course. However, the man-power shortage may cramp the style of our girl-Lotharios. Good luck, Loach!

A certain college professor is proud of a certain Christmas gift Santa (his spouse) left under the Yule tree. Perhaps Professor Fisher isn't proud of the watch, but he's certainly conscious of that left wrist. It is a good looking time-piece.

'Tis time to toss some more sunflowers—and these are to the Bittingers. We are pitying future college generations for missing those Bittinger Sunday night get-togethers with Mrs. Bittinger, her tea, and tea cups. We can't imagine Maccollege life without Dr. Bittinger's Marriage and Family classes, his African stories and thrilling chapel addresses. The student body bids farewell to the Bittingers with regret and with hopes for the further success of this exceptional family that has become the ideal family, the model for the future families that so many of us hope someday to call our own.

Holidays Prove Exciting
Vacations are always fun, and when does one find more enjoyment than at the Christmas Holiday Season? Naturally all isn't peaches and cream—for the Markham boys, disaster struck her blow by the forcible removal of their tonsils. Not so pleasant but a needful operation—at least I once survived the ordeal.

Several students will long remember Miss Neher for her habit of running out of gas. Last fall she embarrassed herself by attempting too many miles on too few stamps. A similar circumstance occurred on the return trip to McPherson or rather at the completion of the journey—almost!

The Reeves—Phyllis and Marvin that is—journeyed south for the holidays. When asked if anything exciting happened, Phyllis went into ecstasies. "I met a soldier from Alaska! And he gave me a handkerchief!" A bit of prodding revealed that she met him on the bus this side of Oklahoma and enjoyed his company to Wichita. Brother Marvin didn't say whether he met any girls or not, but at least he very successfully thumbed his way about.

Nada met a soldier too but she wasn't thrilled. Oh no—"He tried to get fresh and I slapped him." "His face," we gasped, "No, his hands—his face was too smeary!"
A trip to Chicago with her mother to see Roy and Arlene McAuley, her brother-in-law and her sister, is an experience Lois Nicholson hasn't finished telling about yet. What is more, on her way to meet her mother, Lois had an unusual thrill—she slept with a college professor! Wow, that's something and how! At least you couldn't call it an everyday occurrence.
Misfortune paid a visit to Eva Mae in the form of a trip to the hospital in which she underwent an appendectomy. Such things do happen but we

Our President Comments:

Best wishes for the New Year! How well satisfied are we as we reflect upon our lives as revealed upon the blueprint of the year just past? The best way to recall with satisfaction the events of 1944 is to so live that we will have a minimum of regrets.

I submit "Live and Help Live" by Edwin Markham as a good suggestion for a wholesome philosophy by which to live in 1944.
Live and let live! was the call of the Old—
The call of the world when the world was cold—
The call of men when they pulled apart—
The call of the race with a chill on the heart—
But live and help live! is the cry of the New—
The cry of the world with the Dream shining through
The cry of the Brother World rising to birth—
The cry of the Christ for a comrade like earth.

Examination Schedule:

First Semester, 1943-44
Tuesday, January 11, 1944
8:00-10:00—All 8:00 T. W. Th. classes except Freshman English.
10:00-12:00—All Freshman English classes and Marriage and the Family.
1:20-3:20—All 8:55 M. W. F. classes.
3:20-5:20—All 8:55 T. Th. classes except Freshman English.
Wednesday, January 12, 1944
8:00-10:00—All 10:25 M. T. Th. classes except Marriage and the Family and Old Testament.
10:00-12:00—Introduction to Literature.
1:20-3:20—All 10:25 W. F. classes.

3:20-5:20—All 11:20 M. W. classes.
Thursday, Jan. 13, 1944
8:00-10:00 All 11:20 T. Th. F. classes except Freshman English and Introduction to Literature classes.
10:00-12:00 All 1:20 M. W. F. classes except Introduction to Literature.
1:20-3:20 All 1:20 T. Th. classes.
3:20-5:20 All 3:10 and appointment classes unless announced otherwise by the instructor.
Friday, Jan. 14, 1944
8:00-10:00 Old Testament Life and Literature.
10:00-12:00—All 2:15 M. W. F. classes except Old Testament.
1:20—3:20 All 2:15 T. Th. classes.
3:20-5:20 Open period.

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Ye Ed Bows Out!

"Farewell and stand fast", quoth a character of Shakespeare's "Henry IV". This seems to be the only statement of use to me today from "Hoyt's New Encyclopedia of Practical Quotations", a book which has served me faithfully for about two years now, first as flunkie and then as editor of the Spectator.

Good-byes are usually considered rather sad, and as I sit here trying to think of something to say to mark my "graceful" exit from the post of "Ye Ed", I am inclined to feel rather nostalgic about the whole thing. The events which followed our entrance into school last September have followed one another with such startling rapidity that it seems almost unbelievable that the present staff has been in operation almost an entire semester.

Yet the idea of relinquishing the reins to my very efficient and promising managing editor is not all sadness. "Spectator-ing" takes more time than most people know about (and it's probably a good thing that they do not). In working on the paper one finds it necessary to give up activities in which he (or she) could otherwise participate. Then, too, a new editorial staff will add new life to the paper and help to obviate the stale spots which are almost certain to have accrued throughout the semester.

Verdict Guilty!

With six and one-half days already deducted from this year's total of three hundred sixty-six it may seem rather late for one to be wishing "Happy New Year's". However, this is the first Spectator in the year of '44. Thus, I do not apologize for doing so May your year be a fruitful and enjoyable one.

After the challenging chapel address of last Monday any effort on my poor part to put into words suggestions for the remainder of this year would, no doubt, be considered ineffectual. Yet, a remark heard recently prompts me to write along this line of thought.

It was an individual on our campus who was talking: "You know it seems to me that there are a great many of the students here who are not really Christians", he said.
Shocking, isn't it? How dare he say such things about us McPherson College students, most of whom have been reared in Christian homes and are church attendants? After all, isn't this a Christian college, and isn't that one of the reasons for our parents' sending us here to school?

Yet . . . now be honest with yourselves . . . haven't you sometimes thought concerning "others" that they often conducted themselves in manners which were not always consistent with their professions of Christianity? Most of us have such feelings at some time or other. Yet we seldom stop to apply the test to ourselves and realize that others may have the same type of doubts about us.

True, it is that we would almost certainly compare favorably with any similar group of students. But is that enough? True, it is, also, that one should not "judge", but who can blame us for taking a bit of a "beginning-of-the-year" inventory of ourselves!
Probably the speaker was wrong in making that bold statement. Few or none of the students on this campus are cused of carelessness. We take our Christianity too much for granted . . . and when such is the case, there is grave danger that we will do so to the extent that we merely have surface beliefs and that Christianity is not actually present within us.
We feel that we are being judged harshly when we hear comments made in a questioning manner . . . yet if we are honest with ourselves, we must admit that there is actually justice in this criticism, and that it comes against us through our own errors.
The if we resent this type of a discussion, it is up to us to do something about it . . . to conduct ourselves in such a manner that there will be no excuse for such a question's ever being raised. The beginning of the year is a good time to begin anew . . . and it is also a good time to start making that speaker eat his words!

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"Ladies' Choice" Will Reign For Leap Year Party

Coeds Drag Out Ropes For Male-snatching Act

Coeds of McPherson College should be greatly delighted at the emergency measure which the Men's and Women's Councils are employing in planning for the Leap Year Party scheduled for Monday evening, January 17, immediately following mid-year exams.

Because of the small number of men in school this year, the plans are that McPherson College women students may bring guests to the party, whether they are in college or not. Since there will be no Spectator next week, further arrangements will be announced orally. Girls should begin inviting their dates immediately.

The party which will begin at 8:00 will be an informal one.

College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minnesota.

Here's word from red headed Larry Lowber as he tells everyone hello. He says it's "powerful" warm where he is, also that he is well and making it fine.

His address is:
Laurance Lowber, F 2/c
U. S. S. Indiana, Div. P. A.
Care Fleet Postoffice
San Francisco, California.

From somewhere in England comes word from S/Sgt. John S. Hoover. Hoover graduated from McPherson College in 1941. He was known to the students as "Doc" and played football for the college.

"Today is one of those dismal and gloomy days, brought about by the thick fog, rain, and coldness. These days seemingly are most predominate in England this time of the year. If my letter sounds gloomy blame it on to the weather.

"As I sit here reminiscing of my school days at Mac, many fond memories return. Many of my fondest memories are those which occurred on the gridiron, or while on trips to and from our opponents' turf of battle. And I enjoyed Coach's leadership, friendship, and the many associations brought about only under his instructions. For the past week I've been thinking about him plenty. You see, I'm coach and manager of our company football team. I have a hundred of eighty-four men to pick from, and what I mean I've got some good boys. (Now if we just had a coach...)

We played a 0-0 tie last Friday, and tomorrow we have another game. We will win this one, I'm quite sure. It is a lot of fun, and we all gain by it in some way or another. Nothing like physical fitness, you know. Then it has many other benefits also. The factor of moral and having something to do makes a great difference to the men, then too; we have better cooperation among the men, something for excitement, arguments, etc.

"A week ago I managed to get a leave, so I went to London. I took in the customary places which most people try to visit on their first visit to that city of several million; namely, St. Pauls Cathedral, Westminster Abby, London Bridge, London Tower, 10th Downing St., the Whitewall Bldg., Scotland Yards, House of the Lords, and Commons, the bombed out areas, Parliament, Buckingham Palace, etc. On Saturday night I went over to Buckingham Palace and watched the guard mount. All was quite interesting, and I greatly enjoyed it.

"We have a swell outfit, and the officers, as well as the men, are just like brothers to each other, so it is really enjoyable. But don't let anybody try to tell you that I'm not ready to come back to the States. Perhaps this world conflict will come to a close in a few months, and we can again try and get back to our old stride."

His address:
S/Sgt. John Sylvan Hoover,
37010559
A. P. O. No. 253
Serv. Co., 32nd A. R.
Care Postmaster, New York, N. Y.

A former Spec carried a letter from "Hill" Williams then in Camp Maxey, Texas. A more recent letter reveals a change of address:
Cadet Hillis Williams, 37703088
Co. F., Sec. 6, 1551st SU, ASTU
Indiana University
Bloomington, Indiana.

He describes his living quarters in some detail. At present he is located in a five-story ex-girls' dormitory in which four to eight fellows are assigned to a room similar in size to those of the boys' dorm. However, this is not as bad as it seems, for bunk beds make for comfort and convenience.

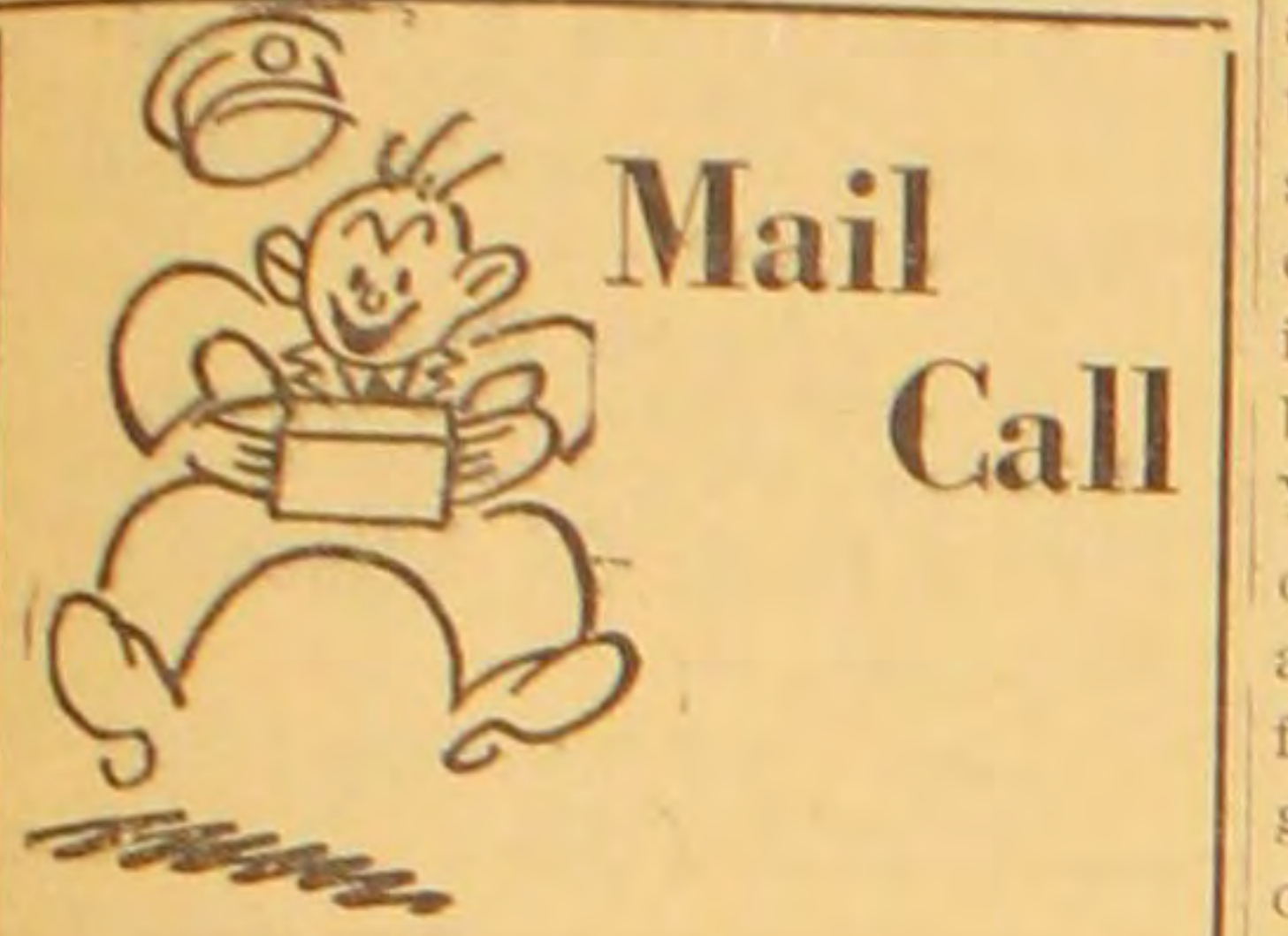
Creighton University students are now being fined for absences in university college and the school of journalism to the tune of one dollar per day. With the permission of the dean, students may work off the fines in the office at 50 cents an hour.

IT PAYS TO LOOK WELL-GROOMED!

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Mail Call

Four former students now in the armed forces have been on the campus recently: Esthel Ikenberry stationed in the Army at Omaha, Nebraska, was here during Christmas vacation; Pvt. Herbert Ronk, Pvt. Donald Smith and S 3/c Bob Achilles were here this week. Herbie is at present stationed in Pennsylvania, Smitty at Ft. Riley, Kansas, and Bob, at Great Lakes, Minnesota.

George Voth, C '43, continues his role of basketball player in the Army. He writes from a point in Illinois.

"Our battalion has been at the top so far, however, we are about ready to fold up because we are going out on a 3-week bivouac very shortly now. We have some fairly classy game suits, however, they aren't quite as classy as those used at good ole M. C. The Camp team has been going great guns so far, taking everything they came up against.

"I have my application in for Aviation Medicine and am supposed to have an examination sometime next month. The only thing that will bother me is my colorblindness, and I don't know what to do about that. The Sgt. is attempting to find a color-blind book, with the figures, so I might be able to learn to read them. That's the only way I see that I can get around it. I can get a pretty good deal out of it. I think we just need 50 hours of flying and 9 weeks of school and then you can be sure of a commission. We graduate from that school as medical examiners, so I'm keeping my fingers crossed, hoping I can read the numbers.

"P. S. Congratulations on winning the Homecoming Game and all the rest. The boys seem to be right on the old ball and I hope they continue to win."

George's address is:
Pvt. George Voth, Jr., 37722197,
U. S. Army, 31st Med. Tng. Bn.
Co. D, 2nd Platoon
Camp Grant, Illinois.

Word received from Abe Dirks, a last year's Sophomore, reveals that he still thinks of the college, as he expresses surprise over the way sports are being carried on as much as usual. He says, "I certainly am surprised at the college. I thought there would be no P. J. parade. Also couldn't see how a basketball team could be had. I heard from Sundahl who would be on the starting line-up. It sure sounds good, I think. More power to good old M. C. The activities seem just as numerous as in other years. Well, I guess they would carry on if it were only a girls' school.

Our college basketball team is playing Fort Snelling Army team. Yes, it is similar to M. C. vs. Camp Phillips. We were leading at the half, 40-13. The third string was in then—Sundahl is a member of the team. He shows up well and helps boost the Bulldog in this Northern State."

He's stationed at:
Abraham Dirks A. S. V-12

"Scandalabra Glitterings"

Christmas is over, and Santa must have been a good little elf from the looks of the various new items being flashed around by the girls and boys on campus. It is after Christmas that one breathes, "alas it comes but once a year" and usually adds "Thank Goodness!" It may be very well keeping two or three on the string—if you can do it. It even is a decided advantage at times if you are the type that likes pleasure and excitement. However, when it comes to buying presents for more than one, give singular case.

However, there is the other side of it. It is nice to get present in the plural, eh Dobrinski? (This would apply to others but we hate to break our tradition by leaving Leora out of this column). By the way, what was that item received from Indiana? And if it is what it looks like, is or isn't the significance what one would naturally surmise?

But we don't think that Santa Claus was entirely responsible for Miss Glasier's new adornment. Anyway, that Ronk person who has been hanging around the campus the last couple of days looks decidedly possessive.

And another third floor blonde is due for a ring (third finger, left hand) in the very near future. Since Shirley already is wearing one in that location, we gather the next one

will be most fearfully final! (Par-why must it always be a blonde) Do you suppose a little peroxide would help us? We do hope you will both be very happy, however!

It happens once in every lifetime, I suppose, but who would have thought that the day would come when Looch would be without a comeback? It would be sort of embarrassing though, come to think of it, after having spent a semester enduring puns about "Crist'mas and "Swiggering along," to have the inspiration of each sitting at the same dining hall table. It is a small world isn't it?

One thing leads to another and all this mention of rings reminds me of the lovely little rumor rumored around the campus early this week. It was false we find, but it made a lovely story. After all Johnny was here and Gertie did have some kind of ring on a suggestive finger.

Oh! How could we forget even momentarily that visit of Doc Williams to Macampus and to Mc Nicol. We noticed the irrespressible Jeanie applauded as vigorously as anyone when Doc said in the Dining Hall that he was glad to be back.

The Air Corps has been in evidence this last week too. It was only a glimpse in passing but that soldier of Aker's looks but promising!

Fae Kuns, Mary Beth Loshbaugh, Eloise McKnight, June Perkins, Beulah Seitz, Twila Turner, Eula Wolfe, Shirley Wyckoff, John Brown, Lloyd Dale, Eldon Mohler, Kent Naylor, and Bob Yoder went to their homes in various parts of Kansas.

Tillie Beach, Ethmer Erisman and Don Keltner traveled to Missouri.

Helen Burkholder, Gerald Mease, and Elvin Frantz journeyed to Nebraska.

Those who went to Oklahoma were Leona olderread, Ruth Huston, Mildred Jones, Phyllis and Marvin Reeves and Rex Wilson. Colorado-bound were Betty Dean

"If The Shoe Fits - - -"

Be careful how harshly you criticize others, their clothes and their other possessions. (This does sound queer coming from this column... but we hope the criticism we have to offer here is constructive.) Some of your friends have made statements to the effect that they are almost afraid to show you a new dress, or anything new, for fear of the remarks you may be making to someone else later, if not to them. "Course they love you in spite of this, but...

Did you ever think of the effect that your manner of walking may have on your entire appearance? There are the knock-kneed shuffle, the toes-out step, the pigeon-toed stride, and any number of other disreputable looking types. Upstairs and downstairs walking presents a problem which bothers many of us too. Walking is a small item in the general impression one makes on others, but it is a nevertheless important one.

College 'Four Hundred'

Christmas vacation found most of the students homeward bound. Ione Ackers, Jane Anderson, Virginia Bales, Jane Bell, Evelyn Bentley, Alice Mae Boyce, Mildred Cartner, Alvina Dirks, Leora Dobrinski, Virginia Elmore, Lois Gauby, Mildred Helmer, Berniece Guthals, Lois

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Joan Blough, Elva Jean Harbaugh, Dorothy Grove, Patricia Kennedy, Evelyn Royer, Mr. and Mrs. Charley Lunkley, Keith Burton, Charles Dumond, Eugene Lichty, Leslie and Louie Rogers journeyed to Iowa.

Nada Niel went home to Minnesota, and Ila Verne Lobban dropped in on the home folks at Clovis, New Mexico.

Alvin Klotz accompanied Evelyn Wilson to her home in Colorado. Maurine Gish was a guest in Wayne and Blanche Geisert's home near Elmo.

Vurlce Howard visited relatives in Wichita, Wellington, and Nickerson, Kansas.

Alta Gross spent Christmas with Muriel Lamle in Colorado.

Susan Ikenberry began her vacation with Norma Lea Jones and later moved into Kline Hall.

Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz was a guest at the Oliver Austin home in Denver.

Twila Neely went to South English, Iowa, to visit the Sangers. The latter part of the week she spent at her home in Ottawa.

Lois Nickerson went to Savannah, Missouri, to visit her mother. From there she traveled to Chicago, Ill.

Maye Oye was a guest of Rev. Zook at McCune, Kansas. Later she visited her brother at Joplin, Missouri.

Margaret and Mary Jane Peterson went to Scott City to visit relatives.

Margaret Williams and Ruth Shoemaker were guests in Dr. Mohler's home.

Ruth Uchida accompanied Eva Mae Klotz home and was a guest

of Joan Blough and Elva Jean Harbaugh, also.

Ernest Ikenberry was a guest of Dean Hoefle in Iowa.

Ferne and Orlo Allen, Irene Schraml, Ida May Byer, Eunice and Evelyn Swank, Harry and Ruth Reeves, Wayne and Melba Parris, and Prof. and Mrs. James Berkebile remained in Kline Hall.

Visitors on the campus previous to the holidays were Merlin Frantz and Wayne Crist from Bethany and Austin "Doc" Williams of Madison, Wisconsin.

Miss Opal Mae Bell of Tulsa, Oklahoma, was the houseguest of Maxine Ruelhen.

New buildings from old materials! That's the record at the University of Illinois. Using materials and equipment already on hand, the University has built a new Sanitary Engineering laboratory in which municipal sanitation problems will be studied.

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Game Promises Scoring After Former Victory

The McPherson Bulldogs meet the Sterling College Warriors in a return engagement tonight at Sterling. The last encounter proved victorious for the Bulldogs by the score of 60 to 35. Fanny Markham, forward, will again be in the starting lineup after having missed last Monday night's game because of an operation. The game promises to be a fast one with plenty of scoring. The starting line-up for McPherson will be: Barr and Lichty, guards; Carlson and Markham, forwards; Swinger, center.

Camp Phillips Bows In Pre-Christmas Game

The McPherson Bulldogs again proved their athletic prowess Friday, Dec. 17, by defeating the 7th Guard Company of Camp Phillips with a score of 56 to 42.

The game, played at Camp Phillips, was both exciting and rough. One of the highlights of the game was Fanny Markham's dodging three swings from an overheated opponent. There were many fouls called, almost one per minute. Vance Carlson led the Bulldogs in scoring with 26 points. Paul was the high scorer for the Camp Phillips aggregation with 17 points.

Campus Christmases Are Fun, Too

By Ida May Byer

There wasn't a dull moment for us college students who remained in McPherson over the vacation. At first when all the kids started leaving we felt a little low, but soon our spirits were soaring.

Christmas Eve we went caroling. Our group numbered fourteen after we had accumulated a few young people from homes where we visited. Since we were a small group, everyone invited us in for candy, cookies, and nuts. And you know Swinger! Every place we went he had to be polite and eat a chocolate or two with the rest of us, but in addition he pocketed a few in his nice suede jacket. He was looking into the future. When we returned to our Kline Hall quarters, he generously offered to share with us. He put his hand into his pocket only to find nuts, chocolates, and cookies merged. Glenn was so disappointed that we let him be Santa in our gift exchange.

Christmas Day, after being invited to ever so many nice McPherson homes, we accepted the first invitation and had delicious Christmas dinners.

Dr. and Mrs. Peters determined to see that we have a pleasant vacation and invited us to their home one evening. We played games and enjoyed a lunch served by Mrs. Peters.

One night we had a playnite in the gym. It was agreed that the losers of the strenuous volley ball game treat the winners. It was a close-scoring game, 9-15, (in favor of the winners of course). After piling in one car, we went downtown to guzzle cokes and eat hamburgers. Back on the campus we used the SUR as the scene of a monopoly game and bought property and bull-sessioned till the hour was disgustingly late.

The New Year's Eve party at the church was a grand way to start the New Year right.

The following night we were taxed down to Swinger's holiday abode for a New Year's Party. That rip-roaring experience over, we shoved off to school again to celebrate further by destroying Rex Wilson's prized firecrackers.

"All work and no play makes Jack a dull boy." We weren't dull! Christmas on the campus isn't bad at all.

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Bulldogs To Seek Revenge

A pleasant postlude to a day of rigorous examinations will be the basketball game which the Maccollege cagers will wage against Kansas State Friday evening, January 14.

This, the last home game of the school year, promises to be very exciting. In the game which the Bulldogs played against this same team on their home court the fellows received the low end of the score but put up a valiant fight, nevertheless. They will be out for vengeance that night, so all athletically minded individuals should be present to witness the conflict.

Herington Succumbs To McPherson Cagers

For the second time this year Herington Air Base basketballers felt the sting of McPherson cagers' unerring aim as they fell, 50-30. Swinger and Carlson each scored 14 points apiece to take scoring honors.

The game was rough, but it did not live up to the standards of the rough and tumble Camp Phillips game. Two of Herington's aces left the game on fouls which fact probably accounts for the ease with which the Canines beat them.

We Are Active



Inauguration For The Initiates

"On your mark, get set, go!" yelled Starter Glasier to the victims of the W. A. A. initiation in Pep Assembly.

To roll an onion across the stage of the S. A. R. is no laughing matter. In fact, it was a very mournful affair as the new initiates struggled to push that ball across the finish line. The winner or should I say the loser was none other than Miss (at the present at least) Betty Greig. "Oh, for a Colorado peach" tearfully sighed Betty as she sank her teeth into that luscious, juicy, superb—yes, onion (pew-u).

A ballet dance which ended in Bulldog fight that would even put Bulldog Tippy Peters to shame was staged by Mildred Cartner and Mave Oye as their part of the initiation. That was the real McPherson Bulldog spirit in person.

Even if leap year '44 had not yet arrived certain girls could not resist planting juicy osculations upon the man of their choice—and under the mistletoe to boot. For the inside dope see Dimples Detrick Kauffman, Leaping Lizzie Loshbaugh, or Swaying Swank.

Three cheers for Eula Wolfe in her beautiful rendition of the McPherson College Hymn. Didn't sound like a wolf howl to me.

Debutantes In Action

A glimpse into the S. U. R. Sunday afternoon would prove that W. A. A.ers are as much at ease at a formal function as they are skillful in athletics. With the candlelight, the wreaths, and the holly, it was very evident that Christmas was the theme of the decorations.

I'll let you in on a secret if you'll

The Spectator

Squints from the Sidelines



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This paragraph is respectfully dedicated to the "Tonsilectomy Kids", Fanny and Paul Markham. These two boys must have decided that the best way to spend their Christmas vacation would be in a hospital flat on their backs. They succumbed to the charms of the doctor and submitted themselves to the surgeon to have their tonsils removed. They both were sitting on the bench last Monday rarin' to go, but then the doctor knows best. Besides, Fanny Markham had a double handicap. Not only had he lost his tonsils, but he also lost his pants.

Here's another paragraph that is dedicated and I'm serious this time. Congratulations, Rip, you played a swell game. Rip Ferguson started for Fanny Markham and played a bang-up game all the way through. The smallest fellow on the team really managed to get all over the court. Incidentally those 12 points he

promise not to tell anyone. We almost didn't have anything to eat. Just a very short time before the tea was to begin it was discovered that for some unknown reason the Refreshment Committee failed to function. Could the appearance on the campus of a certain Mr. Esthel Ikenberry have had anything to do with it? A quick trip uptown was the solution, and we did have eats, even refills and didn't say how many!

That's Settled!

By Annette Glasier

QUESTION: Do you think the quality of the Spectator would be improved if the scandal column were eliminated?

Answers:

Les Rogers—"Not particularly."
Marvin Reeves—"Hadh't thought of it before—No—better than insinuations in other columns."
Joyce Peter—"Heavens no!"
Bob Mays—"Stinky without it."
Betty Greig—"What a dumb question!"

John Brown—"No, I think this column is interesting to everybody, but I think that it would be better if the names of the executives of the Spec appeared now and then."
Rex Wilson—"The scandal column is the first thing kids turn to. They like to read about themselves."
Millie Jones—"How would we learn things if it weren't for the gossip column?"
Leona Holderread—"Good grief, no! I read that first!"
Mary Jane Peterson—"I think the Spec is more interesting with it."
Dean Hoefle—"The column is just for fun, and I think it should be taken that way."

Ruth Davis—"It's what everybody reads first, but I think that sometimes there are some unnecessary dirty digs."

Elva Jean Harbaugh—"O. K., as long as they keep certain names out!"

swished through are something to be proud of.

The Christmas holidays were a lot of fun but now that we are back I know the basketball players regret every bit of candy or sweets they ate. There is no finer way to go out of condition than to take it easy for a couple of weeks while eating plenty of food and candy. Many were the heart aches and stomach-aches.

We will now tie a ribbon around someone's finger to help some of the fellows with their memory.

1. Have Paul Markham remember to bring along the knee guards next game.
2. Have Vance Carlson remember to take the cover off the basket.
3. Have This Editor remember to think up better sports columns from now on.

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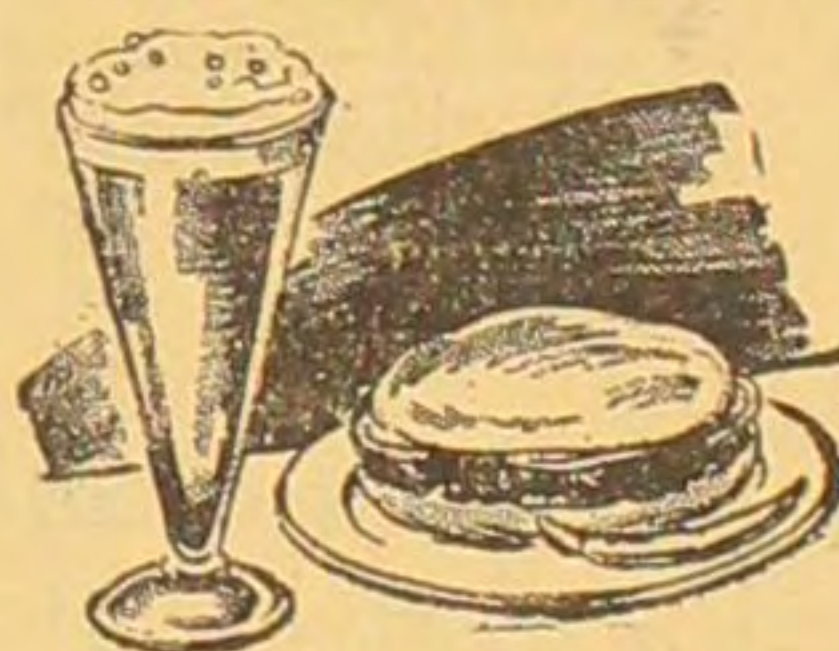
On a mission to spread college Christmas good cheer, Professor Nevin Fisher took a carload of college representatives to the Monitor Church of the Brethren, Sunday night, December 19.

The program combined music and literature. Miss Della Lehman read two Christmas selections. A mixed quartet sang carols; Joan Blough and Professor Fisher each sang a Christmas solo.

The college delegation included Miss Della Lehman, Professor Fisher, Anne Metzler, Joan Blough, Glenn Swinger, and Don Scofield.

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Many of these sonnets have appeared in the "Line O' Type" column of the Chicago Tribune. Charles Collins, conductor of this column, says of "In Time of War," "It has been my pleasure to read Cecil B. Williams' sonnets on wartime themes as they came from his pen, reflecting many moods and events of American

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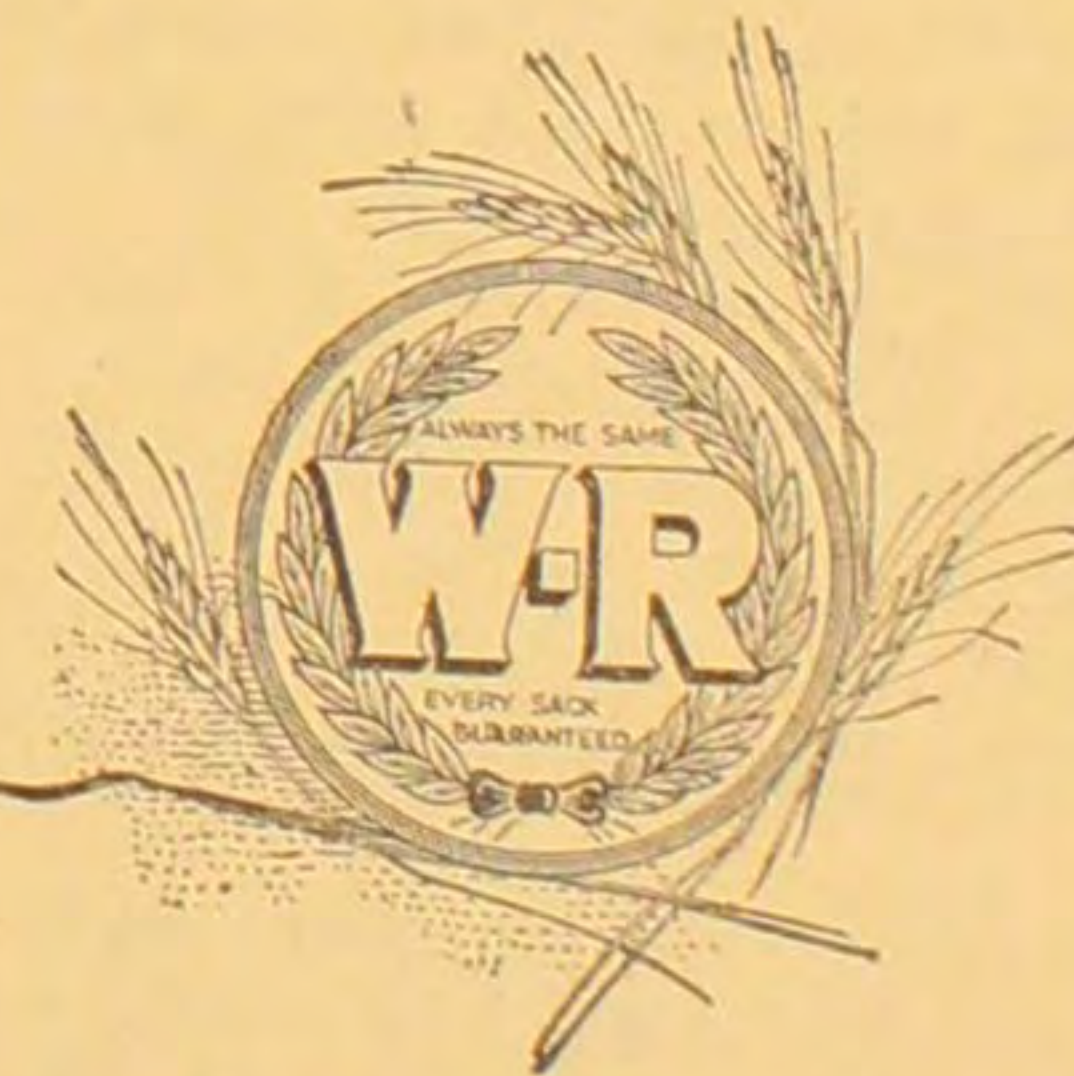
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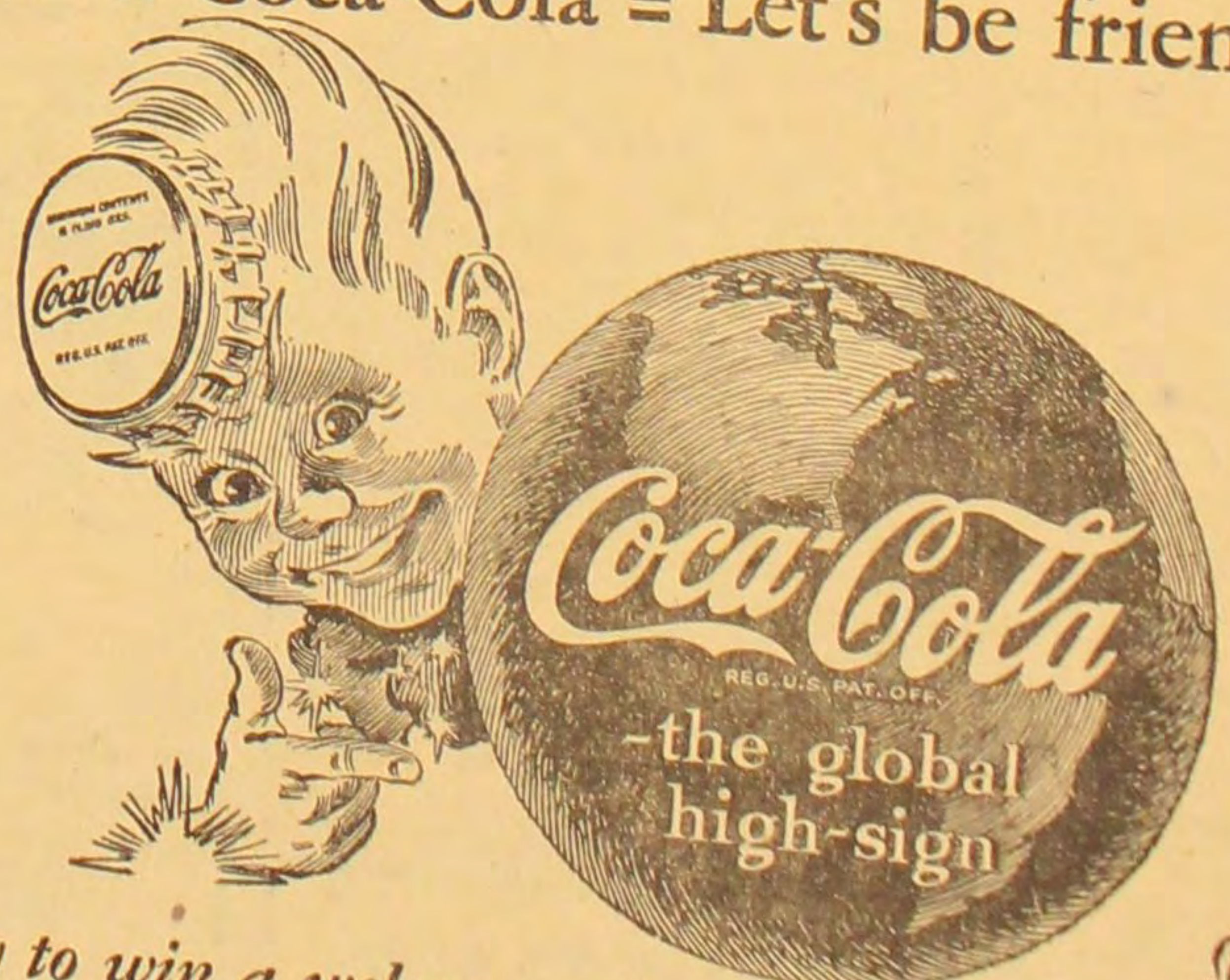
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