

# Lt. Ernest Reed Visits Alma Mater

By Blanche Geisert

A former editor-in-chief of the Spectator so bold as to set foot upon McPherson College campus is sure to be met by a reporter with a questioning eye . . . Such was the case with Lt. Ernest Reed, C '41, last Tuesday.

Mr. Reed, editor of the college newspaper in the year of 1940, is enjoying a thirty-day leave after having been wounded in action during the Salamaua campaign. His only previous leave up to this time was a seven-day one in Sidney. A friend, Everett May of Salina, accompanied him to McPherson.

Since he entered the service twenty-six months ago, "Ernie" has been in two countries other than the United States. Australia and New Guinea. "I know just about as much about Australian geography as I do about the United States," was a statement he made soon after his return.

When asked his opinion concerning the length of time which will intervene before the war is over, Mr. Reed made the decisive reply, "Not less than two years."

"Ernie" said that the people he had met throughout his stay on foreign strands were very hospitable, friendly, and sympathetic. In the manner typical of him he said that he made friends just as easily with the Australian girls as with the American women.

Lt. Reed said that he had enjoyed very much coming back to McPherson and talking with his former professors and eating and renewing acquaintances with the students in the college dining hall.

During his leave "Ernie's" address will be Lt. Ernest W. Reed, 0-2035252, 319 S. College St., Salina, Kansas.

## Student Council Meets In Dean Boitnott's Home

Members of the student council held their regular Wednesday evening meeting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Boitnott. Refreshments were served council members after the business meeting.

## College Skate Tonight At 9:30 In Roller Rink

### Maintaining Equilibrium Problem For Enthusiasts

Are you a skating enthusiast? Then bring your pennies and yourself to Peterson's Roller Rink tonight and enjoy two hours of fun on wheels. If you feel wary about just how successfully you can keep your equilibrium, bring your best friends along to help hold you up, and come anyway.

An all-school roller-skating party is being sponsored tonight, January 21, at 9:30 p. m. The rink has been rented exclusively for college students, and will be open for two hours, from 9:30 until 11:30. This is the first skating party that has been held this year, and it is hoped that a large number of the student body will attend. The time and the place; tonight at 9:30, at the rink. The usual admission will be charged.

## Quaker Service In SUR

Eloise McKnight and Ernest Ikenberry took over the reins of last Thursday's regular Student Christian Movement meeting in the SUR.

The service took the form of a Quaker Meeting with students responding in song, testimony, scripture, bits of poetry, and prayer.

## Church of The Brethren Welcomes Students

Sunday School for College Students 9:45 A. M.  
Church Service 11:45 A. M.  
Sermon—Rev. Bernard King  
Subject—"When Every Man Cleans Up His Life"  
College B. Y. P. D. 6:45 P. M.  
Evening Worship 7:30 P. M.  
Movie "Power of God"

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## Geisert, Parris Undefeated In Home Tourney

### Eight Schools Compete In Annual Debate Meet

Emerging triumphant from a verbal battle of five rounds, Wayne Geisert and Wayne Parris composed McPherson College's only undefeated team in the debate tournament which was held Saturday, January 8. Two Southwestern teams and one Nebraska Wesleyan team were likewise undefeated in this meet. Charles Lunkley and Robert Yoder won three of their five debates.

Eight schools from two states were represented in the tourney. They were Bethel, Hayes, Kearney, Tabor, Southwestern, Nebraska Wesleyan, Pittsburg, and McPherson. Twenty-two teams participated.

The meet, which has become an annual one at McPherson College, began with a general meeting in the chapel at 8:45. It continued throughout the day with two rounds in the forenoon and three after dinner. The guests of McPherson College partook of the noon meal in the college dining hall.

Professor Maurice A. Hess was general manager of this "McPherson Economy Tournament" with Dr. Desmond W. Bittinger and Professor James Berkebile in charge, also.

McPherson College entrants were as follows: Maurine Gish, Mary Beth Loshbaugh, Freda Aurell, Pat Kennedy, Blanche Geisert, Keith Burton, Wayne Geisert, Wayne Parris, Charles Lunkley, Robert Yoder, Elvin Frantz, Dale Brown, Ernest Ikenberry, and Charles Dumond.

## Rec Council Directs Game Of Consequences

Amid merriment and thoughtful thinking, Wayne Geisert acted as Quiz Master for a Truth or Consequences Program of the college assembly in the SAR Friday, January 7. This novel program was provided for the assembly group by the Recreational Council.

Maurine Gish and Glenn Swinger acted as helpers in the audience to select contestants from the two sides, North pitted against South. Both faculty and students shared in the big show of wits. Questions such as "When was the first time the United States fought on foreign soil?" were tangled with others of a nonsensical nature. For example, Dr. Desmond Bittinger couldn't answer the question "Why didn't the worms go into the Ark in 'pairs'?" According to Mr. Geisert, they entered in apples.

One painful, yet joyous, consequence was Coach Hayden directing the assembly in the college song.

Eugene Lichty administered consequences for deserving people; Lucile Harris was scorekeeper.

## Bus. Assistantship Open

With the dawning of the second semester the Spectator Business Managers find themselves urgently in need of an assistant. Thus far they have been doing all the work of selling ads, etc., themselves. However, they feel that it is time to begin training someone in the arts of business management in order that there may be someone with experience to carry on next year. Anyone who is interested should get in touch with Vurille Howard or Keith Burton immediately. Women or men are equally eligible. **Remember . . . here is a chance for valuable business experience, plus the opportunity of working up to the point of actual financial profit as next year's business manager.**

## College Sponsors Social Farewell For Bittingers

### College Sentiment Shown At Informal Entertainment

In appreciation of the fine service given McPherson College during the past three years, the faculty and students of the college entertained the Bittinger family with a farewell tea Sunday afternoon, January 9, in the Student Union Room.

An informal program was planned for the afternoon. Lucile Harris expressed the sentiment of the group in some farewell remarks. Both Dr. and Mrs. Desmond Bittinger spoke with appreciation of McPherson college. A guest book signed by all those present at the tea was given to the Bittingers as a parting gift. The Male Quartet sang two numbers. Joan Blough sang a solo; Betty Dean Burger read an appropriate selection.

Coffee and cake were served. Eunice Swank poured; Ruth Shoemaker was hostess for the afternoon. Recorded music lent an atmosphere of good fellowship.

## Church School Elects Officers

As the new semester dawns the College Sunday School classes have elected the officers and teachers for the next three weeks.

The class which meets in the north balcony has elected the following officers: teacher, Margaret Williams; secretary treasurer, Wilma Fae Kuns; chairman, Anne Metzler.

Mary Beth Loshbaugh is the teacher of the class which meets in the west balcony. Susan Ikenberry and Joan Blough are secretary-treasurer and chairman respectively.

The class which meets in the southwest room elected the following officers: teacher, Nada Neil; assistant teacher, Lewis Thomas; secretary-treasurer, Helen Burkholder; chairman, Jerry Mease.

# Enrollment Is Down

## Seven New Students Join Depleted College Ranks

### Gish Elected Prexy

Maurine Gish was elected president of Arnold Hall at the recent election. The position of vice-president will be filled by Ruth Shoemaker. Maye Oye was chosen secretary-treasurer. Head proctor for the second semester is Alta Gross.

The dormitory held its first meeting of the new semester Tuesday night to elect proctors for each floor. Those elected are Margaret Peterson, first floor; Muriel Lamle, second floor; and Helen Burkholder for third floor proctor.

## Commissions Appear Under New Leadership

### Klotz, Gish And Burger Resign From SCM Cabinet

Several changes have been made in the personnel of the Student Christian Movement cabinet for the new semester.

Alvin Klotz and Maurine Gish are relinquishing the task of program chairmanship to the capable hands of Eloise McKnight and Ernest Ikenberry. The publicity department takes on a new member, Dorothy Kurtz, selected to work with Leslie Rogers on this committee.

Eunice Swank, formerly on the publicity committee, has been chosen to fill a vacancy left by Betty Burger when she resigned her position as co-chairman of the Student Volunteers. Bob Maves will continue his work on this Commission. Maxine Ruelh and Glenn Swinger have stepped from the co-chairmanship of the popular Personal Relations Commission and Roberta Stinette Elvin Frantz have completed their work in the Camp Leadership Commission. These two commissions do not continue into this semester, but are being replaced by two new commissions.

A commission centering around the color lines in today's world will be directed by Elvin Frantz, and Isabel Champ. Blanche Geisert and Ed Murray will collaborate in the leading of the other new commission. Their discussions will follow the up-to-date news of the world and its effect upon youth and tomorrow's world.

Those officers that have remained unchanged are Dean Hoefle and Ruth Shoemaker, serving as heads of the Social Committee. Eugene Lichty and Lucile Harris retain their positions as co-presidents, while Anne Metzler and Charles Lunkley will continue to serve in the capacity of Secretary and Treasurer of the S. C. M.

These people deserve the cooperation of the student body for their large contribution to the spiritual and social welfare of campus life.

## Muzumdar Presents The "Other" Side

A few students and faculty members of McPherson College had the rare opportunity of listening to an interpretation of the affairs of the world by a native Indian, Dr. Hari-das Muzumdar, who was scheduled to speak at the Congregational church two weeks ago. So vivid was his analysis of the current world crisis and his enthusiasm for the "India cause," that many listeners remained during the dinner hour to hear his well-directed answers to questions from the audience.

He began by a history of the World War (World War I and II are parts of the same conflict) explaining that one cannot say when it began. "War," he said, "exists whenever you have a condition that denies ever you have in the world justice, freedom or equality." Under such a definition it is clear that we have long been at war. "Whenever you have the empire system and exploitation, in effect you have a state of war. If we want to bring about peace," he continued, "we must bring about a condition in which

justice, freedom, and equality exist."

Muzumdar emphasized the difference between a mere military armistice and a peace. He said, "The leaders of the United Nations are not thinking in terms of these conditions of peace, but just of winning the present battle."

He said that the countries of the world can be divided into three groups; nations, such as Norway and Switzerland, empires such as Britain and the United States, and nationalities which have not freedom or self-government of which India is the largest. The speaker was ruthless in his condemnation of the policy of the British Empire. As distinguished from the British Commonwealth of Nations—or any other imperialistic government. In answer to one question he replied, "Oh, I see that you've been reading from the Library of Information which we call the Library of Misinformation!" England was described as a free and self-governing nation which denies freedom, justice, and self-govern-

ment to others. Norway, he said is not the only country to have its Quislings. So does India and the Union of South Africa.

Two possibilities may end war. Science may make it impossible to wage a war without complete annihilation of the human race. The other method is by making our religious experiences and teachings vital in our social action. The latter was stressed as the more probable, but Muzumdar emphasized that peace by such a method can not come quickly. He expressed his belief that Gandhi has made remarkable strides in this direction, and that he may someday be classed among the world leaders of peace.

In evaluating any speech we must take into consideration the background of the speaker. All of us are biased to a certain degree, and it is easy to see which way an Indian would lean. However, we must admit that this man brought to our attention the "other" side of the Indian question which we often fail to see.

## Class Interprets 'My Lady Dreams'

The Play Production Class experimented with the chapel audience the Monday of examination week, January 10, by presenting a one-act play during the assembly period.

The class used the play "My Lady Dreams," a phantasy by Eugene Pilot, as a nine-weeks' project. Jean McNicol was chosen director; Lillian Fulkerson held separate rehearsals of the children's scene. Bernice Guthals carried on as stage manager, Betty Burger as costume manager, Alice Mae Boyce as property manager.

Anne Metzler played My Lady in the short costume play. Blanche Geisert appeared in two roles, one as the maid, another as the Other Woman. The part of the Little Old Lady was taken by Eunice Swank. Joyce Wall and Dorothy Lauver were the young stars of the play as they danced through the interpretations of the two Adorable Adorables.

## Bible Bee In BY

Did you make 'A' on your Bible final? Are you one who knows all of the answers when it comes to facts in the Bible? Whether your answer is "yes", "no", or "undecided," make plans to attend BY Sunday night. Come to show off your knowledge or to learn, but especially to enjoy the evening.

The program is to be a Bible quiz fashioned after the old fashioned spelling bee. Bring your Bibles for there will be looking up of passages, too. Bring your friends and bring yourselves to the Bible Bee.

## Ikenberry Voted To Thespian Club

The Thespian Club, college dramatic organization, voted last Wednesday afternoon to increase their club membership with the addition of one college student. Ernest Ikenberry is the newest dramatic fledgling.

Mr. Ikenberry, a freshman from Twin Falls, Idaho, has made his mark on the campus this year and has proved deserving of the honor of Thespian membership. He was admitted to the club as a reward for his good work as stage manager for the first Thespian production of the year, "Letters to Lucerne."

At this same meeting, the club made arrangements to present three one-act plays second semester instead of the usual three-act major production.

## Campus Organization Sees Chemistry Film

A moving picture was shown in a meeting of the Chemistry Club held Tuesday at 5 o'clock in the chemistry lecture room. This film, "Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow," was a demonstration of the various means of food preservation that have been practiced in the past, methods used today and probable uses for the future.

Enrollment for the second semester shows a decrease of 15 students over last semester's enrollment. The figures to date (January 19) indicate an enrollment of 124 students, but a number of students are expected to enroll the latter part of the week, according to Dr. Boitnott.

Forty-seven students are enrolled in the freshman class. The sophomore class has 29 students and the senior class has 24 students, while the junior class lags behind with 18 students. There are four special students and three pre-college fine arts students at present.

Seven new students have enrolled this semester. The freshman class has four new members. They are Geraldine McCurdy, McPherson, Kansas; Zola Rogers, Mt. Etna, Iowa; Ichita Tonokawa, Hakalau, Hawaii; and Marietta Clark, McPherson. Two new members of the senior class are Isabel Crumpacker Champ and Katie McRae. Nelle Stinnette comes from Denver, Colorado, to join the junior class.

Although there has been a decrease of 10% in enrollment between semesters, the decrease is not as large as the decrease between semesters during the school term of 1942-43. There was a 21% decrease in enrollment during that school term.

## Dean Discusses Poll Indications

### Prominent Churchmen Reply to Survey

As a result of a questionnaire sent out by the college to laymen and Brethren ministers, to faculty and trustees of the seven Brethren Colleges, Dr. Boitnott spoke in chapel last Wednesday, Jan. 19, concerning one of the questions included and the answers and comments received.

The question, "Do you feel that the graduates of the various Brethren Colleges over the United States are sufficiently imbued with the ideal of service to the church and civic institutions?" brought forth startling answers. Twenty nine percent, or slightly over one fourth of those answering, replied "Yes," the remaining answers were either "no" or "uncertain."

Some of the various pastors expressed themselves so strongly as to say that many graduates returning to their churches had less church loyalty instead of more. Saying that there must be a grain of truth in the charge, Dean Boitnott continued by urging students to question now "how much service can I render in a field after college?" instead of "what salary will I receive?"

The Church and allied civic institutions have a right to ask for returns from today's college graduates.



## At The Stroke Of The Clock

Jan. 21, Friday—All School Skating Party.  
Jan. 23, Sunday—Motion Picture, "The Power of God," Church of the Brethren.  
Jan. 24, Monday—Benefit Basketball Game.



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## Sunflowers and Sandburrs

If Monday night's frolic was any indication of conditions to come, McPherson college males had best beware on that day which comes but once every four years, February 29. The lassies really got into the swing of things, stepping right up to the elusive male and popping the question before he got a chance to do more than stammer. In this case it was really the girls who were stammering, for by the time you make seven successive dates with your favorite attractive youths you find yourself panting and begging frantically for a pencil. The disappointing thing is to approach your date when the order comes to change, only to find that someone else has also made a date with him for the same night. How would a boy feel in that position, we're wondering. Oh, well, Monday night saw more satisfied girls on Macampus than any night previous, I betcha.

Speaking of Leap Year parties, etc., it couldn't have been the reason . . . but why did Miss Smith wait until January to make that startling announcement? Not that we aren't all very happy for our smiling little librarian. We hope her "pie-making" career (her own words) is a very happy one.

Startled was the word for Ruth Uchida when she found herself shoeless in the B. Y. P. D. Sunday evening. There she sat, innocently taking in the scenery, when suddenly that blond vixen, Vurle Howard accompanied by "Wolf" Hoefle came rushing in breathless and a bit late. The next thing poor Ruthie knew she was in one place, and her shoe was in the other. The culprit with hooves, V. H., sat oblivious to the situation while Ruth and her near-

## Our President Comments:

As an officer on the General Education Board of the Church of the Brethren it was my privilege to attend the meeting of the Association of American Colleges, the Conference of the Association of Junior Colleges, and the Association of Junior Colleges at Cincinnati, Ohio, January 12-14.

The meeting was well attended and the quality of program was of the highest in value. The spirit of cooperation and a clear understanding of common problems, interests and objectives was much in evidence.

To me, the clearest and most promising note sounded was the fact that higher education for the immediate future must be undergirded and motivated by Christian morals and ethics. With this note, McPherson College shall continue to harmonize and pledges herself to improve her performance.

## Thru' Yellowed Specs

"All the world's a stage," and with leap year here, it is time for every prudent young woman in the east to be picking out a leading man to "support" her.

Dr. Henry Walter Thompson, of the college class of 1912, is the author of a book which will soon be published by Harcourt, Brace and Company. The exact title of the work is not announced, but it is understood that it will deal with the development of the centralizing tendency in the Federal government of the U. S.

She: Have you loved any other girl before me?

He: Yes. You are about the tenth. But my taste has grown better and better.

"Law, not War," is the theme of a prize essay contest being held at the college now to encourage the sentiment of peace. The library is collecting all available material for this purpose.

A mysterious advertisement offering to supply dates to those desiring them was displayed for only a short time last week. The rush of business proved too much for the committee to handle so they withdrew the offer. Prospective dates will be compelled to resort to the good old fashioned method.

## As Time Passes . . .

Several years ago I took my turn writing three-inch editorials for a high school paper. Now, after spending two semesters in my climb to the top of the Spectator staff ladder, I am taking my turn again and I find myself reluctant to start selecting campus problems, discussing them in the second paragraph and solving them in the third, following the pattern of all good editorials.

Perhaps it is because I realize how hard it will be to step into the position left by last semester's illustrious editor. I am not promising to let loose a flow of well-selected words each week that "strike while the iron is hot." At this point I think it only fair to give credit where credit is due and if the Spectator continues to appear each Friday noon throughout the semester as scheduled, some credit still belongs to Blanche Geisert, editor last semester, for instructing me in the ways of the newspaper world, in the language of printer's ink and flat-bed presses.

Certain ideas and hazy dreams have accumulated in my brain throughout my college career, controversies as to whether the "Spec" should give students what they like to read, such as a gossip column full of juicy morsels, or what they ought to read, for example articles on the labor problem and other significant phases of national life so important to college students. Shall the Spectator stick entirely to campus affairs or shall she dip into items of news value?

I have a mania for wierd methods of page make-up, with sprightly cuts and strange type styles sprinkled about.

Now the way is clear for me to incorporate these things into the sheets of copy finally to be pressed upon newsprint. These dreams may not be worthy of the Spectator, but only by testing them out will my curiosity be satisfied. No doubt in the hum-drum of daily routine, the sparkle will rub off these dreams and the struggle of beginning something new will more firmly entrench the old system, the old way of doing things.

Perhaps some other Mac College Student is haunted by a pet theory; if so, suggestions will be welcomed.

The Personnel Committee finds the Spectator its biggest bugaboo. Already the Spectator policy has altered somewhat to cope with the situation. More reporters must be called upon; writing will be spread over more days; Spectator hours will change.

Everyone is prejudiced to a certain degree. One's interests bias one's thinking; and so the emphasis of the college paper may seem to shift slightly.

But through all the minor changes brought about by Personnel Committees and switches in editors from semester to semester, the Spectator remains your college paper, the instrument whose purpose it is to inform college students and college friends of life on McPherson College Campus.

## For Faithful Service . . .

Dr. Desmond Bittinger's first editorial appeared this past week in the Gospel Messenger. His office on the third floor of Harnly Hall is empty. And, aside from the physical emptiness of his office, students feel a sort of spiritual emptiness on the campus without him.

But the impact of a personality as exceptional as Dr. Bittinger's does not easily disappear from the lives of young people who knew him. Adaptions will be made; but the void will remain . . . not a real emptiness because memories of times shared together, the spirit self, the remembered worded thoughts of our teacher cannot be wiped clean from our minds. "I am a part of all that I have met. . ."

Dr. Bittinger's departure has opened our eyes to the importance of a faculty. Too often we accept teachers as a very ordinary part of the school system, and so they are. We find fault with them, and tease them, and make up verses about them, and imitate their gestures and manners of speaking.

But underneath we love them. We only realize how much we love them when they leave our circle for another.

## Introducing Ichita . . .

By Ernest Ikenberry

Let's go over and roll "Ich" off the comfortable couch in the boys' dorm parlor and get some inside dope about himself. Ich's name in full is Ichita Tonokawa. We find that he has four sisters, poor boy, two older and two younger and also four younger brothers.

His home is in Hila, Hawaii, on the Hakalau Sugar Plantation, where his father is a cane planter. Hila is on the Island of Hawaii which is the largest of the islands in the group that makes up the Territory of Hawaii.

Ich came to the United States in June 18, 1941. He stayed in Los Angeles with friends and went to the Los Angeles City College. From here he went to the Santa Anita Assembly center and then to the Heart Mountain Relocation Center in Wyoming, near Cody. A few weeks ago

he came to our fair college. Ich says that he thinks McPherson College is very good, but when asked how he liked Kansas, he laughed and added that Kansas was not like Hawaii!

## Youth Serves Project Discussed In B. Y. P. D.

The first BYPD meeting after the holidays was held Sunday evening, January 9.

President Glenn Swinger spoke of the dire need for money to meet the College BY expenses, socials and the group picture for the Quadrangle. An offering was taken to meet the challenge.

Eugene Lichty spoke the remainder of the period concerning the Youth Serves project.

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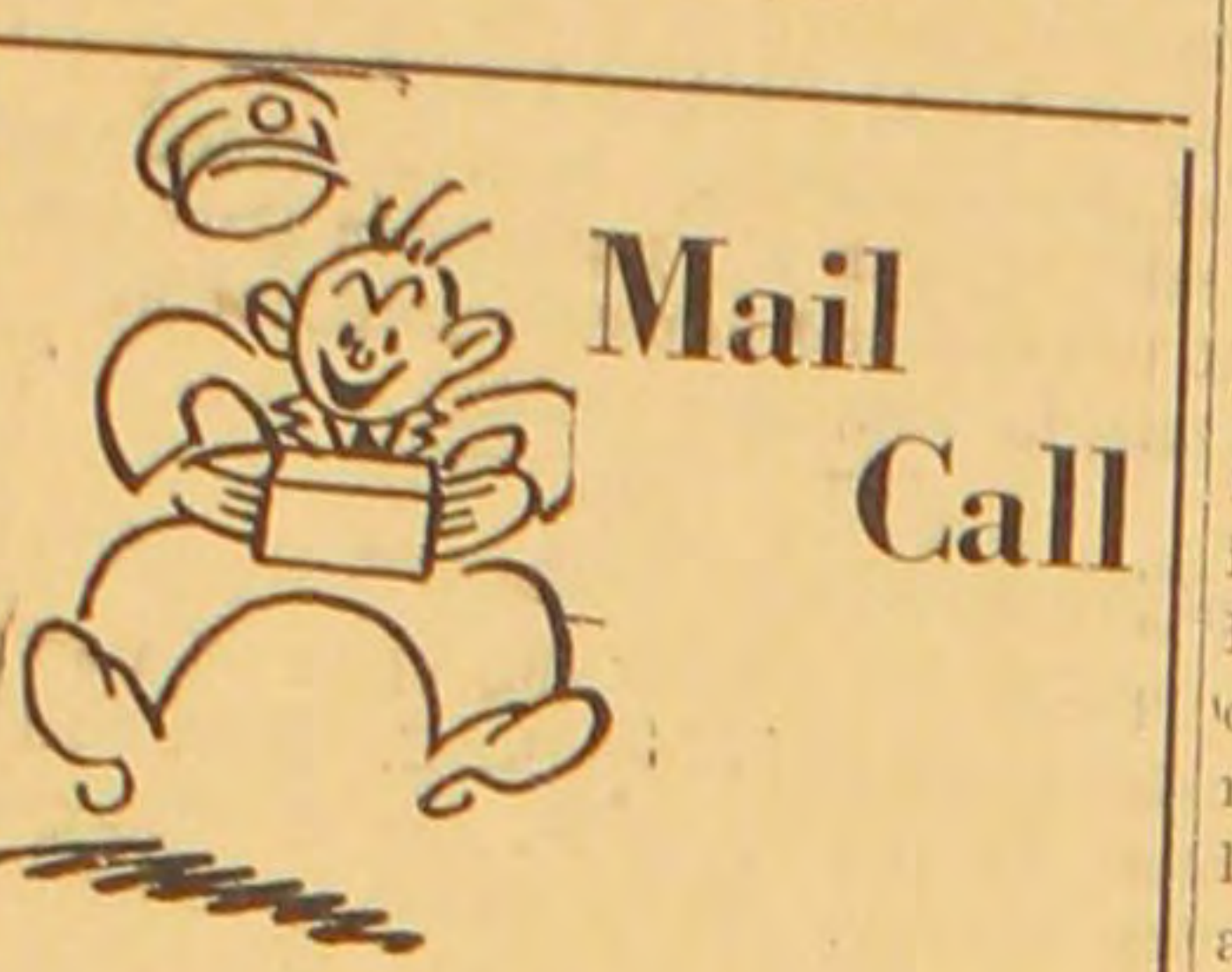


### Motion Picture Will Attract College Youth

**Birthday Celebration Climaxes Mission School**  
The moving picture "The Power of God," acclaimed by numerous church groups as an outstanding religious film, will be shown this Sunday night in the Church Auditorium sponsored by the annual McPherson Church School of Missions.

### Informal Tea In SUR Reveals Engagement

Miss Zelma Smith and Miss Della Lehman were hostesses at a tea to some 60 guests, women of McPherson and Central College and College Hill friends. The tea was held last Tuesday afternoon in the Student Union Room.



### Mail Call

Letters keep coming from alumni and former students now in service. This one comes from Indiana and Merrill Sanger.  
"I was most pleasantly surprised last fall when the Spectator was sent to me. I always look forward to each issue, knowing that I will read news about our college and the many interesting activities that occur."  
"I am on detached service here at the University of Indiana with three other fellows; we are all from Camp Magnolia. We are subjects for an experiment being conducted by the Physiology Department. The purpose of the experiment is to determine the best material with which to make clothing which is to be worn in jungle climates. We walk two at a time for three hour periods on a treadmill at the rate of 3.5 mph with grades varying from 2.5% to 8.6%. The temperature of the room in which we walk is varied for each experiment, and ranges from 85 degrees F. to 110 degrees F. with humidity varied also. We are enjoying our work very much in spite of the severe conditions."  
I will be very glad to explain further to anyone who wants to know more about our work. My address is:  
Merrill Sanger  
611 N. Park Ave.  
Blomington, Indiana.

Avn./C. Harold E. Dobrinski was a visitor on the campus during the past week. Harold has just graduated from Army Gunners School, and will continue his advanced training at San Marcos Army Air Base, San Marcos, Texas.  
This time it is from Texas that we hear from Wilbur Macklin:  
"It is almost mail call time for today which reminds me that I have a change of address for the next copy of the Spectator. My address now is not likely to be changed for a few months.  
Since I left the University of Oklahoma about a month ago, I have changed climates three times. Norman was warm and sunny, the Amarillo was cold and snowy, and now Sheppard Field is warm and sunny. Each time I moved it took only a few hours to make the drastic change.  
I have been sent here to Sheppard field for training as an airplane mechanic. I will not start to school until January 31 and in the meantime I will be catching K. P. about every other day. I had it yesterday and am on again for tomorrow. It seems that our squadron supplies the K. P.'s for all of the mess halls.  
I am wondering if there are any other previous McPherson college students down here. Some have been here in the past but I don't know of any that are here now.  
His address is:  
Pvt. Wilbur R. Macklin, 17166282

Warren Link, A. C. M. 3/c, writes from San Francisco, California. He says: "I've been here one week now and like it fine. I've seen several interesting sights. Yesterday we were entertained during lunch by Mickey Rooney and a few other stars. We get liberty quite often and so I am seeing the cities." Mr. Link expresses his appreciation for getting the Spec every week. His address is:  
Warren L. Link A C M 3/c.  
Hedron Fleet Air Wing No. 8  
Care P. P. O. San Francisco, California.

Bks 729, 314 T. S. S. Sheppard Field, Texas.

Pvt. Wilbur R. Macklin was visiting on the campus this week. Macklin has been transferred from the Amarillo Air Field to Sheppard Field, Texas, where he will enter training for an airplane mechanic. Wilbur is home on a two weeks furlough. He will start to school the latter part of January or the first part of February. Wilbur says that he would like to hear from all of his friends at McPherson college. His address is:  
Pvt. Wilbur R. Macklin, 17166282  
Bks. 729, 314th T. S. S. Sheppard Field, Texas.

Andrew Collett writes:  
"We have about finished with our training and I expect—and hope—that we move before long. There are rumors to that effect going around now but I have been around the army so long I don't believe all I hear any more. It will probably be some time before we go. We are scheduled to get four weeks of indirect fire in February but that doesn't mean much. We are getting all set to move on. We are getting all the men we are short—or at least some of them. I am supposed to have 11 radio operators and for a while I had only five. We also have all except one of our radios in the Bn. We are short other sets though."  
"We were out on the pistol range a few days ago and fired the .45 automatic for record. I got 84% of the possible points. It was highest in the Battalion and only one point under Expert—the highest rating. I would like to go out again. I think I could make that one point."  
"I have been keeping up with things pretty well in the "Spec." I certainly like to read it. I don't get to read some of them very much but I always read "Mail Call." It was interesting about Harold Fries hearing that basketball score."  
Andrew's address is:  
Lt. Andrew C. Collett  
Hq. Co. 666 T D Bn  
Camp Hood, Texas.

Seen on the campus this week was Lt. Ernie Reed, a graduate of McPherson college, C '41 and a former editor of the Spectator. Lt. Reed has been stationed in the Australian theatre of war for nineteen months. While in Australia he was wounded in action. He reports to San Antonio, Texas next week to await a new assignment.  
Blubber for the moon if you want to, but get something on earth while you are blubbing.

For those who crave variety the beginning of a new semester has at least one advantage. I mean may- instead of 8:55 as was previously the case. Also it means finals are over for another seventeen weeks.  
A not at all minor item of interest is the entrance of several students, some new and some merely new for this year's freshmen. In the case of two of the latter, however, that animated look boys invariably get at the sight of new presentable females, dimmed somewhat when, upon looking closer, they discovered a suspicious-looking ring on a left-hand finger of one and two of the same in a similar location on the other. Better luck last time.  
By the way, Katie, isn't your ring a rather recent addition? Seems to us it wasn't there last time we saw you.  
That opportunity everybody has been waiting for finally came Monday night in the form of a leap year party. Girls that had been too bashful to show their preferences before nabbed boys that had been too bashful to ask them—or maybe had other reasons.  
It was mostly a case of first come, first served and since boys are at a premium, business was very good in spite of the stress and strain of final's week.  
There were several rather surprising combinations and others equally interesting. Notable of mention was the Allen family that showed up with Mary Jane Peterson and Howard Stucky respectively. Probably the couple that aroused the most interest was Mrs. Kurtz and her date. Because the former had persisted in keeping the identity of her man a deep dark secret there were more than a few that were craning their necks for first glimpses of the mysterious Walt McGaffey.  
Not exactly new since they have been around together before but nevertheless charming were those third-floor roomies, Nada and Irene, with Paul and Louie in tow.  
To those boys who loudly discuss girls who commit the cardinal sin of breaking dates we say please note the shining example of those members of your sex, Swinger and Burton, who flee to Iowa on the very eve—almost—of the scheduled big event.  
There was a wide variety of ages represented at the party but youngest honors go to Mr. Ray Berkebile, age four. He is a heart-breaker all right. We can easily understand Bobbie Stinnette's penchant for him.

### "Scandalabra Glitterings"

We know that Wayne is talented but a totally unsuspected gift was uncovered at said party. Who would have guessed what a charming lass he would make? However, may- have Maurine tell you, Wayne, or short bobbed tell you, that the is just a little bit out of style now.  
Speaking of new students, if that half lives up to the build-up he has been getting, he should be pretty okay. No pushing, girls.  
There are letters and there are letters, but who but K. Burton would write one such as our Blanche received recently? Colorful was the word for it! And there are also other applicable adjectives that, perhaps, we had just as well refrain from using here. Bright-colored crayons on a background of Spec formed the content (what a way to use our noble publication!). Choice phrases, such as "absence makes the heart grow fonder" were marked, encircled or otherwise emphasized, and a lovely time was had by all—all second floor at least.  
To whom it may concern: If we have in any way failed in our duty which is (in case you hadn't guessed) to keep outside interested parties informed on inside interesting happenings, we do apologize. But how can we keep writing about this Jane-Fanny business, Jack?

daughter, Eula.  
Mary and Sarah Mae Vancell were Sunday dinner guests at the dormitory.  
Dale Brown, John Brown, and Bob Yoder spent the week-end at their respective homes.  
Lois Kauffman had as guests during semester vacation Evelyn Bentley and Ruth Davis.  
Evelyn Wilson, Al Klotz, Keith Burton, Glenn Swinger, spent their semester vacation in Fredericksburg, Iowa.  
Mrs. Merle Finrock, the former Shirley Wyckoff, spent Friday and Saturday on the campus visiting friends.  
Betty Greig, Gertrude Conner, Joyce Peters, Jane Anderson, Annette Glasier, and Bob Mays attended the Wyckoff-Finrock wedding.  
Ronald Moyer of Hutchinson spent Sunday visiting his cousin, Virginia Bales.

Seven new students have joined our student body this semester. Isabel Champ, formerly Crumpacker, and Kathryn McRae of Topeka, are two new seniors.  
Zola Rogers, sister of Leslie and Louis; Geraldine McCurdy and Marietta Clark, of McPherson; Ichita Tonokawa of Heart Mountain Relocation Center are the four students that will increase the swelling freshman ranks.  
Nelle Stinnette, the older sister of Roberta, is the one and only new sophomore. The juniors are out of luck this time.  
Friends are nice to have, if you have them.

### Seven New Students Join College Ranks

College 'Four Hundred'  
Maurine Gish and Wayne Geisert spent their mid-semester vacation at the home of Maurine's parents at Conway.  
Evelyn Weaver was the week-end guest of Ione Akers.  
Zola Rogers spent the week-end with her brother in Hillsboro.  
Sunday the mixed quartette motored to Wichita to present a program at the Brethren Church. Those going on the trip were Lucile Harris, Eloise McKnight, Elva Jean Harbaugh, Eugene Lichty, Kent Naylor, and President Peters.  
Jane Bell spent mid-semester vacation at her home in Langdon.  
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wolf of Quinter spent the week-end visiting their

### Girls Date Men In Gala Party Western Fashion

A western motif was the key-note in the Leap Year party held in the S. U. R. Monday night. The girls and their not-too-reluctant dates were dressed cowboy fashion; the S. U. R. was decorated appropriately with bales of hay here and there to add authenticity.  
The program under the general chairmanship of Wayne Geisert was divided into the seven days of the week. During Sunday, "Courtin' Days", the girls filed out programs which were provided with dates for each of the remaining days except Saturday which was reserved for the original dates.  
Maxine Ruehlen led Monday's date, "Sharp Shooting," a general contest between 'sides' of the room involving the names of down-town business places.  
The Tuesday entertainment, entitled "Swing Your Partner," was folk games led by Eunice Swank.  
Wednesday was spent in "Yodelin'" several appropriate songs, directed by Lucile Harris.  
Don Keltner introduced with a display of foreign (?) languages Thursday's "Paper Doll" in which the "most intelligent boy" dressed the "most beautiful girl" chosen from each of four groups, in the latest fashion using newspapers as material.  
"Rodeo Days," on Friday, was the program of the evening conducted by Kline Hall with Eunice Swank as master of ceremonies. The numbers consisted of a trio, Eloise McKnight, Lucile Harris and Jean McNicol; two solos, western types, by Jean McNicol; an Indian dance by Evelyn Swank; two readings by Eunice Swank, and a "comb orchestra" by Kline Hall.  
Saturday was "Off to the Corral" under the sponsorship of Charles Dumond. Refreshments were sold at the "Corral" at the west end of the SUR with the girls standing treats.  
The party, under the sponsorship of the Men's and Women's councils, was attended by about one hundred fifty persons, one of the best parties of the year.  
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# B Team vs. Central Tussels For Fund

The Canine B team will take on the Central College cagers next Monday night in a benefit game for funds to help in the fight against polio.

The Benefit Games at the Community Building are the featured events for Monday night, January 24. The proceeds from the ticket sale will go to the McPherson County and the National Infantile Paralysis Fund. Fifty per cent of the money will go to McPherson County for the treatment of paralysis victims and fifty per cent to the National Council for research.

The first game at 7:15 will be between the McPherson "B" team and Central college. The second game starting at 8:30, will be a contest between the Moundridge High School and McPherson High School. The admission price is 50c for adults and 25c for students.

This is an opportunity to enjoyably support a really worthy cause.

## Cagers Chalk Up Another Victory

The McPherson Bulldogs added another victory to their tally by defeating the Sterling Warriors 48 to 19, Friday, January 7.

The game was of a freakish nature because of a mistake made by the timekeeper. The misinformed timekeeper did not bother to take time out for free throws and substitutions, but ran the clock straight through for twenty minutes without interruption. To make up for the loss of time an extra five minutes was added to the second half with a one-minute rest period inserted.

Two other interesting facts to note were the Warriors were held to less than 20 points, and that the Bulldogs second team played nearly half the game.

### Information, Please . . .

**QUESTION:** Do you think there is sufficient social activity on the campus?  
 Joyce Peters: There hasn't been much lately, but there was too much for a while.

**Ernest Ikenberry:** I think there should be a greater variety of programs.

**Ruth Davis:** There's enough social activity to keep me busy, but I think there could be more group entertainment on Friday evenings.

**Phyllis Reeves:** I don't think there is enough. There should be more Friday evening activities and their own recreation.

**Harry Reeves:** There's plenty for us married folks to do. I've had a hard time working all the things that there have been.

**Alvina Dirks:** Some week-ends there is too much activity and others there is not enough.

**Ruth Shoemaker:** I think that there are plenty of things going on, but some don't realize the value of the things planned for them.

**Alice Mae Boyce:** Sometimes yes and sometimes no.

**Helen Burkholder:** I think there should be more activities over the week-end.

**Vurille Howard:** I think the social activities could be better organized.

Lets all back the team, winning or losing. Lets all come out to the games and yell.

## Barr, Carlson Report For Air Corps Life

Bob Barr and Vance Carlson left McPherson Saturday morning and after spending part of the day in Kansas City arrived at Fort Leavenworth that evening. Vance reports a good supper Saturday night with sausage as the specialty. They were assigned to their barracks and thus separated.

4:30 Sunday morning was the rising hour and Vance seems to have experienced a little difficulty in the art of bed-making. They attended chapel Sunday morning.

After going through the various army regulations they reported to Jefferson Barracks Thursday to continue their training in the Army Air Corps.

## Wildcats Defeat Bulldog Team In A Fast Game

K-Staters Win 63 to 44 Four Men Out on Fouls

Kansas State college Wildcats handed McPherson college a 63 to 44 defeat last Friday night. So far Kansas State is the only team to win over McPherson this season.

The game was fast and rough from start to finish and tension was high among the fans. McPherson Bulldogs lost three players by fouls. Swinger, Fanny Markham and Bobby Barr. Cooley, Kansas State center, went out of the game in the last half on personals.

The first half was rather close with the score being tied seven different times before halftime. However, the Wildcats started hitting the basket toward the end of the period to lead 28 to 22 at halftime. Early in the last half the visitors started hitting the basket consistently from all over the court and pulled away to a 41 to 26 lead. From then on the Bulldogs never seriously threatened Kansas State's lead. The game speeded up and became rougher as the two teams battled for the ball. Both teams shot wildly and the fouls piled up in the score book.

Gish was the K-State high scorer with 20 points. Carlson led the Bulldogs with 16 tallies.

The box score:

McPherson (44)	FG	FT	F
Carlson, f	6	4	2
F. Markham, f	3	1	4
Swinger, c	2	0	4
Barr, g	3	2	4
Lichty, g	0	2	2
Ferguson, f	2	3	2
Lowe, c	0	0	0
P. Markham, g	0	0	0
Totals	16	12	19

Officials: Raymond Bell and Joyce Herrold, both of McPherson.

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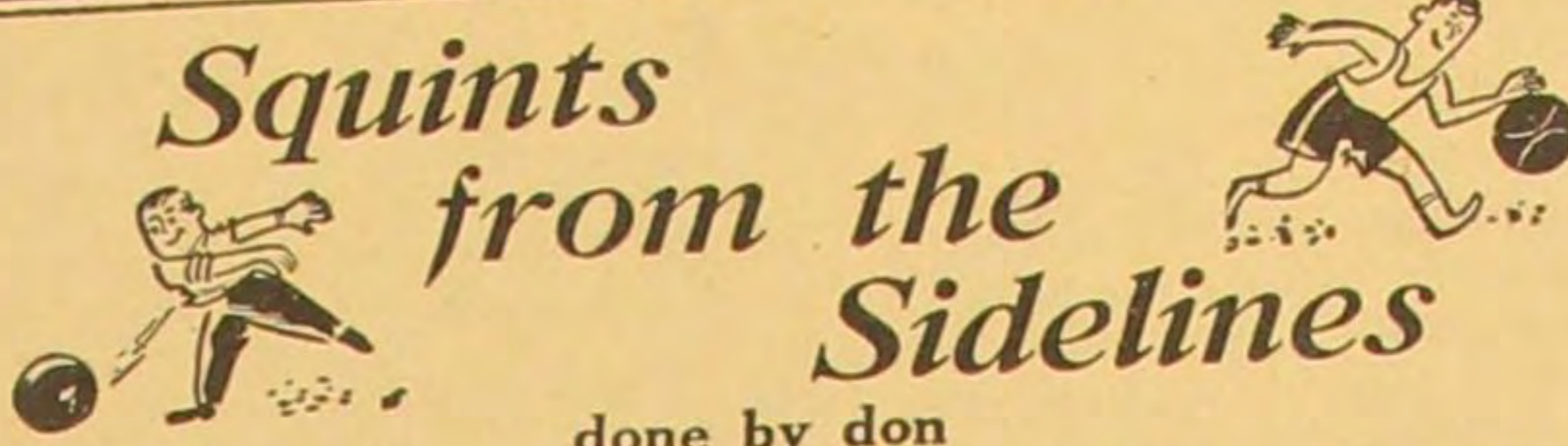
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With the weather warming up a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of baseball. Most of the fellows are just itching to step up to the plate and "swot it a mile." Fanny Markham, Louis Rogers and all the rest of the fellows have expressed their hopes in organizing a baseball team. There is quite a bit of baseball talent in the basketball squad. I've got a relative in the big leagues but it doesn't do me much good. Maybe next spring the McPherson K-NINE (from the Bulldogs of the same name) will be stepping up to the platter with "Play ball" ringing in their ears. We hope so!

An interesting sidelight on the K-State game was that long slide by

## We Are Active



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The Love Bug has scored again. To be sponsor of our club has very definite matrimonial results, especially if the sponsor happens to have red hair. Just a few weeks ago the Republican gave the announcement of the engagement of Miss Audrey Hammann, our Sponsor of last year. Last Tuesday, Sponsor Smith announced her engagement to a certain lucky Mr. Gregory. See what I mean?

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Fanny Markham. It seems that Fanny's feet wanted to go faster than the rest of him and Fanny went down the floor—feet first. When interviewed later Fanny remarked, "My domestic characteristics always did predominate. Upon seeing the dusty floor in front of me I immediately proceeded to dust it clean with my trusty trunks. "In other words, he slipped.

Basketball referees along with baseball umpires will probably continue to be criticized to the end of time. Some of the fellows had their own personal thoughts as to what to do with the referee after the last game. John Brown and Louis Rogers were struggling up the stairs with the trunk containing the basketball suits when this bit of conversation was overheard.

John: "My gosh, Lou, what did you put in this trunk besides the basketball equipment?"  
 Lou: (With a slightly humorous smile) "The referee."

There is nothing so pleasing after a basketball practice as a hot shower. With this thought in mind, the fellows began to enter the shower room only to be met with a stream of ice cold water, courtesy of that maniac Paul Markham. That's what you call a cold reception. We nominate Paul as the most unpopular man in the shower room. All in favor stand on your heads.

The Do Si Do club. It is a quadrille to the tune of "Three More Days and Six More House till Friday." Credit for originality must be given to Smoochy Looch, the director. Explanation: Looch's roommate, etc., returns to the campus Friday.

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## Sailor Takes A Bride

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The wedding was held in the presence of relatives and friends. Gertrude Conner of McPherson college was the pianist at the wedding.

The bride wore a white gabardine dress with a corsage of red roses. A wedding dinner was served following the ceremony.

Shirley and "Finny" spent their honeymoon in Wichita and Hutchinson. Following the honeymoon Mr. Finrock returned to the Great Lakes where he is stationed with the United States Navy. Mrs. Finrock is residing with her parents in Osborne at present and hopes to join her husband in the near future.

## SCM Initiates Cabinet

Tonight at 6:00 the old and new cabinet members of the S. C. M. will meet in the S. U. R. for a Fellowship Supper. This supper is in honor of the newly selected cabinet members and the retiring heads of commissions.

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