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## Sunflowers and Sandburrs --

We hear of crushing defeats, but what of "crushing de beads", Leora? Last week members of the junior class, convening in the S. A. R., were astonished to see bits of macaroni beads strewn over the floor surrounding the divan at the back of the room. Upon close inspection it was found that said pink, blue, and white fragments could belong to none other than said Dobrinski. Still closer inspection of the young lady's countenance (likewise pink, blue, and white, by turns) convinces us that there must have been some interesting details. Since nothing definite was divulged, we are left to form our own conclusions. The strain must have been terrific. Methinks young Dewey does not realize the extent of his strength... What if the broken objects had been bones instead of beads?

Bob found himself with the Army staring him in the face, he first began to realize what he has been missing all these weeks and began looking around...

Watchful solicitude is the thing lacking in the lives of some of the fellows. We are glad to note that Berniece is beginning to supply that lack in our little Norman's makeup. There's nothing like starting a fellow off right. It is likewise important to start a fellow home right, and from second floor Berniece watched G. P. start down into the dorm dining hall at closing hours Saturday night... only for a moment, however... then came a caressing "Oh, Norman. Time to go home now" in a Guthals tone. And Norman ascended.

Note: I toldja I'd make this into a gossip column yet!

### The Brethren Serve...

DALE BROWN  
The life of a prisoner of war is monotonous and dull. His physical surroundings are bare and primitive; he lacks books, music, recreational facilities, and religious services, which are all a part of the cultural side of normal life. The Y. M. C. A. and the Red Cross have done much to remedy this situation by providing some of the educational, recreational, and religious needs of the men in camp through the War Prisoners' Aid. The Church of the Brethren is represented in this important work through John Barwick of the Brethren Service Committee, who for three years has been visiting war prisoner camps throughout England. His work there has consisted mainly of organizing and supervising religious and educational activities in camps. His organization has eliminated illiteracy in many camps and he has provided sports equipment, musical instruments, books, and movies to most camps in England.

It might be well to state here for the information of the Willie Linville's and for any others who might have derived the incorrect assumption from last week's "Mail Call" that the Wayne-Maurine affair has thus far proceeded only to the engagement stage. This may account for Wayne's failure to write to Willie the details of anything of a matrimonial nature. Follow the "Specs". Willie; we'll keep you informed, even if Wayne doesn't.

Our little campus editor does not have her heart in her work, of this we are sure. How can we have a good newspaper without wide news coverage? Yet here sits Virginia begging "Ernestly" that we omit her name from the scandal sheets... therefore the omission of any reference to latest developments in the Ikenberry-Conner-Bales triangle.

Guests of the Fishers last Sunday were more than surprised to learn that their beloved professor can do more than tickle the ivories. The poems they were permitted to hear struck them as on a par with much of the poetry they are forced to study in advanced literature courses. Of greatest interest, however, was the one composed by a four or five-year-old of Professor Fisher's acquaintance: "Oh, worm! Which is your wormy little head, And which is your wormy little tail?"

In checking over our barometer we find only one new development to give you unless others arise at a later date this week. The latest rise in temperature was found to be in the region of Mary Beth Loshbaugh and Bob Yoder. It is our belief that when

## Our President Comments:

The one organized institution that affects directly all of the homes in the United States where there are children is the public school. Accordingly the success of a representative form of government such as we have is basically dependent upon the kind, amount, and quality of educational experiences provided our children and youth.

As upon the home and the church so upon the public schools we have been and are, oratorical and platitudinous in our praise of their values. On the whole and in comparison with other countries, we have a basis for pride but when we become conscious of the gross inequalities in our public school opportunities in the states and among the states we are compelled to hang our heads in shame.

(The Spectator staff wishes to correct the mistake which appeared in the President's column of last week. The first two lines should have read as follows:

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We hope first for total Allied Victory soon . . . and the return of the boys from our armed forces. We hope for the establishment of a just peace that will mean a new and more real equality among men. We see in the world of tomorrow, a wonderful opportunity for human understanding and human dignity. We believe in these goals . . . we pledge our full cooperation in their realization.

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McPherson College is delighted at the opportunity to play host to the students from other colleges during this week of tournament. We take this opportunity to welcome each of you and to express our hope that you find your stay here pleasant and profitable.

"Too many of our high school and college boys and girls," Hunnicutt said, "are trying to take advantage of current high wages by holding a full-time swing shift or night shift job and going to school at the same time. If they budget their time, they'll find there aren't enough hours to work, go to school and sleep. Something has to be eliminated—and usually it's sleep. Then the boy or girl is too sleepy to study—and down go the grades." Recommended as "good study practices": a regular time for study; study with the idea of getting answers to definite questions in mind; acquiring a listening ability in taking lecture notes so that only the pertinent will be absorbed.

## New Rulings . . .

Dean J. W. Boitnott has announced that the faculty of McPherson College has made some adjustments recently in the policies of the college with reference to grades, grading, and class attendance. These changes go into effect April 1.

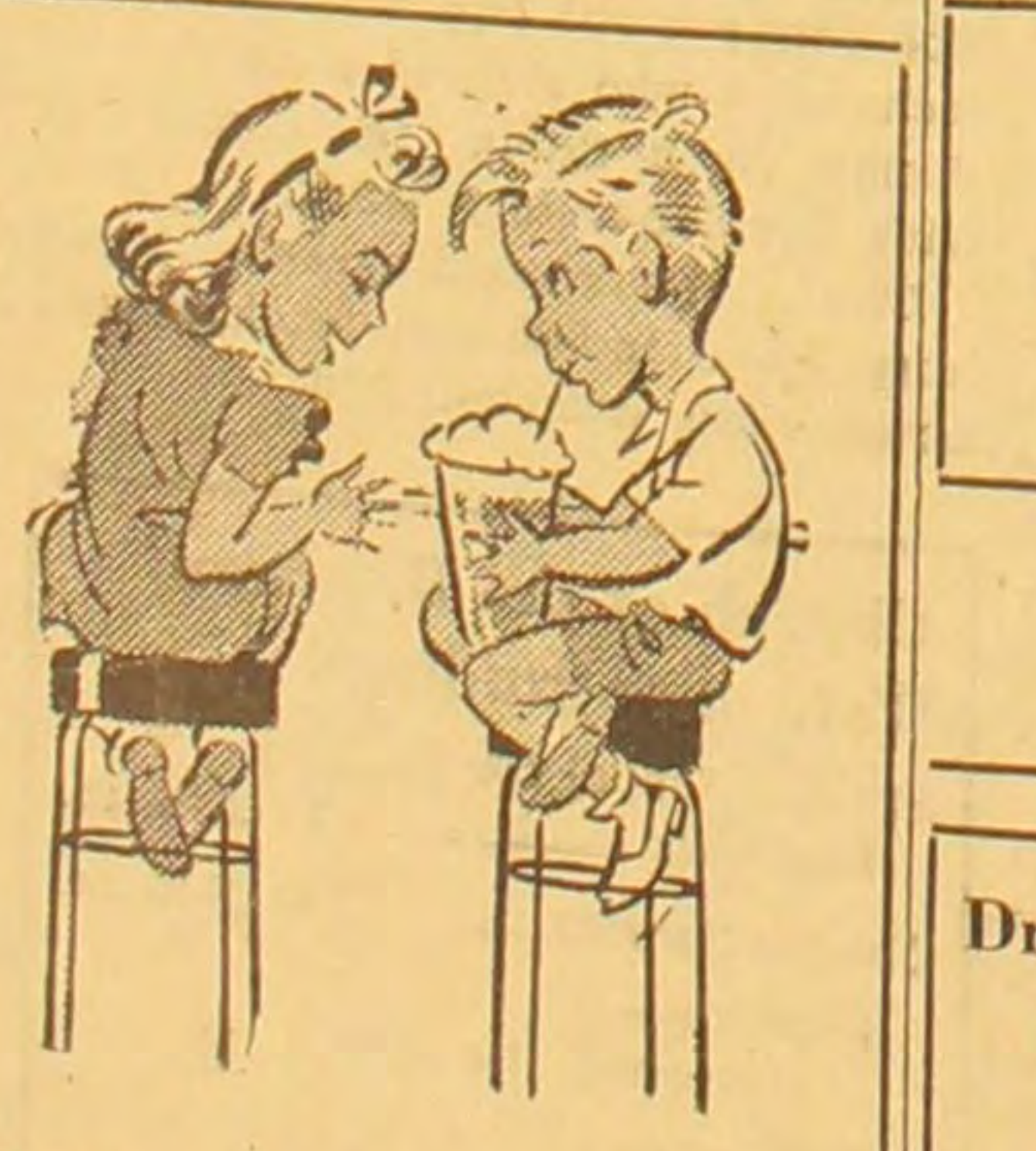
1. The Dean's List has been discontinued.
2. There will be no penalty of honor points for unexcused absences.
3. Regular class attendance is required. Absence, except for illness or real emergency, must be approved by the Dean and the instructor before the second class period after the student returns to the class from which he was absent, or it will be unexcused. When the dean is out of town, someone in the Central Office will be authorized to hear reasons for absence for him.
4. Each unexcused absence will reduce the student's average daily grade, if the class meets three times a week, five per cent. The average

daily grade will be reduced proportionately if the class meets more or less often in a week.  
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### SCM Notebook

#### Give Them A Lift . . .

"Sharecroppers" was the topic discussed by Glenn Swinger in Race Relations. The deplorable conditions of the sharecroppers of the South in regard to educational, religious, and social aspects of life were made real to us. Glenn said that consecrated, interested workers are needed to go into the homes, schools, and churches of these people and "give them a lift" by helping to raise their standards.

Next week, we are happy to announce, Professor Berkebile will tell us of some of his observations concerning the problems of our American-Negroes. We are sure you will want to attend this meeting as it is one of the important, as well as interesting, problems we must face today.

—Nelle Stinnette

#### Conscription Of Youth . . .

"Marion and Jack Letters" will be used as a part of the program for the Current Events Commission during the remaining weeks of the school year. These letters, as explained by Blanche Geisert, Betty Kimmel, and Eva Mae Klotz in last Tuesday's session, are written to foster interest in current news. Each letter deals with some happening of importance in the news of the day. It was decided by the commission that the letters could be of value to the entire school. Therefore, it is planned that they will have a special place on a bulletin board.

The May Bill concerning conscription of youth, which is being considered by the House of Representatives, was discussed by the group last Tuesday after Berniece Guthals had presented a brief report on its content. Students of the Current Events Commission plan to write to their representatives concerning their interest in this bill and are urging others to do likewise.

—Blanche Geisert

#### Slides On Chinese Life . . .

Student Volunteers met in the biology lecture room last Tuesday morning for the second in a series of mission slides. This week's slides were on the Chinese mission. Eunice Swank read an explanatory lecture while the pictures were being shown.

During the coming weeks the Volunteers expect to see slides on Mexico and South America.

#### Former Student Coaches Successful Debate Team

A former student of McPherson college, Harold Larsen, is coach of the victorious Ellsworth high school debate team. Ellsworth won state championship in Class B in the tournament held at Lawrence February 11 and 12, thus displacing Stafford. The team won all six debates in the meet.

Larsen was a debater while in college here.

#### Pre-College Pianists Present Recital Sunday

Miss Jessie Brown will present her pre-college pupils in a piano recital Sunday afternoon. Approximately sixteen students will take part in the program. The recital will be held in the McPherson college chapel at 3:00.

## Speaking of People--

By Joan Blough

Stimulatin', ain't it? With The Ring on her finger and a man on the string, Evalyn shall sparkle wherever she goes. So that's what a bus-y ride to Zenith this week-end did to E. Bently. When shall Thy Fair Morning be? June?

**Allergia, Allergia, Eloise.** Best Wishes to you and Leora in your Saturday's adventure to Emporia. It isn't everyone who can tie for Second Place in the Kansas Federation of Women's Club talent contest.

A high old time! Such fun! That's what we have heard from G. Conner, L. Harris, H. Burkholder, M. Oye, J. Mease, and E. Frantz, who ventured to Davenport, Nebr., for the Youth Rally, Sat. and Sun., in Professor Berkebile's car. "Slumber well?" We ask the Male Quartet who rambled back in Klotz's "Effie."

It's that deu-o again, Ruth Davis and Lois Kauffman; home again, Mac again, via bus, last week-end again.

Jane Bell and brother of the Army got a whiff of home again this last week-end.

Alice Mae took a quick turn around home this week-end and back to College she comes.

Evelyn Weaver was a guest at Ione Akers' home near McPherson this last week-end.

With the Alleutians in the background, I hear that Mildred Helmer's two-years-absented husband is speed-

ily flying back to her . . . By the way, Nelle S. spent the week-end in Mildred's home at Lyons.

Ab, 'tis Swank's day at the Spenses again, and this Sunday Dorothy Grove accompanied her Evelyn.

Sunday noon at dinner, I saw our fond Professor Mohler, Edwin, attractive daughter Roberta, and Auntie Lenora accompanied the Ruth Shoemaker party. In the opposite corner were dining two fellows from Quinter, Kansas, H. Johnson and M. Enlow. Wayward glances were cast toward the friendly Quinter girls.

Are deputations fun and interesting? Ask Dean Boitnott, B. B. Burger, J. Blough and L. Kauffman. Well, anyway a Friday in the Ford was worth more future Freshmen.

Bob Yoder was the honored one at an informal party given at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. J. Yoder, his grandparents, Sunday evening following church. Fellow Pi Kappa Delta members spent the time playing games. Refreshments were served: sandwiches, cake with whipped cream, tea, chocolate, stuffed dates.

An informal tea was given by Professor and Mrs. Nevin W. Fisher Sunday afternoon. Poetry was read and Fisher played some of his compositions for the group. Tea, chocolate cake, salted peanuts, and candy were served. Those present were Blanche Geisert, Leora Dobrinski, Betty Kimmel, Ruth Shoemaker, Anne Metzler, Joan Blough, Leona Holderread, Glenn Swinger and

#### Credit For Work Done

#### Behind Barbed-Wire . . .

The World Student Service Fund is now sending to Europe the textbooks needed to enable many of these men to continue their special studies. It is hoped that arrangements with the proper authorities may be worked out for accreditation of the work accomplished behind barbed wire. There is precedent for this in the case of British prisoners of war, for whom Oxford, Cambridge and the University of London are now sending in examinations. The external degree of the University of London may even be granted a man in prison camp.

Find a book to take to the party tomorrow night and help another prisoner of war continue his studies.

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Charles Dumond.  
Familiar face but different name. That is Ann Witmore Burger, visiting on campus Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

#### F. Markham Leaves Campus For Spring Training Jaunt

Fanny Markham, one of this year's basketball stars, left last Tuesday afternoon for Joplin, Missouri, to begin spring baseball training. The practice began yesterday, and after approximately two weeks of training the players will be classified into their respective classes.

Although just a freshman, Fanny was a star basketball player and starting forward for McPherson. Fanny is also very talented along other sport lines, especially baseball. A native of Chanute, Kansas, Fanny moved to McPherson last summer to attend college.

#### Master Of Dreams . . .

"In spring a young man's fancy . . ." may turn to a variety of things—love, music, weather, books, or any number of less important subjects.

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