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Sunflowers and Sandburrs --

As the beautiful Kansas moon rose over our fair campus and the clock struck some ungodly hour after twelve o'clock, two silent figures stole towards a big brown car. Miss Neher's automotive conveyance. The closer the objects came, the more obvious it became that the shapes were girls. The first thought to come to mind was 'run-aways,' and then other gruesome ideas flashed past our mind's eye. Was it, could it be! It was—A Wolf and an M. P. (Strange combination?)

The name "Burkholder" seems to have a strange attraction for our friend, Bob; if it is not one Burkholder, it is another one. We did hear that she is, as is her college namesake, a nice girl.

Lost: one wine red Schaeffer fountain pen. If found, please return to Virginia Bales (she is getting behind on answering her fan mail).

On Summer Plans . . .

To many students summer means a rest from their school studies and relaxation in a different form of work, but for the Macollege Student Ministers who have made at least tentative plans, vacation is a continuation of their education here in summer school or a practical application of their knowledge gained in service in a summer pastorate.

The bid of Iowa calls a number of those preaching Bulldogs: Charles Diamond will have a pastorate in Monroe County; Alvin Klotz goes to Mount Etna; Charles Lunkey will preside at Libertyville; Leon will be the summer site of Wayne Parris; and Leslie Rogers will, for the summer, call Omura home.

More lessons and "book learnin'" from the classes of summer school will be gained by Wilmer Brubaker, Dale Brown, Bob Mays, Glenn Swinger.

Eugene Lichty will visit a number of different states as he visits various churches this summer, but staying in Kansas are Ed Murray and D. P. Lackey, who will have summer pastorates at Darlow and Noyse respectively.

Harry Reeves and Louis Thomas will go East to Michigan and the young man to go West to Colorado is Elvin Frantz.

SCM Notebook

Volunteers Study Mexico Student Volunteers played host to members of other commissions last Wednesday when they showed slides on Mexico in the Student Union Room. The regular Tuesday morning commission period was replaced by an all-school assembly in which Dr. Leland Foster Wood, author of "Harmony in Marriage," spoke under the auspices of the Student Christian Movement of the campus.

The Brethren Serve . . .

DALE BROWN The Brethren people should be vitally interested in the relief program of the Brethren Service Committee. It is an opportunity for great Christian service now and after the war. There are many things that will need to be done. There is an acute shortage of clothing. In Belgium alone it is estimated that 1,200,000 complete outfits are needed immediately. Clothing should be sent to the Brethren relief center at New Windsor, Md. Soap is also needed in war-torn Europe and China. It

Our President Comments:

One of the most interesting pamphlets I have received recently is one from the Central Y.M.C.A. College in Chicago, entitled "The A.B.C.'s of Scapegoating." The materials were secured under the direction of Professors G. W. Allport and H. A. Murray of the Department of Psychology at Harvard University.

Scapegoating is all too prevalent even among otherwise intelligent people and the following is a good description of what it is as found in the pamphlet.

"Scapegoating is at work when a business man blows up at some unhappy defects of his wife's cooking after a trying day at the office, or when his wife soundly spans Junior for a minor disobedience after she has lost a close rubber of bridge. In these as in all other causes of scapegoating the goat is either wholly undeserving of any punishment or blame, or at least only partially deserves so severe a punishment.

"Scapegoating may be defined as a phenomenon wherein some of the aggressive energies of a person or group are focused upon another individual, group, or object; the amount of aggression and blame being either partly or wholly unwarranted.

"Psychologically, we must recognize that scapegoating grows out of normal attitudes, normal biases, and ordinary prejudices. It is under the severe impact of unusual frustration and hardship, misinterpreted through primitive reasoning, that the excesses of scapegoating occur.

"We may appropriately regard scapegoating as lying at the unfavorable extreme of a continuum in social relationship. It is at the opposite end of the scale from friendly, cooperative behavior between groups."

Church of the Brethren. Reverend Ensign chose to speak on "The Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of Man," stressing the race issue. Race discrimination is to be deplored in a nation such as ours in which Christianity and Science and Democracy point to racial equality. Unless a definite program of action is mapped out to rid the white race, a minority group, of its "majority complex," a race war may develop. Reverend Ensign's talk appropriately followed the challenge given by Herbert King in his speech last Friday morning when he, too, discussed the race problem.

Majority Complex Points To Danger

Three short skits from the senior class play, "The Magnificent Obsession," were presented in chapel Monday morning. This remarkable play, a dramatization from Lloyd C. Douglas' book by the same title, will be presented in the community auditorium Friday evening. Upon completion of the skits, Reverend B. N. King presented the morning speaker, Reverend David Ensign, pastor of the Navarre

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Pianos And Hands And My Life . . .

We witnessed a miracle—we who watched Andor Foldes make music with human fingers and piano wires. We saw the miracle of a man and a piano and music. We saw the miracle of the physical translated into spiritual feeling.

How wonderful are the minds that set stemmed notes upon manuscript paper. How wonderful are the fingers that are able to interpret those notes into understandable musical language. How miraculous are the hands that can touch piano keys so rapidly and in such order and precision, hands that are able to thrill the soul of a grand piano.

Pianos and hands. Quite the contrary to hands that create the soul of music are hands that fall to the keyboard to crash in jumbles of discord. Other hands play only one-finger melodies and pleasant tunes.

But there are skilled hands that make beautiful music, rich with harmony and full with chords.

Perhaps if I practice to perfect personality technics and develop within myself the appreciation of harmonious living, someday my fingers can play the piano of my life gracefully and well.

The Fallacy Of "Pure Blood"

Disentanglement of European blood streams, Nazis to the contrary, is well-nigh impossible, Dr. W. M. Krogman, professor of anatomy and physical anthropology at the University of Chicago, points out.

"Peoples of Europe in their march from east to west mingled their blood streams so completely that 'pure blood' is a misnomer," Dr. Krogman says.

"During the past 15 years I have made an intensive study in physical anthropology of 75 per cent of all skeletons excavated in the Near East and positively have been able to demonstrate that 6,000 years ago there was such a thorough race mixture that any claim of 'purity' today is not founded upon historical fact and common knowledge.

"If races are to get along with one another none can afford to have a chip on the shoulder.

"The process of adjustment is one of reciprocal 'give and take.' Advancement is not made by either exorbitant demands or by equally extravagant denials," he concludes.

Dr. Krogman believes social structures of the postwar world must assume—since all men are created biologically equal—social equality.

There is no valid reason why we should deny any group—racial or religious—opportunity to participate on even terms in social, economic and political life of the nation, he holds. ACP

"A long war requiring some Spartan living will make people feel the waste in which they once indulged is immoral. The consequence is they will demand and get more and better commodities and services for their money. They will realize that our past prodigious waste must come to an end if we are to have the high standards of living to which we look forward. The war has made clear to all of us the distinction between the essentials of the good life and sheer reckless waste." Prof. Louis Wirth, University of Chicago sociologist, believes war-taught frugality may be the key to a better life.

"You can postpone the building of bridges and highways and courthouses, but you can't postpone a boy's or girl's education."—Dr. Harl Douglass, education director of Colorado.

