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Dr. J. W. Hershey Dies Monday

Rites Thursday For Chemist

Dr. J. Willard Hershey, 67, who has been head of the chemistry department since 1918, died at 7:30 o'clock Monday morning in the McPherson County Hospital. The illness which preceded his death started in February this year and made it impossible for him to finish his last year's work.

The funeral was held Thursday morning at 10:30 in the Church of the Brethren. Students and faculty members were in attendance and sat in a body.

During his work here at the college Dr. Hershey made a record which has brought fame to the college as well as to himself. This eminent scientist was internationally known for his experiments in making synthetic diamonds and for his research with rare gases.

The largest synthetic diamond, about the size of a common pin head, is credited to Dr. Hershey. He continued his work with the hope that still larger diamonds might be made which would have a definite commercial value.

The McPherson college chemistry professor became equally well known through his research into rare atmospheres Simon Lake, inventor of the submarine, has collaborated in past years with him concerning the development of synthetic airs for use in underseas craft. His rare air experiments with rats and other animals in his laboratory in Harnly Hall will be remembered by many students.

Dr. Hershey was the president of the Kansas Academy of Science. He held membership in many of the leading scientific organizations of the nation. Many American and European publications carried articles written by him concerning his numerous experiments. He was in wide demand as a lecturer on his work.

The internationally known man received his B. S. degree from Gettysburg college in 1907 and his M. S. from the same school in 1910. In 1924 he received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Chicago. He attended Harvard in 1907 and 1908



Dr. J. Willard Hershey

and John Hopkins University in 1910 and 1911.

He is survived by his widow and his son, S. L. Ardy's Hershey, who is serving with the United States fleet in the Southwest Pacific.

Dr. Hershey was born on Feb. 6, 1876, at Gettysburg, Pa. He moved to McPherson in 1918 from Defiance, Ohio. He was married to Miss Effie Bowman on August 24, 1916, at Bridgewater, Va. He was a member of the Church of the Brethren.

The student body was informed of the death of Dr. Hershey in chapel Monday morning. Dr. W. W. Peters, Pres. of McPherson College, made the announcement: "Dr. J. Willard Hershey who came to McPherson college in 1918 and taught continuously until last February died this morning quietly and peacefully, as he lived.

In his passing, his family, the College, the Church, the community, and the profession of science in the field of chemistry have lost a scholar and a noble character."

Purdue University got an unexpected blackout this summer when the campus' first air raid siren was being tested. By a strange coincidence, the campus power plant failed just as the siren test began.

Our Sympathy

Sadness again touches the lives of members of our McPherson group in the death of Irvin Frantz of Holmesville, Nebraska. Mr. Frantz who graduated with the class of '97 was a brother to Rev. E. M. Frantz and an uncle to Prof. S. M. Dell. A daughter to the late Mr. Frantz was Lillys Frantz who graduated here in 1939.

Those from McPherson who attended the funeral last week were Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Frantz, Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Peters, and Prof. and Mrs. S. M. Dell.

"Emotional Maturity" Discussed By Peters

"Emotional maturity" was the subject discussed by Dr. Peters in chapel Monday morning.

Dr. Peters said there was a lack of emotional maturity in many adults who are biologically and intellectually mature. As one matures biologically and intellectually, there should be a corresponding emotional growth. College students have reached the point that they cannot throw off responsibility of emotional immaturity on others.

Dr. Peters concluded his speech by quoting a verse from Paul's first epistle to the Corinthians: "When I was a child, I spake as a child, I understood as a child, I thought as a child, but when I became a man, I put away childish things."

Bittinger Attends Peace Workers' Meet At Elgin

Dr. Desmond W. Bittinger left Thursday noon to attend the regional Peace Workers' meeting at Elgin, Illinois. Dr. Bittinger is the representative of the Western Regional District which extends from the Mississippi River to the Rocky Mountains and from Canada to the Gulf of Mexico.

Problems facing boys in C.P.S. camp and problems of peace after the war will be discussed at the meeting. During the summer Dr. Bittinger visited eight C.P.S. camps. While in these camps he lectured to the boys on sociology and had consultation with the boys.

Since the Middle Ages, a wooden mallet, pounded on each staircase, has been the signal for rising at Worcester College, Oxford.

Iowa Wesleyan, founded in 1842, is the oldest college west of the Mississippi.

The Thespians Banquet

Formal In Warren Hotel Climaxes Week's Initiation

Shockley, Dean of Women, Greets Campus Friends

Miss Ida Shockley, Dean of Women on leave of absence, writes from her new location in Seattle, Washington. Miss Shockley, in leaving the teaching profession, decided to take up an entirely different type of work. Therefore, she is now field secretary for the Federal Insurance Company in Seattle.

A period of teaching in summer school and then of spending her vacation visiting relatives sums up Miss Shockley's activities since the close of school last spring.

Miss Shockley sent her subscription for the Spectator, as she is very much interested in happenings at McPherson college. She gave her address and said that she would appreciate hearing from any of her friends. Address letters to Miss Ida Shockley, Apt. 205, 1323 Terry Ave., Seattle, Washington.

Thespian ingenues will become full-fledged members tonight at the initiation banquet, which will be staged at the Warren Hotel, the hour set for 7 o'clock. Students of drama will be formally attired for the occasion.

This Thespian banquet has become a traditional event on the club calendar and is heralded with anticipation by old and new members alike. The Thespians have elected Miss Della Lehman, head of the English Department, to act as club sponsor.

Jean McNicol, inveterate campus actress, is in charge of this evening's program, and Keith Burton has planned all decorations. The six new members will appear on the program as a final phase of their initiation and will then be accepted as bona fide members by the club, if found able to fulfill all requirements.

The initiates gave a good account of themselves this morning when they made their public appearance before the chapel audience. Initiates include Blanche Geisert, Dean Hoefle, Marvin Reeves, Norma Lea Jones, Don Keltner, and Susan Ikenberry.

Student Council Passes Guthals

Berniece Guthals Campus Editor Vacancy

Berniece Guthals, a junior, has been selected to fill the vacancy in the position of campus editor of the Spectator. She takes the place which was to have been held by Dayton Rothrock. Mr. Rothrock was unable to return to school.

Berniece began her college career at McPherson College and thus her talents are realized here. Last year she attended Kansas State College at Manhattan.

In her curricular and extra-curricular work Berniece has shown considerable ability. An English major, she is a good student and has a variety of interests.

Although she was not here last year, Berniece, a native of Elmo, Kansas, worked on the Spectator during her freshman year and has been a willing assistant thus far this year.

Prof. Dell Leads Retreat To Canyon

Dragging the Boy Scout trailer behind them, the Recreational Council will desert the campus tomorrow afternoon with its sponsor, Professor S. M. Dell and Mrs. Dell, and its guests, Professor and Mrs. Maurice Hess, to spend the night encamped near Black Canyon in its annual fall retreat.

The Council will leave tomorrow by 3 o'clock to make certain that the kettle will be boiling in time for a six o'clock supper. The members have planned a campfire, morning watch, and their own church service. They will return sometime Sunday afternoon.

This campus organization makes it a point to plan retreats and other camping opportunities as practical experience for future camp and recreational leaders of our church. Individuals learn to know and appreciate one another while they sing camp songs, sleep beneath the stars and break camp. Recreational Council members look forward from year to year to these wholesome opportunities for fellowship.

Juniors, Seniors To Debate Tue.

Tryouts For Varsity Positions To Be Soon

Time approaches for verbal conflicts to begin raging as the four classes contest for the championship title in the inter-class debates.

Juniors and seniors will tangle Tuesday, October 5, at 6:45 p. m. On October 12, representatives of the freshman and sophomore classes will meet. Winners from these two debates will appear October 19 in the finals to determine the championship team.

These debates which are sponsored by Pi Kappa Delta will be held in the Student Union Room.

Sometime after this series of debates the annual tryouts for varsity debate will be held. Participation in the inter-class tournaments is not a requirement. Students qualifying for a position on the debate squad and participating in the required number of inter-school debates may later join Pi Kappa Delta, a national forensic fraternity including 165 chapters, covering 36 states and the territory of Puerto Rico.

Professor Maurice A. Hess of the McPherson College English department is the provincial governor for this section of the country covering Colorado, Nebraska, and Kansas.

The question for debate is "Resolved: That the United States should cooperate in establishing and maintaining an international police force upon the defeat of the Axis."

Metzler's Preachers Dine And Discuss

Starting out the new student-minister year, Dr. Metzler entertained the young theologians and their wives at a supper last Wednesday night. This annual fall get-together has become a tradition among the student-minister group.

The fellows spent the evening telling stories of summer happenings and plans for the future.

First dean of men in America was Thomas Arkle Clark of the University of Illinois.



At The Stroke Of The Clock

Friday, October 1, Thespian Club Banquet, Warren Hotel, 7:00 p. m. Saturday and Sunday, October 1-2, Recreational Council Retreat. Tuesday, October 5, Junior-Senior Debate, S. U. R., 6:45 p. m.

Journalistic Femmes Lose Efficiency As They Trek Down Euclid After Dark

It was late and the night was starless.

Editing the Spec is no easy task; it involves numberless precarious situations. Especially if the two editors are new at the game and members of the feminine sex to boot.

Last Wednesday night, the worst day of the week for a newspaper woman if her paper is to come out in print on the following Friday, we, the two Spec editors, spent a grueling series of hours hammering page after page of copy off the typewriters in the Republican office. One by one the linotype operators locked up and walked out the door. And as the Manor shows let out, prying soldier-eyes stared at us, dutifully pounding out copy. It was nerve-racking.

Then we prepared to walk into the night. Streets were deserted and only an occasional automobile broke the stillness. We buttoned up our coats and gathered our wits about us. I opened the door while the other editor snapped off the light. Even the creaking Republican office seemed a friendly place as compared to the starless night in which no living creature appeared to be stirring.

We linked arms and hushed up our rubber-soled shoes. We whispered, so that the naughty men hiding in the doorways and dark alleys would let us pass on our way to dormitory life unmolested.

Night does funny things. Noises are noisier, trees can wiggle like people, and houses that overflow

with laughing children during the day, might well be sporting purple funeral crepes at night.

Strange as it may seem, the most gruesome scenes came to our minds and transferred to our lips as we scuttled along. The tale of evil creatures sticking knives into the backs of innocent little girls made us grasp one another and peer hastily into the gloom behind us . . . what a relief to learn that that queer noise was only a teasing little leaf chasing us down the walk.

Our conversation was one worthy to be recorded for posterity to read—but how could we? We chattered along, neither one thinking of what the other one was saying. Here is just a sample of our pointless talk: "Well, and then we just sat there . . . (We spy a dark shadow behind . . . a tree a half block down) . . . uh . . . just a shadow . . . Well, as I was saying . . . then she came along and saying . . . then she came along and (Another shadow) . . . a tree . . . she came along and told me all . . . (One of us stumbles) . . . heh! heh! (We giggle hysterically and trudge off again) . . . Quit talking so silly, off again) . . . Quit talking so silly, off again) . . . I'm not and don't laugh so loudly . . . I'm not scared . . . just a little nervous. I guess." (And so on far, far into the night!)

Some thoughtless individual forgot to light the lamps along one portion of Euclid—much to our despair. We looked at the dark sidewalk, then at the equally black street, then at the equally black street, then at each other. We chose the street, reasoning that there we were at

about an equal distance from the houses on both sides.

During the daytime a ride would be hailed with delight, but on this particular evening the very thought of one was distasteful to us. Consequently, when the beam of a car light swept over the rise we quickly scurried to the walks again. After the auto had passed without even so much as slowing down, we spent our time wailing, "Oh, do you suppose that could have been somebody we knew?" Nevertheless, the next time we heard an approaching motor, we slowed our footsteps and managed to be directly opposite a tree and stood still until it had passed. (On viewing the same tree the next day we learned that that slim tree couldn't have served as camouflage even for Ichabod Crane's trim figure.)

With more tremblings and imaginings of the same type we finally made it safely to the dorm. How inviting Arnold Hall appeared to us after our experience! The following day was spent recuperating and regaling unsympathetic listeners with the gory details.

Now here we are again at the Republican . . . It is late and the night is starless. The linotype operators have long since locked up and walked out the door. We are nearly ready to make our exit, and the streets are deserted . . . but tonight the blackness holds no terrors for us . . . We have a man in tow!

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Sunflowers and Sandburrs

Louis Rogers must be planning to enter the Army Air Corps or to be a member of the Future Birdmen of America Club. The teachers are all ways complaining about his head's being in the clouds. Last Wednesday being in the clouds. Last Wednesday forenoon, Louis must have decided to practice landing an airplane, making a beautiful three point landing on the sidewalk. The many witnesses gathered around the water fountain proclaimed to be a marvelous exhibition. Miss Patricia Kennedy was quoted as saying at the time, "That happens to all the boys I wink at".

A tribute to Professor S. M. Dell, as Dean of Men, the man with the camouflage on his upper lip. We don't hear so much about him, but we are conscious of his many part-ticipations. Although you may not realize it, Professor Dell has a finger in practically every pie on the campus. He holds down the jobs of Social Director, Dean of Men, Director of Employment as well as an excellent teacher. All of the students know him for his wonderful sense of humor and feeling of helpfulness. The boys especially realize his importance when it comes to securing jobs to earn their way through school.

All those interested in the game of ping-pong please note. Special swing and swat sessions are held practically every night in the ping-pong room. All that is required is the furnishing of a ball, paddle and \$1,000 admission fee. This is payable to the Swing and Swat organization for the preservation of ping-pong as the

Men! Grab your slingshots! The blackbirds have invaded the campus. The standard price for such game is 2c apiece. Ask Pop. Special warning to all of the students and faculty, everyone wear hats for safety purposes.

Allison, Schubert Wed Tuesday Night

Miss Anne Janet Allison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Allison, who began school this year as a senior, became the bride of Ensign Arthur Schubert, c'43, son of Mr. and Mrs. Albert G. Schubert of Ramona, last Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock in the Presbyterian Church. Rev. R. M. Truesdale officiated at the double ring ceremony.

Professor Nevin W. Fisher, at the piano, played a group of love melodies. This was followed by an organ prelude by Gertrude Conner, a junior, who played "Meditation from Thais" by Massenet, "O Sacred Truth", and "The World Is Waiting for the Sunrise". During the playing of "To A Wild Rose" by McDowell, the candles were lighted by the Misses Doris Ikenberry, Evelyn Wilson, junior, Marilyn Sandy, senior, and Freda Schubert, sister of the bridegroom. They were dressed in pastel-colored taffeta gowns.

Preceding the ceremony, Keith Allison, brother of the bride, sang "Love's Old Sweet Song," and Eugene Lichty sang "Because". The wedding March from "Lohengrin" by Wagner was used as the processional and Mendelssohn's Wedding March as the recessional. During the ceremony, Miss Conner at the organ, played "Claire de lune" by Debussy.

The bride wore a gown of white slipper satin trimmed with lace, cut with heart-shaped neckline, fashioned with long sleeves and full circular skirt. Her finger-tip length veil was held in place with a tiara of white roses tied with white satin ribbon. Her only ornament was a gold locket, a gift of the groom.

Mr. Henry Schubert, of Ramona,

served his brother as best man. George Voth, c'43, Wayne Geisert, and Alvin Klotz, seniors, were ushers.

A reception was held in the church parlors immediately following the ceremony.

'43 Grads Scattered In Sundry Vocations

Graduates of the C '43 have scattered far and wide. They have entered various fields.

Leland Akers and Kurtz Ebbert are tilling the soil. Dorothy Gail Barrett is a chemist in a plastic company in Toledo, Ohio. Romance budding on the McPherson College campus, and Kathleen Brubaker became the wife of Willie Linville this month. The two young people are making their home in Chicago where Willie is stationed in the ground crew of the Army Air Corp. Mrs. Robert Brust is living with her husband in Florida and working in a hardware store.

The teaching profession has called Arlene Cavert, Mildred Fries, Luella Poister, Lenora Shoemaker, and Genevieve Wyckoff. Arlene is teaching at Ramona; Mildred Fries, Barnes; Luella Poister, Appanoose; Lenora Shoemaker, Lorraine; and Genevieve Wyckoff, Simpson. Wayne

Let's Lengthen The Time Element

This school year should be an ideal one for serious concentration on studies, ostensibly the thing for which we came to school. There are fewer students, fewer cars, and thus fewer opportunities to waste time on occupations not so worthwhile.

Although it would seem that this should be true, yet we hear students complaining that the opportunities for study are somewhat limited—the reason being that the library now closes at 9:30 p. m.

In the past, students seldom really settled down to study until about 8 o'clock. About that time they would begin drifting into the library and start looking up references to their tomorrow's lessons. If they were there for serious purposes, they usually worked steadily until 10 o'clock.

True it is that it would be better for all concerned if the study atmosphere began reigning somewhat before 8:00. Nevertheless, what should be and what actually exists are two vastly different things. No matter how soon the library closes, the students are still going to make use of the hour and a half after supper for activities other than lessons.

Naturally, then, instead of spending the two and a half hour period between library opening and dorm closing times with his books, the student devotes only about an hour and a half to that object.

It may be the idea of older and more serious-minded individuals that "necessity is the mother of invention" and that, since the schedule calls for a nine-thirty deadline rather than a 10 o'clock one, the students will automatically begin studying earlier in the evening.

Yes, one might think this would be true. That is, if one were blind to the nature of normal college kids and if one were in the class of those dear over-optimistic persons who still carry the vain delusion that the main objective of all college students is study.

Then there are also some people who have expressed it as their opinions that the girls ought to go immediately to the dorm after leaving the library. If these people actually believe that these circumstances might come to pass, they certainly need an eye-opener, for no fun loving girl is going to spend an evening in the library and then proceed immediately to her abode to congregate with a group of her own kind, all of whom she sees too much of, anyway.

This is merely an idea, but it was prompted by the suggestion of interested people. Why, if conditions are such that it is impossible to keep the library open more than two hours, we understand that the present state has been caused at least partially by the scarcity of library helpers. . . . why couldn't the library be left closed in the evening until 8 o'clock and then stay open until 10? This would make it possible for those who cannot begin studying earlier to have their two hours of access to the library. Not only that . . . those people who suggest that girls should come in immediately after the library closes, could have their wish then. It's just an idea . . . but why couldn't it work?

We Need Solitude

In the past few years it seemingly has become a custom for the various organizations of the campus to see that there is some social activity planned for every week-end.

This year we have had an activity every Friday night except last week. Most of the students said very little concerning this negligence; nevertheless, a few were heard to say that things were "dry" and that they thought it the duty of the social committee to have something planned every week.

To these students and to others who have not yet spoken but who, perhaps, are of the same opinion—Why should we have a planned activity every week-end? Aren't we all old enough to figure out our own entertainment once in a while? Social events are extremely important, true. Yet, when we always have something which is planned for us by the school, we either have to take study nights for those shows we like very much to see, for that bit of mending (which needs to be done by everyone of us, I'll wager) . . . or—we don't get those things done.

If we were honest, we would all have to admit that it does us good to be alone sometimes . . . and there is certainly very little time for that during the week, unless you happen to be on those "fortunate" individuals with a roommate who never stays home . . . and then very likely your roommate needs a little solitude!

Furthermore, we must remember that while we are here enjoying the fun and companionship of college life, there are young people all over the world who would give their eye-teeth to be here with us . . . and can't! Certainly, then, we should realize how lucky we are just to be here. We ought to be ashamed of ourselves if we can't let one week end without a planned social event pass by unrewarded by a complaining word.

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The following letter received recently is evidence of the truth of the above statement:

_____, Kansas
September 17, 1943

Dear Sir:
I presume that McPherson College has a student publication. I would like to be put on your subscription list for this winter. We have a number of young people from our churches (not the Church of the Brethren) who attend your college.

We are interested in the work they are doing and in the opportunities they have at your college. We also like to publish reports of their accomplishments in our mimeographed bulletins.

A few years ago it was my privilege to teach with a number of McPherson College graduates. I have never visited your college, but I have learned to think highly of it because of the character of the men and women who came from McPherson.

Respectfully yours,
Crist, Raymond Shifer, and Merlin Frantz are attending Bethany Seminary in Chicago. Melvin Fager is preaching in Oklahoma.

Joe Hoffert and Art Schubert are in the Navy. Incidentally, each has taken unto himself a wife this September. John Mingenback, George Voth, Harold Meyers, and Ernest Peterson are in the Army. Harold Voth is attending Army Medical School at Kansas University. The McPherson City librarian is Mrs. Doretta Sandy. Jean Oberst is assistant chemist for the Texamo Nat-

ural Gas Company. Ted Washburn has an honorable discharge from the Army and will teach at Abilene. Teaching and preaching at Zook is the double duty of William Gahm. Austin Williams is a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin, and holds a genetics assistantship there.

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The personnel of singers is as follows: Leona Holderread and Elsie Mast, first soprano; Anne Metzler, and Eloise McKnight, second sopranos; Jean Blough and Lucile Harris, first altos; Jean McNeil and Ruth Shoemaker, second altos; Kent Naylor and Glenn Swinger, first tenors; Keith Burton and Wayne Parris, second tenors; Eugene Lichty and Donald Scofield, first bass; Charles Dumond and Alvin Klotz, second bass.

Members of this organization will expand the scope of their musical activities and do both accompanied and unaccompanied singing this year. Their musical work will represent a great deal more variety than ever before. Besides singing together as a four part or eight part mixed ensemble, they will also sing as four separate quartettes, as a women's octette and as a men's octette.

In addition to other programs and appearances during the season the a cappella choir will function as a chapel choir on Wednesday mornings throughout the year.

ceremony, the men gather in one corner of the house and celebrate. The veiled women do their celebrating in another. At nine o'clock the bride and groom are introduced to each other and live happily ever after. The boy's mother picks out his wife when the prospective bride reaches the age of eight. The boy, of course, never knows who his wife is until he has taken her home. I'll bet some of those guys get a whale of a shock. If a boy has a wife whose parents are in the upper brackets of society it will cost him about four thousand francs. When his first wife reaches the age of thirty, he can get another one, providing of course, he can provide for her. What a life!

"I have been in Africa a little more than six months now. Those months have passed by very rapidly and I hope that the coming months pass as quickly.

"During those six months we lived on C-rations and that is what we will live on in the future. Once in a while, they throw in some sausages or Spam. That doesn't help a lot. One gets tired of eating, because there is such a little change in the menu as the days go by. We get enough to keep our hunger satisfied, and it is supposed to have all the vitamins and stuff.

"Write and tell me all about school and everyone. I will be looking forward to hearing from some of the kids."

His address is Cpl. Jim Burger, 37352642 1st Medical Laboratory, A. P. O. 700, % Postmaster, New York, New York.

"Boy, last night we had a tough one," writes Dick McRoberts in telling of army life. "We were out all night digging foxholes. We had no sleep at all. Boy, was that ground hard, just like cement! I dug like a madman all night and only got a hole about waist deep.

"The other morning we had to run the quarter mile for our physical exercise. I made it in 60 seconds. That isn't so bad considering our heavy shoes and the sand we had to run in."

Dick has about two and one-half weeks of training left at Camp Fannin, Texas, but he says that time passes fast.

Dick's address is Pvt. J. R. McRoberts, Co. D7, Camp Fannin, Texas.

Last Year's Students Come Back For More

Several former students were seen on the campus this week, as they returned to visit old friends and acquaintances.

Katie McRae spent the week-end with Alta Gross and Muriel Lamle. She is planning to enter Washburn University.

Doris Ikenberry came to McPherson for the Allison-Schubert wedding.

George Voth, C'43, who is being inducted into the army, came back to his old stamping grounds for a visit.

Dean Stucky was home from C. P. S. camp in Fort Collins, Colo.

Ho, You Knitters!

Wanted: More knitting needles—and knitters to use them.

Girl student volunteers use their extra time in knitting six-inch squares for Red Cross afghans. Fellows and non-knitting girls are urged to take up the fascinating study.

And if that doesn't interest you, bring paste and scissors to the S. U. R. next Tuesday and cut out pictures and "Little Lulu" jokes for soldier scrapbooks.

Any bright bits of yarn, odds and ends of old sweaters, will be welcomed by the student Volunteers as they push ahead in their program of service.

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Oh me! Four points—and so early in the term! I ask you, Helen and Vurle, is that a good example to set the freshmen?

Thunder and volcano eruptions have nothing on Lichty. Maybe he doesn't snore—at least not in class—but that exceedingly drowsy appearance he has been carrying around recently is certainly suggestive. We bet it wasn't the trip to Ottawa either.

Ah Mary Jane! You are treading on dangerous ground when you try to curtail budding romance. At least, at the last reading of rules and regulations, nothing was said about getting points for talking to boys out of windows even though it is rather a noisy process.

Music hath charms and so does Miss Wolfe evidently. Many are the damsels we know that would settle for either Mease or Naylor, much less both.

Flash: That beaming countenance and far away look that characterizes Ila Verne recently is due to a present received not so long ago. One wouldn't think a mere picture could do all that to a person, would one? Or was it a mere picture, Texas?

Don't tell Tennyson, but it evidently doesn't take spring to bring out those two-somes and foursomes. September seems to be doing quite as well. We do suspect that the war and therefore the male-power shortage might be responsible for the threesomes though.

Well, and when that little freshman, Neely, had a birthday did you notice that the only beltline called was the old standby, Klotz? Maybe that ring on her left hand does mean something!

Oh Sandy! What next? We gather there was more than one red face the last time you visited your grandmother. Directions can be embarrassing as well as confusing, can't they? That'll larn you to come in so late you don't want to attract attention by turning on lights. Moral: Look before you leap.

Beware, girls, of that new freshman, Lois Kauffman. She promises to provide competition—and how! Not only has she personality, but looks—and plenty of the latter seem to be coming her way from the limited male portion of Mac too.

If Louis Rogers doesn't quit playing football games in bed, the third floor occupants of the boy's dorm threaten to leave. It seems that in the middle of the night our hero jumped out of bed and started yelling about a game of football in Arkansas. He then jumped on his roommate and mauled him so badly

he is not expected ever to be the same again. Thank goodness! (P. S. His roommate's name is Don.)

If you are in doubt about the rules and regulations of a certain game of chance, consult Rex Wilson. It seems Rex learned the hard way by losing five dollars in Wichita, Kansas, last Saturday night.

The appetites of Ray Burkes and Virginia Bales are said to be enormous. After the chemistry picture last Tuesday these two starving people traveled all the way to town in the car just "to get something to eat". Some people have funny ideas, especially right before supper.

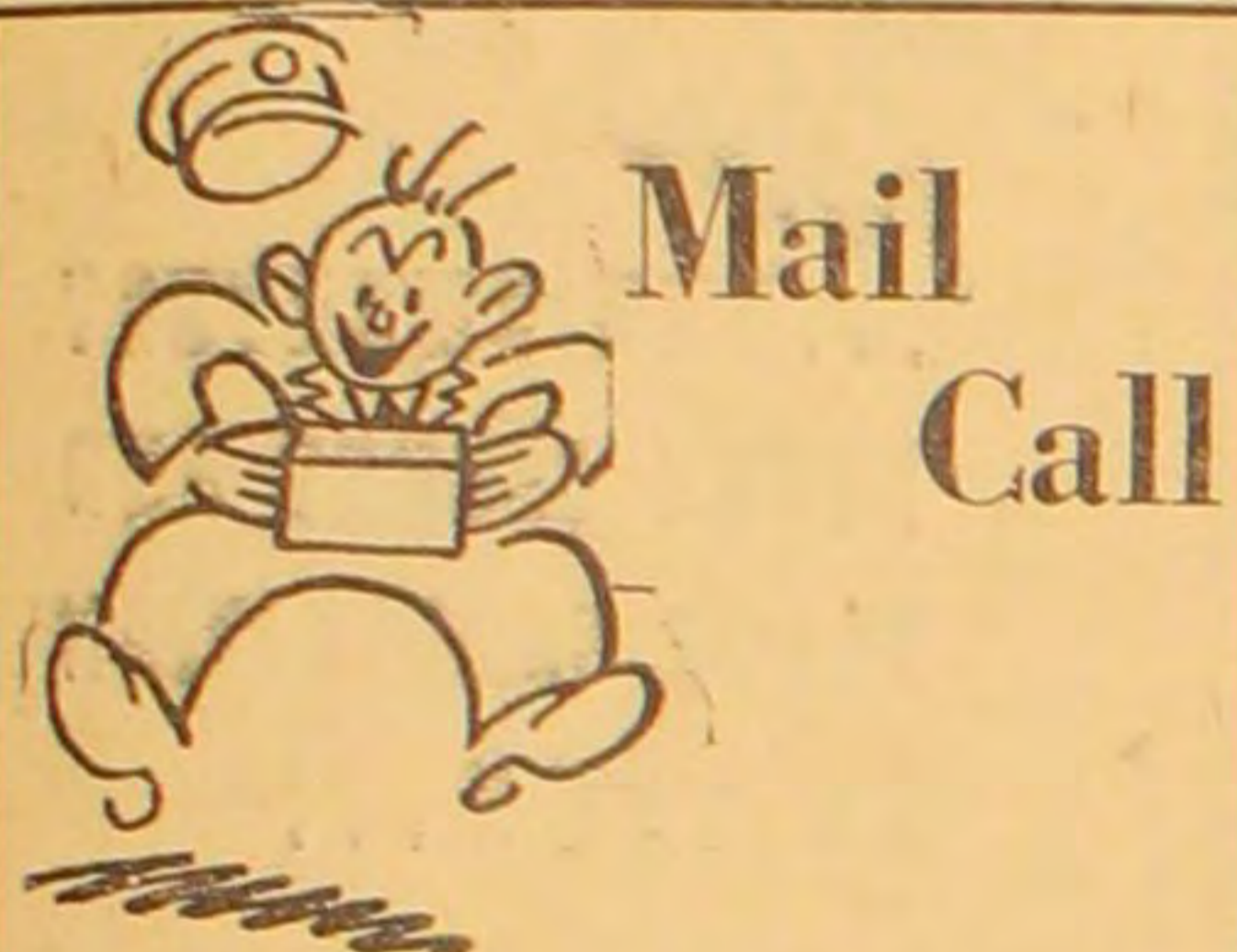
The third floor round-table meets every Tuesday night at the boy's dorm from nine P. M. to ? The prominent members are Al Klotz, Wayne Geisert, Eugene Lichty and Bob Mays. Don Keltner was the celebrated guest this week. If you have any questions for discussion, please submit them to Al Klotz, chief bull slinger.

Have you heard that charming name that "Chucky, The Preacher" has for Leora Dobrinski. Boys you can all start calling her "Dobby" now. On second thought, "Chucky" sort of wants that name reserved.

Parris And Blough Are Choral Club Electees

During the meeting of the Choral Club last Wednesday evening, officers were elected. Wayne Parris, a senior majoring in philosophy and religion, was elected president; and Joan Blough, a sophomore, was elected secretary. Librarians will be selected later.

The Choral Club plans to present a cantata later in the year.



Mail Call

Merle Finrock writes from Topeka, Kas., where he is stationed at the Naval Base, that he really likes his work, although the Pre-Medical course is "tough". He still finds time for football and was to suit up in the game against Kansas State Friday night.

Finnny said he had received his copy of the Spec, also an "M" club letter from Coach Hayden and really appreciated being able to keep up with 'Mac' in this way.

There are five other former Mac-collegians stationed in Topeka: Conrad Burton, Bob Achilles, Jack Applegate, Walter Jones and Walt Pauls. Those in the Pre-Medical division are looking forward to the end of the semester at which time they are to have a week's leave.

Address letters to Merle Finrock, 1-B9-V12, Washburn University, Topeka, Kansas.

Betty Burger received the following letter from her brother Jim who is stationed in North Africa:

"It is a beautiful sunny Sunday here in North Africa, and it promises to be very warm before the day is far gone. I don't notice the heat so much now.

"The hills and plains look very dry and barren now. The appearance of the country has changed a lot with the passing summer months. Just after the rainy season the hills and valleys were very green, covered with patches of poppies, and dotted with freshly cultivated vineyards. Now as far as one can see nothing but large barren rocky hills, nothing but heat waves dancing along the horizon and some Arab shepherd herding his flock of sheep and goats are to be seen. The wilderness seems to be void of all life and certainly doesn't look as though it could support any living thing. Along the coast line are a few trees and in places where the Arabs water small patches of ground by drawing water from shallow wells with an ox, there are green vegetables growing. Some of the hillsides are dotted with a few gnarled, very old olive trees. Beneath these trees are the Arabs, sleeping through the heat of the day. How they can sleep, covered with flies and all sorts of bugs, remains a mystery to me.

"The Arabs live in little villages made up of small stone huts. There are no doors or windows and no rugs on the floor, but they seem to be satisfied with life in general.

"I talked to some American sailors who had been invited to an Arab wedding. They told me all about it, and it was very interesting. At the

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Hess Expounds On Latin Epic Wed.

What do you know about Virgil? Professor Maurice A. Hess gave a short summary of the life and works of Virgil during the Wednesday chapel period.

Professor Hess presented a summary of the periods of Virgil's writings. The first period contains a group of ten poems written in imitation of a Greek poet. His art reached perfection in the second period in which he wrote twelve pastoral poems. It was between 29 B. C. and 19 B. C. that Virgil wrote his famous "Aeneid."

Professor Hess reviewed the "Aeneid" briefly and explained the literary form in which it was written. "The epic order starts in the middle and goes both ways," said Professor Hess. This principle was demonstrated at a banquet given

for the hero, Aeneas. In the speech given after the banquet Aeneas tells all that has happened in his wandering. Other books continue the story.

Why does Virgil continue to be famous while Mussolini is being forgotten? Virgil learned to do one thing well. That is the lesson to be gained from Prof. Hess' talk.

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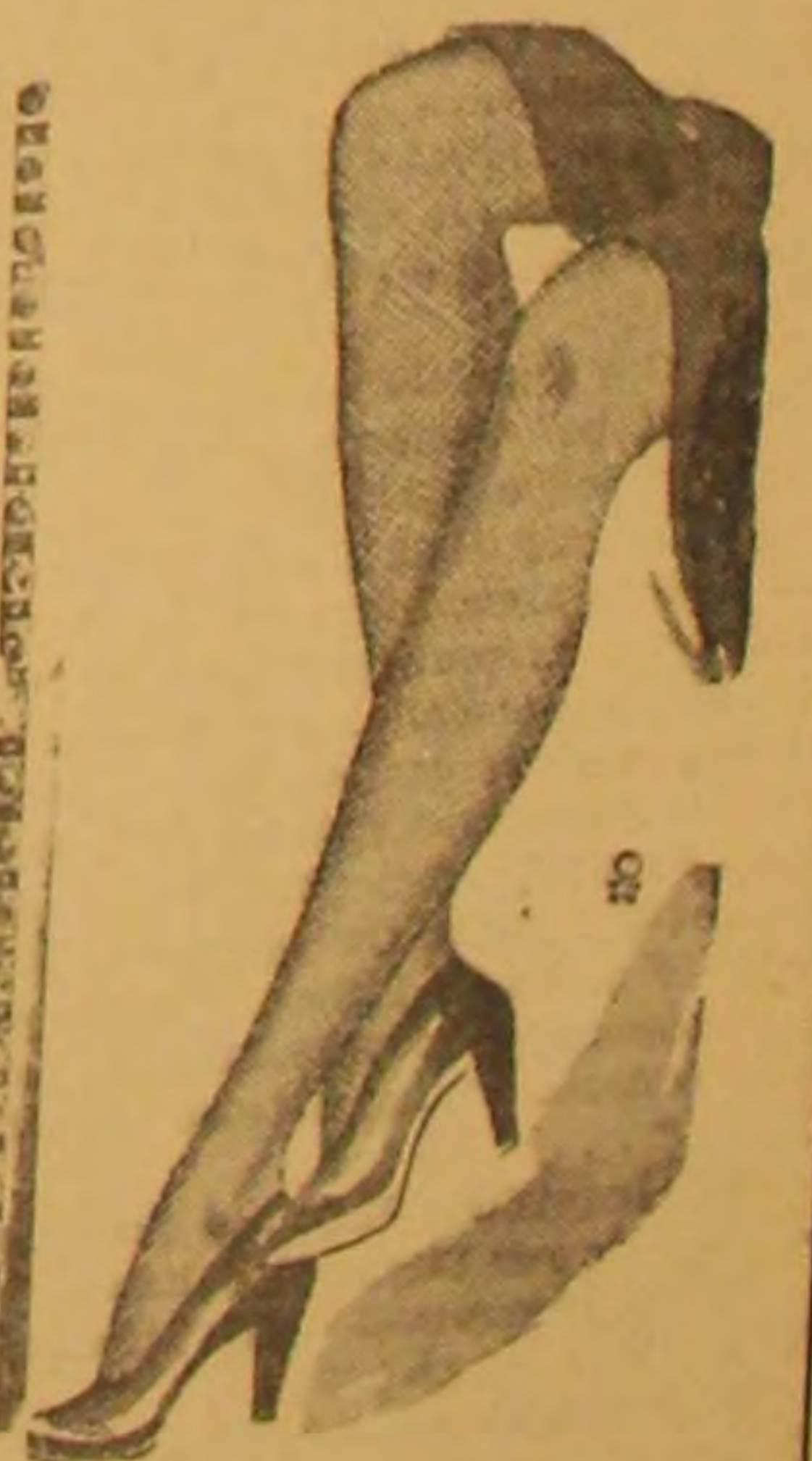
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Production Begins On Season's Drama

"Letters to Lucerne", recent Broadway hit, has been chosen by members of the Thespian Club for their first major production of this year. The plans will present this modern three-act play in collaboration with the Play Production class under the direction of Della Lehman.

It is believed that this arrangement will aid in the way of expenses as well as easing the loads which Miss Lehman and some of the students, who are in both class and the club, are carrying.

Tryouts for the play will be announced as soon as possible after the books arrive.

The action in the play centers about a bevy of girls in a Swiss boarding school. These young ladies are all of varied nationalities. When the war begins, naturally, some enmity is stirred up against the girls who happen to come from the wrong countries.

The story portrays just how deeply some young lives may be affected by cruel circumstances. A realistic and touching play of today, it will be worth the admission to go and see it.

There are opportunities for nine girls and four boys to have speaking parts in this production.

We Are Active



W. A. A. is gathering momentum for the fall sport season. Various activities are commencing this week.

Right To Your Partners And A Promenade Home!

Come on fellows and girls let's go to Do-si-do on Tuesday evening at 6:30. Fundamentals of folk at 6:30. Fundamentals of Lucie Hargames will be taught by Lucie Hargames. We're especially interested in having all you fellows turn out. So don't forget Do-si-do on Tuesday evening at 6:30.

Polish Your Feathers

Let's be ducks, girls and join the swimming club. There'll be a swimming wizard at the Y. M. C. A. to teach the art of swimming. Helen Burkholder is the leader of the swimming group. It meets Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 in front of Sharp Hall.

Chase That Puck

On Monday and Thursday at 4:30 the Hockey club meets. More girls are needed so we'll be expecting to see you Monday. Hockey is really fun; if you lack knowledge of the game you'll be taught how to play.

A Hike's The Thing!

Outing Club under the direction of Marilyn Sandy will meet soon. Come and bring your ideas of what you'd like to do this fall.

To the old members of W. A. A., come and bring a friend with you. Let's make life happier by working and playing together.

Modern Chemistry Films Highlight Club Program

Chemistry Club plans to meet once a month with Professor Berkebile acting as chairman. The first meeting of the year was held last Tuesday from 4:00 to 5:00 o'clock. The assembled group saw a moving picture concerning chemistry in modern life.

Future meetings will be arranged, keeping the desires of the group in mind. Several speakers will appear on varied programs, and group discussions will also have a part.

The next meeting will be October 20 at which time the chemical film, "The Flow of Liquids" will be shown. Another film, "Citrus and Nutrition" will prove interesting.

Personnel Committee Inaugurates New Plan

The Personnel Committee, long-standing assemblage of faculty members, is concerned with student problems. This year's committee includes Dean Boitnott, Dr. B. Metzler, Professor Dell, Miss Della Lehman and Coach Thomas Hayden.

Recently this committee took the lead in a change of policy regarding extra-curricular loads. This policy has the approval of the faculty. The personnel committee is making plans for regularizing extra-curricular hours by the use of schedules and restrictions.

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There definitely will be a basketball team this year. The season will be just as long as last year's if not just a little longer. Coach Hayden is planning to play all college games if possible. If, however, this will not be possible, the balance of the season will be filled out with games with army teams.

Last Tuesday was the first official day of practice of the season. After a little scrimmaging all 15 of the boys were pretty tired. The huffing and puffing was broken only by mingled sobs and groans. This indicates

Keller's S.C.M. Talk Offers Encouragement

Soft piano music greeted the ears of young "Student Christians" as they entered the S. U. R. for their weekly meeting last night. Leora Dobrinski was pianist.

Keith Burton sang the vocal solo, "Overshadowed" by Schuller. He was accompanied by Miss Dobrinski. Rev. Samuel Keller, pastor of the Methodist Church of McPherson, was introduced by Al Klotz. Rev. Keller's topic was "Roses Will Bloom Again."

According to Rev. Keller, even in these troublesome times we should not become discouraged to the extent that we lose perspective. He said that even though these days are filled with chaos, we need not let ourselves be dragged down into the mire.

The group filed out as more piano music was played.

In A World Without Men

The other day I was walking along thinking of nothing in particular when a phrase of four words startled

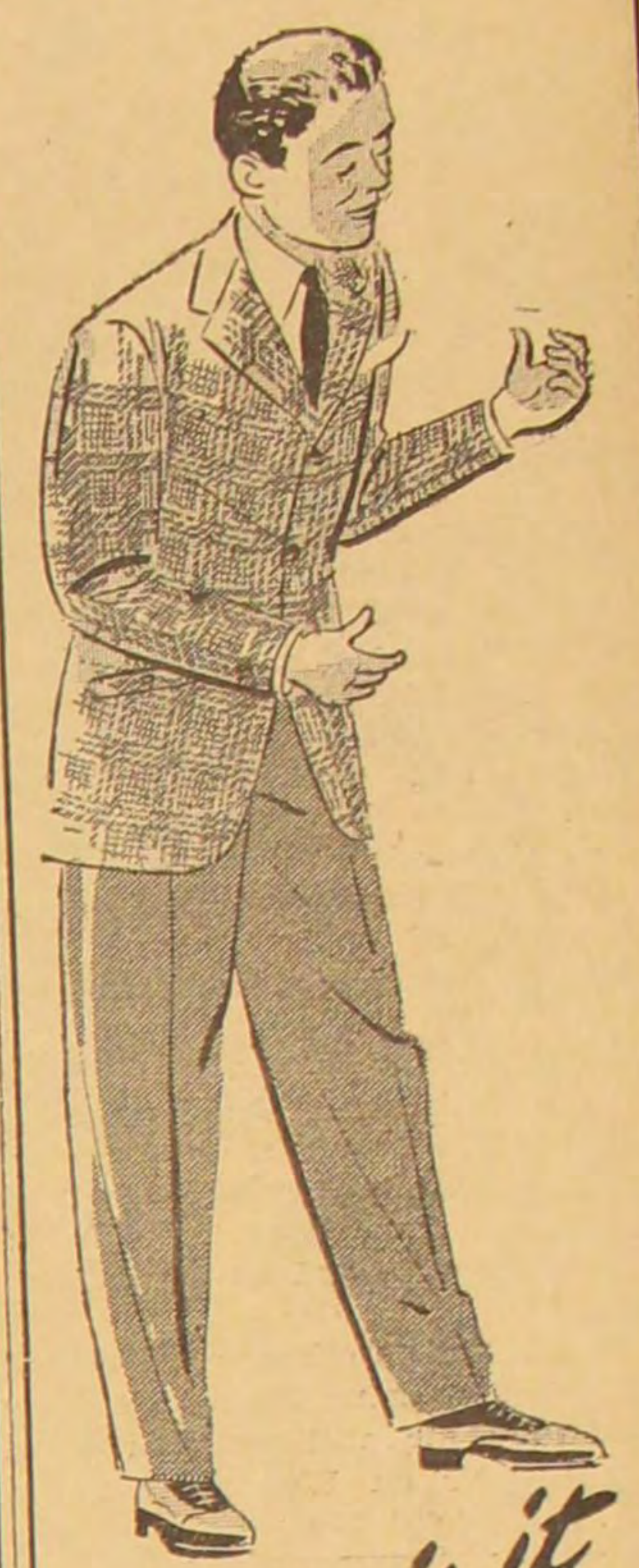
me into musing upon the condition in which we of the fairer sex would find ourselves, were we to be in "A World Without Men." Of course we realize that would be a biological impossibility, but suppose this reality were a world without men (which indeed it seems to be in certain sections.) Taking a practical view of the supposed situation, we might enumerate the advantages and the disadvantages of same. First, the advantages. (It's going to be rough; can't think of many advantages!): Girls' problems would be simplified in regard to "affairs d'amour", dress, coiffure, (you know the dread-

ful effect rain and wind can have on a swell hairdo!), or a line o patter. No more worry about whether Egbert or Xavier would be the most suitable date (in days when there was a choice, you understand), no more worry about a drape shape in the zoot suit, and girls could loosen their locks in the wild wind without a care and do all sorts of un-lady-like antics just as they've been trained by their mothers.

Disadvantages: With all the work that has to be done, and all the pride men seem to take in physical prowess, they're handy to have around for economic purposes. Then too, women can't deny that they enjoy primping—look at the time spent before mirrors—note the dollars per year spent upon cosmetics; yes, women like competition in pulchritude. They find pleasure in having doors opened for them; there is a definite charm in feeling that one is regarded as being a helpless creature (at times, tho' some women wouldn't admit it in a million years!). Each one has her own private reason for being glad this is not a "World Without Men." Excuse me, I think that's my ring—I wonder who . . . ?

Women students outnumber the men at the University of Texas this fall for the first time in history.

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