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German Journalist, Hall, Lectures In Chapel

College Youth Rebel Against Hitler's Regime Four Universities Open

Students of McPherson College were privileged Tuesday to have as their speaker Mr. Martin Hall, who spoke at a special assembly at 11:20. Mr. Hall, a German journalist who was exiled from Germany by Hitler, was a youth in Germany at the time of World War I. His subject was "The Situation of German Youth."

Because of the thorough indoctrination of Nazi ideals into the youth of Germany, many people can see nothing ahead for Germany but that the country be kept in complete military subjection. Through various angles Mr. Hall pointed out indications that many of the Hitler youth are rebelling in their minds and in their actions against what they formerly believed in completely.

One and one-half years ago in the University of Munich students booted a Nazi official because of his vulgar verbal attack on the few women students who were enrolled in the school, and then the students walked out of the auditorium where the official was speaking. Within 48 hours twelve of the student leaders were accused of high treason and decapitated. This example, coupled with other similar demonstrations, has caused the Nazis to close all but four of the universities in Germany. Universities are now considered the most dangerous form of opposition to the Nazi regime.

Other items gleaned from official Nazi newspapers, said Hall, give glimpses of the revolt of German young people. The age at which a person may receive the death penalty for treason has dropped from 18 to 12. This most likely means that incidents among the very young have shown political activities against the government or for the underground. Another interesting item which shows that Himmler has ordered 24 concentration camps for "rebels" under 17 years of age indicates that it no longer is only among the older people that opposition to Hitler is found. From an article by the president of one of the oldest universities in Germany he complained that the students want factual and objective teaching that is not prepared in the "kitchen of propaganda", another sign of the awakening of the intelligentsia of Germany.

When the day of defeat will arrive for Germany, the German youth will find their world fallen to pieces. At that time their disillusionment about Hitler will be complete and they will grasp for any straw to bring them to a new way of life. But the question is: are we ready to help them find it? They have their own potential abilities, and if we give them the opportunity to develop them instead of suppressing them there will be less chance for a war in 20 years from now. Christianity and democracy should be their rights also. The youth are beginning to feel their guilt in the war and should be given the opportunity to redeem themselves in the eyes of the world.

Recreational Council Retreats Today

If you see piles of blankets and suit cases out in the hall today, don't get alarmed for it's just the Recreational Council leaving for their annual retreat. This year the retreat is to be Black Canyon.

The committee in charge of yesterday's retreat, chairman, Ruth Lichty, and Gerry Mease. On the committee are Glenn Swinger, Ann Metzler, and Gerry Hedges. Preparing the food is Elva Jean Harbaugh, chairman; Jo B. Brooks, Marvin Blough, and Mrs. Dell. Kenneth Wampler, Glenn Swinger, and Yo Takehara are in charge of equipment and transportation. Sunday morning church services are planned by David Albright, Ruth Shoemaker, and Blair Helman.

Eagle Scout Award To Bryant Fisher

Bryant Fisher, son of Professor and Mrs. Nevin Fisher, was awarded the position of Eagle scout. The presentation of award was held Tuesday evening when Troop 130 conducted court of honor at the Church of the Brethren. Bryant, a freshman at McPherson College, has served as patrol leader, senior patrol leader, junior assistant scoutmaster and assistant scoutmaster. He is a charter member of Troop 130 and served on the camp staff of the council camp in 1943.

While attending school in Maryland last year, Fisher was a member of the independent football and basketball team.

Elrod Discusses Christian Church

Reverend James Elrod, speaking in chapel Wednesday on the Christian Church, said that the church has many things to offer youth in times like these. Our Church has left us a great inheritance, the first being our heritage. Many great ordinances have grown out of the interpretations of the New Testament, such as definite attitudes toward alcohol, tobacco, slavery, and war.

The Church offers us the greatest organization of all times, stated Elrod. In England, all organized groups have gone to pieces except the Christian Church. We Americans, as Christians, will never be able to live down what the American soldier is doing in Europe. We will not be able to enter into their experiences with understanding, for all this war has really brought us is luxury and wealth. We actually don't understand what real suffering is. This war, said Reverend Elrod, was brought on by the adults and what happens in the future depends on what we, as young people, are willing to do.

Rev. Elrod closed his talk with again repeating the scripture: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service. And be not fashioned according to this world; but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is the good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

Church Choir Election Held Thursday Evening

At the regular Thursday evening meeting of the College Church Choir an election of officers was held under the supervision of Professor Nevin Fisher, the director. The results are as follows: president, Ernest Ikenberry; secretary, Lois Kaufman; robe custodian, Mary Vancil; social committee, Leona Dell and Glenn Swinger; librarians, Wayne Lucor and David Eiler.

A short meeting of the new cabinet was held after the practice period.

Pres. Peters Speaks To Upper-Classwomen

Last week the first meeting of all the upper-classwomen and sophomore girls was held in the S. A. R. under the direction of the Women's Council. The purpose of this meeting was told by Gertrude Conner, president of the Women's Council, as she introduced President W. W. Peters as the speaker of the evening.

After a lovely piano solo by Geraldine Tharrington, President Peters spoke informally to the girls on the various aspects of college life in which women play a great part. He pointed out how our lives are being shaped for the future, and if we keep our ideals and dreams high now, we will be thankful for it later on when we meet the harsher side of life. Bits of well given fatherly advice rounded out the talk, and the President concluded by giving the women of McPherson his heartiest best wishes for the coming year.



Don't Forget

Oct. 7, Saturday-Recreation Retreat Over-night.
Oct. 13, H. S. football game here with Lindsborg.
Oct. 13, 14, 15: District meeting.

Twenty-Two Contribute To Fifty Dollar Club

Dr. W. W. Peters reports a good start toward the 200 member goal set for this year's Fifty Dollar Club. The membership now stands at 22, and as yet, no formal solicitation has been made. The goal was topped by nine last year. The Fifty Dollar Club year runs from July 1 to June 1. So far the largest family group lists four members in a single family.

Theologians Elect Steering Council

Electing a steering committee was the main business of the student ministers at their weekly meeting, September 26. The chairman is Charles Dumond; secretary, Mark Enswiler; and treasurer, Ethmer Erisman. Sponsoring the student ministers is Dr. Metzler, professor of Philosophy and Religion.

The student ministers have some plans worked out for the year which will include meeting with the city Ministerial Alliance, holding discussion groups, parties and filling pulpits in other churches of the surrounding area when called upon to do so.

The next student ministers meeting will be in the form of a weiner roast for men of the organization and their wives or girls' friends. This meeting will be on Tuesday evening Oct. 10 and will include a short vesper service.

Conscientious Objectors Serve As 'Guinea Pigs'

As of June 30, 1944, there were 164 conscientious objectors serving as 'guinea pigs' for the Office of Scientific Research and Development and the Office of the Surgeon General of the United States Army in experiments designed to save lives among the fighting forces.

The experiments require these men to fast, live on restricted diets, drink salt water, float on life rafts, walk for days on treadmills, spend hours in low pressure chambers, and live for days in rooms with temperatures varying from 20 degrees below zero to the high temperature and humidity of the tropics. They are placed on various diets to determine the effects of diet upon altitude tolerance, the best diets for cold and tropical climates, and diet requirements of men in military service and in industry.

Maccollege Students Search For Treasure

At the end of the rainbow there is a pot of gold. This expression has been heard often and everyone has dreamed of the day when he will find the pot of gold. Tonight Maccollege students will do something comparable, they will have a Treasure Hunt. Students will congregate in the gym at 7:30 to search for the treasure. Coach Hayden will be there to give clues as to where the treasure might be found.

This excursion will be sponsored by the Social Committee of the school.

"Good morning, Mrs. Kelly. Did you take your husband's temperature, as I told you?"
"Yes, doctor, I borrowed a barometer and placed it on his chest; it said 'very dry' so I bought him a pint of beer and he's gone back to work."

Varsity Quartettes Disclosed

Mohler Is Appointed To Ed. Commission

Doctor Robert Mohler, assistant to the President and professor of Biology, was recently appointed a member of the Kansas Education Planning Commission. This commission is a 'child' of the Kansas State Teacher's Association. There are ten members on this commission. Dr. Mohler is the only member from the private colleges of this state.

Student Union Room Rules

The Student Council has had drawn up a set of rules for the use of the Student Union Room. These rules are printed here for the benefit of the student body and for the use of the students. A copy of these regulations will be posted in the Student Union Room.

In order that this room may continue to serve as a wholesome and pleasant social and recreational center on our campus for the enjoyment of all students, and in order that it may be in no wise conflict with the ideals and purposes of the College; we ask all students to govern themselves in the light of the following suggestions for the best interests of the College and of themselves:

1. Respect the rights of others using this room.
2. Conduct your social relations on a plane that is not embarrassing or distasteful to others in the room or who might wish to enter the room. The lights should be on and the blinds open.
3. Exercise good judgment in using the furniture and facilities of the room. Rowdiness and destruction of property are forbidden. Do not sit on the arms of the chairs. Use caution with the gas heater.
4. Leave the magazines, games, books, and furniture in the room for the use of all students.
5. No dancing is to be allowed in this room.
6. Turn off the heater and turn out the lights when you are the last person to leave the room.
7. Any organization wishing to use the room for a special meeting or program should see Ernest Ikenberry for permission. Feel free to come in at the times that the room is open.

Imaginative Work Camp In B. Y. P. D. Sunday

Have you ever been in a work camp? Whether you have or have not, come to the College Church basement Sunday evening at 7:15 to enjoy and participate in an imaginative work camp. What all do the leaders and campers accomplish while working with mind and body in the various work camps? First hand answers will be given in an interesting manner at B. Y. P. D.

Fellowship Party Is A Success

Fifty or more students spent a very enjoyable evening in the student union room Friday, September 29. Games and food were provided for the students.

This fellowship night was planned by the Social committee to provide needed recreation and fun for any who desired it.

The members of the food committee were: Jerry Mease, chairman; Mary Lou Brasey, Evelyn Royer, Ina Bell Kinzie, Ruth Engelland and LeRoy Maxwell.

Albright, Burton, Unruh, And Dumond Secure Coveted Posts

Brooks, Murdock, Coppock, And Shoemaker To Quartette

Thursday morning the girls off campus who are attending the McPherson College organized. With Gertrude Conner, president of Women's council, conducting the meeting the girls elected officers.

Presiding over the group is Roberta Mohler as president. Anne Metzler is vice-president and Bonita Anderson is secretary-treasurer of the town girls.

The purpose of organizing the town girls is that a better means of cooperation of town and campus girls can be arranged.

Thespians Begin Play Practice

'Pride And Prejudice' To Be Presented Nov. 10

Friday, November 10, is the date set for the Thespian Club's first production of the year, 'Pride and Prejudice', adapted from the book by Jane Austen.

The main characters have now all been chosen and rehearsals have begun. Blanche Geisert is student director and Miss Della Lehman is advisor. The cast with the exception of a few minor characters to be chosen later is as follows: Mr. Bennett, Dave Albright; Mrs. Bennett, Phyllis Strickler; Lady Lucas, Blanche Geisert; Charlotte Lucas, Leora Dobrinski; Jane Bennett, Susan Ikenberry; Elizabeth Bennett, Anne Metzler; Lydia Bennett, Doris Coppock; Mr. Darcy, Blair Helman; Mr. Bingley, Winston Beam; Mr. Collins, Charles Dumond; Mr. Wickham, Keith Burton; and Miss Bingley, Freda Aurell.

'Pride and Prejudice' is a period play and present plans are to rent the costumes used by the original New York cast.

A Cappella Choir Elects Officials

Dave Albright was elected president of the A Cappella Choir at an election held on Wednesday during the regular practice period. Elected to assist the president with the business of the organization were: secretary, Mrs. Dorothy Kurtz; business manager, Kenneth Wampler; treasurer, Alice Ruth Bailey; social chairman, Doris Murdock; librarian and stage manager, Willis Unruh; and publicity chairman, Anne Metzler. The chairman of the various committees will choose their own members.

Hymnology Is Theme Of B.Y.P.D. Program

The histories of several favorite church songs were told at B. Y. P. D. Sunday evening, October 1.

Warren Hoover gave the history of "America the Beautiful," after which the group sang the song.

The origin of "Day is Dying in the West" was given by Ruth Lichty, followed by a xylophone solo of the hymn by Alice Ruth Dally and accompanied by Dave Albright.

The history of the hymn, "Into My Heart," was related by Wayne Bowman. The entire group joined in singing "Into My Heart" after which the benediction was given.

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Fisher announces the identity of singers in the Women's and Men's Varsity Quartettes after conducting vigorous tryouts. The quartettes, having been selected with painstaking care, will represent McPherson College on various deputation trips.

Chosen to fill positions in the Varsity Women's Quartette are Jo B. Brooks, first soprano; Doris Murdock, second soprano; Doris Coppock, first alto; and Ruth Shoemaker, second alto.

Miss Brooks is a sophomore, Miss Murdock and Miss Coppock are freshmen, and Ruth Shoemaker, a senior. Surviving the grueling vocal placement tests are David Albright, first tenor; Keith Burton, second tenor; Willis Unruh, first bass; and Charles Dumond, second bass.

Albright and Burton, both juniors, are veterans, having had two years of experience on the male quartette. Dumond, also a junior, was a member of the second male quartette last year. Freshman Unruh has had considerable vocal experience in the Moundridge high school.

Appearing many times during the school year, these quartettes have a prominent place on the program at the spring concert of the A Cappella Choir.

Boitnott Releases Enrollment Facts

Students Represent Sixteen States

The enrollment statistics as released by Dean Boitnott for 1944-1945 are as follows: The enrollment of college students on September 25, was 166. Fifty-two of these were men and 114 were women. On October 1, 1943, the total enrollment of college students was 136; 45 men and 91 women. The enrollment by classes was as follows: 86 freshmen, 31 sophomores, 26 juniors, 16 seniors, and 7 specials. The increase in total enrollment is 22 percent.

Sixteen states are represented in the student enrollment. On the date indicated above the representation was as follows: Kansas 91, Iowa 17, Idaho 11, Colorado 10, Oklahoma 7, Nebraska and Missouri 6 each, Minnesota 4, Texas 3, Arizona, Montana and Pennsylvania 2 each, and New Mexico, Louisiana, North Dakota, and Washington 1 each. Thirty-seven or nearly forty-one percent of the Kansas group are from the city or county of McPherson. The home of approximately forty-five percent of the students is within a hundred miles of the college; of thirty percent it is from 100 to 500 miles; of thirteen percent it is from 500 to 1000 miles, and of twelve percent it is more than a thousand miles.

At the time of registration, the median age of the men and women was the same, eighteen in both cases. Four of the girls were sixteen, twenty-two were seventeen, thirty-three were eighteen, nineteen were nineteen, fourteen were twenty, and seventeen were twenty-one or more.

Thirteen Protestant churches are represented. Approximately sixty-five percent are Brethren. During the first few days the count showed 109 Brethren, 13 Methodist, 7 Baptist, 7 Mennonites, 4 Presbyterians, 4 Christians, 3 Lutherans, 3 Free Methodists, 2 Congregationalists, 2 Evangelical Reformed, 2 Seven Day Adventists, 1 United Presbyterian, 1 Mennonite Brethren, and 1 Catholic.

Three men were repairing telephone wires. A woman drove by in a car and when she saw the men climbing the poles, said: "Look at those darn fools—you'd think I'd never driven a car before."

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So Saith the Forest

From books and writings we learn many truths, but from other agencies we can be taught. From the Holy Scriptures we read "Look unto the hills from whence cometh your help." Too often in these days of strain and toil we forget the quiet and recreation of the hills, of the forest. Listen to the mountain pine; hear the temple fir. Let us journey to the shrine-covered peak of Tai Shan, in Shantung Province, North China. It is the most ancient sacred mountain in eastern Asia, "the first of the famous mountains under Heaven." Its fame and sanctity go back 20 centuries before Christ. Its paths were trod by Confucius and other scholars of China's past.

Of it Eunice Tietjens said, "Space and the Twelve clean winds are here; and with them broad eternity—a swift white peace, a presence manifest." Wrote a poet-emperor: "How lofty are you, Sacred Peak, How your fair pine trees reach toward Heaven; You are beautiful and strong with night in my Empire, And you are like the power of Heaven maintaining my House."

An old stone road leads up the mountain to the top and to the temples. "This little cluster of ancient temples," says Glenn Babb, "elevated far above the world on this stony peak, epitomizes China—ancient patient, tolerant, absorbing the new, but venerating the old, drawing like an ever-powerful magnet new and newer forces to be absorbed at last into age-long conservatism." Your mountains may not be high. They may not even be far away. Maybe they are the quiet of your room; the dim sanctuary of the church. If you but look around you, you will find the peace and quiet which has been hid by the mad passing world. "Seek and ye shall find, ask and it shall be given unto ye."

Have you ever noted my brother, the timberline pine. It may be knarled and bent but it is not broken. Life is very hard for it, yet through it

suffering it has gained strength. One would not think beauty would come of this kind of hardship, but you will find some of the most beautiful and strong trees in the timber line. They stand alone; they lead the trees. Some of the best violins in the world have been made of the wood of the tree of the timberline. It is not what happens to one that matters, it is how one reacts to it that matters in the life of a tree or a man. Learn from my brother of the timberline. Use your troubles to your advantage. So saith the forest.

Why The Racket?

By Franklin Flory
Have you all heard the sweet tones and gentle which have come floating over the cool autumn air from the direction of the Bay Refinery? Have you also noticed the absence of the usual delicate odors originating from the same place. I can't decide which I like the worst, but I'm sure that I'd settle for neither.

The reason for the above mentioned presence and absence is that the Bay has temporarily quit refining and is cleaning up, out, and off. The cleaning up is the cause of the noise. It seems that petroleum, in one of its stages of processing, has to be heated to a very high temperature. This is accomplished by a myriad of tubes which are in a large furnace. It's on the same idea as the hot water pipes in the kitchen range at home, only of course on a much larger scale. After enough, or should I say too much oil has passed thru these tubes, sufficient residue, coke, and stuff, collects in them so that the oil can't be forced thru them. This calls for cleaning them out.

The outfit that does the cleaning is run by compressed air. It is sort of a cone shaped instrument which has little, sharp bladed wheels in it's sides. These wheels revolve at high speed and when forced into the pipes, they work just like a grindstone on the "stuff" in the pipes. This cleans the pipes and produces the noise.

One reason that the noise can be heard for so far is that the pipes are open on both ends. When the

The President's Corner

I recommend the following to young men and women as essentials to make and to maintain world peace.

1. A peaceful world will not come by wishful thinking.
2. All of us are human and must work within human limitations.
3. "He that is without sin, let him cast the first stone."
4. "The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof." "God created of one blood all peoples that dwell upon the face of the earth."
5. Spiritual values are the supreme values and only the human are capable of possessing them.
6. One's intellectual and spiritual nature can motivate, direct, and control his animal tendencies.
7. Human nature can be changed in its expression and, therefore, war is not inevitable.
8. The nations are becoming increasingly interdependent socially, economically, and politically.
9. Nations cannot live unto themselves, and only friendly peoples can make and maintain peace.
10. World peace cannot be effected and maintained with the spirit of vengeance and hate. The universal goal must be the general good and the common welfare motivated by Lincoln's "With malice toward none; with liberty and justice for all."
11. We cannot undo the past but we can, and must profit by the mistakes of the past. In this connection never in history did a generation of people have in their hands for the making of peace a larger opportunity to profit by mistakes than do we with the knowledge and understanding of the mistakes of 1914-1918 and of the years intervening between World Wars I and II.

One Out Of Three Is Unfit For Service

Of all registrants who have taken the required physical examination approximately 1/5 of the men under 38 years of age have been found to be unfit for general military service under current Army and Navy regulations.

Compilations of the draft boards, as to July 1944, reveal that 4,350,000 or 19.5 percent of all registrants 18 through 37 years old were deferred as unfit for military service, 3,982,000 were in Class IV-F and 368,000 were in class II-A, II-B, or II-C with the designation (L) or (F), indicating that they are deferred in industrial or agricultural occupations after being rejected for general military service.

Alarming is the word used by Major General Lewis H. Hershey, director of Selective Service, to describe the nation's health record as presented by these statistics. Yes, it is alarming when one realizes that many of the rejections are due to mental disease and mental deficiency.

Mental disease and mental deficiency caused 30.3 percent of all rejections. The most common physical defects were musculoskeletal, syphilis, cardiovascular, hernia, neurological, eyes, and ears. Records of the Selective Service show that about one in every ten registrants was rejected for a manifestly disqualifying defect such as total blindness or the loss of an arm or a leg.

It is very startling to know that one out of three American men is physically unfit. Of course this ratio included only young men between the ages of 18 to 37, if the number of women was added to this figure the ratio would no doubt be larger. Therefore, some definite and positive corrective measures should be taken to ensure the development, the training, and the conditioning of American youth to the end that they will be physically strong and emotionally stable.

What can college and university men and women do to bring about corrective measures? Educated men and women must feel their responsibility and duty to alleviate the suffering of humanity. Each one can attack this problem in his particular field.

Teachers should urge the schools into which they teach to develop a better physical education program and they should suggest that students adopt new health habits. The chemist and doctor must be constantly searching for new ways of preventing diseases and for remedial treatment of the physically disabled. Ministers can aid in developing stable emotional lives by giving youth something to cling to in time of stress and trouble. Eventually most college and university students will establish homes of their own. Training a child according to the best rules of physical and mental education will do much to erase this problem of the physically unfit individual.

Is The Library Conducive To Study?

"A library should be conducive to study." This axiom is accepted by all McPherson College students, but lately, despite the fact that the library has new fluorescent lights, it has been disputed by several students.

Our college library is a wonderful place to study during the day, but at night it becomes a social mad house. Students congregate at tables for little chats, co-eds stomp in and out of the library as they please regardless of those studying. For one who is trying to study it is very disconcerting.

Few students think that the college library should be absolutely quiet, as some city libraries are. All agree that some students, and often by asking questions one is able to solve a problem or finish a lesson assignment. If the college library should attempt to subdue all conversation, it would not be wholly conducive to study. On the other hand we do not think that the library should be a social center. What do you think?

Music and Peace

The world famous conductor of the Boston Symphony Orchestra, Serge Koussevitzky, believes that music can help save the world. His suggestion, which points the way toward achieving lasting results at the peace table, is that America send its greatest singers, players, and a leading symphony orchestra to the peace conference. "If other nations would do likewise," said Dr. Koussevitzky, "we could have an international music event of the highest spiritual value, and one that would give the peace conference delegates the rest, peace, and joy of the finest entertainment. It would inspire and facilitate their work."

Why should not men of art and music and men of faith have a place beside the politicians and statesmen who act as representatives of large financial and industrial interests? The common people and the world's hopes for peace.—Between

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By Aurell

If you perchance catch a glimpse of plaid, striped, or black hip-length hose chasing around the campus on someone's outer extremities, do not simply stand there and gaze, completely amazed; it is only a debut of a surrealist idea by a clever college-crazed costume creator. Every campus has them.

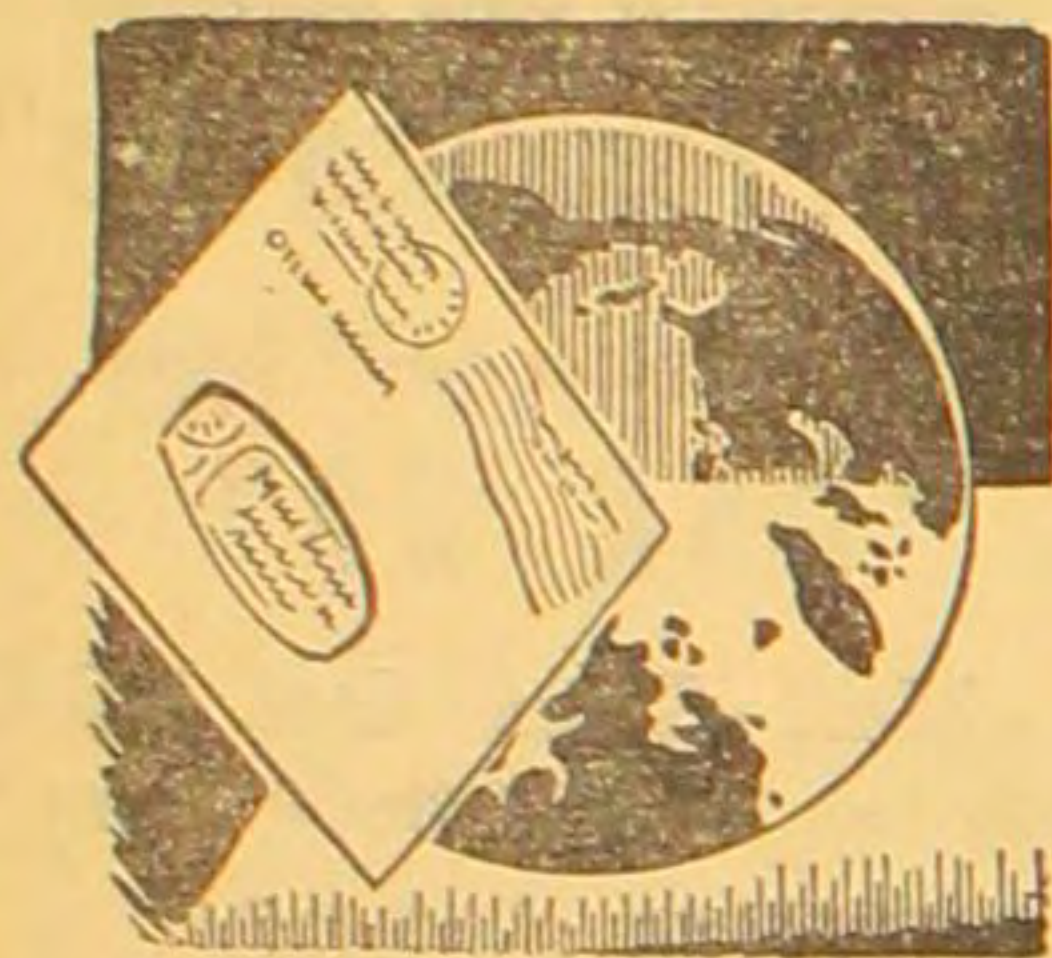
The deal pushers as pictured in a late "Life," "Vogue," "Bazaar," and "Mademoiselle" are all the rage in the Eastern schools. Try clipping all your old plaid slacks to 'jean' length and you'll be proud possessor, too.

You needn't be a sultan's daughter or a desert wanderer to feel in place donning a turban this fall. Roll yourself up in one, bedeck it with scintillating sets from old necklaces, what have you you'll be as chic as any deb from Columbia, Stephens or Wellesly.

Although slave bracelets are outnumbered by wedding bands out here on the broad Kansas plains where the winds do blow and sunflowers grow,—they both bind a person in servitude, the former to a college life—studies, sports, socials; the other to a man. You really oughta have one or t'other. Of course, the one is much preferable. Who said MC didn't have something on those men—begone—less institutions of learning we are statistically reminded of.

Incidentally, who doesn't like spectacle rims painted red with nail polish?

News of Students



**On the Land,
On the Sea,
In The Air**

Dr. Peters received a letter from Mrs. Robert Heikes, treasurer of Rock Creek Church of Sabetha, Kans., in which she sent a \$25 check to McPherson College. The check came from Leonard Alschleman, who is in Africa in the Service of the United States, and he asked the church to use it where some young people could get the benefit of it because he is interested in young peoples projects.

Of course the Church could have used it with good intentions, but it was voted to have it sent to McPherson College. We wish to thank both the Rock Creek Church and Leonard Alschleman for the kind contribution.

This week the Spec. received a letter from Ensign Wayne Geisert who is stationed in San Diego, Calif. Wayne, who was president of the student council, graduated from McPherson College last spring. His letter is as follows:

"Dear 'Spec' Readers,
"We've been reading the 'Spec' and enjoying the juicy bits of gossip about old friends and new freshies. I would like to live in the dorm this year. (I can remember when Pop Mays was one of the problem children). We do like the Spec and the news of McPherson College.

Maurine is here with me in San Diego. We like California but will be glad to get back to Kansas.

My work is across San Diego Bay on Coronado Island. I am in ship's company and work in the surf. I en-

**NU WAY
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Joy my work and only hope that I can stay here for a while.

San Diego is a crowded city now that the Navy has so many bases here. One has to wait in line for everthing. Street cars are crowded and go very slow.

Maurine works at one of the large department stores down town. She likes her work but has long hours because of the slow ride down and back.

"We're thinking of McPherson College and of old times. To McPherson College and her friends go our good wishes. We would like to see all of you and will be back as soon as the campus and see you folks. For now we must just say, 'Hi' and 'Best Wishes'."

Sincerely,
Wayne and Maurine

His address is: Ensign W. F. Geisert, U. S. N. R.
4204 Swift St.
San Diego, 4, Calif.

From down south in Texas comes a letter from Ernest W. Reed, C'41, former Spectator editor. The following is an excerpt from his letter.

"I would like to send my greetings to the members of the faculty whom I knew. I may continue my education after the war, especially if plans are made to enable war veterans to resume their education more easily. I was very glad to read in a July issue of "Time Magazine" of the foreign "program" of the Brethern Church. It makes me feel proud to know that I graduated from a college supported by that church.

Today I received my second V-mail from S/Sgt. Arlos G. Tarn, Finance Office, A. P. O. no. 960. C/O Postmaster, San Francisco, California. He is now stationed in a city on the island of Hawaii. He lives now in private quarters right above his office and in my opinion, has very pleasant duties for a soldier. He mentioned that (Glen) Funk was a prisoner of war. I had not heard that as yet. He mentioned that Bob Brust is in the Air Corps and stationed near Seattle. Some time ago I had a V-mail from Capt. Donald Newkirk, who was stationed in England and seemed to know plenty about English customs. However, he expressed the desire to return to America and American women. I have not heard from him for many a month. I imagine that the robot bombs increased that desire.

I am now in the third company (out of four) in this battalion, where we train recruits in heavy weapons (especially the heavy machine gun and the 81 m. m. mortar). I will certainly be glad to end this war and return to civilian life. I hope that we have learned from our mistakes of the previous great war and will adopt and further an international organization powerful enough to prevent similar wars in the future.

Sincerely,
2nd. Lt. Ernest W. Reed, 0-2035252
56th Inf. Tng. Bn.,
Camp Wolters, Texas

Lt. Anton A. Meyer completed his training as a toxic gas handler Sept. 30 in Chemical Warfare School. Lt. Meyer attended McPherson College and his home is in Tampa, Kansas. Before entering the Navy, he worked for the Globe Oil and Refining Co., at McPherson.

Lt. Meyer studied in his course protective clothing, decontamination, treatment of gas casualties, and chemical warfare material and tactics.

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Chit and Chatter

It's freshmen to the foreground as we tune up to begin our weekly name-besmirching campaign. At last, we are going to have something to tell not have to sift to the inmost recesses of our little dried-up brain cell to bring to light news that maybe never even happened. Remember, dear readers, it's all pro bono publico. (For the public good!)

We might start off with a little "Warrening" to Ruth Lichty who was seen in B. Y. P. D. Sunday nite with a tall dark and silent (so far) freshman. It might "be Hoover" to be seen with more of same. (Not very good, we admit; but have patience with beginners in the art of column-writing, as well as in any field.)

Our eyes had just grown somewhat accustomed to being jerked out of their sockets by the startling vision of Rolfs with Lucor instead of Dumond when we caught sight of Phyllis and Jerry. (This news is "Strickler" on the level, so we couldn't "Mease" this opportunity of mentioning it.)

Oh, Ethmer! — this was the cry from every once-hopeful feminine heart then, as what to our wondering (wandering!) eyes should appear but a new combination in the persons of said hero and Louis Gauby, the only senior to be honored in this discourse thus far.

Our little managing editor may make a desperate attempt at last-minute column cutting; but there is really no harm in trying — thus we do not pass up this chance of putting his name in something besides the

ties.
Upon returning to his station Lt. Meyer is to serve as unit gas officer or chemical warfare instructor for his organization.

Hoover-King Wed

The marriage of Miss Wanda Hoover to Mr. Rufus King took place Saturday, September 30, at San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Miss Hoover, an alumna of McPherson College, taught home economics here in 1942-43, and for the past few years she has been doing graduate work.

Mr. King is the director of the Brethern Reconstruction Project in Puerto Rico.

**Christian Light Theme
Of SCM Service**

Thursday evening a candle-light service was featured in the Student Union Room. Candles were burning on the table at the front of the room, and the program came from behind the screens. Annette Ronk was the reader, Berniece Guthals, the soloist, and Lois Kauffman furnished the piano background.

The program centered around the theme of the Inner Christian Light, and showed by a story and poems that faith in Christ is a powerful force in overcoming fears.



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Personal Relations

Personal Relations Commission met in the S. A. R. Monday. Dave Albright led the group singing and had charge of the devotions. He paved the way for the discussion by reading from the book of Daniel and also from "Walking With God Today".

This week's discussion topic was cleanliness. Susan Ikenberry led in discussing cleanliness of the body, of character, of things around you, and of speech. There was a very good response from the large group who seemed to enjoy this sort of discussion.

The group was dismissed with the singing of "We're on the Upward Trail".

Student Volunteers

Dr. Weinreich spoke to the Student Volunteers on "Glimpses of College Life in European Countries."

Dr. Weinreich said that he would have spoken on campus life in European countries except that there they have no campus. One reason for the lack of lawns and campuses, is that physical education is considered beyond the pale of approval in intellectual circles. Colleges in the old world are distinctly different from the casual informality that so often attends the American co-educational campus.

In contrast to our definite curriculum and academic specifications, there one attends to his studies—going semester after semester until



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KEN'S DRIVE IN

**Doors Swing Wide
At Kline Hall**

Kline Hall residents held their open house last night, October 6. The Macollege public was invited and dropped in as guests to see the chic and chipper decorations of wall and desk. Klinites proudly opened their doors and gave the rest of the students a glimpse of their home life.

Refreshments of orange-pineapple punch and coconut cookies were served by the refreshments committee. Members of the committee were Mary Kay Slifer, Marjorie Gillis, Ruth Engelland, and Mrs. Emswiler.

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