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Great Men Of The Past

February is the month of great men. Two men stand out of the pages of history as the greatest of the great. Each made a special contribution to his country. One is commonly called the father of his country; the other the preserver of the union. Neither was a great politician; neither was a political genius, yet each stands today after history has had time to evaluate his life. These two great men present an interesting contrast. George Washington was a Virginia aristocrat; Abraham Lincoln was the son of the frontier. Washington was called upon to establish a nation; Lincoln was called upon to preserve that nation and to extend the principles of democracy to all men. Both men have found a place in the annals of history. They did their task well.

The true greatness of these men is not to be seen in their attainments alone. As a general Washington does not rank with the great generals of the ages. History lists him as being a master of the retreat, but hastens to add that the generals who opposed him were far more capable than he. But he is known as a man who would suffer hardship with his men, as a man who was found praying for the welfare of his men behind a brushpile at Valley Forge. He is known as a man who put the welfare of others above family position and personal fortune. Thus he was able to take a prominent place in the establishment of the United States of America. Today he is called the Father of our country.

Abraham Lincoln was a child of the primitive frontier. He learned to read by the light of the fire. He learned to write with a piece of charcoal on the back of an old shovel. This handicap did not stop him, it rather spurred him on toward his goal. His rise in politics was not meteoric or without failure. As a matter of fact his election was in some respects an accident. Lincoln was not a great politician, but he was an honest man. It is said that his great honesty and sincerity to do the right was his great weakness. When the great war came, he saw a chance not only to keep the union intact but to bring about the liberation of the slaves as well. In the midst of the hatred and strife this rail-splitting son of the frontier could utter the words "with malice toward none, with charity for all." He stopped an assassin's bullet because he was resolved to "bind up the nation's wounds and care for him who had borne the battle."

Great Men of the Present

When we think of great men of the past, we are not forgetting the great men of our own day. Many of the men of our day are men of destiny. History will reserve a place in its Hall of Fame for them. The great men of our age have led us out of ignorance and superstition into an age of enlightenment and scientific development. Great problems have faced us; our great men have in many cases found a solution. These great men have made the world "One World." They are leading us into an era of international cooperation and understanding. Indeed many of the men of our day are capable of the task to which they are assigned. They are carrying out the traditions of their predecessors.

Great Men of the Future?

As we survey the past and look at the present, we are aware that all of the problems have not been solved. Many of these problems extend into the future and look to the future for their solution. Our scientific development and accelerated living makes it increasingly important that of the ages. If we are to advance as a nation, we shall need even greater men in the future. Our opportunities for preparation today are much greater than those of our predecessors, but with increased opportunity comes increased obligation. If we are truly sensitive to the needs of the world, we dare not waste these days of preparation. Let us prepare in these college days to take our place in the world of tomorrow. It is a new world, and we are a new generation. The great men of the future are developing today. Are you preparing to take your place in this new world?



From The Library

NEW BOOKS
Do you know—That the "Missing Link" has been discovered? That the human family may have passed through a stage of giant stature before the type best suited to survive was evolved? Why we have sinus trouble, weak backs, falling arches, and some other ills? That Cro-Magnon man of approximately 25,000 years ago was tall, blond, and handsome, the finest physical type the world has ever produced? How fire was discovered? The answers to these questions are found in Roy Chapman Andrews' book, **MEET YOUR ANCESTORS.**

THE HISTORY OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS by Curt Sachs comprises a history of all times from the prehistoric ages to the twentieth century, for all five continents, from the rattlers and bull-ropers of the most primitive men to the electric organ.

The life of Robert Schumann, one of the greatest composers of the nineteenth century, has been written with authority and charm by Robert Schauflier in his new book **FLORESTAN.** It tells of Robert's pampered youth, wild college days, young manhood as the revolutionary genius of piano music, mellow maturity, gradual breakdown, and his wife's affair with Brahms while Robert perished in the asylum.



In the fall of 1943, a rather unobtrusive freshman made his first appearance in the freshman talent show—playing a trombone as it were, and his friends immediately tagged him "Lassus. A few weeks later, this same freshman, who had become less unobtrusive by that time made another spectacular appearance as debater for the freshman class in the interclass debates. If you don't know who I am referring to by now I'll identify him for you—it's none other than Dale Brown.

Dale will graduate this year even though he has been in McPherson for only three years, due to the fact that he has taken other work in summer school. He is one of those accelerated students that one always is hearing about.

During his freshman year Brownie was president of the International Relations Club, a member of the debate squad, band, student ministers, and besides all this was an honor student.

As a sophomore Dale was president of his class, a member of the varsity debate team, co-chairman of Student Volunteers, Business Manager of the Spectator, and a member of the Oratorio Chorus. The most outstanding office he held during his sophomore year was that of president of the Lily Wheters. (For further information about this virtuous organization see any Lily Whiter that

happens to be around). Oh, I almost forgot. Dale made a wonderful impression on the entire student body, when he and his female colleague defeated the seniors in the interclass debates. Dale also has the distinction of being the chairman of the first Summer School Student Council.

This year our friend Brownie has spent most of his time making grade points and love. (Now, I wonder how that got in there.) Seriously, he is going in high gear per usual. He is the extra curricular representative of the Student Council, President of Men's Council, and co-chairman of the political action commission of SCA. And of course, once a debater, always a debater—and Dale is a member of the men's varsity debate team.

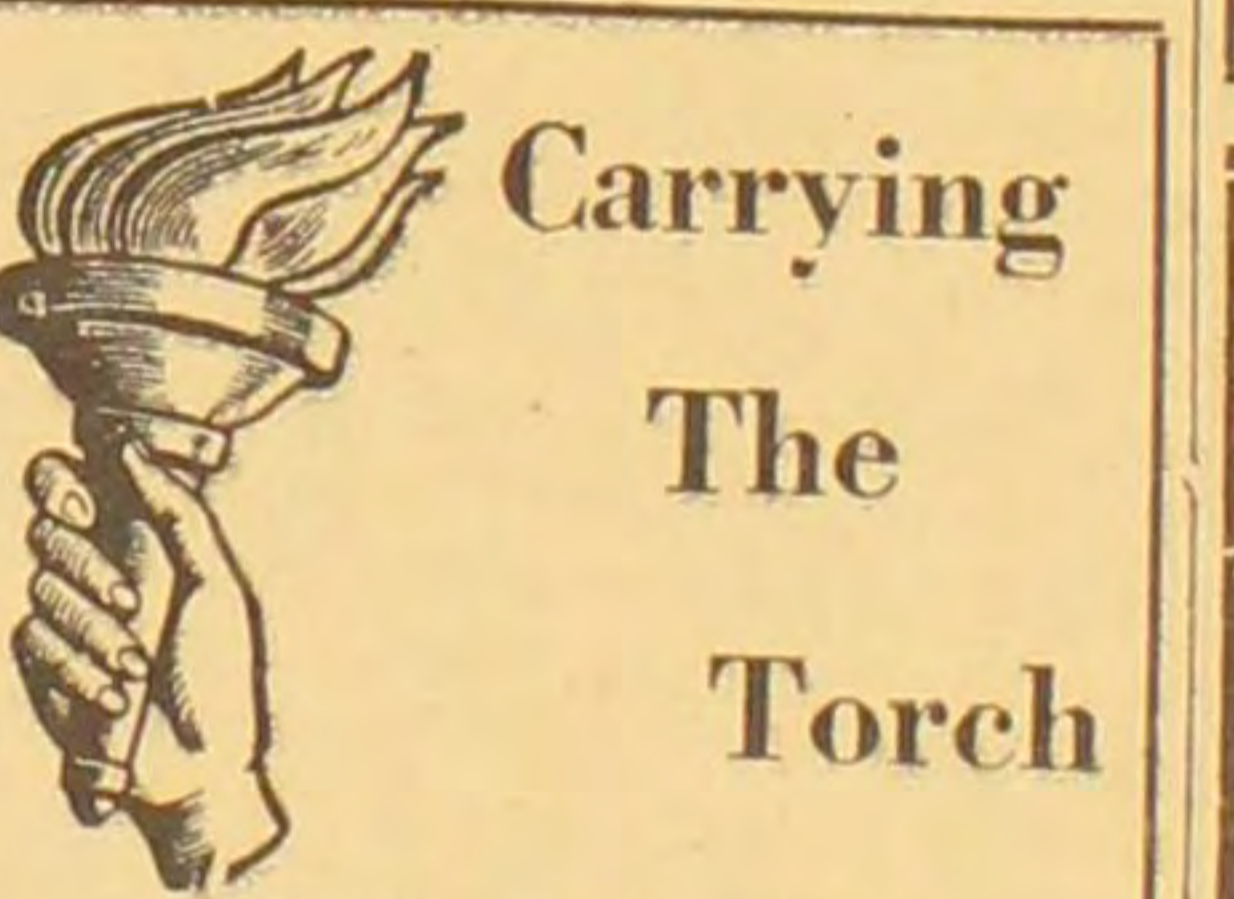
Next year Dale plans to attend Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago, where he will complete his preparation for the ministry. Brownie, we are proud of you and your record at McPherson College. Here's hoping that your entire life will be as profitable as your three years on this campus. Note: (After weighing me down with the details of his college life, Brownie, in all his modesty, requested that we leave his interview out of the Spectator—apologies to Dale.) This should be labeled joke.

Students Enjoy All School Skating Party

Thrills, spills, fun, frolic, skinned knees, and even a nose bleed—these typified the college roller skating party held at the Peterson Roller Rink, Friday night, February 8. From all indications it would seem that everyone had a good time, even though the number of girls was greater than the number of boys.

'Twould seem that some of those aspiring roller skating champions prefer sitting on the floor to active participation in the game. At least some of them spent most of the evening there. And did you see our semi-dignified Student Body prexy flailing his arms about in ghost-like fashion in a sometimes vain effort to maintain his equilibrium? It is seldom that the student body of McPherson College sees dear Prexy in such a pose.

The evening of fun was ended as the truckload of weary and bruised students made its way back to the campus, along about dorm closing time.



Carrying The Torch

Political Action
The Political Action Commission prepared for action Tuesday morning. The group attending the meetings regularly were given their choice of four groups to which they might belong; National and International group, States affairs group, City, and Campus interest groups. These groups will study items of interest, that pertain to their group.

Student Volunteers
The new division of the Student Volunteers, the deputation commission, met for the first time Tuesday morning in the SUR. Susan Ikenberry and Carl Zigler are co-chairmen for the group. The work of this group will

The President's Corner

Another meeting of the Board of Trustees of McPherson College is in session. This is the first peace-time meeting since I became President of the College in 1941. For this peace-time meeting all of us are profoundly grateful, but we are extremely sorry for our individual and national failures to have prevented World War II, and the terrible human losses and suffering that accompanied the armed conflict, and that will continue for years.

Really, what has happened to our characters in the lowering of our moral and ethical codes of the war. Only social behavior is the most serious fatality of the war. Only to the extent that we regain and rebuild at this point is there any assurance of the improvement of human society.

The following words of Abraham Lincoln are most fitting and appropriate at this time (1) "The dogmas of the quiet past are inadequate to the stormy present... as our case is new, so must we think anew and act anew." (2) "With malice toward none; with charity for all, with firmness in the right, as God gives us to see the right, let us strive on to finish the work we are in, to bind up the nation's wounds, to care for him who shall have borne the battle and for his widow and his orphan, to do all which may achieve and cherish a just and lasting peace among ourselves and with all nations."

be to plan programs to be given by the group in churches and at other meetings. Everybody is welcome.

Where do I put this woman's dress? This needs mending. Oh, look at this cute baby outfit. These are bits of conversation picked up in the basement of the Industrial Arts building, Tuesday morning.

A larger group met this week to help with the sorting and baling of relief clothing. Rev. Elrod assisted in the baling of these articles that will go for relief.

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