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Ethmer Erisman

Ethmer Erisman another of our student ministers, has stayed here his prescribed four years and will soon be on his way. He is the very quiet type but you all know him. Whether he is taking out the girls of Arnold Hall (a different one each night) or being very capable about using the machines at the Industrial Arts building, you have all seen Ethmer around. You've created your own niche. Ethmer, and it will look rather empty without you next year.

Mary Beth Loshbaugh

A slim brunette from this Jayhawk state, that's Mary Beth Loshbaugh. With a gay ribbon stuck in her hair, she's served as a guiding hand and an influence to almost everyone on the campus. The committees she has been on only serve to show how well she manages both people and parties, and they have been so numerous we would hate to mention them all here.

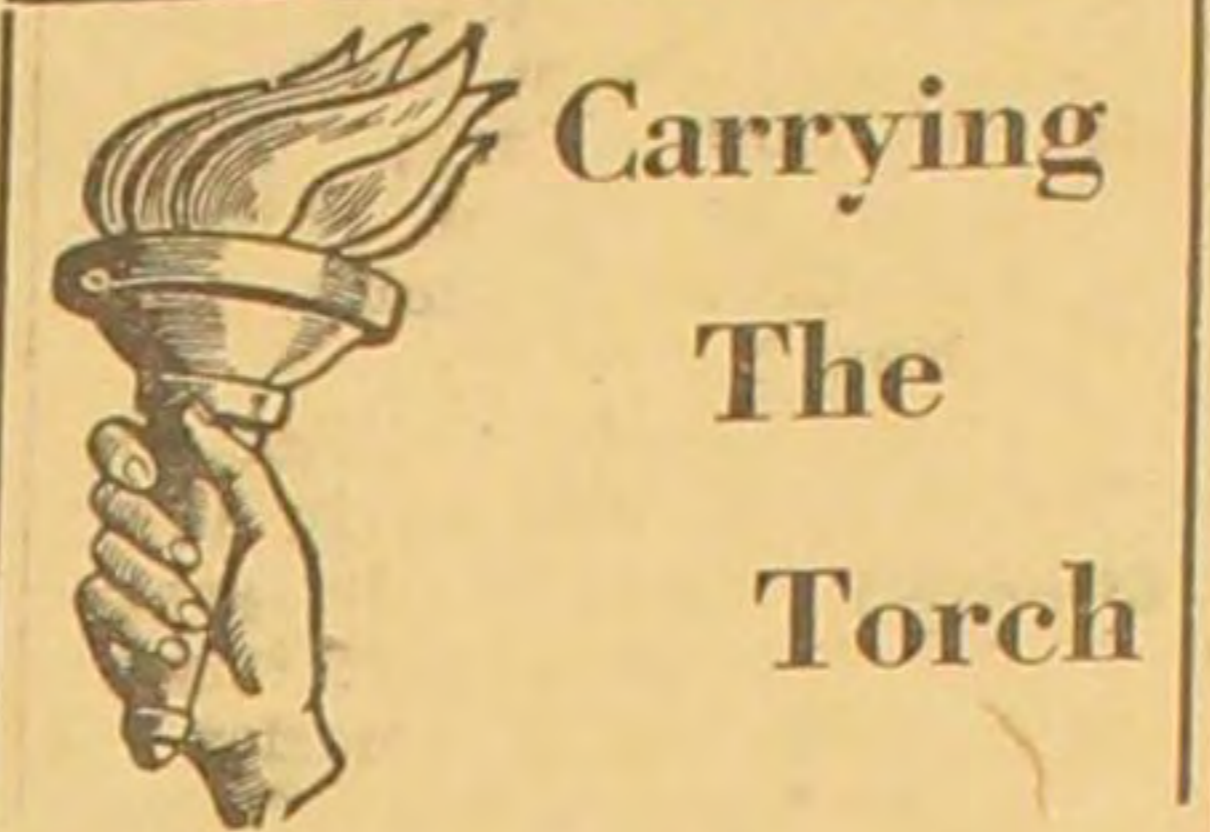
To you who love to leaf through old Quads, she's the one who put out last year's fine example of Quading. She mothers the girls at Arnold (when she isn't busy being a stern proctor) and rules with a firm hand at the library. And if you see a feature in the Spec that is slightly humorous and crammed with polysyllables, it is a good bet that it was written by the aforementioned Mary M.

For her four years she has taken care of us here at McPherson, and now she is leaving us to take care of those who need her more. Her destination is Puerto Rico and her goal is to spread sunshine and relief among the Puerto Ricans. With this in mind she strives manfully to master, or at least understand, the Spanish language, and was last heard asking, in Spanish about how much papa made and how many children there were in the family. Good luck with the Latin American neighbors, Mary B., and good luck with your Spanish.

and special music to record—to Russia, India, and the Far East. His book, THE MUSIC GOES ROUND, gives an account of the development of the phonograph from the early experiment to the present day.

In character studies of well known people who labored under exceptional hardships yet conquered seemingly insurmountable obstacles, are given IN SPIRE OF ALL by Arch Wallace. Here is a more intimate acquaintance with some of these great people—Beethoven, Marie Curie, Elizabeth Barrett Browning, and others—who lived courageously in spite of all their difficulties.

Another book added to the Marriage and family collection from the 1945 Senior Class Fund is PARENTS CAN BE PEOPLE by Dorothy Baruch.



Carrying The Torch

The Student Volunteers are continuing their work with the relief clothing in the Industrial Arts Building. More clothing has been sent in than we are able to handle and more help will be greatly appreciated.

Political Action

The Political Action Commission took action Tuesday morning as they prepared three questions to be submitted to the City Youth Council. Most of the time was spent in discussing these questions which will be used this spring in a city-wide poll. Mary Ellen Metzler and Dale Brown are heading the committee along with Bob Rolander of the Youth Council.

Beach-combers

Yesterday was Sunday, and one of the first real summer days of the season. Thousands of people flocked to the beach, and today I imagine that many of them are suffering from sunburns acquired while enjoying a few hours bathing in the sun.

I knew that there would be a large crowd on the beach again today, for the morning was bright and beautiful, so in order to get my car parked at an advantageous spot facing the beach, I came early. As yet only a few are on the beach, and as I sit in my car occasionally looking up from my typewriter, the sight that interests me most is a "beach-comber," combing the sands, looking for coins or other valuables that were lost by ardent sun-bathers. Just now I saw that beach-comber pick up a nickel. That reminds me; my little boy lost a nickel out there on that same beach one day last week, and he is still remembering the loss. I have no way of identifying my boy's nickel, and I would not ask that man for it if I could. I hope that nickel was lost by someone who will never miss it, and that, that beach-comber very soon finds a larger coin. After watching him for some time I am convinced that beach-combing is not a very lucrative business.

I have now watched that man for quite a while. He is an interesting man; his face is rather sad and his clothes are old. He does not look very strong. I will remember him for a long time.

Old Glory Flies Again

Old Glory flies again over Mac campus. I suppose we appreciate seeing our flag more because the flagpole was bare for awhile. This was due to another thoughtless prank. But now the rope has been replaced, and the Stars and Stripes fly over our campus once again.

As we see our flag each day, it is a symbol of our liberty and our freedom. It is symbolic of the land in which we live—a land of opportunity, a land of plenty, a land in which we are free to express our opinions even if they are critical of our government. These are privileges that all people do not enjoy. But this is America, the land that we love.

With this opportunity that is ours there comes a corresponding obligation to the rest of the world as well as to our own country. We should consider it a privilege to be able to prepare ourselves for service to mankind. As we see the flag each day, let it be a symbol of a great nation and a great purpose.

American Pacemakers Are Young People

A portion of a recent radio talk by Henry J. Taylor entitled "Your Lord and Mine" follows:

"The real American pacemakers are the young people. They're the ones who are going to really lift our country. They're our fine hope for the future... the boys and girls, the young men and women of America.

They're the all-round, best in the world, the very best in the world. And if that sounds like a large statement to you, let's prove it.

Start with the kids. First, our young people are among the best educated, if not the best educated in the world. Even in England, where education in the higher brackets is very complete, the Minister of Education reports that the English school boy and the education of the average British stops at the age of 14.

General education in Russia, for instance, reaches a level of about the fifth grade in our country schools.

American education has a long way to go. But it has gone further, spread wider, than in any major country.

Second, our young people are about the most self-reliant. Army and Navy tests abroad showed that. Our young people like to think for themselves, act for themselves, and take the consequences.

Third, our young people are more free-minded than the young of any major nation. Too free-minded, you say? Well, when I say free-minded, I don't mean the laxness related to parental indifference or preoccupation which is involved in our tragic problem of juvenile delinquency.

By free-minded, I mean that they intend to make their way upward in life to a degree undreamed of elsewhere. The American system of life brings young Americans the freedom to do so and they make the system the spirit of freedom itself.

Yes, let's agree that our country's future is in better hands than some may realize when it is in the hands of our young."

Whether America is in good hands or not depends upon the American youth. The fact that we will be intellectually equipped will not be sufficient; we must be morally and spiritually equipped as well. Certainly the future of America is in our hands.



From The Library

New Books

So you are learning to speak Spanish! Are you discouraged at being unable to cope with the colloquialisms of the language? Included in A THESAURUS OF SPANISH IDIOMS by Lawrence Brown are the colloquialisms—those countless peculiar expressions—of all the Spanish-American republics and Spain. For fifty years Fred Gaisberg's name has been the byword in the gramophone industry. He helped perfect the disc record, and then persuaded the musical celebrities of that time to make the first Red Seal records. He has journeyed far afield on the hunt for folk

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The President's Corner

At the age of nine, a few months after my father's death in 1898, I went to live, as one of the family, in the home of a neighbor farmer. Among my many duties in the summer time, I was charged with the task of seeing that the milk cows were brought from the pasture to the barn lot each evening. One evening when I reached the cows in the pasture, I discovered that a first born baby had put in its appearance that day and the mother saw to it that I kept my distance. After getting the herd into the farm yard, I told Uncle Jake about my experience, and not being satisfied with my explanation, he had me follow him into the yard to test the young mother's attitude toward me. He was soon convinced that the mother did not like me. That night when I retired, I overheard Uncle Jake talking to Aunt Susie, his wife, in reference to my experience. I was naturally interested and listened intently. Uncle Jake said, "We will either have to get rid of the cow or the boy, I believe the boy is worth more than the cow, so we will sell the cow." I relaxed and slept soundly. In a few days the cow was at the butcher shop and I had my first real lesson in human values.

I hope that his wife and children have a home that they can call their own, and that they have plenty of good wholesome food, and that his children have clothes that they are not ashamed to wear when they go to school. My father was a "beach-comber" after a fashion, and the first fifteen years of my life I was ashamed of my clothes. We did not have a home of our own. I guess the early experiences of my life are what make me especially conscious of such folks as the man that I have just been watching.

I expect there will be a world where there are no "beach-combers," but until that day arrives I am quite of the opinion that the best I can do is to get busy and do what I can to remove the sting that is in the hearts of fathers, and in little boys whose fathers are "combers of the beach," the men who pick up crumbs.

—R. E. Mohler.

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