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## Active Democracy?

When we hear the phrase, "Democracy in Action," we think of all the ennobled and historic past as having kept back the best of its wise experience for us to see today in modern living. We think of this best as a living code. It is in action; it is not cold and hard as a stone, silent, waiting to be overturned or picked up by a passerby.

Yes, democracy is a powerful tool to carve out beautiful and heroic living. Are we as students using democracy as a tool to mould our campus life into a fortress strong enough to withstand small quibbling? Are we using democracy to build a refuge from petty trifles? Are we using democracy to strengthen our willingness to compromise?

But democracy can be a cold and silent stone. Can it be that we are carelessly leaving it to be overturned by the next fellow in line? Or if we do not have that type of indifferent attitude, is it that we refuse to see the stone at all because the other fellow will not to see it?

Do we have democracy in action as an implement, or do we just have democracy?

## Recreation—Canned or Active

Recreation is a vital part of living. This cannot be denied. For young people, recreation needs to be active. There are pent-up feelings to be released, fatigued minds to be relaxed, bodies to be exercised and made flexible to better serve their purpose of carrying out the commands of the mind. These facts we also know.

If, then, we need relaxation from studies and work, what is the recreation which we shall seek? Will it be some form of "canned" entertainment, such as inactive musical programs, movies, reading, viewing sports in which others participate? These are good, but they are not enough. These do relax the mind, but the body remains lazy.

We must choose some active recreation. Here in our college we have a program to enrich our moral code of living. We have a program full of studies to broaden our knowledge. We have also physical education classes two days out of seven. For many this is not satisfying. They seek and need active recreation on other days of the week as well. The physical side of our college life is a soft one. Those of us who come from farms have been accustomed to active labor and play. To us it is indispensable.

In seeking this need, we turn naturally to the college gymnasium, playground, and recreation room. In the gymnasium, a beautiful building, we find ping pong equipment, but it is sometimes not available. We find also a volley ball and net. We cannot find some desirable objects, such as a steel bar, shuffleboard, and shuttlecocks for badminton. Although there is an archery set, there is no place for it. When we come out with our tennis rackets and balls, we can find only the gymnasium in which to use them. In order to take a swim, students must go to the YMCA building in downtown McPherson.

There are times at which even the gymnasium is not open. What then is left for us? Nothing but a stroll and often a movie because we can find nothing better to do. Why are there not more and better recreational facilities available to us, the students of McPherson College?

### Rev. B. N. King Completes Studies

Rev. Bernard N. King, who was pastor of the McPherson Church of the Brethren from 1938 to 1944, has completed his studies for the Master of Theology degree at Boston University, and procured his degree on August 11, 1945. While at Boston he was interim pastor of the Congregational Church at Wilmington, Mass., where the family lived. Recently the Kings moved into the parsonage at 709 W. King St., York, Pa., where Rev. King is now pastor of the First Church of the Brethren of that city.

During the past year the Kings had the pleasure of entertaining several graduates of McPherson College in their home, including Guy Hayes and family, and Bernadine Ohmart of McPherson.

### SCA Book "X-Change"

The annual S. C. A. Book "X-Change," which is one of the duties of the treas. to execute, was very good this year. Approximately one-hundred dollars worth of reading matter was exchanged. Could this be an indication of a new era in college students curricular activities? The purpose of the Book "X-Change" is to accommodate students by handling their books for them, and also a discount of twenty per cent is deducted and given to the S. C. A., which is a source of revenue. This trust that you have given us challenges us to serve you better and in which ever capacity in which we can serve you better. We wish to thank you for selling your books through the "X-Change" and please do not forget to collect your cash if your books were sold.



## From The Library

NEW GIFT BOOKS  
From the Brethren Publishing House at Elgin, Illinois, flows a wealth of interesting and unusual books. The following books were recently given to the college library by the Publishing House.

SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN by Rufus D. Bowman.  
Rufus D. Bowman is well known in the Church of the Brethren for his contributions as a pastor, teacher, and author. His book, THE CHURCH OF THE BRETHREN AND WAR, 1708-1941, was published in 1944. SEVENTY TIMES SEVEN represents further work in the same field. It gives in a brief review the historical position of the church regarding war and the church's relationship to the state; the philosophical and Biblical basis for pacifism; and specific plans for a peace education program.

CHINA SUFFERS by Ernest M. Wampler.

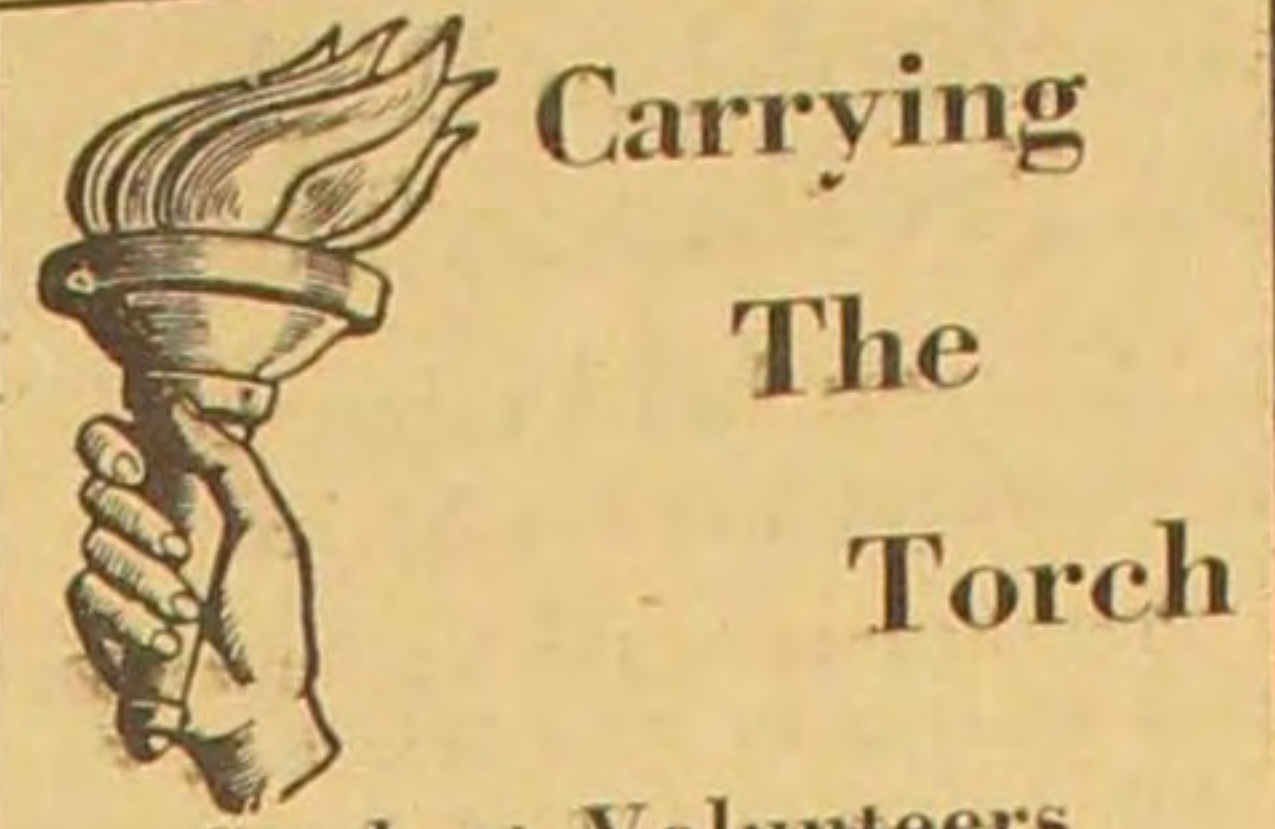
"The author of this book knows China. He has lived with her people in times of abundance and of famine. He has seen the ravages of disease sweep over the villages and has been in the midst of the destruction of war. He loves the Chinese people for what they are and what they can become through the message of the church. Therefore the information here is reliable."

PUERTO RICO by Earl S. Garver and Ernest B. Fincher.

"The authors, students of economics and government respectively, within the limits of time and freedom of action imposed by Civilian Public Service, have produced a creditable study, and it is hoped that it will find use not only in providing an introductory preparation for those who desire to render service in the island, but for others who do not have time to read critically the large amount of material available on the subject."

FIFTY YEARS IN INDIA, 1895-1945 prepared by a committee appointed by the Mission Staff of the Church of the Brethren.

"Fifty years have passed since the Church of the Brethren began work in India. This book endeavors to preserve as much of the history of these years as possible within the limits of its pages. Many books would need to be written to tell the whole story of the growth of the church in the Gujarati and Marathi territory."



## Carrying The Torch

Student Volunteers  
Student Volunteers met in the SUR Tuesday morning. Paul Waggoner led in group singing. The group was then divided into four smaller groups. Susan Ikenberry was in charge of the group for sewing. The garments will be for Philippine relief.

The group of boys, under the direction of Mary Beth, cleaned the town girls' room across from Mrs. Ikenberry's office.

## 20th Century Recreation

"Camp Leadership" was Coach Hayden's subject when he spoke to the Recreation Commission, Tuesday in the gym. He expressed many valuable pointers on the betterment of our camps and camp leadership.

## Political Action

Techniques and Implications of Political action was the theme of Dr. Fleming's talk at the Political Action Commission Tuesday morning. The speaker gave some of the actions that we can take to influence politics and legislation. A brief discussion followed.

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## The President's Corner

The college appears to be off to a good start. There seems to be an excellent atmosphere of friendliness, good will and constructive endeavor. This is as it should be in a Christian College where spiritual values are supreme and all other values are as means to the end of the highest good for all.

We naturally anticipate a good year. How good it is, however, will be determined by how well we live each day and toward what ends. The real test of its goodness will be when we reach its close and reflect upon the year's experiences.

The best way to enjoy one's reflective moments is to live that one will have the fewest possible regretful reflections.

## College—What?

Marianna Stinnette  
"You'll get out of college just what you put into it." That's what they told me before I came, but I don't agree. I certainly did not put any cod-liver oil in it, but I got some—even in my hair. Oh, that smell! It almost spoiled the watermelon feed.

I still haven't figured out why upper-classmen get such a kick out of stacking rooms, piling large heaps of unpolished shoes in front of innocent freshmen's doors, etc.

Dorm life is quite the thing—that is, if you enjoy seeing girls go tear-

girls are alarmingly casual in the dorm.

Before I came here, I had high hopes of joining all sorts of clubs and organizations, but I find so many ultra-talented people around here, I don't have half a chance—very sad situation.

The upper-classmen must really enjoy hearing us freshmen sing the college song. Why else would they have us sing it for them so often?

Freshmen days are quite an experience—indeed they are! ! !

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A letter received from Willis Unruh tells of his work at Ft. Sam Houston, Tex. "At present I'm sitting in one of the service clubs. Down over the balcony is a large dance floor with guys all over it, sitting at tables writing or something of that type. Just to one side are a couple of busy pool tables and at the other end a couple of ping-pong tables. Everyone is at home!

"We spent all morning Sunday getting our stuff arranged in our lockers. The barracks are swell! They've been painted well inside and out, we have swell shades. It used to be a WAC barrack until just a few days ago. The odor of perfume etc., was still rather heavy on the air when we moved in. The post is an open post and we're free to go and come whenever we want just as soon as we're off duty. Which means that from 4:30 p. m. 'till 11:30 bed check we are free to go where we wish. All we have to do is walk a half block, board a bus, and in five minutes we are in the business district. Boy! This morning bright and early we got up and ate chow as usual. Usual in as much as the schedule is concerned only. I've never seen such a place in the army. The mess hall is beautiful inside, curtains, potted plants, and the best cafeteria I've ever seen. We can eat as much as we wish and it's tops in quality! You can just imagine how it appeals to me!

Well, as I was saying, we ate chow and then went to an orientation class for about an hour and a half. We were then taken to the registration section to be assigned to one of the courses taught here: Dental Tech. (3 months); Surgical and Medical Techs; X-ray, and Lab. When names were called off I and my buddy noticed that they were being called in the order that we were called off coming here from Crowder. We waited but our names weren't called when they should have been. It turned out that the majority of the guys got surgical tech. As it was only 2 of us got the much coveted Lab. course. We will work here at school in the training laboratory for three months and then do one month of practical work in the 8th service command laboratory at the hospital.

"Our laboratory is really a wonder! And what equipment! Among other things we had the best \$200 microscope I've ever seen issued to us. The army doesn't spare itself to keep the laboratory equipped. I suppose we'll blow it up before we're done.

"I just wish Burton had a chance to take a course like this. Just as a sample of what we get; hematology, parasitology, serology, bacteriology, histology, blood chemistry, gobs more!"

Willis' address is Pvt. Willis Unruh, 27814355, Co. B, Bks. 2, MDETS, Ft. Sam Houston, Texas.

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### Bullpups Defeated 6 To 0

Last Friday night on a slippery muddy field Lyons beat the Bullpups. The Pups showed more power in many respects, but the Lyons Club fast Sophomore fullback defied the whole McPherson team and ran 61 yards in the first period of the game for a touchdown.

The whole game was played in a drizzling rain making the game more difficult. The ball and the players' shoes covered with mud was the chief cause for the 17 fumbles in 60 minutes of playing.

Neither coach could really tell how effective their offensive would be if played under good conditions.

This Friday the Bullpups start their conference by going to Salina to play the Maroons.

yds. gained rushing	131	126
yds. gained passing	23	5
total yds. gained	154	131
Passes attempted	7	3
Passes completed	2	1
Passes int. by	0	1
Total punts	15	14
Ave. punt yard	14.3	12.2
penalties	2-20	4-45
First downs	7	4
Fumbles	9	8
Opp. fumbles recovered	2	3

### Sophomores Represented In Council By Agee

At a meeting of the sophomore class called by Wayne Bowman, president, on Monday, September 17, Willard Agee was elected to serve as one of the representatives of the sophomore class on the Student Council. He fills the vacancy created when Wayne Lucore did not return to school.

Willard is a student minister whose home is in North Carolina. He entered school this fall after studying in Chicago at Bethany Bible Training School.

### Mirror For Kline Hall Given By "Mom And Pop"

With all the new raving beauties rooming at Kline Hall this year, head residents, the Emswilers, decided that something should be done to aid the fair damsels. Consequently they bought a large, full length mirror and hung it on the upstairs landing, that being the most convenient place. Now those upstairs run down to use the mirror and those downstairs run up when they wish to see themselves as others do. This not only aids in determining whether a slip hangs but also is providing a lot of exercise for those who need it, as well as for those who do not.

The girls rooming at Kline Hall last year wanted to get a mirror and needed one badly, but through lack of money, cooperation, and decision, nothing was done about it. Spring came and the girls went and still there was no mirror to grace the upstairs landing. But "Pop," "Mom," and Janis came to the rescue and, when the new students arrived this year, the mirror was ready for them. The girls of Kline Hall really appreciate this gift of the Emswilers, and thank them from the bottom of their vain little hearts.

## CHUCKS BY CHUCK

Our thanks should go to fellows like "Melv" Zerger, "Bob" Lowe, "Buck" Buckingham, Keith Howard, "Gertrude" Hoover, "Bob" Klem, Paul Markham, and others which helped in getting the football field in shape for last Friday night. Hats off to you, fellows!

Since this column has been mostly on football, we shall write a little about the types. There are perhaps four types: Rugby, in which the ball may be carried, thrown, providing it is not thrown forward, and in which the player in possession of the ball may be tackled bodily. Soccer: This game is played with a small round ball, and it is not legal to use anything but your feet to propel it to your opponent's goal; American, similar to Rugby, but one side is given full possession of the ball while it is in play, also the forward pass is permitted, and there is defense running ahead of the man with the ball; football, the type friend Helman uses, a toy or plaything, hence, a football of party politics.

"Were you there" at the football game? That was some run the high school player from Lyons, Rumble by name, made, when he ported the pig-skin almost seventy yards for a touchdown. The drizzling rain didn't keep football lovers away from the game. Yelling their lungs out, high-school students jumped up and down on the bleachers. Lining the field were several cars containing dry football game observers. Let's wish better luck to the "Bullpups" in their next game.

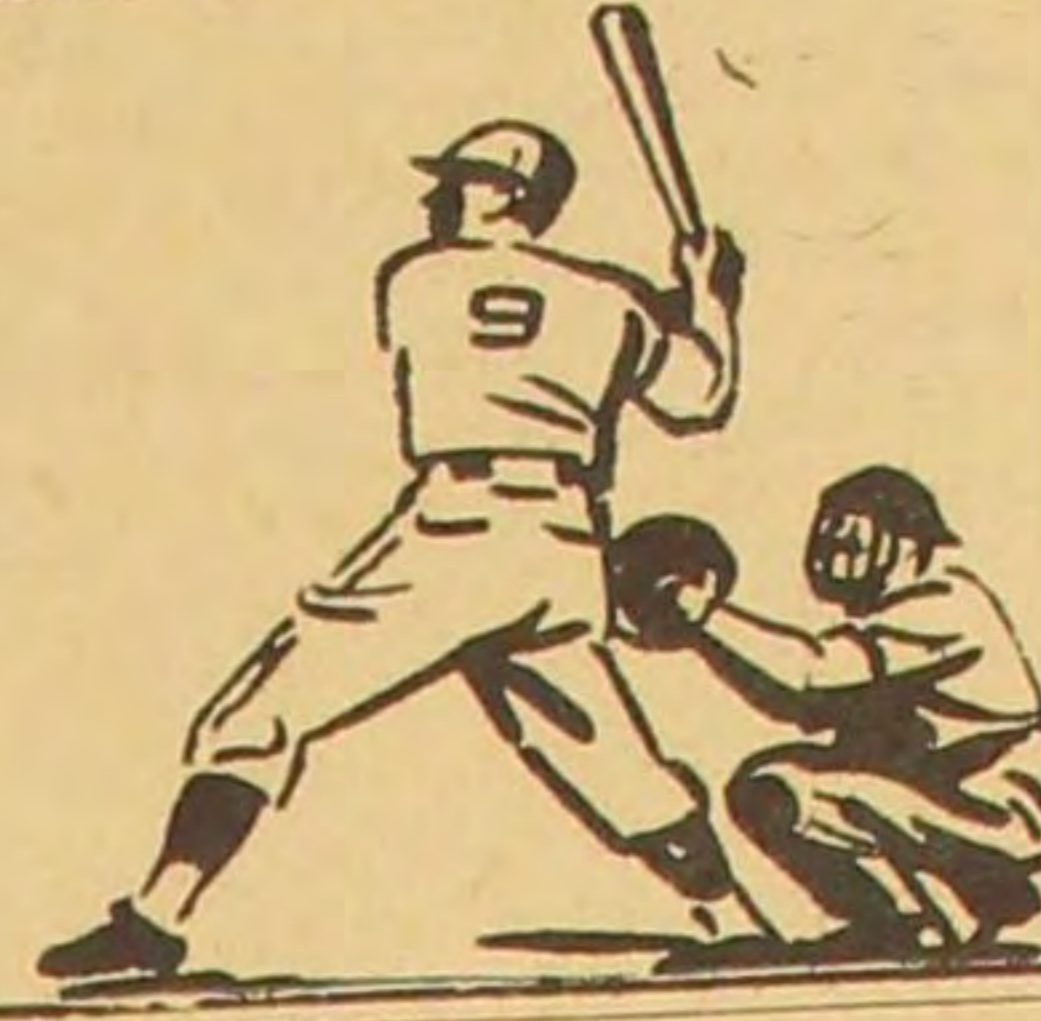
Should we dream a bit? Perhaps our dreams will become objects that are real. Wouldn't it look nice to see a roof over that grandstand? I'm not so sure it would be practical in dry Kansas, but it would be practical to put a new coat of paint on it.

### Women's Athletics

#### Hockey

The Hockey Club met for the first time Tuesday afternoon at 4:45. The girls who came out, had an enjoyable and invigorating time. It was good to hear once again the shouts of "Shinney—1-2-3," "Drive," and "Get that ball." Of course, there could not be a Hockey game without the usual amount of "accidents," but that's what makes the game more fun.

Hockey Club will meet every Monday afternoon at 4:45 out on the



football field. It is a popular and very exciting game, so don't forget about it. Come out and learn with the rest of us. See you at "Hockey Time" next week.

#### Softball

The softball girls had a mighty fight Tuesday afternoon. The game was played in the gym with Jane Bell and Mary Vancil as captains. It appeared that Mary must have had the better team for she and her team came out on top with a 28-6 lead.

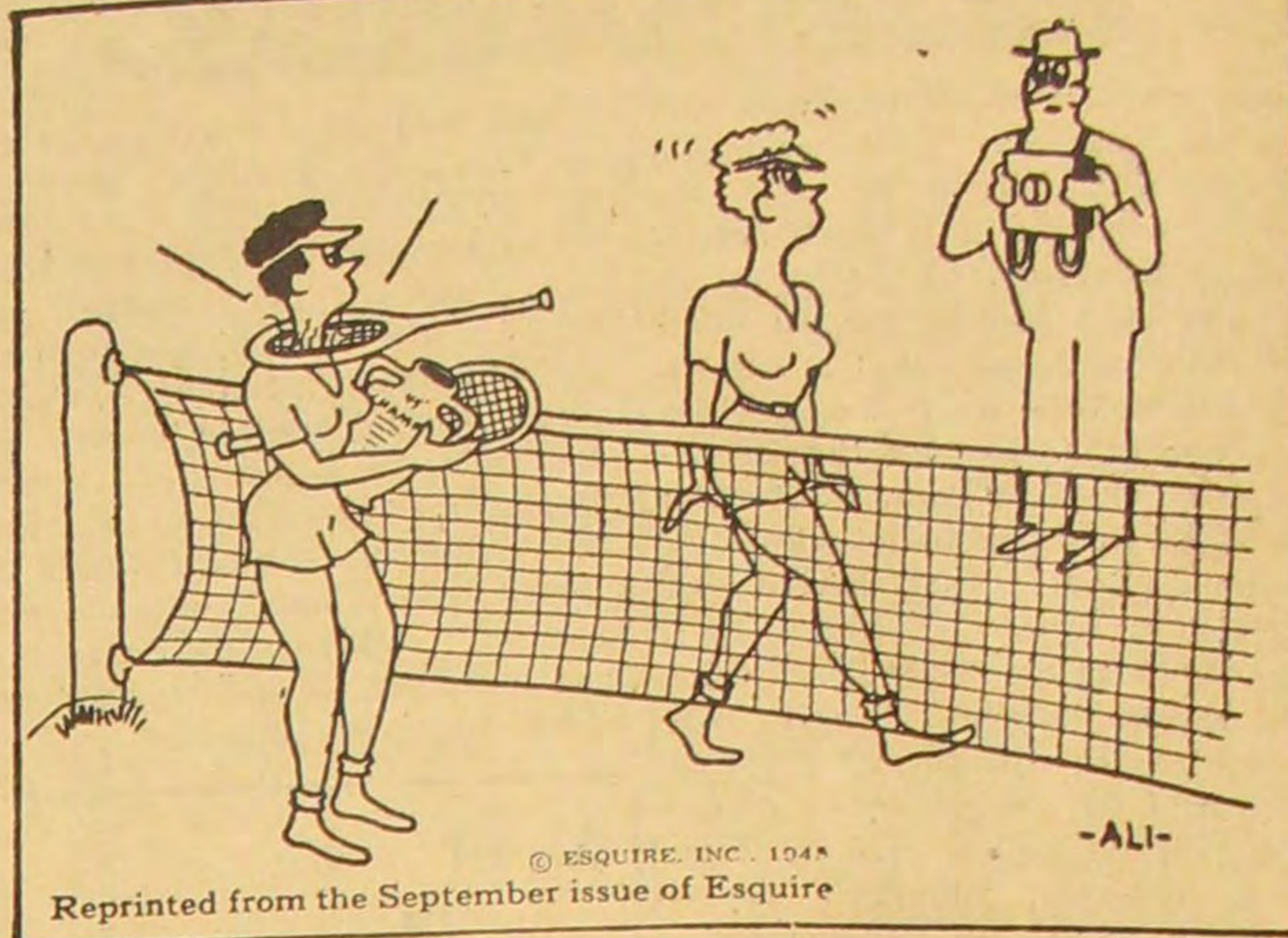
Dorothy Frantz was the winning pitcher. Joan Finrock pitched for Jane's side.

The game was originally scheduled for an outdoor affair, but the lack of baseball bats and a light but steady drizzle prevented these plans being followed through.

#### Outing

The girls of the W. A. A. Outing Club went on a moonlight hike Wednesday evening. This was the first outing of the season. The cycle of the hike was a round trip from the college to the park . . . across the tracks.

The wearisome girls paused for refreshments at the gym. In case you cannot guess what the refreshments were, they consisted of cokes . . . sandwiches on the sideline.



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