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First Things First

During these last few but seemingly unending years in which many of us have been growing up, we have grown into a rushing and wild world. Tumult was to be found everywhere except, perhaps, in the quiet of an autumn evening, in the reverent silence of Sunday morning worship, or in a job in which one could completely forget himself and the world in his work. An air of haste prevailed and a "racing-against-time" pace was set.

Peace has come again. What difference has it made and will it make in our life? We must be able to stack our small, personal piles of activities, studies, labor, and relaxation into their pigeon holes respectively, and only theirs. If we are not able to do this, we shall have one cluttered heap from which we are unable to extract anything useful. If we are not able to do this, we shall find ourselves unable to help our neighbor straighten his mess in which he and all the world are so entangled.

The secret lies in being able to put first things first. Do we have a goal toward which we are willing to sacrifice? Do we have a worthy objective, one which we hold above all else?

Lincoln would never have been the leader he was had he put his finger into every pie that happened to chance by. Africa might possibly have had to wait until the 20th century for someone to explore had the Scottish Mr. Livingstone tried to travel into all countries. Know a little about everything and much about one thing. True, but be certain not to stop with a little about everything.

Miss Lehman was very realistic when she gave three reasons why a student overloads himself. I have thought of those reasons and applied them to myself several times. Will power and energy to abide by a decision once it has been made are essential requisites if first things are truly to maintain top rank.

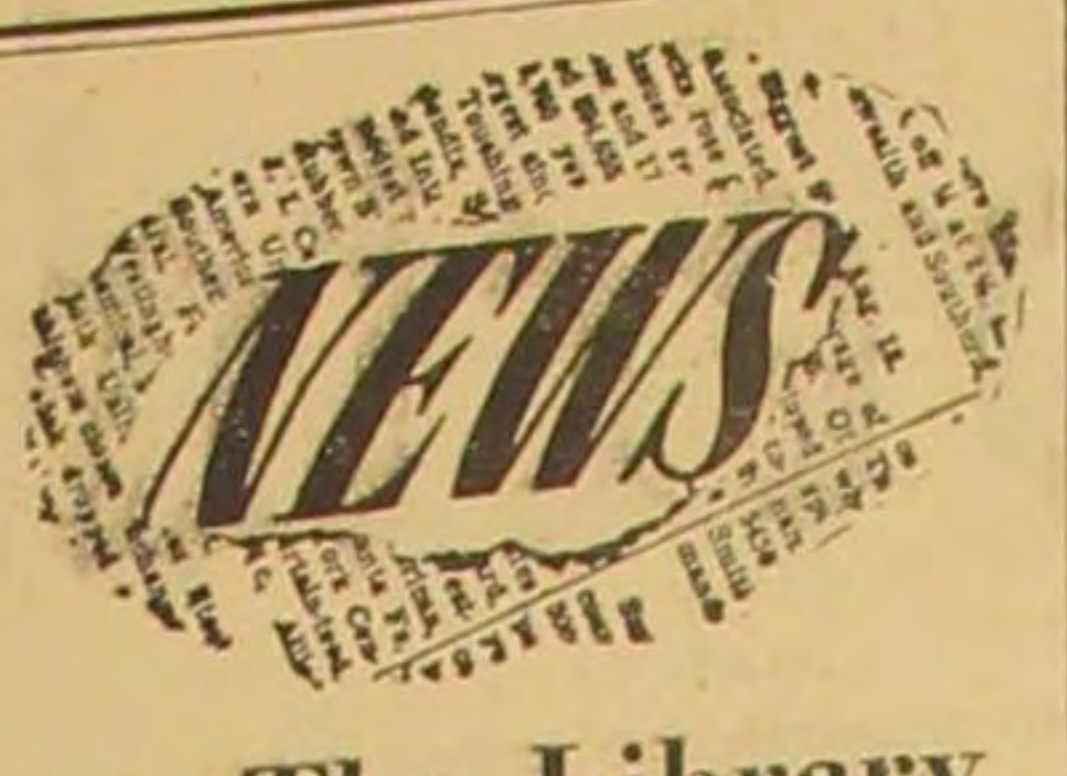
After one has become proficient at one thing, he can branch out into different fields. Our world is a writhing whirlpool into which human nature lures people who do not trouble themselves to stand upon solid ground. The world needs young people who know what they are about.

Exposing 'Diploma Mills'

A few years ago a good education was a highly-prized treasure. It meant the setting up of certain goals obtained only after years of hard work. Today, in the midst of post-war planning, our standards have deteriorated. One is now able to obtain an academic degree for ten dollars, providing he is not too particular about choice of the alma mater and is willing to sacrifice the joys of campus life. These remarkable degrees are bestowed after a few lessons by correspondence.

Diploma mills, as they are alluded to in a current magazine article, usually do not operate within the law and those who take the pains to be respectable, attract students only by their expensive and impressive catalogues. They claim that the world is their campus and man is their theme.

Although journalists try to be broad-minded, no argument seems adequate to this department for such a plan. We believe that most of us go to college to profit by the learning and experience it offers; to absorb bits of knowledge here and there which may readily be applied to the world we are preparing to enter. College gives us the tools to cope with "Old Man Business" who is a tough customer. It is quite evident that an A. B., M. A., Ph. D., or D. D. received after a few weeks of pretending will not go very far to prepare this coming generation for the problems of reconstruction in a war-torn world.—The College Glo.



From The Library

Millions of Americans suffer from red noses, and it would be a comfort to them to be armed against persons curious as to the cause of this minor affliction. Such a weapon is given them by an old lumberman of Freeland, Michigan, on the banks of the Tittabawassee River. For a long time the luminous condition of his proboscis had subjected him to village taunts. One morning as he approached the tavern for his pick-me-up, a righteous citizen asked him: "What is it, Ed, that makes your nose so red?"

"Blushing with pride at the way it keeps out of other folks' business," replied the old follower of Paul Bunyan.

National Bible Week has drawn the attention of people all over the United States to the best seller of all times.

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Its words and phrases, images and similes have become part and parcel of our common English speech. Think for a moment how in the course of a single day spent in the homely, necessary details of living, we clarify and illuminate our talk with one another by the often unconscious use of its language. An unwelcome neighbor becomes "gall and wormwood" or "a thorn in the flesh"; a hated task, "a millstone about the neck"; we escape one thing or another "by the skin of our teeth"; tired at night, we say that "our spirit is willing but our flesh is weak."

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The story begins with Wilson's return from Paris. He has fought nationalism there, and now was to fight it at home. The United States betrayed the ideals of its leader and the hopes for which so many of its youth had died.

PAN AMERICAN YEARBOOK, 1945. This is a practical reference book containing essential information about the Americas, North and South. Here can be found information on the geography, government, transportation, people, education, and culture of the various countries.

ENCYCLOPEDIA OF RELIGION edited by Vergilius Fern.

Outstanding scholars of many religious groups have shared in the preparation of this book. Answers to questions of religion, religious faith and practices can be found here.



Carrying The Torch

Political Action

Reverend "Dick" Burger was the guest speaker for the Political Action Commission on Tuesday morning. Reviewing what one has said to be "the book of the last ten years done up in 100 pages", he shared with us some thought provoking ideas from the book by Dr. Trueblood, "The predicament of Modern Man." The author compares the present day western world with that of ancient Rome. These years are seemingly similar to 476 which saw the fall of Rome. He quotes several prophets of twenty years ago to whom no one paid attention. However, their prophecies have unfortunately proved to be true. Hitler was one of these prophets, he knew of the sickness, but prescribed the wrong cure. The author feels our predicament is that our wisdom about ends does not match wisdom of means. He states, "The hope of western culture is the revival of redemptive society."

"Dick" feels this is one of the most revealing books of the future and recommends it highly for those who are interested in political action.

Before his review he explained the whys and wherefores behind Truman's request for universal military training as written by Drew Pearson in the Sunday edition of the Hutchinson News Herald and The Kansas City Star.

"How come you in jail, Sam?"
"Jes for throwing rocks outa de neighbor's yard into mine."
"What's wrong with that?"
"Dese was Plymouth Rocks."

The President's Corner

We Must Win The Peace (Certain Essentials)

1. We must believe that world peace is both desirable and possible.
2. Never has the United States had a larger and a more favorable opportunity to demonstrate to the nations of the world the success of our democratic type of government.
3. We must rid ourselves of race, religious and class prejudices and the place to begin is in the individual life.
4. We must practice the fundamentals of democracy in our homes, schools, colleges, churches, businesses and professions, and in our local, state, and national governments.
5. However strong we may be materially as a nation, our security rests in our moral strength and in the degree that we must respect one for the other in providing for all equal opportunities for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

ALUMNITES

Esther Sherfy, c'41, is teaching in the high school at Muskegon, Michigan.

Emerson Chisholm, c'37, was discharged from the army September 12. He is now teaching in the high school at Roxbury, Kansas.

Captain Harold Fries, c'41, is home on terminal leave prior to being discharged in December. He returned home from Mitchell Field, Long Island, after serving 28 months in the Mediterranean and European Theatres. He and Mrs. Fries are now living in McPherson.

Donald Ferguson has been discharged from the army. He was a First Lieutenant (Navigator) in the Air Corps, and was in service for two and a half years. He served in the European theater of war in the Eighth Air Force, and completed his missions before returning in May. He is now living in McPherson and plans to continue college work.

Lt. Keith Sloan has been discharged from the army. He was in service for a period of three years and four months, having served 18 months in the European theatre. He and Mrs. Sloan, the former Dorothy Nordling, are living in McPherson.

Reverend E. L. Ikenberry, c'20, is returning to China to aid the China relief work. Mrs. Ikenberry and their four children will continue to live in McPherson where Mrs. Ikenberry is Acting Dean of Women at the College.

Doris Dresher, c'40, resigned her position at McPherson College as Secretary to the President and Secretary of the Alumni Association, and is living at Decatur, Illinois.

Roy B. Robertson, c'40, has a position as assistant coach in the Senior High School, Springfield, Missouri.

Everett M. Brubaker, c'24, was recently appointed Instructor of Agriculture at Illinois State Training School for Boys near St. Charles, Illinois.

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SOCIETY

A chili supper was held at the home of Roberta Mohler on Friday evening, October 26. Chili was, of course, the main attraction, but all the trimming went with it. Also a chicken dinner was served at noon Sunday at Donnis Wampler's home. Besides the hostesses, Roberta Mohler, Donnis Wampler, and Mary Metzler, the guests were Melvin Fishburn, Wilbur Longanecker and Bill Dagggett of Lawrence, Kansas.

Avis Erb entertained Morris Wernli, marine as a week-end guest. They spent part of the week-end in Wichita. Miss Evelyn Metzger and Miss Erb were guests of relatives of Evelyn in Wichita.

As yet, this next item has not been mentioned in the Fashion column. Therefore we feel it is only right that we mention it here. Don Keim came to our campus sporting a baby pink sweater, which, we think, is going to revolutionize our campus men's wear. As yet we have only heard subtle murmurings of this movement, but it will be something to look forward to. We thought it only right that our public know of this, so they could be waiting for it too.

This week-end saw two groups of conferees leave our campus in as many directions. Friday afternoon three carloads of Macollege students hit the road for parts east, namely, Emporia. The next day saw as many carloads going South to Bethel college. The folks who went to Emporia attended the SCA District fall conference. Those going to Newton conferred with other schools in the matter of International Relations Clubs on the campuses. It might be added that at the SCA conference, McPherson College had the next to the largest delegation there, Kansas University from Lawrence having the only delegation numbering more than McPherson's fourteen.

This week we take real joy in starting out our society column with loud and manifold congratulations to Edith and John. May they live happily ever after! The ring is a beautiful one. John has made a lovely choice and Edith seems very happy. Again we say CONGRATULATIONS and good will to you both.

We had a number of visitors to the campus this week. Although Dick Burger is here on business (I guess we can call it that) he and Ann have made themselves right at home much to the delight of we students. It is good to have grads around who aren't old! Especially when they are as likable as these two. Do come again sometime, we will be looking forward to seeing you again.

Another visitor to our campus is no stranger to most of the kids. Warren Sanger, former student of McPherson College and long time friend of many of us is here on furlough from CPS Camp No. 56 in Waldport, Oregon.

FAIR FASHIONS

by ELSIE SCHNORR

During this last week the fashions took on the gay, gypsyish, and weird ghostly characteristics for Halloween. They were all right for one night but it would be hard on the eyes and the imagination if we had to wear them very long.

Another new fashion that came out this week is wearing little green beanies. It seems only the freshmen have taken up this fad. This week they have done a good job of matching their colors, but just wait a few weeks and you will see all sorts of weird combinations.

Some of the fashion notes from

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other colleges are interesting and might give us some good ideas. One of the different ideas is to wear your initials in little gold letters on anklets. Both boys and girls like battle jackets. And they all like the bright, gay casual sport clothes that are favorites here on McPherson campus.

We don't have to go away to find new and unusual styles. We find some new ones on our own campus this week. The boys have started borrowing girl's things. They are wearing their sister's and girl friend's plaid shirts. Somebody started lacing up their shoes backwards. One wonders how they got their feet in them. At least it makes them look different.

Meet The Freshmen

Doris Stern is another of those freshmen who've been preceded in school by older brothers and sisters. Remember Russell? An Iowan blond, Doris is full of pep and vigor.

Remember Kenneth Pitzer away back when? He was single then and managed a year or so of college—now he's back with a pretty little wife. No, Kenneth isn't a freshman but Charlotte is!

Ruth Merkey isn't so far from home, for home to her is none other than Abilene, Kansas. An ex-school-teacher, Ruth greets one and all with a pleasant smile and friendly greeting.

John Williford is often seen heading towards Kline Hall. Shall we say more? At least he is one fellow who has been helping out on the critical shortage. And she's an upper class gal too.

Cussin's or cousins—you take your choice. None other than Dick and Donna Mohler of Nebraska. No, they're not from the same place—just the same state.

With a flashing smile and a cheery word for everyone, Helen Thomas makes her presence known on Mac campus. Oh yes—she's Idaho's own.

Then there's Clair Power, you know—that solemn fellow what trots around the campus, herding with others of the freshman manpower. If you can get close enough, you'll notice a merry sparkle in his eye. Why are some likeable fellows so bashful?

Freshman representative for the Student Council, dark, dashing, petite Betty Krehbiel doesn't need to borrow any prestige from the fair-haired Marvin. A local lass, she's super deluxe.

"Special delivery air mail letter,"—for Byron Fisher." With a hush of expectancy, dining hall patrons waited in vain. Evidently this versatile freshman quartet man doesn't believe in divulging personal mail. And who can blame him when it's from the girl of his heart.

Lowdown on



A Year Ago

By Mike

The smell of burning rubber, ether, and corny jokes in the Chem. lecture room the other night reminds us that Science Club was organized just a year ago. Before that it had been merely a Chemistry Club, and though Chemistry still dominates the programs, the other sciences are beginning to rate too . . . The coke machine in the gym is not an institution of the college yet either. It was put in just a year ago. Wonder what we did without it? . . . Oh yes, the Penny Carnival. Most of the pennies were spent getting the various worthy students married, divorced, and married again. Few were the students, who, at the end of the evening, could boast that they had stuck to one mate. Fewer still were those who remained single. The marriage bureau was a cosy little room where the lights went out as soon as the ceremony was over so that the groom could kiss the bride (or vice versa) in comparative privacy. Another popular booth was set up for students to try their skill at hitting targets. Said targets were fairly good likenesses of certain professors. Prof. Hess was very popular. . . . Prof. Fleming led his chicks on a trip to view the outside world when about fifteen went to Wichita to visit a penal institution, as the journalism class would put it. They didn't meet anyone they knew though; all our friends go to Larned. . . . The Freshman-Senior Kid Party was held. The SUR abounded with little girls with drooping pantalets and little boys with torn overalls. Tomboys, sissies, nice little girls, and little stinkers; yes, and a baby with a bottle. Yo Takahara won first prize for the boys; he came as a typical English schoolboy. A dark horse came out in front for the girls. One Marvina Blough who pretended to be one of those nice little girls but was seen getting pretty rough with Wayne Bowman when they went off in a corner by themselves. The SUR windows were fairly jammed with interested Juniors, Sophomores, and kids from town. And many were the envious glances they cast our way as childish laughter rang forth clear and free. . . . One part of the WAA last year was the Do-Si-Do club. This consisted of both boys and girls who liked to folk dance. Anyway we just folk gamed and folk gamed—just like this year only the girls got credit for

it. . . . Eight members were elected to the Who's Who last year. Four Juniors and four Seniors. Of those who are back this year, Dave Albright, Annette Ronk, and Mary Beth Loshbaugh were voted in. . . . And it must have been a premonition. Last year when everything was Brownie and Irene, she was seen with Jerry Mease for a while. Now this year it looks fairly permanent. But then you never can tell. Look at Charlie last year. It was Grace this and Grace that. Even engaged yet. And then this year, practically every girl in school gets attention at some time or other. Even saw him holding hands with Ye Ed, lately. Ye gosh, where will it strike next???

At The End of Euclid



One of the second year Spanish students was caught trying out her reflexes in class the other day. Could be she was bored so stiff she wondered if they still worked. We all admit to yawning but rigor mortis hasn't set in yet.

When Professor Weinreich explained that the question Bill Shepherd asked about was kindergarten stuff, Bill's answer was characteristic. He hadn't gone to kindergarten!

Would anyone interested like to compare the sizes of Warren and Gemelda's mouths? It is indeed an awesome sight when they both open their mouths at once, as when they gave a yell at the table the other day. Maybe we should run conducted tours.

Weinreich's wearing that tie again. You know the one. With pheasants, wild geese, prairie chickens, red clouds, blue grass, gray mountains, and something unidentified that's navy blue. No wonder the language classes can't keep their minds on their lessons. I knew there

must be some reason or other.

They took the fatal step! And some of them took more than one. Seems like Keim was really impressed by his first date with Sybil because he married her. They are not the only ones were lured into the marriage booth by our most Rev. Dumond. Chuck, arrayed in a very impressive beard and mustache had quite a thriving business at the penny carnival. Bowman now has her man by the legal tie, and of all appearances he doesn't seem to mind it. Of course Wolf and Jamison couldn't be out-done by Donna and Royce so they also got hitched. Then there was Finrook and Webb, it is said that Webb was chalking up a record by marrying first this girl and that and that he wasn't doing at all bad. Finrook balked much to Weyland's sorrow.

Nursie snagged her man near the marriage booth and so what a man. He was good looking, red haired, winsome and the most desirable man at the carnival. None other than Norman Sheets married Irva and they lived happily all the rest of the evening.

I just heard the strangest music from here at my typewriter. In contrast to the A Cappella Choir singing "Peace Shall Come Again," I heard the most bee-u-ti-ful rendition of "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," played by a Kline Hall duo. From the Spec Office window I couldn't tell who they were, but isn't some of that "comb cob" music good enough for public presentation?

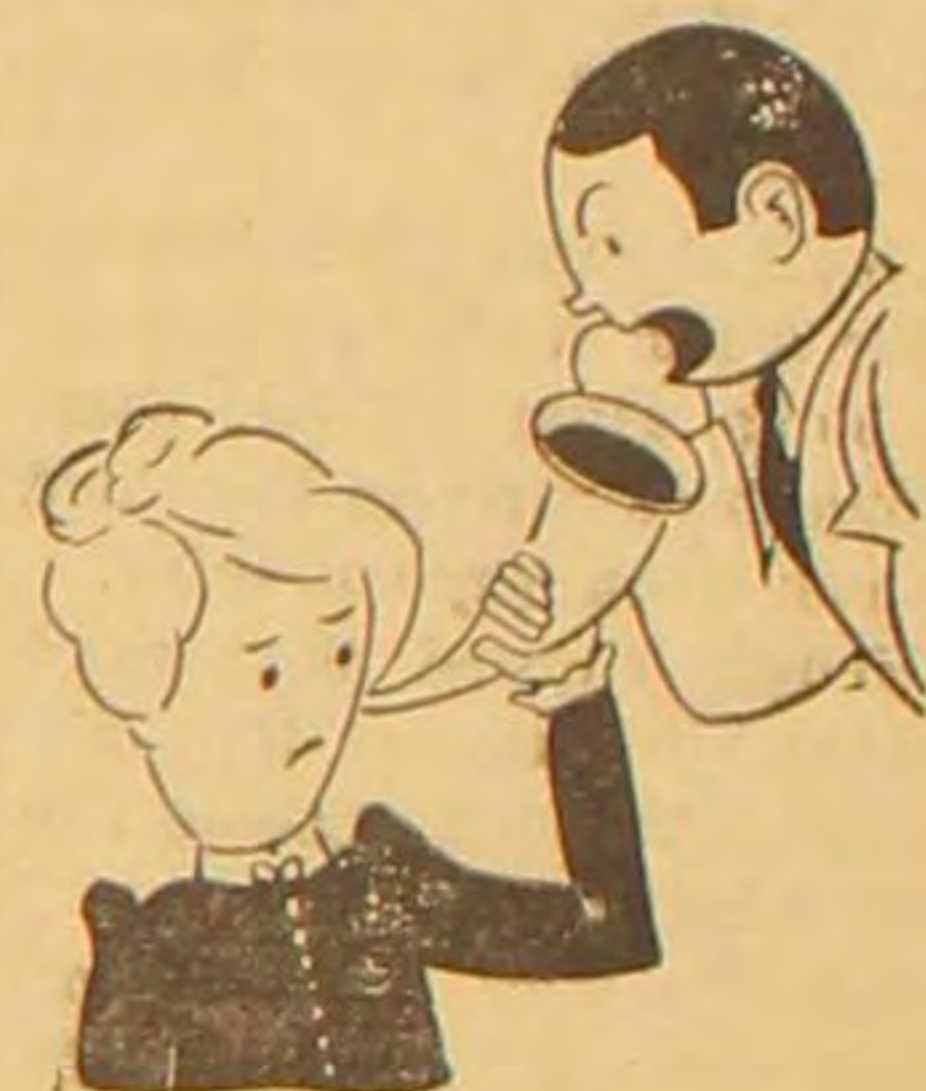
"When it rains, it pours," or that

is the way it seemed this week-end to a certain one of our Sophomore girls, didn't it Avis? First it was a gallant Marine who came around, and incidentally he gave her a beautiful pair of earrings, but that's beside the point. And would you believe it, the Marine hadn't even gone before another suitor was knocking at her door. Rush order business!! Incidentally she was heard making the remark about Warren S., "I didn't know I would be so glad to see him!" Aren't you glad that the Army and Navy weren't here at the same time to complicate the scene even more?

Mrs. Nickey was overheard saying that she needed a man. "It's much easier to cook for two than for 135."

Radio Speech Class Takes Wichita Trip

Miss Lehman and her class in radio speech left for Wichita yesterday afternoon to visit the broadcasting station of KFBI. They are making a study of radio speech and of radio broadcasting. Those who went were Mary Jane Friesburg, Ila Verne Lobban, Eulalia Crist, Elsie Schnorr, Della Mae Poland, Susan Ikenberry, Barnadine Schafer, Leona Dell, and Mary Vanell. Miss Della Lehman accompanied the class.



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