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## Christianity in Action

Byron Dell spoke to the Christianity in Action Commission Tuesday, the first meeting of the year. During the summer he served as a sea-going cowboy to Poland. Not only did the trip prove interesting from the standpoint of interest in other lands, but it gave an insight into the lives of people who have survived the war. Byron feels that anyone who has any interest in the relief program would benefit from a trip such as he took. After such a trip with its varied experiences, one could no longer have a complacent attitude toward the people of war-torn countries.

Parts of the country which the men saw were beautiful and un-molested by the war, looking very much like sections of our own country. In contrast to scenes such as this, the men saw many war orphans, who now found Red Cross rooms to be their only home. These children attended no school and made a practice of hurrying in the mornings to newly docked ships, where they begged candy bars and oranges from the American men.

At their next meeting the commission will spend the entire period in writing letters to Senators concerning compulsory military training.

## Student Volunteers

A program befitting the new year was given in the Tuesday morning meeting of Student Volunteers. A new year's poem was read by Ruth Beery. The group joined in singing "Rise up, O Men of God," and Eulalia Crist gave a short reading about courage for the new year. Irvin Stern sang "Have Thine Own Way." Sug-

gestions for life resolutions were given for thought.

With the need for relief in Europe ever before us, the relief group of the Student Volunteers began anew on the clothes sorting and baling project.

## Resolutions—1947

It is a common joke that one makes resolutions at the beginning of each year only to break them. For what purpose, then, are resolutions supposed to be made?

Mistakes and unpleasant experiences melt into the past. A new opportunity is given for a reformation of individual and group attitudes and action.

There are some resolutions which seem appropriate to contemplate at this particular time. Here they are for your consideration.

1. I shall love God with my WHOLE being.
  2. I shall love my neighbor as myself.
  3. I shall strive to live the kind of life which makes possible the happiness of others as well as of myself.
  4. I shall try to help people in whatever capacity possible.
  5. I shall strive to learn all I can while in college and after college to enjoy life to the fullest.
  6. I shall do all I can to remove prejudices and distrust in minority groups, from myself, first, and then from my associates; these feelings shall then be replaced with understanding and good will.
  7. I shall refrain from repeating malicious gossip, but talk only about the good qualities of people.
  8. I shall regard my body as the temple of God, not abusing it with impure thoughts nor with harmful health habits.
  9. I shall make wise use of my time to gain the most beneficial results.
- A new year means a fresh start. How about it? Do you think that 1947 can be a Happy New Year? Let us try to make it so!

## The President's Corner

For the New Year, I recommend the resolving to understand and to make real the following:

1. McPherson College is an educational institution.
2. Education is a process of producing intellectual, physical, moral, ethical, social and spiritual growth.
3. One educates himself.
4. Teachers, libraries, classes, and laboratories are aids in effective education.
5. A wholesomely integrated personality motivated by the highest ethical standards is the end of education in a Christian college.
6. Competent service should be rendered for all the benefits and favors received.
7. Regular attendance at religious services is essential for spiritual growth and stabilization of personality.

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## History in the Making

1946 is a part of "yesterday." There have been many outstanding events that will go down in history labeled 1946. The outstanding highlight of the year was the end of the second World War; the cessation of the armed conflict coming in September, but the last day of the year saw the official end of hostilities.

January, 1947, ushered in a peaceful year as far as the military is concerned. The new year holds much in store for the entire world, for predictions are for another year of outstanding history making. The United States will have a mighty voice in the decisions of the coming events; it is for her people to educate and prepare for not only the benefit of the United States, but for the well being for the entire world.

May 1947 bring not only a year of peace but a world at peace.

## Good Playing

Honors go to the members of Coach Hayden's McPherson College Basketball team for the fine showing they made at the Invitational Tournament held here last week. The tournament, held for the purpose of giving the different schools in the league a chance to see the type of ball played by the various teams, was the first of its kind to be held at McPherson.

It is planned to hold the tournament again next year during the Christmas vacation. The McPherson College students who were home for the holidays missed seeing their ball team come out on top in this tournament, a double elimination affair with each team having the opportunity to play twice. The bleachers decidedly lacked college rooters, but the town people turned out to see the games, despite the snow and zero temperature.

McPherson College was on the air Saturday night as the Canines played the last game of the tournament against Ottawa. The game preceding, between Baker and Wesleyan was also broadcast, with Wesleyan winning.

A lot of good ball playing was evidenced during this first Invitational Tournament and the plans are for a larger tournament to be played next year with all Kansas Conference teams participating.



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Mr. Robert Zimmerman was a guest of Miss Waltham West at her home in Pampa, Texas, during the Christmas holidays.

An old-fashioned "charivari" was held at the home of the newlyweds, Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Lucore, on Sunday night, January 5, and again on Monday night, January 6.

An outdoor "get-together," in the form of an ice-skating party on the park lagoon, was enjoyed by a group of students Sunday evening.

Miss Ruth Beery and Mr. William Giles were visitors in Chicago, Illinois, during the Christmas vacation.

Mr. Elvin Wolf visited in Kansas City during the Christmas vacation.

Miss Masako Nakamura was a guest in the home of Miss Catharine Little, in Kansas City, Missouri, during the Christmas and New Year's recess.

Dr. Mohler, as is his annual custom, entertained the Biology majors, Dec. 11 at his home.

**Engagements Announced**

Mr. and Mrs. H. R. Stover of McPherson announce the engagement of their daughter, Helen Margaret, to Robert Martin, son of Mrs. Alice B. Martin, also of McPherson. The wedding date has been tentatively set for June, 1948.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Kennedy of Marshalltown, Iowa, take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to Rev. Blair Helman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Helman of Windber, Pennsylvania. Mr. Helman is now a graduate student of the University of Kansas and is pastor of the Ottawa Church of the Brethren. The wedding will take place during the summer.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Lichty of Waterloo, Iowa, wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Ruth, to Mr. Warren Hoover, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Hoover of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. The wedding will take place in August of this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kauffman of Abilene, Kansas, take pleasure in announcing the engagement of their daughter, Lois Darlene, to Mr. Dale Brown, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Brown of Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Brown is now a student at Bethany Biblical Seminary in Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smeltzer of Cando, North Dakota, announce the engagement of their daughter, Beverly, to Mr. Delbert Lewallen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dan Lewallen, of Bisbee, North Dakota.

The engagement of Miss Phyllis Callon to Mr. Al Henkke of St. Louis has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Callon of McPherson.

burnt sugar and to black coffee. We are mad about all the pale colored wool dresses, saddlestitched in dark contrast. The greys, beiges, pea-soup greens, soft blues and faint yellows, especially yellow, which goes with everything. The dark stitching helps make this color interesting against one's skin. You could put a pale blue chiffon scarf inside the neckline if you cared to. We are mad about chiffon scarfs, too, because they do nice things for one's face and neck.

We are mad about plaid, and about big checks, for woolen dresses. And we are mad about wide, fancy, leather belts to wear with them. We are mad about all the deep necklines in dresses, some of them cut so fantastically. It's grand to find different ways to finish the top of a dress without always resorting to collars or V-lines.

We are quite mad about the new tailored dresses. At last tailored dresses have wrenched themselves away from the eternal shirtwaist idea. We are mad on the subject of pockets and especially on big square ones. We are mad about all the big sleeves. They are making Gibson Girls of everyone, which is a nice change. We particularly like the big sleeve that is gathered into the armhole, because it is so feminine. And, oh how easy to set in when making your own.

We are mad 'bout the fancy skirts that soft dresses have now. Those drapes and tunic and paniers, and the bustle pelums that stick out importantly at back. And we like the peg-top fullness, too.

We are mad about all the new dressiness in soft frocks. Time was when we couldn't bear a fussy dress, but not now. Best of all we love the dress with the criss-cross fichu.

And finally, we are mad about bare shoulder gowns, with especial interest in that one bare shoulder idea of the dress. Any kind of one-sidedness gets a hand because it makes for gracefulness in a big way.

**Wool Formal**



Enter the wool evening dress, shown above as pictured in the November issue of Junior Bazaar. The skirt takes its interest and flowing lines from the qualities of its fabric, a knitted knotty wool which drapes beautifully. The bodice is simple drama of black velvet.



**Diary Data**

Has it been only one year ago to date that Dayton Rothrock was promoted (?) from a mere reporter to campus editor of the Spec? It must be true since this is found on the front page of a year ago's Spec.

The Bulldogs came through and won their first basketball game of the season from the College of Emporia with a 68 to 40 score.

At the Arnold Hall dorm meeting, Mr. Pierce of the city fire department spoke to the girls about fire prevention. He stressed several items for the prevention of fires and also told the girls what should be done in case of fire. A fire drill was then held to familiarize the girls with the conduct that should be practiced in case a fire should start in the hall.

"Twas just a week ago, tonight, (a year ago) that the early-retiring little boys of Fanny roused themselves at 2 a. m. to call Metzlers and inquire after Paul Wagner. Such solious inquiries as "do you want to be called at seven?" and "Do you want your sack lunch Sunday?" brought Paul rushing home on the double.

Reverend Miller gave the student ministers some inside dope as to how to go about planning a year's work and how to prepare a sermon at hand. He plans his sermons in periods or quarters. In choosing any theme Reverend Miller feels that one should first decide on the problem that faces the people. Next, a Christian principle must be found that will solve the problem. Then search for some scripture that will illustrate the problem or indicate the solution. Then you are ready to begin writing your sermon.

And that's about all, good people, all except for this: Little boy blue Come blow your horn The sheep's in the meadow And this column is corn.

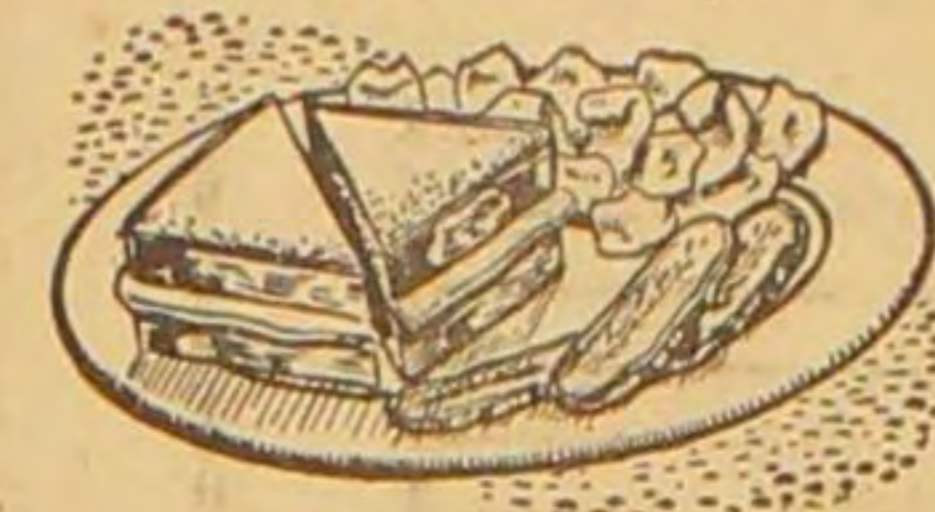
Thirty days hath September, All the rest I can't remember; The calendar hangs on the wall— Why bother me at all? —Exchange

**Fiction or Fact?**

**Questions:**

1. North America has about 1/2 of the population of the world.
2. Only about 15 varieties of seaweed are edible.
3. Each catkin of the pussy willow represents from 20 to 1000 flowers.
4. A cubic mile of sea water (at present prices) yields \$60,000,000 worth of iodine.
5. The University of Notre Dame was founded in 1800.
6. The body of a full grown elephant contains about 70 gallons of pure oil.
7. Blood circulates around the human body in about 12 seconds.
8. The planet Neptune is visible to the naked eye.
9. More than 80% of the industry is located in New York.
10. Vladivostok, in Siberia, is farther north than Venice Italy.

- Answers:
1. Fiction—only about 1-1/2.
  2. Fiction—at least 70 of them are edible.
  3. Fact.
  4. Fact.
  5. Fiction—1842.
  6. Fiction—22 seconds.
  7. Fiction—it is farther south.
  8. Fact.
  9. Fact.
  10. Fiction—It is farther south.



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Oh my! The things that don't happen over Christmas vacation just are not worth mentioning. For instance, Red Holloway seems to have had an interesting time on the train. From what I hear, she met a soldier who is going to write to her all the time and he is even going to come to see her in March. Did or did he not mean it, is the question. For further gruesome details, see Red in person.

A few new couples are springing up around the campus. Kenny Jarboe was seen with Geis twice. Hmmm. Monday night Joyce Birkin and Marion Frantz were seen enjoying each other's company very much.

Another train romance (?) occurred between Esther Miller and a fellow called Jack, that is, he called himself that and she called him that. We are awaiting further developments.

What's this we hear about Ver-

non Nicolson's going to an engagement party in Twin Falls at which, of all things, champagne was served.

Butch and Burton were seen busily making a snowman Sunday. Poor snowman. He really got a beating.

Charlotte Carter says she had a wonderful vacation. His name is Bus and he's from I. S. C.

Monday night Eula and Wayne were charivariated for the second time. About fifteen kids went. Jean and Avis added a little spice to the evening by locking themselves in the bedroom where they had gone to mess up the bed. They had to practically tear the door down to get out. What's more, when they finally arrived at the dorm, they discovered that the knob was off their door. Miss Wine had to insert a nail in order to let the poor girls in. Tch, tch.

Saylor spent most of her vacation in bed as a result of going to sleep under a sunlamp and roasting, and I do mean roasting, her legs. She had to be bandaged up and she did have to stay in bed. Fun? Not much.



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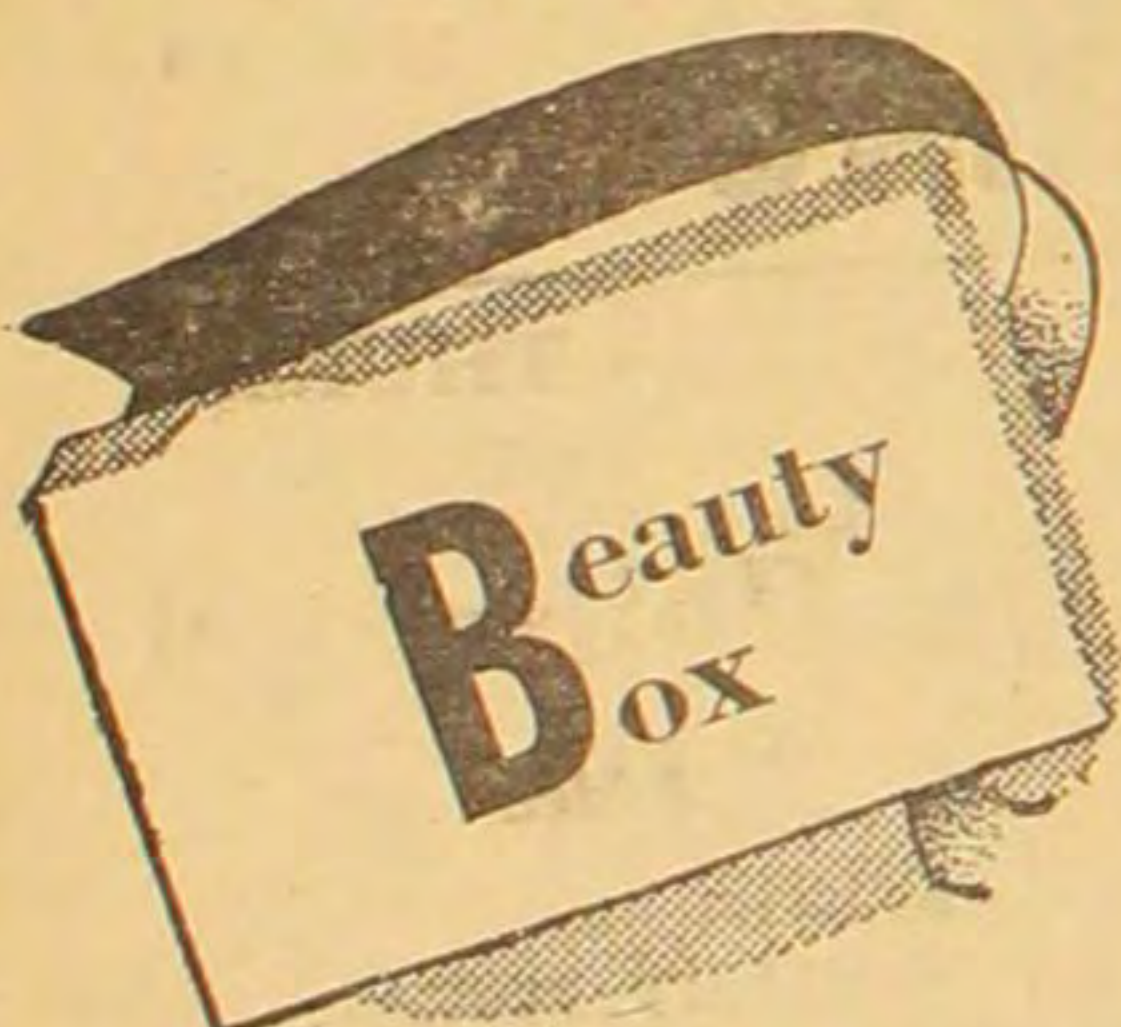
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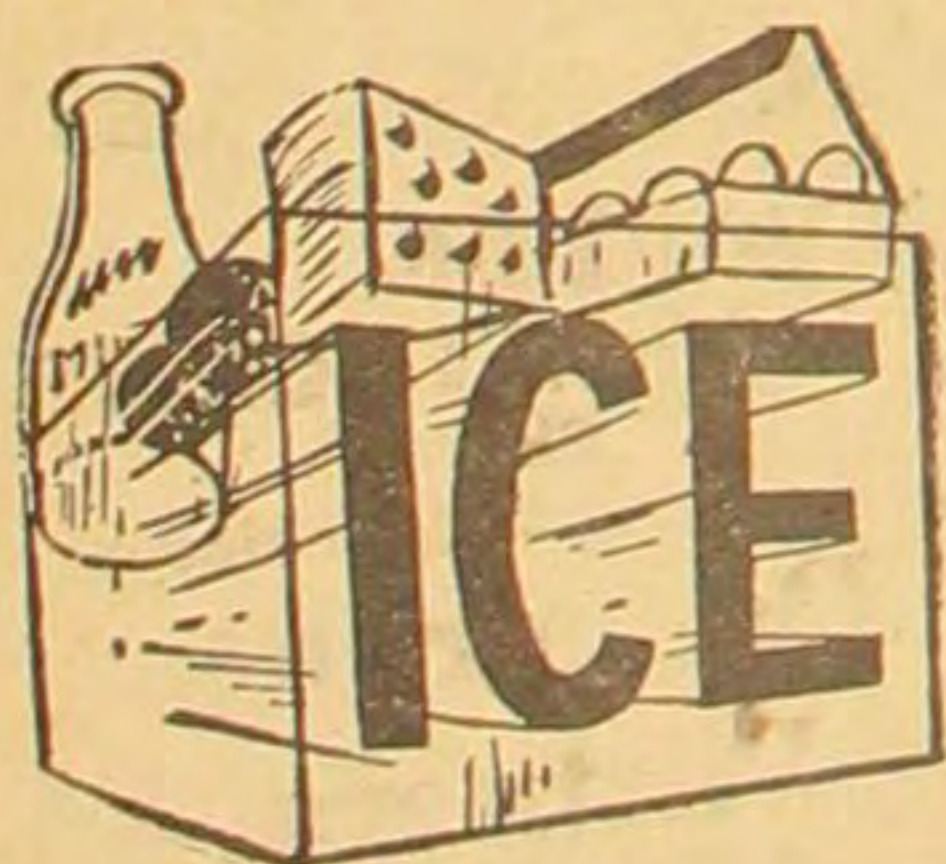
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