



Christmas Musicals To Be Presented At Church

"The Dawn of Hope", a Christmas story in music, will be presented on Sunday, December 14, at 7:30 p. m. in the Church of the Brethren.

Some of the music to be used will be "As By the Streams of Babylon" by Dett, "Shepherd's Story" by C. Dickinson, sung by the A Cappella Choir, "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" by Helmore.

Harold Beam, Lee Craven, Kenneth Graham, tenors, Paul Wagoner, baritone, and Esther Miller, soprano, will be soloists.

Walls Have Rare Hobbies

Klotze Wall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Wall, who reside on East Euclid Street in McPherson, has a very interesting hobby. She collects anacorns.

In all, Miss Wall has approximately fifty anacorns in her collection. They are from various parts of the United States, from Switzerland and from Sweden.

Mrs. Wall, her mother, also has a unique collection. Hers are statues of madonnas. Her accumulation consists of models from Switzerland, Czechoslovakia, China, Sweden and South America.

It is often surprising to find that heights may be attained merely by remaining on the level.

Entire Library of Dr. Clement Donated to McPherson College

Recently, McPherson College had the honor of receiving between five-hundred and six-hundred volumes of books that were donated by Dr. J. A. Clement.

Dr. Clement obtained his A. B. degree from McPherson College in 1902. He taught education and psychology at this college from 1903 to 1905 and was a research scholar at the University of Chicago from 1905 to 1906.

President of McPherson College from 1911 to 1913, and lecturer and assistant professor of education at Northwestern, he was named as head of the department of education and psychology at De-

Introducing Pi Mu

The newest of active campus organizations is a group of pre-medical and pre-nursing students who have chosen for their name, the Pi Mu Society. (Pi and Mu are the Greek letters pi and mu respectively, and constitute a symbol of the two words Pre-Medical.)

Faculty members of the society include one sponsor and one advisor. The persons filling these responsible positions are Dr. L. V. Helsey and Dr. R. E. Mohler, respectively. At the meeting of organization on Thursday, December 4, the following officers were elected.

The organization meeting previously referred to was held at the home of Dr. Heaston, the college physician. After the business meeting, Dr. Heaston read to the attending members a composition of his in which he presented his philosophy of a family doctor of general practitioner.

BYPD

Christmas vesper hymns were played by Albee Ruth Bailey as the opening for B. Y. P. D. December 7. Rebecca Spear led the group in singing three hymns.

The main speaker was Theodore Parry who presented to us certain living conditions in Germany and told about some of the organizations set up for betterment of these problems.

Married Macs To Have Party

The Married Macs are having a Christmas Party Monday, December 15. The participants are requested to bring a gift (not to exceed ten cents) for a Santa Bag to be distributed at the close of the party.

Report Of Advisory Council Brought By Dr. Fleming

Dr. Fleming attended an all-day meeting of the Kansas Advisory Council on Teacher Education composed of representatives of institutions interested in the training of teachers for the public schools of Kansas in Topeka last Wednesday. The council is advisory to the state department of education and makes recommendations for the teacher training educational institutions to the state.

The work of the council is far reaching and doubtless will have much influence on teacher education in Kansas.

Dr. Fleming is a member of the council and the committee on elementary education. He is one of the three representatives of church related colleges on the advisory council.

F. Floyd Herr announced at the meeting that beginning with the school year 1948-49 all beginning elementary teachers will be required to have twelve hours college credit. All emergency certificates can be renewed only by securing eight additional hours college credit.



"He says he has classes from 10 AM through 4 PM, and he always sets at noon."

A Look At UMT

In the next regular session of Congress convening in January, one of the most important issues discussed will be that of requiring a period of military training for all our young men upon completion of high school or upon reaching a certain age.

The proponents of Universal Military Training hold that this form of military preparedness is necessary for the maintenance of peace. The record of history shows that it has not insured peace or guaranteed an easy victory in a war.

The answer to the question of Universal Military Training is not to prepare for another war which we would surely get in that case, but rather to spend those billions of dollars on peace efforts which will bring us much nearer our goal of "Peace on earth."

A military program at this time would be economically unsound in face of the increased debt incurred by the aid to Europe and the already huge tax debt which faces the American people. The army has been very careful not to replace the estimate of cost for such a program, not because suitable estimates cannot be made but rather because the enormous cost would be appalling to the taxpayers.

Requiring a war training program, of our youth, even though ROTC in colleges, would turn our nation into a military-minded one, rather than one searching for ways of settling disagreements peacefully.

The next war would very likely be one in which a large standing army would be of little use except as a police force to quell the hysteria of the people arising from the horror of a scientific war. World War II methods are outdated.

Miller and Keim Nuptials Soon

Miss Sybil Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur M. Miller, of Wichita, Kansas, will be wed to Mr. Robert E. Keim, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Keim, of Nampa, Idaho, on Thursday, December 18. The wedding ceremony will take place at seven p. m. at the Church of the Brethren.

Immediately following the service, there will be a reception in the Church Parlor. The public is cordially invited to attend both. Miss Miller and Mr. Keim are both members of the Junior class at the college this year. They have taken active part in social and religious organizations on the campus during their two years here. Robert was recently elected president of the BSJM.

Remember

- December 12-Basketball game, Sterling College, There.
December 14-Church Musical, all choirs participating, 7:30 p. m.
December 16-All School Christmas Party, 7:30 p. m.

McPherson College Has Expansion Program

Orchestra Plans Concerts Soon

Under the capable direction of Professor Eugene Crab, the McPherson College and Civic Symphony Orchestra has been increasing in size and skill.

The membership of the orchestra is now approximately fifty at present. The personnel includes: Violins: Mary Helen Frazer, Lowell V. Helsey, Lillian Marie Olson, Mortimer Stevenson, Alicia Ruth Halley, Cora Emmert, Mary Louise Hutcherson, Jeanne Elwell, Harry Engberg, Mary Roth, Vernon Nicholson, Jo Ann Bowman, Donna Howman, Patty Bittinger, Mrs. C. W. Kaylor, Evelyn Langley, Carol Hardy, and Wayne Bowman.

Additional members are still welcome in the orchestra; if you can play an instrument, help make our orchestra a better organization by joining it!

Rec Council Party To Be Held Sunday

Sunday afternoon, December 14, Professor Deke will be host to the Recreational Council at its annual Christmas party. The gala proceedings will begin at three o'clock sharp and continue until five.

The Christmas spirit will abound in every phase of the afternoon's program. Of all things you wear, your expression is the most important. The bigger a man's head gets, the easier it is to fill his shoes.

Student Teachers Notice!

All student teachers are requested to please enroll in the Teacher Placement at the time of second semester enrollment in college. This is very important because the Placement Bureau must have time to meet and present the credentials. The efficiency of the bureau will thus be increased. The enrollment fee is \$2.00.

This Is For You

The Christmas season is fast catching up with us again, and as the Christmas trees spring up in the many windows, covered with tinsel and bright lights, and sleigh bells grow more and more distinct in the air, the atmosphere of the holiday season and all of its good times come rushing down upon us.

We are asking that everyone come to the party with an extra dime, nickel, penny, or quarter in your pocket with which you wish to share the Christmas joy. We promise that it will be put to good use. The entire amount will go to the Brethren Church Old Folks' Home at Darlow, Kansas, to make their Christmas a little happier than it would otherwise be.

And now, I've got to write my letter to Santa Claus—even at this late date, so I'd better go. Be sure you, all at the Christmas party and please don't forget that small gift that will mean so much to someone else.

By the authority of the Board of Trustees of McPherson College with unanimous votes February 1946 and 1947 to promote an expansion program to meet the building, equipment and endowment needs for the near future, the Executive Committee at a meeting in July set the goal at \$500,000.00.

For buildings, \$300,000.00, new dormitory for men, enlarged Carnegie library, kitchen and dining hall, enlarged physical education building.

For additional endowment, \$200,000.00. Permanent assets are essential for the success of every standard college.

Considerable work has already been done by and under the direction of Earl M. Frantz, Director of Public Relations. To date approximately \$150,000.00 has been made available.

The Church of the Brethren in McPherson has a committee working with a committee of the Chamber of Commerce in the city of McPherson to raise locally \$100,000.00.

The college is entertaining the Chamber of Commerce at a dinner in the Student Union Room in Sharp Hall Friday night, December 12.

Eighteen Girls Initiated Into WAA

Eighteen girls were initiated into W. A. A. last Friday, Dec. 5. They were easily noticed because of the strange-looking "get-ups" they were forced to wear. The order of day was no make-up, hair parted in the middle with one-half straight and the other half in pin curls, wear print dress backwards, contrasting colored anklets neither of which could match their dress, high heeled shoes, and carry a pennant with "W. A. A." written on it.

At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the old members of W. A. A. and the initiates gathered at the Gym. Two games, Jump Circle and Weaver's Relay, got the party off to a rollicking start. The initiates then entertained the others with an impromptu program of assigned stunts. Light refreshments of hot chocolate and vanilla wafers were served. The new members of the club include LaVerne Boyer, Darlene Weaver, Joyce Burkink, Jean Baldwin, Colleen Dugler, Colleen Draper, Pat Gentry, Sara Mae Williams, Arlene Mohler, Wilda Minnix, Lois Yoder, Rowena Neher, Marjorie Bowman, Neva Nemyer, Leona Richards, Mary Jo Dell, Ruth Hotzopple, and Wilma Geis.

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Dear Editor

Editor-in-Chief, Spectator McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas

I am writing this letter regarding the column "The Veteran's Voice" which appeared in last week's Spectator and was even more opinionated than usual. In the first place, before proceeding further, I think that the title of the column should be changed to "A Veteran's Voice." My purpose in writing, then, is to make it clear to the student body that not all veterans necessarily hold these same biased opinions and consider themselves martyrs for "freedom."

I realize that probably one of the freedoms for which Mr. Schultz fought was the freedom of the press. But freedom of the press does not mean the indiscriminate use of the press for airing personal prejudices in the name of a group not all of whom hold those prejudices.

Veteran Schultz is indeed lucky in that he received citations for fighting for what he held to be right. The only citation that many C. P. S. men received for standing up for what they considered right was the ostracism by

the general public, sometimes even by family and friends. I only hope, then, that ex-G. I. Schultz was able to get his arm back in place after the severe treatment it received from self-inflicted cuts on the back, and that the C. P. S. men on the campus do not become too profane in the same activity.

Sincerely, Theodore C. Geisert

### Here and There By Dale Oltman

The University of Kansas symphony orchestra presented an all-Brahms program at its annual fall concert, December 8.

At Bethany College plans have been made for a concert Sunday, December 14, by the reorganized Symphony Orchestra. The presentation of the Née Coward hit, "Blithe Spirit" at the University of Kansas, gave the stage crew twice as many props and stage furniture as plays before.

With proceeds of a Charity Ball at Rosary College, River Forest, Illinois, students were able to buy food, clothing, medicines, and other essentials for their European Student Relief Fund.

According to the American Legion News Service, married veterans attending Loyola College in Baltimore, Maryland, have organized a club, one of whose purposes is to secure baby sitters when Mom and Pop want to step out.

### The President Speaks

The following are worth considering.

#### GREAT MISTAKES

To set your own standards of right and wrong and expect others to conform to them.

To measure the enjoyment of other people by your own.

To expect uniformity of opinion in the world.

To look for sound judgment and experience in youth.

To endeavor to mold all dispositions after the same pattern.

To be unwilling to yield in unimportant matters.

To be discouraged because you do not attain perfection.

To worry over mistakes and failures that cannot be remedied.

To make an earnest effort to alleviate conditions that need alleviation.

Failure to make allowances for the weakness of others.

To consider anything impossible simply because you cannot perform it.

To believe only those things that the finite mind can grasp.

To live as if the moment, the day, where so important that it would continue forever.

—A London Jurist.

### Acknowledgment

The gratitude and expression of appreciation of the editor go to Robert Simonton, managing editor, for putting out the paper last week. Besides editing the entire paper, he wrote both editorials. All of you dear readers now have a sample of somewhat the type of paper which will be put out next semester. Thanks, Bob. I enjoyed my brief vacation.

### Christmas Time

And so we come to the subject which is most prevalent on the campus and elsewhere in the world, that of Christmas. Let us look at this subject objectively for a moment. What kind of celebration have we a right to have when viewed in the light of the world as it is today? We have an individual as well as a social responsibility toward people who have nothing. We dare not talk ourselves into believing that we have earned the right to revel in all our luxury just because we contributed to the Friendship Train. Giving to relief in this way and others is very important, to be sure, but the fact that we gave to that does not relieve us of further responsibility toward our brethren.

While listening to a report given by one of the people who attended the Brethren Student Christian Movement conference at Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, I thought of several points which could be well taken in relation to Christmas shopping and even CHRISTMAS RECEIVING.

Consider a few of these points. They are worth reading, then reading again, then really applying to ourselves.

#### BUYING IN HARMONY WITH CHRISTIAN ETHICS.

- 1. Do I need this article for effective living?
2. Is it better to buy it than to make it?
3. Will my buying this deprive someone of something they need more than I need this?
4. In view of the present world situation, can I buy this?
5. Can I easily keep fellowship with the less fortunate if I own this article?
6. Is it in proper proportion with what I have to spend?
7. Will this purchase still leave me enough money to pay my tithes?
8. Is the article of durable quality?
9. Do I approve of the policies of the company which manufactures this article?

How far are we advanced in Christian living when it comes to Christmas buying and receiving?

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