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Booster Banquet To Be April 9

The 18th Annual Booster Banquet for McPherson College will be held Friday night, April 9, at the Convention Hall.

Dr. Rees H. Hughes, President of Kansas State Teachers College,



Pittsburg, Kansas is the guest speaker. He will discuss the UNESCO program. He was representative for the United States at the International Education Seminar in Paris in 1947 and has had an active part in establishing the UNESCO program in Kansas.

Dr. Hughes is chairman of the Educational Planning Commission of the Kansas State Teachers Association and is a member of the Executive Board of the Kansas UNESCO Commission. He is an Elder in the Presbyterian Church.

All Five

During the past three months there has been in the gym a wild scramble of basketball games to determine a winner of the Intramural League. Out of this wild scramble have risen players who have distinguished themselves, and have been feared by their opponents.

This week we are selecting two teams of these players who seem to be the best in the league. Not everyone will agree with our choice, but since we are used to going off the deep end, here we go again.

First Team:

- F—Eshelman, Klieber
- F—Watkins, Watkins
- C—Burkholder, Deforpc
- G—Ramsey, Beam
- G—Applegate, Deforpc

Second Team:

- F—Jarboe, Deforpc
- F—McClung, X-Non
- C—Achilles, X-Non
- G—Grindie, Klieber
- G—Heckethorne, Beam

Wendell Burkholder of Deforpc is named the most valuable player of the league. His steady floor work, defensively and offensively, and his high scoring for his team have earned him this honor.

Rookie of the year is Buster West of the X-Non's. Anyone who observed Buster this year and last will notice the terrific improvement that has taken place.

Read all the ads in the Spectator every week.

News Briefs

Washington, March 28—Prediction was made that the House would pass its \$5,295,000,000 foreign aid bill soon. Congressional observers see no reason why both the House and the Senate should not reach an agreement and complete action on the bill by early April.

Rome, March 28—Pope Pius XII warned in his Easter address to an enormous crowd in St. Peter's Square, that the world faces a "year of anxieties and dangers in this moment which is the forerunner of world events which perhaps are definite and irreparable."

Moscow, March 28—Russia has accused Sweden of a plot to build United States air bases, sites for planes and paratroop forces. Further, the Reds asserted that a war clique was striving to control the Swedish government. Norway was previously accused of the same plot by Russia.

Washington, March 30—Gen.

Debaters In Fort Collins

McPherson College anticipates the return of a group of debaters who are now in Fort Collins, Colorado. A large group of debaters and orators have assembled for the Provincial Conference of the Plains. Divisions entered by McPherson's forensics group include discussion, debating, oratory, and extempore. The students who made the trip are Catharine Little, Eklie Schnorr, Bonnie Martin, Dean Neher, Max McAuley, Russell Shultz, Theodore Geisert, and Leroy Doty. Miss Esther Sherry, debate coach, and Prof. Maurice Hess, Governor of the Plains, traveled along with the group.

Student Election Coming Up

Elections for the 1948-49 Student Council President and Treasurer, and the four cheerleaders will take place on Thursday, April 15. Ballyhoo speeches for the Student Council officers will be held in the chapel at 9:50 a. m. Tuesday, April 13. Cheerleader tryouts will be held in the chapel at 9:50 a. m. Thursday, April 15. Voting will take place in the SUR.

In order to be nominated, each candidate must present to the secretary of the Student Council a petition bearing the signatures of fifty members of the student body.

"How Is Your P. R.?"

I was sitting in the home of a Catholic family a short time ago, and somewhat by accident I picked up a copy of the "National Catholic Monthly". The first article that attracted my attention was the one entitled "How Is Your P. R.?" The title attracted my attention probably more than it would have some other, for I am a teacher, and it is not uncommon to hear of I. Q.'s, M. A.s, etc., etc.

The meaning of the two letters "P." and "R." was soon revealed. The question in reality was, "How is your Prayer Rating?" This is a question every man should ask himself, for these are trying days, and I for one am convinced that man cannot live by material things alone, and if this world and its civilization are to leave us, we must enlist the aid of Higher Power, and prayer is certainly one way to secure this power. How is your P. R.?

Dr. R. E. Mohler.

Music Recital On April 7

A recital will be given by students of the Music Department on Wednesday, April 7, at 8 p. m., in the College Chapel. Miss Jessie Brown, head of the department, is planning the presentation.

The following students will participate in the program: Avis Erb, Leland Hill, Kenneth Jarboe, Vernon Nicholson, Paul Wagoner, and Esther Miller, from the voice division; Lois Goering, Arlene Zerker, Dennis Wampler, Margie Penner, and Helen Stover, from the piano division.

The public is cordially invited to attend this recital.



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H. Knapp Wins Local Prohibition Oratorical Contest

Harold Knapp, a McPherson College Freshman, came out of the recent local prohibition contest with top honors; the winning talk was entitled "The Destroyer of the Holy Temple." Mr. Knapp will represent McPherson College in the state prohibition contest which will presumably be held in the McPherson Church of the Brethren on the evening of Wednesday, April 14. Representatives from four or five other schools are expected to attend.

Second place in the local contest went to Lester Messamer, who spoke on "Why Not One?" John Ward and Theodore Furry won third and fourth place with orations entitled, "Alcoholism," and "Alcohol and Its Problem," respectively. Prizes of \$8.56, \$4 and \$2 for contestants were given by the state.

The Art Of Living With Other People

Sooner or later, a student, if he is wise, discovers that college life is a mixture of good days and bad, victory and defeat, give and take.

He learns that it doesn't pay to be a sensitive soul—that he should let some things go over his head like water off a duck's back.

He learns that he who loses his temper usually loses.

He learns that all people have burnt toast for breakfast now and then, and that he shouldn't take the other fellow's grouch too seriously.

He learns that carrying a chip on his shoulder is the easiest way to get into a fight.

He learns that it doesn't matter so much who gets the credit as long as the college shows an improvement.

He learns that buck-passing always turns out to be a boomerang, and that it never pays.

He comes to realize that the college could run along perfectly well without him.

He learns that it doesn't do any harm to smile and say "Good Morning," even if it is raining.

He learns that most of the other fellows are as ambitious as he is, that they have brains that are as good or better, and that hard work and not cleverness is the secret of success.

He learns to sympathize with the youngster coming into college because he remembers how bewildered he was when he first started.

He learns that teachers are not monsters trying to get the last ounce of work out of him for the lowest grade, but that they are usually fine men and women who have succeeded through hard work and who want to do the right thing.

He learns that the gang is not any harder to get along with in one place than another and that "getting along" depends about 99.44% on his own behavior.

Senior High School Play Tonight

"Love Your Neighbor," McPherson High School's senior play, will be presented tonight at 8 p. m. at the Senior High School auditorium. This play is a dramatic comedy in three acts. Tickets for the play may be purchased from Eula Witmore for 60 cents.

Stonebraker-Bell

In a beautiful double-ring ceremony on March 24, Betty Stonebraker became the wife of Charles Bell. The event took place at four o'clock in the afternoon at the Church of the Brethren.

The bride, radiant in white satin, with long, flowing veil, was given in marriage by her father, Mr. Jasper A. Stonebraker. Serving as maid of honor, was Miss Joyce Birkin and best man was Mr. Clayton Bell, brother of the groom. Other attendants were Ruth Davis, Jane Bell, and Carol Bailey. The candle-lighters were Wilma Geis and Lois Burger. Sara Mae Williams sang two selections, "Because" and "I'll Be Loving You Always." At the close of the ceremony, Charles Lewis rendered "The Lord's Prayer." Catharine Little gave a reading entitled "How Do I Love Thee?" by Elizabeth Barrett Browning.

After the wedding, a reception was held at the residence of the Stonebrakers on South Main Street in McPherson.

Mrs. Bell is now a junior in McPherson College, and her husband is a sophomore.

The couple spent their honeymoon in the west, and upon their return, will make their home in McPherson.

Summer Jobs Now Open

If you like adventure and fun, if you enjoy out-of-doors life, and if you enjoy working with girls and adults and making new friends, you can find all of this at the Flying 'G' Ranch. It is a 360 acre camp near Denver and it is 8000 feet in altitude. Surrounded by the Pike National Forest, the Flying 'G' is between Bailey and Deckers, Colorado.

At this camp, there are a variety of summer jobs to choose from. For example, Unit Counselors, Craft Counselor, Riding Counselors, Nurse, Dietitian, and many more. Salaries range from \$68 to \$180 for a nine week period, depending upon the job, plus room and board for the nine weeks.

For further information, write to: Mrs. Robert Dorcas, 314 14th Street, Denver 2, Colorado.

Senior Comprehensives To Be Soon

Senior Comprehensive examinations will be given April 13 in Dr. Olson's classroom. They will begin at 8 a. m.

These examinations are required of all seniors. The main purpose of the tests is to cover the student's knowledge and understanding of his major field and his supporting courses.



A Reminder

April 6 First BASEBALL Game. Friends University, There.

Army Day.

U. S. enters First World War.

April 7 Music Recital.

April 9 Booster Banquet.

Quartets Tour Region

Three of the McPherson College Varsity quartets are at present on tours over various portions of the Western Region. The trips began last Friday and will terminate this Sunday. Along with each quartet a faculty member of the college was included.

The first group of singers was accompanied by Dr. Kenneth C. Bechtel. The singers include Doris Coppock, Esther Miller, Wilma Smith and Ruth Holsopple. Several stopping points in their itinerary are Parsons, Kansas; Cabool, Missouri; Kansas City, Mo.; and Abilene, Kansas.

Another group of singers had as their faculty sponsor, Prof. Raymond Flory. This quartet was the men's quartet, composed of Robert Keim, Vernon Nicholson, Dale Eshelman, and Kenny Graham. Places they visited include Lone Star, Kansas; Garrison, Iowa; Beaver, Iowa; Mound City, Mo.; and Abilene, Kansas.

Helen Stover, Eloise Brooks, Mary Metzler, and Ruth Rogers composed the third quartet team. Prof. James M. Berkebile went with them. They visited numerous places including Independence, Kansas; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Ames, Okla.; Billings, Okla.; and Hutchinson, Kansas.

These three trips constitute the annual quartet tours for those three quartets.

Bulls Visit Dogville

Do the men of Falmestock Hall always mop the front entrance to the dormitory at midnight? Well, maybe they don't do it always, but they certainly did last Wednesday night.

All the commotion started when a few flippant females found a funny fashion for feudin'. (pew!) It seems that the crafty creatures crept to Fanny in the still of the night. Upon arriving there, they chased up and down the corridors beating on doors, shrieking and yelling "April Fool!"

A few men with presence of mind got up and barred the door (from the outside.) The dizzy James dashed downstairs to their doors for the ingenious boys inside the dormitory called on their ancestors and formed a bucket brigade. Containers of aqua were thrown on the trapped girls, who shrieked and yelled all the more.

All the clatter finally aroused some of the neighbors. The enforcers of law and order received a call or two from a couple of the frustrated sleepers. Result — Bulls visit Dogville.

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How To Stack A Room

by an Expert

Fellow students, at times there comes an urge to practically every student in the various dorms to promote a little havoc. Whether or not, this is spring fever. I do not know. I only realize the fact that this feeling comes over you subtly at first, then faster and faster until the ghost of an idea hits your worn-out brain. Suddenly the light breaks through. To relieve the tension that has mounted you will stack your dearest enemy's room.

The first requirement a stacker must meet is to have a fellow classman. He is as important as you, but he definitely comes in handy. For instance, suppose the victim is in his room. Everyone realizes that it is almost a total impossibility to stack a person's room when he is occupying it. Your partner in crime's job is to decoy the occupant away while the destruction is wrought.

Now, you are alone in the room. OH, Joy! First, start with the bed. Tie all the bed clothes in big knots and use them for clothes line. Take your scissors or pen knife and make slits in the mattress in which to place small articles, such as marbles, nuts, etc. Do not leave the springs intact. Either dismantle them or spread them liberally with jam or molasses. By this time the room should be looking like a den of thieves.

The next step is the closet. All the clothes must come out. Take them off the hangers and carefully wash them up over the sheets, etc. that you have strung around the room. Toss the hangers out the

Anna Bird Stewart Gives Lectures

McPherson College was very fortunate in having Anna Bird Stewart, lecturer and author, on the campus last Tuesday, March 30. She spoke to the student body in chapel, in several classes, and to individual students.

Miss Stewart has written several books, including "Three White Cats of Avignon", "Bibi, the Bakers Horse", "Two Young Corsicans", and "Young Miss Burney", her latest. "Three White Cats of Avignon" has been used as a guide book by 60 groups of tourists to Avignon, France, where Miss Stewart has spent much time. She worked on "Bibi, the Bakers Horse" for seven years, and the first draft of the story was written in pencil and on envelopes. In order to write "Young Miss Burney", she read 500 books. By presenting these facts of her writing career to the students, she conveyed to them the difficulties in writing.

Further, Miss Stewart warned the prolific writers not to write about things they do not know about. Her advice was "to write



something about something you know something about." Too many young writers use "purple passages" and flowery writing. This is a bad policy. She also said that writing is a matter of rewriting. By going over your manuscript time and time again you allow the possibility of making the story much more interesting by eliminating some of the words.

School To Last Until June 12

A rumor swept over the campus yesterday that this academic year would extend into the second week of June.

After much protestation, it turned out to be an April Fool joke!

nearest window. They won't be needed for quite some time. Shoes are difficult things to mismatch and place in the wrong parts of the building. If there are sundry boxes in the closet place them around the room according to your own artistic taste.

Then comes the desk. This is usually more fun, because of all the little things like paper clips, rubber bands, and pencils. By all means use all of these materials you care to. It helps achieve that finished effect. Thumb tacks are quite effective in the toes of shoes. So is old gum, for that matter. Carefully take all the books and make a nice bundle of them. Then place them in a very dark corner of the closet under some dirty clothes. Further camouflage the stack with a mouse trap ready to snap at unsuspecting fingers. At this point the desk should be clean. Turn it upside down and jam all the chairs in the room on top of it.

If I have overlooked anything else of importance, I would gladly welcome suggestions. One cannot become careless in this art. The most important thing to have at one of these room stacking sessions is a very alive and alert imagination.

As you leave the room look back, and survey the damage you have done. Don't you feel better now, or would you like to drop a paper bag of water over the door to hit the occupant and awake him from his faint when he enters the room and sees his neat abode in a horrible mess.

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Dear Editor

This letter is not merely an attempt to "needle" you. It is to express my opinion on some of the things which have happened to the Spec lately. One thing I want to discuss is a letter which appeared in the last edition concerning the front-page cartoons. I, too, believe that the editor should exercise a bit more discretion in weeding out the coarser forms of humor in some cases. That appearing in the last edition was swell. I do think it rather unfortunate, however, that the "three students" who wrote the letter did not write with conviction. They are apparently so afraid of losing their social position, that they cannot sign their names to a letter; thus coming out openly in defense of what they believe to be the right thing. Another thing I want to hit at is the note after Rowena Neher's letter to the editor. I think a deliberate attempt to ridicule a person who is proposing something through this medium is entirely contrary to the ethics of a journalist. I should like to remind you, Mr. Editor, that an editor's note after an article which is not signed by the writer, stating that it is not your opinion, does not relieve you of all responsibility. I am referring to the story about the "sour milk soup." I do not intend to condemn the facts. If all the things which were said are true, they should be printed

by all means. However, they should be printed in the form of a news story, giving facts which have been verified before printing. Hearsay in a newspaper is no more good than hearsay in a court of law. I believe that if the incident had been treated in that manner no feelings would have been hurt, and corrective action might have been taken. Everyone wants to know the truth, and realizes that to attempt to squelch the truth would be to openly challenge the things for which the college stands. Of course, if the Spec continues to print such "features" as "To Kiss a Girl Goodnight at Arnold Hall" publication should be suspended. If such stories continue, the Spec should no longer be classified among college weeklies, for it has regressed to the status of third-rate literature for students of about the fourth grade level. With malice toward none, I remain Sincerely yours, C. G. Shultz.

I am writing this letter in reply to the one that appeared in the last issue of the Spec signed by "Three Students." What's wrong with these so called "Three Students"? Don't they have the nerve to sign their name to something that they profess to believe? If I didn't have the nerve to sign my name to something that I believed I would not write it in the first place. If these "Three Students" will look in the Spec that came out during Regional Conference week they will find that there was a cartoon in that issue. I must say that I can't see anything wrong with the said cartoons and that I have seen worse in high school newspapers and our daily newspapers. Lawrence Pickens.

The President Speaks

From my report to the Board of Trustees in February: I continue to believe, and increasingly so, that a college can be no better than its teaching faculty, its administrators, and the philosophy that undergirds its educational, social, and religious program. A few fundamentals we need to keep in mind when we are inclined to pass judgment upon individuals: (1) Do we know enough of the facts or circumstances? (2) To what extent am I biased or prejudiced? (3) Am I willing to take the long view into consideration when dealing with persons? (4) Do I get personal satisfaction out of punishing folks and finding fault? How much better it would be if we would spend more time in encouraging people by complimenting them for the good rather than being so critical of the bad. Jesus said two things to which we should give more loyalty in our dealing with people: (1) "He that is without sin let him cast the first stone." (2) "Go, and sin no more." A Christian college should be Christian in practice as well as in declaration and theory. A scripture that should be kept constantly before us and in evidence is, "Whatever ye would that men should do unto you, do ye even so unto them."

More Entertainment

Does McPherson College need more entertainment? Many controversies have arisen from that question, and they shall continue rising until the matter has been settled.

"We have one party every blue moon," someone has said, and his friend retorted: "That's right, but if we had more parties would students come to them?" Then a co-ed intervenes with "I get tired of going to the show and doing the same things over and over. It's tiresome." Her classmate says: "Yes. But who wants to plan these parties? Everyone is so busy, they can't find time to prepare games and decorations and refreshments."

So, you see, there are two sides to the question. But the side that says that we do need more entertainment is the side that has the odds. For it is evident that we do. Yet, needing more social activities, we need more people willing to work and work hard to provide the type of entertainment the student body desires. Our biggest problem, then, is finding these willing students. Surely, if you want something, you are willing to work to get it.

It is the awful truth, when students compare our campus socials with other colleges our size they find we fall short in many activities.

We have a social committee that arranges for all the student entertainment. But this group is entirely too limited to cope with all hazards that go into planning a party. What we need, and desperately, is a good team of students interested in social work and willing to devote time in giving parties backed by the college.

The only way we can possibly secure such a group is by letting people volunteer for a social group, made up of various students, who will make it possible for McPherson College to have more entertainment.

Communists Question

Russia, along with her satellites, question the American people's right to be called democratic. They contend that we are not democratic in our beliefs, nor in our actions.

Democracy is a type of government in which all classes, including the lowest, have a voice in the government. Synonymous with this definition is the statement that "all men are created equal." These things, we Americans, according to our rights, should possess. But the Communists question our rights.

According to Russians, every American does not have a voice in the government. Recently, Communist authorities claimed an American citizen, who worked in the American Embassy in Moscow, married a Russian girl. He wanted to take her to America with him, and proceeded to do so. But when the ship on which they had sailed docked in New York Harbor, United States government officials refused to let the young bride off the ship, because she was a Communist. This, say the Russians, is not having a voice in the government, for when the Russian girl married the American citizen, she automatically became a citizen of America, too.

The Communist states also question our belief that "all men are created equal." In fact, they actually scoff at the very idea of our proposing to be able to mix creed and color and race. "In America you cannot marry whom you please," they say. "But in Russia you can marry the Negro, Jew, Indian, Catholic, or whomever you please." Propaganda coming from Russian newspapers, such as Pravda, and the Russian radio indicates that there is no racial discrimination in that country, whereas there is much in America. Thus, according to the Communists, all in America are not created equal.

This is something for us to stop and think about. Most of us do not believe as the Communists do, and we do not agree with their policies. But I sincerely hope that we will strive to understand them better before we question their beliefs.

God And Nature

by Glen Hillen

In the approaching springtime we are inclined to think of God and nature more often than we do at any other season of the year. We should realize that these two subjects are inseparable, because the very nature of God is expressed through natural law as it is demonstrated in the world about us.

Using the word nature in the narrower sense, that is to refer to the realm of living and growing things, we may say that nature is the pure expression of the power and glory of God. This is true not only in the plant and animal kingdoms but also of this elusive thing we call human nature.

The true nature of man, when it is allowed to express itself, is one of the most marvelous examples of the power of God. In many lives this nature is so per-

verted that we are inclined to doubt that nature is such a wonderful thing after all.

A study of the nature of man reveals that the very fact of man's ability to choose is an indication that man has a marvelous power of reasoning. If he had not, then certainly with this power of choice, he would be in a worse state than that in which he finds himself.

We sometimes look at the immediate future and fail to see no longer results of man's action. Man is, after all, a wonderful creature and if we have any faith in God we must believe that in the long run "the wrong will fall, the right prevail."

God expresses himself in the world of nature, in a wonderful way. But He expresses himself even more beautifully in the nature of man.

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Chapel

Monday

Speaker for the morning was Richard Burger, an alumnus of this college and a missionary from Africa. By way of introduction, Mr. Burger read the words to the recently popular song "Civilization." This song expressed the sentiments of both Richard and his wife, Anne. Mr. Burger pointed out the effectiveness of man's work when he sees a need. Though the Burgers were not experts on medical, pedagogical, and agricultural problems while in Africa, they have accomplished great feats in these fields with the Africans.

Tuesday

Miss Lehman introduced the speaker for the morning, a celebrated writer, Miss Anna Bird Stewart. Miss Stewart began her dissertation by answering the questions that are always asked of her. The questions are her age, the rent she pays, why she never married, and why she became a writer. She became a poet at the age of five through a necessity to discard a bad habit, that of tearing her pockets by stuffing them with stones. She concentrated her efforts from then on upon writing rather than upon watching pretty stones. She explained to the students how she happens to compose some of her poetic selections.

Campus Activities

Wednesday

Today, the Chapel Choir sang "Indifference." The address was delivered by Dr. S. J. England, Dean of the College of Bible at Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma. Dr. England spoke to the audience about progress brought about by education. He pointed out the importance of learning things that will be useful in the future. One should think of education not merely in terms of mental and physical development, but in relation to the development of the whole self.

Pi Mu

The Pi Mu society of McPherson College held a meeting on March 31 at 8 p. m., which the pre-medical and pre-ministerial students and wives attended. Dr. Prehelm from Moundridge displayed his large collection of kodachrome slides which he took while in C. P. S. camp in Puerto Rico.

Tally Ho!

By Professor Ways And Means

General man-about-campus and basketball player Lawrence Lowrey joined the International Order of Odd Fellows last Tuesday night. Draw your own conclusions, but don't make any rash statements. His absence from the Kleeber game also gave the X-Men's a 55-25 victory.

See where Murray Dickson shut out the Yanks in a no hit game 7-0 last Monday. Hadn't been done in spring practice since 1935. The majors are on the upgrade again.

A vote of thanks goes to Harry Heckethorn and Bob Odie for the swell job they have been doing of refereeing the intramural basketball games. The season has really been drawn out and the final games are this week.

Buck Reinecker, captain and three year letterman on the football team, will be back for his fourth year next fall.

While Coach Hayden is at Canton next year, his son Tommy will be attending Oklahoma A. and M. He is studying for a career in Ceramic Engineering.

The "M" Club banquet will be held Saturday, April 24, in the Blue Room of the Warren. The spring initiation is next Monday. A chapel program has been arranged and everyone is cordially invited to attend the festivities.

The formal initiation will be conducted Monday night in the gym with only members of the club present.

Speaking of this intramural basketball trophy-if it were for sportsmanship it would probably go to P. T. For all you non-combatants who did not know there was a trophy at stake, and wondered why all these teams were killing themselves on the basketball floor, you might glance in the coach's office sometime and have a look-see. The winning team gets its name engraved on the gold plate.

Baseball fans are always thinking up new ones. Right now it takes longer to get from second to third than from first to second because there's a short-stop in between. Second and third? Who's on first? What's on second. No-no-no-no! Wrong act! Spike Jones you know.

Speaking of aptees, someone might try nailing the south stairs back on Sharp Hall. Not that it has anything to do with sports, except the ones who fixed them. If anyone has any sport footnotes they might give them to Dean Coughenour, Winston Beam, or Morris McClung for printing in this column.

Seeing as how this is the end for this week we might say, Tally Ho!



The Antique Table

by Niel Hamilton

Part III (Continued)

"What do you mean a white suit's a wonderful clue?" Mrs. Casper asked.

"I mean," replied Sgt. Flanders, "that not many men in Brandon wear white suits in September."

"But, that's perfectly silly, if you ask me. How can you use such a thing as a clue? You'll never find him that way. Now, if you'll take my advice, you'll..."

"Look, lady, nobody asked you for your advice."

Sgt. Flanders quickly moved away from Mrs. Casper to the door and called his men.

"Look, boys, send out an alarm to pick up all men in or around Brandon wearing white suits. Bring 'em to headquarters for questioning."

He then turned to Harriet and Carey and called to them. "Everything will work out fine. We'll try to locate the man who took your table and return it."

"Thank you," Harriet said. "Are you positive it wasn't worth a lot of money?"

"It isn't worth a lot of money. I'm sure of that. But we admired the antique table so very much. It seemed so a part of the house."

"Can't figure out why he snatched it, if it wasn't worth something." Sgt. Flanders rubbed his chin as he walked from the house to the waiting patrol wagon.

"I hope that Irkome old table is gone for good," Carey mumbled, as he watched the car fade from sight.

Three days later, Mrs. Casper was called into the police headquarters to identify the thief of the antique table. She, with no hesitation, said that the young, slender man in an immaculately white suit was the thief.

"Are you sure this is the man?" "Certainly!"

"The man you saw enter the Haskitt home on the night of September 21?"

"Of course," Mrs. Casper assured. "I know this is the man."

Promptly, the questioning began with Mugsy Monahan as the recipient. It turned out by the thief's confession, that there were two identical tables in Brandon. One contained \$50,000 worth of jewels hidden in a secret drawer, the other was worthless. It was the one belonging to the Haskitts. When Carey heard of the outcome of the theft and knew the table had been replaced, he was bitterly provoked. He and Harriet spent one entire afternoon searching through their antique table, trying to find a secret drawer. They didn't.

The next time Carey and Harriet dated, he felt as though he must get all the things off his chest that had been burdening him so long. They sat on the front steps of the Haskitt's, holding hands, when he turned to her.

"Harrie—" "Yes, Carey."

"Yes, I am very disappointed in you."

"In me?" "Yes."

"Why?" "Well," his voice broke, but he immediately gained control of it again. "I've been thinking. You wanted that old antique table as much as anyone. You have an affection for it. I loathe it. When it was stolen you wanted it back. I wanted never to see it again. You actually worry more about that piece of junk, than you ever worry about me. Are you in love with it?"

"What?" "Are you attached to that table in any way?"

Harriet paused a moment, then leaned back on the top step.

"Yes, Carey, I am. It's so romantic—so full of history—so..."

"Aw, fudge!" Carey stood up, and with hands in his pocket, strolled down the walk, kicking at things he did not see.

"You disappoint me terrible," he finally sighed.

"You me, too," Harriet said following him. "Why do you hate it so?"

Carey bit his lip and turned to face her.

"Yes, I gestured with his hand, 'Just think if that antique table," he pointed to the house, "had been the other table, the one with the \$50,000 in it, things wouldn't be so bad. But to be that one is horrible within itself. It isn't worth a penny."

"You're disgusting and quite unreasonable, Carey Foster."

"Oh, I am, am I?"

"Yes. Making such a fuss over a piece of furniture. If we quibble and quarrel over a triviale like that we would do it over anything."

He made a face at her. She stomped her foot and raised her voice.

"Oh, you're impossible!" "You're vain," he whispered.

At this, Harriet's mouth flew open and she vigorously folded her arms.

"Well, of all the nerve—" "It didn't take any nerve."

Harriet frowned at him in disgust, then turned on her heel and stomped her way to the front door. Before she entered the house, she turned with a snobbish air and said: "Goodbye, you nit wit."

(Concluded Next Week)

Daughter for Helmans

On March 28, Rev. and Mrs. Blair Helman became the parents of a daughter, Harriet Ann Helman. She weighed 6 lbs. 13 oz. Rev. Helman will be remembered at McPherson College as Blair Helman, class of '46, and his wife, as Pat Kennedy, class of '47.

Mr. Helman is head of the Sociology Department at Ottawa University, and pastor of the Ottawa, Kansas Church of the Brethren.

They're Engaged!

Mr. and Mrs. O. L. Tanruther of Waterloo, Iowa, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jean, to Dick Klingaman, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Klingaman, also of Waterloo. No date has been set for the wedding.

Letter From Japan

Yozan (Toshiro) Tsubokawa, an alumnus of McPherson College, recently sent a letter to a person on the campus, from which the following excerpts were taken: Dear Friends of McPherson College:

Some of you who were once in the college during the school year of 1936 and 1937 still remember me by the name of Toshiro Tsubokawa, only Japanese student at that time and presumably the only one since then. You might wonder what happened to me, as I a number of times wonder about you. I am writing this letter to you all with the most ardent hope that you will receive it favorably and will write an answer as soon as possible.

I don't really know where to begin. During the past 12 years, many things have happened, not to speak of the war. I came back to my country in the early part of 1940, after graduation from Denver University and a short stay in New York. I came back in time to see my mother just before she died of cancer.

I am now the father of two children, both girls. I was married in 1943. My wife is Japanese, but she was also educated in the United States. I met her while in Denver. So, you see, we have a lot in common.

I got a job as reporter of the Yomiuri Press only a week prior to the war in the Pacific and was dispatched to Burma in 1943. There I was engaged in news reporting, and remained until the surrender. While in Burma, I had many bitter experiences of the war. Day and night bombing. I had a strange feeling when I saw the American planes with my own eyes for the first time. When they came to raid us wave after wave, I did not feel that they were hostile planes, instead I felt that

they were friendly ones. I watched and stared at them until they faded away. Then I saw a cloud of smoke rising here and there caused by the raids, and I realized that the hostility was going on between my country and your country. I wondered a number of times why we had to fight. I spent many sleepless nights and I cried, and I prayed for peace. I prayed for peace and defeat of Japan. It sounds funny to say that I prayed for the defeat of Japan, but it was true. I thought that if the war result turned out to be favorable for Japan, the Japanese militarists would have dominated not only Japan, but the whole of Asia and then there would have been no real peace and prosperity.

When I was in the McPherson campus, I was several times asked whether I was pacifist or not. Of course, I replied that I was. I still remember when I made a speech in a certain church in the town of McPherson I said that I was against the policy the government of Japan was then carrying. I am and shall always be a pacifist.

I was put into prison before I was dispatched to Burma, on the charge that I listened to radio broadcasts from America and it was against the law.

I came back to Japan in the summer of 1946, only to find defeat of my nation and suffering of my people. I found my house burned down and my family gone. I did not know if my family were alive or not—until I saw them with my own eyes. They had been displaced far out into the country.

I am looking forward to the time when peace treaty is signed and we will be able to go to the U. S. again, and so please look forward to that time. Until then, goodbye, and I hope you are in good health. I am waiting for the letter from you.

Love to you all, Toshiro.

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Students Take Over

New Officers Installed

The campus of McPherson College was thrown into a state of confusion, when the students literally took over the administration and installed their own members, chosen unanimously. For a time, it seemed that the only solution for the turmoil caused by rebelling students would be to call out the state police.

Big, robust and rowdy President Eddie Stein issued proclamations that changed the entire policy, the rules and the regulations of the college. One new ruling was that there should be dancing in the SUR from 8 until 10 p. m. every night. Music should be furnished by Moyer and his Boogie Beaters, featuring the talented vocalists, "Chuck Lewis and Mae Williams. Another rule set forth by dynamic Dr. Stein was for a twelve o'clock night, every night. This parlor of Arnold Hall should officially be designated as a trusting place for students, with positively no lighting. Students were required to attend only the classes that interested them and if they became bored during lectures, they could get up and walk out. These orders were prepared and issued by President Stein's efficient secretaries, Ardyss and Avis Albright, one for each knee.

In his opening address to the students in chapel, Cliff Shultz, newly appointed Dean of the College, fully supported President Stein's new rulings. Dean Shultz further urged that a Communist organization be set up on the campus, as so many of the students are inclined to agree with the Russian policies. He asserted that free beverages be served in the Student House and that an official bridge club should be sponsored by the Men's and Women's Councils. Nightly poker conferences should also be held in the Boy's dormitory, with official invitations sent to the Biology Instructor each night.

Dean of Women, Ruth Merkey and Dean of Men, Harry Knapp, pooled their efforts in trying to obtain additional fire escapes for the dormitories for the students' use. Dr. Merkey insisted that the boys be granted permission to visit the girls after hours. Dr. Merkey believes in justice for all!

The Business Manager of the college, Mr. Leroy Doty, advised the administration that ten percent of the year's fee would be refunded to students. He also thinks that he will be able to arrange a discount for board and room bills that have not been paid. New head residents were selected for the various halls by the student body. For Arnold Hall, newly weds Betty and Charles Bell will be head residents. Their office hours will be from 11:50 until 12 midnight. Kenny Jarboe was elected House Father of Fahnestock Hall and Mary Bollinger, House Mother of Kline.

Registrar Nevie Nemeyer re-

ceived and accepted ten new applicants for admission from Quinter, Kansas. These prospective students fully agree with the college's change in policy. Miss Nemeyer definitely believes the entire town of Quinter should attend McPherson College, or, better still, a McPherson Junior College should be started at Quinter.

After the school officials newly elected took their positions and set to work, McPherson College campus, with that "new look", saw things it had never dreamed of seeing before.



What Would Happen If—

by Jan

More people threw away their wish bones, rested their jaw bones, and relied more on their back bones.

All of the steps were removed from Sharp Hall.

The boys had waited just a few minutes longer to raid the girls' dorm.

There were no water fights in the dorms.

The boys weren't quite so thorough in stacking Bill Daggett's room.

Dr. and Mrs. Fleming gave instructions in a course entitled, "Moonlight Strolls in Lakeside Park."

No jokes were played on April Fool's Day.

Hornly Hall didn't smell so bad at times.

Knowledge weren't so hard to acquire.

Marx Jones went steady. Stan Sargent couldn't look over crowds with ease.

Two and two didn't come out five so many times.

Campus News

Jack Applegate, Public Relations Head of McPherson College, has just returned from an extended tour of the world. He spent most of his tour in Paris, France.

Chemistry professor, Kenneth Snowberger, has invented a new drug that will entice the most bashful of co-eds. He is at present working on a formula for the possibility of a student going to sleep in class and not being noticed by the instructor.

Prof. Bill Daggett and Miss Jan Whitmer, heads of the Music Department of the college, will present a recital in the chapel tomorrow night at 8 p. m. The highlight of the evening will be Miss Helen Stover's rendition of "Tommy Dorsey's Boogie Woogie", and Mr. Sammy High's melow interpretation of "Slap Her Down Axelin Pa." Other numbers will include the Male-Female Quartette's "Matinee," "Manana" by Doris Coppock, and "I'm Looking Over a Four Leaf Clover" by the duet, Baerg and Baerg. Miss Rowena Neher will render "Back Beat Boogie" on the marimba.

The former professors of the college held a banquet last night which bingo and poker covered most of the evening. It was sponsored by Miss Della Lehman and Prof. James Herkebile.



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Dean's Corner

When I took my office on the 1st of April, I resolved to make a few radical changes in the administrative policies of the school. I am sure that Pres. Stein is in full accord with me in the changes which I have proposed. (If only he isn't too big for me.)

We have arranged for dancing in the Student Room from 8:00 to 10:00 p. m., each day until other forms of recreation are available. There are yet a few who are not in favor of such a move, but they are rapidly being weeded out, and will soon be without an office—or a head. We have very effective measures for persuading people they are wrong whether they are wrong or right. The music for the coming shindigs will be played by Ronnie Moyer and his Boogie Beaters. Moyer will lead the beat with his new trumpet, and will have Chazz Lewis and Sarah Mae Williams as guest vocalists on the opening night.

I have informed the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women that hereafter, until the end of my reign, Arnold Hall's parlor will remain open until midnight every night, and the lights will go out permanently.

Despite opposition from the Veteran bloc, I have decided that the old rule for no smoking must be strictly enforced. I have no desire to cut my way through a fog in order to get to the Central Office. Anyone caught disobeying this order will be given a fair trial and shot.

Word has been sent to all the professors to excuse anyone who feels that they should go home any time within four days of the coming holiday or week-end, and if they find it difficult to return within three days after that week-end, they can get an excuse from the Dean for a slight pecuniary consideration.

All future editions of the Spectator will be submitted for my approval. I feel that it is my duty to prevent the corruption of the minds of the student body with undesirable reading material. (Incidentally, there are a couple of the present members of the Spec staff who should be hung by their toes until they see the error of their ways.)

Hereafter, chapel will be held only once each week. Any speaker keeping the students awake for a period longer than fifteen minutes will be shot.

Chapel programs will consist of fun and singing for the most part. This will be interrupted from time to time so that I can tell you what I want you to know.

I am sure that with all the students and faculty co-operating, we can get along nicely, and I am certain that anyone who has read this far is a far bigger fool the year around than I am on the first of April.

Stormy Weather

They talk about the diversified weather in Kansas! Well, here's one for you. The wind this week has been unusually strong and stormy. But even then not very many college students realized how strong it was until they woke up Wednesday morning to find the south steps of Sharp Hall uprooted and moved about ten feet from their original resting place.

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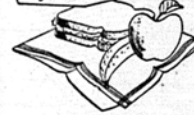
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