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Dear Editor

In last week's Spectator there appeared in the editorial column a criticism of a rather juvenile prank played at the college level. I refer to the reference made concerning the incident in which some ingenious mind or minds evolved the brilliant idea of flying (and not at half mast either) the soiled upper portion of a gentleman's under garments. I once knew a group of third grade boys who stumbled on a similar idea on a certain Halloween night which seemed to be pregnant with opportunity for such intrigue. I appreciate the author's zeal for and appeal toward a greater respect for our national emblem, the flag. Using the specific symbol which the author referred to we might observe the following.

The flag is a symbol used by nations and in some instances other associations as an organizational emblem. A symbol may be a sign or a word that represents something else, or a series of things. In an organization an emblem's symbolical reference is supposed to be agreed upon by the total personnel or membership.

In our present state of civilization we are gradually coming to acknowledge that symbols and their emotional associations are relative to the individual regardless of the group's general acceptance of symbolical significance. This, however, is not excluding the possibility of man's intelligent control of his emotional associations.

The author of last week's editorial represented a person who is willing to lay down his life in the defense of the country for which the "Stars and Stripes" stand. I think that he or she would say that "Old Glory" represents a land whose ideals and rights are worth living or dying for. For the political statesman who is willing to contemplate war for his own nation in order to oppose another faction in the world, the flag might stand for power, material resources, a pride in the ability of his country to stand up to any world situation and enforce peace. There is a difference in these two viewpoints. The former probably has an attitude of sacredness toward and gratefulness for the privileges enjoyed by being a citizen of this nation. To the latter there is an attitude perhaps of boastfulness, false pride, pomposity and a danger of greed, extending the meaning of defense to world dominance. This is an attitude with an insatiable appetite which contin-

ually demands satisfaction under the guise of good intent for the welfare of the masses.

Upon reflection we must wonder whether there might be danger in rallying 'round the flag too unreservedly, when its meaning may be so diversified as past events would indicate. Many flags have been used by men of influence to misguide and give the common man.

Perhaps to use precedence to the symbolism of a new flag would serve a higher purpose with less danger to the welfare of the masses. The flag of the U. N. might symbolize to us a WORLD where well fed children may laugh and play without fear and want and free men may provide for their loved ones in security and peace. Perhaps we should stress less the national spirit and serve our nation best by looking towards world citizenship.

If democracy needs to be defended, the best practical defense is to make sure of its practice in our own land and prove by its intrinsic value its worth to all mankind.

Do not be too exasperated with those who would hang the unwashed wash on the flag pole in an exaggerated sense of humor, but beware of those of influence who might make of the flag a dirty undershirt by using our allegiance to it an implement to satisfy their own misguided emotional drives. Men have become slaves in this manner!

Marvin Hanson.

I just now finished reading the April 2 issue of the Spectator. I felt moved to write concerning a letter to the editor written by Clifford Schultz. If it were possible I'd shake Cliff's hand, but since it is not, let it suffice if I say, "Bravo, Cliff."

I, too, read the articles that Cliff mentioned in his letter. I at that time wanted to write a letter to the editor, but I refrained from it. But after reading Cliff's letter, I couldn't say "no" to myself again.

I was a bit surprised, to say the least, to see the Spectator print such trivial as this one article "Kissing A Girl at Arnold Hall" really is.

Now, concerning the letter of the "three students" I agree with them in objecting to some of the cartoons that appear in the paper, but I can't understand their lack of guts, or if you will, intestinal fortitude in refusing to sign their names. What do they expect to gain if they don't have the courage, or is it faith, to back up what they profess to believe with their signature?

A former student,
 Della Mae Unruh.

The President Speaks

In the recent Bulletin of the Association of American Colleges, Dr. Mildred McAfee Horton, president of Wellesley College and president of the Association last year, quoted the following characterization of a clergyman as also applicable to a college president.

"Surely men and women in our positions should have:
 The innocence of a lamb.
 The wisdom of an owl.
 The cheerfulness of a cricket.
 The friendliness of a squirrel.
 The complacency of a camel.
 The adaptability of a chameleon.
 The diligence of a beaver.
 The vision of an eagle.
 The patience of an ox.
 The endurance of an elephant.
 The tenacity of a bull-dog.
 The courage of a lion.

Should All Students Vote?

The turnout for the Student Council elections on Thursday, April 15, was the largest in the history of the college. 277 persons cast their votes for president, secretary, and cheerleaders of the student body. This was a good percentage of the enrollment of the college, but still some persons did not vote.

Is it the duty of every student of McPherson College to vote? Especially in the big election of the year? Some students think that each and every person attending this institution should have cast his vote in the recent election. Then others insist that if a person does not care to vote that is his privilege.

In many of the schools, a quorum is set. Other schools deem it imperative to have the winner be eligible only by receiving a necessary percentage more votes than his opponent.

Last year, the number of persons that voted for the Student Council election was far below this year's number, and the year before that was even lower. Perhaps next year, all of the students will turn out to vote, and then again perhaps they won't. Well, what do you think? Should all students vote?

A Misunderstanding

Last week, the Student Council elections took place. The votes were cast on Thursday; and on the evening of that same day, they were counted. The Spectator was to have the outcome of those elections as a scoop. Why? Not because we HAD to have it, but merely because the president of Student Council had promised two members of the staff that the Student Council would save the elections results as a scoop for our publication. We could have consented to have the tallies posted, but we felt that since we had been promised and since we had left a very large space in the paper for the above mentioned scoop we had every right to expect to print the story as a surprise to the student body.

Many of the students think that the staff of the Spectator is to blame for their not hearing about the results of the Student Council elections sooner. We felt that we were entitled to publish the story as a flash; we were not trying to hold it from the students for the fun of it.

Nevertheless, the story was not a scoop! Some of the persons who counted the votes definitely did not keep it under their hats, and by Friday morning certain persons had told their best friends, and they in turn told their best friends... and you know how it goes. 'Round and 'round and round the campus.

We only wish to say that there was some misunderstanding about the entire affair... after all, a promise is a promise and a scoop is a scoop!

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Campus Activities

Chapel

Monday

Rowena Neher and Marlene Bowman opened the chapel by playing a marimba duet "Intermezzo Russa."

Wednesday

Miss Bonnie Burk led in the singing of "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart." Dr. Peters read the Scripture lesson from Matthew 6.

BYPD

Did you know that the Mennonite Church was originated 100 years before the Church of the Brethren and that the Methodist Church, 20 years after was started...

The Seniors

Claude Dadisman has a student pastorate at Larned, Kansas, and is a Student Minister, being chairman of the group in his junior year.

Byron Dell whose home is Holmsville, Nebraska, claims sociology as his major. He and his family now reside in Kline Hall.

Major for Alice Ruth Bailey, from Hamlin, Kansas, is Music Education. Nicknamed just Bailey, she does well with the ivories...

Sociology is also Donnis Wampler's major. Her rural home is near McPherson and when she marries Melvin Fishburn...

Junior Eberly has a functional major, including English Life. His home is where he hangs his hat...

was Rowena Neher. Colleen Doyle read scripture. Watchword Benediction closed the worship.

Student Ministers

An interesting discussion on the subject of pastoral calling took place at the meeting of the student ministers on Tuesday evening of this week.

McPherson College Players

The first curtain will go up at 8 p. m. on Tuesday April 27 for the "Night of January 16."

Pi Mu

The Pi Mu Society met on April 21, in the SUR at 8 p. m. The program consisted of three short films, one of which dealt with the life of Louis Pasteur.

SCA

On Tuesday at 9:50, the SCA held a meeting with the representatives of Kansas' Dry Forces in the Chapel. The program proved very interesting and beneficial to all who attended.

"M" Club

There was an "M" Club meeting on Wednesday, April 22, in the Physical Education Building. The members discussed the coming "M" Club Banquet.

really halls from Overbrook, Kansas. Junior has completed college on the installment plan. He has now been here for eight years, intermittently.

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About Alumni

By Ira N. H. Brammell



Homer Ferguson, '12 graduated from the Commercial Department of McPherson College thirty-six years ago. Upon the advice of Professor Fahnestock, head of the Commerce Department, Homer went out to find a job.

Those two weeks bore fruit, for Homer has been with this company continuously since 1912 except for one year spent in the army during World War I and two or three years spent in Dodge City, where he was connected with a Real Estate firm.

After returning from Dodge City he became vice-president in charge of underwriting, and during the last ten years he has served the company as its secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Ferguson was the former Meroe Haggood from McPherson. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson are the parents of two sons: Jim, who was a lieutenant in the Air Corps during World War II, was killed in the Philippines in 1945. He was a graduate of McPherson High School and had spent one year at Kansas University.

The other son, Ward, is a junior in McPherson High School. Mr. Ferguson has served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, president of the Lions Club, commander of the American Legion, and president of the Kansas Baptist Convention.

He is at present a director of the Y. M. C. A., moderator of the local Baptist church, a director of the Kansas Baptist conference, president of the Kansas Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, a director of the National Association of Mutual Insurance Companies, a trustee of McPherson College representing the city of McPherson, that of Mayor. Although not interested in politics, Homer accepted the responsibility of mayor as a civic duty.

Mayor Ferguson has the congratulations and good wishes of McPherson College and the alumni association as he continues to serve in his many capacities.

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Little Drops of Water

by Glen Hillen

There is an old poem that we sometimes think is trite and out-of-date, and it admittedly is poor poetry, but perhaps we should think of its meaning regardless of these facts.

Little drops of water, Little grains of sand, Make a mighty ocean, And a pleasant land.

Little deeds of kindness Little words of love, Make on earth an Eden Like to heaven above.

We often fail to realize the importance of the little things we say and do. We must realize that most of the things we say are in themselves small things but in that very fact we realize that our

influence is principally determined by the small things we say or do.

We often seem to believe that we have done our duty if we conform to our ideal in the big decisions of our lives, but the big decisions are really minor compared to the life we live in our everyday words and deeds.

If we were asked to decide between our life and our Christianity most of us would choose our Christianity. It is not as easy though, to live from day to day so that every deed and word will lead to the goal of perfection.

Let us realize that every word, deed, and thought is an indication of our character and that our power for good depends upon these little things.



The Roving Eye

We hear (by way of the campus grape-vine) that some of the fellows that went on the A Cappella tour left staunch body-guards and sly spies behind to protect their "bon femmes" from the entrances of the er--- shall we say other carnivorous quadrupeds of the dog family.

What is this about the Third Floor Arnold Girls' Date Schedule For Larry Club? We think some of them have been quite lenient with themselves!

Spring is the time for new things, but there are a few old romances that seem to be budding anew. They are Pat Gentry and Dick Eggleston, Charles Tharrington and Joy Hornbaker, Joan Lehman and Ivan Lobban, and Yvonne Riffel and Ellis Albright.

The only thing about that last twosome is the man back home. What will he say? Seems 'ho he has a special attraction for this vivacious blonde!

Well, well, well, it looks like Chuck Royer just goes from one blonde to another. Only they get younger and younger as time goes on. (But we but he still hasn't forgotten that certain blonde from Quinter.)

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Make your appointments early, fellas! Avoid the rush. Ruth Davis has summed up her home economics knowledge in twenty-five words in the "Why I Like Libbey's Tomato Juice" contest. This grand prize is a shiny new Cadillac.

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