

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL

Samoan Christmas Customs Include All-Night Caroling

By Vaiao Alailima

The climax of the Christmas season in Samoa comes about Christmas Eve and continues to the next evening. During this time Christmas is celebrated religiously.

Each family gets together in one house for an evening worship which is followed by a feast. In the evening prior to the feast the pastor of the church notifies each family of his church when the caroling will start. Each family ends its feast in time to go caroling about nine.

A large group is divided, each caroling at as many houses as possible before six in the morning. When two groups from different congregations meet during the night, they sing to each other.

All the families in the community have an opportunity to hear the carolers. The families are not obligated to give gifts to each group of carolers, but it is the custom to do so. The last stop is at the pastor's house where all sing. As soon as the refreshments are served here, the Christmas service will take place.

After church each family will have its Christmas feast. Then everyone will participate in the activities going on the rest of the day.

The exchange of gifts is also practiced in Samoa. Exchanging gifts is a symbol of the Gift which God gave us on the first Christmas Day.

Paul Mingenback Dies In Accident

Paul Mingenback, a freshman at McPherson College, met an accidental death while hunting, Tuesday, December 13.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Mingenback, Sr., 1205 N. Walnut, Paul has lived in McPherson all of his life. He was born here July 12, 1930.

He was graduated from McPherson High School in 1948. He was a member of St. Joseph's Church.

Paul's funeral was held yesterday at 9:00 in St. Joseph's Church. Rosary was Wednesday evening at the Quiring Funeral Home.

His schoolmates extend deepest sympathy to his family.

Teacher Certificatates Require New Courses

Interest in teaching has increased in just the past few years. This is especially true in the elementary field. This is true because there is a greater need for teachers in the elementary schools.

Beginning with spring of 1952, qualifications for certificates are being changed for both elementary and secondary teachers.

It will be possible and desirable for students getting degrees by 1951 to qualify for the new requirement. McPherson College has scheduled new courses for next year so that students may meet these requirements.

The Central Office has copies of the 1952 requirements, and they are available to enrolling officers and students.

Students To Help With Annual Party

To help with the annual Lions Club Christmas party in McPherson will be members of the music, dramatic, and speech departments of McPherson College.

All children aged 4-8 in McPherson and vicinity are invited to the party Sunday afternoon, December 18, at the Community Building.

Participating in the program will be Vernon Nicholson, LeRoy Doty, Rowena Neher, Ken Kinzie and Dale Oltman as clowns, Recreational Council, and the Men's Quartette of Albert Rogers, Don Guthrie, Alvin Willems, and Gilford Ikenberry.

Mac Faculty Plan Vacation Trips

McPherson apparently seems to be the best place to spend the Christmas vacation as a good percent of the professors have chosen to stay here during the holidays.

Homebodies will include: Dean Luther Warren, Professors Olson, Robert Mohler, Raymond Flory, Kenneth Bechtel, Miss Della Lehman, Miss Jessie Brown, Miss Mildred Slek, Mr. Ira Brammel, and Gordon Yoder. Professor Maurice Mess will be in McPherson for the vacation with the exception of Christmas Day which he will spend in Great Bend, Kansas.

Miss Helen Howe isn't sure yet where she's going but is considering Salina.

Miss Audrey San Romant will visit Hutchinson and Miss Vancil plans to spend part of the time in Ottawa.

Professor Donald Frederick intends to travel through Illinois and Indiana where he will visit relatives. He also said he's going to do some back work caught up. Professor Plasterer and Professor McAuley will spend Christmas in Colorado and Idaho respectively.

Coach "Frosty" Hardacre will spend a few days in Ness and Professor Bowman will travel to Carlsbad National Park, New Mexico for his Christmas.

Traveling farthest for his vacation will be Professor Milton Dell, who is going to New Windsor, Maryland while Miss Anne Krehbiel is going all the way to Moundville.

Try-outs For I-Act Plays To Be Held

Tryouts will be held next week for the three I-act plays to be given the second week of February.

Everyone is invited to try out whether they are a member of the "I-Acters" Club or not.

An announcement will be made later as to the specific time of the tryouts.

Maccollege To Enjoy Free Turkey Sun.

Students, faculty, and all those employed by the college will enjoy free servings of turkey Sunday noon December 18, because of the generosity of the M. E. Nehers of Quinter, Kansas.

According to the Nehers, "The Lord has blessed us with a good turkey crop this year and we have decided we wanted to furnish a free serving of turkey to the student body and the faculty."

Five turkeys have arrived in the cafeteria from Paramount Farm which is owned by the Nehers. Mark Neher is an alumnus of McPherson College, Class of '23.

Dr. W. W. Peters on behalf of the students, faculty and those employed by the college has sent a letter of thanks to the M. E. Nehers for their thoughtfulness during this Christmas season.

Maccollege Plans Occupations Day

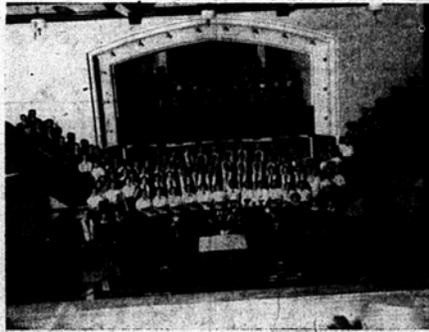
Occupation Day has been scheduled for February 24, 1950. There are two committees working out the plans for the day. The faculty committee is made up of Professors Dell, Shelly, and Lockwood. Those on the student committee are Lester Messamer, Norma Lee Couch, and Vera Hoffman.

The program will consist of visit exhibits, conferences, and special interest groups representing the various occupations.

EVERYWHERE, EVERYWHERE, CHRISTMAS TONIGHT

Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight! Christmas in lands of the fir trees and pine, Christmas in lands of the palm tree and vine, Christmas where snow peaks stand solemn and white, Christmas where cornfields lie sunny and bright, Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight! For the Christ Child who comes is the Master of all, No palace too great and no cottage to small; The angels who welcome Him sing from the height, "In the city of David, a King in his might." Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight! Then let every heart keep its Christmas within, Christ's pity for sorrow, Christ's hatred for sin, Christ's care for the weakest, Christ's courage for right, Christ's dread of the darkness, Christ's love for the light, Everywhere, everywhere, Christmas tonight!

—Phillips Brooks



Maccollege Singers Broadcast Today

McPherson College's radio program for Friday, December 16, will be a caroling program, presented by the Ladies' Trio and the Men's Quartette. Other singers will also appear.

Broadcasting time is at 2:30 over station KNEK.

SCA Christmas Party Is Tonight

Friday night, December 16, is the date for the SCA All-school Christmas party. The party will begin with games in the gym at 7:30 p. m.

At 8:00 the group will go Christmas Caroling on a hayrack. After caroling the group will meet again for more games and refreshments.

Last '49 Chapels Feature Christmas Customs, Music

A unique Christmas chapel program is being presented by the language classes on Monday. Spanish, French, German, and Italian classes will sing songs and tell about the Christmas customs in each of the respective countries.

The Spanish class will sing "Noche de Paz" or "Silent Night" in English.

French students will sing "Cantique Pour Noel."

The German class will sing "Stille Nacht," "Silent Night," and "O du Frohliche."

Members of the Italian class will also sing "Silent Night" in their language, "Notte Benigna." The last chapel program of 1949 will feature an organ and piano duet by Mrs. San Romant and Bonnie Alexander; chapel choir will sing; and there will be scripture readings. This program ends the chapel programs for the year with the Christmas spirit.

Gardening To Be Offered

Dr. Robert Mohler has announced a three-hour course in "Ornamental Gardening" (this next semester. This course is not listed in the catalogue as a second semester course, but there is proof of sufficient need for such a course to be offered.

Christmas Story In Song To Be Given Sunday, Monday

In the presentation of the annual Christmas musicale Sunday and Monday evenings, Dec. 18 and 19, the Dramatics Department will work in conjunction with the college and church choirs.

BSC Sponsors Course To Study Human Relations

A highlight of the summer school session for this year will be a Human Relations Institute. This will be a type of workshop and will be ten days or two weeks in length. The institute is being offered cooperatively by the Brethren Service Commission and McPherson College.

A nationally known human relations leader will be sent to McPherson by the Brethren Service Commission. This workshop will be under the direction of Dr. Kenneth C. Bechtel. Two hours credit of sociology will be given.

There may be a three hour session given in "Methods of Arts and Crafts" under the direction of Prof. S. M. Dell. If there is enough interest, Prof. Raymond Flory has consented to offer a three-hour course in history after the regular session.

May 31—July 27 has been set for the regular summer school session. Thirty-five to forty courses will be offered. Courses will be offered in almost every department.

Dean Warren states that there are hopes for a summer school chorus and orchestra. This will, of course, depend upon the amount of interest shown by the students.

Sociology And Gov't. Classes Take Field Trips

Various classes are winding up their first semester activities with pre-holiday field trips. Two classes went this past week; the Educational Sociology Class on Tuesday, and the U. S. Government class on Wednesday. The former visited the Wichita school system and the latter viewed the capital and met the governor at Topeka.

Eighteen persons made the sociology trip to Wichita. In Wichita they were met by Dr. Harley, head of secular education in the Wichita school system, who conducted the tour.

High points of the tour included a visit to the Institute of Logopedics. Here at the Institute speech defects are corrected. Various buildings of the Wichita school system were also visited.

The government class took four cars to Topeka. At the Capital Building the students met and interviewed Gov. Frank Carlson. Various questions were asked by the class about the governor's office and whether the Kansas governmental system needed any reforms.

The students viewed both houses of the state legislature and the Supreme Court of Kansas. Various departments under the executive section of the government were visited.

Other places visited while in Topeka included the Kansas Museum, Washburn University, and Winter General Hospital.

Exams Are Spaced 21 Hours Apart

Saratoga Springs, New York—(ACP)—Skidmore College has established a new experimental examination system. Under the new system some examinations are scheduled and others are not. The scheduled exams are spaced 21 hours apart and must be taken when scheduled unless they conflict with other exams. Unscheduled exams may be taken when desired as long as they are also spaced 21 hours apart.

In making this change, the administration hopes by the equal spacing to give more time for review for each examination. The system has been tested for the past year by the philosophy department with completely satisfactory results.

Prof. Roy McAuley is preparing a tableaux and scenes of the Christmas story to be dramatized in the choir loft during the musicale. The shepherd scene, the manger scene, and three kings scene will be enacted by members of the dramatics department.



The reader, Prof. Raymond Flory, and choir, under the direction of Prof. Don Frederick, will reveal the traditional Christmas story in song and verse next Sunday and Monday evenings at 7:30 at the Church of the Brethren. Because of popular demand, the music department is presenting "The Dawn of Hope" for the third consecutive year.

The Church choirs, the Chapel choir, the A Cappella Choir, the Women's chorus, and the Men's choir—the combination of which includes approximately 115 voices—will participate in the musicale.

Several of the soloists will appear in biblical costumes. Soloists who will appear are Mr. Roland Plasterer, tenor; Miss Florence Messick, soprano; Mr. Vernon Nicholson, baritone; Miss Eula Witmore, soprano; Mr. Earle Lapp, tenor; Mrs. Winston Goering, soprano; Mr. Harold Beahm, tenor; and Mr. Albert Rogers, tenor.

The musicale will contain several selections from Handel's Mrs. Lloyd Larran, assisted by Mrs. Albert Guyer, will accompany the choir at the organ. Miss Bonnie Alexander, assisted by Miss Anne Krehbiel, will play piano accompaniment.

Mr. Vernon Nicholson is administrative assistant, and Mr. Roy McAuley will have charge of scenes and lighting.

"Messiah" and the cantata, "The Christ Child," by C. B. Hawley. One of Professor Frederick's compositions, "Let Us Now Go Even Unto Bethlehem," will be sung by the Men's Chorus. Other composers works to be used are Dudley Buck, J. Stainer, C. Dickinson, E. V. Nolte, A. Warrell, F. C. Butcher, Praetorius, and P. A. Von.

Bechtel Replaced Olson

Dr. Kenneth Bechtel took the place of Dr. Oscar Olson in the General Education Conference held in Topeka Dec. 9 and 10. Others who attended were Dean Luther Warren, Prof. Lowell Heisy, and Miss Sarah May Vancil.

Dell Leads Rec Lab At New Windsor

Prof. S. M. Dell will attend a Recreational Laboratory at New Windsor, Maryland, December 26-31. He will go there as a leader in crafts of metal works and plastics. He will also lead forum discussion and other discussions at which time he will make presentation of different types of recreation for different and all-age groups.

Following the laboratory the National Recreational Committee of the Church of the Brethren will meet. Professor Dell is chairman of this committee.

Christmas Means Love

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life—John 3:16.

It was the year 4 B. C. God sent His son into the troubled world to save men. For thirty-three years Christ labored on the earth.

Why is it then that men still harbor hatred and strife? Because Christ has the power only to dwell among men, not within them.

Who will worship Christ in a real spirit of love and adoration to make this Christmas a vital one in the lives of men? As we go home for Christmas vacation let us remember that Christmas means Love! —L. C.

Are We Too Ambitious?

Perhaps you have been aware of the seemingly large number of ads and amount of outside news that appears in the Spec.

With a six-column, four-page paper it is not always easy to find enough news on the campus to fill such a large paper.

Perhaps it would be better to print a smaller paper, thus being able to fill it with school news.

Since the paper is for you, why not tell us what you think of shortening the Spec by writing letters to the editor? —L. C.

Help Wanted

Student co-operation is needed for the first phase in the overhauling of McPherson; the parking project west of the gym.

The Student Council is in charge of this operation and has received a donation of over 400 feet of pipe from John Casebeer, with the San

Ore Construction Co., donating the construction implements. The sand needed for this job has been donated and all that is needed now is the labor.

Anyone wanting to help in this project by donating some of his time is asked to sign his name to a sheet of paper posted on the bulletin board in Physical Education building.

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Santa Claus Looks Familiar This Year

Those persons that were downtown last Saturday and happened to see Santa Claus walking up and down the street giving candy to all the youngsters and to some not so young probably did not think too much about it. After all, there are many Santa Clauses around this time of the year and this one is just another one of those hired to give the children a thrill.

Let's take another look at this one, though, before we let the above explanation do. This monster in Santa Claus clothing comes ambling down the street and when he bends over to give the kids candy, he looks as if he is getting ready to tackle someone.

What gives this character away is his laugh, because it is apparent that he is getting as much fun out of being Santa Claus as the kids are getting by telling him what they want for Christmas and having candy given to them.

Yes, Joe Pate, McPherson's star tackle, is playing the part of Santa Claus for the McPherson Chamber of Commerce this year.

We must admit that there has been no Santa like Joe for a long time. What other walking extravaganza in a red suit would express the Seasons Greetings by throwing a body block on you on Main Street?

We Are All Peeping Toms

Norman, Oklahoma (ACP) — "We are all peeping Toms," says Dr. Donald H. Dietrich, professor of psychology of the University of Oklahoma. He explained that there are varying degrees of peepism which the American culture tends to encourage. For example, Dr. Dietrich pointed to sex plays and advertisements which have illustrations of the human body as being peeping Tom activities. He notes also that burlesque thrives in most U. S. cities because of a slight degree of peepism which exists within the average American.

"However, there is a compelling force in some people which makes it impossible for them to keep from peeping," Dr. Dietrich observes. He explains that these individuals are emotionally sick and need referral to psychology clinics which could help them.

Works And Authors Every Student Should Know

Denton, Texas — (ACP)—Dr. Will Durant, noted philosopher, in a speech at the Texas State College for Women gave a list of works and authors everyone should know for a complete education:

"Trojan Women" by Euripides; "Lives" by Plutarch; "Confessions" by Augustine; and "The Rubaiyat" by Omar Khayyam (translated by Edward Fitzgerald); The essays of Montaigne and of Emerson; "Leaves of Grass" by Whitman; "Don Quixote" by Cervantes; Voltaire's "Candide"; and Boswell's "Life of Johnson";

Bacon's essays; Shakespeare's plays; Voltaire's short stories; works of Anatole France; Goethe's "Faust"; Keat's "Odes"; works of Shelley; "War and Peace," by Tolstoy; "Le Pere Goriot" by Balzac; and "Decline and Fall of the Roman Empire" by Gibbon; The works of Flaubert; "Brothers Karamazov" by Dostoyevsky; Thoreau's "Walden"; "Lives of the Painters" by Ruskin; and Plato's "Republic."

Also, the King James version of the Bible especially the New Testament, and Isaiah, Proverbs, Psalms and Songs of Solomon in the Old Testament.

Correction

The statement that the class of 1950 and each class after that were to leave money for the campus "face lifting" in last week's Spectator was incorrect.

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Act Your Age

It seems that by the time people reach college age they should have learned to respect other people's property. However, this has not been the case on Macampus. To cite two cases, consider the S. U. R. and the music machine in the Doghouse. The S. U. R. has been closed for repairs because some "students" have torn up the furniture and shown general disrespect for the furnishings. This has been done by people who have allegedly reached mental maturity and social consciousness.

The Doghouse music machine is another example of what happens when youthful exuberance gets out of hand. This machine was secured last year by the students after much negotiating with the faculty and the owner. This year, however the owner wants to remove his machine. Why? The reason is that "students" are ruining records and tearing up the machine.

It is considered to be a mark of distinction if a student can gyp the machine out of a few moments of music by jumping on the floor by the machine and causing the needle to jump back and play a few more bars of "Mule Train". This practice not only ruins records, but also ruins the needle. Another popular practice is to pry open the glass door in the machine so that the record titles can be arranged in a more logical, though not necessarily correct order. Unless this practice is stopped, a few

Bookstore Scene Draws Attention

"Hey! That Christmas scene is really clever." Charles Baldwin, bookstore manager, has heard this statement many times. Of course, Charles and his wife don't think the scene looks so bad either—they were the ones who erected it. One seldom sees shepherds and wise-men approaching all in one scene, but Charles explained that his theory was that it all happened simultaneously.

Anyway the figurines look very pretty mounted among hills of cotton and crystal snow. Jess Holloway even made an electric star to put above the manger. Complete with a deep blue background and shining stars, this scene is centered under the spotlight.

Irresponsible people can ruin the enjoyment and hard work of others.

If the students do not want a music box or the S. U. R. they should petition the faculty for their removal. Otherwise they should help preserve the things that others have worked long hours to get. In short ACT YOUR AGE.—Dean Cotton

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Miss Virginia Harris entertained Sunday evening with a luncheon for Miss Edna Neher, Miss Sarah May Vancil, and Mrs. E. E. Dowers.

Mary Ann Bishop and Rowena Ikenberry were the weekend guests of Clara Domann at her home in Hope, Kansas.

Wilma Geis spent Saturday night in Arnold Hall visiting Claudia Jo Stump and Verla Hummer.

Marilee, Phyllis and Winston Bowman, Arlene Mohler, Wilda Minix, Willard Werner, Geneva Krehbiel, Mildred Beck, and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Yoder were shopping in Hutchinson Saturday afternoon.

A Sunday visitor to Joyce Hardin was her grandmother, Mrs. Nellie Haden from Salina.

Doris Correll went to see her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Williford at Matfield Green, Kansas, Sunday.

Miriam Kelm, Doris Roesch, Ellis Albright, and Dale Snyder were shopping in Wichita, Saturday. They attended a show in Wichita that evening.

Lorene Clark visited at her home in Mayfield, Kansas, over the weekend.

Wayne Zeigler visited with his parents at Abilene, Kansas, this weekend.

Bishop Has Birthday
The girls on first floor of Arnold Hall surprised Mary Ann Bishop with a birthday party last Wednesday night. Refreshments of pop, cookies, and lollipops were served.

Irwin Porter spent the weekend with Gerald Neher at Gerald's home in Oswego, Kansas.

Bill Harrington, a student of Kansas State College at Manhattan, Kansas, visited Eula Broyles, Norma Couch, and Joe Grim, this weekend.

Friday afternoon, Martha Frantz and Galen Webb were shopping in Wichita.

Pattie Bittinger visited her fiancé, Irwin Stern, at Carbondale, Kansas, last weekend.

Sara Mae Williams was visiting in Newton, Kansas, last weekend.

Joy Hornbaker and Chuck Tharlington visited McPherson College campus on Sunday.

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Cosmos Uses Stars Theme For Christmas Program

The Cosmos Club had its regular Christmas program and guest night Tuesday evening in the basement of the Brethren church. The theme "Stars" was carried out in both the program and the refreshments.

The program was worked out by the program committee, and was written by Miss Harris. The program portrayed a scene in the girls dormitory with Miss Neher day dreaming as she was waiting for all of the girls to come in. Miss Neher was daydreaming about her life from her childhood and on up to her present life. The daydream was interspersed with poems, songs, records, and readings, that were done behind the scenes. Miss Harris, Miss Fee, Mrs. Fredrick, and Mrs. McAuley and Miss Krehbiel took part in the readings, songs, and poems.

The centerpiece, on the table was a Christmas tree of star shaped cookies. It was made by Miss Sick. The other table decorations also carried out the "Stars" theme.

Refreshments of chicken sandwiches, jello salad in the shape of stars, coffee, tea, nuts, and gum drops in the shape of Christmas trees and stars, were served.

Hostesses for the evening were: Mrs. Forrest Hardacre, Mrs. Burton Metzler, Mrs. J. J. Yoder, Mrs. Lowell Heisey, Mrs. Joseph Shelly, Mrs. Luther Warren, Mrs. Guy Hayes, Mrs. Effie Hershey, Mrs. H. J. Harnly, and Miss Mildred Sick.

The program committee was Mrs. Oscar Olson - Mrs. Robert Mohler, Mrs. Gordon Yoder, Miss Anne Krehbiel, and Miss Virginia Harris.

Nine Graduate First Semester

McPherson College has nine seniors that will graduate at the end of the first semester.

They are: Vernon Blickenstaff, Robert Bruce, Vance Carlson, Lawrence Collins, George Holloway, Jesse Holloway, Warren Mullines, David Stern, and James Strong.

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Santa Claus has promised to attend the party too.

Place Of Party Is A Secret

Recreational Council will hold its annual Xmas party Dec. 18 at 2:30 p. m. As is traditional, the home where the party is to be held will be unknown to the members until the exact time of the party. The committee in charge of the party is Weldon Beach, Elaine Wine, Pat Patterson and Doris Correll, chairman.

Evans-Hoffa Wedding To Be February Event

Mr. and Mrs. Franklin Evans of Overton, Nebraska announce the engagement and approaching marriage of their daughter, Jean to Mr. Ernest Hoffa, son of Mrs. Lester Hoff and the late Lester Hoffa of Grundy Center, Iowa.

Miss Evans attended McPherson College last winter and at the present time is employed at the L. B. Drug Co. of Overton.

Mr. Hoffa also attended McPherson College and for the last year has been engaged in farming near Grundy Center.

The wedding will be February 4 at the Methodist Church in Overton.



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Cline-Messamer Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. J. Keith Cline announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Mary Helen to Lester L. Messamer at an open ceremony Tuesday, December 20, at four o'clock in the afternoon in the First Church of the Brethren.

Witmore-Frantz Wedding

At an open wedding Wednesday, December 21, at 6:45 in the evening, in the First Church of the Brethren, Miss Eula Witmore will become the bride of Mr. Byron Frantz.

Former Band Instructor Eugene Crabb Marries

In a recent ceremony in Tallahassee, Florida, Mrs. Ruth Letimer Durant became the bride of Eugene N. Crabb, former band instructor at McPherson College.

The bride, a graduate of Arkansas State Teachers College, is a home economics instructor at Florida State University demonstration school, Tallahassee. The bridegroom, who was graduated from the University of Kansas and has received his master of Arts degree from Wichita University, is an instructor in the Florida State University school of music.

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Dec. 16—S.C.A. all-school Xmas Party.
Dec. 18, 19—Christmas Musicale
Dec. 21—at 12:10 p.m. vacation begins.
Jan. 2—East Central State, Ada, Okla.
Jan. 3—Southwestern, there

Volunteer Service Is For Doers

Because many people are tired of just talking about the world's needs and want to do something, Brethren Volunteer Service has been established.

A volunteer's term of service begins with a program of training and work at the Brethren Service Center at New Windsor, Maryland. A new group goes into training every three months if enough applications are on hand.

All volunteers spend approximately two months at New Windsor. Here twenty hours or more per week are spent processing relief goods and doing other necessary work for the Center. The mornings are set aside for worship, study, fellowship, recreation and classwork.

At the close of the training period, after careful personal counseling, the Volunteer is assigned to some project for the remainder of his period of service.

Dr. Mohler And Edwin To Buteh It Until New Year's

Leaving Saturday morning for Wenatchee, Washington, Mrs. R. E. Mohler and daughter, Genelle, will visit Mrs. Mohler's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Shoemaker, who are celebrating their fiftieth wedding anniversary.

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Dick Wareham, Forsaking Ministry For Coaching, Faces Rocky Road Ahead

At the beginning of every autumn term there is a rush to renew acquaintances, to get in the social rhythm of things, and explore for new faces and things.



Dick Wareham

A natural congregating place the first few days of school is the football field. Football is the first school activity to really get started, and the practice field is a convenient meeting place.

Things were no different than usual in the autumn of 1948. Early practice sessions saw the usual number of observers, and one new face was a mystery to most of the onlookers.

He was a thick-torsoed man who was clad in gym shorts and running laboriously around the track at every practice, apparently in an earnest effort to keep a body prone to add weight easily down to a comparative avastness.

Some looked more closely at the newcomer and saw a rugged featured young man obviously in early twenties with crew cut hair not stopping at the back of his neck but continuing on down his shoulders and back.

A neat part in the hair between his shoulders reminded many onlookers of two recent college athletes, Glen Swinger, starting basketball center in 1944, or Buck Reinecker, all-conference tackle in '46 and '47.

It did not take long to find out this fellow was no Buck Reinecker, athletic idol of freshman and a real friend to many overclassmen. The word around the physical education building was that this person was the new assistant coach and—"precher."

Perhaps it is odd that any group should take a minister so negatively, but that was the locker room opinion. Men like Frank Leahy of Notre Dame and Wes Fesler of Ohio State Rose bowl-bound Buckeyes have proven that foul language need not be necessary around an athletic room but nevertheless it is a fact that the epithet is the password and the words are usually tinted with more than a slightly blue in such quarters.

McPherson College was no different. In the latter months of his regime, T. C. Hayden had grown more lax to such an atmosphere, and Rolla Relling was a buddy to most of his players, a man who not only spoke their vernacular, he added a few words to it.

As such it was not hard to see why this stranger was treated with such an air of suspicion. If the new assistant coach was not regarded with antagonism and resentment, he was certainly looked upon as an invader of privacy.

The fellow was soon in more hot water. In his position of assistant coach he more or less had the assistant football coaching job palmed off on him, and it was a mistake from the beginning. He had no experience at football, he knew it, and he showed it. If ever a person had two strikes on him and was swinging wildly at a third, it was Dick Wareham, who as you have undoubtedly guessed was that new assistant coach.

The cool attitude from athlete (or near athlete, as the case probably is) to assistant coach continuing through the football season, and when basketball started the critics started firing again.

Wareham played with an intramural team, and the word that he had a hot college record was spread. He was a high scorer, and the critics soon believed they had it figured out. He shot a lot, and most people around the P. E. building felt that was the reason behind his high scoring.

The writer was one of Wareham's many hecklers, and we remember counting Dick's shots in an intramural game with considerable glee as the number soared to 50 shots and above.

Actually he did shoot a lot. High scorers have to fire at the bucket, and most critics forgot that Wareham did not get the practice that he did in college.

Actually, Wareham's athletic record reads like a page out of a Frank Merriwell novel. Dick's mother died 16 days after his birth at Curryville, Pa., in 1924, and the youngster grew up on a gym floor at Martinsburg Memorial Park where his father worked.

Such training paid off in high school. A three year letterman at Morrison's Cove Vocational High School, Dick led his team to the conference championship in 1942, the year he was unanimously selected Player of the Year by the coaches of the Juniata Valley Conference. Twice an all-conference selection, Wareham still holds the high school record for most points in one game, 20 most points scored in one season, 230.

Wareham's collegiate career was cut to three years because he picked up enough hours in summer school to graduate from Juniata College in 1945, but not before he plastered his name all over the record books.

As a sophomore he broke the school individual game scoring mark with 24 points and then promptly broke his own record by swishing 26 in the next game. His bucket in the last 15 seconds earned a 47-45 victory over the University of West Virginia, long a basketball power in the metropolitan area.

In his final year at Juniata, Wareham stood 17th in the nation's scoring tables with a 17.6 average and broke his own record with 42 points in a game against Elizabethtown.

Those records were made against teams like Nat Holman's City College of New York, Penn State, Muhlenberg, and St. Joseph's of Philadelphia and against present or stars like Ed Sadowski of the Philadelphia Warriors, Ermer Robinson and Babe Pressley of the Harlem Globetrotters, and Leroy (Dolly) King, Rochester Royals and one time all-American for Clair Bee at Long Island University.

Wareham's collegiate record was no avail as coach of McPherson College's freshman basketball team who, even if they had mediocre talent, were having a terrible time of it.

But slowly Wareham began to win the doubters over. No back slapper or person quick to win friends, Dick began to impress with an honest seriousness and sincere desire to learn.

Many people began to appreciate him as a basketball player. Not because of his capabilities alone but because he had made good despite handicaps which had stopped many other potential players. He was not fast, could not jump, and had a pair of stubby fingered, delicate—almost feminine—hands.

Another thing which left its mark on Wareham's critics was an unsuited sense of humor and the easy manner which he could exchange sarcasms with his detractors.

Perhaps this sarcasm and a rather cynical nature have decided Dick to go into coaching. Probably he just decided he could do more in Christian education than he could from the pulpit. Other MC profs such as Prof. Raymond

Flory, Dr. Kenneth C. Bechtel, Prof. Roy McAuley, and Dr. Burton Metzler had made similar decisions.

At any rate the decision to leave the ministry for which he was licensed in '43 and ordained '44 leaves a tremendous job ahead for Dick Wareham.

Although he has nearly won his job here, Dick will always have to face the problem of reconciling the ministry to the very ungentle ways of the locker room if he is to remain in coaching, and that is where his choice lies. As yet, as a coach it is unproven, but anybody with a real desire to learn and a capacity for correction that Wareham has will make the grade.

As an individual Wareham has kicked a bad temper, and he feels that athletics helped the transition. That is why he wants to stay in the field of coaching if he has the ability. He wants to aid others through the same area and to help aspiring athletes earn the publicity that he earned through college because of the efforts of Jack E. Oller, his coach at Juniata who financed many athletic trips for the college, and publicity-wise men who helped promote him as a player.

It is tough road ahead, but even the ministers will bet six-to-one and even that Jacob Richard Wareham will make it.

Wesleyan Leads KC Teams In Early Season Showings

Kansas Conference teams played at a .667 average since last week's Spec report. Kansas Wesleyan's Coyotes with two smashing wins over Friends University 85-33 and Southwestern 57-33 led the way. Lanky Harold Founds, last year's leading conference scorer and second team all-conference selection, paced the Coyotes in both games although Thumper Don Anderson and Charlie Piffe were not far behind.

Baker was the busiest team, winning two games in the Rockhurst Invitational Tournament but losing to Springfield and Maryville. Ike Cearross, veteran guard, has missed the last three games with an ankle injury.

Bethany with one game scheduled, had to play two when Western State of Gunnison, Colo., made their appearance on the ninth although no contract had been signed.

Coach Ray Hahn of the Swedes decided to play the game anyway and his team lost a thriller 49-48. The Swedes play a repeat with the Colorados on the Dec. 19 and 20 at Gunnison. Bethany won their other contest against Friends 56-46 in a game highlighted by an eight man fist fight late in the game.

Ottawa, starting later than the other conference teams, opened its season Tuesday with a slow-moving 48-35 victory over Drury. Sophomore Neal Wyrick, playing his first college game, led the scorers with 14 markers.

College of Emporia played Rockhurst last night and Bethel opened its season against Tabor.

MC Takes Sterling 49-46; Plan Two-Game Holiday Trip

Ability to cash in at the foul line gave the McPherson College Bulldogs their first win of the infant 1949-50 season as they downed Sterling College 49-46 on the McPherson High School hardwoods Wednesday.

Both teams had identical field goal records, 17, and number of fouls, 22, but the Bulldogs converted 24 charity throws into 15 points as the Warriors could but 12 of 27.

Big Gene Arnold led the Bulldogs with 17 markers, 12 in the first half, but the big guy from Gary, Ind., had to yield game honors to frail Cleo Muehl of Sterling who swished 24 points.

Muehl missed five of nine attempts from the foul line, however, and in contrast Captain Lyle Goering of the Bulldogs dunked seven of nine.

The Bulldogs doubled their field goal percentage from the hectic Southwestern opener, but it was still nothing to write home about—27 percent. Arnold was hottest, getting seven of 15 while Bob Odle hit five for 14.

McPherson	(49)	FG	FTA	FT	PF	PT
Goering		3	9	7	4	13
Coughenour		0	1	1	2	0
Heidebrecht		0	0	0	0	0
Hanagarne		1	1	1	4	3
Arnold		7	5	3	4	17
Bechtel		0	2	2	0	0
Odle		5	5	2	4	12
Pyle		1	1	1	4	3

Totals 17 24 15 22 49
Field Goal Attempts—Ode 14, Goering 12, Arnold 15, Hanagarne 13, Pyle 6, Heidebrecht 1, Bechtel 2.

Percentage—27. Free throw

The McPherson College Bulldogs will take their first non-conference overnight basketball trip since 1947 when they take a three-game journey to Oklahoma starting New Year's Day.

The Bulldogs will meet East Central State College at Ada, Oklahoma, on Jan. 2 and will return the Dec. 6 game with Southwestern on the following day at Winfield, Kan.

No regular basketball drills are planned for the Christmas holiday but coach Forrest C. (Frosty) Hardage expects to call his squad together a few days early to prepare for the trip.

Light drills may be held for squad members who live in McPherson and vicinity during the holiday but Frank Hanagarne, Shiprock, N. M.; Earl Grindle, Hill City, Kan.; Gene Arnold, Gary, Ind.; and Ron Sullivan, Grayville, Ill., will not be available.

Last year East Central State defeated McPherson by about ten points while Southwestern dropped the Bulldogs in their season opener 49-26.

Percentage—63.

Sterling	(46)	FG	FTA	FT	PF	PT
Muehl		10	9	4	3	24
Brown		0	0	0	0	0
Kelley		2	9	7	5	11
McFarland		0	0	0	0	0
Cheymer		3	5	0	5	6
Gelste		1	1	0	2	2
Long		1	1	0	1	2
Skinner		0	2	1	2	1
Hulling		0	0	0	0	0

Totals 17 27 12 22 46
Free throw percentage—44.

Sports

The scare that the Doak Walker-less Southern Methodist football squad threw at Notre Dame two weeks ago probably illustrates a characteristic of the American people.

That game stands as the outstanding grid classic of the year; people were agog over the possibility of the Irish taking it on the chin at Dallas. That is the idle dream of every American—the dream of the underdog three-defeated Mustangs beating the Irish—after their fourth consecutive unbeaten season.

Perhaps it is a natural inclination to be for an underdog. That idea is so rooted in the American philosophy that it is not hard to see why a good team like SMU can become great for one day against a team that is consistently great.

And here is the heart of our story. Why is a team such as Notre Dame, the New York Yankees, or the Chicago Bears always the scourge of the nation? Material? Perhaps. But how did those Yankees beat the Red Sox the past summer?

The answer can be found in the personnel of the teams. Not always the best material but always men who are proud of their record as individuals and as members of the Yankees, the Irish, or the Bears.

Men like Joe DiMaggio, Tommy Henrich, Sid Luckman, Johnny Lushack, and Leon Hart can be singled out as great athletes partly because God generously endowed them with speed, durability, and coordination, but they must stand out over men who have also been similarly blessed because of an intense pride of performance and a burning desire to excel.

To our mind pride must stand out in the makeup of any individual athlete or team. It is the basis of excellence—pride in a job well done—and a job is not well done by individual performance alone; it must be a synchronized part of a cohesive unit.

Perhaps lack of pride is greatly the trouble with MC athletic teams. The players have failed to satisfy their pride by a high performance, a performance thrilling to their coach, the fans, and their teammates.

Just where such pride is to begin we do not know. But we cannot contemplate the Bulldog basketball team starting any game with much of a sense of pride wearing thin white T-shirts as warm-ups as they did in their seasonal opener against Southwestern.

The team is not without warm-ups, but there are not enough to go around. Most teams have 12 to 15 warm-ups, and even the poorest organization manages to change every five years. The Bulldogs have five jackets and ten pair of pants that have been in use since 1939.

Some have been stolen over the past 10 years because of a lack of a systematic organization in storing athletic equipment. The others have seen shoddy care and infrequent dry cleanings.

Recently there was some talk of McPherson College joining Tabor, Bethel, Friends, and Sterling in a smaller organization than the Kansas Conference. Naturally, such an idea was not considered. The Kansas Conference is a time-tested organization from which McPherson College receives a certain dignity, respect, and attention that she must maintain to do a proper job in Christian education on as high a level as possible.

It is bad enough that our athletic teams have been a balky mule

In the conference for so long, but when MC cannot at least put teams on the floor on the same or near level of conference standards, it is an affront to the other teams of the Kansas Conference and to its fans (both of them). Even Central College, the Free Methodist junior college on the other side of the city of McPherson, has been able to keep their teams well dressed. If they do not do this out of respect to the players, the coaches, the fans, or themselves, they at least do it out of respect for the other schools which they meet.

Since they took up intercollegiate athletics in 1944, Central College—supported by a church that has not gone into education as the Brethren have—has had three or four sets of uniforms. True, they have been fortunate to have some members of the church donate money for the express purpose of buying warmups, but nevertheless they have always kept on the same level as the schools they played.

Is McPherson College going to continue this complete disarray to the other schools in the Kansas Conference?

Intramurals

Top Ten Scorers

1—Delmer Senger, Wildcats 19
2—Dean Schmidt, Sad Sacks 18
3—Bill Frantz, Sad Sacks 16
4—Dick Wareham, Characters 16
5—Don St. Clair, Imps of Satan 15
6—Bill Seldel, Preying Eagle 14
7—Al Zunkel, Imps of Satan 14
8—Harry Heckethorn, Little Jewels 13
9—Phil Schmitt, Deforpc 12
10—John Ward, Deforpc 12
11—Jerry Neher, Gunners 12
12—Lawrence Lowrey 12

Volleyball Results
Kinzie defeated Williams. McNamee defeated the faculty. Hoffman defeated Fowell. Neher defeated Wolf. Graham defeated Heckethorn. Allalima defeated Kidwell. Basketball Results December 8 Deforpc 35, Sad Sacks 24. Bowers Boys 30 Gunners 15. Student Ministers 14 Preying Eagle 40.

December 12
Letovers 12 Imps of Satan 53. Characters 28 Wildcats 25. Little Jewels 45 Vets 20. Gunners 29 Sad Sacks 28. Top Performance of the Week Delmer Senger (Wildcats) vs. Characters—19 points.

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