

# Vacation Starts Today

Today when the four o'clock whistle blows, classes will recess for a sixteen-day vacation. However, most of the students will have already started for their homes before this hour. Several other students will remain in McPherson until after the basketball game with Bethel.

This vacation is the one most anticipated by Macollege students, because at this time all, with the exception of a few, will go to their homes. For many it is the only time during the school year that they may go home.

Students are going to their homes in 21 states. The larger number of them will go to homes in Kansas. The next largest group will go to Iowa.

While the majority of students live within a radius of 500 miles from McPherson, those going farthest west will be six students going to California. Those going farthest east are three students going to Pennsylvania and Washington, D. C.

Majority of students will make the homeward trip by car. Others will go by train or bus.

None of the international students will go home. Several will spend the vacation at various American homes and others will remain here in McPherson.

As much as most people hope for a white Christmas, Macollege students are hoping that the weatherman will wait until they have arrived home. Being snowbound over one vacation is enough!

The dorms will close at noon tomorrow, Saturday for the Christmas holidays. They will open again on Sunday, Jan. 4.

## Seven May Attend Recreation Lab

Seven persons from McPherson College are tentatively expected to attend the Recreation Laboratory to be held at Manchester College, Manchester, Ind. during the Christmas vacation, Dec. 29-Jan. 3.

The laboratory will evolve around leadership training in crafts, worship, music and camp recreation. Leaders will include Dwight Hanawalt, professor of physical education and recreation at LaVerne College; Paul Weaver, supervisor of recreation at Allen County, Ind.; Rev. David Albright of Cerro Gordo, Ill. and formerly professor of music at Elizabethtown College; Edith Weaver Weiner, former director of religious education and recreation; and Bob Tully, field recreation consultant of Indiana University.

Fees for registration and board and room are respectively \$5.00 and \$11.50.

Programs begin with registration on Monday afternoon, Dec. 29, and closes with noon meal on Saturday, Jan. 3.

Those from McPherson who are planning to go are: Maxine Hanley, LaVon Widegren, Betty Lou Hersberger, Leon Neher, Gary Jones, Wilbur Bastin, and Dolores Sigle.

## Player's Club Will Have Prop Party

Hear Ye! Hear Ye! All ye Players Club members. A prop party is planned for Jan. 5 at 7:30 p. m. in the SAR. Come wearing your costume, a prize will be given for the best.

All costumes and props will be turned over to the dramatics department. Items needed most: dishes, cups, drinking glasses, men's hats, canes, umbrellas. Come one, come all!

## Spec Needs Campus Editor

Applications for campus editor of the Spectator second semester are being accepted by the Board of Publications.

The campus editor's duty includes collecting the news on the campus, and then assigning it to the various reporters and special writers. The campus editor also works with the editor and managing editor.

In applying, make a written report stating qualifications and reasons for applying.

Ruth Papa, who will be editor next semester, states that anyone who is interested in reporting for the Spec next semester, to please notify her at once.

## SCA Goes Caroling

Over 50 student members of the SCA were out last night on a caroling expedition. The caroling party started from Sharp Hall at about 7:30 p. m., and under the direction of Don Fike, Don and Donna Wagener, Elsie Kindley and Marilee Grove, the party walked down Euclid and caroled at several homes, including some of the faculty homes. The party continued and walked down to the city, where several carols were sung at several places.

At about 9:30 p. m., the party made its way back to the college, and the group then assembled in the SUR for recreation and refreshments. Recreation was under the direction of Bob Powell and Beverly Schechter, and refreshments were served by the committee composed of Rowena Merkey, Wayne Jones, and Jean Walker.

The SCA Social Committee was in charge of this party, under the direction of Lyle Neher, Gary Jones, Ina Dittmars, and Juanita Bellah.

## Choirs Present Christmas Story

A Christmas chapel program was presented by the joined A Cappella and Chapel choirs this morning. The program consisted of five carols and the Christmas story.

The Annunciation, Road to Bethlehem, Street Scene in Bethlehem, Shepherd Scene, and The Nativity. Mary was played by Adalu Carpenter, Joseph by Don Fike, and Gabriel by Gene Bechtel, Martin Walters, Dale DeLauter, Isaac Grillo, Cletus Cary, Gordon Fishburn, and Leon Albert, were men in the street scene and shepherds. Non-dramatic dialogue for the street scene was written by Norman Long and music by Leon Albert. Gene Neff was in charge of the lighting effects.

Doris Coppock, director of chapel choir prepared the manuscript. The choir was directed by Prof. Donald R. Frederick, head of the music department and director of A Cappella Choir.

Members of the dramatics club helped with make up.

# The Spectator



## Merry Christmas From The Macollege Family

Smiling faces of representatives of the McPherson College family send cherry seasonal greetings to all readers of the Spectator. This international faculty and student group includes standing, left to right: Dean J. M. Berkebile, Elijah Odokara, Nigeria, Jack Harter, California, Jimmie Ohse, Japan; seated, left to right, Lois Stinnette, Colorado, Isaac Grillo, Nigeria, Moussa Razinia, Iran, LaVon Widegren, Colorado, Pres. D. W. Bittinger, Loai Beitlar, Jordan, and Don Fike, Missouri.

## College Calendar

- Friday, Dec. 19 Bethel basketball game here.
- Friday, Dec. 19 to Monday, Jan. 5 at 8:00 a. m. Christmas Vacation.
- Jan. 1, 2, 3 Central Conference Tournament, Hutchinson.
- Jan. 4 McPherson basketball game at Friends.
- Jan. 10 McPherson basketball game at Colorado State, Greeley.
- Jan. 10 Movie, "Broken Arrow."
- Jan. 16 All school skating party at Peterson's Rink.
- Jan. 16 McPherson basketball game at Ottawa.
- Jan. 17 McPherson basketball game at Baker.
- Jan. 18, 19, 20, 21 First Semester Finals.
- Jan. 22, 23 Enrollment for second semester.

## Frantz Attends Conference

Rev. Earl Frantz attended a meeting of the "Conference on Wills, Annuities and Special Gifts" in Cincinnati, Ohio Dec. 15 and 16. This conference was sponsored by the Joint Department of Stewardship and Benevolence under the National Council of Churches. Reverend Frantz was one of the speakers for the conference.

## Youth Comment On Seminar In Washington

Feb. 2-5 are the dates set for the Youth political seminar for the year 1953 which is to be held in Washington, D. C. It is estimated that 25 students are planning to go from Macollege. However, the means of travel has not been decided upon.

A few of the people who attended last years conference have this to say about its possibilities.

Eula Mae Murray: "If you have a chance to attend the Youth Political Seminar, be sure and accept the challenge. It's a wonderful opportunity to receive inspiration and education by visiting the Senate and House of Representative buildings and talking to your Congressmen!"

"Political Seminar," states LaVon Widegren, "is a great educational experience. Christian young people need to learn more about politics."

"It shed new light for me on an entirely new and exciting field for Christian service. If Christians are to render intelligent, practical service to the world, I believe we must know what the actual domestic and foreign problems are before we can begin to solve them," says Norman Long.

## Calendars Are On Sale

The new 1953 college calendars are available now at the book store. The calendars are the stand up type similar to those of last year.

## Committee Plans Annual Conference

Members of the Joint Location and Programs Committees for Chairmen of the Brethren Annual Conference met in Colorado Springs, Colo., Dec. 12 and 13 to make plans for Annual Conference which will be held June 16-21 inclusive in Colorado Springs.

"Winning Men To Christ" will be the theme for this year's conference. A strong emphasis will be placed on youth, children's work and other age groups.

Director of the conference is Kurtis Naylor of Denver Alvin Brightbill of Bethany is music director for the conference.

Since the conference is being held in the Western Region, many of the leaders are local people. Prof. Donald Frederick will be choir director. Mrs. Lloyd Larsen will be organist. Miss Anne Krehbiel will be pianist. Prof. Jack Kouss is publicity director.

Not all of the speakers have been scheduled as yet, but some of the speakers slated for the conference are: Robert L. Sherty, New Carlisle, Ohio, Harry K. Zeller, Jr., McPherson, Harper, Will, Fort Wayne, Ind., R. H. Miller, North Manchester, Ind., Kurtis Naylor, Denver, and R. Paul Robinson, Hagerstown, Md.

Bible Hour leaders will include M. Guy West, Chalmer Faw, and David Studebaker.

Members of the Joint Location and Programs Committees are: Dr. V. F. Schalm, moderator, Dr. William Beahm annual conference secretary, Kurtis Naylor, conference director, C. Ernest Davis, secretary of Program and Locating Committees, Ora DeLauter, regional representative to the program committee, Dr. Burton Metzler, chairman of the program committee, Rev. Harry K. Zeller and Rev. James Elrod, members of the Western Region locating committee.

Two of the purposes of the committee's meeting were to determine the conferences which will have to be housed and to consider the facilities in light of the program. Rev. Elrod stated the conference hotel has not been selected as yet.

## Freshmen Elect B Cheerleaders

Lois Stinnette, Leon Albert, Dorely Smith, and Eula Mae Murray were elected freshman cheerleaders at a freshman class meeting Tuesday morning, Dec. 16.

This B squad of cheerleaders will be active at B games during the basketball season.

Others who tried out for freshman cheerleaders were: Leon Neher, Gary Jones, Beverly Schechter, Joan Silver, and Shirley McDanel.

## Youth May Spend Summer In Work Camps In Europe

Plans for International Summer Service have been received from the Brethren Service Commission at Elgin, Ill.

The purpose of this summer program is to help towards peace and international understanding through Christian service and fellowship, working in rehabilitation projects at Brethren Service camps in Europe.

BVS'ers have the opportunity to take a 22-day tour through Holland, Germany, Italy, and Switzerland by train and chartered bus. It includes visits to Brethren Service projects, and points of contemporary and historical interest. Overnight stops will be at youth hostels and in European homes.

Approximate sailing date from New York is June 7. College credit may be received for the tour. The tour may be taken before or after the five week program at BVS work camp. The trip will be made by chartered bus and by train.

The cost of a summer in Brethren Service ranges approximately \$700 to \$800 which includes transportation to Europe and return, the \$240 tour fee, \$1.00 per day maintenance in camp, passport, and medical fees. The total cost will vary according to distance from home to New York, and additional personal expenditures.

A "Pick and Shovel Ambassador" must be between the ages of 18 and 30, must be in good health, eager to serve, and not afraid of hard work. The campers will be men and women from all nations and churches. Approximately 25 workers will constitute each camp.

## Mrs. DeCoursey Teaches Home Ec

Mrs. Wesley DeCoursey will teach several classes in the Home Economics Department next semester.

Costume design and interior decoration will be taught by Mrs. DeCoursey.

## Hayes Is District Boy Scout Leader

Guy Hayes, professor of Rural Life, here at Macollege, has been elected district chairman of the Santa Fe Trail District of the Boy Scouts at the annual meeting in McPherson last week at the American Legion Home.

The Santa Fe Trail District includes all of McPherson County.

# Would We Follow The Star?

By Marilee Grove

In a few more days we will be celebrating again the birthday of Jesus. Our minds always turn back to that first Christmas, that holy night when He was born and began the first year of His scant thirty-three years of living on earth.

Many believe in a second coming of our Lord, but not necessarily do they think he will come in a physical form, and, least of all, do they think of His arriving on earth as a Babe as before.

But for a few moments, let's imagine our Savior did come to earth again in that form; that on the evening of December twenty-fourth in 1952, the miracle of birth takes place in some barn, or, to be more realistic to today's transportation and synonymous to the first Christmas eve, in a garage behind a modish hotel.

The same brilliant star would arise above that humble place, guide all believers and first abode of the Child, challenging others to the "why" of its sudden existence. What would be the attitude of sheep - herders or cattlemen on

the lonely western ranges? How would they react if an angel brought them glad tidings as of old, if a heavenly chorus suddenly burst out in glorious song? Would they scratch and shake their heads with disbelief, spit out another mouthful of tobacco, and attribute these strange happenings to a lengthy Saturday night hangover? Or would they hop the first train, charter the first plane to find the Babe who is to be Savior of the world? Would today's shepherds follow the star?

And what about the brilliant men of our nation? What would their reaction be when they saw the star? How would the scientists explain the sudden appearance of an additional body in the heavens?

Would they once again deny the existence of a Supreme Being by attributing it to some scientific happening based on their intellectual calculations, or would they view it as part of God's prophecy as did those sages of old? Would they leave their work immediately, and the star always as their guide, try to find the Child? Would the wise

men of today follow the star? And what about the rest of us? How would we react to the star if it would appear in the last-minute flurry of buying. As we braced our ways through the multitude, with heads bent down, packages spilling over our arms, our face a worried frown, would we even bother to look up in the sky and thus view the strange new light?

Or would we suddenly stop, let a smile spread over our face to relieve those tight lines, listen to the Christmas carols that float over the air and with a sudden faith and realization of the joy of living, glance to the sky and gaze at the miraculous, glowing thing?

Would the busy mother, hurried and nervous with preparations for the morrow, yield to the urgings of her young boy to "come look at this beautiful star, the biggest one you'll ever see." Would she impatiently tell him she hadn't time she must get those last-minute packages wrapped, slick up the house, finish stuffing the turkey and preparing for tomorrow's feast,

plus overseeing the decorating of the Christmas tree? Or would she drop everything for the moment to stand outside, her arm around her son, and let calmness and contentment pass over her spirit as she, too, looked at the biggest, most beautiful star she'll ever see.

Perhaps, in these and our cases, it isn't "Would we follow the star," but "would we even take time to look at the star?"

A young mother, with her new baby holds him fondly and gazes out her window, thinking suddenly of that other mother who reared her child so long ago.

The small boy, despite the attraction of his first electric train, is fascinated by the star - lit night. A tiny girl, her hands clutching a beloved doll, feasts her eyes upon a lovely tree and its pretty star. But then her eyes shift to that outside star, and her little mind pieces together that wonderful story of a star, a stable Bethlehem, and Baby Jesus.

They would see the star. Would we see it? Would we follow it?

# Stille Nacht

Christmas fell on Sunday that year and people entering the church felt a special glow of happiness. A new family had arrived in the community only the night before. And this family was different, for they were displaced persons from Germany.

For the past week the members of the community had been fixing up a home for this family and they had contributed many welcoming gifts.

Now this morning, the German husband and wife and their son sat among strangers, in an unfamiliar church, seeing smiling faces, and hearing words they could not understand. Uncertain smiles played across their faces for they wanted to please and they didn't know how.

Through the opening music, the reading of the Christmas scripture, and the morning prayers, the new family was lost.

Another song was introduced, and the German couple relaxed somewhat to listen. Then, as the congregation sang, something about the song caught the couple's attention. They listened more eagerly. The man leaned over to look at his neighbor's book. There, in small letters under the English title were the words, "Stille Nacht."

Joyous smiles broke across their faces as they recognized the words. Then, they began to sing, their voices rising clear and sure with the German words to the song Americans know as "Silent Night."

The entire congregation smiled, and the next phrases of the carol rose majestically and enveloped every heart.

# Fact Or Legend?

What does Christmas mean to you? Is it a time at which gifts are exchanged with friends, and when everyone seems to be more friendly than usual? Is it a time of vacation from the routine of school work? Is it a time at which Christmas Carols are sung, and when an ornate laden Christmas tree stands in one corner of the dormitory? Is it a time when for a few moments, we listen to a minister tell us of the Christ who was born so long ago? Is it in reality a celebration of the birth of Christ?

I am sure that for most of us Christmas is the celebration of Christ's birth, and that these other things are a mere sideline of Christmas. Because of that great event so long ago, when God gave to the world His only son, we are given the opportunity to become His true followers. But does this have real meaning for us? Are the events of that first Christmas realistic to us, or are they a legendary story which, once a year, is called to our attention.

When the shepherds were in the fields making ready to settle down to a cold night of watching their flocks, the sky was suddenly filled with heavenly hosts who sang praises to God and who told of the birth of Christ. To you, is this a scene that actually occurred, or is it only a legend? And do the other events of that wonderful birth of Christ mean to you the beginning of the Christian religion with all its great ideals and aspirations, love, faith, and salvation, that Christ Jesus taught and lived? What does Christmas mean to you?—B. H.

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# Peace Through Service

A German youth bitter toward all a tired widow lifting and cutting stones for her homeless family, hungry children crying in the streets, a discouraged people feeding on the lies of Communists. Such is the European world. Such are the challenges set before Brethren youth in the international summer service program.

The Brethren Service Commission have planned eight international workcamps, for this summer, two in Austria, one in Italy, one in Greece, and four in Germany.

Several MacCollege students have had the opportunity to attend a summer work camp. Their sharing of their experiences has been beneficial and inspiring to all of us.

A Greek girl writes: "Now the world seems so small to me and this summer I have met also people from other countries which I hadn't met before—Chinese, Indian, Egyptian and other types and personalities, that I feel close to the world people. I wish many young people from all countries could come together, this holiday to love, understand and be one, like brothers and sisters."

An American girl writes: "The opportunity I have had in going to Europe and participating in the work of the Church of the Brethren is one which leaves not only a wonderful feeling, but a feeling that we must do more for these people who need our help badly. I think the work that the Church of the Brethren is doing today is one which more people should know about."

A German girl says: "I have become acquainted with foreigners through Brethren Service Commission and its work camps. In former times I have only seen members of the occupation forces with whom I did not want to have personal contact. In camp I have met various foreigners, who all came to camp willingly to work for peace."

"I'm in favor of the international work being done for the creation of world peace and I hope that it will be a great success. But, the German population is observing the fear that other strong powers with its policies are driving nations toward another war."

Worship, study, recreation, and fellowship will be a natural part of a work camp. The camper will conduct himself as a true friend, respecting the rights, opinions and ideals of others, and trying to understand them. Some European youth have been taught that it is degrading to work with the hands at menial tasks. At first they might not understand why an American youth comes thousands of miles and pays a fantastic sum of money for the privilege of clearing

rubble, mixing cement and cleaning bricks.

A camper cannot expect the comforts of home. Sleeping will be dorm style with some early birds who can't possibly sleep after the day has dawned. Plumbing goes wrong, there is no hot water. It rains for a week. The food is not to your liking. You get tired of one job. You have blisters on your hands. In spite of these discomforts you will have thrown in your lot, for better or worse, with the group. But . . . the joy experienced will far outweigh the discomforts.

One American who is thoughtful and top self-centered to know what will be an offense can undo the impression that one hundred Americans have created. At the present time many Europeans look with disfavor upon many things America as a nation has done. One thoughtful, Christian young person can help change many distorted ideas about America.

Any conscientious young person who is financially able to give this service should do it at all possible do so. There are probably many other people whom you know that are interested in international service but cannot afford to. Perhaps a church, a youth organization or the college could sponsor the trip for one person. The organization would be doing themselves a favor.

If the college sent a person, they would want to try their best to choose an individual who has the most to offer, who would share the most when he returns. Perhaps, a college junior would be the best choice for he would be in school another year during which time he could share his experiences with the entire student body.

What about the proverbial rich uncle? Can you think of a better Christmas gift than a summer in Europe?—L. M.

## In Appreciation

J. D. Pote wishes to take this opportunity to express his sincere appreciation to the entire McPherson College faculty, and to the floral pieces, cards, letters and other acts of kindness shown in the recent loss of his wife, Phyllis.

No one can ever know how many wonderful friends one has and how they help at a time like this. You will always be remembered.

J. D. Pote

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# Bridgewater Gives "The Messiah"

"The Messiah", Handel's oratorio, was presented by the Bridgewater College Glee Clubs Dec. 12-14.

The oratorio was directed by Prof. Nelson Huffman. Bridgewater College is a sister school to MacCollege.

# Merry Christmas! (Happy New Year)

It's almost Christmas and everyone is eager to get home. Maybe some of us will get home in time to help deck out the tree, and then there's always that last minute shopping to do. (Hope the weatherman is kinder than he was at Thanksgiving.)

Christmas means something a bit different and special for each one of us. Some of us observe the custom of hanging up our stockings for Mom and Dad. . . err. . . pardon, "Santa", to fill. (At our house we insist that Mom and Dad hang up their stockings too and they always manage to get filled.)

Some families observe "Christmas" on Christmas eve with the singing of carols, the reading of the Christmas story from Matthew and Luke, and the exchange of gifts around the Christmas tree. Others wait until Christmas morn and dive into the presents as soon as they are awakened.

(In our family we compromise by each opening one present, that has aroused much curiosity, on Christmas eve and then having Mom or Dad read the Christmas story to us before we snuggle into bed.)

Next morning early we all reach for our stockings at the foot of our beds and trapse into Mom and Dad's room, begging Mom to get up and fix breakfast so that we can open the rest of our presents.) What will Christmas bring this year? "Peace on earth, good will to men"? We can only hope and pray.

E. I.

Read all the advertisements in The Spectator.

# Thinking With The President

The Angel Song

For nearly two thousand years now we have been reading and singing the angel's song which was delivered to the world directly out of Heaven by a specially prepared angel choir on the first Christmas morning. The song concludes, "and on earth peace among men."

During the two thousand years of the repeated singing of the song, for perhaps more than one thousand of those years there was war somewhere on the earth. During the lifetime of our present McPherson College students, even though we have helped to sing this song, we have often been far from peace.

"This year we shall sing it again. "Glory to God in the Highest and on Earth Peace Among Men."

While we sing it we will know that on Korean hillides and elsewhere there is conflict. Boys who would like to be home around the Christmas tree will be cold and fearful. On this Christmas day, death will walk among them as it does every day.

Yet the Christmas song will not be stilled. The echo of its music will not die away. Forever we shall sing "And on Earth Peace Among Men," until the day comes when the song is fulfilled.

We cannot bring this fulfillment by singing only. As we sing it this Christmas, let us resolve that during the year ahead we will work harder than we ever have before that the message of the Christmas song may be achieved.—D. W. B.

# Note Of Thanks

I would like to thank the faculty and my classmates for their many kind deeds shown during my recent illness. Each card or letter that I received helped me to feel a little better and made me very anxious to return to school again.

Betty Brammell

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# Bulldog Barks

Betty Brammell has been here one week now since she returned from an operation for appendicitis. She said she never received less than 3 letters a day, and one time she got 22 on the same day! Glad to see you back, Betty, but oh, that make-up work you have to do.

The Macollege Pep Club members are supposed to wear their uniforms on game days. If you don't have one, just put on anything that's red and white. Also if you miss three meetings at any time, you are automatically dropped from the Pep Club, so when "Quadrangle" campus pictures come out, they'll take a roll count and tell you whether you are in or not. You can be exempted from meetings, but let the president or secretary-treasurer know some way.

Elaire Burkholder and Ruth Strickler are co-chairman of the concession stand at the basketball games this year.

Second floor. Arnold had a different type of Christmas party. Instead of buying a gift for each other, each girl contributed fifty cents which was used to buy a basket of food for a needy family here in McPherson. After delivering the food, they returned to the dorm happier because they gave someone else a party instead of themselves.

Fourth Floor. Arnold had a Christmas breakfast this morning at 8 o'clock, in the Doghouse. Previously, they drew names for gifts for each other. After a breakfast of scrambled eggs, buttered toast, crisp bacon, and cold white milk, they opened their presents with exclamations of joy and otherwise—some received candy, but didn't need it, while others varied from soap to shoestrings and such. The limit was 50c, and that doesn't buy much these days!

Ge: What's that awful stink coming out from the registers these days? Two weeks - old - dead crow. Looks like the work of the "Loathsome Trio." We won't mention names!

Mildred Beck took Betty Jo Baker home with her last weekend—and this ain't no crowd talk either!—They both enjoyed the rush of shoppers in Hutchinson. There were people everywhere grabbing up things as fast as they could. Every time a person turned around he'd trip over a little kid, only to bend down to pick him up, just in time to get mashed in the face with some lady's elbow, or knocked on the head with a pocket book—then after all the same rush of the day, you'd wind up with nothing but a few bruised ribs, and several corns that you could have been spared by shopping in your own home town. Ah, yes, the joys of Christmas!

## They Will Spend Christmas Vacation With Relatives

Miss Della Lehman will go to California during the Christmas vacation to visit her brother and his family in Los Angeles.

Miss Doris Coppock will spend her Christmas vacation in Clovis, N. Mexico, and Oceanside, Calif. Miss Coppock's parents live in Clovis and her brother and his family in Oceanside.

Miss Virginia Harris will go to Jennings, La., to spend Christmas with her mother.

June Blough went to Kansas City over the weekend to visit her brother and sister-in-law.

"Squeak" Louthan and Martha Switzer went to Wichita to shop and ended up seeing the roller folks.

Shirley Coppock must have thought vacation started last Friday instead of today, because she left for her home in Dayton, Ohio, rather prematurely.

The freshman have really got spirit. The way Leon Albert and Lois Stinnette got the ball rolling, for cheerleading elections was remarkable—the rest had a lot of pep too, but the cheer that beat them all was the one Gary Jones and Doyle Smith did—they showed how to dribble and make a basket at the same time they were cheerleading. Lois Stinnette, Eula Mae Murrey, Doyle Smith and Leon Albert are the 4 pep boosters for the B Squad this year. Looks like a peppy foursome.

Kline Hall had a Christmas party Tuesday night with each girl bringing a gift and making a grab bag of them all. The Christmas refreshments were cake and cocoa.

And now for vacation—filled with rest, sleep, gifts, home-cooked food AND term papers to do.

Be happy, and have a good one this year, but don't forget the reason why we do have a Christmas.

## Cast Tells Of Their Adventures

Six people giving a play six times on a thousand mile tour in six days have said, "The experience was valuable, we had a lot of fun, but we are glad to get back." Betty Baerg, Lyla Whittham, Maxine Hanley, Dale DeLauter, Ted Vance, and Myron Krehbiel who were in the cast of "Brazilian Gold," a one act play, spoke of their adventures at the Players Club meeting Dec. 16.

They told of small stages, only two entrances instead of three, Lyla falling off the stage, Myron getting his pants on backwards, and small crowds due to bad roads, stores being open on Monday, a funeral, and because of having to give the play in a school.

Plans were made at the meeting for a props party which will be the first Monday after the Christmas holidays. Committees are: recreation—Margaret Yost, Dean Neher, LaVon Widgren; decorations—Esther Ikenberry, Ted Vance, Jean Slaubaugh; food—Esther Merkey, Martha McClung, Marilee Grove, Lyla Whittham; publicity—LaFaughn Hubbard, Dale DeLauter, Maxine Hanley.

A play for the annual spring production will be selected in the near future by Mrs. Una Yoder, head of the dramatics department, and a committee. Phyllis Kingery, Gene Neff, Peggy Sargent, Betty Baerg, and Marlin Walters are on the committee.

## Nicholson Are Parents

A son, Gary Ray, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Nicholson, Geneseo, Friday, Dec. 12. The baby weighed seven pounds and five ounces.

Mrs. Nicholson is the former Rowena Neher, sister to Leon Neher, freshman. Both Rowena and Vernon were graduated from McPherson College.



**HONEYMOON ENDS IN TRAGEDY**—For Mr. and Mrs. John D. Pote a honeymoon trip ended in tragedy Friday night, Nov. 28, in a head-on collision in Oklahoma which killed Mrs. Pote.

## Pote-Hanson

Candelabra, bronze mums and yellow pompons decorated the Trinity Lutheran Church at 4 p. m. Saturday, Nov. 23, for the wedding of Phyllis Laura Hanson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hanson, McPherson, and John David Pote, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pote, Cushing, Okla.

Rev. Wymore Goldberg officiated at the double-ring ceremony. Wedding music was given by Earle Lapp, Lindsborg, who sang "Because." He also sang "The Lord's Prayer" while the couple knelt at the altar. Mrs. Merle Dean McCoy was the organist.

Members of the bridal party were: Glorice Hanson, sister of the bride, maid of honor; Melvin Pote, Cushing, brother of the bridegroom, best man; Carol Blocker, Haven, and Joan Gleeson, McPherson, bridesmaids; Ronald Holsinger, Charles and Bobby Kinzie, Cushing, and Delano Schaffer, McPherson, ushers; Mrs. Wayne Zeigler, Lawrence, and Nancy Ruehlen, McPherson, taperlighters.

The bride wore a Regal gown of white satin and princess lace, with the satin skirt terminating in a cathedral train. A pearl - hat of satin held her double illusion veil. Her single strand of pearls was a gift of the bridegroom.

She carried a bouquet of white orchids with bouvardia and white velvet leaves.

The maid of honor (Glorice Hanson) wore rust colored velveteen and carried a cascade of yellow lace mums. Carol Blocker and Joan Gleeson, bridesmaids, wore gold velveteen, and carried cascades of bronze daisy mums. Mrs.

Wayne Zeigler and Miss Nancy Ruehlen, taper lighters, wore moss green velveteen and wrist corsages of yellow daisy mums.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Following the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Rex Guse acted as host and hostess to the wedding guests at a reception held in the church parlors.

The bride's going away ensemble consisted of a black velveteen dust-coat over a burgundy wool suit with accessories of black velvet. Her corsage was of white orchids.

The couple took a wedding trip to Carlsbad Caverns in New Mexico. They were enroute to the groom's home when the bride of five days met her death in a head-on auto collision on an icy bridge near Asher, Okla.

Phyllis attended McPherson College and was employed by N. C. R. A. Refinery. J. D. is a senior at McPherson College and a former member of the A Cappella Choir.

(This wedding account has been printed by special request of J. D. and Phyllis's friends.)

## Yoder, Neher Marry Tuesday

Lois Yoder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Yoder of Pampa, Texas, will become the bride of Gerald Neher of Oswego, Kansas at seven o'clock Tuesday evening at the First Presbyterian Church at Pampa.

Both Lois Yoder and Gerald Neher are graduates of McPherson College.

## Girls Have Spirit Of Christmas By Giving To Needy

Instead of exchanging Christmas gifts, the girls on second floor of Arnold Hall are giving money to fill a Christmas basket for a needy family. They are obtaining this family through the County Board of Social Welfare.

The group had a party, Wednesday night, Dec. 17, at which they sang Christmas carols and had refreshments but had no exchange of gifts.

Those contributing were Eula Mae Murrey, Jean Walker, Bev Schechter, Ruth Grossnickle, Evelyn Williams, Virginia Bower, Norman Royer, Loreen Cline, Betty Byers, Alberta Ebbert, Jean Bullard, Lois Stinnette, and Miss Edna Neher, housemother.

## Central Presents "Shepherd's Christmas"

The music and speech departments of Central College presented the "Shepherd's Christmas," a cantata, at the college auditorium on Tuesday, Dec. 16.

The music department told the traditional Christmas story in music, featuring a 120-voice choir and smaller groups, under the direction of Prof. Robert Carlson.

The dramatics department portrayed the present significance of Christmas with Prof. William Rieck of the English department writing the script for the production.

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## Son Is Born To Tylers

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Miles Tyler on December 10. The baby weighed eight pounds and three ounces and has been named Ricky William.

Miles is a student at Macollege.

## Christmas Musicale Is Given By Vocal Ensemble, Choir

Two cantatas were presented at the annual Christmas Musicale at the McPherson Church of the Brethren Dec. 14. The program was directed by Prof. D. R. Frederick.

The vocal ensemble group sang "When The Christ Child Came" by Laura Spencer Portor. Berwyn Oltman was pianist.

"The Holy Birth" written by Gerald R. Johnson was sung by the church choir. Mrs. Lloyd Larsen was organist.

The ensemble included: Donna Ford, Florene Hale, Anita Rogers, Donna Wagener, Elsie Kindley, Elsa Kurtz, Dorothy Nicholson, Evelyn Williams, Keith Allison, Herbert Edmonds, Gordon Fishburn, Robert Price, Myron Krehbiel, Leon Neher, Don Thralls, and Don West.

The church choir consists of: Miriam Albright, Barbara Bowman, Florene Hale, Phyllis Johnson, Barbara Lapp, Ruth Peckover, Olive Ranck, Peggy Sargent, Cosette Wareham, Phyllis Beam, Clara Bechtel, Kathryn Bechtel, Mary Jo Christy, Alice Colyn, Doris Coppock, Peggy Kerley, Anne Krehbiel, Velva Wagner.

Harold Beam, Royce Beam, Melvin Christy, Earle Lapp, Paul Sherry, Paul Sollenberger, Julius Steele, Ellis Albright, Robert Bechtel, Wilbur Ediger, E. S. Hersherberger, George Keim, Charles Royer, Paul Sargent, Gordon Yoder.

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# Mac Drops Game To Southwestern

The McPherson College Bulldogs turned on the heat in the last quarter last Monday night; but it was too late and they were too far behind so they lost to the Southwestern Builders by a score of 46-42. This was the second loss of the young season for the Bulldogs, both coming at the hands of Central Conference members.

Both teams forgot about offense the first half and spent most of their time on defense, which was effective, for the halftime score was only 19-15 in favor of Southwestern. McPherson moved to a early 6-0 lead on successive field goals by Frank "Chief" Hanagarne, Glenn Gayer, and Wayne Blikenstaff, only to have Southwestern rally and move to a 11-10 first quarter lead.

It looked for a time as though the Bulldogs were going to be kept scoreless during the second quarter, for the period was nearly over before they registered another point.

Southwestern gained a 19-10 lead over McPherson and then just before the period ended "The Chief" broke the ice with a long shot that swished through the net for two points. McPherson then added a free throw and field goal to make the half time score 19-15.

Again in the third period Southwestern pulled away, 29-17 and 35-18 with little Jim Farney adding the scoring punch with baskets made from all over the court. The period ended with McPherson on the short end of a 37-22 score.

The Bulldogs came to life in the final period as they started whittling away at their opponent's wide margin. A little past midway this margin was cut to 42-34, and from then on out it was a battle royal as the Bulldogs changed their tactics to man-for-man and turned on the full court press. Southwestern's height under the backboard was an advantage to the visitors for they gained most of the rebounds.

The individual high scorer of the game was little Jim Farney, a speedy and accurate shooting Southwestern center who scored 15 points. Wayne Blikenstaff was high for McPherson with 13 and "Chief" Hanagarne was close behind with 12.

It was the veterans Blikenstaff, Hanagarne, and Bob Bechtel who led McPherson's last quarter rally. It was Wayne Blikenstaff who added McPherson's last six points, on four consecutive free throws and a field goal just before the final gun sounded. The box score:

Southwestern	Fg	Ft	F
Farney	7	1	1
Poovey	2	5	2
Bloxom	4	3	4
Frank	0	0	3
Doughty	1	1	2
Newman	1	3	0
Cullop	0	0	1
A. Johnson	1	1	4
Totals	16	14	17
McPherson	Fg	Ft	F
Hanagarne	5	2	3
Gayer	2	2	0
Bechtel	3	2	4
Blikenstaff	3	7	3
G. Smith	0	1	2
O'Dell	0	0	1
Metsker	0	0	0
Whitley	0	0	0
Thorn	0	0	0
B. Smith	1	0	2
Totals	14	14	16

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## Bulldogs Win Moundridge Tournament

McPherson College won the Moundridge tournament that was held Dec. 10 and 11 by defeating Bethany and Bethel in successive nights, by the scores of 62-52 and 57-48.

In the game on Wednesday night McPherson went out in front early when Wayne Blikenstaff made a tip-in to give the Bulldogs a 7-6 advantage. From then on the Bethany Swedes never seriously threatened all during the game.

Coach Woodard took a page from his football book to win the game as he used the "two platoon" system. Most of the time when he substituted he put in a whole new team in the lineup with very little difference in the caliber of play of the two squads.

The score at the end of the first quarter was 16-8 in favor of McPherson. The Bulldogs lengthened this lead more during the second quarter with five players scoring that didn't the first quarter and none that scored the first quarter finding the range in the second quarter. The score at the half was 27-18.

Wayne Blikenstaff and "Chief" Hanagarne combined in the third quarter to give the Bulldogs 12 of the 16 points that they scored in this period. This made the score at the end of the third period 42-29. Both teams found the range in a hectic fourth period that saw a total of 42 points pour through the hoop.

The leading scorers for McPherson were Hanagarne and Bill Smith with 14 points apiece and Wayne Blikenstaff who potted 13 points. Fry of Bethany was high for the game with 16 points. The box score:

McPherson	Fg	Ft	F
Hanagarne	6	2	2
Frantz	1	0	2
O'Dell	5	3	5
Blikenstaff	2	2	0
Peel	2	1	4
Bechtel	2	4	0
Metsker	2	0	1
B. Smith	5	4	0
G. Smith	0	0	0
Thorn	0	0	0
Whitley	1	1	4
Sharpe	0	1	2
Mollhagen	0	0	0
Totals	25	12	25
Bethany	Fg	Ft	F
Perovic	4	3	2
Schmidt	2	1	1
Loy	0	1	0
Benson	0	0	1
Fry	6	4	4
Schell	0	1	2
Kiewer	4	5	2
Bowman	0	1	0
Lang	0	4	3
Peterson	0	0	0
Totals	16	20	15

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## WAA Chooses New Sport Heads

The WAA has chosen new sports and new sport heads for the coming season. These new sports are basketball, bowling, swimming and individual sports. Arlene Merkey is sport head for basketball, Elaine Burkholder for swimming, Jean Walker for bowling, and Betty Holderer for individual sports.

Bethel College Graymaroons by the score of 57-48.

The Bulldogs drew first blood with two early field goals only to have Don Harder put three field goals and four free throws to put Bethel into the lead at the end of the first quarter.

Wayne Blikenstaff and Bill Smith each added seven points for Mac in the second quarter and since Harder was held to only a single field goal in the second quarter the Bulldogs were able to leave the game at the half with a 27-18 advantage.

The Bulldogs lengthened their lead in the third quarter with Glen Gayer and "Chief" Hanagarne setting the pace. Glenn sank five field goals in this quarter and "Chief" added three more.

The fourth quarter saw Don Harder try to shorten the lead with a nine point spree, but the effort fell short as McPherson maintained the lead and won the game 57-48.

The leading scorer for the evening was Don Harder of Bethel who added 12 field goals and 8 free throws for 32 points. Blikenstaff, Hanagarne, and Gayer made 14, 13, and 12 points respectively for McPherson to be their leading scorers. The box score:

McPherson	Fg	Ft	F
Hanagarne	6	1	2
Blikenstaff	4	6	3
Bechtel	0	1	2
Metsker	2	0	0
Smith, Gene	0	2	2
Whitley	1	0	2
Gayer	6	0	3
O'Dell	0	0	0
Peel	0	0	0
Sharpe	0	0	8
Thorn	1	0	0
Frantz	0	0	1
Smith, Bill	3	1	2
Mollhagen	0	0	0
Bethel	Fg <td>Ft <td>F </td></td>	Ft <td>F </td>	F
Harder	12	8	2
Ratzlaff	0	1	0
Goering, H. O.	0	1	1
Eitzen	0	0	0
Heidebrecht	0	0	1
Harms	2	1	3
Buller, R.	0	0	1
Goering, H.	0	1	1
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## Friends U. Is Admitted To Conference

Friends U. last Saturday was admitted to the Kansas Conference effective as of the 1953 spring sports. This was announced Dec. 15, by Gordon Yoder, McPherson College's representative on the Kansas Conference.

This is the first new school admitted since Bethel in 1939, making the league now a full eight team league. The members are: McPherson Bethel, Bethany, Kansas Wesleyan, College of Emporia, Ottawa, Baker, and Friends.

The present rule will still apply concerning Conference Championships, that is that every member has to play every other member once in football and twice in basketball. This will mean seven conference football games and 14 conference basketball games.

## That's Hay, Boys!

Someone's herd of cows ought to show some marked improvement now that they are being fed with fresh hay direct from Iowa.

Operation "Iowa Hay" started at 4 a. m. Friday when three boys, Don Thralls, Don Pike, and Bob Powell left by trucks for Iowa. The boys reached their destination at Earlham, Iowa, at 4 p. m. the same day.

Next day, Bill Daggett was there to help them load up, and after having had a box car and their trucks all loaded up, they started once more on the journey back to Kansas at about 5 p. m. Saturday.

After driving all night Saturday, they reported safely back to base early Sunday morning.

The final results? Operation "Iowa Hay" successfully accomplished. The hay looks good, let's hope the cows improve!

## Girls' Intramurals Will Start Jan. 6

Girls' intramural basketball has been called off until after the Christmas vacation.

On Tuesday, Jan. 6, the games will be played as scheduled. The captains of the teams met and decided to postpone the games, since conflicts arose, which would result in some members of the teams being absent.

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## Basketball Dates

- Dec. 19 Bethel at McPherson.
- Jan. 1, 2, 3 Central Conference Tournament, Hutchinson.
- Jan. 6 McPherson at Friends.
- Jan. 10 McPherson at Colorado State, Greeley.
- Jan. 16 McPherson at Ottawa.
- Jan. 17 McPherson at Baker.
- Jan. 24 College of Emporia at McPherson.
- Jan. 26 McPherson at Bethany.
- Jan. 30 McPherson at Bethel.
- Jan. 31 McPherson at Phillips, Enid, Okla.
- Feb. 4 Kansas Wesleyan at McPherson.
- Feb. 6 McPherson at College of Emporia.
- Feb. 9 Bethany at McPherson.
- Feb. 14 Washburn at McPherson.
- Feb. 18 McPherson at Kansas Wesleyan.
- Feb. 21 Ottawa at McPherson.
- Feb. 28 Baker at McPherson.

## Nigerian Boys Present Program

McCollege students from Nigeria, British West Africa, presented a program at the First Church of the Brethren in Hutchinson, last Sunday night. This program was part of the regular Singspiration service held every Sunday evening at the Hutchinson Church, and recorded to be broadcast the following Sunday morning at 7:30 a. m. over radio station KWKK, in Hutchinson.

On this program were Isaac Grillo, Joseph Obi, Daniel Onyema, and Emmanuel Thompson. They presented two Nigerian songs to the accompaniment of drums, tambourines, and triangles.

After the program was over with, the boys were able to hear themselves on the recording made, and will probably tune in the KWKK next Sunday to hear how they sound on the radio.

The boys also told of their experiences here in the United States. James Craig accompanied the group to Hutchinson.

## New Hymnals Are Bought

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