

## Prof. DeCoursey Receives Ph. D. Today In Iowa

Prof. Wesley De Coursey, head of the Chemistry Department at Macollege received his doctorate degree in chemistry today at 10:00 a.m. from the Iowa State College in Ames, Ia. Prof. De Coursey has thus become the tenth member of the Macollege faculty to possess a doctorate degree. Dr. De Coursey's Ph. D. degree followed his research thesis on "The Preparation of Perbromates."

Dr. De Coursey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. De Coursey of Nampa, Ida. Both Mr. and Mrs. Frank J. DeCoursey were at Ames, Ia., to see the degree conferred on their son. Dr. De Coursey's wife, Verda, who is a Home Ec. instructor at Macollege was also present for the occasion.



Prof. Wesley DeCoursey

Dr. De Coursey's research is a culmination of thirteen years of hard work. Eight of these years were spent in industry and Civilian Public Service during the last war. Dr. De Coursey graduated from Macollege in 1940, and it was in Macollege that he first met his wife who was then Verda Grove.

Following his graduation from Macollege, Dr. De Coursey went to the Iowa State College for his graduate work, and was conferred the M. S. degree by that college in 1947. From 1947 until 1952, Dr. De Coursey taught full time at the Iowa State College and began working for his doctorate degree. Dr.

## Former Arnoldites Share With Christmas Giving

Sharing Christmas is the thought behind the gift that the former residents of Arnold Hall are giving to a deserving family.

Arillie Hudson is chairman of the committee that has secured the name and address of a needy family through the County Board of Social Welfare. This family includes two children.

The gift will be a basket of food. Plans are to include canned goods, some perishables, fruit, possibly soured meat, nuts, and sweets, in the basket.

## Students Sponsor Christmas Formal

The all-school formal, Sat. Dec. 12, had a Christmas theme.

Velva Wagner, acting as narrator, set the scene for her original Christmas pageant. "Christmas through the Years." Velva was assisted by Esther Ikenberry, Clara Zunkel, Galen Sliker, Adair Carpenter, Von Hall and Dr. and Mrs. Metzler in the dramatics.

The Ladies' Trio and Quartet, Connie Brooks, Prof. Sollenberger, Dolores Sigle, Bertha Landis and Arillie Hudson helped to provide the musical setting.

The huge Christmas tree was clustered with gifts for the Navajo Indian reservation children. School supplies of all nature were given.

The decorations, provided by third floor Fahnstock, pictured the sequences used in the story as it was told.

Folk games were led by Elsie Kindley and Von Hall.

The refreshments reflected the spirit of Christmas in the green punch and Christmas cookies.

De Coursey's thesis will be published in the Iowa State Journal of Research.

The eighty-five page research deals with "The Preparation of Perbromates," which, although they never have been prepared before, yet they have caused Dr. De Coursey to feel that they could be made.

Dr. De Coursey and his wife Verda will remain in Iowa for a few days where they will be spending their Christmas with Verda's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Grove, at Keswick, Ia., before returning to Macollege.

## "Operation Move-In" Is Completed As Dorms Get New Residents

"Operation Move-In" the nature of which was closely guarded secret, got under way at the appointed time, and was continued and successfully accomplished before sundown on Tuesday, Dec. 15, 1953, and another chapter was written in the history of Macollege as girls moved out of Arnold Hall into their new and commodious room in the beautiful Dotzour Hall, and boys from the College Courts left their tottering rooms for better ones in Arnold Hall.

Zero Hour for "operation Move-In" was 6:35 a.m., when Bob Powell pulled in front of Arnold Hall with his truck, and shots of "Man Coming Up" were relayed from one floor to the next to warn the girls of the approaching gentleman.

Boxes and suitcases from previous packing operations were piled around, some were open, some were closed, some were empty, some were full. Rooms in Arnold became bare in the middle of the school year. The inevitable has happened, girls are leaving Arnold for good, and really and truly, they are moving into Dotzour Hall.

As the operation continued, girls talked, laughed, and had fun in accomplishing the end-getting moved. Articles were lost, hunted for, found, or given up for good.

In the ensuing hurry, drawers were taken out and transported in their entirety to Dotzour Hall where their owners emptied the contents into the spacious new drawers, and then returned the Arnold ones.

Steps were mounted again and again. At the end of the day legs became weary and tired. Boys

freely offered the use of their cars to girls to help them get moved in to Dotzour Hall, trucks roared to and fro, even tractors were occasionally seen helping in the operations, and by five o'clock in the evening—barely 12 hours after the operations began, girls were happily established in their new dormitory, and Arnold Hall was officially declared a boys' dormitory.

By 6:00 p.m. boys were already beginning to move in to their new Hall of residence, the Arnold Hall. Several others from Fahnstock Hall came over to see what Arnold looked like without the girls. Discussions ensued, rooms were argued about, and the second part of "operation Move-In" got under way.

As the discussions and arguments went on, boys were heard to say "Now why would they put me on the top floor? I never realized what those girls went through." "Did those girls have pictures like that on the wall?" "Oh, I guess this room is already occupied."

A total of 43 boys moved into Arnold Hall from the College Courts, Hoerner Hall, and private homes in McPherson. Living in the dorm is a novelty to these boys, and though they make talk about "those beds" yet they know what it is to live in a dormitory, and to give their room a nice "homey" look.

Residents at the Arnold Hall will now be Mr. and Mrs. Dean Neher, both of whom are students at Macollege. Miss Edna Neher, former housemother at Arnold has moved into Dotzour Hall with her girls.

## A Cappella Choir Sings On Main

Shoppers at McPherson received a special holiday treat last Monday night as the McPherson College A Cappella Choir under the direction of Prof. Don Frederick sang at various stops and intersections along the city's Main Street.

The choir sang from a specially constructed platform mounted behind a truck, and had the escort of the city police for the hour and a half at which they sang.

## Macollege Makes Plans For Debate Tournament

On Jan. 9, Macollege campus will welcome many students from different colleges to the Macollege Economy Debate Tournament. Although a complete list of all the colleges entering the tournament has not been received, some entries have been made.

Among the colleges taking part are Bethany, Fort Hays, Kansas State, Hutchinson Junior College, Southwestern, and Wichita U. The tournament is non-elimination with four rounds of debate.

## College Calendar

Dec. 17-19: C.I.C. Tournament at Hutchinson.  
FRIDAY, Dec. 18: CHRISTMAS RECESS BEGINS. 5:00 p.m.  
Dec. 31-Jan. 2: Kansas Conference Tournament at McPherson.  
MONDAY, Jan. 4: CHRISTMAS RECESS ENDS. 7:45 a.m.

## Rev. Blair Helman Is Speaker For School Of Missions

During January McPherson College students will be participating in the annual School of Missions of the college church.

Mrs. D. W. Bittinger, chairman of the Missionary committee, has announced plans for this school which will be climaxed in the annual birthday dinner on Sunday evening, Jan. 31. The Rev. A. Blair Helman, pastor-elect of the Wichita Church of the Brethren, will be the speaker.

On Sunday and Thursday nights during January, a program of drama, films, discussions, lectures, worship, and fellowship has been planned. Each Thursday evening students are invited to a fellowship meal and to age and interest group discussions afterward.

Prof. Dick Wareham, Miss Betty Lou Hershberger, and the Rev. Glenn Swinger will lead the three adult interest groups. College students who will assist in the classes for children include George Keim, Bob Peel, Dean and Betty Neher, and Hatsuko Kanazawa.

On Sunday evenings worship programs of dramatic presentations and a picture have been planned on the school theme, "The Life and Task of the Church in the World."

Student attendance and participation in the School of Missions in 1953 was the best on record, members of the Missionary Committee have stated; and more opportunities for students to participate in the school are being offered this year.

The first program will be given on Sunday evening, Jan. 3, during the Christmas recess. A preliminary survey of plans for the school will be given during the Sunday School worship period that morning.

Further plans for student participation in the school will be announced in chapel and on the bulletin board after the Christmas vacation.

## Dr. Bittinger Gets Mention In Who's Who In America

Dr. Desmond W. Bittinger, president of McPherson College has just finished giving information about himself, his work, his family, and his educational qualifications, and the number of books he has written to writers for his nomination to the Who's Who In America. This honor is an exclusive honor given only to the very outstanding of American citizens.

Dr. Bittinger has previous nominations in the Who's Who Among Ministers, Who's Who in Education, and Who's Who in the Western Hemisphere.



Dr. D. W. Bittinger

Dr. Bittinger became president of McPherson College in 1949. Prior to that he was serving with the Brotherhood at Elgin, Ill., and prior to that he was missionary in Africa, for ten years.

Dr. Bittinger has travelled in many countries in the world, and has written several books on Anthropology and Cultural Growth.

Dr. and Mrs. Bittinger have four children. Stanley who is a missionary to Puerto Rico; Pattie, now married to Irven Stern will also be going out as missionaries to India next August, and Dick and Marianne who are attending schools here in McPherson.

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## Vacation Starts Today

Today, when the clock strikes five in the afternoon, classroom doors will be closed and classes will recess for a sixteen-day vacation, and most of Macollege's students will be on their way to various parts of these United States to spend the grand and blissful Christmas season with parents, relatives, friends, and loved ones.

As the majority of the student body leaves with the gay spirit for which Christmas is meant borne in mind, a few will stay behind for basketball games and practices, and a few more to work on the good old campus or elsewhere downtown, and all for the good of old MC.

Close as this vacation may be to that of Thanksgiving, it is the most looked forward for, and the most anticipated of all the vacations at Macollege. For many students this affords the only time they may go home to visit with their parents, relatives, friends, and loved ones.

As students leave, the dormitories will be closed until Saturday, Jan. 2. Girls will have only a two day memory of their new living quarters in the beautiful Dotzour Hall, and boys that have moved into Arnold Hall will have only a day's tale to tell as they relate dormitory experiences to their folks and friends. But whatever these experiences are, be they old or new, there could never have been a greater experience than that of the joy that Christmas season brings.

## Central College Students Sing Carols At Macollege

Sweet voices and beautiful harmony filled Macampus last Tuesday night around 11:30 p.m., when a group of students from Central College, McPherson, Kan., visited the campus and sang Christmas carols at Kline, Arnold, Fahnstock, and Dotzour Halls. The visit was well organized, and the students sang under the direction of Prof. Robert Carlson of Central College.

Central College is a junior college under the auspices of the Free Methodist Church, and is the oldest junior college in the state of Kansas. It has an enrollment of about 200 students.



## The Christmas Tree

Christmas Season comes but once in a year, but the Spirit of Christmas is ever abiding, and for ever with the peoples of the world. Christmas is a season for remembering, a time for assembling of families, old friends, relatives, and loved ones around the hearthfires, or a Christmas Tree.

The Christmas Tree is significant today because of what it symbolizes of the Christmas Spirit, of bringing the family together on the memorable day, of exchanging gifts, of speaking about those factors that make life not only merry but meaningful.

Although various countries have impressive legends about the first Christmas tree, it is generally believed that the decorated pine or cedar, so popular in American and English homes today, is of German origin.

The idea of a Christmas tree perhaps dates back to the old heathen tree worship; perhaps to the medieval custom of welcoming guests with trees studded with candles, of which the minstrel Wolfram von Eschenbach sang in the thirteenth century; perhaps Martin Luther could claim the honor if one recalls the story in which was told how Luther derived his inspiration for a tree from thousands of glittering stars one Christmas Eve.

The Christmas tree was introduced into England just over one hundred years ago after the marriage of Queen Victoria to the German Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg Gotha. Even before that, the tree had been brought to America by German immigrants and the delightful custom was quickly taken up by the New World settlers of all nationalities.

## North Manchester Features Rec. Lab Dec. 28-Jan. 1

Dec. 28-Jan. 1 will be days of "leaving fun" at Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind. This is the nearest Recreational Laboratory for the Western Region. Other Rec Labs will be at New Windsor, Md., Dec. 28-Jan. 2; LaVerne College, LaVerne, Calif., Dec. 28-Jan. 1.

Crafts, hobbies and shells, including leather work, metal work, wood working, home crafts, will be studied under creative recreation. The general theme is "Recreation and the Church Age Groups." A Recreational Smorgasbord will feature instruction and sharing of skills, gadgets, new games and leadership.

The approximate cost of Rec. Lab will be about \$15 for board, room, and registration.

# Peace On Earth

Now is the season when we sing "Peace On Earth, And Goodwill Toward Men." But peace on earth is not, of course, a seasonal aspiration. It is a goal which men of goodwill have sought through all the centuries of Christendom.

The quest for peace, has, unfortunately, been beset by almost constant frustrations. Wars have grown in scope as the world's population has grown, and their destructive ferocity has increased with the increase of man's scientific knowledge. But despite this dilemma, there is a ray of hope.

Yes, there is hope, and there will continue to be hope as long as there are people and government who believe that a potentially world-destroying conflict is not inevitable, and who take intelligent and realistic steps toward preventing the occurrence of such a conflict.

Tense as the world is today, with fear and uncertainty of the future looming up to monstrous heights in the hearts of millions of people throughout the world, we have to look for the Star of Bethlehem above the crosses of a grief-stricken earth, for He at whose birth the Star shone is the One who more and more rules the world from His Cross.

Christ is the world's chief hope of converting dangerous knowledge into saving wisdom. He alone is able to instill such self-control in the individual that warring desires are brought into the peace of God which passeth all understanding. He is able to break down the middle wall of partition between races and impart a spirit of brotherhood within nations.

This is the Spirit of Christmas, the only reason why the Wise Men followed His Star, and the Shepherds to leave their flocks of sheep on the plains of Bethlehem on that bleak and wintry day of the first Christmas.

Yes, now is the season for a time of forgiving and forgetting, for setting aside bitterness to make place for brotherhood. The season that should deliver us from the fears and follies of this age and move us closer to the Kingdom when "Goodwill Among Men" shall cover the earth's waters cover the sea and when "Peace On Earth" shall proceed from wishful hope to glowing reality.

## Part Of College?

There are some students at Macampus who engage in activities away from the campus so much that they feel apart from the college family. Some do extensive work, some live off the campus and fail to make social contacts, but others are just around. Some students have lacked the family spirit in becoming a part of a real fellowship here. We know of students who have dropped out of college mainly because they failed to find a contributing part in the college program. To contribute in something, one must be able to obtain happiness in this fellowship.

When entering the University, we can realize the importance of an attitude of being one of the college family. Ways of promoting the college program open up in many dimensions upon obtaining a family unit spirit. One of the fruits of a family fellowship is learning the value of the unit itself. The Doctours must realize the value of spiritually minded youths more than we. We have been giving tribute to them for their gift and life of service. As their past life has been one of service, our present and future life should in turn regenerate our attitude to them by service.

No part of life will make persons so united in fellowship as service to a cause. All of us are enjoying the services performed by others who are, and still are, part of our college.

Loren Frantz

# Orchids & Thorns

Orchids to the boys who drove trucks and offered cars to help girls move into Dotzour Hall last Tuesday.

Orchids to Miss Edna Nehrer, housemother, Dotzour Hall, for efficiency, patience, and helpfulness shown and given during "Operation Move-In."

Orchids to Prof. Wesley DeCoursey for completing his work and obtaining his doctorate degree in Chemistry.

Orchids to Wendell Johnson, prof at Iowa State, and graduate of Macolege for winning those \$1,000,

and showing others how to spend them. Orchids to the Central College choir and to Prof. Robert Carlson for the beautiful singing on Macampus last Tuesday night.

Orchids to Vernon Dossett, and Mathilda Carlson who got married last Wednesday, and to Elsie Marie Kindley and Von Hall, Faye Ellen Trossie and Marion Winger, who will get married this Christmas season.

Orchids to all of us this Christmas, as there just couldn't be thorns at this time of the year! J. C.

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## College Church Gives Christmas Programs

"The Birthday of Hope" will be the sermon the Rev. Harry K. Zeller, Jr., will preach in the college church Sunday morning, Dec. 20.

Sunday evening at seven o'clock the children will give a Christmas Program.

On Dec. 13 Reverend Zeller spoke on "Gifts Money Cannot Buy" in the evening the Church Choir assisted by soloists from the choir presented a Christmas cantata, and a group of students presented Stephen Vincent Benet's play, "A Child Is Born."

## MC Graduate Wins \$1,000 In Contest

Wendell Johnson, a graduate of Macolege and now professor at the Iowa State University at Iowa City, Ia., has been awarded \$1,000 by the Institute of Humanities Inc., of Colorado Springs, Colo., for submitting the winning idea of how to spend the money in the most novel and creative way.

Dr. Ronald B. Howes, president of the institute, said of all the 2,304 candidates considered, "Johnson has demonstrated the highest probability of using the award creatively." The institute which offered the prize Oct. 14, was formed for the announced purpose of helping "solve problems for groups and individuals through counseling and research." It is staffed by a group of young scientists.

Johnson proposed to write a new kind of book for children. Not a morbid book like Hansel and Gretel, but a book about a wonderful way to live—an endlessly thrilling search for better things to believe, for better worlds to make on this old earth. Prof. Johnson, who has already published a book, "People In Quandaries," demonstrates that he is a true individualist, capable of carrying out the assignment implied in his propositions.

Dr. Howes of the institute presented the \$1,000 check to Prof. Johnson at Cedar Rapids, Ia., last Tuesday, Dec. 8.

Entries to the contest were received from 48 states and 11 foreign countries.

## Position Opens For Campus Editor

The position of Campus Editor of "The Spectator" will be vacant at the beginning of next semester due to the shifting upward one position of the editors. For this reason, applications for this position are welcome.

Any student wishing to apply for this position should submit a written application to Eddie Frantz, treasurer of the Student Council before Friday, Jan. 8. Applicants will be approved by the Student Council, and the Campus Editor will be appointed by the Board of Publications.

The duties of the Campus Editor are to supervise the assigning and gathering of news by the reporting staff. After serving in the position of Campus Editor for one semester, he or she will advance to Managing Editor at the beginning of next year, and on to Editor-in-chief at the last semester of next year.

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## Course Changes In Education Are Announced

Dr. James M. Berkebile, dean of Macolege, reports revisions in the Education and Psychology Department. Several courses have been eliminated; likewise several new courses have been added.

Dean Berkebile stated that this revision is necessary to make possible a logical sequence of courses of both secondary and elementary education. The following have been eliminated or included in other courses:

Social Psychology, Applied Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, Educational Tests and Measurements, Principles of Secondary Education, History of Education, Audio-Visual Education, and School Organization, Administration, and Kansas School Law.

General Psychology is offered but is no longer a prerequisite for other courses in the department.

The minimum requirements for an Education and Psychology major have been cut down to 24 hours. All courses will be offered every year. Some courses previously offered during the first semester will now be offered during the second semester and vice versa.

The courses offered in the Education and Psychology Department beginning next year are:

- In the field of Understanding the Child:  
42 and 142. Child Growth, Development, and Psychology (3) 1:15  
106. Principles of Guidance (3) 7:45  
117. Educational Psychology (3) 7:45  
118. Psychology of Adolescence (3) 7:45  
144. Nontypical Child (3) 8:40  
In the field of Understanding the School as a Social Institution:  
15 and 115. Introduction to Education (3) 1:15  
100. Principles of Elementary Education (3) 11:25  
125. Educational Sociology (3) 9:35  
145. The Secondary School (3) 8:40

In the field of obtaining Competence in Instruction:

- 11-12. Instruction Methods, Materials, and Observation in the Elementary School (3) 10:30  
31-32. Supervised Student Teaching in the Elementary School. (2-6) By appointment.  
121. Methods of Teaching in the High School. (3) 2:10  
133. The Teaching of Languages and Literature (3)  
Methods of Teaching Social Sciences (3)  
153, 154. Supervised Student Teaching in the Elementary School. (2-6) By appointment.  
155, 156. Supervised Student Teaching in the High School (2-6) By appointment.  
In the field of special problems:  
189, 190. Problems in Education or Psychology (1-3) Prerequisite: Consent of the instructor. By appointment.

## Thinking With The President

### SOME SUGGESTIONS ABOUT CHRISTMAS

As this paper comes out we are all thinking of Christmas. Most of you are ready to leave for Christmas vacation. Some already will have gone.

The following are a few suggestions made in a friendly way which might help enrich Christmas for you and for the folks at home.

1: Spend some time at home with the members of your family. I have heard parents say they looked forward eagerly to the arrival of the children home from college, but when they did come they immediately began to look up their old high school friends and other people of the community and spent very little time at home. Some have said they were out with their friends until late at night and then were gone again early in the morning. The parents felt disappointed and cheated. Remember your parents are putting much into your education and have a deep interest in you. Spend a little time with parents, brothers, and sisters.

2: Go to Church. The church people are eager to see you now that you have been away to college. Perhaps they think, now, you should be able to take a more intelligent and active part in the church than you have before. Maybe they will want you to lead singing, maybe they will want you to teach a Sunday School class; at least they will like to see you at church and to have you greet them. Show interest, not only in the young people but in the older people of the community where you grew up. Go to Church.

3: Do something of a "Christmas" nature for someone. Perhaps it is something into the community that you can call on who is ill and is unable to enjoy Christmas as he would like to. Perhaps you can drop in on your high school principal and visit with him, or with some of the teachers. Perhaps it is your mother, or your father, or your brothers or sisters who need a special Christmas lift from you. Do something of a friendly nature for someone.

4: Rest some. You have had a busy time in college. Here will be a time to relax a little, to read some, play some games, to rest some, so that you can come back for the last classes before examinations with your work up to date and yourself rested.

5: When Christmas is over and you approach the new year, give some thought to it. Analyze your behavior and conduct through the past year, your successes, your happinesses, your failures. Make a few resolutions that will put you on a better footing and start you in the year in the best possible way.

Come back to college with high enthusiasm, anticipating the completion of a great year at school.

## Choir Presents "The Holy Birth"

The McPherson Church Choir presented the Cantata, "The Holy Birth," at the Church of the Brethren last Sunday evening. The soloists were Mrs. Dick Wareham, Soloist, Miss Doris Cockpock, Alto, Harold Beam and Wesley DeCoursey, Tenor, and Gordon Yoder, Baritone.

A short modern drama, "A Child Is Born," by Stephen Vincent Benet, was directed by Miss Della Lehman and Betty Lou Herschberger. Miss Doris Cockpock was prompter. Music for the play was developed by Leon Albert and sung by the Chapel Choir.

## Profs Will Travel During Vacation

Prof. S. M. Dell and his wife will spend their Christmas on the highway traveling west to Recreational Laboratories in LaVerne, Calif.

Miss Della Lehman will be in Chicago for her Christmas vacation. The week after Christmas she is planning to attend the Modern Language Association Meeting in that city.

Miss Doris Cockpock will spend her Christmas in Clovis, New Mexico, where her parents live. Miss Virginia Harris will go to Jennings, La., to spend the holidays with her mother.

Dr. DeCoursey and family will be in Iowa over the holidays. Miss Sarah May Vancil will spend her vacation at Morrill, Kansas.

## Alpha Psi Omega Selects "Affairs Of The State"

"Affairs of the State" by Louis Verneil, chosen as one of the 10 best plays of 1950-51, has been selected to be presented by the Alpha Psi Omega Dramatics Club at the Community Building, January 30.

Try-outs will be held on Tuesday, January 5, at 7:00 p.m. in the S.A.R. All those belonging to Alpha Psi Omega and those who have points are eligible to try-out for this play.

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# Bulldog Barks

Vacation starts today—two whole weeks of fun, relaxation, and sleep. Merry Christmas to all of you. We'll see you back at school next year.

Last week, Falmestock and Hiline Halls had a visitor, a little goat. The animal was extremely friendly as some of the girls found out when it chased them to the door of the dorm.

Congratulations, Fellows! For winning the Moundridge tournament two successive times. There were moments when the fans were beside themselves, such as the play in the fourth quarter that was a stall for time.

The girls moved into Dotzour Hall on Tuesday after many weeks of waiting. They are getting settled and adjusted to their new home. The fellows moved into Arnold on Wednesday.

The girls on campus had "no hours" last Sunday night. Arnold Hall had a party at two o'clock in the morning. Perhaps that explains the drooping eyelids in the Monday morning classes.

Girls in rustling and swishing formals and fellows in their suits under Christmas lights in a winter scene was the setting for the Christmas formal held in the gym Saturday night. There was a snowman, a tree, and a sleigh before a background of Christmas trees. There were stars and a sleigh.

A week ago, the international students had a dinner at the Bittingers. Each student prepared a dish from his or her country.

The Kline Hall girls took off for the last Saturday night after Verlee Reist came in flashing her Christmas gift from Bill Frantz. It was on the third finger of her left hand.

Another couple making plans for the future are Lois Kessler and Steve Bersuch. They announced their intentions on Saturday night. To make a grand total of three engagements in one evening. Beth Mehl told of her plans to wed James White before next June.

Jane Grove went to Detroit, Kansas, to visit in the Correll home. Nadene Correll is Jane's roommate. The two girls rode up to Detroit with Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Quay, pastor of the Buckeye church.

After Sunday evening services, the C. B. Y. F. and SCA had a caroling party following by games, refreshments and short devotions at the church. The group went in a truck.

Eula Mae Murrey invited a group of students to her home on Sunday. They were: Beverly Schechter, Jean Walker, Marilyn Spohn, Betty Holdreid, Vernon Petefish, Wayne Jones, Dale Jones, Cliff Reeves, and Don Goodfellow. Their main event was devouring the moose roast that Beverly and Eula Mae brought back from Minnesota at Thanksgiving.

Last night a surprise birthday supper was held for Ruth Grossnickel.

Those attending the event at Bittinger's were Ruth, Lois Stinnette, Virginia Bower, Evelyn Williams, Norman Long, Evelyn Taylor, Dale DeLauter, and Max Parmley. Driving to Rec Lab at La Verne, California, are Professor and Mrs. Dell. Accompanying them are Dolores Sigle, Beverly Schechter, Beverly's sister, and Don Wagner.

Today is the day for Elise Kindly to walk down the aisle to meet Von Hall. The wedding is at four o'clock. The best of luck, kids!

Faye Ellen Trostle is changing her last name Tuesday, December 22. Her wedding is to be at the Methodist Church in Johnson, Kansas. Faye Ellen is not coming back to school after vacation. She has made up her classes and tests already. Farewell, Faye Ellen, and best wishes!

Doesn't broiled hamburger with pineapple, tossed in salad, plum pudding with hard sauce, and hot mint tea sound "out of this world?" That is the menu that the Rec Council enjoyed at their annual Christmas

party held at the Bittinger home. Here is an address of two Mac graduates (1953): Peggy Sargent or Donna Sooby APO 211 care of Postmaster New York, New York. Say, what do you think of the long white beard and pouchy stomach that Kenny Evans and Bob Powell have been donning at various times during the past weeks? Can't get a cupid, on Dasher and Blitzen; On Dasher, on Dancer, on Prancer and Vixen . . .

Visiting the Vernon Nicholson home in Geneseo were Marlene Evans, Sara Ann Courtney, Mary Jo Snyder, Mary Alice Smith, Gary Rich, Larry Brooks, Gerald U. Jones, an Leon Neher. They were treated to a baked ham dinner and a "tuffy pull." Mrs. Nicholson is Leon Neher's sister.

Monday night the A Cappella Choir became carolers for the city of McPherson. They went along Main Street in an open truck singing carols from the new carol book being sold by the peace group. "Winter Wonderland," "Santa Claus is Coming to Town," and "I'm Dreaming of a White Christmas."

Miss Betty Lou Herabberger, youth director for the Western Region, is spending her Christmas vacation at her home in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. After Christmas Betty Lou will attend a youth rally at Pampa, Texas, before returning to her district. Dr. Mary Fee was in Wichita Tuesday, Dec. 15, on a business trip.

## Frostle To Wed Winger Dec. 22

Miss Faye Ellen Trostle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Trostle, Johnson, Kan., is to be united in marriage to Mr. Marion Winger Tuesday, Dec. 22. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Ross Thornton, of Concordia, and the Rev. Hugh Morris, of Johnson, in the Methodist Church in Johnson.

The bride's gown is of bridal pink lace over satin with a court train. The shoulder-length veil is also of bridal pink.

The maid of honor and the bridesmaids, Carol and Nancy Trostle, sisters of the bride, Ruth Strickler, and Melva Jean Toggle will wear pink floor-length dresses with three tiers of variegated colors of pink.

All the flowers of the wedding will be American Beauty roses. The candelabra and the candles on the center aisle will be lighted by Donna Marie and Douglas Trostle, cousins of the bride.

The groom will be attended by his brother, Melvin Winger, Philip Huff, Kansas City, Galen Fiss, and Dean Ramsey, both of Johnson.

Miss LaFaugh Hubbard will sing "Because"; Jared Grantham of Johnson, is to sing "I Love You Truly"; and Mrs. Hobart Cockerham, of Bright, Wyoming, will sing "The Lord's Prayer." The organist is Mrs. Warren Plummer.

Miss Lois Rolfs, of Lorraine, and Miss Janet McClellan, of Johnson, will be in charge of the guest book.

Faye Ellen has chosen a light blue suit with navy and white accessories for their wedding trip.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Winger will go to New Jersey where Marion is serving in the armed forces. Their address after Dec. 30 will be 661 Ocean Avenue, Long Branch, New Jersey.

## Student Skaters Pose For Quad Pictures

Monday night last week was the last meeting of M.C.S.C. until after vacation. Kenneth Brown took some action shots for the Quad after skating practice was underway.

Ken also took a group picture of M.C.S.C. It was discovered later that the president, Loren Frantz, who had left to pick up a late skater in town, was not present.

A group of MacCollege skaters also went to Hutchinson Friday, Dec. 11, to spend the evening. They again used a rink with a plastic floor.

## Dells To Attend LaVerne Rec Lab

Prof. and Mrs. S. M. Dell, with three McPherson College students, Don Waggoner, Dolores Sigle, and Beverly Schechter, will leave for Rec Lab at LaVerne College, LaVerne, Calif., on Christmas morning.

The Recreational Council of the Church of the Brethren with headquarters in Elgin, Illinois, has set up this western coast recreational lab and the other two eastern ones. Prof. Dell is one of the leaders. He will be in charge of crafts. Mrs. Dell will assist him.

## Girls Celebrate As Dorm Rules Are Lifted For One Night

Arnold Hall dorm rules, which govern the girls' getting in on time and leaving after hours, were lifted last Sunday night, Dec. 13, and the girls were free to come and go as they wished, no matter what the hours. This was to celebrate the moving out of old Arnold and moving into new Dotzour Hall.

A last get-together party was held in the lounge at two a.m. Monday morning. Hot chocolate and doughnuts was available for those who joined in the fun. The girls sat around, talking and listening to Christmas music afterward.

Later a group of girls sang Christmas carols to the boys at Falmestock Hall and the Vet's apartment.

Classes were well attended by the girls, Monday, despite the late hours.

## Happy Birthday To You

By the time students return from their Christmas vacation, December and the Christmas season would have been here and gone until another year, and students will be looking forward with new resolutions made for a better and more successful year in 1954.

However, with students here on the campus, birthdays will always come and go, and at this time, the student body and faculty of McPherson College join in wishing the following a very happy birthday. Congratulations to Rommie Huston whose birthday is today, Dec. 18. We hope you make it home. Ron, for your birthday celebrations.

Leonard Goering will be celebrating tomorrow, Saturday, Dec. 19, and Marian McElwain will be celebrating the following day, Sunday, Dec. 20.

Don Goodfellow and Loren Cline have birthdays on Monday, Dec. 21. Congratulations to you both, and many happy returns.

On Tuesday, Dec. 22, Charles Petty and Curtis Leicht will be celebrating, and Roger Fick will cut his cake on Wednesday, Dec. 23.

Ruth Grossnickel will be celebrating at home in Iowa, and Ruth Fickover will be celebrating on Thursday, Dec. 24. Ida Zunkel will also celebrate at home in Denver, Colo., on Sunday after Christmas, Dec. 27.

Arthur Benson has a birthday on Monday, Dec. 28, and on December goes out, Alice Hanagan will have a double celebration with her folks at Shiprock, N.M., on Dec. 31.

Happy birthday to you all, and many happy returns.

## Foreign Students Enjoy Dinner At Bittingers'

The kitchen, dining, and living rooms at the president's home were busy places last Friday night, Dec. 11, as McPherson College Foreign students prepared meals, ate a seven course dinner, and sang Christmas hymns together with President and Mrs. D. W. Bittinger, and their two children, Dick and Marianne.

Before the dinner, several of the Foreign students busied themselves in Mrs. Bittinger's kitchen preparing some of their countries' favored dishes. Dishes prepared ranged from the delicious German pie prepared and brought in by Anneliese Koch and Eva Petermann, "Chickenburgers" prepared by Esther Ikenberry, Indian curried rice prepared by Vinaya Likhite, Nigerian bean cakes concocted by Isaac Grillo, American cookies from the Sargeants, Japanese "pretzels," and oranges to represent the Kingdom of Jordan.

At the dinner table, the students and the Bittingers enjoyed a two-hour, seven-course dinner, and exchanged stories on past experiences as conversation went from one land to another.

After the dinner, the group retired to the living room and sang Christmas hymns.

Ten of the fifteen Foreign students at MacCollege attended the dinner party. Those attending were: Hatsuiko Kanazawa, Nagasaki, Japan; Anneliese Koch, Hochheim-Lautlin, Hesse, Germany; Eugen Lepori, Rohrenstrasse 3, Romscheld, Germany; Eva Petermann, Berlin; Lankwitz, Rodach, Veg, Germany; Loai Beitar, Jenin, Jordan; Vinaya Likhite, India; Isaac Grillo, Lagos, Nigeria; Daniel Onyema, Umahia, Nigeria; James Craig of Katsina, Northern Nigeria, and Esther Ikenberry who spent ten years in China, and now of Cuba, N.M.

Other Foreign students not present were: Kuki Ilaou, Leone, American Samoa; Susue Uta, Anoufua, American Samoa; Chahli' Shabbah' Ed-Din, Amman, Jibal El-Hissain, Jordan; Gwan Jo, Seoul, Korea; Jimmie Ohse, Tokyo, Japan; Mrs. Saralaya Pradhan, India, and Mrs. Daniel Onyema, of Nigeria, West Africa.

Dr. and Mrs. Bittinger had been missionaries to Nigeria, West Africa for ten years, and have traveled in many countries of the world. Dick Bittinger was born in Nigeria, West Africa, and came to the United States as a baby when the Bittingers retired from active foreign service.

## Engagements

**Kessler-Bersuch:** Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Kessler of Sabetha, Kansas, announce the engagement of their daughter, Lois Ariene, to Steve Bersuch, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Bersuch of McPherson. Lois and Steve are both sophomores at Mac.

No date has been set for the wedding.

**Mehl-White:** Beth Mehl's engagement to James Ray White has been announced by Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mehl of Geneseo. James stationed at the Hutchinson Naval Air Base is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray White of Mesa, Arizona.

This is Beth's first semester at Mac. She is going to work and live in Hutchinson in January. The wedding will probably take place before next June.

## Rec Council Celebrates

Thirty Rec Council members and guests attended the annual Christmas party of the Rec Council Monday, Dec. 14, at President D. W. Bittinger's home.

A supper of glorified hamburgers, tossed salad, and plum pudding, one of Mrs. Bittinger's specialties, was served.

After supper games were played in the recreation room. To provide Christmas trees for the occasion, each member decorated his guest in a fast moving relay.

## Edward Taylor Enrolls In British University

J. Edward Taylor, Jr., a Rotary Foundation Fellow from Sharon Springs, Kansas, writes from Oxford, England where he is attending school at Keble College, Oxford University.

In a letter received from Mr. Taylor by Prof. S. Dell, secretary of Rotary, he states: "Keble College is constructed on the corridor type. One must be inside the campus wall by eleven o'clock or be subject to fine and loss of privileges."

"The rooms occupied by the students are small combination sitting and bed rooms; heated by an electric grid type fireplace; bowl and pitchers washing facilities; warm water brought by a "scout" or chamber maid."

"You are governed by the University of Oxford Proctor's Memorandum on Conduct and Discipline, which details your conduct, academic dress, bicycles, clubs, societies, dances, entertainment, etc. You attend Chapel regularly on Sunday."

He also mentions the unusual feeling he receives from having the sun rise at 7:54 on the short days and set at 3:35.

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# Bulldogs Retain Trophy

## Canines Whip Tabor 76-56, Bethel 69-60 In Contest

The McPherson College Bulldogs, playing a new brand of fast break ball under Coach Sid Smith, displayed tremendous speed and staying power before capacity crowds at the Moundridge Tournament sponsored by four Central Kansas colleges and held at the new Moundridge High School gymnasium last Wednesday and Thursday nights, Dec. 9 and 10.

The Bulldogs won the trophy of the contest presented by the Citizens of Moundridge for the second straight year by beating Tabor College Bluejays 76-56 in the second game of the first night, and a strong Bethel College team 69-60 in the championship game of the second night. The four Central Kansas Colleges sponsoring the tournament are Bethany College, Tabor College, Bethel College, and McPherson College.

Two McPherson College players featured remarkably in the two games. All-Conference Wayne Blickenstaff scored 20 points for his team on the first night, and 19 points during the championship game, and averaged 19.5 points per game for the tournament, and little Tommy O'Dell displayed tremendous agility and ball control to thwart a threatening Bethel offense, and stalled the ball for two minutes to give Bulldogs enough time to win the championship game.

In the first game of the first night, the Bethel Graymaroons defeated a cold Swede team from Bethany College 81-62 to qualify for the finals, and the Bulldogs beat the Tabor Bluejays 76-56 in a thrilling and fast game also to qualify.

The Swedes from Bethany College were hot for the consolation game of the second night as they downed the plucky Bluejays 76-57 to win third place in the tournament. However, Weins of Tabor was high scorer for that game with 27 points.

The Bulldogs played a rather scrappy game in the first night, but came fresh and aggressive for the championship game. Also in the championship game, the Bulldogs were more confident of themselves, and showed greater accuracy under the basket both from the court and from the charity line. In the first game, the Bulldogs could only hit 35 percent of their fielders, but on the second night, they hit 41 percent. At the free throw line, the Bulldogs also improved from their 38 percent in the first night's game to 65 percent in the second night.

Outstanding for the Canines at the tournament are Wayne Blickenstaff who sparked the team to victory, Gene Smith who played a hustling good game in both nights, and fouled out against Bethel's tight defense during the championship game, Tommy O'Dell who put up a great performance during both games, Carl Metsker, Eddie Frantz, Bill Smith, Fayne Klassen, Glenn Gayer, Ronnie Sams, LeRoy Heidebrecht, Larry Gilchrist, Dwight Nulph, Dicky McGuire, and Bob Wise.

Outstanding for Bethel was the 6 foot 3 inch freshman postman, Arly Loeffler who racked up 34 points during the championship game, and whose crafty shifting caused both Bill Smith and Carl Metsker to foul out of the ball game.

The only time during the championship game at which Bethel College led was in the first few minutes of the game when they were ahead 4-3. Midway in the first period, the Bulldogs rallied and gained a 16-6 advantage. Throughout the remainder of the thrilling battle



1953 BULLDOG BASKETBALL SQUAD—Winners of the Moundridge Tournament Trophy for the second straight year, and an aggregation of talent, speed, ability, and power, are these charges of Coach Sid Smith. The Bulldogs have a 24 game schedule this year, and are competing in three tournaments. Pictured here, left to right in the front row are: LeRoy Heidebrecht, Dwight Nulph, Gene Smith, Dicky McGuire, and Jim Snider. Second row: Wayne Blickenstaff, Kenny Wahl, Bill Mollhagen, Carl Metsker, Bill Smith, and Eddie Frantz. Third row: Ronnie Sams, Glenn Gayer, Merle Rolfs, Larry Gilchrist, Fayne Klassen, Bob Wise, and Tommy O'Dell.

## It's Your Viewpoint

By LeRoy Heidebrecht

### "Characteristics of a Good Coach"

The question this week is, "In your opinion, what are two essential characteristics that a coach of athletics should have?" Numerous students were asked this question this week.

One answer that was given almost every time the question was asked was that a good coach must have an excellent personality. Another essential characteristic of a good coach, according to the people who were interviewed, is that he must be a student of the sport which he is coaching. In other words, he must know the sport inside out.

These are some of the students who were interviewed and their answers.

**Doyle Smith** — Sophomore. I think a coach, if he wants to be a good coach, must be able to put his ideas across to his boys to such an extent that they have full confidence in his system. Next, a coach must be a student of the sport that he is coaching.

**Kenneth Evans** — Junior. In my opinion, the first essential characteristic of an athletic coach is that he must be able to build his boys into men who are able to accept life. The second quality of a good coach is that he must be able to coach teams that are winning teams.

**Glen Becker** — Freshman. A good coach must be able to well understand the sport that he is coaching. Secondly, a coach must be able to control his boys.

**Benny Schnorr** — Sophomore. The first essential characteristic of a coach is that he must know the fundamentals of his sport. He must have a very good personality.

The Bulldogs to 13. The Bulldogs could not find the basket as consistently as did the Moundbuilders.

Gene Smith and Tommy "Digger" O'Dell scored 12 points each for their team, and Wayne Blickenstaff tallied for 11 points. High scorer for the game was Southwestern's Stotts with 20 points.

In the preliminary game between the "B" teams of the two colleges, the Bulldogs defeated the Builders 65-61.

## Bulldogs To Play Fort Hays In Tourney Opener

The McPherson College Bulldogs met the Ft. Hays Tigers at the huge Sports Arena in Hutchinson Thursday night in the second game on this week's basketball schedule. If the Bulldogs lose they will meet the loser of the Southwestern and Washburn game in a game starting at 4 p. m. Friday.

If the Bulldog cagers win they will meet the winner of the Southwestern and Washburn game. That game will start at 9 o'clock also on Friday evening.

Ft. Hays is one of the favored teams to win the strong C. I. C. tournament to which McPherson has been invited. The tournament will be held Dec. 17, 18, and 19 at the Sports Arena in Hutchinson. The Bethany Swedes is the other team that is invited.

Sparked by 6 ft. 4 in. Melvin Christensen, the Ft. Hays Tigers play a fast break and full court press type of basketball. Christensen was the highest scorer in the tough C.I.C. last year. He has been hitting consistently again this year.

Another top player on the Tiger team is Marvin Andrews. Bud Moeckle is another high scorer for the Ft. Hays team.

Officials for the tournament are Keith "Kite" Thomas, Lud Fiser, Jack Horner, and Ronnie McLain. McLain was one of the officials at the Moundridge tournament last week.

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Another added attraction to the tournament will be the attendance of Grady Lewis, traveling consultant for the Converse Rubber Company. Lewis, a former great in the basketball world, will show a film to the visitors attending the clinic. The film is entitled, "Basketball Highlights of 1952."

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McPherson	8	3	3
Blickenstaff	4	4	5
Gene Smith	3	5	5
Tommy O'Dell	1	2	1
Klassen	0	7	0
Gayer	3	0	3
Metsker	3	0	3
Frantz	2	0	2
Ronnie Sams	0	1	0
Bill Smith	2	1	5
TOTALS	23	23	25

	FG	FT	F
Loeffler	7	10	2
Schlenberg	1	2	0
McPherson	2	2	5
Goering	3	3	4
Eck	0	0	2
Siemens	0	1	2
Harms	6	4	3
Hassen	0	0	1
Ewert	0	0	1
TOTALS	19	22	22

McPherson	20	12	14-69
Bethel	13	14	15-60

## Bulldogs Lose To Strong Southwestern

The McPherson College Bulldogs ran up against a hot-shooting Southwestern College team last Friday night, Dec. 11, and came out on the short end of a 48-59 score.

The game was a non-conference affair and the fifth win in a row for the Moundbuilders. The loss was the first this season for the Bulldogs.

The Bulldogs were a little bit weary after playing two nights in a row at the Moundridge Tournament at which they beat Tabor College and Bethel College to retain the trophy for the second straight year. Both games the Bulldogs played at the tournament were tough and bristling.

The first half of the game was close with the Bulldogs leading 13-10 at the end of the first period. The Moundbuilders changed strategy and came from behind to lead at half time 25-22.

In the third period, the Builders added to their margin and led 42 to 35, and in the final period, they scored 17 more points holding

**Gerald Ulrich** — Sophomore. A good coach must have a good personality, so that he has his boys behind him. Second, an athletic coach must practice what he preaches in regard to training rules. In other words, if he tells his boys not to smoke, he must not smoke himself.

**Paul Heidebrecht** — Senior. First of all, if he wants to be a good coach, he must have an excellent personality. Secondly, he must instill in his boys the desire to win. "A team that won't be beat, can't be beat."

**Don Faules** — Sophomore. An athletic coach must be able to administer discipline in such a manner that it is effective, yet not aggravating to his boys. He must set an example for his boys at all times.

## Ravens Edge Bulldogs 60-58 In Close Game

A cool and easy going, but strong Ravens of St. Benedict's College, from Atchison, Kan., edged the McPherson College Bulldogs 60-58 in a very close and exciting game played at the McPherson - High School gymnasium before a fair sized crowd last Tuesday night, Dec. 15.

The game was the closest game ever seen on the local court, and was probably the closest the Bulldogs ever played. The score was tied up at the end of the first

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