

Five Choirs Present Christmas Oratorio

"Christmas Oratorio" by Camil Van Hulse is to be presented by the combined efforts of five choirs and Professor Donald Frederick, director, on Sunday, Dec. 12, at 7:30 p. m.

A Cappella and Chapel Choirs, Ladies' Church Choir, Adult Church Choir, and the Church Youth Choir will be combined for the evening's presentation.

125 voices will be singing the oratorio, the theme of which is the birth of Christ and which carries through its six parts from the prophecy of the Messiah many years B. C. to a carol of praise which has been sung throughout the world ever since His birth.

As expressed in the theme of the first part, "Lord, Have Mercy" is the cry of God's people before the coming of the prophet John the Baptist who said: "Prepare ye the way of the Lord." The first part is "Prophecy."

"Hope", the second part, continues the theme of hope in the expected coming of a deliverer.

The announcement by the angel, Gabriel, and Mary's prayer, "My Soul doth Magnify the Lord" are included in the third section, "Expectations".

"Night of Nights" will express the message of the fourth part, the mood here being one of quiet adoration.

Adoration by the shepherds andplings of the newborn babe is the theme through the fifth part, and the sixth and final part expresses "Joy to the World" and the hosannas are heard throughout.

Soloists for the oratorio are: Max McAuley, Dwight Blough, Gene Snyder, Wesley De Coursey, Mrs. Dick Wareham, Dorris Coppock, Jo Eva Reinecker, Peg Hofer, Connie Brooks, Joyce Glotfelty, La Faugh Hubbard, Marlene Jamison, Anne Keim and Liz Keim.

Character parts to be sung by the soloists are: John the Baptist; the angel, Gabriel; Mary; Elizabeth; and the three wise men.

Several of the soloists are appearing in the presentation of the "Christmas Oratorio" for the second time. La Faugh Hubbard, Max McAuley, and Mrs. Wareham sang in the 1951 concert.

The premier performance of this oratorio in this area was in 1950, and it was presented a second time in 1951.

"The prophecy, fulfillment and glory of the Christmas Story are given new scope and fresh meaning in the blending of the modern and the classic."

The modern style is exemplified in the Oriental music sung by the "Wise Men" from the East.

Accompanists for the program are Mrs. Lloyd Larsen, church organist, and Miss Anne Krehbel, piano instructor of the college.

Descriptive lighting effects are going to be employed for the pre-

sentation. Dim at the beginning to symbolize the dark age before His coming, the lights gradually brighten to the end.

The author of the oratorio, Van Hulse is active as a concert pianist, organist, choir director, teacher, symphony director and composer.

Van Hulse has been awarded first prizes in ten contests for composition, the most recent of which is the oratorio published in 1950.

One of Mr. Van Hulse's cantatas placed fifth in a popularity poll for choral works.

Professor Frederick regularly directs four of the five choirs performing in the concert.

Students Don Formals For Christmas Party

A lowered ceiling of unique silver foil snowflakes, with indirect lighting will accent the winter setting for "Twas The Night Before Christmas," theme of this year's Christmas Formal. The formal will be held Saturday, Dec. 11, at 8 o'clock in the college gymnasium.

A decorated and glittering Christmas tree, along with a fireplace and accessories will add to the merry Christmas spirit.

This will be the second annual Christmas Formal sponsored by the Social Committee. An invitation to attend this evening's entertainment is extended to all students, faculty members, and families.

The program has been arranged by Eva Navarro, chairman; Gery Button, Carolyn Myers, Lucy Blough, Don Colberg, and Norman Reed. All committees have been under the coordination of Mary Lou Wise.

Act arrangement of the program spells Christmas Eve. Caroling - Mardella Guenther, leading.

Happy Holidays—poem, Miss Edna Neher

Reading, Miss Della Lehman.

"I Saw Mommy Kissing Santa Claus"—vocal duet by Connie Brooks and Keith Coffman.

Skit—Don Colberg, chairman.

"The Old Lamp Lighter"—Freshman quartet.

Music Numbers—Ladies' trio.

"All I Want For Christmas is My Two Front Teeth"—by Kenneth Evans.

"Silver Bells"—Marimba solo by Martha Switzer, accompanied by Nadene Correll.

Early Hour Initiation . . .

Trostle, Lengel, Moore Join Phi Alpha Theta Wednesday

The early hours of Wednesday morning was the setting for the ceremony as three new members were added to the roll of Phi Alpha Theta.

In the hour before the dawning, when the night is the very blackest, and so still, and so clear, and so sharp, when only the bright morning star breaks through the blackness and the stillness with its sharp light, six figures moved silently through the darkness to a meeting place.

Three of these lost themselves in the all enveloping darkness, leaving the other three waiting, and wondering.

Then, as the mists of morning lifted, as the morning star winked her last, and the six-colored fingers of dawn broke through the sharp, cold blackness, those who were left in the still darkness were brought into the soft, warm glow of candlelight and heard the words of the ideals and symbols of the Phi Alpha Theta: spirit of respect, belief in the brotherhood of man, love of Truth.

Evening Story—Glenn Swinger and his family.

Violin Solo—"O Holy Night" played by Joan Ford.

Evening Prayer—"Bless This House" by Dwight Blough.

Refreshments will be served by: Virginia Bower, chairman; Nancy Ruth Erlsman; Edith Kesler; Wayne Grossnickle and Don Holderead.

Decorations for the occasion are in charge of Ruth Kaufman, chairman; Bob Bower, Ellen Willems, Don Hünnicutt, Nancy Barragone, and Gordon Carlson.

Dates are not necessary for attending the Christmas formal.

After the formal the Christmas tree will be moved to Sharp Hall. The tree will be placed near the door in the Chapel for the enjoyment of the student body. The tree was used last Sunday as decorations for the Church.

Helman To Speak Here

The Rev. A. Blair Helman, pastor of the Church of the Brethren in Wichita, will be the main speaker at the Five-College Conference to be held on Macampus Saturday, Feb. 12.

College Calendar

SATURDAY, DEC. 11: Christ nas Formal, 8 p. m. in gym.

SUNDAY, DEC. 12: Christmas Musicale at the college church.

TUESDAY, DEC. 14: Basket ball, Sterling here.

FRIDAY, DEC. 17: Basketball at Mary's of the Plains, here

Carol Trostle, Leland Lengel, and Bill Moore were initiated by the present active members, LaFaugh Hubbard, Kenneth Brown and Art Benson, Prof. Raymond Flory is sponsor.

Phi Alpha Theta, an honorary history fraternity, is new on Maccollege campus, having received a charter late last spring. A certain grade level, minimum of 12 hours in history, and an interest in the organization are requirements for membership.

A Cappella Serenades Downtown Shoppers

Crowded stores relinquished their human masses to the sidewalks on Monday evening as the McPherson College A Cappella Choir raised its voices in the singing of Christmas carols.

From the corner at Miller's Print Shop to Euclid, the choir traversed down the center of Main Street on the bed of a semi-trailer truck.

With a police escort in front and direction of traffic from behind, no traffic jams occurred. At intervals the truck remained motionless in the center of the street as young voices raised the Christmas anthems on high.

As one spectator observed, people hurriedly left their shopping duties for a good opportunity to hear the choir.

Nylon Project Progresses

Operation nylon has progressed since the announcement of its purpose was made in chapel. SCA officers have said. Nearly two bushel baskets full have accumulated.

Shortly after Thanksgiving vacation, a rope of nylons was started west on Euclid from the entrance to the college for about two blocks. Those in chapel on Friday were greeted with strings of hose across the ceiling and around the stage.

The approximate goal of the nylon project was to have one mile of hose to send to Peggy Sargent, who is doing Brethren Volunteer service work in Germany. Peggy will distribute them to German women.

Women in Germany have facilities for mending hose with runs in them. They also make articles from hose by unraveling the threads.

During the Thursday evening SCA hour, the ropes of nylons were unrolled and all hose were sorted. Cotton hose will not be used for Operation Nylon but will be used for the CBYF project.

This project is collecting toys and clothing for the Fallurrias, Texas, service project. Old cotton hose will be used to make stuffed animals.

Also, during SCA, all of the donated clothing was sorted and prepared for sending to Fallurrias.

Pep Club Chooses Concession Chairmen

Elouise Postier, sophomore, and Delaine Larsen, freshman, have been chosen by the pep club to be co-chairmen of the basketball concession stand for the eleven home games.

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MAC SINGERS . . . The combined choirs of college hill are presenting their Christmas Oratorio Sunday evening in the college church. Prof. Donald Frederick directs this mass choral group which is shown practicing for the program presented last month at Regional Conference.

Program Fills Month Of January . . .

Brethren Service Replaces Church School Of Missions

During the month of January, 1955, a School of Brethren Service will replace the School of Missions at the college church on Sunday and Thursday evenings.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sargent, who recently visited Brethren Service Projects in Europe, are resource leaders in charge of the school.

Study groups on Brethren Service activities will be held for all age groups each Thursday evening. Maccollege students who have been in Brethren Service will assist with the programs.

Students in the Brethren Service Fellowship on Macampus include: Phyllis Hamilton, Ruth Kauffman, Jean Bullard, Kathy McLeod, Ruth Peckover Evans, Rita Ellen Royer, Betty Lou Herahberger, Frances Thomas, Leon Albert, Edith Kesler, Esther Merkey, Ida Zunkel, Dee Bowman, Mary Romero, Beverly Barr, and Joe Johns.

Brethren Service programs will be carried out on Sunday evenings by slides, movies and speakers.

Dr. Wesley DeCoursey, J. W. Dick Wareham and Winston Beam.

A dinner will be served each Thursday evening at the church.

Faculty Changes Honor Roll Plan

A new system for computing the honor roll was adopted by the faculty Thursday morning, Dec. 9, on the recommendation of the Curriculum Committee.

The new plan bases membership in the honor roll and the honorable mention on grade point average instead of the total number of grade points. To make the honor roll the students must now have a 2.5 average or higher; to make honorable mention 2.25 up to 2.5.

Dr. Wesley DeCoursey, who presented the recommendation to the faculty for the Curriculum Committee, pointed out that the new system places emphasis on quality of work instead of excess number of hours.

To determine his rating, a student may divide his total number of grade points by the number of hours from which they were earned. A student must be carrying 12 hours to be eligible for the honor lists.

Maccollege students who were asked to prepare some of the meals for which a small charge will be made.

On Sunday evening, January 30, the annual birthday dinner will be held in the church basement. At this time an offering for the work of the church will be made.

SCA will dismiss its regular Thursday evening meetings during January in order that all students may attend the School of Brethren Service dinners and study groups.

New Members Join Alpha Psi Omega

Initiation of the new members into Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatics fraternity, took place in the home of Mrs. Una Yoder on Dec. 7.

Leon Albert, Dale Shenefelt, LaFaugh Hubbard, Johann Silver and Norma Goering became full-fledged members of the east Theta Epsilon, local chapter of Alpha Psi Omega.

After the initiation, refreshments were served of cold meat sandwiches, pickles, cocoa, caramels, and ice cream pie.

Old members of Alpha Psi Omega are Max Parmley, president; Esther Merkey, secretary-treasurer; Ted Vance, and Dale DeLauter.

Former Prof Dies In California

Ellis M. Studebaker, former McPherson College faculty member, died Monday, Dec. 6, in California. He had undergone surgery last week.

Professor Studebaker was a teacher of Greek and New Testament and served the college from 1911 to 1923. He was married to the former Ida Shockley, who had served as dean of women at McPherson College.

Mr. Studebaker had been living in Claremont, Calif., since his retirement from Bethany Hospital in Chicago.

Miss Della Lehman visited the Studebakers in California last summer.

Freshmen Select Cheering Quintet

Five freshmen were elected by the freshman class for the Maccollege "B" team cheerleaders this year. They are: Phyllis Boyd of Cedar Rapids, Ia., June McDaniels of Essex, Mo., Patsy Miller of Rocky Ford, Colo., Joyce Glotfelty of Batavia, Ia., and J. W. Van Blaricum of Minneola, Kansas.

Ten members of the freshman class tried out for the cheerleading positions, nine girls and one boy. Because of a close vote, five freshmen were elected to lead cheers for the "B" squad this season.

Maccollege Quintet, Quartet Return After Musical Journeys

The male quintet has recently returned to campus from a seven day tour through Colorado and one stop in Nebraska.

This group is made up of Galen Slifer, first tenor; Norman Lang, second tenor; Dwight Blough, alto; Leland Lengel, bass; and Max Parmley, second tenor and accompanist.

On Wednesday Dec. 8, this group appeared on the Helen, Grand Show over KTVH. The same station on which the Homecoming Royalty appeared earlier in the school year.

The quintet first appeared on Sunday morning Nov. 28 at the Denver Prince of Peace Church, which was recently dedicated. At 3:00 on the 28th the men sang at the First Church of the Brethren

which is also in Denver.

Sunday afternoon, while traveling toward Colorado Springs, from Denver, to make a 7:30 appearance at the Colorado Springs Church of the Brethren, the five members of the quintet had to hold Glenn Swinger's car from sliding back down a hill. They were halted by a large truck which was unable to make it up the icy incline.

On Monday morning the men sang at the Fruita Church of the Brethren and traveled to nearby Grand Junction to sing at the Brethren Church in the evening.

Returning to Fruita, they put on a program at the High school the following day. Antioch Church of the Brethren heard the quintet sing at the evening service on Wed. Dec. 1. Before

time to sing at the church the men were invited to go driving with the pastor of the church to see some antelope. The carload ended up chasing coyotes over the prairies of Colo. at the speed of 50-60 miles per hour in a 32 Mercury.

Two appearances were made on Dec. 2. The first being at the Yoder High School and the second an evening program at the Rocky Ford Church.

On Friday night the men had to do some fast singing to finish in time to attend a basketball game at the high school in Wiley. They appeared at the church at 6:30 and following their performance made it to the 7:30 game which Wiley won.

At the Bethel Church near Arriba, Colo., the quintet and their advisor

tried out some of the plays they had seen the night before in the Wiley basketball game. The team played basketball on rollerskates in the fellowship hall of the church.

On Sunday, Dec. 5, the group left the state of Colo. and traveled to Enders, Neb., to sing at the morning worship.

Returning to Colo., they made their final appearance at a community program at the Church of the Brethren at Haxtun.

Max McAuley and the freshman quartet also have returned from their first tour. Those in the quartet are Keith Coffman, second tenor; Gene Snyder, first bass; Ken Faucher, second bass; and Forrest Kruschwitz, first tenor.

32 miles from the college.

At Rochingham, Mo., the quartet appeared several times during the meetings of the Missouri State Youth Rally, Saturday afternoon the group traveled to Leonard, Mo., where they sang at the Sunday morning worship service in the Shelby County Church.

The Fairview Church at Udell, Iowa, heard the boys on Sunday evening. The next evening the group sang at the Libertyville.

On Tuesday the boys arrived at Keith's home, where they stayed for three nights and traveled out to surrounding churches to give programs. Tuesday evening the Ottumwa Church was entertained by the group.

An elderly friend of Keith's was made very happy when the boys

took time to go to her home and sing for her on Wednesday afternoon.

The group also stopped at the home of an elderly church member, who is very ill with cancer, and sang a selection of numbers for him.

Keith's old school friends heard the quartet when they put on a program at the Kenross High School on Wednesday evening.

Thursday evening the Monroe County Church heard them sing and they made an appearance the next evening at the Salem Church. For the Sunday morning worship service at the Mt. Etia Church the quartet sang a selection of songs.

For the final appearance the group sang at the evening service in the Council Bluffs Church.

Slow Down To Live

"Anxious to see the folks again," and automatically as he spoke, the college student let his foot rest more heavily on the accelerator. The speedometer had the same numbers lettered on its rim as always, but the needle swung further and further to the right. And then, as all was moving smoothly and rapidly toward home and the folks, the accident occurred.

Another accident; another statistic to be entered on the books. Another car and gown that would not be worn at college graduation.

Last year 38,300 deaths resulted from accidents. Speed, speed, speed—measured by the angle of the needle on the rim of the speedometer and the force of the two moving bodies as they crash. Speed violations caused 35 percent of last year's fatal accidents. The hurry and flurry of the American people results in speed—and death.

Enlarging the total death statistic mars the holiday season for your nation, your school, your friends, your parents and you. Crashing the Christmas party will be one thing—crashing before the Christmas party, another.

Most college students driving home are caught in the most dangerous time of day—that short period between 6 and 8 p.m. Night itself claimed 2,700 more deaths than day last year.

The holiday season, a beautiful time of the year, made more beautiful in many areas of this nation of ours by the weather. That same weather which makes for a "white holiday season" helps make treacherous conditions which prohibit, "Slow down, or you'll become a statistic."

Legal speed limits have been established in an attempt to help protect all who use our thoroughfares. But no rigid speed limit is best for one road at all times.

Traffic during the holiday season is particularly heavy. More cars on the road demand more caution in the driving seat and multiply accident possibilities. Adjusting our traveling speed to traffic is a must to free our highways from the red stain of accidents.

The highway leading home is not the Indianapolis speedway. These road conditions, washboards and hairpin curves, make their own speed limit and the college student who lives in the one who adjusts his speed to the road.

Drivers can reduce accidents 90 percent by increasing travel time only 10 percent, according to the National Safety Council. Ninety percent of the college students and all others who will die before you return to take up your studies again would live to wear that cap and gown if you and all others would "slow down."

Slow down and live longer than just to say, "I'm anxious to get home,"—live to get there.

There are two kinds of men who never amount to much: those who cannot do as they are told, and those who can do nothing else.—Cyrus H. K. Curtis

Thanks!

From the cafeteria manager, Ethel Slifer, and its workers and customers, a sincere thanks to the Buskirk's Prairie Gardens for the pink and white chrysanthemums which appeared on the tables Sunday noon.

Student Ministers Speak . . .

The Christmas Spirit

As we travelled to our homes for the Thanksgiving holiday, many of us noticed that a number of the cities and towns through which we passed were decorated in full holiday dress, many having Merry Christmas signs hung across the highway.

It is a good thing to begin early to think about the great gift that is ours at Christmas time, but too many times the thought of Christmas is brought before us from a commercial angle only. The custom of exchanging gifts is supposed to be a symbol of love, blessing, and

Rec Council Observes Christmas Season Customs

Rec. Council members and guests will attend a Christmas party Monday, Dec. 13, at Prof. J. L. Bowman's home.

Dr. and Mrs. John Burkholder, co-sponsor with Prof. S. M. Dell will be hosts and hostesses for the party. The party is being planned by the steering committee, Von Hall, Mary Alice Smith, Al Blocher, and Dr. Burkholder.

sharing; too many times it is a care and a chore.

If Christmas means to us a time of receiving instead of a time of sharing, or if we will be glad when it is gone because of the cares it brings, then we have lost the true spirit of Christmas.

It is up to us who have the benefit of a Christian background and the wholesome environment of a Christian college to show to others by our actions and our attitudes the real meaning of Christmas.

Your Christmas Gift . . . Life Or Death?

By Lois Stinnette

A feeling of childlike enchantment goes over you as you look up from your almost packed suitcase and see the big fluffy snowflakes falling outside. You tiptoe to the window and see the sun just beginning to peak over the eastern horizon. You really feel "Christmasy."

It's fun to get up early to start home, even though you feel as if you never went to bed. "Going home for Christmas will be wonderful," you think as you return to the task of deciding what size to take home.

Suddenly you are thinking of home—of the folks, of your pals, of all the fun you will have. You remember Mom's last letter in which she mentioned how much she and Dad were looking forward to seeing you again. It has been a long time since September, and you are becoming more and more anxious to see them, too.

You glance at your desk and see the school paper lying there. What's that article—something you forgot to read? Oh, it's an editorial on traffic accidents and...and on driving carefully on your way home.

You sit down, elbows on desk, chin in hands, to read it. You can't help remembering the horrible accidents you saw and heard about last Christmas. You think of the young serviceman who, while traveling to spend Christmas with his fiancée, fell asleep at the wheel and was killed when his car plunged into the deep part of the Platte River near your home.

You remember reading about the whole carload of college students being killed as they were driving home for Christmas vacation. You think of the college girl who was left paralyzed from her shoulders down as a result of a Christmas Eve traffic tragedy.

And then you recall the young wife who was buried two days following Christmas Day—when she might have been giving birth to her first child. You know there were others last year, too, and you just recently read of three college students dying in traffic accidents at Thanksgiving time this year.

And even though you dislike the realization, you know there will be many violent and terrible tragedies this Christmas vacation. It is almost time to leave, and you must rush to finish your packing. Within twenty minutes you will be leaving the college campus for a day's drive homeward. Will you reach home safely and happily to greet the folks? Will you return to the campus safely in two weeks to continue your college life?

You lock your suitcase and get your coat from the closet. It is time to leave.

Library Rules Are:

Library books may be checked from the library for four weeks and are always due on Friday. Reserve books and magazines may be checked from the library for a period of one week. Fines for overdue books are two cents a day overdue. Reserve book fines are five cents an hour overdue.

Metzler Returns From Assembly

Dr. Burton Metzler returned to campus this week after attending the Assembly of National Councils of Churches of Christ in Boston, Mass. at which he and Dr. Mohler represented the Church of the Brethren.

Twenty-five hundred representatives from 25 Protestant denominations were in attendance. Meetings were held in the Old South Church in Boston and in the Trinity Episcopal Church, the latter being the church at which Philip Brooks preached.

Dr. Blaker of Philadelphia, Pa. was elected as the new president. New York was chosen as the location of headquarters for the Council with the next meeting being held in St. Louis in three years.

Race relations were discussed with the council favoring an inclusive, integrated, non-segregated church and society. Peace among all nations was stressed. Evangelism both at home and in foreign countries was also a topic of discussion.

Some of the outstanding speakers were Dr. McLeod of Scotland, Dr. Roland Bainton, Yale University, Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Methodist Church.

Dr. Mohler did not return with Dr. Metzler since he is in Virginia doing work relative to the Mens Work of the Church.

Slifer Entertains Help

Cafeteria workers and substitutes were invited to the home of the manager, Mrs. Ethel Slifer, Sunday evening for entertainment and refreshments.

All who were kept occupied with puzzles, dominoes, rook, and Chinese checkers. During an intermission of food, those in attendance consumed reportedly delicious home-made doughnuts, cocoa with marshmallows, and large apples.

Christmas Is Worth The Time, Effort

By Ruth Davidson
Decorations are decorations there, and decorations are everywhere. Programs are being planned in many school organizations, in church, and in individuals rooms pertaining to the Christmas season. What's wrong with that, you say? There is nothing wrong, except that lessons must be prepared and tests are given just as usual.

But would students be happy if all things pertaining to Christmas were left out of the last weeks of school before the Christmas vacation? No Christmas cards would be purchased on campus, no shining trees would greet those coming in from the cold outside. Caroling expeditions, Christmas oratorics would wait until the weeks of vacation.

Making Christmas preparations has been stamped into the lives of peoples over the world. No one is unwilling to put in a little extra time to make another Christmas season happy and successful.

Go back to the books again. The effort of doing lessons and helping in social plans is worth the final products.

Thinking With The President

A Little Child Came Down

It is almost Christmas. The street decorations are up; the lights are on. Christmas trees are for sale; Christmas sales are booming. It is but twenty days or eighteen days or fifteen days or ten days till Christmas.

It is important that under the tinsel and the lights and through the music and the beauty we should discover the heart of Christmas. On the first Christmas mornning, the angel Gabriel brought his heavenly choir for the presentation to the earth of a great eternal number. For this they had been practicing through centuries.

Then God Himself took His little Son and carried him down the staircase from heaven. He stepped lightly across the snow and came to a little manger, and there into the arms of a waiting, almost frightened little Jewish maiden, He laid the Son of heaven. When He did so, the angels sang their song, echoing the reason for the first great Christmas gift and for all other great Christmas gifts: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, among men, peace and goodwill."

We do manifest more goodwill at Christmas than at any other time. We each have each other bump each other with parcels, send off each other's toes, detain each other in traffic, and still smile and say, "Merry Christmas!"

If we can catch the real spirit of sharing, of loving, of honoring God, of peace among our fellowmen at Christmas, and then hold fast to that spirit through the year, Christmas can indeed be majestic.

Christmas is the peak of the year! Let us achieve this peak and keep the love of heaven and for our fellowmen alive in our hearts forever. Then peace will come in our lives and in our world.

To Write, But What?

Writers Meet, Eat, Study

Chinese food and a study of poetry at the home of Miss Sarah May Vancil filled Monday evening's three hour session for the Creative Writing class.

The session was held to make up a week of class work which was missed while half of the class, Leland Lengel and Max Parnley, were on quietest tour. The other members of the class are Esther Ikenberry and Lois Stinnette.

Esther supervised the preparation of the Chinese meal after which the group concentrated on the writing of poetry.

This year's "creative writers" have studied and written descriptions, personal essays, radio scripts, short stories, satires, and other types in addition to devoting each Thursday to each student's own free writing.

Home Ec Girls Plan Christmas Tree Party

Christmas season and the many parties that go with it is here once more, and Home Ec Club is planning one of these parties around a Christmas theme. Dec. 14 from 8:00 to 7:00 p.m. in Doutour Lounge will be the setting.

Anne Keim is program chairman for this meeting, sponsored entirely by freshmen. Dee Bowman, and Phyllis Nagel are other committee members.

Main feature of the party will be a talk by Ana-Rosa Rodriguez on Christmas in Puerto Rico. A quartet composed of June McDaniels, Ellen Williams, Joyce Miller, and Shirley Rhoades, will furnish special Christmas music for the occasion; after which a "Christmas carol sing" is planned, the singing to be led by Patsy Miller. Inexpensive gifts to be brought by each girl for, the exchange will close the meeting, and refreshments of Christmas cookies and punch will be served.

Roy McAuley Visits, Addresses Chapel Goers

Roy McAuley addressed MacCollege students in chapel on Friday on "The Place of the Small Religious College in Education." He is a former student and professor at MacCollege and a brother to Max McAuley.

Bowman Completes BVS Evaluation

Dee Bowman flew back to MacCollege after completing the 21st Brethren Volunteer Service Unit Evaluation at New Windsor, Maryland. Ivan Fry, Director of Brethren Volunteer Service and Grace Trimmer, Assistant Director, were in charge of the Evaluation.

Members of the unit evaluated BVS as a whole and their own individual projects. Evaluation started on Monday, November 29, and ended on Tuesday, November 30.

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Tableaux Present Madonnas

A large crowd attended the Message of the Madonnas, presented by the MacCollege Church Sunday, Dec. 5.

Members from both the church and student body took part in presenting the program. Mrs. E. A. Wall, acting chairman, Mrs. D. W. Bittinger, Miss Della Lehman, Mrs. Harry K. Zeller, and Miss Sarah May Vancil were the program committee.

Mrs. Robert Hoefle, Miss Sarah May Vancil, and Prof. Raymond Flory were the narrators. The music was furnished by A Cappella Choir under the direction of Prof. Donald R. Fredrick.

The tableaux in order of their presentation were: The Madonna of the Morning Star, The Annunciation, The Visitation, The Nativity, The Adoration, The Presentation, and The Madonna of the Morning Star.

Mrs. Donald R. Frederick was the madonna in each picture. She wore a blue sari edged with silver and had a white lace halo in the theme picture.

Church decorations formed a frame for the tableaux. Four undecorated Christmas trees, poinsettias, and candles were used.

Ted Vance, senior, and Billy Joe Hildreth, freshman were in charge of lighting effects.

Ruth Strickler and Lois Rolfs, both seniors, were in charge of make-up and beard for Simon, played by the Rev. Harry K. Zeller.

Approximately 50 people helped in the production of the worship program.



Theme picture of the "Message of the Madonnas" Sunday evening was posed by Mrs. Donald R. Frederick, who was the madonna in each of the seven tableaux presented.

Apologies To Shakespeare HAMLET UP TO DATE A PARODY

(From The Tragedy of Hamlet, Prince of Denmark; Act III, Scene 1, Lines 95-98, as written by Lancel Langel in his creative writing class.)
To write, but—what to write? That is the question.
Whether 'tis easier at classtime tomorrow to suffer
The cold and quizzical glance of a displeased prof.
Or to take pen in hand in spite of an astonishing lack of inspiration,
And, through pure toil, to "come through"
To sleep—to write no more.
And by this sleep to try to end
The continuous lethargy by which my brain seems overwhelmed;
'Tis a temptation resolutely to be ignored.
To sleep—to write no more.
To write no more, except perhaps in my dreams—
Say, there's an idea!
For in that blessed sleep of total fatigue, what dreams might come
To inspire me sufficiently to "hide me through" another class
Might be worth more than to remain awake.
I'M GOING TO BED!

Spirit Sweeps Campus

The Christmas Spirit is showing itself over the entire world, and Macampus is no exception.
Marloh Sittner and Melvin Behnke showed their spirit early. Marloh purchased a plastic Santa Claus and reindeers which light up and Melvin a Santa Claus lamp. These are now installed in the back windows of their cars. The Santa and reindeers give a yuletide greeting as they smile out of the back windows of their respective cars.
Dotzour Lounge now has its picture window, framing the traditional Christmas tree. Bells decorate the dormitory door.

Some of the girls in Dotzour have a Christmas tree of their own in their room while others decorate their doors and bulletin boards.

Closets show that the holiday season is here by holding stacks of gaily tied gifts.

Sharp Hall became festive with a Christmas tree.

The spirit of Christmas this week has even been reflected in the announcing of coming engagements. Santa Claus has stated that a certain male has even purchased the necessary equipment for making an engagement bond final.

Robert, Mrs. Martin's son who is now stationed in the Air Force in Detroit, Mich., as a second lieutenant, expects to spend the Christmas holidays in McPherson with his mother, wife and daughter.

Others are made from brightly colored Christmas tree ornaments, tiny bells, balls and construction paper.

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Dog Food

Busy as bees, the men on campus manage to find time to study among their various plots of activity.

Dallas, Texas, the scene of the Cotton Bowl game versus SMU and Notre Dame, was the attraction for five MacCollege men last weekend. Bill Goering; Bill Smith, Carmon Heidebrecht, Bob Wise, and Ed Frantz left Friday morning.

The fellows were guests in Kathy and Eddie Ball's apartment for their stay in Texas. The fellows were guests of former Mac coach, Chalmer "Woody" Woodard, now coaching at SMU, Saturday evening for chili.

Curt Broadwater, Bill Mollhagen, Chuck Ebbert, and Kemy Brown were having a gala session recently. Norris Harms joined them and told them that his roommate had just made fresh popcorn. The quartette rushed to Lyall Sherred's room. Lyall had hooked a model-T coil and transformer to the door knob. The boys got a buzz, but no popcorn.

Gary Williams and Phil Pulliam have a broadcasting system. It will carry for one block. Car radios and dorm radios in the vicinity of Arnold Hall can pick the station up when they are broadcasting.

Harold Groves ingeniously assembled a record player out of bit parts. It plays, too!

Kenny Brown didn't know there were so many cats on the campus until he started finding them in his bed every night.

An Arnold Hall boy stayed up all night studying for the Old Testament test. Then what happened? You guessed it. He slept through the class period.

Gary Jones got locked out of his room while he was in the shower. He had a date and couldn't get in his room to get dressed. A broken transom gained him entrance.

Three girls and four boys had a tug of war with the cafeteria door and broke the window. The boys went to town and purchased a new one. Later they installed it. The girls received a bill from the four boys for payment on the cafeteria window, labor, tools, and embarrassment.

The boys are having car trouble. Max Royer blew a head gasket. Dale Shenefelt blew a head gasket, and Harvey Miller ran a side out of the block in his car.

Bob Bower, Dick Spitzer, Bob Bower, Norris Harms, and Don Saunders had a small party after the show Friday evening. Refreshments were served and Norris taught the others how to play a new game. Wahoo.

Bob Bower, Harold Groves, Martin Sittner were interested in seeing if a mile of stockings had been received. The boys tied all the

stockings together and started stretching them from the college. They got to Fred Wagner's house which is nine-tenths of a mile from college. At the present time over a mile of stockings has been turned in.

Lately the Spec office has turned into a debate case. The place is loaded with material. A few late candles have been burning in there recently.

Again door decorations provide eye catchers in the dorms. Many clever and attractive arrangements of Christmas figurines greet the person traveling through the hall and add the spirit of the season. Dotzour has bloomed with Christmas spirit all over. The Christmas tree placed in the lounge window add extra cheer to the campus.

Arnold's poppa, Kenny Evans, is McPherson's city Santa Claus.

Dec. 19 marks the wedding date of Peggy Korn, MC coed, to Dean Courtney. Peg has made her own gown during the past few weeks.

Announcements of other former Mac students have been received. Darlene Brightbill, of Elgin, Illinois, is now engaged to Ronald Klemmedson.

Darlene was a freshman last year. Ronnie graduated last spring and is in the army at the present.

Ronald Barber and Donna Kaufman provided a surprise during the Thanksgiving holidays when the couple announced their engagement. Donna was a soph last year, and Ronnie was a frosh.

Ether Ikenberry spent last weekend in Fowler, Kans., with her sister, Mrs. Betty Robinson.

Anyone needing a good dye job might look up gals in Dotzour. Someone is usually making the mistake of putting an item that fades in the wash. When the wash comes out of the machine, the colors are so original. Even dye job too. The latest artist is Ana Rosa Rodriguez.

Stiff muscles and grounds marked the guys and gals readying yids for pep squad tryouts. Now the pains have resulted in victory for the winners.

In a recent letter from Phyllis Wampler, who attended MacCollege as a sophomore last year, she states that her school year at K-State is passing quickly.

Phyllis is now interested in the activities at McPherson. Her address is: Van Zile Hall, Manhattan, Kas.

Gwan Jo Studies At Mac; Will Return To Korea

By Roger Fick

"College life in Korea is much like it is here in the United States," states Gwan Jo, a McPherson College, Korean student from Seoul.

To advance his studies and to learn the American customs and society are the main reasons for Gwan's coming to this country.

Before coming to America, Gwan attended Chosen Christian University for one year.

It took about 10 months from the time Gwan decided to come to America until he was finally on his way. The first step, to come to the states was to receive a scholarship from some college.

By writing to the Consul at the Korean Embassy in Los Angeles, Calif., Gwan received a scholarship from McPherson College.

After receiving a scholarship, Gwan had to pass many examinations. After the exams were finished, he obtained a passport from the Korean Government. The final step was a personal interview at the American Embassy in Pusan, Korea, to secure a visa. Previously the head of the Korean government was located in Seoul, but since the war the government has been relocated in Pusan, which is about 150 miles farther south than Seoul.

On March 23, 1953, Gwan left Pusan and flew to Japan. From Yokohama, Japan he sailed for San Francisco. Gwan said, "I felt that everyone was very kind and I soon saw that the United States

is the most prosperous country in the world."

Boarding a train at San Francisco, Gwan traveled to Salina, Kans., where he was met by his brother-in-law, who is a student at Kansas Wesleyan University.

Gwan was born May 22, 1933, in Seoul. When Gwan was a young child, his folks moved to Northern Korea and resided there until after World War II when they returned to Seoul.

There are seven members in Gwan's family. His father is at the present time the president of the Korean Printing Company.

Since Gwan came to the states, he has been responsible for getting four scholarships for friends of his in Korea. Among the students coming to the United States on scholarships he obtained was Miss Chun Kim, Gwan's fiancée. Chun is a student at Sterling College in Sterling, Kans.

Chun has been on campus, and she has also been in church with Gwan several Sunday mornings. When she is here in McPherson, she stays in the home of Mrs. Ida Brunk.

Sept. 7, 1953, Gwan enrolled at McPherson College as a freshman. He is now, in his second year of school.

Gwan enjoys life with the men in Arnold Hall. After he has finished his education here in the States, he plans to return to Korea and go into business.

Girls Design Art Mobiles

Design class students are all talking about "mobiles" these days, not automobiles, either.

The word refers rather to a simple, but fascinating room decoration for Christmas. Ingredients of such a creation are one or two coat hangers, some string, construction paper, Christmas balls, or some other light-weight object and some imagination and good taste.

The name belies the reason for people's fascination of the dainty decoration.

Mobile means moving, and that is precisely what the mobiles do. Perfectly balanced, they are set in easy motion by the slightest breeze or current of air.

Eternal movement is the key to the mobile's beauty as it slowly turns around and around.

Hanging in room 202 in Harnly Hall are the creations made by Patsy Miller, Ellen Wilkoms, Anne Keim, Liz Keim, Mrs. E. S. Hershberger, and Marian Sifford.

Mrs. Hershberger was the artisan of one which has angels and stars done in pastel colors with glitter dust sprinkled on to give that heavenly touch.

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Bulldogs Confront Warriors

McPherson Bulldogs will play their first home basketball game of the season in the McPherson High School gym, Tuesday, Dec. 14, at 8 p.m. against Sterling College. The preliminary game between the "B" teams is at 6:15 p.m.

The Bulldogs opened play this season at the Moundridge tournament Wednesday. Sterling also opened their season against Bethany on Dec. 1, and lost to the Swedes 75-50.

After being absent from McPherson schedule, Sterling has been put back on as a non-conference opponent. Coach Sid Smith stated that Sterling has a good team this year.

Sterling's center is a 6 ft. 4 in. Missourian, John Erwin, who plays the single post.

Bill Wyatt, 5 ft. 9 in. forward, a senior, is rated as one of Sterling's best players. What he lacks in height he makes up in agility on the floor.

Dale Neville, six-foot forward, is another strong Sterling player who is a good ball handler. Keith Adams, his teammate, is a long shot artist.

Coach Sid Smith cut his Bulldog squad down to 22 players last week.

Expected to see action in Tuesday's game are the four returning lettermen—Ed Frantz, Ronnie Sams, Bill Smith, and Bob Wise. Frantz and Smith are two year lettermen and Sams and Wise have each lettered once.

Bob Briner and Ed Wolf are transfer newcomers to the squad. Wolf comes from Kansas State and Briner from Central College.

Bill Mollhagen, a junior, and Ed Sink, a freshman, are the tallest men on the team. They both are 6 ft. 4 in. tall.

Sophomores on the squad are George Grove, Harvey Pauls, Charles Petty, James Snyder, and Gary Stucky.

Ten freshmen are on the squad. Of these freshmen, seven are from the city of McPherson—Jim Hershberger, "Peaches" Andrews, Gary Pigott, Ronald Anderson, George Casebeer, John Emerson, and Sid Smith.

Dwight Oltman, Enders, Nebr. and Dale Grose, Clayton, Kans., are both 6 ft. 11 in.

Having played the Moundridge tournament the team can profit from its experience, and this should be a hard fought contest.

Prof's Team Takes Volleyball Victory In '54 Intramurals

Prof. John Burkholder's faculty volleyball team won the championship in the intramural finals Monday evening. Burkholder's crew defeated Miss Doris Coppock's faculty team in the finals.

Coppock had a fairly easy victory in the first game of the finals, and things looked pretty dismal for Burkholder's team as they started the second game. To his team's rescue came Rev. Harry K. Zeller just as the second game was ready to begin.

Zeller was the needed incentive, and his team won the next two games.

This tournament concludes the intramural volleyball season in which 30 teams participated.

Ag Club Sees Tillage Movies

Two movies, "Acres of Gold" and "Sugar Beet Production" were shown to the MCAC members at the regular meeting Monday, Dec. 6.

"Acres of Gold," produced by the DeKalb Seed Company, featured the processes of growing Hybrid seed corn. The film, "Sugar Beet Production," was produced by the Great Western Sugar Company.

Twenty members attended the meeting with Prof. Guy Hayes, professor of Rural Life and sponsor of MCAC.

This part includes a skeleton of a large dinosaur, as well as many stuffed animals and birds.

Geological interests too, can be satisfied in the large collection of gems and precious to semi-precious stones to be found in the museum. African curios donated by Dr. Bittinger includes many worthwhile things for anyone interested in that type of thing.

Like a trip into the past, like a journey around the world is a little time spent in the college museum.

Sargent Substitutes In Marketing Class

Stan Sargent from the Peoples' State Bank of McPherson taught the Agricultural Marketing class Nov. 29, for Prof. Guy Hayes, Professor of Rural Life.

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World's largest man made diamond is here on Macampus! And that certainly doesn't include all the wonders to be found in Dr. Mohler's museum.

"A person could certainly spend a full day in there and still not see everything" is a frequent comment on a person's first visit to the museum.

Dr. J. W. Hershey manufactured the small, but valuable diamond which cost him three tons of coal, one good kiln which burnt to the floor, and a tremendous amount of power.

In the burning of the kiln to complete ruin, the tiny, brilliant structure was lost, and for two weeks Dr. Hershey hunted among the ashes to try to recover it.

An early sewing machine from Denmark was brought from that country by Christian Hope, an early convert of the Church of the Brethren and that church's first missionary to Denmark.

Within the walls of the museum, a relatively small room for the number of historical, biological and geological items located there, is an extensive collection of bells of many kinds and of many cultures.

Many Indian relics, most of which were uncovered by the San-Over Construction Co. right here in McPherson County, are encased in the museum.

One arrowhead is believed to be 750,000 years old since it is of the nature of those found in fossil animals which lived at that time and are now extinct.

Among the Indian artifacts is the head of an Indian painted many years ago on the bark of a palm tree by some Indian artist.

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Basketball Schedule

Dec. 11—McPherson at KSHAA Clinic in McPherson.

Dec. 14—Sterling at McPherson.
Dec. 15—Dodge City St. Mary's at McPherson.

Dec. 20-22—Phillips at McPherson.

Dec. 29-30-31—Kansas Conference tournament at McPherson.

Jan. 8—College of Emporia at McPherson.

Jan. 11—McPherson at Bethany.
Jan. 15—Bethel at McPherson.

Jan. 21—McPherson at Ottawa.
Jan. 22—McPherson at St. Benedict's.

Jan. 26—Kansas Wesleyan at McPherson.

Jan. 28—McPherson at Friends.
Feb. 1—McPherson at Baker.

Feb. 4—McPherson at College of Emporia.

Feb. 8—Bethany at McPherson.
Feb. 11—McPherson at Bethel.

Feb. 15—McPherson at McPherson.
Feb. 18—McPherson at Kansas Wesleyan.

Feb. 22—Friends at McPherson.
Feb. 25—Baker at McPherson.

Sports Winterize

As seasons change, so do the sports in which the American people participate. Perhaps the greatest change is that from the out-of-doors game football to the indoors sport of basketball. The last weekend and this weekend are the introductions to a new basketball season.

A sport which was quite popular with McPherson College students last year is ice skating on the lagoon. Many evenings last year during the winter months of December and January, a number of the students enjoyed skating, when the ice was solid enough.

Some of the students coming from the northern states tell of experiences on bob-sled parties. During the Christmas vacation those students traveling north look forward to sledding and toboggan outings.

Whenever the first snow falls, the fresh fallen snow always inspires a few snowball fights. Then before winter passes it wouldn't be winter without someone getting his face washed or going out and building a snowman.

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WAA'ers Finish First Season

Members of WAA held a meeting Monday evening in Dotzour lounge to elect new sports and sports heads and also to recognize girls who have become active this semester.

Sports elected for this semester were basketball, individual, outgoing, and volleyball.

Sport heads elected were Evelyn Jarboe, basketball; Marian McElwain, individual; Barbara Gooden, outgoing; and Kathy Hamm, volleyball.

The number of girls active in each sport for this semester was announced at this meeting. There were 23 girls active in outgoing, 14 in individual sports, and 14 in tennis. The number active in softball was not announced due to the absence of Betty Holdereed, softball head.

New members will be initiated after the Christmas vacation.

Sport Glances

Looking around the circuit at some of the teams our Bulldogs will play, Kansas Wesleyan and Ottawa stand out as the most formidable. Bethany beat Sterling, Phillips beat Bethany, and Kansas Wesleyan beat Phillips. McPherson Bulldogs may have a good battle. Ottawa will be strong because of its height. Bethany, has eight letterman back this year. With these thoughts in mind it should be an interesting and hard-fighting season.

KSC Constructs New Field House

Ahearn Field House is the name chosen by the Kansas Board of Regents for Kansas State College's athletic building.

Mike Ahearn was director of athletics at K-State for 26 years. Although he worked toward obtaining the new structure, he never saw the finished product, for he died in February, 1948, the year the construction began.

Laurence (Moon) Mullins present athletic director at K-State, said that he thought the best time for the formal dedication of the Field House would be at the K-State-KU basketball game March 1 or at the K-State-Notre Dame game Feb. 21.

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Wednesday Deadline Set For Intramural Cage Teams

The intramural directors announce that all basketball teams must be turned in by Wednesday, December 15. The captain of each team must give the names of his players to either Bob Wise, Ed Frantz, or George Keim.

There is a limit of eight players to each team. There will probably be a tournament after Christmas vacation to determine the caliber of each team, and to which league it belongs.

There will be either two or three leagues, depending upon the number of teams organized.

The directors request that if the individual does not have time to play every night that his team is scheduled, that he please not enter into this intramural basketball.

The games will be played on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights, with each team playing

approximately one game per week. Beginning Sunday, December 12, through the basketball season, the gym will be open from 1:30 to 4:40 p.m.

All of the equipment, including the trampoline and game room will be available to students. Also, next Monday, Wednesday and Thursday nights the gym will be open for intramural teams to practice.

McPherson County Leads State, U. S. in CROP

McPherson County is the leading county in Kansas and in the United States in giving to the Christian Rural Overseas Program, state CROP headquarters has announced.

So far in 1954, McPherson County has contributed \$36,108 to the CROP program, either through Church World Service or through the Lutheran organization.

The figure, according to Paul Sargent, county CROP treasurer, is believed to be the largest amount ever given by a single county in a year in either Kansas or the nation.

Second in giving in Kansas is Marion County, which has contributed \$21,672 so far this year, followed by Harvey County with \$18,081.

A total of \$1,416.08 was collected Nov. 26, in a one-day drive for CROP in McPherson by the members of the United Christian Youth Movement, who conducted the drive.

A total of more than \$205,000 has been contributed in Kansas so far this year for the program, well over the state goal of \$175,000, according to Arnold N. Lambert, state CROP director.

It was expected that Kansas would be the top-ranking state in the nation this year for CROP, a good relief project of the Protestant churches.

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