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Noted Pianist Gives Remarkable Concert

APPRECIATIVE AUDIENCE HEARS SILVIO SCIONTI

Silvio Scionti, concert pianist, was heard in recital Wednesday evening, Jan. 14 in College Chapel. Mr. Scionti is an artist of unusual talent who besides doing concert work is teaching in the American Conservatory in Chicago. He is a great pianist and more—he is a great musician. Critics have spoken very highly of his work as soloist with both Chicago and Minneapolis Symphony Orchestras. Mme. Carreno, one of the greatest women pianist, said of him, "His technic is remarkable, and he plays with such a big, broad style and such beautiful qualities of tone."

Mr. Scionti's recital, with its interesting program, gave unalloyed pleasure. Few can so steadily hold the interest of an audience by their art in interpretation. He has mastered the intricacies of his art—he has dazzling speed and astounding digital dexterity. He played with a warm rich tone and fine contrast in color.

The Beethoven op. 110 and Liszt Sonata in B minor were his heaviest numbers. "In the first movement of Beethoven op. 110 he sees a song—glorified landscape, illumined by butterfly wings and dancing sunbeams. The arioso is a threnody preceding a fugue growing more and more richly complex, embracing all truth with its disregard of the individual (Frederick Martens.) Scionti played Beethoven with technical clarity, pure tone and artistic phrasing. His reading of this sonata was poetic and exquisitely balanced.

In the Liszt sonata in B minor, Mr. Scionti showed his true musical attainments and his technical powers. His playing of rapid staccato passages and rapid octaves was most exceptional. This sonata is a work of enormous difficulty, requiring besides great physical strength, a most accurate memory.

The two Schumann numbers were given a fine poetic interpretation. These he played delicately and with imagination. The two Brahms numbers were played with lonely tone and convincing artistry. Of the moderns come two pieces—by Cyril Scott—these he played delightfully and with warm imagination. The Rubinstein Etude in E flat was excellently played.

The audience was very appreciative and the applause was most cordial. As encores, Mr. Scionti played the Chapin Prebude in A flat, op. 28, No. 17 and Spring Night of Schumann-Liszt. McPherson College has begun real concerts and should try to have several artists each year. Also have Silvio Scionti again, for he will be welcome.

L. D. (Critique)

NOTICE

There will be no issue of the SPECTATOR next week. The Staff has struck for more time to prepare for finals, and their demands are to be granted.

Signed: The Staff.

DR. HOFF WILL BE HERE

Dr. E. B. Hoff who will give the Sunday morning sermon, Jan. 23 on "The True Perspective in Life" will be seen often on the campus during Bible Institute week. He will lecture each morning during the week on "Character as Revealed in the Life of Christ." Dr. Hoff was at one time a student of M. C. and is now a teacher of distinguished ability in the Bethany Bible School, Chicago.

GONE ON A TRIP

Great sighs of relief escaped when the students under Dr. Culler and Prof. Mohler learned that they had each accompanied John Daggett to Coffeyville on a tour of inspection of the oil wells there. We have heard it said that "everyone that goes buys" so we, presume Prof. Mohler will

soon be buying diamonds for his little daughter and Dr. Culler will probably donate a wonderful pipe organ to the new church.

EXAM. SCHEDULE

The examination schedule for this year is unaltered. Your exams will come in the same order as your recitations, but occupying two hours each. Thursday the 8:00 o'clock classes will begin writing at 8:00 o'clock and continue until Chapel. The 9:00 o'clock classes will begin at 10:30 and write until noon. The 10:30 classes—from 1:30 to 3:30. 11:30 classes—from 3:30 to 5:30. On Saturday morning, the first exams are for the float classes, lasting until chapel. After chapel, the exams follow according to the afternoon recitations, always allowing two hours for each subject.

According to grades in the University of Wisconsin, women proved to be better students than men. Non-sorority women had better rank than sorority women, and non-fraternity men higher averaged than fraternity men.

"Wanted." a milk maid to milk the milky way.

Senior—I'm trying my best to get ahead.

Junior—Well, heavens knows, you need one.

It is generally believed that the girls are all artists. They paint beautifully.

Bull Dogs Return From Eastern Trip

Hold Low Score—Good Training But Heavy Work

The Bull Dogs clashed with the fighters of Washburn Wednesday night. Both teams played ragged but the Bull Dogs were unable to equal the six footers. The final score was 21 to 46. Thursday evening the St. Mary's team although mere equals slapped the Bull Dogs again after a hard battle by a final count of 23 to 35. This is not a serious defeat as the St. Mary's team has never been defeated on their home floor. At Ottawa the McPherson fighters found themselves out classed and although they

fought their hardest game they could not put up a defense strong enough to hold down the "Ottawa-offensive-combination." Kansas Aggies defeated Ottawa on the Manhattan court by only two points. The last game with Baker University would have been sure bacon for the Bull Dogs if they had clashed at the first of the tour. Score 20 to 26 speaks of the hard fought game.

Odds are always against a traveling team. The Bull Dogs met four of the strongest teams of the state in four consecutive nights. The results of the tour show very good work. McPherson boosters will see the Swedes Wednesday night at Lindsborg and K. W. U. at McPherson Saturday night. Come Fellows, Victory's Sure To Come!

Busy Week For Annual Staff

SOME INSIDE DOPE

Well, the photographer has been here and gone! He stood his victims up in a row and shot them like dogs—Bulldogs. Starting his work on Thursday afternoon, he was able—with the co-operation of the students—to finish the job by Friday evening. His work comprised the bulk of the photography for the annual, and was no small task. The members of the staff who rounded up his subjects, were largely responsible for the success of the undertaking; we would recommend to the faculty that they give gym credit to the megaphone lads who raced madly about the campus all afternoon running down the organizations.

During the vacation, the members of the staff who were marooned in McPherson, did some really hard work on the annual. "Day unto day sheweth forth their handiwork" (Anon.) The book is well planned now, and every phase of school life will be represented, if possible. The staff hopes to make this annual—the fourth in the history of M. C.—the classiest book that can be put out for the money.

Snapshots are in great demand. The staff wants every student having access to a kodak to take snaps of everything interesting that happens; they need the help of the rest of the students in this matter.

The staff says also, that any suggestions for the annual will be welcomed, even if they come from the greenest of Freshmen. Eh, what?

BIBLE INSTITUTE IS ALMOST HERE

Have you seen the Bible Institute program? Sure, it's a good one. It can't help but be with speakers like Kurtz, Culler, Winger, Hoff, Deeter, Nininger, Hoover. You didn't know Mohler was going to talk on Agriculture, did you? Don't miss Swope's hour nor Miss Holinger's either. Miss McKinney is going to talk on health. I must hear that too. Say there's a B. B. game, a lecture course number by Maude Ballington Booth and a reading of Ben Hur by Prof. McMur-ray. Wonder what that Saturday evening program will be like? Sure, go and see then you aren't the one who will say "I wish I had attended that Bible Institute."

Literary And Art

CRITERION QUARTETTE

The third number of the lyceum course occurred Friday, January 14, at the Opera House, when the Criterion Male Quartette presented a pleasing program of old favorite quartette selections. Critics with quartette experience say that the harmony and blending of voices was remarkable. The "Drum" was a number which differed from the usual selections in its succession of Major and minor refrains. Their team work was smooth and the voices quiet evenly matched. The last solos were the best and the personality of the bass was interesting. The pianist, Mrs. Elliott, displayed a well developed technique, in spite of the poor piano.

WINTER BIRDS

We all think of birds in the spring-time when the air is filled with their music and when every tree is populated by one or more kinds of our feathered friends; but how many people have learned to appreciate our winter birds? True, we have not so many kinds in winter and for the most part not so many of one kind; but who can fail to admire the pluck and vigor of those thirty or forty kinds which scorn the luxuries of the Southland and bravely battle the winter storms of the Kansas plains! Think of the chickadee—with a body not so large as a man's thumb, roosting at night in any icy woodland and leaving the roost next morning to search for a frozen breakfast on snow-covered branches where each time it alights its tiny feet, not thicker than a toothpick, must be buried in snow or must grip an ice covered twig or scale of bark and every morsel of food that is swallowed, is a frozen morsel. Each of these icy bits must receive heat from the bird's small body to melt it and to raise its temperature, not to "blood heat" but to a temperature twelve degrees above that of our own bodies, for the birds maintain a body temperature of 100 degrees. Yet I have watched these little fellows hundreds of miles north of us in mid-winter with a temperature below zero, flitting about and chattering as cheerily as a group of children in a well-heated room.

The other day I stepped out to a thicket of plum bushes where a group of evergreens formed a windbrake on the north and there found myself intruding upon the freedom of about twenty-five wild birds which had been feeding among the leaves on the ground and upon my appearance scattered to various parts of the

thicket. They were of four different kinds, including the Cardinal, Junco, Harris Sparrow and Tree Sparrow, (no English sparrows were present.) A rather interesting group—for I was reminded that here were three species from the northland which had come and associated themselves with one which spends the entire year with us. It is not uncommon in winter to find various kinds of birds flocking together which at other seasons have nothing in common.

Our "winter birds" may be conveniently divided into three groups—those which remain with us during the entire year such as the Cardinal, Chickadee, Bob-White, Hairy Woodpecker, Downy Woodpecker, etc. are called residents. Then there are those which have their homes in the north and come here to winter, using this as their southern home. In this group are the Juncos, Harris sparrow, Fox Sparrow, Tree Sparrow, etc. Again, some birds from the north do not settle down but roam over great stretches, going in flocks or singly, feeding a while in one locality and then migrating to another throughout the entire winter. These may be abundant one year and absent or very rare the next year; or may appear for a day or a few days and leave. These are known as winter visitants and some of them are the Crossbills, Waxwings, Longspurs, and certain of the Finches.

An acquaintance with the winter birds can be profitably formed by any one who loves an invigorating out-door pastime.

Prof. H. H. Nininger

JANUARY NUMBERS

Sure as Ivory Soap floats, just when exams are stalking gruesomely before us, come the most tempting headlines in the current magazines! Just behold these, ye bookworms and omnivorous devourers of food for thought, and then declare defiantly—if you can.—Get these behind me, Satan. And then sing solemnly, Yield not to temptations, winding up with the doxology. And then you will probably slip over to the magazine rack on the sly and take a peep at the following tempters.

"What the movies are making of our children"—with some mighty interesting illustrations—by an eastern censor is offered in the World's Work. A flattering description of Kansas City—with numerous views of K. C.—is given in "What kind of a Pittsburg is K. C.?"—the same magazine.

In the Ladies Home Journal, a short list of suitable one-act plays for community theaters is suggested by MacMahon with his article "Community Theaters." The use of "masks on the stage and off" is advocated by Benda.

Arts and Decorations is chuck-full of "woxtras" this time. Music, art, drama, dress, movie theaters, and even air travels are all well handled. Two prints of Whistler lithographs, also occur therein.

Political movements are emphasized in the Atlantic Monthly; "Lenin" "Future of religion in China," and "1920"—a political review—deserve honorable mention.

Four pleasing prints by "An artist in N. Y." (Beauley) appear in the Century. And Brander Matthews reminisces (well, look it up in the dictionary) pleasantly about "old stock companies."

He speaks again in the Bookman about "Several ways of telling a story," comparing famous novels with Henry James' definition of a novel. Mark Twain is defended in "The mystery of personality" by Burton. And John Drinkwater writes "A memory of George D. Smith."

The latter author bursts forth into poetry in the Dial; his subject is "Pertia's Housekeeping", Meanwhile on another page, George Moore pleads for poetic speeches in drama in "Decline of drama"—a criticism that is different from the average.

Richard Le Gallienne, the poet, undertakes an optimistic comparison of political history of the past with the present in "Bright moments of history" in Munsey's.

Harper's was the last magazine we got to read before classtime. As we scanned through it hastily, we noticed a one-act play by Steele, called "Ropes"; "Hail Columbia" seemed to be a lively discourse on the cities of the middle-West, Chicago in particular; and the "Alleged depravity of popular taste" by Burges Johnson smacked of soothing, syrup for the audience of today.

NOTE:—We positively refuse to assume any responsibility for the gentle reader flunking in exams for having stopped to read the magazines; we suggested the above articles merely to show the aforesaid reader what to avoid if he does not wish to become engrossed in the aforesaid magazines.

Did You Know?

A certain person was heard to inquire. "Is it quite correct for a woman to assist a man in putting on his overcoat?"

For the benefit of all inquirers "Dame Curtsey" says it is never correct for any woman to do so. To do so sometimes causes embarrassing situations and always causes unfavorable comment by those who know.

Poet's Corner

NOTE—This corner is to be a regular feature, and original contributions from students, faculty, and friends will be appreciated.—Editors.

The author of the following poem attributes his inspiration to one of Professor Craik's parenthetical remarks. The professor was about to enumerate the causes of a certain historical event and began by saying, "It happened because,—now, if a woman were speaking, that would be her whole argument", he added, "Because," is the only reason she would give." So it is consoling to the author to feel that, be there any disapproval or be there any praise, he is not alone in deserving credit for what is expressed in the following verses:

BECAUSE

Ask a woman's reasons
For her firm belief,
And as sure as seasons
Comes the answer brief:
"Because"

Find a woman spying.
Simply ask her why.
And with all your prying
She will just reply:
"Because"

If she begs for money
Or she wants your car,
"Ain't" it really funny
What her reasons are:
"Because"

Ask the wise and witty
Why she answers so,
And it is a pity,
For they do not know.
"Because"

Woman's queer behavior
Gives them mental shocks
If they try explain her.
She's a paradox.

—GLEN A. JOHNSON.

Listen girls to what Mary Pickford says about high heels: "High heels are as artificial as the age which produced them. They had their origin from the popular conception of a Chinese lady's bound up foot, during the reign of Louis XV. There is no excuse for such heels forming part of the everyday costume of school-girls or young women in the offices, shops, stores or factories. High heels are as appropriate to the schoolroom as full dress would be"

In the University of Wisconsin 80% of the women wear low heels on the campus and street.

From the University of Chicago comes the statement "that the woman who wears French heels for business or schools displays a general lack of good taste throughout her appearance. Her hair is likely to be frizzy, her shirtwaist and stockings too thin, and her clothes too conspicuously colored."

A "Red" is usually a fellow without a red.

Organizations

THE COSMOS CLUB ELECTED OFFICERS

The Club, composed of ladies living on the hill, met Thursday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Estel Jones. This being the end of the term, new officers were elected, as following: President, Mrs. E. M. Studebaker, Vice-President Mrs. E. L. Craik, Sec. Treasurer Mrs. H. H. Nininger, Program Committee Mrs. D. W. Kurtz, Mrs. Keim, and Mrs. Ebel.

After the election of officers a short, but very impressive program was rendered, consisting of a reading by Mrs. Ebel "His Mother's Sermon." A paper by Mrs. Nininger, "Jesus Conception of His Social Mission," and a paper by Mrs. Eshelman, "The Principles of Individual Responsibility, and It's Social Significance."

The Cosmos Club holds weekly meetings at the home of one of its members. The purpose of the Club is educational: A program being given at each meeting with one out of every four consisting of Current History and Current Events. During the term just ended the Club studied Sociological subjects and the subject for the coming term is, "The Bible." The text and reference book to be used is, "The Social Significance of the Teachings of Jesus". According to the present plans of the Club the study of "Modern Painters" shall follow the Bible Course.

The Cosmos Club is a benefit and a success because of the fact that each member takes an individual interest in the work and each is a "seeker after Truth."

WHO HAS BEEN A PRESIDENT OF M. C.

Everyone sometimes wishes they could get a glimpse of the presidents of the M. C. of the past. The Spectator will endeavor to give a few interesting facts about them in the near future. We will find the preceding presidents to have been S. Z. Sharp, A. M. 1888-1896, C. E. Arnold, A. M. 1896-1902, Edward Frantz, A. M., D. D. 1902-1910, S. J. Miller, A. M., L. H. D., 1910-1911 (acting President) John A. Clement, Ph. D. 1911-1913, H. J. Harnly, Ph. D., 1913-1914 (acting President) Daniel Webster Kurtz, A. M., B. D., D. D., 1914.

Guest—"Look here, How long must I wait for the half-portion of duck I ordered?"

Waiter—"Till somebody orders the other half, we can't go out and kill half a duck."

AN ARMENIAN CHRISTMAS DESCRIBED BY MISS TROSTLE

Christmas has a deeper significance since I have been in Turkey. Never did Christmas mean so much to me as it did in the interior of a Mohammedan country last year. The value of Christmas to the world sank in upon my soul as I helped 960 children enjoy the Holy day. If Christ had not been born, if He had not taught us the significance of childhood, if He had not given us the law of Love and Brotherhood our great country would not have heard the cry of the orphans, the needy and the hungry of the world, and sent out workers, food, clothing, and money to relieve the distress.

I wish you could have attended my Christmas program at Beth-shallah orphanage last year. There was a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus, and an excellent program of songs, readings, and dialogues in four languages. The 360 boys were arranged on the floor in straight rows. Everything was still with the spirit of Christmas in the air. Never shall I forget those eager upturned faces. Those boys are symbolical of their nation: The face of Armenia is upturned too, looking thru the darkness of their recent deportations, massacres, and misery, for a leader, for a light, for some promise of safety and protection. She is stretching out hands to America as the only nation who will help her. At the close of the program, Oriot Arousing der Bosian, the third grade teacher, read this paper of appreciation:

"This joyful moment reminds me of the sad and terrible events of the past four years. Who could imagine such a free life! Once we were condemned to eternal death; no life was possible for us. Life-health, and wealth were in danger of being lost. Young men were slain; maidens were violated; many mothers were left childless; children were left motherless and fatherless. Everywhere it was dark. To enjoy such a free life after those dreadful years was unimaginable. But here a secret came out, the secret of the Almighty who created means for our safety. Ardent men and women came to help the poor, deserted and wretched nation. They raised the fallen, healed the sick, took care of the needy. And so we began to breathe again. Yes it is to you we owe our gratitude. We will never forget you. These orphans will never forget you. Be sure your beneficence will be written on our hearts as well as on the pages of our history in golden characters. Long live our American protectors and benefactors."

What a fine thing it would be if

we could get the students of McPherson college interested in the 100,000 orphans in the Near East. If they would invest their money in lives instead of in luxuries. If they would do with a few less spreads, candy, and pie and give that money to keep children from starving. Did not our Master, whose birthday we just celebrated, say, "In as much as you have done it to one of the least of these, you have done it unto me."

Evelyn Trostle.

McPHERSON COLLEGE OF YESTERDAY

Fahnestock Hall was the first of the college buildings to be completed in 1888, and served for some time both as recitation Hall and dormitory. The little student body met for its devotional chapel exercises within the limited confines of the small northwest room of the first floor. After the class-work was transferred into the main building, this southwest room was transformed into a dormitory parlor, which still recalls fond memories of yesteryear. The northern half of the first and the second floors of this dormitory was occupied by the ladies while the gentlemen found quarters in the southern sections of these two floors and in the entire third story.

Though housed under the same roof the men and women had no opportunity to visit with each other save by official permission in the dormitory parlor. The one door, which connected the two ends of the dormitory, was none existent for the students, and swung open but once a year during commencement week, and then the men were permitted to pass in procession to inspect the girls' rooms and a like privilege was granted to the girls. One interesting feature about this inspection tour was usually the loss of various members throughout the different quarters, who took special interest in the inspection of some particular study.

The basement, which is now occupied by the Manual Training and the Domestic Science Department, served as dining room and kitchen. What a large hall that was in those days.

Those former lads and lassies did not have the accommodation of today. There were no electric lights then. Each room was illuminated by an oil lamp. And to accommodate the student body, one of their numbers carried on an oil industry back of the dormitory. He had a 50 gallon oil can located there and retailed oil by the gallon at a specified hour after supper each day. These gatherings about the oil magnet would offer interesting material for the novelist.

Furthermore, we were not provided with city water. An old wooden wind-

mill located in the northeast corner of the college campus labored under weird screeches day and night to provide water for the heating plant and the gymnasium, but it was not able to extend its services to general purposes. On the contrary each student's room was provided with a washstand and basin and everyone was obliged to carry his own water from a common cistern located south of the dormitory. The rills from the dormitory pump would constitute another interesting chapter in the history of our college, especially when the students drew forth some article that the "third-floorers" had discarded in the convenient gutters.

Upon the completion of the first story of Sharp Hall it was occupied for class work as previously stated. The floor of our second story then constituted the roof of this building. Such a low flat roof presented not only an appearance very unlike the dignified college of today, but also admitted the rain and harbored the snow to such an extent, that students were frequently obliged to clean the same to avoid a drenching with the coming thaw. But the founders of our college were men of vision. They saw the dimensions of a future date, and laid the foundations wide and deep, and preferred to labor under the disadvantages of an incompleting building rather than provide a temporary advantage at a future limitation.

It will be interesting to visit the school in this stage of development. The present gateway with its wide cement walk did not exist, but a modest cinder path led from Euclid St. to the main building. And since the front portico with its wide stairs was unknown, we were obliged to descend a few steps, and then enter the main building through the basement. The south side of the basement constituted a long hall, which was occupied by the science department and the north side presented an equally long low hall, which served as a gymnasium. The chemistry department was located in the little square room underneath the music department, and the room at present occupied by the physics laboratories then harbored the kindergarten.

On the first floor the room north of the chapel was the headquarters of the English Department. The room to the west on the north side, harbored the Education Department, and the present Y. W. C. A. also served as a class room. For many years Latin and Greek was taught there. The Bible Department found quarters south of the chapel, and the Elocution Department in the room at present occupied by the registrar and the book store. The present president's Office is the cradle of Tabor

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SAY IT WITH FLOWERS

Not long past your humble servant was sore afflicted; yea, verily, for many days did I recline on my couch of distress. And it was vacation time and earnestly did I crave physical well being. My ever-faithful cave-man appetite deserted me and a high fever did consume me so that the flesh on my bones became as an ice-house at the equator and did evaporate, leaving my hide clinging to my weary frame and I did greatly fear that I should no longer be a thing of beauty and of joy forever.

Whilst I lamented over this, my truly deplorable condition, lo, a messenger came unto me, bringing a bouquet of beautiful flowers. And with the flowers was a card which announced that they had been sent by my class in college. But there was no word to tell why this token had been sent. As I reveled in the beauty and fragrance of the flowers, they began to speak, softly but very clearly. They told me that my class-mates wanted me to know that they thought of me in my sore distress and that they hoped I would be blessed by speedy recovery. If I had a poetic license and ability I could disclose volumes of other things which were said "with flowers."

As I further meditated on these things, a great joy sprang up within me that I had been remembered with this gift while I could enjoy it. Then did I muse on the thought that some day my class might send me flowers when I shall have such a cold that it shall be beyond the realm of possibility for me to smell them. They would be very lovely and odoriferous and my friends would be charmed by them and I'm sure I should be very thankful. But my classmates are endowed with much learning and great wisdom so that they perceive that the tokens they bestow upon me whilst I yet live are the ones that

sooth my wounded spirits and strengthen the bonds of brotherly and sisterly love and inspire me to noble acts which will doubtless be a blessing to all humanity.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, that as I pondered over these thoughts, my health was restored and my flesh did begin to creep back on my bones. Selah. T. B.

TRADITIONS

The last few weeks of a school year is a busy time; and it is well to plan ahead and arrange affairs so that we will not be over-worked at the very close. Some of the classes which have an important part in closing activities realize the hardships which a crowded schedule works, and have asked the faculty to consider a shift in the oldtime custom as to when these activities shall come. However, in faculty meeting discussions, the faculty reasoned that it was unwise to let these classes enjoy their activities before the week before the close of school. To have these activities sooner than that date, acts psychologically upon the student body, creating a sense that school is closing and the general interest and standard of work declines. Tradition has had it that these activities shall come at the previously named time, but a tradition that works a hardship is out of date. Possibly "Time" in his going will grant a readjustment.

Dr. Kurtz Leaves On Extensive Lecture Tour

Dr. Kurtz left Saturday for Burr Oak, Kansas, where he will give a series of four lectures beginning Sunday. Wednesday afternoon he lectures at a meeting of the College Association at Topeka. His subject is, "Where Next For Graduate Work?" The next night he is scheduled to give a lecture on "Education in Japan" before a meeting of the Educational Council, which convenes next week in Topeka.

Friday night he goes to lecture at Miltonvale College, but returns to Topeka Sunday to address a Union meeting of the Y. M. C. A. He concludes his lecture tour Sunday night by filling the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church in Topeka, the church of which Dr. Estes is pastor.

We mustn't be selfish but we envy Dr. Kurtz's audiences next week.

The Missouri University students, tired of listlessly sitting back in a car and enjoying (?) a spin, have taken to the more active sport of riding horseback. Yes the one time popular sport is being revived.

The Quizzical Ed

The following question was asked of five students picked at random on the campus:

Which do you prefer, research or ordinary examinations?

Charles Dean, Senior.—A person can learn lots more in a research but I would rather take a hundred ordinary finals than one research. Anyone should be able, by paying attention to class lectures, to get by in an exam without reading the text.

Josephine Johnson, Junior.—I haven't much use for either one but I think the research is the more profitable. In research you study the most important things and get them well, while for an ordinary exam you try to learn everything and remember nothing permanently.

Chester Holsopple, Senior.—I favor research exams because they give an honest student a chance to learn a lot and find new material. But at the same time a dishonest student can get by better in a research.

Toy Carver, Fresh Coll.—I like research exams, 'cause usually I don't know anything and I might learn something by research.

Emmert Ellenberger, Junior, Ac.—Of course, I'd rather not take either, but I think the research is probably the best. Sometimes one is the hardest and sometimes the other is. The research is usually the hardest but one learns the most by it.

WEST GAINING INFLUENCE

The increasing influence of agriculture in Congress is due to the Chairmanships and ranking memberships on the committees of this Congress being in the west, whereas heretofore they have been in the east and south. The west is fast adopting the wise policy of keeping its representatives in continuous service with the result that leadership and control of important committees is in the west under the seniority rule. Iowa has the Chairman of Appropriations, Agriculture, Rivers & Harbors and Insular Affairs; Minnesota has Judiciary and Postoffices; Washington has Immigration; Wisconsin-Interstate & Foreign Commerce; Nebraska-Irrigation of Arid Lands; Michigan-Labor and Ways & Means; California-Military Affairs and Territories; and Kansas-Rules.

Wanted—Someone to supply the freshmen with stilts so they can see who they are walking on Seniors.

Ruth—I was worrying about you last night.

Carl—There was no use doing that.

Ruth—I know it, but I always worry over trifles.

Local Notes

Toy Carver was a dinner guest in the Staatz home Sunday.

Miss Evelyn Trostle departed Thursday for Richmond and Chanute, Kansas, where she will visit friends. From there she goes to California to spend the winter with her brother.

Marie Hope and Ethel Whitner entertained Harold Beam and Oliver Trapp at a luncheon Monday evening. The occasion being Oliver's birthday.

Dr. Culler, Prof. Mohler and John Daggett returned from the oil fields near Coffeetown, Kans. Thursday.

Paul Pair and the Cullens were entertained in the Clark home last Sunday.

Betty Hupp left Wednesday for her home in Newton. She will not be in school here any more this year.

Adria Slabaugh is hobbling about on crutches, as the result of a fall, which injured her knee.

Mrs. Hoffman was hostess at dinner last Sunday for Matron, Miss Evelyn Trostle, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hoffman.

We are all glad to see Mrs. Brown about the campus again. She had been confined to her room for several weeks, because of an accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Slabaugh were at Arnold Hall Thursday evening to visit their daughter, Adria.

Ada Beckner was the house guest of Mrs. Modena Crumpacker, while Mr. Crumpacker was away on the B. B. trip.

The college male quartet composed of Ray Cullen, Harold Beam, Howard Engle and Roy Brammell, gave a program at Romona last Saturday night. Nell Cullen was pianist.

Prof. Blair spoke at the Teachers Convention in Kingsley, Kans., Friday and Saturday.

U. S. A. means U. Stay Arid.

Miss Emma Tousley was called to her home in Michigan because of the serious illness of her brother. She left Saturday night.

A Statesman is a politician you agree with.

If there is one thing that hurts more than having to pay an income tax it is not having to pay an income tax.

These father-and-son banquets are a great improvement on the conferences the two used to have in the woodshed.

Skimmy to Inez—"Have you been shot yet?"

"No".

Well, hands up then, and offer no resistance."

Society Notes

Miss Daniels was in Lindsborg to hear the concert given by Silvio Sconti Tuesday night and remained there over Wednesday, driving to McPherson with Mr. Sconti and several Lindsborg friends. While at Lindsborg Miss Daniels became acquainted with this great artist and was a guest at several social affairs given in his honor. We may go further—she even played for him and was highly praised for her ability.

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Saturday night Grace Entriken en-

tertained at a slumber party, the John sisters, Jessie Carter, the Muse sisters, Emma Tousley and Goldie Zook. Fudge and popcorn were not missing and all the girls reported a wonderful time.

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Miss Marietta Byerly, a former M. C. student who is now teaching in Quinter H. S. spent the past week with her friends at the college. Saturday evening, in her honor, Miss Miller entertained a group of dormitory girls. Most of the evening was spent in Mrs. Hershey's dainty, white kitchen making divinity. During the intervals while the candy was cooling a hair dressing establishment came into prominence. The hair dressers,

Miss Daniels and Marty Urey, showed exceptional originality and good taste and really became quite proficient in making "ear bobs" "question marks" (by the aid of syrup) "dangling curls" and "French Puffs." After several platters of candy had disappeared Miss Daniels and Miss Miller put on several unique gymnastic stunts; their performance ending in a classical arrangement of the duet "Good night Ladies." Those enjoying the "quiet" evening were Miss Daniels Susie Fike, Olive Holmes, Ida Bowman, Marietta Byerly, Marty Urey and Mayme King.

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Birthday surprise parties seem to be the most popular pastime of late.

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If it isn't one persons birthday it's somebody elses. Some of us have never had a surprise and its time we're given one or we may miss that most delightful experience. Last week Miss Peggy Muse happened to be the one who was fortunate enough to have such a party. Ten young people "walked in" and gave her a genuine surprise (although she says she had her suspicions). The evening was spent playing games, popping corn, pulling taffey, and the group was kind enough to make a New Years Advise Book for her, so there is no reason for Peggy not living a good life this coming year, if she only heeds the advise given (?)

Miss Frantz gave a very delightful Rook Party in honor of Miss Evelyn Trostle last week. Not only did the playing of rook form a part of the evening's entertainment but also music was enjoyed.

McPHERSON REUNION

The sons and daughters of old M. C. who are spending this year in Chicago, in a more extended search after knowledge, met on New Years Eve for a family reunion, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bowman. The rooms were decorated in red and white, with Kansas cushions and M. C. penants much in evidence, making it seem like home indeed.

The evening was spent in exchanging glad greetings, in friendly gossip, contests and games. Refreshments were served, and, with the singing of the college song, the evening closed. The friends reluctantly separated, going to their various homes to again take up the routine of work and study after the holiday vacation.

Those present were: Miss Gertrude Yoder, Miss Bertha Frantz, Miss Ida Frantz, Miss Iva Lehman, Miss Gladys Heaston, Mr. Morris Harnly, Mr. Joseph Bowman, Mr. William Beahm, Mr. and Mrs. Silas Keim, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Ebbert, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hoff, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brandt, and Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bowman.

P. D. B.

A man and his wife are one—that's singular. Question—Is this taken from 'LIFE'?

The Texas University Tennis squad is now in training in preparation for intercollegiate tournaments held in the spring. Archery, canoeing and swimming for girls have been discontinued until the spring term.

La Verne College is agitating for a new gymnasium building.

**McPHERSON COLLEGE
OF YESTERDAY**
(Continued from Page 3.)

Colleges. In that small room Prof. J. F. Duerksen conducted his German Department for many years, teaching almost incessantly from 8 or 7:15 in the morning till 5 at night. Some of those classes could scarcely be crowded into that little space. From these quarters the Mennonite Brethern transferred their educational work to Hillsboro, where they erected Tabor College. The center room on this floor was then as now occupied by the Music Department.

On the second floor we found the Commercial Department in its present quarters and the library and study room in the present Science Hall. Irving Memorial Hall, the headquarters of society activities, then occupied the entire north side of this floor. The two small classical rooms over the chapel are more recent additions.

This brief retrospection of the history of McPherson College rivals an ever onward progress of our beloved institution. The present conditions of our Alma Mater excell every stage of the past, but, since much of this growth falls within the memory of many readers, these later stages have not been touched upon in this brief review. B. E. EBEL.

We notice a short editorial in the 'Daily Kansan' on the prevailing communistic haberdashery and ready-to-wear as manifested by the girls of the University. The writer remarks that the day of keeping it a dark secret that the complimented new hat is, in reality, Susie's, is past. Now they proudly boast that they are wearing Mary's shoes, Anna's dress, and Vivian's new spring hat." We say what about the communistic idea in our own school? Perhaps it is rather inconvenient for the owner, who desiring to wear some bit of wearing apparel, suddenly discovers that it is gone—rather an inconvenient moment, huh? To say the least there is a loss of individuality in dress. Some one else with your "dress-personality!"

Harvard has twenty eight boat crews, sixteen of which are made up of freshmen students.

In the annual tug-of-war before the Williams-Wesley game the Williams freshmen dragged the sophomores twice through the icy waters of the "Green River" to the intense appreciation of the onlookers. The freshman president according to custom waded the stream with a rope bringing it to the sophomores before the pull started.

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EPIDEMIC RAVAGES COLLEGES

"A number of the dorm girls were lucky enuf to receive beautiful diamond rings as Christmas presents. Probably a few of their fathers (?) have "struck oil" in order to, afford such a luxury, but we believe that most of these benefactors have secured jobs at the "Lovers Cafe" or have received degrees in Campusology."

This is a clipping from the Phillips University SLATE, but it seems applicable to McPherson College's similar 'epidemic.'

CHAPEL

One of the most interesting chapel exercises that we have enjoyed this year was conducted by Prof. Ebel last Tuesday. He gave a wonderful exposition of the doctrine and meaning of the Second Mile. Numerous illustrations were given which aided in showing the practicability of the lesson in daily living. The idea of strict adherence to the letter of the Law was first mentioned, then Prof. brought to us that larger and broader meaning of the Second Mile.—The doctrine of Love, of Sacrifice, of Doing and Giving more than is required. He made it really practical by applying it to the relation of student to teacher, and vice-versa. A student absolutely cannot hear such messages without becoming a better person, if his heart and mind is open to truth and good influence. To be really educated, is to appreciate and know the good, the true, and the beautiful; and then Do it.

Religious Instruction As Carried On In a New Mexico High School

"In the High School of Miami, New Mexico, they are trying out religious instruction. The textbook used is Kent's "History of the Hebrew People." The course has the approval of the state superintendent, though the teacher is not required to hold a certificate from the state. The teacher is Rev. Ira J. Lapp, pastor of the Church of the Brethren at Miami. He is paid by the church as a pastor but not by the school as a teacher, but holds the same relation toward the faculty and students as do the other teachers.

This method of securing religious instruction during the week day has its advantage in this that it puts the course on the same standard as he other courses of the high school and gives the teacher the same recognition as the other teachers. In this way students are encouraged to take the work as they find it listed with the regular school courses. Thus as the course has the same standing as others the teacher can insist the same standard of work. If now the colleges and Universities will recognize the work, New Mexico will have taken a step forward in religious education."

This article was taken from "Our Young People" and is especially interesting because Rev. Lapp was a student at M. C. last year. We wish him the best of success in his new work and hope that other communities will adept such courses of instruction for their school curriculums.

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Double Header at Bethany Wednesday

Girls Basket Ball team will make their debut into athletic society Wednesday January 19, when Old M. C. will travel two hundred strong to Lindsborg to help win the double-header.

The Bull Dogs always like to meet their old rivals. Why? Just because the Swedes are a burly, jolly bunch of good sports, out for a real contest. Will you see the Fight? Better speak early.

Coyotes at McPherson Saturday

The first home game will be played Saturday evening. The Kansas Wesleyan Coyotes will arrive early. The Bull Dogs are pulling on their chains. The more they scrap the better they like it. See the mix up at 7:30. Use that ticket. Begin a good habit.

HOW MUCH OUGHT A STUDENT SPEND IN A SCHOOL YEAR?

By a former M. C. Student

A mere statement of expenses incurred by a student of ten years ago will hardly suffice to answer the question suggested above. More to the point will be a list of the things that a student cannot omit and yet obtain the most out of his experience in college. Indeed, the whole thing might be resolved into a process of elimination applied to the various features of student life.

The absolutely necessary expenses involved in getting an education are tuition, board and room rent, clothes, books, and sundries. It is the outlay made under the last named that all will occasion either extravagance or conservative spending. It is this item that will determine whether one is really in earnest in pure academic pursuits or whether he is intent merely on making a mark in numerous outside activities, worthy though they be.

Reference to our own college catalog shows that the student pays over to the treasurer of the college annually a lump sum of \$295, which covers all items of expense named above except clothes, books, and sundries. This figure refers, of course, to

dormitory students, and not to those who are doing light house-keeping, rooming outside the dormitory, or staying with their parents.

With these premises in mind, let a few figures be submitted, suggesting a legitimate outlay for a boy in McPherson College. Books and laboratory fees will probably aggregate \$40 a year. Is \$75 enough for clothes, considering that one must wear these marks of civilization even at home? Under the head of sundries, let us name student activity ticket at \$5, lecture course ticket at \$5, laundry pressing and cleaning at \$35 class and society at \$5, barber bills at \$5 and then leave \$35 for stationery, charity, and miscellaneous. Here is a total of \$90. Add this to the other specified expenses and you have a grand total of \$500.

Few habits will do one more good as he goes through college life than the one of keeping tab on his expenditures. The writer still has his account book from his freshman year in McPherson College, wherein is listed every item of expense. It was discipline at the time to adhere to the habit of keeping books on one's self, but it was worth the effort.

This matter of economizing in student days assumed tremendous importance from the fact that the tastes then formed remain for life, and one's ability to save up for old age may be measured in some degree by his willingness in younger life always to limit his desires. Thus it is that habit formation is quite as much to be considered in answering the question proposed as is any set list of expenses.

IMMIGRATION

The House passed the bill restricting immigration for one year to prevent the dumping of undesirable persons on our shores, but permitted the admittance of relatives of citizens if able to show ability and a willingness to be loyal Americans. This is only an emergency measure for which a wise carefully framed bill will be substituted which will admit desirable persons who will make the same kind of patriotic citizens their forefathers have been.

THE SUNNY SIDE

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