

Student Ministers Speak ... Drive Your Stakes Deeper

By Dale E. Shenefelt

Isaiah, in telling the people of Israel of the coming of one who would lead them to God, urged them to prepare for the possibilities of their future. "Enlarge the place of your tent," he told them in a simple figurative language that he knew they would understand. "Spare not, lengthen thy cords, and strengthen thy stakes." Isaiah entreated the people to enlarge their lives for Christ's coming. It takes little imagination to transform this to today. In the early thirties, the people lost all that they had because they did not drive their stakes deep enough for the size of their tents. They depended too much on flimsy speculation and lost all that they had when their tents fell. Students often try to spread their tents too far for the depth of their stakes. Helen was a good student when she graduated from high school, but when she got to college she tried to get into everything. During her first year, things went fairly well; but as time went on her grades began to fall. There are many students who get themselves into the same situation into which Helen got herself. Isaiah did not say to remain safe by keeping your tent small either. We are in an early part of the new school year, there are new opportunities and responsibilities before us. Do not turn them down, but keep your stakes deep enough to hold you up or you will fall down in your responsibilities and work. Stretch out your tents to seize these new opportunities, but remain secure. You must offset each advancement by an increased understanding of God. Let us suggest four stakes to

help our tent hold. First, a steadfast faith in God. Many people try to laugh God out of existence. At one time, a scientist wired a group of fellow scientists and theologians trying to establish the fact that there was no such thing as a personal God. Hold steadfast to your faith in a living God who cares for the children of men. Second, keep a high estimate of yourself. Act like a child of God. Protect yourself from discouragement, and keep in mind that there is something important in the things that you can do. Third, keep high ideals. Don't be cheapened by not keeping high ideals. One thing that will ruin a person about as quick as anything is sophistication. Don't cheapen yourself with such things. A person can ruin himself down about quick with such things as anything else. Hold high ideals of character and personal behavior. Fourth, you must have a motive of service. Our colleges were set up for people to get an education so that they could be of service to other people. Too many people are using a college and university education only to get themselves ahead in life. They don't care how the other person feels about it. Get your stake into the ground deep. "I'm getting my education that I may better serve my God and my fellowman." This is the moral obligation of educated people. Above are the four pegs of your tent. Stretch wide the tents of your life. Spare not. Run out the cords as far as you can. But as you run out the cords, drive deep the stakes that will hold you steadfast in a useful and abiding life.



Peggy Sargent '52 Van Asselt and a German volunteer care for two of the forty babies at the Evangelical Hospital Neuenkirchen near Bremen, Northern Germany. Peggy spent her BVS time in this hospital. She and her husband, Jan, are now living in McPherson.

McPherson Alumna Finds Romance In Work Camps

"An international work camp at Kassel, Germany, back in 1952 was when it all started," states Peggy Sargent Van Asselt, one of McPherson College's former BVS-ers.

Peggy's inclusive statement refers not only to the real beginning of her work in Germany but also to the fact that this international work camp was the place where Old Continent met New Continent and Jan Van Asselt tumbled into a friendship with Peggy Sargent.

20th Unit Peggy graduated from McPherson College with a major in home economics in the spring of 1953 and that September was one of the 44 trainees at New Windsor, Md. This group formed the twentieth training unit which was the largest ever.

Eight members of this unit were selected for service in Europe. Three of these eight were McPherson College students. Going to Germany where she worked in a baby home at Krefeld was Donna Lou Sooby, another '53 grad.

Marlo Oltman, brother of Macollege sophomore Dwight Oltman, spent his time in Europe working in a settlement house in London. All went first to Germany for their training and language study. Others of the octet went to Greece and Austria while the rest were stationed in Germany.

Enjoys German Family One of the things PEGGY picks out as being enjoyed the most was living with her German family. Her German father had been a soldier in the war; her mother was crippled in the war as the result of a flood which was caused by bombing.

Peggy was the first American laughter this couple had taken into their home although later they took two more. Peggy was completely taken into their family and made to feel a member of it. This family did the entire decoration for her and Jan's

Zeller Chooses Topic

Rev. Harry K. Zeller, Jr., pastor of the McPherson Church of the Brethren, will speak Sunday on "The Lost Word."

For Sunday evening services, the young people of the church will present a puppet show entitled "The Thanksgiving Trail."

Looking forward to this Christmas season, Peggy recalls that her last Christmas was different from most. In fact, since she was working on the 7 p.m. to 7 a.m. shift with the babies, it didn't seem like Christmas. She waited until New Years when the Christmas spirit caught up with her to open her gifts.

Holland has a divided Christmas celebration featuring the commercial side on Santa Claus day which is Dec. 6 and the religious aspect on the 25th.

"The Christmas celebration is beautiful in Germany," Peggy recalls. Each Sunday during the Advent season another of the four candles on a door wreath is lighted. Hymns and scripture are special for preparation for Christmas. "Silent Night is not sung until Christmas as they don't want to spoil it."

First To Holland Jan Van Asselt kept popping into the picture of Peggy's BVS work in Germany. Before Peggy worked in Germany, she worked as a housemother for four months following her term at Bremen when she first went over to Holland and married Jan in a civil ceremony.

Her brother Stan and mother were in Europe for the church marriage ceremony which took place in Germany after the civil one in Holland. After their marriage, Jan and Peggy directed an international work camp at Augsburg, Germany, similar to the one in which they became friends.

The Van Asselts came to the States this fall; and while Jan finishes his undergraduate work at McPherson College, Peggy is working at the Farmers' Alliance.

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Members of the Southwest District of the Church of the Brethren made a money contribution which was used to buy wool for the girls and old folks to knit into sweaters for the children in the home. Peggy's colored pictures attest to the beauty of these completed garments.

The miles of nylon hose which were collected by McPherson College students for Peggy were dyed and used by the German women at Kassel for making rugs.

Eggs On Holidays With a major in home economics in addition to the usual human biological interest in food, Peggy

Macollege Trustees Meet In Informal Fellowship

Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Bittinger entertained the trustees and their wives on Tuesday evening, Nov. 15. The trustees usually meet only once a year in February; but since so many were here for the Regional Conference, they decided to fellowship together after the church tea. One of the topics for discussion was "When will we build Shorp Hall?"

Faculty Ladies Entertain

Miss Anne Krehbiel entertained at a dinner in Brookville one evening for Miss Minnie and Miss Carrie Mugler, who will be leaving during the first of the year for a trip around the world. Other invited guests were Dr. Mary Fee, Miss Virginia Harris, and Miss Della Hoerner. Dr. Mary Fee also has given a dinner for Neva Shenefelt and Vera Mohler, her this year's assistants, and Elsie Lacore, her assistant from last year.

Parking Problem? Ha!

A Kansas State freshman, Evan Davies from Roswell, N.M., has discovered a way to solve his parking problems while in school. He uses a unicycle for his transportation. Unicycles are one-wheel machines with a seat over the wheel. Riders can learn to change from forward to reverse and to wheel around at a standstill. To get off the unicycle, the rider falls forward off the seat, and catches the unicycle in his hand. Four stages in learning to ride the unicycle are mounting, forward motion, learning to stay upright while at a standstill, and riding in reverse. The hardest part of riding in the city is getting over the curbs.

Ponder With The President For This I Am Thankful!

Thanksgiving is just around the corner.

Though it comes but once a year, there are many things for which we can be thankful, not only once a year, but all year. Why not try making out a list of the things for which you are thankful? It can be a long list, if you stop to think about it. Here is a start.

1. I am thankful for friends. This is about the most valuable possession one can accumulate during his lifetime. Material things wear out, rust up, get broken. Friends change in contour and in location, but the quality of the friendship can become richer through the years.

The breadth and depth of one's own soul can be partially expressed in the number and quality of friends he has.

2. I am thankful for home. I am thankful for the home in which I grew up; for the parents who nurtured me and encouraged me to venture out with faith into a big world. I am thankful for the home which my wife and family later helped me to build.

3. I am thankful for a chance to go to college. Across the world there live vast numbers of people who never will have such a chance. I am not one in ten thousand, in that I have this privilege. I am thankful for the things I can learn; for the friends I can make; for the undergirding I can discover for my home; for the profession which will open up to me. I am thankful for my college.

4. I am thankful for work to do; for a challenging task ahead. The physical frontiers are about all gone. I am thankful that there are great spiritual and psychological frontiers yet to overcome. I am thankful to be challenged to throw myself against the frontiers in order to push them back.

5. I am thankful for Thanksgiving. This points up to me the necessity of sitting down and making such a meal survey as the one I have just engaged in and of continuing it far beyond the point where I now set down this period.

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Canine Quips

Mr. Lee Kendall and his wife visited Mr. Kendall's father last week-end at Haven, Kans. The elder Mr. Kendall has not been well.

Dr. Mary Fee made a business trip to Wichita on Wednesday afternoon.

With regional conference being in McPherson this past week, there were lots of visitors on the campus. Friends and relatives of McPherson College students visited the dorms and classrooms.

Because of all the visitors on the campus, hardly any students left the college last weekend. Those who came to the campus are too numerous to mention, but the college extended a hearty welcome to all of the visitors.

Some of the professors dismissed their classes so that the students could attend the assembly last conference if they wished. There were many inspiring and worthwhile messages during the week.

Football season really closed with a grand finale last weekend. School spirit was at its peak when the Swoeder visited the campus with a pep rally and then the Bulldogs returned the visit. There was plenty of excitement even if several students did get an unusual exit from Lindsaybor.

Each school was certain that its team was better, but since the Bulldogs won the game by a large margin, that was easily determined.

Now that basketball season is about to start, the same spirit can be shown during those games by attending the games and supporting the team.

Plans for Thanksgiving vacation are being made by the majority of McPherson students. Many are anticipating going home and seeing their families and friends whom they have not seen since school started.

Students are going as far north as the Dakotas, Idaho, and California. Then there are also those students who are planning to attend the BSCM conference at Bridgewater College, Bridgewater, Va.

It seems that Marion Landhuis has powerful muscles. He very casually and accidentally knocked the glass out of the front door of Dotzour Hall. A piece of cardboard and tape kept out the cold wind until it could be fixed on Monday.

Residents of third floor in Dotzour Hall helped Dolores Wallace celebrate her birthday last Monday night.

There were no engagements last weekend, strangely enough. It looks as though the number of weeks of school are going to catch up with the engagements.

Flory Directs Field Trips

Many history students were on field trips this week. Today Nov. 18, Dr. Raymond Flory took his class in Far East to the Governor's Conference on World Affairs, which was held in Topeka. Members of this class are Charles Atkinson, Bev Barr, Robert Burge, Harold Chilson, Martin Gaudy, Joan Keim, Leland Lengel, Leon Nether, Lyle Nether, Vernon Powell, Jimmy Schnorr, John Schrag, Galen Slifer, Elwyn Taylor, Arlie Thiessen, and Alvin Wilkens.

Ottawa University Honors Twenty Year President

Dr. Andrew B. Martin, president of Ottawa University, was honored at a dinner on Nov. 17, celebrating his 20th anniversary as the president of that school.

Rev. Roger Fredrickson, who spoke at the Regional Youth Conference in McPherson two years ago, was the master of ceremonies at the program following the dinner.

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Mullen-Bradley

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Dull of Wichita, Kans., announce the marriage of their daughter, Earlene Yvonne Mullen, to Mr. Phillip Keith Bradley also of Wichita.

The wedding will be Sunday, Nov. 20, at 3 p.m. at the First Church of the Brethren in Wichita. Miss Mullen was a student at McPherson last year. Mr. Bradley is a sophomore here this year.

Switzer-Hurst

Mr. and Mrs. Merl E. Switzer of Haxton, Colorado, announce the approaching marriage of their daughter, Martha Mae, to Mr. Ernest K. Hurst of Dayton, Ohio.

The wedding will be Saturday, Nov. 19, at 2 p.m., in the Church of the Brethren at Haxton, Colo. The reception following the ceremony will be held in the church parlors.

Miss Switzer graduated last spring from Macollege. Mr. Hurst is a '55 graduate of Manchester College.

Note Of Thanks

A note of thanks comes from Mrs. J. F. Slifer, cafeteria manager, to all of those students who have helped make the line progress smoothly during the conference rush, to those who have acted as host and hostesses, and to the cafeteria workers, who have worked extra hours.

Myers "El Toro" Mulech Leaves For Fertilization

Gene Myers was seen riding "El Toro" last week. Instead of mowing the lawns, "El Toro" was picking up leaves.

An attachment is put on "El Toro" before the leaves can be picked up. This attachment is a mulcher. The mulcher sucks the leaves into the machine and powders them. The leaves are then dropped back onto the grass and will serve as good fertilizer.

It's a good thing that "El Toro" had Gene Myers around because, if they weren't, the students would have to get out their rakes. That's what students did in the good, old days.

Write That News Tip

This semester, nine students have the job of covering the activities of 350 students and approximately 60 faculty and staff members and of writing and editing the Spectator.

This would be an impossible job without the help of the various clubs and organizations that help by sending news to the newspaper staff.

Many times a publicity chairman struggles for several hours making a poster to advertise a coming event when simply a note to the staff would mean complete coverage with full details that would be read by all the students.

Publicity does not necessarily mean "getting my name in the paper." It means letting other people on campus know what a particular club or any group on campus, for that matter, is doing.

However, tips for the paper have

Rec Council Meets

For Financial Discussion
Rec Council met on Monday evening, Nov. 14, for a short session before the conference session at church.

A business discussion was held on the financing of the council's retreat among the Halloween party. Following the business session, a song session was held.

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Colombia Offers Assistantships

A chance to teach and study in Colombia is open to U. S. college graduates; it was announced today by Kenneth Holland, President of the Institute of International Education, 1 East 67th Street, New York City.

The University of Caldas in Manizales, Colombia, offers two teaching assistantships to American graduate students for the 1956 academic year—Jan. 3 to Oct. 5, 1956.

Dec. 1, 1955, is the closing date for application for the Colombian awards.

This is the first year in which the assistantships have been offered by the Colombian University. Successful candidates will assist in teaching English in the university's Department of Languages. Preference will be given to applicants who plan careers as teachers of Spanish.

Other eligibility requirements are: U. S. citizenship; a bachelor's degree by date of departure; to be a mature, articulate and initiative person; good moral character, personality, and adaptability; proficiency in Spanish; and good health. Both men and women are eligible for the awards.

The assistantships include a monthly stipend of 275 Colombian pesos (roughly \$100), room, and tuition in any faculty of the University. Return transportation by air from Miami to Manizales is also provided. Men assistants are housed in a dormitory; women, in a high school connected with the University.


Former Student To Return

Wayne E. Oak, X '33, son of Mr. and Mrs. Emmert Oak of Penola, Kans., recently wrote to Dean James M. Berkebile that he plans to be back in time to enroll for college the second semester of this year.

During his time in the service, Wayne has toured Japan, the Philippines, and Hong Kong. In writing, Wayne stated, "It will be good to get back into the good fellowship of McPherson College and friends."

to be in early in the week if the story is to be included in Friday's paper. All possible stories should be in by Tuesday morning. The deadlines for a newspaper are absolute, and there is no such thing as an instructor's giving credit for an excellent paper even though it is late.

Anyone on campus should feel that the person who writes up the story can check in case more details or verification is needed.



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History of Bible Is Motion Picture Theme



"Our Bible - How It Came To Us," a feature-length motion picture which unveils the fascinating story of how the Bible has come down to us through the ages, will be shown in McPherson at the Church of the Brethren on Nov. 21 at 7:30 p.m., it has been announced by Rev. Harry K. Zeller Jr.

Produced by the American Bible Society, this sound film sweeps across the centuries from the formation of the Old Testament to the present time. It shows the Scriptures in use in Palestine in the time of Jesus and tells how the letters of Paul and the Gospels were written and used in the early Church; then comes the story of the translation into Latin, the spoken languages of Europe, and finally into English. Deeply dramatic and detailed, it portrays the martyrdoms and oppressions faced by those who have brought the Bible down to the 20th century.

The picture is authentic, clear and sincere. More than 250 actors participate in the film; these include men and women of many races, colors, and historic periods, from ancient Hebrews to American Sunday School children of today.

Used in the preparation of the film were the services of many scholars and staff workers and the resources of the Morgan Library, Metropolitan Museum of Art and the Cloisters, and some libraries abroad.

Showings of the film both in this country and in England have brought forth the highest praise, and it is the hope of the American Bible Society and those who show it that this picture will stimulate more wide-spread reading of the Word of God.

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Wagner Places Second

Irvin Wagner, Macollege freshman whose home is in McPherson, placed second in the Kansas State Farm Bureau Talent Show in Wichita on Tuesday, Nov. 8.

Irvin did his trombone and spoons act, which he presented during the fall Freshman Talent Show.

The elimination contest was held on Monday, Nov. 7. From the total group Irvin was one of the three chosen for the finals.

A senior from Fort Hays State College won the first prize which was a trophy and a ten-day trip to the National Farm Bureau Convention in Chicago.

Teacher Alumni Meet In Wichita

The dinner meeting of McPherson College school teacher graduates in Wichita, Nov. 4, during the KSTA convention was a big success, according to Dr. D. W. Bittinger. The women of the Wichita Church of the Brethren prepared the meal, and almost twice as many came as were expected. Over 100 were in attendance.

Teachers came from around the area of Wichita, and McPherson was included.

The Ladies' Trio sang, and Dr. D. W. Bittinger and Paul Waggoner were speakers. During the fellowship afterwards, it was decided to make such a gathering an annual event every year.

WAA Holds Final Outing

Last chance for WAA girls' five outings came last night at 9 p.m. when an outing was held consisting of a hike to the College Inn.

Betty Holloway is outing chairman. Anyone who has four outings can still make up two if they have not made up any so far. Six participations in any one sport makes a girl active in that sport. Four of these must be participation in a scheduled sport.

Cafeteria Installs New Dishwasher

A new dishwasher, purchased from the Arnholz Coffee and Supply Company of Wichita, was installed in the cafeteria over the week-end of Nov. 4-6.

Cafeteria remained closed after the Friday noon meal until the following Monday morning for breakfast while the new all-metal dishwasher, which lines the south and part of the east kitchen wall, was being installed.

A pressure sprayer is used for rinsing the dishes, and much hotter water is now being used for washing the dishes. One student washes and two dry, as has been done in the past.

One of the drawbacks to the new set-up is that the sink for washing the pans is rather low for a 6-foot pan washer.

The new dish washer has been anticipated and is greatly appreciated. This is the first of a series of improvements which will continue during the Christmas holidays.

Bethel Holds "Work Day"

Students at Bethel College, Newton, spend a day each year on a project known as "work day." During this day classes are dismissed, and students work and turn in the receipts.

Their goal this year was \$3,000, and the money was earmarked for such items as their annual and campus improvements including trees, shrubbery, shuffleboard, and lights for the tennis courts.

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