

# Students Scatter Today For Long Vacation



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Maccollege students decorated a Christmas tree in Dotzour Lounge to add a yuletide touch to the campus before they left for their long vacation.

## Quad Ahead Of Schedule

The Quadrangle met its second deadline, Dec. 15, and sent in 37 more pages a week early to the Myers Company in Topeka. A total of 67 pages thus far have been sent in this year for the 100-page yearbook.

## Dean States New Policy On Graduation Exercises

Dean James M. Berkebile has announced that after 1958 students will no longer be permitted to participate in commencement exercises on the promise to complete graduation requirements during the summer session. This will be an enforcement of an already existing regulation. During the past decade, students were allowed to take part in graduation ceremonies if they intended to complete their work that summer. Because of the difficulties resulting when students failed to finish their work, the faculty decided it necessary to discontinue the policy.

## Church Invites Students To School Of Basic Beliefs

Maccollege students are invited to five supper meetings at the college church in January as part of the School of Basic Beliefs. This school is being held instead of the School of Missions which was held in previous years. Wagoner As Dean Paul Wagoner, Maccollege Alumni Secretary, will be the dean of this school. Classes will be held on the subject of Basic Beliefs of the Church. Classes will be held the first four Thursday and Sunday evenings in January, beginning with a supper at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 3. Supper at 6:30 The suppers will be prepared by various groups and will be paid for by offerings gathered at the table. At the close of supper, after

## Students Join Profs In Christmas Service

McPherson College students joined with the faculty during the regular faculty meeting Thursday in Christmas meditations. The sanctuary of the McPherson Church of the Brethren was the scene of a short program beginning at 8 a.m.

"At Christmas Time" was the meditative theme presented by Bob Wise. To begin the program, Mrs. Audrey San Romani played an organ prelude, then accompanied the group in singing of carols led by Prof. Donald R. Frederick. Dotzour Hall housemother, Miss Edna Neber, gave a Christmas reading. A vocal solo was sung by Ivan Richert, a Maccollege senior. To close the worship service, "Silent Night" was sung and Dr. D. W. Bittinger gave the closing prayer.

## Bowman Chairs Faculty

Prof. J. L. Bowman is chairman of the faculty meetings this nine weeks. A system has been set up so that there will be a different chairman each nine weeks. These meetings are held each Thursday at 7:45 a.m. in the room south of the chapel. When the business has been taken care of, a program usually follows.

## Students Read One-Act Plays

Two play readings were given Wednesday afternoon in the SUR. The readings were given as a project of the Literary Interpretations class taught by Miss Della Lehman, professor of English. June Dirks, junior from Hutchinson, Kas., read the one-act play, "The Stronger," by Suderman. Barbara Gooden, senior from Maxwell, Iowa, read the one-act play, "Before Breakfast," by Eugene O'Neill.

## Kinzie To Interpret Works Of Modern Art

A course in Understanding Modern Art will be offered next semester at 8:40 on Tuesday or Thursday. This is an upper level course offered as a companion to the History of Art. This course, which requires no prerequisite, is a study of art from 1900 until today. The course will be primarily discussion with required reading from the text and library sources. There will be field trips to Wichita, Topeka, and Kansas City as well as to some private artist's studios in this area.

## College Calendar

Friday, Dec. 14 Christmas vacation begins, 5 p.m.  
Wednesday, Jan. 2 Christmas vacation ends, 7:45 a.m.  
Friday, Jan. 5 Basketball game at Sterling College.  
Tuesday, Jan. 9 Basketball game with Baker here, 8 p.m.  
Friday, Jan. 11 "Johnnie Dark" movie in chapel, 7:30 p.m.

## College To Hold Rec Lab

Bob Tully is to be guest leader at the Western Region Recreation Laboratory which is to be held on Macampus Dec. 26-30. Rev. Bob Tully has been an outstanding figure in recreation in the Church of the Brethren. Also, he is one of the foremost recreation leaders in the United States. He has been an instructor at Bethel College, Newton, Kas. At one time he was pastor at Rocky Ford, Colo., and he has coached at LaVerne, Calif. At the present time Bob Tully is the resident director of Bradford Woods, Martinsville, Ind.; also, he is the assistant professor of Health, Physical Education and Recreation in the University of Indiana. Betty Lou Hershberger, from LaVerne, Calif., is another out-of-town leader. She is to lead the Youth Interest Group and help with music. Doris Copcock, Western Region representative to the National Recreation Committee, is the director of the Lab. She will help with music when time permits. Dr. John Burkholder is to lead the Senior Adults Interest Group and help with games. Prof. Don Fredrick is the leader of music. Irvin Wagner will be helping him. Prof. S. M. Dell has charge of the crafts and is to help teach the Senior Adults Interest Group. Assisting with the crafts are Mrs. Dean McKellip and Mrs. D. W. Bittinger. Mrs. Bittinger will also teach in an interest group. Mrs. Gordon Yoder is to compile the Recreation Manual copies of which are to be handed out at the end of Lab. The following crafts are to be offered: leather work, basketry, aluminum etching, wood carving, braiding, flower making, game board, making, silver work, plastic work, and weaving. A progressive party will be the activity of Thursday night. The party, beginning at 7:30 p.m., will be planned by members of Recreation Council attending Lab. Professors Dell and Burkholder will be in charge. Recreation and worship planned by the Youth Interest Group is scheduled for Friday night at 7:30 p.m. Betty Lou Hershberger is in charge. On Saturday night at 7:30 p.m. there will be a folk party. This will be planned by Groups in Folk Lore under the direction of Bob Tully.

## Debaters Win At Tournament

The largest debate tournament held in the United States since World War II was attended by eight Maccollege debaters, accompanied by Prof. Guy Hayes last weekend. The tournament was held at Southwestern College in Winfield, Kansas. The students left on Friday morning, Dec. 7, and returned the following evening. Students attending the tournament were: Noel Grove, Leroy Buskirk, Lyall Sherred, Marlo Oltman, Dwight Oltman, Norris Harris, Larry Hayes, and Joan Walters. Joan and Larry won four out of five debates, and Marlo and Lyall won two out of five. Schools from eleven states participated in the tournament, which was the second largest ever held at Southwestern College. The first tournament ever held in the world was at Southwestern College. Other events besides debate included poetry reading, men's and women's oratory, discussion, and extemporaneous speaking. Marlo and Lyall participated in discussion, Norris in extemporaneous speaking, and Joan in poetry reading. Joan stayed in Fisher Hall with Neeta Brighton, a former student at Maccollege.

## MCA Goes Caroling

Members of the interest groups in MCA met together last night for a caroling party. The group rode in trucks and sang at the Cedars, the hospital, and a few other places. The evening was brought to a close with the serving of coffee and donuts.

## Kline Hall To Remain Open; Classes Will Resume Jan. 2

Once again the time of year returns when sleigh bells ring, carolers sing, and students leave the campus as the spirit of peace on earth and goodwill towards men is in the air.

## Mac To Sponsor Debate Tourney

The annual McPherson College Economy Debate Tournament will be held here on Jan. 5, 1957. Tentative registrations include approximately 50 teams from four states; Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Missouri.

The rounds of debate are scheduled for 9:15, 10:30, 1:15, and 2:30 on Saturday. The Phi Kappa Delta question will be used: Resolved: that the United States should discontinue direct economic aid to foreign countries. There will be no entrance fees and no prizes given. This is known as the Economy tournament because it is relatively cheap. Since it is only one day long, the debaters do not have to stay all night, unless they have traveled a long distance. Many Maccollege professors will be judging debates for those schools who do not bring judges along. Students will be serving as timekeepers. Prof. Guy Hayes, Debate coach, will serve as the tournament director.

## Future Mac Students Inquiring About College

The Administration Office reports that there have been several inquiries about enrolling as a new student at Maccollege next semester. Shirley Turner, Lanark, Ill., has pre-registered for the second semester. At present, there are ten applications for admission to Maccollege for the term beginning next fall.

## Class Goes To Wichita

The Social Work class took a field trip to Wichita, Kas., Wednesday. Dr. Kenneth C. Bechtel, Professor of Sociology and Psychology, accompanied the class. Those going on the trip were Phil Bradley, Connie Brooks, Rosalie Denny, Orval Eshelman, Richard Herder, Paul Mason, Kenneth Shearer, Jeanne Shively, Richard Smith, Willard Stucky, and Israel Zayas.

## Next Spec In 1957

This is the last Spectator until after Christmas vacation. The next one will come out Jan. 1k a week after school resumes Jan. 2, 1957.

## SACRED TRUTH

McPherson College Song.

Words by J.A. Clement.

1. Altho' out on broad Kansas plains, Here not in vain are we, For we will strive with might and main, That right and truth may be.

2. True soldiers once with sword of might, Worked for our freedom long, And now to keep our pages white, Will be our purpose strong.

3. We are an army - on the way, Some day the world will see Us larger grown and then they'll say, 'Tis the good M. C.

The student loves to dream his dream Of life that's yet to be, Of future days and years that'll seem The best for old M.C. Beneath the smile of sunny days, Let truth and freedom reign, Within our College let us praise The deed that'll leave no stain. Dear Truth, without thee we must fall, O, then our pillar be, O, Truth, be thou our stay for all, And stand for our M.C.

Chorus.

We'll hope for our M.C., We'll cheer for dear M.C., While winds do blow And sunflowers grow, We'll long for thee, M.C.

In response to popular demand the Spectator is printing acrop of the college song with both words and music. "O Sacred Truth" was composed by John A. Clement about 1911. Dr. Clement was a student, a teacher, and a former president at McPherson College. He taught at the University of Illinois until the time of his death a few years ago. Controversy on the editorial page began two weeks ago and is continued this week with a letter from an alumnus of the college.



# Whirley Leads Bulldogs To Win Over Sterling

Bernard Whirley, with his very effective jump shot, led the scoring for the Bulldogs as they won their third game of the season from Sterling 80-72.

Whirley made 24 of the 80 points and Ed Delk was next on the list with 18. Most of these points were made in close around the basket and from the corners.

Sterling put up a good fight and displayed a good fast floor game to make up for their loss in height. Their weave set up against a McPherson man-to-man defense seemed fairly effective at the start of the game.

Even Score  
At the start of the game, the two teams maintained a fairly even score with Sterling even pulling ahead part of the time.

At half - time the score was a close 37-40, in favor of Mac.  
In the second half the Bulldogs pulled ahead and seemed to have the game well in hand. But again the Sterling Warriors came up from behind and seriously threatened to pull out in front. However, the Bulldogs won by 8 points.

Couch Sid Smith for the Bulldogs had ten men dress for the varsity game. The starters were Delk, Whirley, Rogers, Sink, and Widrig.

Substituted All  
In the first period he surprised almost everyone when he substituted the five on the bench for the five starters, all at one time. In the second half, he substituted one man at a time.

## Farm Adds Four Hogs

The McPherson College Farm has acquired four registered Duroc gilts from the herd of Dale Galle of Moundridge, Kas.

The gilts, which will farrow in February, will be used for judging and demonstration work in Animal Husbandry and Livestock Production courses.

## Asian Student Paper Received By Library

The Asian Student is a weekly newspaper which is available in the library to all MacCollege students. This newspaper is published in San Francisco, Calif., for the benefit of Asian students in America.

It is published by Asian students who are studying in American colleges and universities. The paper is sent to the Public Relations Office.

It would be of special interest to students in political science and history, economics, psychology, and natural science.

The last page consists of various book reviews.

In the preliminary B team game, Sterling came up from behind to win 55-58. The McPherson B team maintained a lead of 10 points for some time until Sterling crept ahead by one point and stayed in the lead for the rest of the game.

## Private Schools Supply Teachers

Private colleges like McPherson graduated 23.5 per cent of the 1955 graduates who met certification requirements to teach in high schools, a study by the National Education Association has shown.

Of those qualifying on the elementary school level the private colleges graduated 22 per cent. Only 23 per cent of those qualifying to teach on the elementary level were graduated from teachers colleges, while the public general colleges graduated 26.3 per cent.

An even smaller per cent, 18.4 of those qualifying for high school teaching were graduated from the teachers colleges.

College and university enrollment has increased 8.7 per cent this year, according to the U. S. Office of Education preliminary figures based on November reports.

The total enrollment in all the colleges and universities is listed as 2,957,227. New students account for 735,065 of these students.

## Choirs Carol Downtown

Members of the MacCollege Chapel and A Cappella choirs sang Christmas carols downtown Monday night.

## Jezebel Tells Time At Mac

Jezebel, the whistle which summons students to their classes, was originally a steam engine whistle.

The whistle is pulled by an old Dodge horn motor. Air is blown into it from an air pump in Sharp Hall.

Jezebel is connected to the clock in the business Office. This clock was made by Fred Frick, a personal friend of Dr. Maurice A. Hess, whom he met in Pennsylvania.

If you noticed the small hole in the ceiling of Dr. Hess's class room, you may have wondered about its being there. A string connected to the whistle once came through this hole.

If the whistle did not blow on time, Dr. Hess would pull the string. However, when the string broke, it was not replaced.

There is now a button on the clock that can be pushed if a need arises to blow the whistle. Two pushes on this button will bring Mr. Lee Kendall; four whistles brings Mr. J. K. Cline.

Jezebel has been on Macampus longer than most of the students. She has been here more than twenty years. Before her time there were bells and buzzers in the buildings.

These bells and buzzers were connected by wires running all over the campus. Students reading the bells and playing with the wires created too much of a nuisance. For this reason Jezebel was purchased.

## Bethel Takes Tourney Trophy

The first Moundridge challenge trophy was taken permanently by the Bethel Graymaroons when they defeated McPherson 74 - 62 in the finals of the Moundridge tournament last Saturday.

According to the rules of the tournament, a team had to win for three consecutive years to keep the trophy. This year was Bethel's third year of winning the trophy.

In the first round of the tournament on Thursday night, McPherson defeated Bethany 76-65 and Bethel downed Tabor 72-61.

Mac Hits  
Bethany was in the lead several times, and at the half the score was 39-31, in favor of the Swedes. But Mac started cutting down the lead in the second period and finally went ahead 52-49.

Ed Delk was the outstanding player in this game with a total of 22 points and a good job at rebounding. Next on the scoring list was Bernard Whirley with 14.

In the whole game, McPherson hit an average of 52 per cent of their shots while Bethany hit 38 per cent. On free throws, McPherson hit 50.5 per cent and Bethany hit 42 per cent.

In the finals on Saturday night, McPherson obtained the lead only once at the very first of the game, 2-0. Then Bethel forged ahead and remained in the lead for the rest of the game.

In the last half, McPherson came within four points of the Graymaroons but couldn't gain the lead.

Delk Held Down  
McPherson's Ed Delk, who has been doing so well in the past games, was held down by Larry Dick from Bethel to only 12 points.

High scorer for the Bulldogs was Bernard Whirley with 18 and Frosh Dennis Brunner was next with 15. High scorer for Bethel was Larry Penner with 17.

Throughout the game, McPherson hit 43 per cent of their shots and Bethel hit 36 per cent. To make up for the trophy taken by Bethel, Nelson Krebbel, the originator of the tournament, stated that next year a new challenge trophy will be presented.

Man of the Hour - one whose wife told him to wait a minute.

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## Nelson Winner In Final Playoff

Bob Nelson's intramural volleyball team won the playoffs last week and became the intramural volleyball champions.

Eight teams were in the final playoffs, the top four from each league.

Teams from the American League who were in the play-off were Ragland, Pulford, Wagner, and Nelson.

National League teams in the play-off were Petefish, Dressel, Heisey, and Whirley.

The final standings in the two leagues were as follows:

American League	
Team	W L
Ragland	9 0
Pulford	9 1
Wagner	7 2
Nelson	6 3
Heidebrecht	4 3
Carlson	4 3
Grove	4 4
Will	4 5
Myers	4 5
Fisher	3 4
Casebeer	3 4
Cotton	2 5
Harris	1 7
Navarro	1 7

National League	
Team	W L
Petefish	10 0
Dressel	7 0
Heisey	7 1
Whirley	6 1
Dadisman	6 2
Schrag	4 3
Button	4 4
Sanders	3 4
Bradley	3 4
Stucky	3 4
Hayes	3 6
Kinzie	2 5
Miller	2 6
Westmoreland	2 6
Beach	1 6
Sheets	0 6

The professor who comes late to his class is rare. In fact, he is in a class by himself.

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## BB Squad To Play Games During Christmas Vacation

While the rest of the students are celebrating Christmas and gorging themselves with mountains of Christmas candy, the MacCollege basketball squad will spend their vacation playing four scheduled games as well as being host to this year's KCAC tournament.

On Dec. 15, the day after vacation starts, the Bulldogs play St. Benedict's College on the opposing team's own floor. Two days later, the team travels to Lincoln, Nebr., to play Nebraska Wesleyan.

The next day, Dec. 18, they play Dana College at Blair, Nebr., and Dec. 19, Westmar College of LeMars, Iowa, will be the target.

On Dec. 27, the Kansas Conference tournament begins and extends through the 29th. This year the tournament will be held at McPherson.

As was the case of the Moundridge tournament, a challenge trophy will be presented to the team who wins the tournament for three years in a row.

This will be the fourth annual tournament of the Kansas Conference. Last year the tournament was won by Bethel College. Also participating in the tournament this year will be Tabor College who was invited by the teams of the tourney.

**Ad Class Visits Wichita**  
Members of the MacCollege Agricultural Marketing Class visited four places of interest in Wichita on a field trip Wednesday, Dec. 5.

## Cafeteria Rushes Students In Line

Rush Day was held at the cafeteria on Tuesday, Dec. 11. Don Colberg, student council president, and Mrs. J. F. Sliker, cafeteria manager, planned this rush day.

Don stated that the main purposes of this rush were to determine the time to which serving could be cut to and the cause of a consistent slow line. Don also thanks everyone for his cooperation.

The main things to remember in the cafeteria line, the committee states, are to have your order in mind and your money in hand. Put change away after reaching your table. Posters in regard to these essentials have been placed in the cafeteria as reminders.

The cafeteria committee of Student C had charge of rush day. Committee members are Ann Schnaitman, Sonya Kaufman, Dwight Oltman, and Jerry McPherson.

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## Succeeding Generations Coming To Macollege

In addition to the list in the Dec. 7 issue of those who are second and third generation Macollege students, the Alumni Office has found more families represented both in the student directory and the alumni files.

**Nebers Continue**  
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neber, Oswego, Kas., parents of Lyle and Doyle Neber, also attended McPherson College. Mrs. Neber, the former Wava Long, graduated in 1924.

Roy Neber graduated from the academy in 1917 and from college in 1922. Two other sons, Dean, 1944, and Gerald, 1952, are among the Neber family who have graduated at McPherson's.

Miss Edna Neber, sister of Roy Neber and a 1924 graduate, is housemother of Dotzour Hall.

Vera Mohler, a junior and a cousin of Lyle and Doyle Neber, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Mohler, McCune, Kas. Mr. Mohler graduated in 1923. Mrs. Mohler, the former Lota Neber, graduated from the academy in 1917 and from college in 1924.

Two sisters, Arlene, '51, and Esther, '52, and a brother, Eldon '49, preceded Vera at McPherson. Leon Neber, a senior, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Neber, Quinter, Kas. His father graduated from the academy in 1920 and from Macollege in 1923.

Leon's sister, Rowena (Mrs. Vernon Nicholson), 1951, is another graduate.

Judith Brammell's father, Ira Brammell, McLouth, Kas., graduated from McPherson College in 1923. Mr. Brammell served as the first employed McPherson College Alumni Secretary.

As a freshman at McPherson, Judy is following her sister, Betty, a brother, David, and several aunts and uncles.

**More Hayes**  
Larry Hayse, sophomore, is the son of Prof. and Mrs. Guy Hayse, who met in McPherson College. Professor Hayse graduated from Macollege in 1934. Larry's mother is the former Lois Lackey.

Two uncles, Kermit, 1932, and Keith, 1931, are alumni. Mrs. Keith Hayse, the former Viola Bowser, graduated in 1922.

Kermit and Edith Bechtelheimer Hayse, Geneseo, are the parents of Delbert, a senior, and Leroy, a freshman.

Hazel Miles' mother is Grace Early Miles, who attended Macollege. Two cousins, Shirley Williams and Charles Beach are now attending Macollege. Several cousins also attended.

Mrs. Alford Colberg, Lyons, Kas., Don Colberg's mother, graduated in 1924. She was formerly Chressie Heckman. Don is president of Student Council.

Marvin Keck, sophomore from McPherson, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Keck. Marvin's father graduated in 1922.

Mrs. Ernest Tipton, mother of Dale Tipton, sophomore, completed her college education at McPherson in 1952 and now helps Mr. R. Gordon Yoder in the Business office.

**Seniors Follow Parents**  
James Van Blaricum, a senior, is the grandson of J. W. and Betty Dean Van Blaricum, who attended McPherson College. A great uncle, Dr. George Dean, McPherson, graduated in 1890.

His father, Dr. Dean Van Blaricum, Minneola, and several cousins also attended McPherson College.

J. M. and Iva Barnhart Carney, Nickerson, are the parents of Richard Carney, senior. Both attended Macollege, and Mr. Carney graduated in 1925.

Richard's brother Glenn, 1954, and several aunts and uncles graduated from McPherson College.

Ruth Harms Nigh, '33, McPherson, is the mother of David Nigh. Several of David's cousins, aunts and uncles have also attended McPherson College.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Lowe, McPherson, are members of the class of 1936. They are the parents of Mrs. Rosalie Snyder, sophomore.

## They're On The Shelves Library Purchases Books On Genesis To Revelation

Many of the new additions to the library are books on religion.

**The Prophets — Pioneers to Christianity** by Walter G. Williams shows the functions of the prophets, their relationship to other religious leaders of their time, and their contribution to religious thought.

The author, professor of Old Testament literature at 11111 School of Theology, Denver, Colo., is responsible for discovering the first solution to the Rea Shamra tablets, which shed light on many Old Testament phrases and obscure words.

**Volume Six of The Interpreter's Bible**, a commentary in twelve volumes, covers the books of Lamentations, Ezekiel, Daniel, and twelve minor prophets.

**The New Testament: A Survey** by Merrill C. Tenney takes into account the most recent Biblical research in its picture of the background of the New Testament.

**The Person of Christ** by C. G. Berkouwer attempts to show the advanced student that that idea of Christ which is now condemned as no longer suitable to the present is actually still applicable.

**The Book of the Acts** by F. F. Bruce is a commentary which presents much new material, both in the text and in the footnotes.

**The Young Church in Action** is J. B. Phillips' translation of the

## Freshman Visits U. S. Rural Home

By Bill Kalkounis  
I had the opportunity one month ago to go with an MCA group from McPherson College to a place in the United States which is 80 miles outside of Oklahoma City. Our purpose was to work on a farm of the parents of one of the Macollege students.

I thought that I was going to find a farm like those in Greece, but this place was completely different from the Greek farms. Generally, the life of the farmers in the United States is much better.

The farmers have a life which I compare in terms of facilities with the life of inhabitants of the Greek cities. Not only was the life at home different, but also all the cultivating tools were different.

In the United States today the people find and buy good tools which help the farmers produce better. The life of the farmers in America is a real joy, and for this reason the people like to work as farmers.

After we finished our project we returned to McPherson College to continue our studies with the satisfaction of having done something good.

## Origin Of Xmas

(Ed.'s note: Dr. Burton Metzler, professor of philosophy and religion at Macollege, has stated that the following article is historically correct.)

The unknown quantity in arithmetic is "X"; the unknown ray was called "X-ray"; the unknown symbol to the majority of people seems to be the "X" in "Xmas." So it is that many refer to "Xmas" as an irrelevant modern substitution for Christmas, devised to save copy space. How wrong they are!

"Xmas" can be traced back to 1551 and probably was in use prior to that. X-Jan and Xanity also were freely used.

It all began in the first centuries of the Christian era. Jesus probably taught in Aramaic, the language commonly spoken in Palestine. Hebrew was used primarily in temples and synagogues.

But the language of scholarship throughout the Eastern Mediterranean was Greek, and all the earliest New Testament manuscripts are written in Greek.

Complexities arose, however, between Greek and English. In the two alphabets, some letters are identical; others are totally different. We must use two letters to represent the Greek letters Psi or Phi. Worst of all there are some letters used in both languages but to represent different sounds.

To get to the root of the matter consider the letter we call "eks" "X". In Greek "X" is "Chi" (hard ch). So the word Christ when written in Greek letters appears as "XPICTOC" or "XPISTOS". There is our clue to "X" and "Xmas."

In the 1500's the New Testament often was read and discussed in Greek clergy. When writing, it was perfectly natural for those learned men to abbreviate "Christ" into the Greek initial of "XPISTOS". "X", from which came X-Jan, X-Janity, and, of course, Xmas.

You may prefer Christmas to "Xmas"; many people do. But remember that "Xmas" is not "eks"mas, but "Ch" (rist)mas; also that "Xmas" comes down to us with a tradition of at least four centuries of reverent usage. (Courtesy of the Clovis News Journal)

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## Mac Couples Plan Weddings During Christmas Season

**Moats, Neher**  
Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Moats announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Marlene, to Lyle Neher, on Wednesday, Dec. 26. Marlene is presently teaching in the McPherson school system. Lyle is a senior.

The wedding will take place at the Ivester Church of the Brethren in Grundy Center, Ia., at 2 p.m.

**Lawver, Hicks**  
Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Lawver announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Marlene, to Vernon D. Hicks on Sunday, Dec. 30, 1956. Marlene is a sophomore.

The wedding will take place at the McPherson Church of the Brethren at 3 p.m.

## Switzer, Kelly

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Switzer announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Norma, to Wesley Charles Kelley, on Saturday, Dec. 22, 1956. Norma is a former Mac student.

The wedding will take place at the Church of the Brethren in Waterford, Calif., at 8 p.m.

## Students Make Candy

A group of Macollege students made candy in Bittingers' basement after the formal Friday night.

Those present were Sharon Bailey, Sharon Shrock, Shirley Bowen, Miriam Long, Sara Ann Coffman, Doyle Neher, Dean Shrock, Ry Roetman, Leon Neber, and Gene Myers.

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## Alumnus Writes Mac Should Sing Its College Song

I have been interested in the discussion about the college song. As an alumnus of Macollege, it has been disturbing to me that not once this year have I heard the college song used.

In fact it seems that you would be more likely to hear it at an alumni reunion at LaVerne, Calif.

I doubt if there are very many alumni who spend much time debating the beauty or appropriateness of the song. To them it is a thrill to sing for it brings back fond memories of their college days; it is a symbol of all that was good about their college life.

The discarding of a college song and the adoption of a new one is not a matter to be lightly considered. Much of the beauty and meaning of such a song is in the traditions that it represents.

A new one would have none of this meaning for many years to come. After all it is not the tune or words of the National Anthem that gives it its position among songs, but what it represents.

An Alumnus of Macollege

**Girls Serve Nurses**  
The McPherson Nurses Club was served a turkey dinner on Wednesday, Dec. 5, at 6:30 in the home economics department at Harnly Hall.

Twenty-six guests were present at the dinner.

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**Boese, Zayas**  
Mr. and Mrs. William Boese announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Elizabeth Mae, to Israel Zayas, on Saturday, Dec. 15. Israel is a junior.

Setting for the wedding will be the First Church of the Brethren in Chicago, Ill., at 7:30 p.m.

## Reynolds, Holderread

Mr. and Mrs. Delbert H. Reynolds announce the forthcoming marriage of their daughter, Charlene, to Donald Holderread on Sunday, Dec. 16, 1956. Both Char and Don are juniors.

The wedding will take place at the Stover Memorial Church of the Brethren in Des Moines, Ia., at 7 p.m.

## Third Floor Girls Celebrate In Parlor

Third floor girls of Dotzour Hall held their Christmas party Monday night.

Hot spiced tea and cookies were served to the girls in front of the Dotzour Hall fireplace, which was especially lit for this occasion.

In charge of the party details were Irvadelle Wisler, Anne Keim, and Linda Royer.

## Brooks, Miller

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Brooks of Nickerson, Kas., announce the engagement of their daughter, Connie, to Doran Miller of Minot, N. D., son of Mrs. Minnie Miller.

The engagement was announced Thursday, Dec. 6. Connie, who is now a senior, and Doran, who is farming, have set no definite wedding plans yet.

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## Do You Feel Christmas?

Many things have been said about Christmas or concerning Christmas time, but we still do not have to be told about the joy and happiness we feel whenever Christmas arrives.

This happiness is deeper than can be described. We do not feel as happy on the Fourth of July, on Valentine's day or even on Thanksgiving, as we do at Christmas. Even birthdays do not seem to have as much significance as Christmas.

Who has gone caroling and not been happy? We might get cold, but singing Christmas songs makes us forget our own uncomfortableness. Who has not watched a small child open a Christmas present and has not been filled with joy as the child's face lights up?

Who has not received a Christmas card from a friend and been happy? Who has not felt calm upon hearing the strains of "Silent Night" drifting out over a snow-covered city on a moonlit night? If we have not responded to these things, we have not felt the Christmas spirit.

The beginning of all this happiness and joy was something that affects the heart of man whenever it happens. It was the birth of a baby.

This Christmas season let us have that same joy that has pervaded for about 2,000 years. Let us have that true Christmas spirit.

### Campus Personalities

## Harris Popular President

Do you need a president? Carl Harris is your man! This year he is serving in this capacity for three different organizations.

Carl is president of the sophomore class, the sophomore Sunday School class, and the McPherson College Players' Club.

Carl will soon become Man-



(Don Studio Photo)  
Carl Harris

ing Editor of the Spectator. He is presently serving as Campus Editor.

In addition, he has participated in Church Choir, Chapel Choir, Men's Council, Recreational Council, Debate Squad, Intramural Volleyball, MCA, and CBYF.

He is a member of the Devotional Life steering committee of MCA.

Thus far in his college career, Carl has taken part in three plays and held the lead in one of the one-act plays presented last week.

### Gems

By Norris Harris

(In memory of Dr. J. Willard Hershey)

A king of science was this man. A noble worker with willing hands. I knew him not, nor knew he me. Parted by time and time only. Years ahead of his own time. He worked and sweated and used his mind.

He made a diamond crystal clear. Nor boasted for any ears to hear. Forgotten now by you and me. He left his gems for us to see.

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## Don't Read It A Week Before Christmas

By Norris and Carl

Christmas is an important spoke, not only in the wheel of education, but also in our whole world economy. Just think of all the reindeer who would be unemployed if it weren't for Christmas.

Since poetry is also an important spoke in the wheel of education, we still haven't found out why we present to you a Christmas poem entitled, "Twas the Week Before Christmas."

'Twas the week before Christmas, and all through the town Every man and his dog was out hurrying around:

The storekeepers worked in their shops trimmed with reds, While visions of profits danced in their heads.

The toys were all placed on the counters with care, In hopes that the customers soon would be there.

And I, late as usual, was just then sighing About the difficult job of my Christmas buying, When way down the street there arose such a clatter

I jumped up and down to see what was the matter. Away to a light pole I made a quick dash,

Tore off my coat and went up like a flash, Then what to my wondering eyes should appear,

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And on top of the float, full of laughs and bee-haws, Was a man that I knew must be Santa Claus.

More rapid that turtles, his tractor, it came, And he whistled and shouted and called out by name:

"Now, Grandpas! Now Grandmas! Now Fathers and Mothers! On Uncles! On Aunties! On Sisters and Brothers!

To the doors of the stores, to the stores large and small, Now dash away, dash away, dash away all!

Go into those stores, spend your money like mad, And have the best Christmas that you ever have had!"

The words that he spoke in this message adverse Soon told me he worked for the Chamber of Commerce.

So down through the street the tractor it flew, With a sleigh full of toys and St. Nicholas too.

He was dressed all in fur from his head to his toe, And his clothes were well-padded with pillows, I know.

His eyes, how they twinkled to see people shopping, His cheeks were like roses, his beard was a flopping, His droll little mouth I've never forgotten,

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And the beard on his chin was made out of cotton.

A stump of a pipe he puffed in the breeze, And the smoke, it stunk till I soon had to sneeze.

He spoke lots of words, and went straight to the point: "Go into that store and buy out the joint!"

He waved to the crowds, gave a wink oh so sly, They went into the stores, their presents to buy.

And I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight, "Happy Christmas to me, for my bait they sure bite!"

To get happiness, one must forget it.

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### Pondering With The President

## The Little Child Grew Up

Christmas is precious and important to us for many reasons. One reason which stands out above others is that it centers around a little Babe:

A babe is always valued highly in every culture. There can be no future where there are no babes. Inventions, hopes, education, progress, economics, finance, religion, music, agriculture — nothing would reach the future if there were no children to carry these things forward.

If the babes are properly brought up; if they develop high hopes and great ambitions, the future can be bright. If the babes are improperly brought up and develop low hopes and twisted ambitions, the future can be dark.

A Little Babe  
On Christmas, a little Babe was laid in a rough manger. The child was laid there by God himself as his first Christmas gift. No other gift could ever or can ever compare with it.

God dreamed a dream when he laid the Babe there. It was expressed in the angels' song, "Glory to God on high; and on earth, peace among men."

The Babe grew up. He grew with one desire dominating his whole life. It was to do the will of his Father.

His Father's Will  
There were times when his Father's will seemed difficult. The road was hard, but the Son was faithful to the end. He died on a cross as a criminal, but it was to atone for sins of the world. This was the will of his Father.

But we have not understood Christmas completely unless we realize that the Babe grew up. And when he grew up, he said: that love should be central in living:

that the generosity of Christmastime should operate not only at Christmastime, but always;



Dr. D. W. Bittinger

that forgiveness is one of the highest virtues; that peace on earth is still God's dream.

This can happen only when other babes grow up with this great dream central in their lives. It will happen rapidly if they are willing to give even their lives also for the fulfillment of the dream.

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