

BULLDOG QUINTET CLASHES WITH PITTSBURG NORMAL AND STERLING THIS WEEK

The basket ball squad is fast coming out of the kinks and is showing some real first-class form. Although Coach Lonborg has not definitely picked his first team it looks as if Rump and L. Crumpacker cannot be beaten at guard. I. Bransmeil and Stansel are showing up well at the forward positions. Sargent has been playing the center role with these four men. Signal practice has been started and is being perfected in preparation for the first conference game of the season, that with Pittsburg Normal here Thursday night, January 12. Pittsburg finished the season last year with a standing of 599 and we see they are contemplating on beating that some this year. E. C. Quigley, National league referee, will officiate at the game, and this insures a good game from the referee's standpoint. The seating capacity at the gym has been enlarged in preparation for a large crowd which is expected will see the game Thursday night, when the Bull Dogs expect to initiate their new basket ball suits by defeating the Normals.

The night following this will see the Sterling College quintet; here to try their luck on M. C.'s basket ball floor. Last year Sterling won over McPherson by three points after the Bull Dogs had acquired a lead of nearly two to one at the end of the first half. Come out and watch your men keep the lead thruout the whole game this time.

There will be one game for the Bull Dogs next week—Hays at McPherson on the 21st.

"M" CLUB ELECTS PRESIDENT

The "M" Club met in special business session, December 20th for the purpose of electing members of the club to fill certain offices. Elmer Rupp was elected president to succeed Galen Tice, who has left school, having completed his college work. Vilas Betts was the choice for vice president, that office being vacated by E. Rupp when he accepted the duties of president.

CONFERENCE RESULTS

Bethel, 44; Friends, 29, at Wienta.
Kansas Wesleyan, 41; Sterling, 31, at Salina.
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HIGH SCHOOL QUINTET WINS 36-21 VICTORY FROM SALINA.

McPherson High won from Salina High in a fast game of basket ball, played at the college gym last Friday evening, by a score of 36 to 21. The two teams played a close game the first half, at the end of which time the local high were leading with a twelve to ten score. The second half soon made it plain however that McPherson would be winners with a large lead.

Dick Hill played a stellar game at forward. Credit must also be given to Tipton and Crumpacker, guards, who more than once broke up Salina's plays. Showalter played the other forward position, substituting for Lindholm who was removed during the first quarter. Heaston entered the game the last quarter, relieving Crumpacker. Ingold was a sub for center, which position was ably filled by Wampler.

Coach Dean certainly has a fine squad of players and we feel that this game was an indication of what will follow the rest of the season. All high school games this year will be played at the college gym.

THE HERO OF THE HOUR

Tuesday night as two girls were returning from town they were ferociously attacked by a member of the "he-lamb" family. In answer to their S. O. S. screams Scott Martin came boldly to the rescue and with daring skill and technique, saved the fair ones' pride from an untimely death. Brave Scott! Too bad Carnezic is dead.

COLLEGE FARM ITEMS

Altho we hear very little of it, the College Farm is one of the most important parts of McPherson College. Step by step it is becoming a very valuable asset. Recently, a friend of the College, Mr. M. N. Mikesell, of Miami, New Mexico donated to the farm two Holstein calves. These calves are six weeks old and their grand sire is the King of the Pontiacs, one of the best families of the Holstein breed. Mr. Mikesell, as President of the Farmers' Development Company is a very influential man in Miami and a loyal booster for M. C. The College appreciates and encourages donations that its friends are making from time to time.

HOW DIAMONDS ARE MINED

The mining of diamonds is a very interesting process indeed. Many people have the impression that diamonds are picked up from sand bars and river beds without any effort whatever, but that is not the case. Seven-eighths of the world's output of diamonds come from South Africa from mines that are two thousand feet deep.

The largest and most productive mines in South Africa known as the Kimberley mines are located about six hundred and fifty miles from Cape Town. The surface of the ground is brown but underneath it is blue to a depth of two thousand feet. The hard rock-like blue material is mined by Africans known as Kafirs and raised to the surface by means of buckets. It is then loaded into an endless dump-bucket cable system which is so arranged that perhaps three or four hundred cable buckets, evenly spaced, are run from the mine to a distance of about six miles out to the open country where they are dumped and their contents spread over acres and acres of ground, there to remain for eighteen months to pulverize by action of the air, sun, and rain. During the dry season it is sprayed twice each day. After the rock begins to crumble it is loaded into cable conveyers and sent to a washing machine where the mud and fine gravel are segregated leaving a blue slush. This blue slush is dumped into cable buckets and transported a distance of nearly ten miles to the main pulsator of the diamond industry. As the slush passes down through the pulsating machine it is sifted through various sieves until it finally reaches the pulsating tables which are nothing more than iron slabs thickly covered with a secret process of grease. These tables are continually pulsating with an even flow of slush passing over them. The diamonds and small pebbles adhere to the grease while the remaining material passes on and is discarded. There is a man at each table who puts the diamonds in a tin box. About two dozen boxes are filled each day. These are taken under a heavy mounted guard to the main office in Kimberley. Here they are assorted, boxed, strapped, and shipped to England and from there to Amsterdam for cutting.

Every precaution possible is taken to prevent the theft of diamonds. The DeBeers Consolidated Company which employs 25,000 African Kafirs and 7,500 white men compels its employees, before they are allowed to work, to swear before a justice of peace to work for a period of three months. They are then heavily guarded and closely watched. Their clothing is searched every day and their skin is minutely examined. Formerly it was common for a Kafir to make an incision about an inch long in his leg, place three or four diamonds in the wound, bind it up and then after his time expired, cut open the wound and sell the diamonds. Now two weeks before the contract is up the Kafirs are released from work. Their clothes are taken from them and they are given only a blanket. Their hands are incased in large gloves so it is necessary for white men to feed and wait upon them. All seams in their clothing are cut to be certain that they do not contain any diamonds. If any person, white man or Kafir, is caught with uncut diamonds in his possession, he is compelled to spend seven years braking rock on the docks of Cape Town. In spite of these precautions there are thousands of dollars of diamonds stolen from these mines yearly.

The average daily output is about \$300,000. One company extracted \$157,000,000 worth of diamonds in one year. If any of these mines were to close down they would have enough material laying in the open ground to last for twenty five years to come.

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