

# RYC '79: "Journey of Faith"

Simply mentioning the names of Andy and Terry Murray brings a feeling of excitement to those who have heard their records or seen them perform. The Murray's will be at McPherson College participating in Regional Youth Conference, March 30, 31 and April 1. College students are being encouraged to participate in as many of the activities as possible. Paul Miller, campus minister, whole heartedly agrees and states, "It will be especially good this year to hear Andy and Terry."

The theme of the conference is "Journey of Faith." The first activities start Friday evening with a down to earth picking and grinin' session at 7 with the last session being the church worship service at the Church of the

Brethren entitled "In and Out of the Wilderness" led by Andy Murray on Sunday morning at 10. A complete schedule will be posted in the SU and Brown Auditorium listing such activities as the play, *The Lady from Maxim's*, the "Anything Goes" contest, the Andy and Terry Murray concert, and the seminars.

The seminar leaders are Glee Yorder speaking on "Our Heritage of Faith," and the missionaries Mary and Chalmer Faw who will teach about the "Biblical Basis of Our Faith." The Brethren Volunteer Service seminar will be led by John Holderread, and Lynn and Dan Lichty, who have been in BVS and Cheri Miller and Marie Neher who are going into BVS

this year.

The main message will be presented by Andy Murray, the campus Minister at Juanita College. Kay Ann Porter, RYC coordinator, believes, "His message should be great." Kay Ann describes the Murrays as a friendly, outgoing, Christian couple who are easy to talk to. Andy plays the guitar and Terry plays the piano. They have made two albums together and have played at Annual Conference. Their concert is March 31 at 8 p.m. in the SU.

Kay Ann also encourages anyone who has questions to contact Paul Miller, Joni Redmond or herself. Anyone who is interested in keeping RYC youth should contact Marie Neher or Tom Neher.



The Norman Luboff choir presented a resounding concert March 8 in Brown Auditorium during a performance on their 5 month tour. The choir travels all across the U.S. and displays many fine musicians in its ensemble. (photo by Petty)

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### Cherubs' songs take flight

The McPherson College Concert Choir will sing its way across Iowa, Oklahoma, Missouri, and Kansas during the college's spring break, March 16-25. Opus, a vocal ensemble, will also perform.

For the churches, the groups will be performing many traditional sacred numbers as well as spirituals. Program numbers will include "All Breathing Life," by J.S. Bach; "A Wondrous Mystery," a contemporary double chorus piece by Pfautsch; "We Will Rejoice in Thy Salvation," by Handel; and "Send in the Clowns," from the musical "A Little Night Music," by Sondheim.

The program for the schools will feature a lighter format with Opus performing several numbers, both sacred and secular, including "Bein' Green," from Sesame Street; "Theme from Mahogany," and "How Firm a Foundation."

The McPherson College Trombones will also be traveling with the group.

Choir members will stay in homes of church members and McPherson College alumni or constituents during the nine-day tour. Nebraska, Iowa, Minnesota and Kansas were part of last year's tour itinerary and the year before that the tour included Colorado and Nebraska.

The churches where the choir will sing include: United Methodist Church in Abilene on March 16; the Sabetha Church of the Brethren in Sabetha on March 17; the Prince of Peace Brethren Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa and the Panther Creek Brethren Church in Adel, Iowa on March 18; the Church of the Brethren in Stet, Missouri on March 19; the Warrensburg, Mo. Church of the Brethren on March 20; the Springfield, Mo. Brethren Church on March 21; the Church of the Brethren in Independence, Kan. on March 23; the Billings,

Oklahoma Church of the Brethren on March 24; and on March 25 the choir will sing at the Wichita First Church of the Brethren and have an evening concert in Newton at the Church of the Brethren.

Director Ken Forsyth is pleased with the attitude of the choir. There seems to be an eagerness to perform.

### New Housing Director brings new format

Residents of McPherson College will be looking at a somewhat different format for next year in the residence halls. According to the new Director of Housing, Joanne Hamlin, the focus will primarily be on (1) maximizing student growth by encouraging students to fulfill their potential, (2) facilitating student growth through the development of programs to furnish new experiences, (3) motivating student growth by offering support and encouragement and (4) setting limits to help individuals live responsibly with a number of other individuals.

The housing aspect of the Student Services Office is advocating for the 1979-80 school year the concept of togetherness not only in smaller caring units but also in a wider caring realm of the campus community.

Resident Assistants will be chosen this year and trained to help students maximize their potential and aid in facilitating their growth. More Resident Assistants will be employed to allow for greater and more effective help for students. Each wing or "neighborhood" will consist of about 10-12 rooms with one Resident Assistant per area. Some type of study, recreation, bible study, etc. rooms for each

neighborhood area will be provided so that they may be utilized for activities.

Resident Assistants will be trained in basic communication skills and to know college procedures to aid students as they continue at McPherson College. It is hoped that activities and intramurals within the residence halls will become very active. Bittinger Hall, second floor, will once again be utilized for the men students next year. This will be on a semi-honor system and criteria for selection basically consists of (1) minimum cumulative grade point average of 2.0, (2) not currently on academic probation, (3) nominations from faculty representatives and (4) for those presently at Bittinger, not to have accumulated points in the present system. Seniors and Juniors meeting these criteria will have first opportunity to select rooms.

Students may want to begin talking with other students they would want to live by or with. Single room requests to the best of the office's ability will be honored. Please feel free to discuss this concept with others or with personnel from the Student Services Office. Let's make our campus some place special because McPherson

the Forum included state district reapportionment, liquor-by-the-drink, Kansas' first presidential primary slated for April of 1980, along with other topics of student concern.

"I think that after 20 years of phoney student leadership of the party of Kansas State University, and the University of Kansas, McPherson College has finally been recognized a vital asset to the party which cannot be passed over due to lack of size nor student enrollment. The next time the Forum meets, these necessary changes will have been made," replied Fenno.

### Fenno and Baker attend Republican caucus

The Fourth Annual Republican Student Leaders Forum was held Friday, March 2 in Topeka. Among some 50 students from 16 colleges and universities across the state in attendance were freshmen Greg Fenno and Mike Brown of McPherson College.

Among the activities were tours of the new Kansas Judicial Center, the State Capitol, and meetings with Attorney General Robert Stephan, Secretary of State Jack Brier as well as Lieutenant Governor Paul Dugan and other State Legislators.

Issues which were discussed in

students are special and deserve the best possible and most comfortable arrangements.

Definite dates for room selections will be announced some time in April.



Practice makes fine musicians and the McPherson College band worked hard last week toward their concert last Friday in Brown Auditorium. Terrie Netolicky, jr., Lisbon, Iowa, awaits direction at a recent rehearsal. (photo by Petty)



This lovers scene depicts only part of the tender moments to come in the next McPherson College drama production the "Lady From Maxim's" to be presented in Brown Auditorium on March 29, 30, and 31 at 8 p.m. Candi Witmer, fr. Mt. Morris, Ill, and Ricky Patton fr. Tuscon, Ariz, are the two actors pictured. (photo by Reynolds)



# Controversies stimulate responses

## Draft

Dear Editor,  
I'm writing this letter in rebuttle to Eilene Wezdenko's letter about the draft. Her letter made me start thinking about conscription once again. By the time the draft is reinstated I will have weighed the alternatives and won't go!

As you can tell I'm writing this letter against the draft. I don't believe in conscription and I never will. It is against the religion of my Brethren faith and also contradicts the very way I was brought up. If conscription is brought back I would be the last to sign up. The guys I was with when we read the article all said, "She can take my place." Yes, I like this country, but I can't say I love it. If the U.S. is threatened, sure I would be upset and complain but I would stand back.

I was also brought up in a Christian home and to love human life. That is why I wouldn't kill anyone. I also believe God wants us to obey our government, but not to the extent of killing. It says in the Bible to

put faith ahead of government wishes. And that's o.k. with me!

God, doesn't have reasons for wars. Why would a being create something and then have reasons for it destroying itself. God doesn't have reasons but he understands why we do those stupid things. A long time ago he destroyed every human on earth except Noah and his family because the world was full of wicked, fighting people, and next time it won't be just a flood.

Sure I'm grateful for the people that gave their lives for our freedom. But they should have gotten smart many years ago. Thus there would be no need for letters like this.

When my college deferment runs out in 1982 or 1983, and if my CO status doesn't hold up, I will be the first to pack my suitcase and grab my bag and head to Canada.

Byron Thill

Dear Editor,

I am writing in opposition to the letter in last weeks paper

against the editorial on the draft. To start with I want to try to clear away the belief that wars are justified through writings in the Bible. Fairly obvious throughout the old Testament are battles and wars which could be taken for examples, and probably the examples used for the article's justification of war. But I want to share another view, given by Howard R. Macy, instructor in Bible at Friends University, who spoke at the Peacemaking Conference March 2 and 3. His main point on the "holy wars" was that they were God's wars, and the warriors in them were simply "tools of God's will and judgment." This means to say that the wars were not set as examples for human action. It was of God's use to go to war, not for the desires and purposes of the people. Furthermore, he stated that the "people who participated in holy wars were not drafted."

I would also like to raise a question to the statement, "remember the people who gave

their lives that you and I could live in peace and freedom," made in the article. This is a popular statement to use in the argument for the draft. But, for one thing, the people did not give their lives, at least not in the modern war situation. They were taken as tools of the government, as the article stated in the self-contradictory statement, "They fought because the government told them to..."

God has not laid the ground for human conquest. Rather, people use him to justify their own goals. If the author of the article is truly a Christian, then I would think that she would be more concerned with pleasing the heavenly Kingdom, rather than an earthly one.

Sincerely,  
Alan Gumm

## Values

Dear Editor,

I am writing a letter concerning Candi Witmer's interpretation of Marie Neher's

editorial of Feb. 24. I feel Marie was concerned with the reevaluation and strengthening of our values, not a discarding of them. Society needs values and moral standards by which to operate. I feel Candi's suggestion that one's actions do not affect others unless something physically destructive is done is the basic misconception in the carefree (do your own thing) mentality. We do not live in isolation, all of our actions affect others.

Until the day comes when all people are perfect in nature we need rules and regulations to live by, but we should not focus on these. Some laws in our society need to be changed, but while living by the rest we need to focus our attention and lives on surpassing these laws and uniting people on a common, higher ground of brotherly love and understanding.

Also many of the rules which our school tries to adhere to such as no open flames (candles), are not petty rules to harrass students but rules set up by the Fire Marshall and others to protect the lives of all concerned.

Finally, when dealing with the school, or any other governmental body one needs to stick to constructive criticism and not get carried away to the point of just attacking the system.

Sincerely,  
Bart Shank

## Letters from Editor

### Honesty needed

As Editor of the Spectator I feel obligated to respond to Marie Neher's letter from last week's issue in regard to the story printed on the resignation of Johnnie Gragg. Many individuals have raised questions as to why the coach really left and I am afraid very few people know the entire truth. I do feel that the reporter responsible for the article may have been one-sided in his writing and should have turned in a story that was not buttered-up in any way, but which told the entire truth. As a Christian college, I hope that the Spectator staff can put out even more effort to find out the truth in all situations and report events as accurately as possible.

Becky Baile  
Editor

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## Point—Counter point Our Nuclear weapons Pro's and Con's debated



Marie Neher



Greg Fenno

We need to end the proliferation of nuclear weapons. We are not only producing weapons to destroy the "enemy" but we are producing weapons that will also destroy producers of the weapons.

Like you said in your article last week Greg, I can't help but wonder why the United States hasn't learned from its mistakes. We can still see the physical and mental scars that remain from the nuclear bombs that destroyed Hiroshima and Nagasaki, and yet we are manufacturing plutonium triggers for nuclear warheads at a rate of 10 per day over the past 15 years.

Let's face reality, no one will live through a major nuclear war, and sadly enough we have enough weapons to make the dead bodies bounce again and again after they are once destroyed.

Even though we are not presently engaged in war the Administration's military budget for 1979 requests an all time record of \$120 to \$128 billion. If you could have spent \$1.80 a second (\$6,480 an hour) since the time of Christ, you would not yet have spent \$120 billion.

The safety factors in the production of nuclear weapons should concern us as well as the harmful damage done by the actual use of a nuclear weapon. Since the facility at Rocky Flats, Colo. opened in 1953, numerous accidents involving radiation contamination have injured workers within the plant and over 200 fires have occurred.

The outrageous amounts of money that are spent on nuclear weapons could be used to insure more world-wide security if they were used for people programs instead of pentagon programs. The world's nations spend \$300 billion yearly on armaments while there are nearly 460 million permanently hungry and 50 million starving each year.

With nuclear weapons we are playing a very risky game on a fragile playground called earth.

War in general has always been a deplorable but stable reality since the creation of mankind. Nuclear war, I can imagine would be somewhat the same, only with a more definite outcome.

It would really be wonderful for every nation to say, "We have decided to do away with all of our nuclear weapons." Unfortunately, this is not a reality. Nuclear weapons, as far as the United States is concerned, is a deterrent to war.

Nuclear weapons have always been thought of as the ultimate cause of the end of life on earth. This is most likely true. I am not now, nor have I ever been an advocate of nuclear weapons nor nuclear war. However, I do support the United States as far as keeping a supply of nuclear weapons as a deterrent to war.

If the United States was ever foolish enough to do away with all of its nuclear weapons, can you imagine what would happen as far as security and safety in the United States is concerned? The Soviet Union or China or a dozen different nations would have a field day.

Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could all live together in this world surrounded with peace and harmony? Sure it would. Unfortunately, the Soviet Union, among others are not in agreement with this. They would just as soon annihilate all life forms on earth than allow the "imperialistic capitalists" to gain victory, should war break out.

The United States has never been a nation to strike first, and I am somewhat sure that it will not start now. To prevent us from being attacked, we must show the world that we do have the means to defend ourselves, as well as our allies, under the threat of attack.

As long as our adversaries, regardless of who they may be, know that we have nuclear weapons, I seriously doubt that they will be foolish enough to attack. Wouldn't it be funny if nobody had the bomb?



# World changes do affect our college students

In recent months, Iran has undergone a difficult change in their government. The revolt, led by college students, was a terrifying event for anyone in Iran or anyone concerned with the problems there.

Roya Oboudiyat, a student from Iran, is one of those people affected by the overturned government. Most of Roya's family were in Iran during those months, and her father and brothers are still there.

Roya came to the United States in March of 1978 to go to college. The country she left is not the same one she will return to.

"I just can't imagine it. I watch the news and read in the papers about what is going on there. That is not the town and country I come from," stated Roya.

The country's main religion is Moslem. The new government is a religious government. Roya and her family are of the Baha'i faith, which may cause them some problems.

"It (the religion) was kind of hard before, too. You couldn't work for the government. And now, you can't work anywhere," Roya noted.

Roya's father has his own company, so that problem isn't affecting them now. Roya classes her family as "in the middle" economically.

One way the new government may effect the country is the way in which the people dress. Roya said that women may be required to wear the long cloth, covering their faces and body, as this is one of the Moslem beliefs.

"No one knows what will happen now; you just can't tell," noted Roya.

"I think the country used to be

freer. I didn't like the Shah when I was back home because I thought he was a real dictator.

But now, I think he was better because he really helped the country and rebuilt everything.



The beautiful dress Roya Oboudiyat, fr, Iran, displays is part of the heritage she brought with her as she traveled to the U.S. to study in McPherson last year. (photo by Reynolds)

"Now, they've just ruined everything. We had the oil and that was a good thing for our country; we could make money off of it.

"During the fighting, they didn't even have enough oil for our own town. They didn't have electricity for three months. The schools are back open now; they had been closed too," explained Roya.

Roya said that she, like many other Iranians, didn't really know who Khomeini was until the protestors began asking for his

return from exile.

"He was against the Shah. I guess he didn't say anything that bad; he just said that he didn't agree with the Shah and with what he was doing. They sent him out of the country.

"The Shah just wanted to be the only power. You couldn't talk about the government or the Shah or what he did, in public. You didn't know who you could be talking to. You never knew when a SAVAK (secret police) might even be around, even in the high schools," noted Roya.



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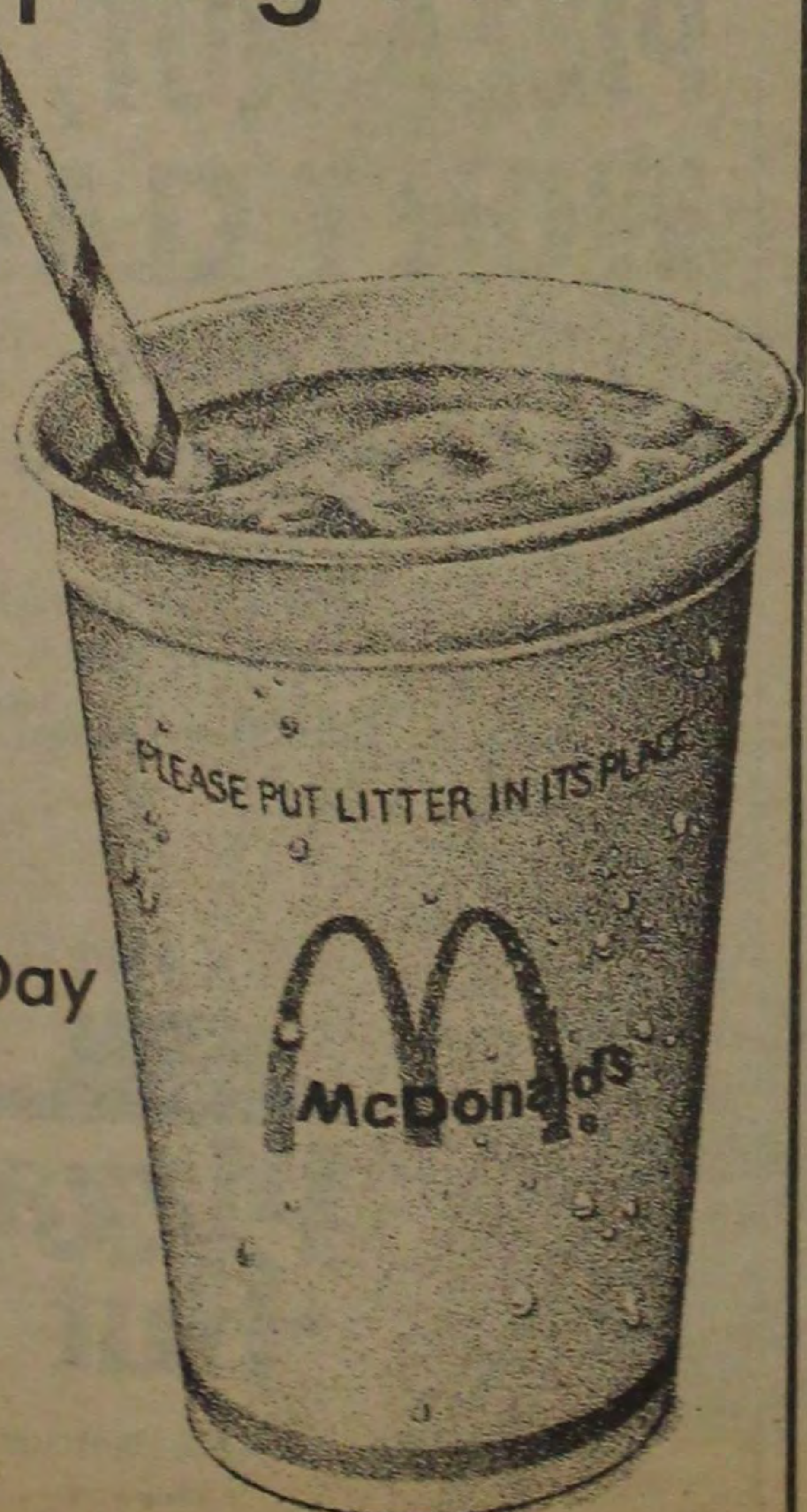
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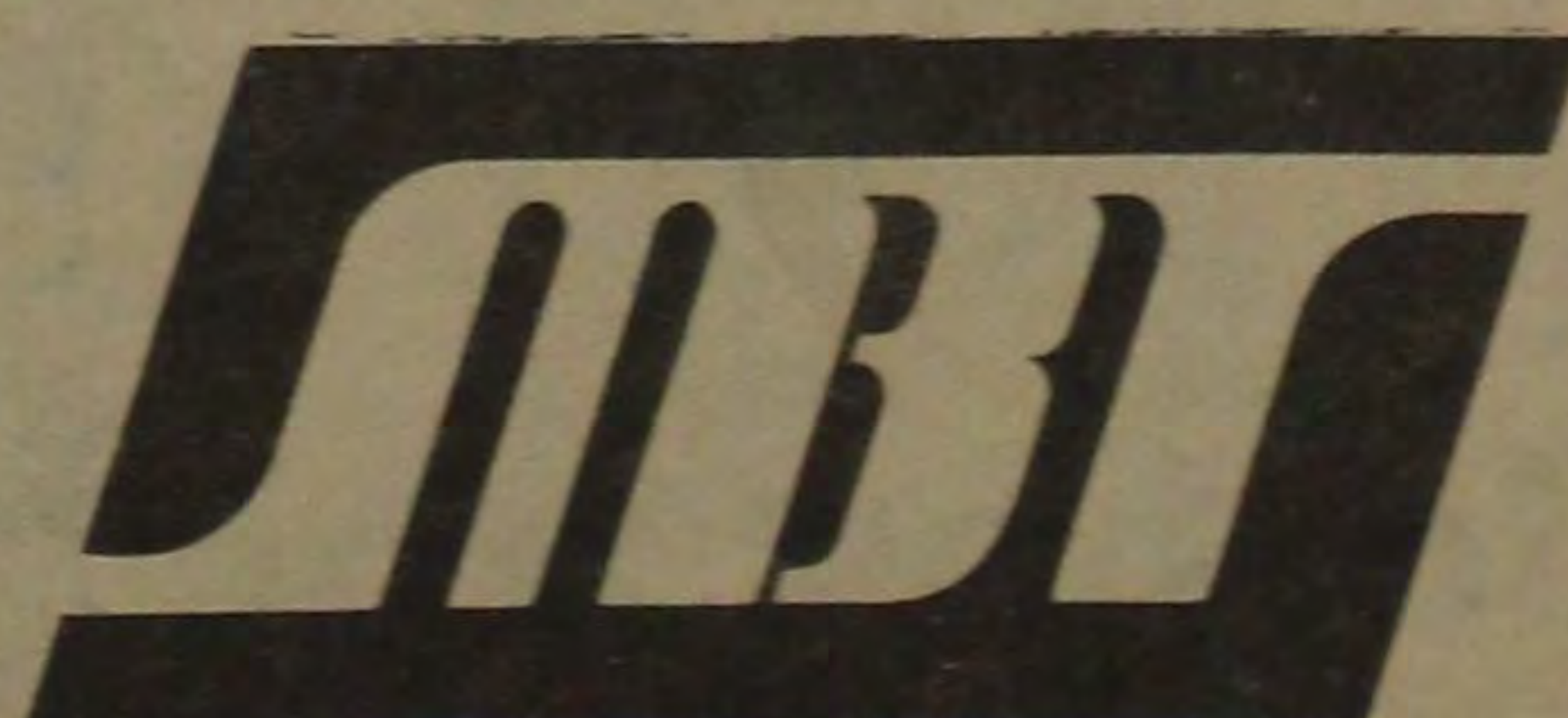
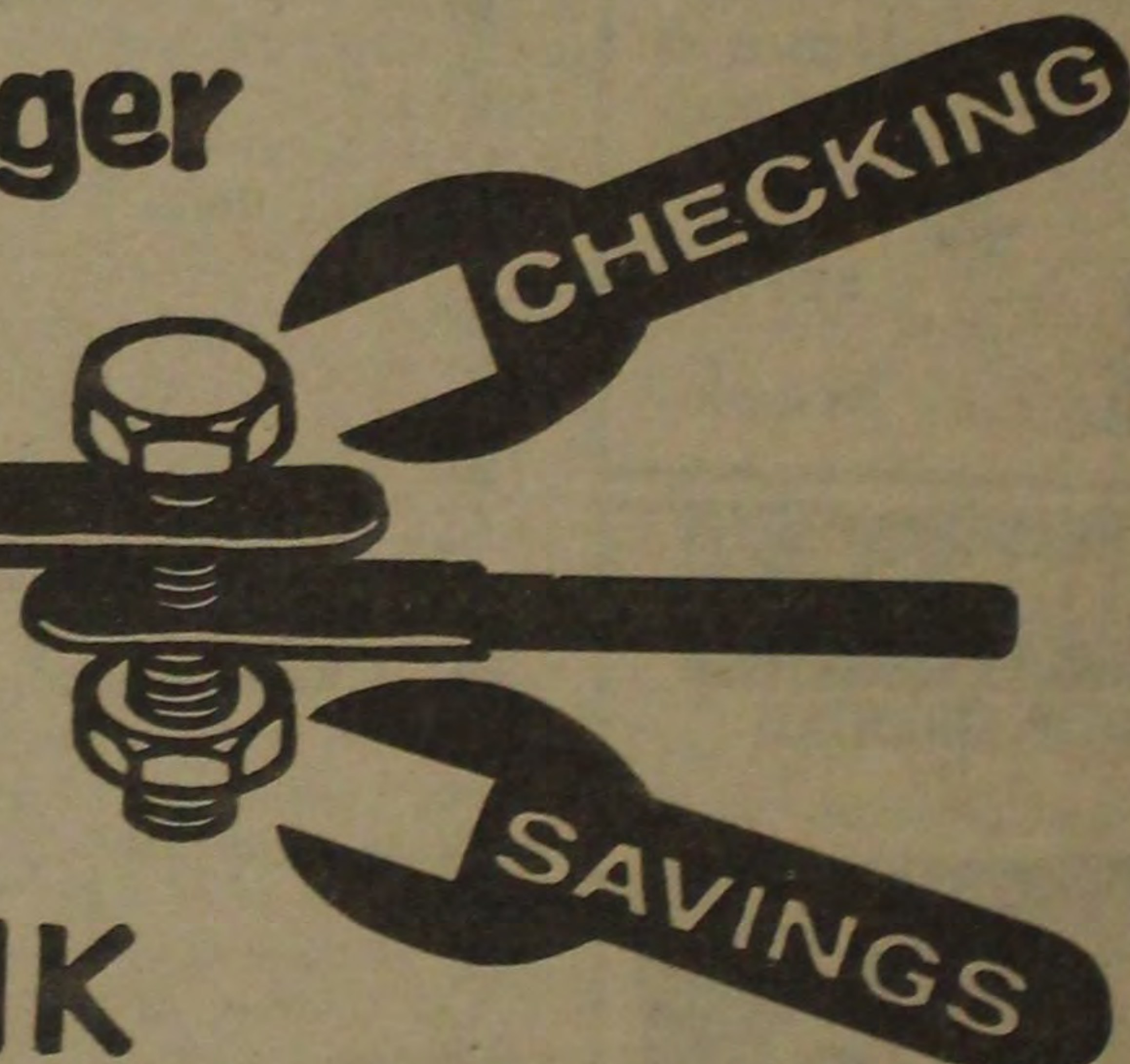
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## Soccer team ties season opener

On March 11 the McPherson soccer team traveled to Salina for its first game of the spring season against the Salina Internationals.

Participating in the game were the following people: Russ McCaulley, Mark Saylor, Dale Ziegler, Jeff Quay, Andrew Nykatura, Andres Christoforou, Ruben Carrion, Puocopios Pelsvas, Joe Opiyo, Grand Odokara, Charles Ogwanya, Benson Ouriny, Issac Luenofi, among these players Memo Zavala and Kathy Dietz also attended the game.

During the first half of the game Salina Internationals scored the first goal. Then McPherson tied the score by a head shot from Charles Ogwanya. Soon came the second goal from Panicos putting Mac ahead 2-1. About seven minutes before the end of the first half Joe Opiyo scored the third goal for McPherson.

The second half of the game resulted in a tough game for McPherson. Salina managed to score two goals equaling the score 3-3. The game ended with that score. It was a let down for McPherson's enthusiasm, but the results proved that after a year of returning to the League, McPherson's soccer team still preserved its incentive and efforts to make soccer a popular

# Tracksters run at first meet

Outdoor track season began for McPherson on March 6, with a practice meet at Hutchinson Jr. College. A trip to the large Ft. Worth Recreational Meet scheduled for last weekend was cancelled. But a quadrangular meet will be held March 27 here on McPherson's fine new track, so track and field enthusiasts will have an opportunity to view the team in early action.

Presently 18 men and 12 women are on the track and field roster for McPherson. The quadrangular meet March 27 will be the first for the women. Mid-America Nazarene, Hesston and McPherson's Central College will provide the competition for that meet.

With the resignation of track and football coach Johnnie Gragg last month, the job of coaching the track team has fallen on Scott Robinson and Larry Latimer. Both of these capable individuals

have assisted with the football program and have been closely involved with the conditioning and training of many of the personnel now out for track.

At the Hutchinson meet, only times, distances or heights were recorded for each competitor, not placement of finishers, as it was purely a practice meet. However, several McPherson trackmen achieved good marks for this early in the season.

Jim Kitson, jr, Haven, ran the 800 meter in 2:02.6 min. for probably the best time in that

event. David Mollhagen, fr, Lorraine, managed 6'2" in the high jump, which would have tied for first place. Others who would have been among the top finishers in their events were Phil Jones, fr, Tulsa, Okla, with a 51.5 second mark in the 400 meter race; John Hall, fr, Clarendon, Texas, and Walt Gaston, fr, Mounds, Okla, who both ran the 100 meter dash in 11.2 seconds, and the 400 meter relay team of Hall, Gaston, Jones and freshman Lathon Archie, Frederick, Okla, with a time of 44.2 seconds.



Jim Kitson, jr, Haven, turned in one of the top times in a recent practice meet in Hutchinson. Track season looks hopeful so far with over 30 total participants. (photo by Reynolds)

game in McPherson.

With enough funds allocated by Stuco the team is able to not only enter the Kansas Soccer League, but also to purchase equipment necessary to host teams from out-of-town.

The team will continue with its schedule after spring break with a game in Wichita April 1.

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