

Commencement plans

Graduation goodbyes will soon be taking place for the senior class of 1979. Commencement will be May 20 at 2:30 p.m. in Brown Auditorium. The speaker will be Rev. Paul Miller. There will be a reception following at 4 p.m. outside of Brown on the campus quadrangle.

For the alumni, this will not be a time for goodbyes, but one for being reunited. May 19 will be the reunions for the classes of 1954, 1949, 1939, and 1929. Luncheons will be held in their honor at various locations in town.

The commencement weekend all begins May 19 with the

President's social hour at 9:15 a.m. for seniors, and board members in the Student Union. At 10 a.m. there will be graduation rehearsal for the seniors and a reception at the President's home for the classes of 1929 and 1939. The class of 1949 will hold their reception at the home of John and Donna Burkholder.

The afternoon will consist of opportunities to view some of the colleges newer buildings and to socialize. Templeton hall will be open from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. along with the bookstore. From 2 to 5

p.m. will be informal socializing in Friendship Hall. At 2:30 p.m. Miller Library will be open for visitors until 4:30 p.m. Open house will be held at President Hoffman's home from 3 until 5 p.m. The last scheduled event will be the Annual Alumni Banquet at 6 p.m. in the Student Union.

Festivities will come to a close following the graduation ceremonies and the class of 1979 will have their diplomas. From there, the class will start out to make their own future with their McPherson College past being a part of their history.

Dorothy crosses McPherson's stage



Dorothy, Patti Lusk, fr, Rock Ford, Colo., helps the scarecrow, Kent Sallee, McPherson, to his unsteady feet in the last theatre production of the season, "The Wizard of Oz." (photo by Reynolds)

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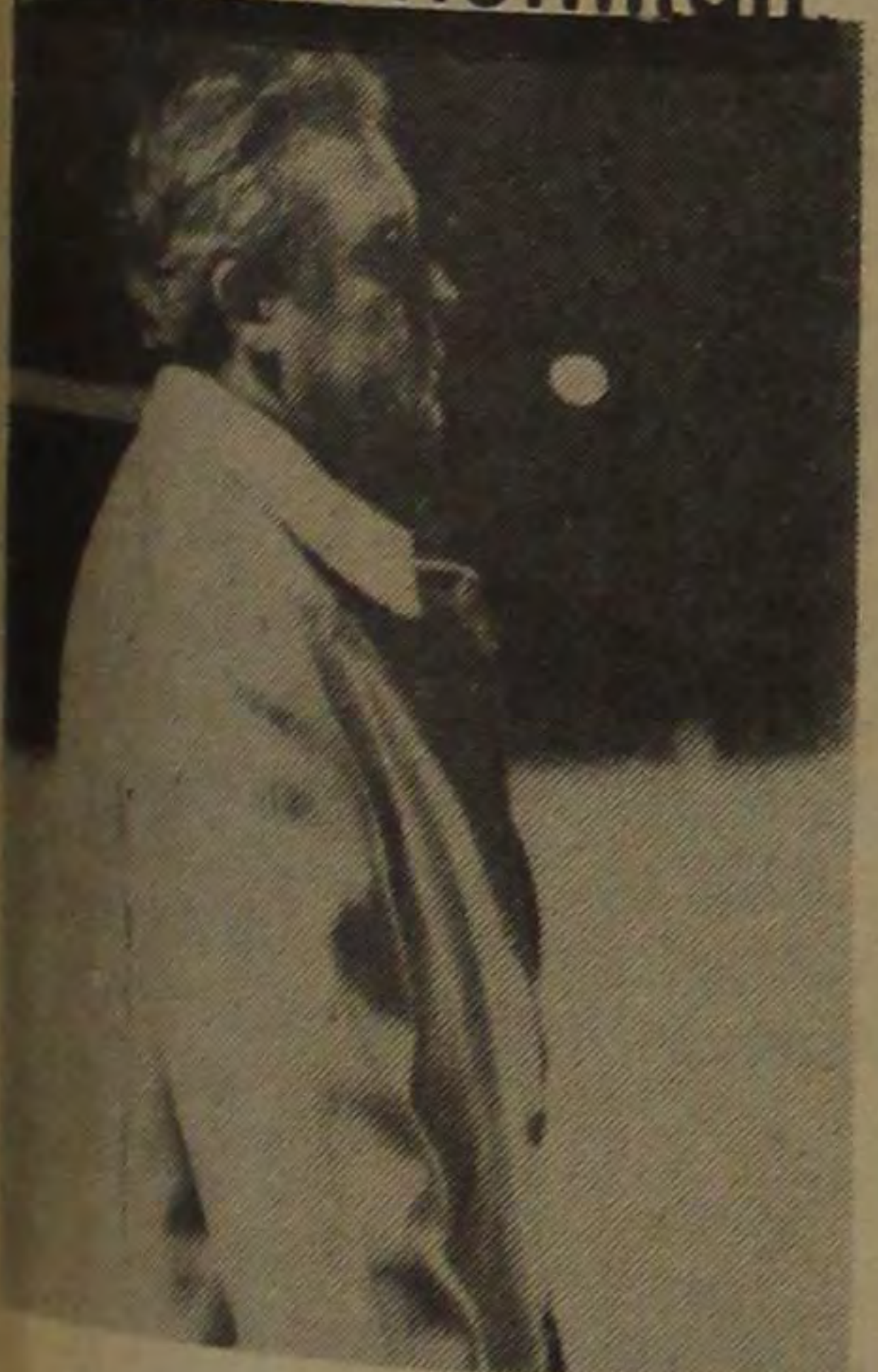
Hoffman presents convocation

What's happening in higher education? President Paul Hoffman touched upon this question in his convocation address to students Tuesday in the final convocation of the semester.

Legislators are becoming deeply involved in higher education today. Not only are they overseeing resource allocations to the different institutions, but they are also getting involved in the amount of money given to the specific departments of colleges and universities.

Secondly, the American society is disillusioned with higher

President Hoffman



education. Where getting a job is of primary importance, people are asking why college students are lacking in the basic areas of learning.

Competition for students plays a major part in obtaining federal funds for institutions. The greater the enrollment of a college, consequently the greater amount of federal funds given to them. Inevitably there is much cheating going on here.

This too is a question of morality. "In 1965 if a man was given a failing mark he was shipped off to Vietnam," stated President Hoffman. "So professors gave them passing grades just to keep them from going off to war." Recent data has shown grade inflation to be up eight tenths of a grade since 1965, yet it also shows the level of aptitude tests have fallen slightly, while at the same time grades given are higher.

First of all, in regard to government intervention in education, the Kansas Tuition Grant did not increase for the upcoming year, so less will be available for those Kansas students who wish to attend private institutions. Some legislators want to abolish this tuition grant. If this is carried out, many students will be forced

to seek cheaper education—both financially and in the quality of education.

"There is some disillusionment among the people that support this college, but not very much," said President Hoffman. Evidence of this fact is the great support given by students and faculty alike and the telethon surpassing its goal.

Regarding competition, it must be done by fair play. Paid deposits are up from last year, applications are beyond last year, and enrollment, if the current pace is kept, will inevitably exceed that of this year.

President Hoffman also looked at the morality of the students here. He said, "Our students have a hard time cheating their way through college. I tell employers that an individuals grades reflect upon him because our students are honest and our professors are never rookies."

Spring examination schedule

Monday, May 14

8 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	All 11:00 MTThF classes
8 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	All 11:00 MTh classes
9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	All 11:00 TF classes
10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	All 2:00 TF classes
10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.	All 2:00 MTh classes
11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	All 2:00 TF classes
1 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.	All 8:00 MTThF classes
1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.	All 8:00 MTh classes
2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.	All 8:00 TF classes

Tuesday, May 15

8 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	All 10:00 MTThF classes
8 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.	All 10:00 MTh classes
9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	All 10:00 TF classes
10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	All 1:00 MTThF classes
10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.	All 1:00 MTh classes
11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	All 1:00 TF classes
1 p.m. to 1:50 p.m.	All 12:00 MTh classes
2 p.m. to 2:50 p.m.	All 12:00 TTh classes

Wednesday, May 16

8 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	All 9:00 MTThF classes
8 a.m. to 8:50 a.m.	All 9:00 MTh classes
9 a.m. to 9:50 a.m.	All 9:00 TF classes

10 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	ACE Wed. Morning Classes (3-4 hours)
10 a.m. to 10:50 a.m.	ACE Wed. Morning Classes (2 hours)
11 a.m. to 11:50 a.m.	ACE Wed. Afternoon Classes

Exams for Evening Classes will be held as follows:
 7 Thursday evening
 7 Monday evening
 7 Tuesday evening
 6 MTTh classes

7 Thursday, May 10
 7 Monday, May 14
 7 Tuesday, May 15
 To be announced



This is the last issue of the Spectator that our Editor-in-Chief, Becky Baile, soph., Warrensburg, Mo., will be with the staff. She has put in a lot of long hours to make the paper a success. Becky has been a fun person to work with and has really made the Spectator an interesting paper to read.

We would like to thank Becky and wish her the best at University of Missouri where she will be majoring in Agriculture journalism.

Sincerely,
 The Staff

Sidelines

All Schools Day
Jeff Quay in concert
Choir concert
Senior recital

ALL SCHOOLS DAY is tomorrow so no classes will be held. There will be a parade downtown in the morning and a concert at 8 p.m. in Brown Auditorium in connection with the All Schools Day celebrations.

JEFF QUAY WILL present a concert in the Little Theatre at 9:30 p.m. Saturday including many popular songs and tunes written by Quay.

A SENIOR RECITAL will be given by Gail Myers, Holcomb, on Sunday in Brown Auditorium at 3 p.m. Lauralee Duncan, soph, Evergreen, Colo., will assist in the recital by performing several piano pieces.

A CHOIR CONCERT will be presented in Brown Auditorium on Sunday at 7:30 p.m. The choir will be singing selections from several Broadway musicals including "Brigadoon," "Oliver," "My Fair Lady," "Oklahoma," and more.

"Oz" receives top review

by Becky Baile

Once again, Kansans were whirled away to the land over the rainbow with last weekend's Alpha Psi Omega-Theatre Guild production of Frank L. Baum's "The Wizard of Oz."

Directed by Rick Tyler, Professor of Theatre, "The Wizard of Oz" proved to be another brilliant combination of cast, set, costumes and special effects which brought each packed crowd to its feet with applause at the end of every performance.

Pattie Lusk, fr, Rocky Ford, Colo. rounded off her first year on the McPherson College stage with a touching performance as Dorothy, proving both her special feel for acting and her musical ability.

Jaryl Perkins, Lindsborg, Bruce Kline, McPherson and Kent Sallee, McPherson, as the

lion, tinman and scarecrow, must be commended on their fine acting abilities. Glenda, portrayed by Cindy Bahr, fr, Valley Center, was certainly the epitome of the kind, smiling, good witch of the North she is thought to be. Joan Cunnick, sr, McPherson, was beautifully evil as the wicked witch of the West.

The Munchkins, People of Oz, Guards, and Flying Monkeys added to and developed the whole show. Oz, with his terrifying voice and awe-inspiring faces, was excellently portrayed by Dick Nichols, McPherson.

The technical aspects of the show left the audience astounded. Right from the scintillatin, eerie, wildness of the tornado dancers, through the "great and wonderful Wizard of Oz," to the melting of the wicked witch, audiences were spellbound.

Ken Forsyth, Professor of Music, did an excellent job of

directing the 20 piece orchestra. The special sound effects produced by them greatly enhanced the show.

The sets were imaginative and well-designed, as were costumes and make-up.

Even though the show started off at a disadvantage by being invariably compared to the motion picture version of "The Wizard of Oz," this production left the audiences satisfied and touched.

This show certainly ranks among the top this year, with excellent performances by many individuals.

Let us hope that McPherson College can look forward to another theatre season which will be filled by as many exciting theatre productions as have appeared on the McPherson College campus this past year.



Spring weather can make college students do some crazy things. Greg Base, jr, Kingman and Jon Moyer, fr, Leoti, run off a little energy before they begin studying. (photo by Reynolds)

We get letters

Lengel responds to award; letter concerning lights

Dear Editor,

I should like to thank the student body of McPherson College for the honor they accorded me during the recent awards convocation. I should also like to express long overdue appreciation to my colleague and teacher, Raymond Flory, who many years ago demonstrated and made me aware of the difference between a good teacher and a great one. I hope that someday I can be as great a teacher as he is and has been.

Sincerely,

Leland Lengel, Department of History

Dear Editor,

This spring has seen a definite increase of people wanting to make use of the tennis courts. The courts are for the most part very adequate in quality, but there is one thing that would improve them immensely — lights.

Lights in the court area would bring a lot more students out that aren't using them at the present time. Many potential tennis players can not find enough time during the daylight hours to play.

The lights could either be turned on and off by the individual players or left up to whoever locks the buildings at night. I think this improvement would more than pay for itself. If the college budget has enough extra funds to resurface the track or install an electric piano lab, then I see no reason to put off lighting the tennis courts any longer.

One might also take into consideration installing a backboard so players can improve their skills by themselves.

Either addition, or both for that matter, would greatly improve the facilities on campus.

Sincerely,
Jan Czirr

Editorial

It's farewell time!

All things must come to an end. And the 1979 Spectator staff has wrapped up another semester of publication to the student body and faculty. It has been a priveledge to serve as Editor-in-chief this semester along with four talented individuals - Tina, Marie, Jan and Don. As this is my final editorial, I would like to leave a few comments about these fine people who helped me burn the midnight oil.

To Tina, who I regard as an expert in the English language, I thank for always reporting on time with her drama stories that quote Director Tyler, for expressing ideas even when I disagreed and for adding exclamation points to all her headlines.

To Marie, who I admire for her ability to argue with Greg Fenno, I thank for always coming up with creative ideas when I had none, helping when it was not her turn and having a smile when everyone else seemed to be frowning.

To Jan, who loves to write cutlines, I thank for writing long feature stories that all editors appreciate, for doing many of those stories no one else seemed to want to do, and for putting up with my last minute decisions.

To Don, who I could never find when I called Fanny, I thank for his expressive and humorous techniques of writing often displayed in his articles and for spending late hours to create a story or finish a late breaking sports item!

And to the readers, who have kept me in letters-to-the-Editor the entire semester, I thank for reading and commenting on the articles the 1979 Spectator team has produced.

I now leave McPherson College and I wish the best in the coming years for all students and faculty. I would like you all to remember this poem, which is an Irish blessing, through your future endeavors.

May the road rise up to meet you,
May the wind be always at your back,
May the sun shine warm upon your face,
The rains fall soft upon your fields,
And until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand.

Becky Baile
Editor-in-Chief



The Mafia comes to McPherson? No, these tough-looking characters are only the Spectator editors for the past semester, including Becky Baile, soph, Warrensburg, Mo., Editor-in-chief; Marie Neher, fr, Grundy Center, Iowa, Editorial Editor; Smita Nirula, sr, New Delhi, India, News Editor; Jan Czirr, fr, Alma, Feature Editor; and not pictured is Don Stinnette, jr, Elizabeth, Colo. who is Sports Editor.

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Bikers head for the hills of Kansas

by Don Stinnette

north to the reservoir.

At the park entrance the "support team" of Dale Ziegler, fr, Elizabethtown, Pa. and Janice Harter, jr, Northridge, Calif. was met. Dale and Janice had hauled sleeping bags, tents, clothing and food in a car so that the bicycles were, for the most part, unladen.

The group now rushed to a campsite, which was immediately abandoned for one more sheltered from the strong wind, and began setting up camp in the quickly fading light. In accordance with the best traditions of male chauvinism, the women prepared the food (compliments of Lou Kelly and Saga Food Service) as the menfolk built the cooking fires. (Note: Tents were set up by members of both sexes.)

After greedily snarfing down the foil-cooked dinners, a decision was made to move the camp yet again, but this time to a well-sheltered, electrically lit picnic facility. It would have been ideal except for the "No Camping" and "No Vehicles Under Shelter" signs.

However, lawless and

desperate individuals that they were, the riders conveniently ignored the warnings and brought all bikes and gear into the shelter. Tents were reset on the lee side of the facility. Some persons went to sleep immediately on the floor of the enclosure. Others warmed up with some hot chocolate, lamenting the lack of marshmallows for roasting.

Later on, Curt Thill, sr, Adel, Iowa, who had been taking MCAT tests all day but had hoped to ride with the group, arrived with Tim Smith, sr, Newton, in Tim's truck.

The night was clear but the insistent wind continued, swinging slowly around until it was finally coming out of the northwest, exposing the tents and those individuals sleeping on the ground to its constant blowing. Most did not sleep well.

At last the morning came, and a hasty breakfast of uncooked cereals was gulped down. Tents were brought down and all gear was stowed once again for the return trip. After a hurried group picture taken by camera-crazed

Don Ziegler, sr, Elizabethtown, Pa., the group started off at about 8:30 a.m.

With the wind at their backs for most of the journey back to McPherson, most bikers made excellent time getting home, but a couple who had serious problems were saved from despair when Tim pulled up again with his trusty pickup.

All were safely back before dinner time on Sunday, with the exception of Joe Opiyo, fr, Kenya, who cycled to Monitor where he attended the morning church service.

Weather could have been kinder to the cyclists, as many froze their posterior regions off

during the night, but there were no complete mechanical breakdowns and no flat tires, so fate was somewhat kind.

A small group of cyclists rode to Monitor church last Sunday to attend the morning service. Another group tried a grueling 100 plus mile tour to Wichita and back tomorrow.

If you would like one more chance to cycle with a group, there will be one more morning ride Saturday at 8 a.m. The riders will meet, as always, in the gym parking lot.

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Weather had been typical for springtime in Kansas all day long: fickle, ever changing, first with clouds, then bright sunshine, and always the constant wind. The sky was mostly clear when the lucky group of thirteen students (six guys, seven girls) finally began pedalling west, then north out of town at about 3:30 p.m. on April 28.

The riders took a zig-zag route north, then west, then north again, aiming for the distant hills and valleys surrounding Kanapolis reservoir, where they were to stay the night. A vicious southwesterly wind impeded their progress on the western stretches, but the same wind provided a much appreciated push whenever the road turned north.

Most of the route was paved, but a few stretches were poorly maintained gravel roads. Although the line of riders stretched a mile or more in some places, the entire group made fairly good time in reaching the hamlet of Marquette before 5:30 p.m.

From there the route turned onto Highway 4, which was paved but hilly, and directly west against the partial headwind. The group spread out even more as the riders ground out the eight or so miles to the Kanapolis turnoff. The sun was dipping swiftly towards the now partly cloudy horizon as the cyclists hurried along the last three miles

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Doug Gayer, soph, Buhler, concentrates on returning a volley during the net team's final home dual match against Friends.

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Netters compete in conference

by Don Stinnette

McPherson's tennis team ended its season in a head to head encounter with arch rival Bethany at the KCAC meet in Wichita May 3 and 4.

Both McPherson and Bethany won every match against conference opponents in both singles and doubles competition on Thursday to set up that battle in the finals on Friday.

McPherson, however, failed to take a match from powerful Bethany in either singles or doubles play. Coach Holman had felt that the team had enough depth to play on a par with perennial conference champion Bethany, but, although many of the sets were close and hard-fought, McPherson's players could come away with no more

than the second place trophy, although that was certainly a great accomplishment in itself.

Only Craig and Tracy Iken-

berry, Quinter, will be lost to graduation. Tracy has been a steady performer also in McPherson's rise in tennis play.

Final game Sunday

by Ruben Carrion

As the soccer season closes the McPherson College team was able to maintain a winning season with a record of 2 wins, 1 tie and 1 loss. The team has four more games to play, but due to the academic calendar those games will not be played, except one on May 13 at 2 p.m. at Lakeside park in McPherson against the Golden Eagles.

Under the part-time coaching of Jerry Malone of Central

College the team has been able to acquire technical coaching which is rewarding to the many individuals beginning soccer and to the team as a whole.

Future plans are to try to incorporate some kind of technical advise and organization into the club by a full-time coach. This would make the club more prestigious and more active in League competition while increasing the interest of soccer among individuals and other prospective colleges in the area.

The team will be participating during the fall season in the Kansas Soccer League, Division B.

Tracksters run in KCAC today, Friday

McPherson's track schedule will end with the KCAC meet being here this afternoon. Preliminary competition begins today as well as finals in the 5000 meter run.

Finals in the field events will commence at 3:30 tomorrow afternoon. Track finals will follow at 6 p.m. and will continue into the evening under the lights at the stadium.

At the present time there is no district competition in NAIA track and field, but possibly there will be next year.

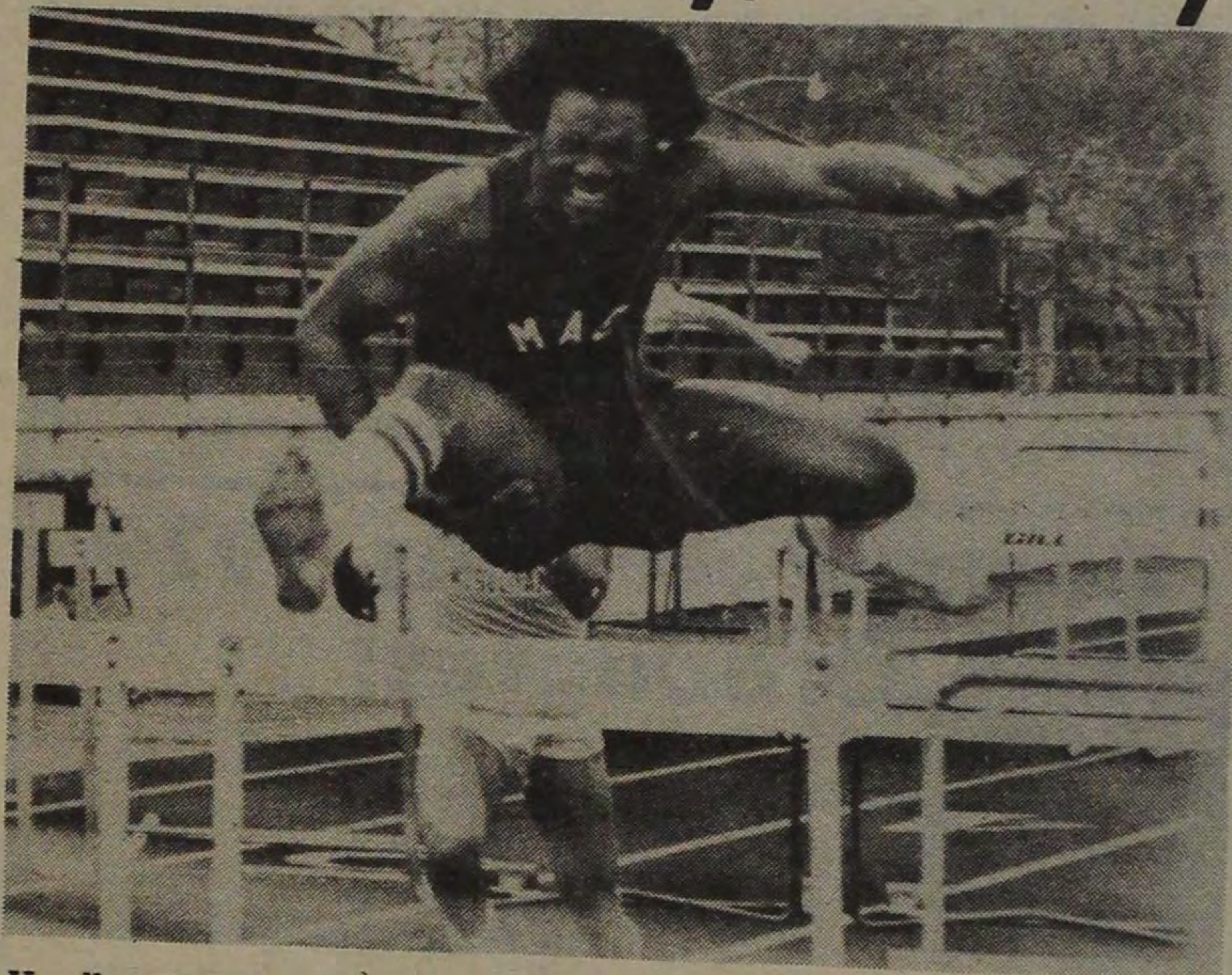
With no intermediate competition, advancement to national competition is based on qualifying standards set up at the beginning of the season. According to track coach Scott Robinson, no one on the team at this point is close enough to the set standards to qualify for nationals.

But the team as a whole turned in a good performance at the latest meet, the Doane Relays at Crete, Neb. last Saturday. Eleven members of the team

participated in that meet. Thirteen teams came including all KCAC teams. Two relay teams gained second place finishes including the 440 yard relay team and the sprint medley team. McPherson's 880 yard relay team tied for third.

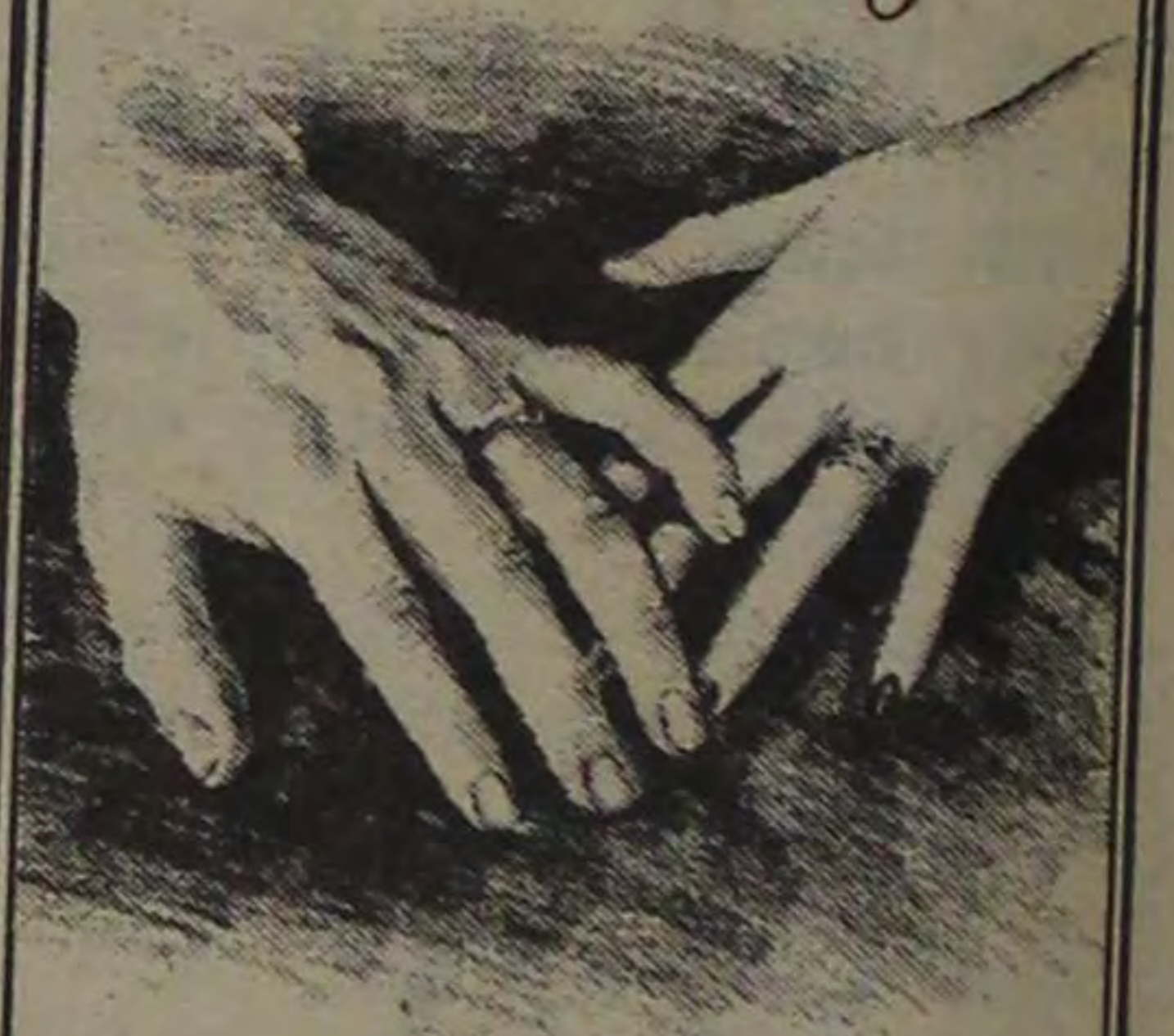
Coach Robinson felt that McPherson may have had "the best relay combinations of any team." Although times were not the best of the season McPherson performed very respectably.

April 26 was the last meet the McPherson women's team has participated in. "Despite the rainy weather, we did our best," commented Pam Higgins, fr, Albuquerque, N.M. Sandy Sharp finished second in the 3000 meter race followed by Stephanie Reyes who came in fifth. In the 800 meter race Terrie Enos placed sixth, Kristen Goodfellow was eighth, and Pam Higgins was ninth. Sandy Lang placed second in the 400 meter hurdles. The KCAC meet today and tomorrow will be the final events for the team this year.



Hurdler Excell Lafayette, fr, Tulsa, Okla. grimaces as he sails over a hurdle ahead of a Kansas Wesleyan opponent. Excell partially re-injured his pulled hamstring during the effort. (photo by Ward)

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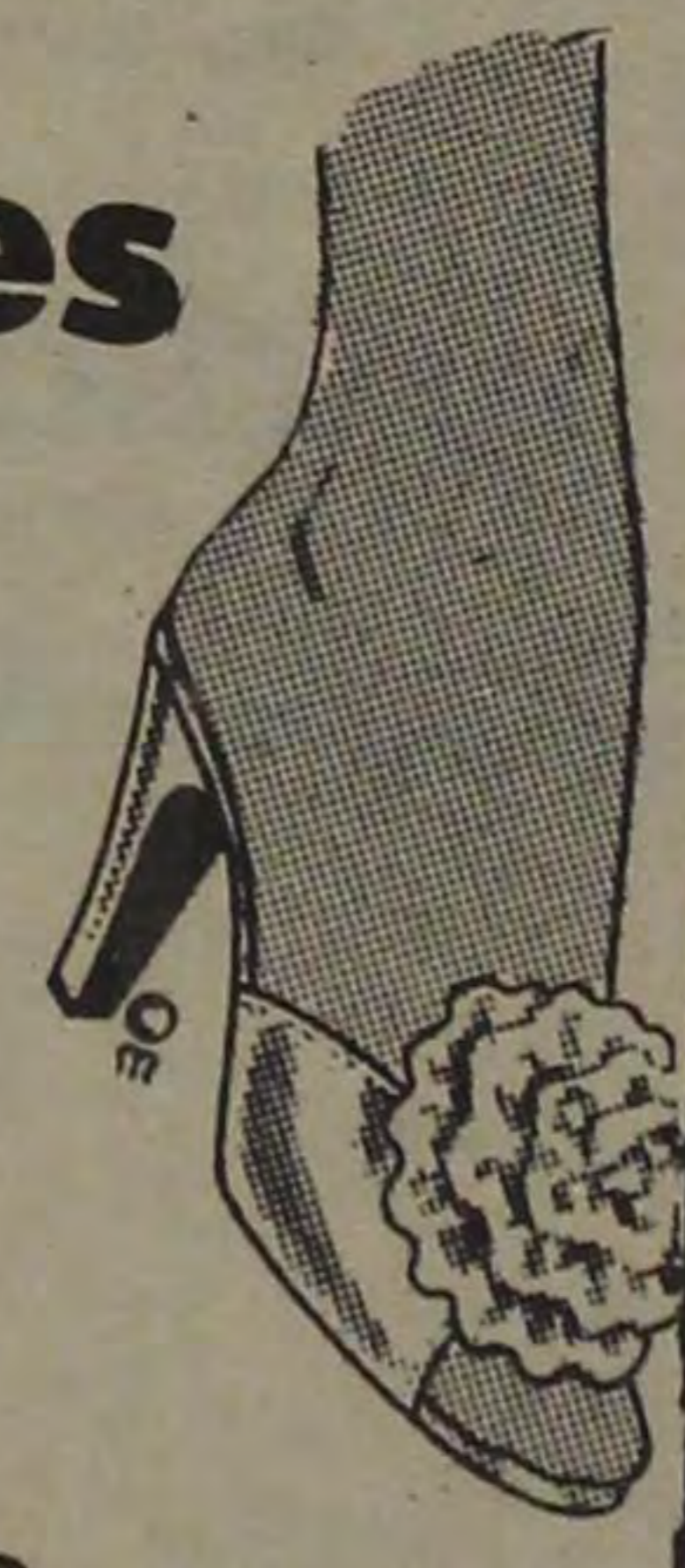
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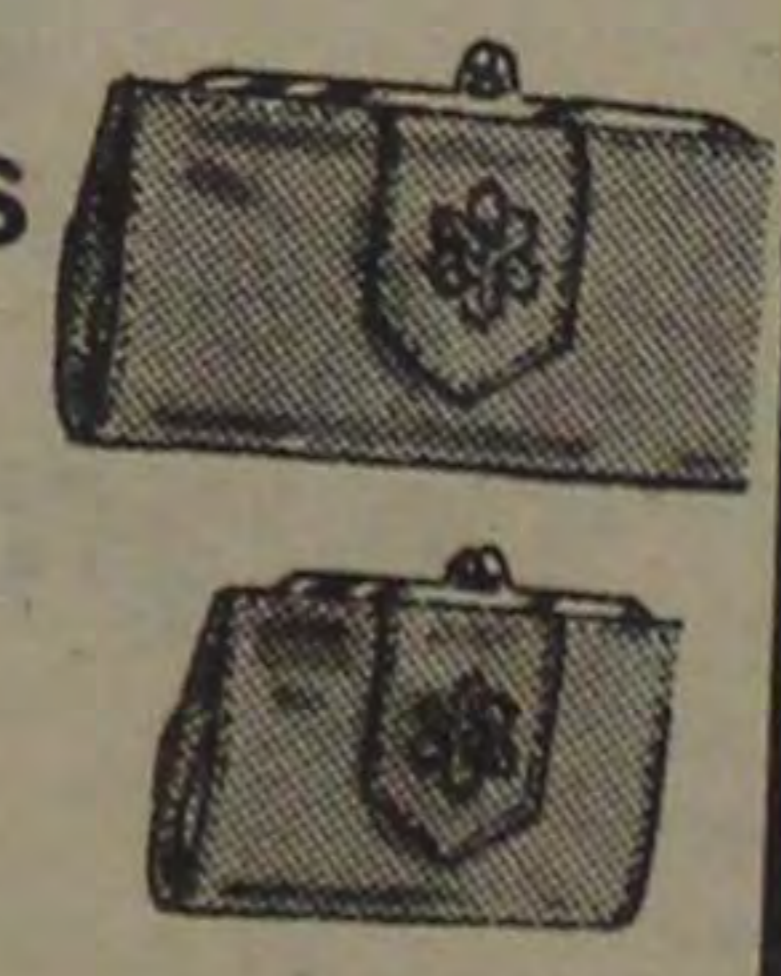
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