

WILL SELECT WINNER OF LOCAL ORATORICAL CONTEST NEXT WEEK

To Judge on Thought, Composition and Delivery
TO HOLD STATE CONTEST
Winner Here Will Be M. C.'s Representative at State Contest Next Spring

An opportunity to take the initial step toward winning distinction and renown for one's self and school is presented to some McPherson College student on Monday evening when the local contest of the Old Line Oratorical Association will be held at which the person to enter the state contest in the spring will be selected. The orations will be judged on thought, composition and delivery.

Prizes Are Offered

The purpose of this contest is to pick the best oration among the local entries, which will be entered in the state contest. This event will take place probably at Wichita early in the spring. At the event of January 5 three typewritten copies must be handed to the proper authorities before Friday. Three judges will pass on the orations as to thought and composition before the night of delivery. Monday evening three other judges will render a decision on the delivery. Prizes of seven dollars and three dollars are offered for first and second places in this event. W. E. Wray of Houston, Tex., an alumnus of M. C., offers these prizes.

The Old Line Oratorical Association is made up of thirteen of the leading colleges of Kansas and considerable honor accompanies the winning of the state contest.

Much Interest Is Shown

Considerable interest is being manifested in the local contest and indications point to a spirited competition for the honor of representing McPherson in the state contest.

SUNDAY SCHOOL GIVES CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

After Candle-light Service by Y. W. C. A. Children's Classes Give Numbers

The children's Sunday school classes, in the Chapel on the evening of December 17, executed a program symbolizing the Christmas spirit. This was preceded by a candle-light service in which the Y. W. C. A. girls sang "Silent Night, Holy Night."

This first number of the program, impressive as it was, produced in the audience the feelings of reverence and good will toward men which are so necessary for the proper appreciation of Christmas and its meaning. There then followed a series of numbers by the younger children. These, interspersed in the spirit already produced by the candle-light service, called forth a response from the audience that was both hearty and sincere. The program concluded with the distribution by the Sunday school department of presents to all the children.

COLD WEATHER HALTING WORK ON CHURCH BUILDING

The weather man has brought the work on the new Church of the Brethren in process of construction on the Hill to a standstill. Prior to the drop of the mercury it was hoped that the primary and junior departments could occupy the basement by February 1. Now the building committee announces that the plastering and other inside work cannot be continued until there is a rise in temperature. It will be about five weeks after the resumption of work until the basement can be used. The Sunday school is hoping for warm weather again as it is eager to get into the new quarters.

Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.
—Tennyson.

THESPIANS WILL GIVE FAMOUS PEACE PLAY

Katrina Trask's "In the Vanguard" To Be Staged During Bible Institute

The cast has been selected for the play, "In the Vanguard" by Katrina Trask, to be given under the auspices of the Student Council by the members of the Thespian Club on the evening of January 27 as a number on the Bible Institute program. "In the Vanguard" is a peace play of wonderful appeal and under the able direction of Miss Mercedes Chapman and a capable cast will portray in a vivid way the urgent need of world brotherhood.

The cast is as follows:

- Eles Selma Engstrom
- Mrs. Gordon Ocie McAvoy
- Deety Rozella White
- Ellnor Lillie Crumacker
- Frances Lillian Andrews
- Peggy Bertha Unruh
- Jean Eunice Almon
- Philip Earl Morris
- The Enemy Emmert Pair
- Mr. Greart Vivian Long
- Mr. Gordon Samuel Kurtz
- Jack Paul Kurtz
- The Rector Hoyt Strickler

CONDUCTS BIBLE INSTITUTE

President D. W. Kurtz has spent the Christmas week in Harmony Minnesota, teaching in the Bible Institute conducted by the Brethren church of that community. Dr. Kurtz offered three courses: 1. Studies in the Parables; 2. Our Needs in Christian Education, an outline for Sunday school workers; 3. Evangelical Doctrines of Faith. This last is presented in more detail as a curricular course in McPherson College.

Famous alumnus of M. C. on lecture course tomorrow night. Hear Everett Kemp, "The Man With the Million Dollar Laugh."

HELMER EK DEMONSTRATES MECHANISM OF GRAND PIANO

The members of the second year history of music class were given a rare treat December 15 when Helmer Ek, salesman and piano tuner of the city, gave them a talk and demonstration on the mechanism of the grand piano. Mrs. Anderson, teacher of the class, assisted a great deal in making the discussion interesting. The entire action of the Chapel piano was taken out so each student could see the movements of the many intricate parts which are necessary to produce a single musical tone. A study was also made of the various materials used in these pieces and how they vary in different makes of pianos. A brief comparison was made between the pianoforte invented by Cristofori in 1720 and the modern piano. The advantage of the grand piano over the upright were also discussed. The many points to be observed in purchasing a piano which Mr. Ek brought out were very much appreciated by the class.

The sewing classes under Miss Mayme Welker exhibited their work in the sewing room of Harny Hall on the afternoon of December 17. A large and pleasing variety of articles showed good taste and workmanship on the part of the seamstresses. Punch and wafers were served to the visitors.

NOTED M. C. ALUMNUS COMING TO ENTERTAIN

C. Everett Kemp, "The Man With the Million Dollar Laugh," Here Tomorrow

The Man With the Million Dollar Laugh is coming to McPherson. After an absence of over twenty years this man, C. Everett Kemp, noted alumnus of McPherson College, will return, and will tomorrow at eight-thirty, as entertainer par excellence of the Redpath-Hornor Lyceum Bureau, entertain students of his alma mater and townspeople at the Opera House.

During his absence Mr. Kemp through his contact with people all over this country has earned the title, "The Man With the Million Dollar Laugh." People all over the United States have heard Everett Kemp present his message full of the joys of life, and replete with shades of emotion. The lights and shades of emotion are at his command, and the serious and the funny will be portrayed in a vivid manner by this talented exponent of humor.

Mr. Kemp is a specialist along his line because of inherent character qualities, and he possesses a sympathetic understanding of life.

EXHIBIT TOYS

Miss Mercedes Chapman and Harriet Mohler presented for a few days before Christmas in the manual training room of Phantstock Hall, an exhibition of the toys they have made this semester. The exhibit included hobby horses, racking horses, clown's chickens, dancing negroes and others of a similar nature.

These toys have been finished as part of the regular work of the toy making course offered for those planning to teach in kindergartens or vocational schools.

Remember: Local Old Line Oratorical Contest January 5.

CALENDAR	
Jan. 1—Everett Kemp, Old Line Oratorical Contest.	
Jan. 8—Chiboco at McPherson.	
Jan. 24—Hayes at McPherson.	
Jan. 29—Fairmount at Wichita.	
Jan. 31—Fairmount at McPherson.	

Semester Themes Reveal Ingenuity of Frosh—Who'da Think It?

Yes, they were all fixed up with dainty pink ribbons, blue ribbons, red ribbons, white ribbons, and Green Ribbons! Some had red covers, others had blue covers, and still others had Green Covers. Some were fastened together with wire clips, others with polychrome card, and some with Cuff Links (why not safety pins, too?)

Christmas packages? No, the Freshies' semester themes. A glance at the manuscripts filled one with wonder. Were they the work of a domestic art class? Why all those asterisks on the borders of so many title pages—who ever dreamed such art could spring from a typewriter? Gracious, so many of the asterisks—why, some of the title pages resembled astrology charts; surely Miss McGaffey will see stars for six weeks. A fellow called Holloway declared in bold handwriting that his theme

was "Just off the press" (perhaps he was trying to sell it.) What novice! Whoever heard of a Freshman fresh enough to kid his teacher with such merry nonsense? However, it is understood that this Holloway is from CEMENT, Oklahoma, which is obviously a HARD town.

And the cuff links, surely they must not be passed up with but mere mention. Indeed, the author of the theme that was securely held intact by regular gold (or brass) cuff links has opened a big new field in the wilderness of science. Perhaps the ingenious individual can use an ordinary cuff button to open cans, manufacture nails, amuse the baby, fix the radio, strum a nuke, and Fasten A Cuff. What would Edison say? The titles! Everything from romantic reviews of the past to uncanny prophecies of the future, from birds and bees and bugs to bunk, and

from frosted feet to "that school gal complex" was explained and journalistically exaggerated. Prehistoric man was so thoroughly described that Miss McGaffey should recognize him in the dark and should know him by his first, last, and nick names, even as she would recognize and know an old sweetheart (if any). Science, literature, art, war, peace, physiology, hygiene, psychology, chemistry, aviation, bee keeping, music, money, reforestation, secret organizations, and the life and work of Luther Burbank—all were made clear as a baby's blue eyes. What will it all mean? New faces in the literary field? Surely. Weary eyes for Miss McGaffey? Sorry to say certainly. More new world problems and solutions to the old ones? Of course. And a new big field of utility for cuff links. Surprisingly, yes!

WAY OF PROGRESS IS THROUGH CHILDHOOD OF RACE, SAYS KURTZ

President Delivers Forceful Address, December 18
FOLLOWS YEARLY CUSTOM

Student Council Each Year Schedules Lecture by President of College

"The Philosophy of Progress" was the subject of a forceful address given by President D. W. Kurtz under the auspices of the Student Council, December 18 in the College Chapel. This lecture by Dr. Kurtz is in accordance with a traditional custom of the Student Council to present one of his lectures before the students each year. The wonderful personality of Dr. Kurtz manifested itself in the forceful presentation of this great subject so vital to civilization.

Gives History of Progress
Dr. Kurtz gave a brief history of the progressive movement, showing how actual progress began only after the period of the Middle Ages when ancestor worship was abandoned and the exponent of the scientific method began their great work.

The world war made thinkers think. Many came to the conclusion that there was really no progress being made. Dr. Kurtz showed that progress has been made along three lines: the conquest of nature, world unity and democracy.

Progress Has Spiritual Basis
"Things do not mean progress. Wealth does not mean progress. The new does not guarantee progress. Change and law may not be progress. There can be no progress on a materialistic basis, for we always want a little more," said Dr. Kurtz. It is only on a spiritual basis that the more we give the more we have. "The four spiritual realities of pro-

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FINE ARTS STUDENTS GIVE SECOND RECITAL

Ten Members Take Part in Program of Piano, Violin and Vocal Selections

Ten members of the fine arts department took part in the student recital given December 15. This was the second recital of the year. It was composed of piano, violin and vocal music.

Each number on the program was pleasing and delightful. Bessie Bremen, Ruth Barnes and Grace Withey played piano solos which were much appreciated. The playing of a violin solo, "In Slumberland," by Wendell Deeter was excellent. Edwin Johnson also played a violin solo, "Sonatina, Op. 36, No. 6."

Herkle Wampler sang "Kibbie" by Maussent and "Doubleganger" by Schubert. Ada Unruh, also from the vocal department, sang "The Reason" by Teresa del Riego.

The entire program showed splendid work in the fine arts department, a department of which M. C. may well be proud.

CHURCH PLANS ANOTHER WATCH NIGHT SERVICE

The local church is planning an elaborate Watch Service this evening beginning at 8:30. The main feature of the program will be an illustrated talk by Sanger Crumacker, who toured Europe the past summer with the Kurtz party. Mr. Crumacker will tell of his European trip.

Following an hour of recreation and refreshments a radio program will be given as the new year is ushered into existence.

The watch night programs have always been well attended and this promises to be no exception.

Send the Spectator home.

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Deliver us from irresponsibility.

NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS

There is only one thing about New Year's resolutions that can be justly criticised, and that one thing is that they should be made at least three hundred and sixty-five times as often as they are made in the same length of time. This particular lapse of time between "turning over of new leaves" cannot be defended psychologically. New Year's resolutions come so seldom that they have no practical effect whatever. Those determinations that we make, label "New Year's Resolutions" and put away to be forgotten for a year are not contributing to the strengthening of character. We need to think of them when we retire at night, when we wake in the morning, and a hundred times during the day if they are to accomplish their purpose.

Can we keep this in mind when we make our annual resolutions? Some of us intend to turn over a new leaf when the second semester begins. Will we forget about it as quickly as we forgot the same thing last year? If we immediately begin to allow exceptions, that is exactly what will happen. Let us keep our New Year's resolutions before us for the whole year of 1925!

It is surprising how long some persons can talk without saying anything.

DOES DISCONTENTMENT PAY?

It is a common belief that a nation's discontent is a criterion for its social, political, economic, and industrial conditions. The supposition is correct. However, in considering further we conclude that the nation's general condition is rightly judged by not only the intensity of the discontent but also by the nature of it.

For, there are two distinct kinds of discontent: active and passive. The actively discontented person endeavors to eradicate the fault he finds. The passively discontented person throws up his hands in disgust, and, shutting his mind's eye, lives in the gloom with which he surrounds himself, he fails to see a way out of the predicament, which he magnifies by howling calamity, expounding ruin, and propounding chaos.

And so the nation that is dissatisfied with its government and its social and industrial organization and at the same time is moved in united action by a desire for better things

is undergoing an evolutionary process from which will evolve improved organizations. But the nation that is passively discontented is down, will stay down and even deteriorate until the discontent has been made active.

Now, the question is raised: Does it pay to be discontented? Yes— and no.

Active discontent has brought us from beyond and through the Stone Age, through the Valley of the Nile and Babylon and Athens and Rome, through the Dark Ages and the Industrial Revolution and discontent or no discontent at all would have left us in the prehistoric period.

So, does it pay to be passively discontented? Positively, no. Does it pay to be actively discontented? Emphatically, yes.

W. J.

And now a professor asks us how we spend our leisure time. We wonder what such stuff is.

Student Opinion

RESOLVED THAT —

I'm squelched, absolutely, utterly, and horribly squelched. I made a little suggestion the other day—just a mild little suggestion. It sounded perfectly reasonable and entirely within order to me. I thought I made it in a thoroughly polite manner with a passably good I-bend-my-will-to-yours look in my eyes. But minkow! you should have heard what I got. I was very neatly "cut off at the pockets" as my Dad says. I was mashed, squelched, crushed, tramped on and utterly annihilated! The least of you could have bought me for a torn German mark. I don't know why my suggestion called forth such a storm of maledictions on my head but I do know this: that henceforward I am —

Resolved that I will never again under any conditions whatsoever open my mouth in any sort of suggestion, reminder or hint to any member of the August Faculty even though by my reticence I am in grave danger of contracting pneumonia and shuffling off this mortal coil from being forced to reeite in a refrigerator.

SEEK NEW ALMA MATERS

After a season's bleacher practice in singing the old Alma Mater several student bodies seem to be ready for a new one, and a full-fledged hymn-writing season has opened, with prizes and all the other appurtenances. Reports have already appeared from New York University, from the University of Nevada, Oberlin College, Boston University, Northwestern Tech. (Mass.)

At New York University, one William Thomas, sophomore, allows himself a few thoughts every evening as to how one could spend a hundred dollars—if one were sure of having it. His song, beginning "When the red men owned the island of Manhattan long ago", is getting further consideration for the glee club prize.

At the University of Nevada, two songs have been in existence for some time: one, the official one, "U. of N. So Gay", and the other, "Nevada My Nevada." The second seems to overtake the present leader as being altogether more dignified, individual, prayerful, impressive. The less favored one is "half song, half bleacher" or "toast".

At Oberlin, after years of trying to make the Alma Mater carry across the field despite cellar notes, the student body gives up, decides it is out of date. On January 15, someone will win \$20 for, a "general Oberlin song"; yet others \$5 or \$10 for new songs to existing good tunes.

—The New Student

"An editor is a man who puts things in the paper, isn't he?"
"Oh, no, my son; an editor keeps things out of the paper."

An Oriental paper having an English section printed the following notice: "The news of English we tell the latest. Write in perfectly style and most earliest. Do a murder commit, we hear of and tell it. Do a mighty chief die, we publish it and in borders somber. Staff has each one been colledged and write like the Kipling and the Dickens. We circle every town and extortionate not for advertisements."

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Barks and Wags

By Wendell Johnson

Xmas comes only once each year, so let's make this one last till next Xmas.

Doncha know.

I used to believe there.

Was a real, live.

Santee. There is!

You see, I found out.

When I grew up (Oh.

Yes, I'm grown up!).

That Santee exists in a.

Spirit of cheerful giving.

And sincere well wishing.

And, doncha know, there.

Isn't only one Santee.

Why no; we can all be.

Santes—all the time.

Too. And we all want to.

Be, of course, 'cause it's.

A fact that the Lord loves.

A Cheerful Giver.

So, marry Christmas!

Hoh Shucks

"Hi there, Dorothy Lichty! Did you hang up your stockings for Santy to fill?"

"Gee no, kid, I couldn't I had my foot in it!"

Several have asked us what happened to the resolutions we made Jan. 1. Don't they know it's against the law to force a man to testify against himself (or something like that) However, tomorrow will be another New Years Day, and we're going to turn over a new leaf: we resolve that—

Next year we'll do our Xmas shopping early. (Let's see where have we heard that line before?)

We will abandon the hopeful waiting that we have sustained in vain throughout the year. (Oh, those women!)

We will love our enemy. (If she's good looking and full of fun.)

That's enough for one year; we're leaving the rest for next January (19-25).

Say, whatcha say, let's work together and have a Happy New Year—all year; huh, whatcha say? "With pleasure!"

Jack.

PADDLING FRESHMEN—A FAVORITE OUTDOOR SPORT

A paddling epidemic has seized several universities and colleges. More stringent rules and strong applications of hardwood paddles are remedies being tried out to cure the wholesale disregard for custom and tradition at Princeton, Columbia, Coe College (Iowa), Fairmount College (Kansas), and Willamette College (Oregon).

PRINCETON: If you have seen any Freshmen wearing gaudy vests, yellow slickers; socks, shoes, garters or ties of any color except black; walking on the grass; smoking on the street or on the campus; out after 9 o'clock at night; then it is your duty to report him to the Vigilance Committee. The Vigilance Committee is composed of 25 sophomores sworn to enforce all traditions. It has been recently formed to combat the disregard for existing Freshman customs.

COLUMBIA: A group of black-robed Sophs led recalcitrant Freshmen to instruments of torture reminiscent of the Fascist or of medieval Inquisitors. Part of the erring frosh were seated in a huge, black box and the two parts of the top were drawn together leaving only the guilty heads exposed to the howling populace. The rest were provided with dog collars from which were suspended signs of a highly descriptive character, such as "I am Smart, I break Freshman Rules" and below "Offense - No Cap, Poor Attitude."

COE COLLEGE: Twenty Coe Freshmen were recently brought before a group of upperclassmen and forced to run a gauntlet of well-manned hardwood paddles. Offense—failure to wear regulation caps.

FAIRMOUNT COLLEGE: Sparring the paddle spoils the Freshman, believes the Sunflower. "Last year the paddling line was abolished at Fairmount College with what has

proved unsatisfactory results." The unpadding Freshmen are a disloyal lot, continues Sunflower, they have not "entered into the activities of the school with the same whole-hearted interest that was displayed in past years."

While the Sunflower is not in favor of the primitive paddle line of the past, with its clubs, broomsticks, two by fours, and other makeshift paddles" it does favor "the paddling line for Freshmen with regulation paddles and unless such a system is restored the abolition of all Freshmen rules, including the wearing of green caps and ribbons, for under the present system it is impossible to enforce them and they are worse than no rules at all."

WILLAMETTE: The Campus at Willamette recently resounded when unsparing Sophomores tested the strength of solid oak paddles on unlucky Freshmen.

—The New Student

Exchanges

A campaign to raise money for the building of a new gymnasium is now being put on at William Jewell college. \$10,550 has been subscribed by the students and faculty of that college, this is two thirds of the total amount set as a quota for the Liberty townspeople and Clay county.

A revision of the point system at Southwestern College, has recently been made by the student council. The number of points to be made during one school year is limited. Gold medals will be given as awards. The operation of the system is to be under the control of the student council. The various groups in which a student may gain points are forensics, athletics, class and student council, fine arts, publications, and miscellaneous organizations. Points must be acquired in at least two fields of activity.

Plans are being made for the publication at Southwestern college, of a short magazine. The purpose of the paper will be to form a means of expression to students who have talents along the lines of literature and art. The plans are to be presented to the student council for its approval.

Students of Kansas University formed a union to abolish all exams. They call themselves the Anti-Quiz League and their purpose is two-

Poets' Corner

Beauty and Looks; Brains and Books

I will admit she's there for looks, but I have noticed that her books are much neglected as she skimps in gaining knowledge, for she primps by far too much to e'er be seen stuffing brain food in her bean. A beauty contest is the size of game for her, because those eyes that she can roll and sparkle so would deal a most terrific blow to any grandpa's modesty; and the hand-painted mask that she assumes by but a simple twist of her neat, dainty, jeweled wrist is most alluring to the eye of any really classy guy. I say again that she is keen for looks; indeed, she is a queen among purpurs of a kick in life: with each and every Dick and Tom and Ralph and Jack and Ben who drive big cars and spend their yen in efforts to obtain from life said kick and to avoid the strife. But here in school where we are taught the useful things in life she's not the shining star she is away from school. And I've heard teachers say that they would rather teach a jane who disgraced her family's name as far as beauty is concerned if 'twas that she could really learn the stuff contained within the books,—a girl's brain doesn't make her looks. And her looks, it might be said, don't indicate what's in her head. Of course, 'tis true, you understand, a girl of stunning beauty can possess a lot of brains, and, too, a maiden who has very few marks of beauty may possess but very little braininess!

Moral: If possible, keep that school gal complexion.

Wendell Johnson

Now I lay me down to rest, Before tomorrow's awful test. If I should die before I wake, Thank God I'll have no test to take.

(1) The abolition of all quizzes, punishment of professors for violating such being at the option of the union; and (2) The procuring of an "A" grade for all members of all classes, this grade to be an absolute minimum.

A beauty contest is being held at William Jewell college, as a means of raising money for the Tatler, the school annual.

No man's thinking is better than his information.

—Dartmouth Student Report

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Social Events

Y. W. C. A. Christmas Party
The Y. W. C. A. Christmas party December 16 in the Y. W. C. A. room was delightful with fun and presents for everyone. The Christmas songs played on the Edison and the beautiful tree with all the gifts made the room pleasant and beautiful. Kathryn Swope had charge of the program. Bernice Hoover read "Why the Chimes Rang" and Rozella White gave a beautiful Christmas reading written by Margaret Sangster. The Glee Club girls sang "Bethlehem Town," then the gifts were distributed and everyone received some clever little present. Refreshments were served. Nearly all the women of the college were at the party.

For Homesick Students

Friday evening the dormitory people were most cordially entertained by the town students at the Congregational Church. The party was given for those students who were unable to be at their homes during the holidays. About twenty dormitory people and eighty students and friends of the college were present to enjoy the evening. As the guests were ushered into the basement which was nicely decorated with the school colors, the College Pep Orchestra entertained with some well chosen popular music. Many games and contests and "seils" had been carefully prepared by a committee headed by June Ellis and August San Romani which filled the evening with fun. At the close of the evening the crowd was served hot coffee, sandwiches, and candy, and the guests departed thanking the "town kids" for a most pleasant evening which strengthened the ties of friendship.

Arnold Hall Celebrates

One of the most enjoyable informal parties ever held in Arnold Hall parlor was held on Christmas eve by a group of over thirty young people including the students who remained in the dormitories over the holidays and a few visitors. Games of various kinds were played. Mental telepathy mysteries were demonstrated so that even skeptics opened their eyes in wonder. Several choicest duets were played by Fidelia Frantz, piano and Samuel Kurtz, saxophone. Lora Shatto gave an interesting reading. Refreshments of home-made candies, fruit and popcorn were served. The success of the evening was largely due to the planning of the hostesses: Rose Stauffer, Velma Bailey and Fidelia Frantz.

Durst-Harnly

Coming as a complete surprise to their many friends in McPherson was the marriage of Wileta Durst and John Harnly, December 22 which took place at the Christian parsonage in this city. The ceremony being performed by the Rev. L. S. Ashley. Mrs. Harnly is a special music student in McPherson College, and Mr. Harnly took his B. S. degree here last year and is at present doing graduate work in Manhattan. Mr. and Mrs. Harnly will be at home after January 15 at Manhattan, Kan.

QUIZZERS ARE QUIZZED

The young women of Newcomb College in New Orleans were put through an intelligence test and came off badly. Thereupon they challenged the faculty to a similar test. This time the results weren't much to boast of either. Here are some answers from a group of twenty-three professors:

Al Jolson is a wrestling champion. Fllet mignon is an opera by Puccini.

Brilliantine is a preparation that ladies put into their eyes to make them shine.

Grover Cleveland Bergdoll was a World War hero, or perhaps a Democratic statesman.

Marsachino was prime minister of Russia before the war.

All of which suggests that what Broadway of Chicago might classify as fundamental may not mean much to the professional mind.

Or to the man of letters, for that matter. When Bernard Shaw was asked by a New York editor for his opinion of Babe Ruth, if you remember, he cabled back: "Who is she?"

—Collier's Weekly.

Hear Everett Kemp.

FIRST WOMEN'S DEBATE

Four years ago, the Women's Literary Society of McGill University, Canada, sent a challenge to the women of the University of Toronto, for a debate. Later, the co-eds of Queens College, Ontario, began to entertain forensic ambitions. Consequently, for the first time in history ladies met in inter-collegiate debate on dominion soil, November 21.

The subject for the debate was: Resolved, That unions of employed workers are beneficial to society.

The co-eds of McGill carried away the honors, defeating the Toronto team which upheld the affirmative and also the Queens team. The battle was won by Toronto.

—The New Student

Ardent Wooer (a commercial traveler)— My love for you, Winnie darling, surpasses anything else that can be offered in that particular line.

Contentment is natural wealth, luxury is artificial poverty, — Socrates.

Among the Alumni

Takes Washington Pastorate

Rev. Earl M. Bowman, A. B. '23, at present pastor of the Bethany Brethren church in Philadelphia, Penn., has been extended a call to become pastor of the Brethren church in Washington, D. C. Owing to the fact that Rev. Bowman is now on a fellowship in the University of Pennsylvania and that he desires to complete the residence requirements for the Ph. D. degree, he will be unable to take up his new duties until next June. The change of pastorate comes to Mr. Bowman as a distinct recognition of merit and he is to be congratulated on having received the call. Mrs. Bowman will be remembered by many Spectator readers as Miss Leah Miller. She received her A. B. from M. C. with the class of 1922.

IT'S JUST A GOOD TIME TO MAKE UP BACK WORK

Oh, vacation time! Sweet time of ease and idleness! That is probably what the hard working student thinks of it during the middle of the semester, but when the real time of action, or rather inaction, really comes, he finds it vastly different. What proof have we that the student works during the time, which in fiction, is devoted to feasting and merriment? To stand near the librarian's desk on the last day before vacation would have been overwhelming conviction. To see a student come in with that hunted look and ask in a pitiful way for a book that deals with the shoes worn in the middle ages or the Neanderthal man would bring tears into the eyes of our giant sloth, or to see the number of methods books gathered up by one seeking to catch up on his readings would be equally distressing. Do the students work during vacation? We'll say that they do! One of our athletes said when interviewed that Christmas vacation was just one grand glorious time to make up all his back work and that was all it meant to him.

About People

Dale Strickler and Sidney Sondergard spent Christmas day at their homes in Ramona, Kan.

Harold Barton visited relatives in Herington, Kan., several days last week.

Prof. and Mrs. J. J. Yoder had as dinner guests Christmas day, Coach and Mrs. F. E. Mishler, Galen Mishler, Mrs. Mary Stutzman, Milo Stutzman, Fidelia Frantz and Ray Strom.

Elmer Brank, A. B. '23, of Enterprise, Kan., spent the holiday season with his mother, Mrs. Ida Brank.

Henry Hahn spent Christmas day at his home in Inman, Kan.

Members of the class of '24 who spent their Christmas vacation in M. C. included Harlan Yoder of Garfield, Earl Marchand of Gaylord, Everett Brubaker of Gypsum, Frank Boone of Eudora, Rhea Fast of Inman and Helen Elliott and Elsie Foreney of Lawrence.

Little Crumpacker spent the holidays visiting in Texas.

Samuel Kurtz visited at the McAvoy home at Thomas, Okla., the past few days.

Richard Keim of the class of '25 has taken up a teaching position at Burrton, Kan. Mr. Keim has finished his school work in M. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Watkins of Garnett, Kan., spent the holidays in McPherson. Mr. and Mrs. Watkins are both former students here. Mr. Watkins took his A. B. degree in 1918.

The Rev. and Mrs. J. Clyde Foreney and son visited in McPherson during the holidays. Reverend Foreney is an alumnus of M. C., having taken his A. B. in 1919. Mrs. Foreney, formerly Miss Ruth Brubaker, was graduated in 1920.

Milo Stutzman, B. S. '20, spent the holidays with his mother, Mrs. Mary Stutzman. Mr. Stutzman is doing graduate work at Ames University in Iowa.

Gladys Drubaker, A. B. '23, of Minneapolis, Kan., spent the Christmas vacation with her parents on the Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eshelman of Partridge, Kan., visited Mr. Eshelman's parents last week. Mr. Eshelman is a member of the class of '22.

John Hoerner, A. B. '16, spent the holidays with his parents and sisters in McPherson.

Grace Crumpacker, A. B. '23, of Ashland, Kan., was in McPherson during the vacation.

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Variable Verbs

A boy who swims may say he swam, but milk is skimmed and seldom skum, and nails you trim, they are not trum.

When words you speak, these words are spoken, but a nose is tweaked and can't be twoken, and what you see is seldom soken.

If we forget, then we've forgotten, but things we wet are never wotten, and houses let can not be lotten.

The goods one sells are always sold, but fears dispelled are not dispoled, nor what you smell is never smoled.

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PICKS VARSITY SQUAD OF THIRTEEN PLAYERS

Coch F. E. Mishler Selects Six Letter Men and Seven Freshmen

Out of the many contestants for places, Coach F. E. Mishler has picked the following thirteen men for the varsity basketball squad of 1925: Hill, Betts, Eakes, Tipton, O. Ellwood and V. Ellwood, previous letter men and Holloway, Voras, Showalter, Crumacker, Johnson, Jennings, and Groves, freshmen, each one putting up a hard fight for a position on the regular lineup. Many of the Bulldog supporters have seen the most of these men in action so it is no wonder that they are predicting a basketball season of fast hard playing for M. C. These men are coming back from their vacation full of the old fight and each loyal rooter is going to be in the gymnasium the evening of January 3 to see the Bulldogs battle the Chillicothe Indians.

WAY OF PROGRESS IS THROUGH CHILDHOOD OF RACE, SAYS KURTZ

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gress," said Dr. Kurtz, "are freedom, fellowship, faith and truth. Liberty plus law gives us freedom. Religion, art, culture, and love of your neighbor gives fellowship. Faith is a creative force in eternal values. It is not only facts that we want, but facts related to truth.

Progress Brought About by Youth
"The way of progress is through the childhood of the race," said Dr. Kurtz. All great movements have been brought about by youth. Jesus' chosen disciples who were young and the greatest movement in history began. The Prussian military machine was the result of the education of youth, and a great Japanese emperor through education of youth made Japan one of the five great powers of the world in one small span of years.

There is no other way. The childhood of today is the manhood of tomorrow. Children do not inherit culture and nature gives the child a long infancy. Early impressions form the character of the child.

Dr. Kurtz in concluding said: "It is only when we get a vision of the childhood of the race that we progress. When we have spiritual value for folks we begin to have progress."

The trolley was terribly crowded, as trolleys will be. The passengers were literally sandwiched in. A stout woman tried vainly to get her fare out of her pocket, which she had tightly buttoned as a precaution against pickpockets. For several moments she worked at the buttons, and then the man next to her said: "Allow me to pay your fare madam."

"No, thank you," was the reply; and once more she began at the buttons on the pocket.

After a while the male passenger once more asked, "Won't you allow me to pay your fare, madam?"

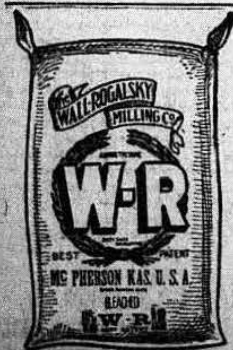
"Certainly not," was the acrid reply. "I have my fare if I can get at it."

"I only suggested it, madam," was the quiet reply, "because you have already unbuttoned my suspenders three times."

The Furniture Business
"What are you doing now," asked a stranger of a lecturer.

"I am making one-night stands under a booking bureau, reaching my dates by means of time-tables, and being introduced by chairmen."

Send the Spectator Home!



FOOTBALL SQUAD PRESENTS GIFTS TO MISHLER AND LAY

In appreciation of the splendid unselfish work of the football coaches this year, the football squad presented Coach Mishler with a gold football and they will send a white sweater coat to Coach Lay. The success of any athletic team depends much upon its coaches and this past football season has been the result of a lot of hard work on the part of these two men and they have been shown only in a meager way the appreciation of the squad with which they worked so faithfully.

When a BOOK reads like this the AUTHOR does NOT give the reader the CREDIT for being able TO pick out the important PART.

Smile a While

All on Ice
Biggs — Gonna make any New Year's resolutions?
Jiggs — Don't need any.
Biggs — How come?
Jiggs — Haven't used the ones I made in 1920 yet!

A man has invented a chair which may be adjusted into four hundred positions. It is designated for the use of college students in chapel.

She (with a voice and manner of displeasure) — Quit techin' me.
He (with injured air) — I ain't a techin' ye.
She (diplomatically) — Well, ain't ye gwine to?

Neptune (to little girl crying on the seashore) — See here, little girl, you just stop crying in my ocean — it's salty enough as it is.

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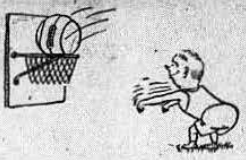
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ON OTHER COURTS

Botham reports seven basketball letter men out to practise. Seventy-eight of last year's letter men is a strong nucleus around which to build a quiet but wait till they meet the Bulldogs!!!

Coch Mandeville, of Hays, has thirty men out to practise, five of which are letter men. Hays will work on scoring power especially this year.

Southwestern has Gardner and Duke of last year's letter men around which to shape the new contenders; however, Coach Bates is confident that the conference teams can look for some formidable basketball men among the twenty freshmen he has out to practise.

With only four letter men back in school this year, Ottawa is waiting with their shouting until their Braves bring home some bacon.

With all six of last year's letter men back, "Dutch" is figuring on bringing the conference championship to Washburn and since the Ichabods do not meet the Bulldogs they may do it but the subject is still open for contention.

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The names of two instructors of the University of Washington reported as violators of the faculty ruling that instructors must not leave the classrooms during examinations will be referred to the faculty by the senior council.
The senior council has no jurisdiction over the faculty's activities in regard to the honor code but it was the sentiment of the meeting that it must have the co-operation of the faculty.
—The New Student

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