

## BIBLE INSTITUTE WILL COMMENCE IN M. C. ON MONDAY NEXT WEEK

Is One Of The Outstanding  
Religious Features Of  
McPherson College

### MANY BIG MEN TO SPEAK

D. W. Kurtz, W. H. Yoder, R. H. Miller, E. H. Eby and John L. Hoff Secured To Talk

The annual Bible Institute of McPherson College will open in the College Chapel at eight o'clock on Monday morning, January 25, with the first meeting in charge of W. H. Yoder who will discuss pastoral problems. Mr. Yoder will talk on this subject from eight o'clock until nine each morning during the week.

Dr. D. W. Kurtz will speak on "The Teachings of Paul" from nine until ten o'clock each morning while the institute is being held. Regular Chapel exercises will be held, possibly with special speakers on the programs, during Bible Institute week.

Rev. E. H. Miller will conduct studies on the "Sermon on the Mount". Dr. E. H. Eby will deliver a lecture each day at 11:30 A. M. on missionary work, evangelism and general Christian work.

The afternoon sessions will be opened each day by Rev. Miller, who will discuss European conditions. Professor John Luke Hoff will speak each afternoon at three-thirty o'clock on the general subject of religious education and practical ministerial policy.

A program will be given each evening of the week at seven o'clock. On Monday evening there will be a musical by the Girls' Glee Club. On Wednesday and Friday nights there will be lectures by Rev. Miller on the general subject of Christian life and service. On Thursday night, Dr. Kurtz will deliver a lecture on "The Platonic Movement".

The institute will close Saturday evening when President A. C. Wileand of the Bethany Bible School will lecture.

## QUARTET WILL GIVE CONCERT ON FRIDAY

Will Present a Varied Entertainment  
Consisting of Vocal Numbers  
And Readings

The McPherson College Male Quartet, assisted by Miss Katherine Penner and Mr. Winston Cassler, will give a program at the Methodist Church on Friday evening, January 22, consisting of the following numbers:

- Milfers Wooing ..... Fanning
- The World is Waiting For the Sunrise ..... Seltz
- Quartet
- Solo ..... Selected
- Mr. Frank Barton
- The Man of Galilee ..... Woicott
- Chant of the Volga Boatmen ..... Gaut
- Roses of Picardy ..... Wood
- The Morning Light Is Breaking ..... Stultz
- Quartet
- Duet, Song of Love from "Diossom Time" ..... Mr. Frank Barton and Miss Katherine Penner.
- Serenade ..... Schubert
- Quintet
- Readings, Mr. Samuel-Kurtz
- Little Cotton Dolly ..... Gettel
- Kentucky Babe ..... Gettel
- Quartet
- Solo ..... Selected
- Miss Katherine Penner
- Drink to Me Only With Thine Eyes ..... Old English
- Stars of the Summer Night ..... Arranged by J. A. Parks
- Dawn ..... Curran
- Goodnight ..... Buck
- Quartet

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### LOVE

This is a different opinion of love.

Love carries us to the high bluffs of delusion and drops us into the deep abyss of pain and disappointment. It breeds unhappiness.

We like to think it doesn't. We like to say that it is the "greatest thing in the world", because we like to dream. We like to think that we know life—but we only dream.

I have a friend. I can talk to her. I can tell her my Very Thoughts. And she—with the flood of her soul, sweeps me off my feet. And then I dream I love her. I dream I am happy.

But then I am unhappy. I know that I shall forget her in time. And that is painful. I don't like to think about it. I just want to think I love. But then I don't want to. I dream anyway.

And then I dream she died. And I wonder if I would care. Oh, how I would grieve. How lonely I would be. For a while. Then I would love someone else. It is all so naked. So carnal. It is the beast man dreaming—love.

I want to escape. I want to be real. Love is a mortgage on joy. And so, when Fate and Fortune roll their dice—some poor, unlucky devil pays the price!

W. J.

## PROSPECTS BRIGHT FOR WOMEN'S DEBATE TEAM

Schedule Has Been Arranged With  
Bethel College And Kansas  
Wesleyan

The tryout for places on the Women's Debate Team to represent McPherson College this year was held in the College Chapel Wednesday afternoon.

Anna Lengle, Floy Brown, Eunice Wray and Mary Wans were selected by the three judges. Abbie Emma Wright and Minnie Hutchinson secured alternate positions.

Anna Lengle, a last year's second team debator, showed by her argument and logic that she possesses the characteristics of a vocal factor in women's forensics. Floy Brown, a freshman, portrayed throughout her speech and rebuttal a spirit of firmness and determination. Eunice Wray rivalled her opponent in that her tactics and her presentation were by no means inferior. Mary Wans won her position through her logical viewpoint of the question.

Women's forensics are new to McPherson College, and as yet have not been very well supported. However, it is probable that later in the season the interest will grow.

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## An Exam Is A Way Of Finding Out What You Know About How Much

Examinations were originated by the same maniac who started income tax publicity. He is rated in the world's almanac as the 11778 th cause of crime.

An examination, colloquially speaking, is a process of herding a bunch of college kids into a room and finding out how much their seat neighbors know. The boss with his rightness has it over all the rest, for he can read off more papers and get a sort of consensus of opinion, while the fellow with the near-sight has to use his own head. He gets credit for being honest, whereas his good-fellow is only the awful effect of poor eyes on an otherwise perfectly bad human being.

A reflection on our educational

## NEW PLAN ADOPTED TO CARE FOR CHANGING OR DROPPING COURSES

Plan Was Drawn Up By Dean  
R. E. Mohler and Later  
Adopted By Faculty.

### IN USE NEXT SEMESTER

Students Who Fail To Comply Lose  
Two Honor Points From The  
Semester's Total

A new ruling regarding the dropping or changing courses, drawn up by Dean R. E. Mohler, and recently adopted by the faculty, is to take effect at the beginning of the new semester.

The new system was designed to facilitate the procedure for both the student and the instructor. A summary of the ruling follows:

A student may make changes in his registration at any time before his registration cards are turned in at the offices of the President and Business Manager.

All changes in registration later than the above specification must be made through the office of the Dean. The following procedure will be followed.

1. Procure a permit card from the Dean's office. (This card with the Dean's signature may be carried direct to the Registrar in event that class work has not started in the courses involved).
2. All later changes proceed as follows:

- Procure permit card of the Dean.
- Secure signatures of instructors involved.
- Return card to Dean.
- Obtain class admittance card.
- Have class admittance card stamped by the Business Manager.
- Carry card to instructor of class you are entering.

3. Students desiring to drop courses after enrollment must secure permission of Dean and the instructor of the course. The card bearing above signatures together with the grade in course at time of withdrawal is returned to the office of Dean.

Note:— Failure of a student to comply with the above rulings results two honor points from the semester's total.

Students desiring to change a course later than the close of the second week of a semester must obtain a permit from the Business Manager before applying for the change, such permit to cost one dollar.

A student is considered no longer a member of a class after having been absent two consecutive weeks, provided the instructor has not received official notice that the student's absence is due to illness or some other well founded reason.

If I had known that tunnel was so long, I would have kissed you.  
"Good heavens, wasn't that you?"  
—Voo Doo.

### THINK!

There seems to be an almost unanimous opinion in favor of the "World Court" among McPherson College students. That might mean something—but it doesn't.

At least ninety per cent of the students don't have the slightest opinion of what a World Court might be. They don't know who originated the idea nor why. They don't know how it functions, nor how much power it has.

Propaganda has printed upon the public mind the idea that the world court and brotherly love—whatever that is—are synonymous. "The pepul" take much for granted. If Harding and Hughes and Coolidge endorse something—that is the voice of the people.

Perhaps the world court is a good thing. An editorial writer doesn't dare to say whether it is or isn't. Too many readers would take his word for it, lacking the interest to determine for themselves. They don't care—so they are willing to agree.

There is no crime in a person using his head rather than letting others use it for him. Think for yourself, and for goodness sake don't condemn the man who does think for himself, but thinks a little differently than you.

W. J.

## BULLDOGS LOSE GAME TO ST. JOHNS TEAM

Are Ahead At End Of Half But Fail  
To Keep Up Rapid Pace Set  
By St. Johns Team

Battling the St. Johns basket ball team of Winfield, Kansas to a standstill in the first half, the McPherson College basketball team were unable to keep up the terrific pace set by their opponents and lost in the second half by a score of 40 to 31.

The game was very close during the first half, the McPherson boys having a slight edge, and bringing the score at the half to 18 to 16 in their favor. In the second half, however, the St. Johns cagers "got hot" and cleaned the field for one goal after another, swamping the Bulldogs under a 21 to 26 score.

Coch Gardner stated that the defeat was partly due to the fact that the St. Johns team was in better condition than the home team, and has played more games this season.

As St. Johns is not a member of the Kansas Conference, this defeat does not count against McPherson's percentage.

Carlson, Mast and Chapman starred for the Bulldogs, while G. Rosel, high point man of the game, was the outstanding St. Johns player.

## COLLEGE QUARTET TRIP IS TO INCLUDE IOWA, KANSAS AND MISSOURI

Will Broadcast Concert By Radio  
Through the Sweeney  
Station at Kansas City

### GIVE TWELVE PROGRAMS

An Appearance At Burlington, Iowa,  
On March Twenty-eight Will  
Complete The Tour

A concert by radio, and a tour over Kansas, Nebraska, Missouri and Iowa will comprise the activity of the McPherson College Male Quartet during the last two weeks in March.

The quartet will give its first program of the trip at Homeville, Nebraska on March 17 and from there it will go to Carlton, Nebraska on March 18. After completing their tour of Nebraska, the members of the quartet will visit the following towns in Kansas: Sabetha, Morrill, Oakland and Ottawa on March 19, 20, 21 and 22, and will appear in Kansas City, Missouri on the nights of March 23 and 24.

While in Kansas City, the quartet will sing over radio from the Sweeney school station WHB on the evening of March 23. They will give a program of one hour's duration consisting of quartet numbers, solos and readings.

From Kansas City, the singers will take up a series of engagements in Missouri. The first program will be given at Plattsburg on the evening of March 25. Then they will appear at St. Joe, on March 26 and 27.

An appearance at Burlington, Iowa will then complete the tour on March 28.

The quartet is composed of Alvin Moran, baritone and business manager; Milo Molsker, bass; Frank Barton, second tenor, and Sam Kurtz, first tenor. Miss Katherine Penner, voice instructor of the college will accompany the quartet and take part in the programs.

## SEMESTER EXAMINATION SCHEDULE, THIS WEEK

Three Days Given to Examination  
Work, Wednesday, Thursday  
And Friday This Week

Final plans have been made for the semester examinations. One day will be added this year to the semester final examination schedule which will extend over Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, January 20, 21 and 22. The schedule follows:

- Wednesday, January 20.
- 8:00—10:00
  - All 2 hour, 2:20 classes.
  - 10:20—12:30
  - All 2 hour, 2:30 classes.
  - 1:20—3:30
  - All 2 hour, 10:30 classes.
  - 3:30—5:30
  - All 2 hour, 10:30 classes.

Thursday, January 21.

- 8:00—10:00
- All 2 hour, 9:00 classes.
- 10:20—12:30
- All 2 hour, 9:00 classes.
- 1:30—3:30
- All 1:30 classes.
- 3:30—5:30
- All 4:30 classes.

Friday, January 22.

- 8:00—10:00
- All 3 hour, 11:30 classes.
- 10:20—12:30
- All 8:00 classes.
- 1:20—3:30
- All 3:30 classes.
- 3:30—5:30
- All 2 hour, 11:30 classes.

Four and five hour courses are examined at the same period as three hour courses, and one hour courses at the two hour periods.

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system is glaring when a student studies a history course for eighteen weeks, and then finishes a two hour quiz in forty-five minutes. There is something wrong, with either the question or with the student when he is expected to write only ten minutes on something on which he should be able to write for a living.

An examination is a process by which morons and intellectual aristocrats are thrown together and graded according to a bell-shaped curve.

An examination is something an intellectual snail and void takes to be allowed to stick around and play football.

Examinations are a means of eliminating chemistry awards from

school because they don't know who died in 1533, can't translate 33x33, and don't know who discovered real estate in Florida.

An examination is something that Curriculum Carly doesn't have to pass because he is the professor's nephew.

An examination is a way of finding out what a student is going to forget in the next three weeks.

An examination is a means of finding out what it is the students have written on their cuffs and fingernails.

An examination is not a process of finding out what a student knows what he knows about, but a way of finding out what he knows about how much.



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"DO THINGS"

The eternal battle between legitimate question-answer examinations and the newer researches and other new forms of semester inventories has again come up with a vim.

The modern mind, seemingly, is groping about for some type of information-getter that tells more nearly than the usual examination just what the student's mind has been doing during the semester.

The old question-answer examination, it can readily be seen, can never hope to cover in eight or ten questions all that has been said in a hundred or more hours of class work, and surely is not fair to the student who has a good knowledge of a number of phases of the subject that he will never be called upon to display in his final.

Open minds are beginning to realize that no man can give much of a summary of what is behind his face by merely answering a dozen or so usually very restricted, if not impertinent questions, and are looking for some new and more universal and practical method of divining just how much of his instructor's patient effort the student's mind has absorbed.

It is scarcely plausible that there is any better way of accomplishing this than by giving the student a chance to show by concretely demonstrating it, the ability that his course has given him to DO THINGS.

This plan is being used this year by Miss Florence Teager in her class in newspaper writing as a semester examination. Miss Teager arranged to have the entire class exhibit what it had learned during the semester about how to do things, by actually editing an issue of The Spectator. Every bit of work connected with editing this week's paper was done by members of the class. In this novel examination, each student was graded according to the actual work done, the quality of that work, and the promptness with which it was done. The course primarily attempts to teach the student the rudiments of newspaper editing, and consequently there could scarcely be any better examination than to let him show positively how well the semester's work has taught him to DO that very thing. Theoretically, this is just what the

college course should attempt to do. To teach the student to DO THINGS rather than merely to be able to answer a set of questions for which he would perhaps never have any practical use.

Could there be any more effective method of determining exactly how much the student has derived from his course? Could there be any fairer plan of giving the student a chance to demonstrate what he has actually learned?

It certainly seems that if the purpose of the college course is to teach people to DO THINGS, they should be graded not so much on what they can write about the subject, because some people have more words at hand than others, but on what actually practical knowledge has been gained.

Why not grade the student on what he can actually DO at the end of the semester?

Although this effect will not be so easily accomplished in some courses, the progressive instructor will attempt to arrive at some definite plan for giving the student a wholly fair, universal and, above all, practical semester examination.

EDUCATING THE GENIUSES

After five years of research, Professor Louis M. Ferman and a corps of assisting psychologists have selected 1,000 "gifted" children of California and are now engaged in raising \$5,000,000 endowment for a university in which to educate these "geniuses". Professor Ferman's theory is that "genius should have a chance". He says that too much time and money are wasted in educating mediocre and stupid children. There are many who will agree with Professor Ferman that genius is often dulled by enforced contact with slower minds in our present educational system. Whether or not five millions of dollars should be given to educate 1,000 prodigies is largely the will of the givers. At any rate, this scheme will be watched with interest by psychologists, and if genius proves itself worthy of special education, many of our present educational theories will go by the board.

WE LOVE EXAMINATIONS!

Judging from our present system of examinations, one would suppose that all men are created equal and stay that way.

Ordinary examinations don't recognize specialists. The student may be able to write fourteen books about sodium chloride, but in the semester examination he is given fifteen minutes to write all he knows about it, and if, at the same time, he can't sling just as good a line about radium, he is counted so many per cent dumb.

The student not only is restrained from writing a good paper on those subjects and phases of subjects which he has worked hard to master, but is required to write just as good a paper on those phases of the subject in which he is not interested, has no special knowledge of, and for which he will have little or no use as an alumnus.

A student may have a keen judgment of literature, but if he doesn't happen to remember who said, "Macbeth, to be or not to be, I'll have my pound of flesh, and so's yer old man!" he is four per cent null and fourteen per cent void.

Examination investigators seem to think that it is just as important to know one thing as another, and if the student knows all about California grapefruit and nothing about the Rock Island time table, that is his own hard luck.

The student who flunks in an ordinary examination may stand a good chance of becoming a great specialist. The one who makes an A may become one of those half-smart liberally-educated persons who know less about more things than any cow in Texas.

Why not research examinations? Why not, "Twelve questions. Write two hours on one or more."

CROSS OR BLESSING?

What is their true status? Burden or boon? Are the end-of-the-semester examinations really the heavy cross that students invariably declare them to be? Or are they not actually a glorious but unappreciated blessing? Would grades soar without them? Or, in their absence, would

not every student be in danger of receiving a letter from Dad or Mother conspicuously filled with admonitions and reproofs occasioned by a report card filled with fatal D's and F's?

An accurate solution to these questions would necessitate trial, but one fact is evident on the face of the matter. If grades are not determined largely by examinations, they must use daily estimates as their basis.

One of McPherson College's outstanding professors made this statement when questioned as to his position on the subject of daily marks, "In the first place, I am not a book-keeper, I'm an educator, and I have neither the time nor the inclination to keep a long list of percentage grades which can be neither accurate nor just. In the second place, if I gave my students a grade each day, every living one of them would flunk miserably."

Those examinations. Are they then not an unnecessary burden, but really a blessing and a boon? At least, they would seem to offer to the instructor the means of avoiding the tedium of the extensive book-keeping daily grading involves, and to the student would provide the avenue of escape from that bug bear so peculiar to students everywhere — the ferocious F.

Barks and Wags

By Wendell Johnson

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Never say die, say so's your old man!

Ain't It Lovely

Our girl friend came up to us the other day, stopped, looked wistfully into our eyes and asked, "Are you bow-legged?"

(She really did)

We have never seen it fall—bow legs are two and far between.

"Are you an evolutionist?" we asked Campus Katy.

"No", she replied, "I'm just a plain old-fashioned girl."

From Professor Yoder we gather that we are to overlook the fact that bank robbers are bank robbers and "appreciate" them because they are not hoodluggers.

If papa's name was Lester, would baby be a little Less?

For Shame! For Shame! Atlas was the father of all handi. He held up the world!

George Dean To Coach

The girls' basketball team has been named "George Dean's Daisies". Ken Campbell is powder puff boy, John Whitneck is tackle, Leo Stockholm best man, Tufty Reents gown designer, "Gerald" Chapman floor walker and Jim Ellwood will sing soprano. They will open the season Sunday night in George Dean's car. These girls are deserving of all the support we can give them.

This is the very latest news It's possible to get; There isn't any later news— That is, there isn't yet.

—Not Edgar A. Guest

An "Appreciation"

She is darling, always willing, She is game and she is thrilling; She is strong for lively living as a rule, She is seldom sentimental, Although very temperamental— She is everybody's sweetheart, but she ain't nobody's fool.

She is clever, she is cunning; Personality is stunning (There's no doubt that she's the sweetest kid in school.) Never falters, never flinches, Always calm when in the pinches— She is everybody's sweetheart, but she ain't nobody's fool.

She's a peach; oh, she's a beauty, She's a daisy, she's a cutie; She's a flower in my bower, she's a jewel.

Her intense, elastic kisses Ain't like those of other misses— She is everybody's sweetheart, But she ain't nobody's fool.

Ain't it lovely — Jack

CHAPEL PROGRAMS

Wednesday, January 20. Prelude, "By the Sea"; Miss Jessie Brown. Hymn, "In Life's Earliest Morning." Devotionals. Discussion, "Spiritual Values", Dr. D. W. Kurtz. Announcements. Friday, January 22. Prelude, Miss Ling-nelter. Hymn, "With Happy Voices Singing." Devotionals. Discussion, Professor Boone. Announcements.

The Chapel programs from January 25 to January 29 will be conducted by visitors present at the Bible Institute.

Student Opinion

HAVE YOU DONE YOUR BEST?

Eighteen weeks of school are over and it is time to sign up for eighteen more. Do you feel that you are really ready to take more? Have you studied your best this term, or do you feel that you could profit by taking some of your work a second time?

These thoughts come into the minds of all students about this time each year. But be honest. Have you worked your level best? Couldn't you have done better if you had worked a little harder on those assignments? If you had paid a little closer attention to those classroom lectures? If you feel you have done your best, you are to be congratulated as a good student. The average student, however, will honestly say, "I could have done better."

Among the Alumni

Milo Stutzman, B. S. '20, is completing work for his Ph. D. at the Iowa State Agricultural College at Ames, Iowa.

Addie Himes, A. B. '25, is teaching at Galesburg, Kansas.

Professor B. E. Ebel and family of Redlands, California, spent the holiday season traveling in Mexico.

ALUMNUS GIVES COLLEGE EIGHTY ACRES OF LAND

A donation of eighty acres of land near fruits, Colorado, valued at \$5,000, was recently received by McPherson College from Newton Glick. The gift was solicited by John F. Dietz, endowment worker for the College.

Professor J. J. Yoder, treasurer of McPherson College, places the amount yet to be raised at approximately \$200,000. He states that the facts of the case are that the outlook is really encouraging. The people who have been approached feel kindly toward the campaign and promise to do something before January, 1927, when the total amount must be

In. He expresses no doubt that the goal will be reached if only the campaign is persistently pushed by the friends of the institution. Ray Wagener is at present working the eastern part of the state, soliciting only from alumni. Mr. Dietz is now at Quinter, Kansas. Vilas Betts was forced to discontinue his work for the endowment because of the ill health of his wife and is now in the employ of an accounting firm in Wichita.

DEPUTATION TEAMS WILL BEGIN THEIR WORK SOON

Plans are being launched for an extensive deputation program for McPherson College this year.

The teams have been arranged and are now awaiting word from the various churches for possible dates to begin their work. According to President George Merkey there will be three teams, composed of five members each, each team being under supervision of a faculty sponsor. A preliminary examination will be held soon to determine to what extent the members of the teams are qualified.

The first date has been arranged for February 21. Several letters have been sent out to churches who wish to have this work at that time.

Poets' Corner

SKA SIDE

Swiftly out from the friendly hill of the hand, The crowd's good laughter, the loved eyes of men, I am drawn nighward; I must turn again Where, down beyond the low, un-trodden strand, There curves and glimmers outward to the unknown The old unquiet ocean. All the shade Is rife with magic and movement, I stray alone Here on the edge of silence, half afraid,

Waiting a sign. In the deep heart of me The sullen waters swell towards the moon, And all my tides set seaward. From inland Leaps a gay fragment of some mocking tune, That tinkles and laughs and fades along the sand, And dies between the seawall and the sea, Rupert Brooke

MOHLER WILL DISCUSS TEACHER IMPROVEMENT

"Improvement of Teachers in Service" is the subject of a paper to be delivered before the Council of Administration, which meets at Topeka on February 5 and 6, by Dean Robert E. Mohler, who represents McPherson College.

This organization is composed of representatives of the various colleges and schools of the state and has for its purpose the promotion of higher standards of teaching and school administration.

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**A FEW NEW COURSES WILL BE OFFERED NEXT SEMESTER**

Next semester will find several new courses in the McPherson College curriculum.

In the commerce department, Professor Leland Briggs will offer new courses in salesmanship, in income tax procedure, and in marketing, of three hours each. He will not give any course for which less than five are enrolled. If a large enough enrollment can be obtained in it, a course in shorthand will also be conducted by him.

"The Contemporary Novel", "The Short Story" and "The Teaching of English in High School" are three new English courses offered by Miss Florence Teager. The first is a three hour course given at ten-thirty on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. This course will cover the novel as it is written today in the United States, England, Russia, Italy, Germany, Norway and Spain. The second course is given at nine o'clock on Monday and Wednesday, and will offer practical training in the writing of short stories as well as a study of representative types. The last of the three courses, occupying one hour a week, is offered to Juniors and Seniors majoring in English.

**About People**

Miss Abbie Emma Wright was forced to go to her home in Hutchinson Thursday because of a badly strained ankle.

Elbert Saylor went to Carlton, Nebraska, last week to attend the funeral of his grandfather.

Miss Dorothy Mann spent the week end at her home in Hutchinson.

Verna Strickler and Percy Reed came to McPherson from Ramona Tuesday night to attend the Bankers' game.

Rev. E. H. Eby led the Mission Study class Friday, morning in the absence of Professor Morris, who was ill.

Miss Anna Maye Strickler spent the week end at her home in Ramona.

Virden Kolzow spent the week end at his home in Hope, Kansas.

Miss Goldie Vicker, who has been attending Washburn, expects to enroll at McPherson College the second semester.

Clare Miller motored to Wichita Wednesday afternoon.

The Misses Katherine Swope and Mary B. Swope spent the week end in Lucas, Kansas, with Miss Ruth Greene, '25, who is teaching home economics in the Lucas High School.

**ENROLLMENT BEGINS MONDAY**

Enrollment for the second semester will take place in the commercial rooms on the second floor of the administration building from nine to five o'clock Monday and Tuesday. All those enrolling later will be charged one dollar. The same system will be used this semester as was used in enrolling for last semester.

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**WORLD MORE PAGAN THAN CHRISTIAN, SAYS PENNER**

Albert J. Penner, president of the Kansas Student Volunteer Association, and a Senior in Bethel College gave an address in the College Chapel Friday morning. His subject was "The Great Power Behind Love, Which Is God."

Mr. Penner stressed the point that we are living in a great era of progress and thought such as we have never known before. But he said, "the world is essentially more pagan than Christian at the present time; for there is no Christianity in industry, society or war today."

He closed with the thought that we cannot let the good triumph over the best.

Mr. Penner met with the Mission Band Friday evening.

**WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?**

Question:—"Do you believe that the ordinary examination is a criterion of the student's real ability, or do you believe that it should be abolished in favor of some improved style of examination?"

Answers:

Professor J. A. Blair.—"It is my conviction that we must retain some form of examination because of the frailties of humanity. The examination stimulates review, which is probably its greatest merit. Personally, I much prefer objective tests and use them so far as possible."

Inabel Eskeldson.—"I do not approve of the ordinary written examination, because it often fails to indicate accurately the student's ability. But—it's the only thing that ever makes me study!"

Professor M. A. Hess.—"The examination is an indication of the student's ability in general, but in some cases is subject to error. Mental tests could well supplement the formal examinations."

Aubrey C. Hale.—"No. We should have an improved system."

Dean Mohler.—"I am a firm believer in the examination, it stimulates study."

A. Paul Lemz.—"I do not believe that the ordinary examination is a just criterion for judging the ability of a pupil, but when used in connection with the daily recitations, I believe it is the best that can be had."

Vivian Spilman.—"The ordinary examination may by chance measure a few students accurately, though it is imperfect. However, I know of no adequate substitute."

Fred Perry.—"An aversion to classroom examinations may be, on the part of the student, an attempt to rationalize his inability. If another and better method has been proved, it should be used."

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**DR. KURTZ DELIVERS FOUR OUT-OF-TOWN LECTURES**

It is rare that Dr. D. W. Kurtz is not called out of the State at least once in two weeks to deliver a lecture or appear at a convention. During last week and this week, however, all of his out-of-town engagements have been within a radius of a hundred miles.

Thursday night he delivered a lecture at Concordia. Friday night he dedicated a high school at Maize, Kansas. On Sunday afternoon, Dr. Kurtz lectured at Stafford on the subject of "Law Enforcement", and Sunday evening he delivered the same lecture at Sterling.

During the Bible Institute week he will be occupied with frequent lectures here at McPherson College. On February 5, he will speak at Larned, and on February 8, he will deliver a lecture at the Salina Wesleyan University.

**MILDRED BISHOP ENTERTAINS**

Miss Mildred Bishop was hostess to the second floor girls of Arnold Hall at a delicious supper served at 9:30 o'clock Wednesday night.

The girls were entertained by a reading by Hazel Scott and another by Miss Katherine Swape. Miss Harriet Mohler sang two darky spirituals and the Misses Helen and Dorothy Lichty gave a delightful song with ukelele accompaniment. Miss Bishop gave a short talk at the end of the evening.

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# SPORTS

## BANKERS NOW ROOST AT TOP OF LEAGUE LADDER

Local Team Defeats Newton A. C. 20-18 and Wichita Elks 34-28 In Last Week's Play

The McPherson Bankers are now the undisputed leaders of the Kansas Independent Basketball League, by virtue of their two victories last week over the strong Newton Athletic Club and the Wichita Elks. They are the only undefeated players in the league.

Last Tuesday night the Bankers won from the Newton A. C. by the score of 20-18 in one of the hardest fought games ever played in the McPherson College gymnasium. Four of the cleverest guards that ever saw a basket matched their wits while a capably crowd alternately cheered and groaned. Benn and McQuiry, for Newton, and Crumppacker and Strickler, M. C. alumni, for the Bankers, were the guards who turned the game into a keen defensive battle.

Coach Gardner and Hill, McPherson forwards, broke through for thirteen points and played great defensive games. The Banker guards, however, covered the Newton forwards like a blanket, and Unruh was the only one to connect, getting a single basket.

On Wednesday night McPherson went to Wichita and defeated the flashy Wichita Elks, 34-28. Gardner was hitting from all over the court, getting seven goals from the field. Pete Rief starred for Wichita.

## SEVERAL BOYS' TEAMS READY FOR INTRAMURALS

Boys intramural basketball will probably get under way the first part of the new semester. Several teams have already been organized, and it is expected that four or five more will appear in the near future. "Helnie" Hahn's "T. N. T.'s" are ready to do battle, and it is expected that the championship "Comets" of last year will again enter the race. No schedule has been made out as yet, but it is hoped that this may be accomplished early next semester and the teams will then get into action.

Girls' Intramural Basketball starts with the opening of the new semester. The teams were chosen Monday evening in the W. A. A. meeting. Approximately thirty-five girls signed up and it is hoped there will be enough for four teams. Practice will be held on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The tournament will be held in two or three weeks.

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## ART CLUB DISCUSSES RUGS

Oriental rugs were discussed by the McPherson College Art Club last Wednesday night.

Miss Marcella Baird, art instructor, spoke on the subject of Persian rugs, giving historical facts and describing the texture and designs of the rugs. Herman Bowch, Lela Hultqvist, Fern Brunk and Marzella Okerlind also talked on various phases of the subject of Oriental rugs.

One interesting side light brought out at the meeting was the fact that a certain design, the swastika, used on many of the rugs has been found on every continent of the world and was probably known to all of the early peoples. This would tend to give the impression that some kind of international communication existed many centuries ago.

Tomorrow night the club will discuss pottery. Examples of many different kinds of pottery will be exhibited before the club and an intensive study will be made.

## LIBRARY NOTES

Several new books have been received at the library for the course on the "Contemporary Novel" offered this year for the first time. They are "Dark Laughter", Sherwood Anderson; "A Son of the Middle Border", Hamlin Garland; "Barren Ground", Ellen Glasgow; "A Story Teller's Story", Sherwood Anderson; "Green Mansions," W. H. Hudson; "The Way of Old Flesh", Samuel Butler; "Jurgen", James Branch Cabell; "Book About Myself", Theodore Dreiser; "Fire In the Fillet", Walter White.

## SECURE NEW SPANISH TEACHER

Miss Meribah Fowler, of Keosauqua, Iowa, has been secured by the trustees to fill the position left vacant in the Spanish department by the resignation of Mrs. Milton Dell. Miss Fowler comes to McPherson from the State University of Iowa. She will teach second and fourth semester Spanish and will perhaps give a course for third year students if there is sufficient demand for it.

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Coach M. A. Hess intends to give the team some intensive training, and is confident that this year's efforts will not be in vain.

The schedule, so far as made out, provides debates with Bethel College and Kansas Wesleyan University. The judges of the tryout were Miss Edith McGaffey, J. H. Fries and J. A. Blair.

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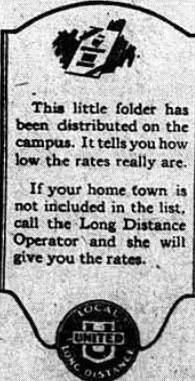
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