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There Must Be A Future

Days of uncertainty and indecision prevail. Plans for the future are vague; seem useless. Living from day to day, with an Epicurean "Eat, Drink, and be Merry" spirit is too often the rule. Wartime seems inevitably, although undesirably, to promote indifference to truth, reliance on the shallow present, and in general, instability and insecurity. Such times have always, and shall continue we hope, eventually to have an ending.

In these hectic, uncertain days, we are all playing a part. For some of us it is an immediate "Get the War Over" effort. For others, our "role" is only indirectly connected with the immediate present, that is, with the Armed Forces or direct war industries.

For any who are in any Service, little further should be asked. For those who are yet at their original posts, or who are temporarily in some other part of the United States, we too, have more of a direct obligation than we perhaps are shouldering.

We can help preserve "Things That Count" for those days when this war is over. Among those are certain institutions and policies. Can we but be challenged to help preserve homes, schools, morals; yes, and a financially and politically sound governmental policy for those who are to return to their former places among us?

McPherson College is "Our" college. As alumnae and friends, we can, and should support to preserve and promote for both ourselves and for "them". Let us build for better days. There *must* be a future!

Alumni Campaign

At the present time the total amount raised by the \$3,000.00 Alumni Campaign for McPherson College is \$787.00. This campaign was launched last October for the purpose of securing additional members for the Greater McPherson College Club. If you feel you cannot sign up for five years feel free to do so for one year. The campaign will close this coming October. Send your contribution to either the College or the Alumni Secretary.

Dr. L. Avery Fleming, c'27, will become Professor of Sociology and Education at McPherson College this coming fall. Dr. Fleming received his A.B. degree at McPherson College in 1927, his M.A. in 1928 and his Ph.D. in 1940. Both of these degrees were received from the University of Kansas. Dr. Fleming has served a teacher, a pastor and as General Sec-



L. AVERY FLEMING

retary, Board of Christian Education for the Church of the Brethren. Mrs. Fleming is the former Wealthy Hrig, c'22.

Miss Virginia Harris, of Jennings, Louisiana, who received the A.B. degree at McPherson in 1939, will become Librarian of her alma mater this fall. Miss Harris will complete her work for the B.S. in L.S. at the close of this summer.



VIRGINIA HARRIS

If you have enjoyed and appreciated the Alumni Newsletters which you have received during the past year, please send in your yearly dues of \$1.00 either to the Treasurer or Secretary of the Alumni Association.

Gifts to McPherson College by Alumni

From July 1, 1943—May 17, 1944

During the past fiscal year from July 1, 1943, to April 28, 1944, the Alumni of McPherson College have contributed the sum total of \$4,449.00. This amount is the actual cash that has been paid in while much more has been pledged and will be paid before the close of the year July 1, 1944.

Fifty-three members of the Fifty Dollar Club for 1943-1944 are M.C. alumni.

Following is a list by classes of the donors, amounts, and funds for which the gifts were made. We sincerely hope that we have not omitted any and if so will be pleased to be notified.

Mrs. Mary Klejner, Loyalty	1891	\$ 27.00
Mrs. Emma Maxwell, Loyalty and Booster Banquet	1892	36.00
Byron Talhelm, Greater McPherson College Club		5.00
F. A. Vaniman, Fifty Dollar Club and Booster Banquet	1893	75.00
E. J. Franz, Fifty Dollar Club	1902	100.00
Mrs. C. H. Armstrong, Fifty Dollar Club	1903	50.00
B. O. Hoover, Fifty Dollar Club		50.00
R. C. Steinh, Fifty Dollar Club		50.00
Loretta Johnson, Loyalty	1904	19.00
C. M. Christianson, Booster Banquet	1905	18.00
W. C. Houston, Fifty Dollar Club		50.00
Jack Stateman, Booster Banquet		12.00
Ivan Heer, Fifty Dollar Club	1906	50.00
R. E. Mohler, Fifty Dollar Club and Booster Banquet	1907	60.00
James Rothrock, Booster Banquet	1909	10.00
Jay Crumacker, Fifty Dollar Club	1910	50.00
H. J. Ferguson, Fifty Dollar Club		50.00
James Galle, Booster Banquet	1912	10.00
J. J. Yoder, Endowment and Fifty Dollar Club	1913	550.00
P. W. Seidel, Booster Banquet	1914	11.00
W. H. Yoder, Fifty Dollar Club	1915	50.00
Mrs. S. B. Fahnestock, Fifty Dollar Club	1916	50.00
E. M. Hersh, Greater McPherson College Club		25.00
Mrs. Jay Crumacker, Fifty Dollar Club	1917	50.00
D. L. Hurning, Fifty Dollar Club		50.00
Allice Vogt, Fifty Dollar Club		50.00
J. L. Bowman, Booster Banquet	1918	10.00
Mrs. J. D. Bright, Fifty Dollar Club		50.00
Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Boone, Loyalty	1919	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Cline, Booster Banquet		15.00
Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crumacker, Greater McPherson College Club		25.00
Rev. and Mrs. O. H. Austin, Fifty Dollar Club	1920	50.00
Curtis E. Bowman, Fifty Dollar Club		50.00
Paul Brandt, Endowment		30.00
Eunice Criss, Loyalty		25.00
Roy Frank, Endowment and Fifty Dollar Club		150.00
Mrs. Nelson Krehbiel, Fifty Dollar Club		50.00
H. A. Spurgeon, Loyalty		10.00
Earl M. Franke, Endowment	1921	100.00
Minnie Mugler, Booster Banquet		10.00
Harold Bean, Endowment and Fifty Dollar Club	1922	150.00

Olive E. Hahn, Greater McPherson College Club	25.00
Mayme King, Greater McPherson College Club	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Neher, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
1923	
Mrs. Ada K. Carpenter, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Grace Crumacker, Greater McPherson College Club	12.00
Naomi Fasnacht, Loyalty	5.00
Glenis A. Johnson, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lehman, Greater M. C. Club and \$50 Club	120.00
M. E. Neher, Endowment	25.00
W. E. Watkins, Greater McPherson College Club	20.00
1924	
Mr. and Mrs. Sumner Kohlman, Loyalty	74.00
W. W. Gish, Loyalty	10.00
Edna Reber, Loyalty and Booster Banquet	35.00
Paul Sargent, Booster Banquet	25.00
Dale Strickler, Booster Banquet	15.00
1925	
Leonard Burke, Greater McPherson College Club	5.00
Jay Elze, Loyalty	20.00
Richard Keim, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Mary Sherry, Greater McPherson College Club	10.00
1926	
S. M. Doll, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
A. C. Hale, Booster Banquet	10.00
1927	
Virgil S. Coffman, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
L. A. Fleming, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Adelaide Glaser, Loyalty	10.00
Halsh Hoover, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Chas. L. Leupel, Loyalty	25.00
Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Long, Fifty Dollar Club	60.00
1928	
Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Keim, Jr., Loyalty	10.00
E. C. Kinn, Endowment	20.00
Mrs. D. A. Sheeks, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Mrs. Sam Stoner, Booster Banquet	10.00
John Wall, Booster Banquet	11.00
1929	
R. Hulsh Barber, Greater McPherson College Club	10.00
Lois Dell, Fifty Dollar Club	65.50
H. D. Fasnacht, Loyalty	10.00
Roy O. Frantz, Booster Banquet	20.00
Mrs. R. E. Mohler, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
1930	
J. H. Erol, Greater McPherson College Club	10.00
Lila Fish, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Glen Harris, Endowment	50.00
Vassar Lindbeck, Booster Banquet	2.00
Walker McGalley, Booster Banquet	15.00
Lillian Thomas, Booster Banquet	1.00
1931	
John Lehman, Greater M. C. Club and Fifty Dollar Club	60.00
Mrs. Minnie Terzer, Booster Banquet	1.00
Naomi Witmore, Booster Banquet	11.00
1932	
Lawrence Lehman, Greater McPherson College Club	20.00
C. H. Dresler, Booster Banquet	11.00
Constance Rankin, Booster Banquet	5.00
Royal Yoder, Loyalty and Booster Banquet	61.00
1933	
Genevieve Crist, Greater McPherson College Club	10.00
Gretta Griffin, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
1934	
Wyane Carr, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Guy Hayes, Greater M. C. Club and Booster Banquet	14.50
Paul Sherry, Loyalty	10.00
1935	
John Friesen, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Mrs. Donald Hershby, Greater McPherson College Club	5.00
Mildred Ssek, Booster Banquet	10.00
Watson Sumnerdard, Loyalty	5.00
E. F. Wrazer, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
1937	
Mildred Oberst, Booster Banquet	2.00
1938	
John D. Bower, Endowment	25.00
Mrs. Alice Martin, Booster Banquet	10.00
Etta Seidl, Greater McPherson College Club	10.00
George Island, Loyalty	10.00
1940	
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Davidson, Greater McPherson College Club	10.00
Mr. and Mrs. Wesley DeCoursey, Loyalty	25.00
Roy Robertson, Endowment	5.00
Stephen Stover, Loyalty	5.00
1941	
Mrs. L. H. Bullinger, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Elmer Ratnall, Loyalty	5.00
Harriet Shelley, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
Albert Stucky, Booster Banquet	11.00
Mamie Wolfe, Fifty Dollar Club	50.00
1942	
Donald Orr, Greater McPherson College Club	5.00
Doris Voshell, Booster Banquet	5.00
1943	
William Gabon, Fifty Dollar	50.00

Fifty Year Graduate

Fifty years ago this spring McPherson College granted her first baccalaureate degree to James Z. Gilbert. Dr. Gilbert received the A.B. degree in 1894 and in 1895 received his M.A. degree at the University of Kansas. In 1918 McPherson College conferred upon Dr. Gilbert the doctor of science degree for his scientific research which resulted in a most remarkable collection and display of ancient animal life. Dr. Gilbert is now retired and lives in Los Angeles, California. Some of the most valuable pieces found in the McPherson College Museum were given by Dr. Gilbert.

Deaths

Mrs. Ernest Westling of McPherson (Escher Berkeley, A. & Mn. '15), February 10.
W. D. Royer, c'13, of Wichita, Kansas, February.
Mrs. Alvin Lindgren of Green Bay, Wisconsin, (Leona Sellers, c'38), March 23.

Born To:

Mr. and Mrs. George Toland of Caldwell, Kansas, a son, Timothy Nick, July 12, 1943.
Mr. and Mrs. Erich Stephan (Myrcia Hammann, c'32), a son, August, 1943.
Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dadisman of Chicago, Illinois, a daughter, Margaret Ellen, January 23. Both Mr. and Mrs. Dadisman (Avis Smith) are members of the class of 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Milo Homer of Johannesburg, California, (Ruth Miller, c'30), a son, Charles Stephen, born November 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Eisenbise of McPherson, a daughter, Sondra Sue, January 22. Mr. Eisenbise graduated in 1940 and Mrs. Eisenbise is the former Edith Nickey.

Rev. and Mrs. Lee Allen Burress (Maxine Ring, c'35) of Zion, Illinois, a son, David Anthony, March 3.

Mr. and Mrs. George Curtis, Jr. (Marjorie Kinzie, c'40) of Herington, Kansas, a daughter, Georgana, March 3.

Mr. and Mrs. James Crill of Detroit, Michigan, a daughter, Constance Camille, on March 15. Mr. Crill graduated in 1941, and Mrs. Crill is the former Corene Colberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sheller of Eldora, Iowa, a son, Keith Eugene, March 18. Mr. Sheller graduated in 1939 and Mrs. Sheller (Arlene Barley) in 1940.

Dr. and Mrs. R. E. Mohler (Fern Shoemaker, c'29) of McPherson, a daughter, Sarah Genelle, March 21.

Rev. and Mrs. Luther Harshbarger of Ambler, Pennsylvania, a son, Don Eric, April 12.

Alumni In Service

Following are the names of those to be added to the list of Alumni in Service as published in the February Newsletter. Please notify the Alumni Secretary of any others to be added.

Brunk, Homer '30	Lloyd, Lewellen '38
Cottingham, John '30	Miller, Dohn '40
Gelsert, Wayne '44	Minear, Cleo '34
Haus, Lee '37	Whitlock, Otho '26
Jamison, Posy '32	Honorably Discharged
Lindell, Leland '31	George Toland '38

Announcing the Marriage of:

Mr. Everett M. Brubaker, c'24, and Miss Ethel Shaw, January 1.

S/Sgt. Lloyd Moehlman, c'38, and Miss Ina Mae Robertson of Springfield, Missouri, February 13.

Pvt. John Mingenback and Miss Arlene Cavert, March 4. They are both members of the class of 1943.

Lt. Gerald Sebree and Miss Mildred Morrison, c'41, March 8.

Lt. Jack Vetter, c'42, and Miss Charlotte Ortlund of Cedar Rapids, Iowa, on March 27.

Mr. Ralph Sherfy, c'36, and Miss Ruth Kretzetz of Dayton, Ohio, April 7.

Mr. Jonathan Harnesley, c'40, and Miss Janet Brown of Clermont, Florida, April 9.

Miss Andrey Hammann, c'40, and Warren Bedell S 2/c, April 15.

Treasurers Report 1944

Income	
Balance May 1, 1943	\$ 82.55
Interest Income	200.55
Dues	82.00
Brotherhood Church Mortgage Payment	2,000.00
	\$2,815.00
Expense	
Receptions 1943 and 1944	\$ 20.99
News Letters	104.29
Secretary Salary	100.00
Stationery, Supplies, Postage	82.20
Alumni Trustee Expense	34.78
Loan—McPherson College	2,000.00
Balance May 23, 1944	32.24
	\$2,815.00

Resources	
McPherson College Notes	\$4,000.00
U. S. Bonds, Series F	148.00
Savings Account	72.00
Checking Account	32.24
	\$4,252.24

Delbert W. Kelly, Treas.

We are sorry for an error which appeared in the February issue of the Newsletter in regards to bonds which can be purchased in the name of institutions. The announcement should have stated that the bonds that can be purchased in the name of McPherson College are United States Savings Bonds Series F and G. BUY A BOND NOW FOR McPHERSON COLLEGE.

Hither and Yon

Mr. Myrl Curtis, c'24, has recently been appointed Educational director for the Standard Oil Co. and has his offices in Chicago.

The Alumni Association extends its deep sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Cleo Hill of McPherson in the loss of their son, Richard, on March 9. Mrs. Hill was the former Aenid Gray, c'25.

John Whiteneck, c'28, is serving the Congregational Church in Wichita, Kansas, as assistant pastor. Rev. Whiteneck has served the Omaha, Nebraska, Congregational Church as pastor until recently.

Mr. John Price, British Consul at Kansas City, Missouri, was the speaker at the Booster Program which was held April 14.

Miss Esther Sherfy, c'41, has accepted a teaching position for next year in the Salina schools.

Harold Larsen, c'39, who has been teaching at Ellsworth, Kansas, the past two years was coach of the victorious Ellsworth High School debate team. Ellsworth won the state championship in Class B in the tournament held at Lawrence, Kansas, in February. The team won all six debates in the meet.

The senior class of 1944 presented the play, "The Magnificent Obsession" by Lloyd C. Douglas on April 21. The cast did an excellent piece of work. Miss Maxine Ruehlen, President of the class, directed the play under the supervision of Rev. W. H. Upton, Pastor of the McPherson Congregational Church.

Ernest L. Ikenberry, c'20, a former missionary in China and more recently pastor of the Brethren church at Twin Falls, Idaho, is awaiting passage to return to China to continue his missionary work. Mrs. Ikenberry (Olivia Dickens, c'21) and the children will make their home in McPherson.

Miss Mary Harnly, c'27, of Junction City, Kansas, has been employed in the high school of the Plainview Addition of Wichita, Kansas. Miss Harnly will begin this work with the opening of school in the fall.

A tour of some of the churches in Iowa and Minnesota was made by the male quartette and the ladies quartette of the college. Rev. Earl M. Frantz accompanied the men and Dr. W. W. Peters the

ladies. They were gone a week and presented approximately ten programs each.

Degrees were granted to twenty-eight members of the class of 1944 at the Commencement Exercises on May 22. Bishop Wm. C. Martiu of Omaha, Nebraska, gave the address.

The annual Alumni Reunion was held Saturday evening, May 20, at the Church of the Brethren in McPherson. There were approximately 150 in attendance at the reception. Mr. Paul Sargent, c'24, served as toastmaster. John Lehman, c'31, President of the Association, extended a welcome to the members of the class of 1944, and Maxine Ruehlen, President of the class, responded. Several numbers were given by the male quartette of the college and Mrs. E. G. Nigh, c'33, played a cornet solo. Dale Strickler, secretary of the class of 1944, gave a short report of this class. Dr. W. W. Peters and Rev. Earl M. Frantz both gave short talks. It was regretted that no members of the ten year class of 1934 could be present.

Alumni Officers elected at the Alumni Reunion for 1944-1945 are as follows: President, Royal Yoder; Vice-President, Lila Fields; Secretary, Doris Dresher; Treasurer, Delbert Kelly; Board of Directors (4 year term), L. Avery Fleming, Mrs. Sam Stoner, Mrs. Leland Lindell, John Whiteneck.

E. G. Toland who received the B.S. degree from M. C. in 1929, is now serving as Secondary Curriculum Coordinator, Los Angeles County Schools, Los Angeles, California. This office has under its supervision twenty-eight junior and senior high schools and junior colleges. Mr. Toland visits the high schools of the county, giving particular attention to curriculum offerings and methods of instruction, and making recommendations and reports of such visitations. He also is in charge of pre-induction education and wartime training, and directs and supervises the work in the high schools of the county in pre-aviation science. Mr. Toland completed his M.S. degree from the University of Southern California in 1938 and plans to do some work this summer on his doctorate. Mrs. Toland is the former Iva Crumacker also of the class of 1929.