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## Sunflowers and Sandburrs - - -

Well, dear readers, Hallow'een has come and gone and windows have been soaped and trash cans have been upset. By the way, have you heard what the hoodlums inscribed in soap-glyphics on one of the chem lab windows? As it was told to me, the writing read thus: "Professor Berkeley is the Best chemistry teacher in the World!" And that's a sunflower worth cultivating!

Once I saw a movie, and in the movie pretty girls were decked out in starchy white uniforms and they were rolling bandages. I've always sort of wanted to play nurse and on Tuesday night I come close to realizing that desire. On Tuesday nights I act as an active member of the Red Cross folding bandages in the church basement. You know, it gives me a sort of indefinable heroic and glamorous feeling to drape that white towel across my forehead, to stand there patiently at the table, folding bandages for someone, no one knows who.

It has been said that when America stops complaining and griping about sugar rationing and the gasoline situation, etcetera, etcetera, she will find herself on the road to her doom, she will find herself the prey

of dictatorship, abandoning democratic principles. Along this line, Lucile Harris comments, "There is no possibility of McPherson College's becoming undemocratic. . ."

As a general rule, I have decided that as for me and myself I will not criticize dorm food. But now, for the sake of adding another paragraph to this column, I wish I had crawled out of bed the other morning in time for breakfast, so that I could speak in authoritative tones concerning those "baked" eggs. It is common talk that they were so solid that salt sprinkled upon their slick surfaces rolled right off.

I waste no love on the ninth week of school. In fact, it has a slight tendency toward "getting me down." Oh well, Dean Boitnott himself describes the present educational set-up like this. "The teachers are pumping, constantly pumping. The students are resisting, constantly resisting. And it's just like trying to draw water out of a dusty dried-up well."

Maybe the extra-curricular loads can be blamed for those dried-up wells. But it's paramount that we keep off that subject. At the moment, it's loaded with dynamite!

dents in the camp individually through the Educational Leader, discovering just which courses were most in demand, and listing the books that would contribute most to the student's study, there was good hope that the educational activities would soon be running smoothly in this camp, in the same manner as in the numerous other prisoner of war camps with which the W. S. S. F. is in touch.

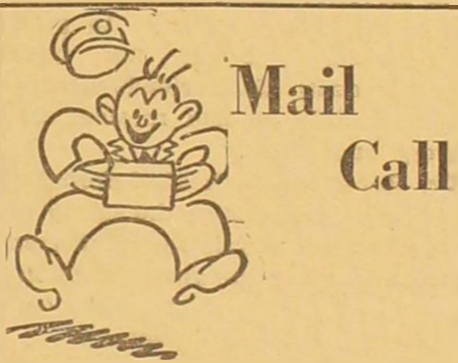
### Scene: A Prison Camp Morale: At Low Ebb

"We can't really tell how much we appreciate your visit and what you are doing for fellows like us. We can only say: Please don't forget us, and please come back!" These were the parting words of one American prisoner of war to the representative of the World Student Relief Organization.

The scene was a German prison camp in which were interned American soldiers. The W. S. S. F. delegate had just completed an inspection of the camp in the hope that a more complete educational and recreational program might be brought to the internees. A special attempt is being made to reach the students in this and other prison camps all over the world, in order that these young minds might be filled during their long, idle hours. Keeping them busy and interested is the only preventative for the dread "Barbed Wire Disease."

When the delegate explained that he was a representative of the fellow-students who wanted to help and to show their feeling of responsibility and student solidarity, the American Man of Confidence, one Sgt. Gollomb, quickly replied with obvious signs of happy excitement: "Well, sir, this is exactly what I have been longing for during these first months of settling down. It would do a world of good to us all if we could soon start an organized educational program. But all we've got are a few tattered novels which mysteriously were brought along in uniform pockets all the way from North Africa."

After contacting each of the stu-



Of those of us who were here last year, who doesn't remember Marlin Steinert. He seems to have projected his capacity for enjoying life into his army career, and we might add that we learned, off the record, that he has been making the highest marks in a class of 75. Not bad, Marlin!

He writes: "How are you all this fine fall season? Are you enjoying it as much as I? I'm stationed in a summer home built by a civilian on a cliff rock here in the midst of Portsmouth Harbor. As a matter of fact, the waves hit the foundations of the house when the tide comes in. "There are eighteen of us stationed here and it is just like being at home with the comforts of a private kitchen and all. "The past seven months have been

### Our President Comments:

The Church of the Brethren has six liberal arts colleges and the grand total enrollments as reported by the Secretary of the General Education Board on October 19th, were as follows:

Manchester	361	94
Juniata	260	65
McPherson	146	46
Elizabethtown	137	18
Bridgewater	132	48
LaVerne	95	17

On October 1, 1943, the enroll-

ments of the liberal arts students in the ten church-related colleges in Kansas were as follows:

Friends University	103	Men
Baker University	196	41
Bethel College	166	43
Ottawa University	165	52
Southwestern College	155	36
McPherson College	126	45
Sterling College	128	37
Kansas Wesleyan	119	16
Bethany College	71	27
College of Emporia	67	19

of great interest to me, because during that time I have traveled 16,000 miles seeing the west coast, then the South East and now the North East plus two furloughs. While on my way here, I saw Sammy Kaye and Lucile Manners in a stage show at the Stage Door Canteen in New York.

"After finishing the Radio Course in Ft. Monroe, Virginia, I was to sail the high seas but due to a running nose or something (He explains in a footnote, "hay fever-asthma.") I was rejected for overseas duty for about a year, during which time I'll either be stationed here or go to A. S. T. P. The latter is doubtful, because the C. O. thinks that since I have been trained for radio I should stay here and work with the set. I wish that I could explain or even tell you what kind of a "set" it is, but if I do that then I'll be writing to you from the "brig" next time.

"I certainly enjoyed the Spec. I read and reread everything. Due to Dr. Peters' article on what a College Prexy has to contend with, I changed my life's ambition."

Marlin's address has recently been changed and is now: PFC. Marlin Steinert ASN 17099914 Concord Point % Hdq. Btry. 1st Btn. Camp Langdon, N. H.

"I'm telling you for the last time you can't kiss me."  
 "Ah! I knew you'd weaken eventually."

The ROTC barracks on the Alabama Polytechnic campus boasts a national coke machine. Recently one of the barracks fellows dropped a nickel in the slot—and hit the jackpot! Much to his surprise, when he picked his bottled coke out of the delivery chute, another one followed it, and then another and another until 22 bottles in all had been delivered in rapid succession. Latest reports have it that further efforts and cajoling have failed to get a repeat performance.

A snore is an unfavorable report from headquarters . . .

### "Not What We Give . . . .

. . . but what we share, for the gift without the giver is bare," quoth Lowell in his "Vision of Sir Launfal" . . . And student Christians all over the world are learning to share.

It was in China that the second World War began . . . Likewise, it was in China that the initial attempt at student war relief was made. The Chinese Student Christian Movement began what has grown to be a worldwide enterprise. Last week our campus was visited by a promoter of that movement.



A Watch-tower — The Symbol Of A Prison Camp

In our sheltered lives here in the United States many of us do not realize just how fortunate we are. Even here in McPherson College the war has not really affected us directly. Each time we hear of someone else's leaving for foreign strands, of another person's losing his life, we feel it coming closer. Yet it remains, up to the present time, only a vague threat.

Because it has not affected us to a great extent as yet, because we have not had to deny ourselves many necessities, we are likely to become hardened to the thought of the suffering of others. We must be careful that we do not take too much of a stand-offish "it's your own hard luck; you brought it on yourself" stand.

After all is said and done, we do not consider ourselves responsible to a very large extent for this world conflict. Yet, at the same time, there are those in foreign countries, Americans as well as of other nationalities, who, likewise, were not to blame for this trouble . . . but are finding it necessary to bear the brunt of a large part of it upon their shoulders, nevertheless!

One who has never been denied his freedom cannot imagine the effect that imprisonment can have upon the personalities of a young person who, like you and me, is accustomed to being allowed to go place and do things as he wills. People who have been working with prisoners of war report that the greatest problem in the prison camp is one of morale. "Barbed-Wire Disease" starts as listlessness with the patient and ends with the complete withdrawal from the life around him. Finally he becomes afflicted with mental disease.

The W. S. S. F. has taken it as a task to help ward off this dread affliction. It is only through the substitution of something to do, some interest in life, and the feeling that people still remember them that these men can be saved.

The work among prisoners of war goes on among men on both sides of the conflict—in Europe, in Canada, and in other parts of the British Commonwealth, and among American prisoners of war in the Far East as well as in Europe.

Many young men through the W. S. S. F. are enabled to continue their studies. The initiative began from the men themselves. After they had been behind barbed wires for a few weeks, they began to organize their own discussion, lectures, seminars, etc. The books which are sent to them serve to occupy their minds with fruitful labor.

These tales of prisoners seem remote to us, but perhaps I can help to bring it down to earth. We all know someone who has been sent across and of whom we have not heard recently. Now suppose this boy, and this in many cases is only too true, were one of those imprisoned in foreign camps. If you were able, you would be more than glad to help him. . . .

This is an old approach, but, nevertheless, a realistic one . . . everyone of the prisoners has a friend just like you who thinks just as much of him as you do of your friends . . . Is it asking too much, then, to request that each faculty member and student in McPherson College contribute a bit to the aid of these people? It is to be hoped that all of us will bear this in mind when we are approached by the student representatives of the W. S. S. F. next week!

### Letting Others Speak—

"In my opinion, the students of America can do even more for themselves than for students of other lands by the support of the World Student Service Fund. We Americans have been a terribly provincial people in terms of international experience. Whenever we see the other fellow's point of view, we are doing ourselves an even greater service than we may do the other fellow, so greatly do we need to look beyond ourselves and our present restricted interests. There is the truth of human experience in those ancient words, 'He that keepeth his life shall lose it, and he that spendeth his life shall find it', whether this be in economic, political, or in social fields. Hence, in the present undertaking, you students have an opportunity not only for worldwide fellowship and understanding but also for personal growth and development. Others need your help, but you need theirs no less, to save you from yourselves."

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## All-Girl Orchestra Is Sponsored By Jaycees

Music lovers of McPherson will be privileged to hear Kryl Women's Symphony Orchestra Saturday, November 6 at Convention Hall. The all girl orchestra is composed of 50 pieces and is under the direction of Bohumir Kryl. A matinee and evening concert will be given at 3:00 and 9:15 p. m. Popular prices will be charged.

Kryl Women's Symphony Orchestra is being sponsored in McPherson by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. McPherson community has had the privilege of selecting the numbers the orchestra will play. Mrs. E. C. Mungenback and August San Romani head this group and they will be assisted by Miss Namoa Whitmore, Miss Eloise Burt, Prof. Nevin W. Fisher and Miss Jessie Brown.

# College 'Four Hundred'

Two carloads of McPherson students attended an S. C. M. conference at Lawrence last week-end. They were Eugene Lichty, Lucile Harris, Mary Beth Loshbaugh, Betty Dean Burger, Roberta Stinette, Ruth Shoemaker, Eunice Swank, Ann Metzler, and Eugene Swinger. Dr. Metzler also went along and drove one of the cars.

Dr. Mohler entertained his four biology majors and their guests with a dinner at his home Monday evening. Those present were Dean Hoeffle, Betty Greig, Bob Mays, Joyce Peter, Wilma Fae Kuns, Ernest Ikenberry, Roberta Stinette, and Keith Burton. Shirley Wyckoff spent Saturday and Sunday at Hutchinson visiting Merle Finrock and his parents.

Jane Bell went to Hutchinson this week-end. She met her parents there and went home with them. Her brother left for service in the Army from Hutchinson.

Several students attended the Don Cossack chorus performance at Newton last Friday evening.

Jane Anderson spent the weekend at Ramona, visiting Jack Applegate and his parents. Jack, who is in the Navy V-12 program and is attending college at Washburn University, was on a between-semester leave.

Several other boys who formerly attended McPherson College and are now in various branches of the armed services visited here on the campus during the past week. Darwin Culver and Bob Achilles, both in the Navy V-12 program, visited their parents in McPherson and friends here at the college. Merle Finrock, who is also in the Navy and going to school at Washburn University, was in McPherson Friday and Saturday. Several other alumni who were here included Vincent Allison, Paul Peterson, Lillus Berg, Harold Voth, Carl Kasey, and Bob Seidell.

Betty Kasey, a former McPherson student who is now attending college at Emporia, visited friends here on the campus last weekend.

Wayne Geisert and Maurine Gish visited Maurine's parents at Conway over the weekend.

Alice Mae Boyce spent the weekend at her home in Carlton.

Helen Burkholder (and some of the other college coeds) was pleasantly surprised when her two brothers, Cpl. Bob from Camp Lee, Virginia, who incidentally was chosen the outstanding quartermaster out of 300 soldiers at Lee, and who was enroute to Texas, and John of Halstead, a former student, spent the weekend here.

Saturday evening John Trostle, a former student of Nickerson, and Paul Dannelley a graduate of M. C. of Wichita, "buzzed" down from Nickerson and Wichita to visit Jean McNicol and Maxine Ruelien.

# To The Editor

The missive which follows came to the editor entirely unsolicited and proceeds to you unendorsed. It shall be the policy of the Spectator to print any such letters, providing they are printable and signed. The following is not necessarily the opinion of the Spectator but expresses the opinion of a contributing reader:

Dear Editor:

I contribute this opinion unsolicited, as the opinion of a large number of Maccollegians, in the hope that students and faculty of our "School of Quality" will give it some consideration.

It is not our intent to make an onslaught against the Personnel Committee nor their conscientious attempt to better student life in the extracurricular realm. We realize that your efforts to cut down some particular extracurricular loads are in the interests of those students—their health and their academic work—and that you are encouraging others to express their abilities more than they are now.

BUT—we feel that there are and should be certain limitations to the power of the Personnel Committee as such.

We are paying tuition of a considerable amount for the privilege of being educated here, and, further, our college "fathers" pride this campus on its democratic spirit—the students, too, are proud that our Student Council is more than a mere mouthpiece for the faculty as councils are in many schools. Congrats to the M. C. council for functioning as a real power in student activities! Since these commendations are all much in evidence, we question the wisdom of the Personnel Committee's action of this week. Recommendations and suggestions to over-loaded students are in order, but the policy of dictating to students just how much extracurricular load and what activities can be carried by students is a breach against the democratic tradition of our school!

Furthermore, the manner in which such a policy is carried out should be carefully agreed upon by the administrators. Certainly they should be agreed upon their dictates! "Passing the buck" is most unbecoming to persons in responsible positions. And may we suggest that tact and sympathetic understanding are much more effective than the dogmatic ultimatums which have resulted in hurt feelings and misunderstandings already.

We appreciate your interest in us; and your suggestions, we believe, will be kindly received. But please respect our own good judgment as a deciding factor in the matter of these most valuable extracurricular activities.

Sincerely,  
A Student "Overloaded"

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# "Scandalabra Glitterings"

The score was 5 to 1 as the Navy moved in on M. C. If you don't believe us, ask Shirley, Janey, Alta, and Evelyn Weaver . . . that is, if they are awake. Cpl. Bob Burkholder represented the Army.

Speaking of Burkholders . . . there was one in Bob Lowe's room last Sunday night or two o'clock Monday morning . . . So sorry if you got the wrong idea, but it was Johnny getting a few winks of sleep. Why? Don't ask us, ask Gertie. (Don't get alarmed, Gert, we're not even going to mention that Connormobile incident of last year!)

"Hopeful" Hoeffle (pronounced with that freshman English twist) has been reported to be taking a course in "Greig" shorthand (Not to be confused with Judo). It seems that the S. U. R. was the scene of a regular little free-for-all last Sunday, featuring "Dizzy Dean" and "Slugger Bet".

Dale Brown is still looking for his green cap. Girls, don't you realize that you could get him into trouble with the initiation committee that way? Two against one is "no fair" anyway. Weaver and the other anonymous skirt to whom we're speaking!

Last year's epithet of "Fire-door" Burton will have to be changed to "Safe-cracker", methinks. Need any safes cracked, windows raised, or doors broken open? See the talented Mr. Burton. This latest ability came to light last Sunday, it is said.

By the way, Helen, why the hurry to get up the inside stairs in Arnold Hall last Saturday evening? Not "Fleeing Lowe" are you? Anyway he

# Ballots To Be Cast For Homecoming Queen

Further announcements have been made concerning the election of this year's Homecoming Queen for the Homecoming Celebration of December 10.

The freshmen and sophomore classes will meet sometime before Friday, November 19, to nominate four girls from their respective classes to serve as attendants to the queen. The junior class will nominate four girls for the position of Homecoming queen.

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# Education For Victory

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Following is a suggested outline of topics for the week:

Sunday, November 7. Education for world understanding.

Monday, November 8. Education for work.

Tuesday, November 9. Education for the air age.

Wednesday, November 10. Education to win and secure the peace.

Thursday, November 11. Education for wartime citizenship.

Friday, November 12. Meeting the emergency in education.

Saturday, November 13. Educa-

tion for sound health.

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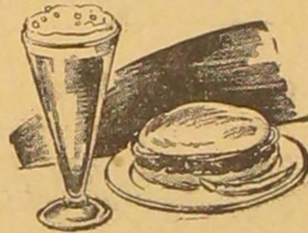
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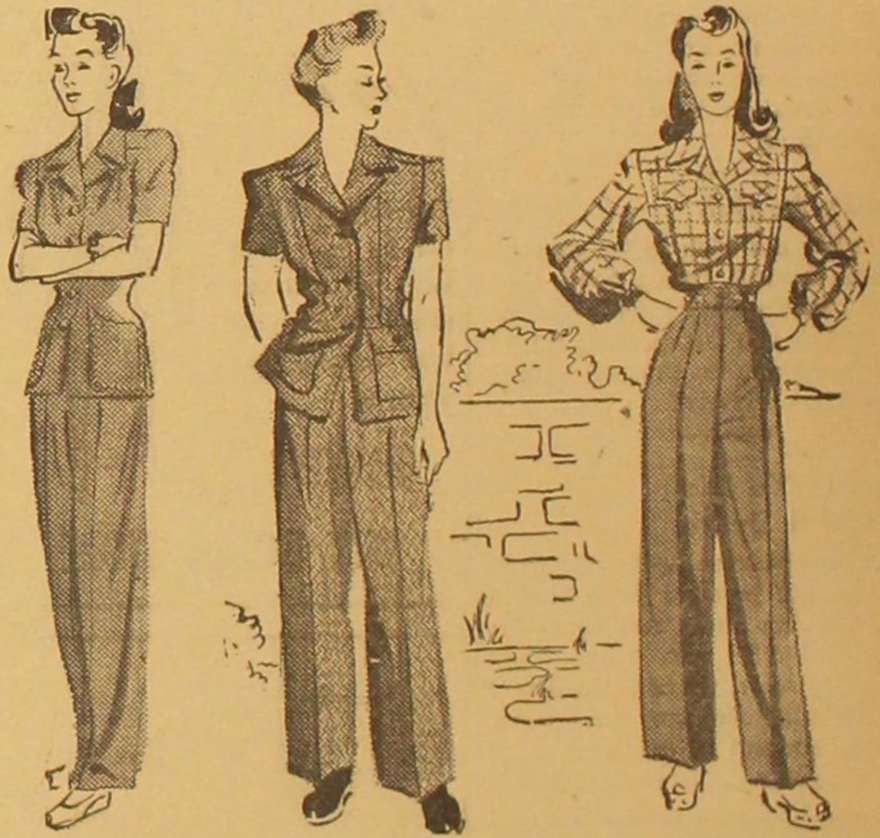
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### Rec. Group Sets Stage For Engagement Party

Recreational Council members received a surprise last Monday night when they discovered that what they thought was only a "practice" party was in reality the engagement party of Maurine Gish and Wayne Geisert, both of the class of '44 and members of the Recreational Council.

The group met in the home of Professor S. M. Dell to enjoy an evening of social games. Specially invited guests included President and Mrs. W. W. Peters, Dr. and Mrs. D. W. Bittinger, Mrs. M. A. Hess, Blanche Geisert, and Beralce Guthals.

At a crucial moment Dr. Bittinger stood and addressed the group, beginning his talk with a recreational emphasis, then lapsing into the history of Wayne Geisert from his birth as a normal boy baby, except for generous ears, until the present. He sketched the life of Maurine Gish, born a fine-featured little girl, through that period of her youth at which time her parents realized the necessity of placing their daughter in an institution (McPherson College). Dr. Bittinger made mention of the chapel seating arrangement of that institution.

At the conclusion of this announcement by the debate coach, Wayne slipped a diamond ring on Maurine's finger. This action was the culmination of questions asked and answers given several weeks ago on the Recreational Council retreat to Black Canyon.

Ice cream, cake, coffee and nuts were served after the couple had received a flood of congratulations. The lacy napkins were adorned with red hearts holding a picture of the engaged couple.

### We Are Active



### No Red Points Required

Phyllis Reeves and her committee have planned an outing club meeting for tonight at 5:30 lasting 'til 8:00. It is rumored that we are to have wetters and that the girls anticipating attending need not bring any red points. Could be Phyllis has found a "black market" somewhere? Outing members may also look forward to a moonlight hike sometime in the near future.

### Lamle In As Sub

Again, but not with regret on anyone's part Muriel Lamle took over Do-si-do last Tuesday night. As usual, everyone had fun getting mixed up! How do you do that allemande left and right anyway?

### Swimming To Die A Graceful Death

... Not because we're tired of swimming, but because we're having trouble keeping those red corpses running through our veins when we're in the water, we've decided that swimming will meet two more times and then fade out of existence until spring. If you want to swim anymore

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### Basketball Schedule:

Following is a list of the basketball games to be played by McPherson this semester. Cut it out and be able to refer to it whenever necessary. The schedule promises to be a good one with many thrilling games.

HERE - - -

- Nov. 30—Camp Phillips.
  - Dec. 7—Sterling College.
  - Dec. 10—Bethany College (Homecoming).
  - Dec. 21—Herington Air Base.
- THERE - - -
- Dec. 3—Herington Air Base.
  - Dec. 17—Camp Phillips.
  - Jan 7—Sterling College.

this fall, girls, we'll be seeing you Wednesday.

### "One, Two, Three, Four"—

... and it's Joyce Peter counting noses as her hockey fans stream off the field! With minor casualties only a part of the game the girls continue to come out. It's a great sport, and you who are complaining of the extra poundage you are gaining might find relief here. We assure you that you wouldn't just stand around. Hockey meets every Monday and Thursday.

### Student-Directed Play Featured Sunday Evening

Lillian Fulkerson, senior, has been directing rehearsals on a play which will be presented November 7 by the Intermediate and Senior Departments of the Brethren Sunday school. The play which begins at 7:30 next Sunday is entitled "A New Mrs. Atwood" and is centered about the subject of temperance.

The characters will be represented by Mary Jo Dell, Wilma Slifer, Bonnie Webb, Dorothy Wagner, Bonnie Martin, David Metzler, Byron Frantz, Stanley Bittinger, Donald Peters, Donald Lauver, Ruth Marie Crumpacker, Darlene Webb, Peggy Sargent, and Patty Bittinger.

Miss Fulkerson states that the public is invited to attend the play. Admission is free.

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## Squints from the Sidelines



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Last week I began a brief sketch of different players of the basketball team. This week I will introduce a few more players in order that you might know them better.

Louis Rogers hails from Corning, Iowa. Only sixteen years old, Lou is the baby of the squad, and what a baby! Lou slouches 5 ft., 11 in. in his bare feet (Size 14). The scales fairly groan under his 170 pounds of weight. Lou's favorite sport is football, but he is doing mighty fine in the cager's game. Remember to look for "Louie the Babe."

Dale Ferguson is another of those "city slickers." A local McPherson fellow, Dale was a member of the tennis team. "Rip" is about the smallest fellow on the squad but far from the meekest. Perhaps we should call him "Lefty." Call him what you like, Rip, Dale, Lefty, or Butch, he'll be right in there playing with the rest of those "big bulls."

Vance Carlson is our little "scandahoovian." "Little" referring to about six feet of hulk weighing at least within 50 lbs. of one-tenth of a ton. Blondie comes directly from McPherson High School. While there he was a good all-around athlete. Baseball is another sport in which Vance participates. When it comes to being an all around athlete, Vance has what it takes. Watch him and call him either of the following names: (Watch your language.) Vance, Swede, Blondie, or Curly.

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If you are now better acquainted with the new members of the basketball team, don't blame it on me. I've got it straight from the mob that these boys are really "hokay." They've got what it takes and a good coach to guide them. Looks like a good season. See you next week! (Unless the boys on the squad waylay me.)

### "Hobos" Flock To Hallowe'en Frolic

#### Penny Admission Provides Concessions And Thrills

As the mottled crowd attired in various stages of "hobotry" stumbled down the aisles of the Mac Theatre on Saturday, October 30, the official Hallowe'en party began. An exciting western, a melodrama, and some short features were the visual part of the program. The new cheerleaders, Glasier, Mays, and Burton, lead the theatre audience in some vocal exercises.

People stared, cars stopped, and the town smiled as the gay crowd passed on to the gymnasium in which the "M" Club and the W. A. A. under the direction of Coach Hayden had arranged a carnival.

A penny let them in to an evening of thrills, prophecy, and competition. Following the crowd around the gym from left to right, we find

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"Guess your age to the nearest seven pounds!" was the barker cry of Wilma Faye Kuns who operated that concession. Alta Gross operated a snappy pitch concession which brought the trip around the gym to a close.

The two other features of the carnival were the fun house, a trip through a dark room with ghosts, nets and wet sponges, and a fortune telling booth. Bob Mays, Joyce Peters, and Millie Jones constructed and operated the fun house. Miss "X" did the prophesying in the fortune booth.

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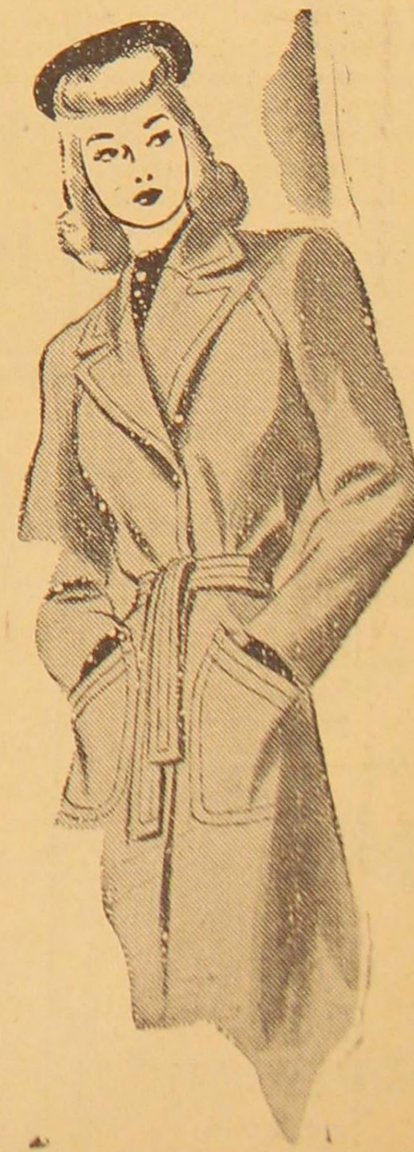
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