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Our Task Lies Ahead

We talk much of what is to come after this war is over. We hear speeches and lectures galore upon "a peace which will be a just and lasting one." We debate upon the question of whether or not force should be used in quelling world disorders. Oh, yes, all these are topics for our earnest consideration and discussion. Yet what, may I ask, is all this talk going to amount to in the end?

Let us go back to World War I. Most of us were still non-entities at that time; but there were other young people then, and they, too, had ideas of saving the world for democracy and of a reconstruction program which would guarantee an enduring peace. Many of those individuals who are now our parents may have been in college then, hearing speeches and giving them about what was to be done as soon as the boys came home from the battle front. They, too, were very much in earnest in their statements and beliefs.

Finally the end of the war came. That was a day of rejoicing for young and old alike. Spirits ran high, and for a while all men could think of was getting started in their jobs again and making money. Those who were not among the fighting men were already situated in such a way that they were making money hand over fist and were well content with things in general. All their fine ideas about providing a lasting peace had vanished, for they felt that there was no longer anything to fear. They were satisfied to let their leaders squabble and bicker over terms and finally come to remote agreements. By the time the depression struck they had forgotten their plans, and, besides, they were too busy then trying to figure out some way of "keeping the wolf away from the door."

Now . . . and you are probably wondering why I have been rambling on in this fashion . . . we are in the same stage as those other young people were while the first World War was raging. The time will come at which we, also, will see an end to this conflict. I don't mean to be pessimistic, but I'm wondering whether we are going to go through that same process of resituating ourselves in work and forgetting the things we talk of now. I sincerely hope not, but if human nature is allowed to direct action undisturbed by reason, I'll wager that this is precisely what will happen. It wouldn't be necessary but it is the thing which will naturally follow unless we do something about it.

The boys and men who are fighting and dying on foreign fields have much more at stake than we do now. They go to battle at the risk of losing their lives, while we continue our education, something which many of those same fellows greatly desire for themselves but, perhaps, will never be able to obtain. This war is largely their responsibility now . . . but only until the fighting ceases! Then it shall be OUR responsibility, as well.

And if we fall down on the job, neglect our duty, and throw over all the plans and ideals of the present, we will be preparing a let-down not only for ourselves and our posterity, but for our present-day fighting men. We definitely should have a voice in the settlement after the war is over. Those fellows who must fight now should be able to say what kind of a world they desire . . . But none of us will have that opportunity unless we make it for ourselves and insist that our leaders listen to us.

This world is ours as well as the world of the politician. Since it is such, we should consider it our duty and privilege to participate in its activities. None of us want to see another worldwide conflict. In spite of what we want or don't want now, we are likely to become inured to conditions, to take up our old self-satisfied smug indifference when this job is finished.

Then, let us determine that the close of this war shall not mean the end of our efforts toward a better world. Instead, let the armistice be merely the beginning of bigger and better things to follow. The time to prevent further wars is not while a war is waging. The big job at hand then is to finish the necessary fighting in as short order as possible. Then comes the real problem . . . and that is where our task begins!

Liberal Education In War

"If liberal education ever had any worth, it has more in time of war. With all the world in a state of flux, it is the responsibility of the institutions of higher learning to make clear the present significance of this struggle and to educate the men and women who will shape the future at its cessation.

"The bells of education are important as the bugles sounding the call for technical skill. Without the latter the war could not be won; without the former the victory would be worthless."

Sunflowers and Sandburrs - - -

When Maurine Gish informed Eugene Lichty of the Wednesday morning speech project, which, by the way, happened to be deliberate yawning on the part of diligent students, Lichty inquired of the maiden, "Learning to relax?" Maiden answered, "I know how to relax—it's how to get in gear that bothers me."

Well said, Maurine. It's how to get in gear that's bothering me right now, pecking out words in the Republican print-shop, while outside the town is in an uproar over the arrival of Army reconnaissance cars and demolition bombs and machine guns and Garand rifles. And soldiers. How to get in gear—that is the question. . . .

The other cold, extremely cold, morn at approximately 8:15 o'clock while trudging past the flag pole on my customary jaunts to Sharp Hall and vicinity, I chanced to greet Dean Boltrott, ears a-freezing, all slouched together inside his great coat.

"If The Shoe Fits - - -"

This column was prompted by the suggestion of an interested reader. This person had the idea that through our college paper we might be able to drop hints, anonymously, of course, concerning little personality traits and characteristics of Macollegians which, unknown to the individual, are a hindrance to him. No names will be used, but that does not mean that YOU cannot be the person in question. In fact, at times the trouble may be one common to many people. . . We hope you can take it, and "if the shoe fits . . ."

Why must some people always go around with a chip on the shoulder, complaining that the whole world is against them? Telling your troubles to the school in general may be a relief to you, but it is certainly a bore to your listeners.

Your disappointment when you didn't make that select group was no more than the disappointment of others who didn't make it. Why make it public knowledge? Good sportsmanship in the face of disappointment always goes over better than obvious jealousy.

Ask for your dates a little earlier next time, fellows. She likes to be able to plan ahead if the event is really an important one, and if you don't cooperate, how is she to know whether to plan on an escort or to buy her ticket, so she can "sit with the girls".

If you really don't want to go with that certain fellow, then turn down his dates in a way that he can tell

The man was galloping toward his home down Euclid street. "Fawney meeting you here," my teeth chattered. The man had a comeback. "What one doesn't have in his head he must have in his heel." Strange philosophy. . . .

Could it be that Della Lehman is a forgetful wench? It causes a degree of discomfiture among her students. For example, note carefully this bit of dialogue, snatched from the mouths of two young English majors: "Did you take Lehman's test this morning?" "No, she forgot to give it." (Agonized sigh on part of first speaker plus an appropriate facial expression) "Ooooh, and I skipped class on that account!!!"

Susie Ikenberry writes poetry—squashy, sentimental verses. The ones I had the rare privilege of reading were written two whole years ago, I was told by the poetess. "I was romantic when I was a sophomore in high school." Just imagine that.

what you mean. After all, he would rather know that he doesn't need to bother to ask again than to ask and be kept in the dark by logical excuses.

Build The Future With Books, Nov 14-20

Book Week, November 14th-20th, with its slogan, "Build the future with books," places the emphasis on youth at home and in the school—the proper place for the emphasis. In A Book, Emily Dickinson wrote words of wisdom, which follow: "He ate and drank the precious words,

His spirit grew robust; He knew no more that he was poor, Nor that his frame was dust. He danced along the dingy days, And his bequest of wings Was but a book. What liberty A loosened spirit brings! The books are in the library. They are yours for the reading.

To The Editor:

(Continued from Page One) the cards before us and let us work out our own schedules. Is that a denial of the "democratic spirit of our college 'fathers'"? Maybe our "college 'fathers'" could have been wrong!

It has come to the point on this campus that if any of the administrators pass a rule, initiate a new policy, or attempt to give advice without consulting the Women's Council, "Rec" Council, Student Council, and a few disgruntled individuals, it is considered pro-Nazi in tactics. After all, maybe the

Our President Comments:

There is a manpower problem at McPherson College and as a result there are difficulties in attempting to carry on all the so-called extra-curricular activities and at the same time do justice to each of them and also the regular college program of studies.

Personally, I do not undervalue the allied activities; but we must never forget that the heart of the college educational program is the curriculum.

The spirit of give-and-take must be in evidence on the part of both students and faculty in working out ways and means by which adequate adjustments can be effected in seeing to it that all essential activities are promoted with due consideration for all concerned.

Probably fewer meetings can be scheduled for some of the organizations without injury to any. It may be that fewer meetings well planned and executed would be even more valuable.

McPherson College students and faculty have an enviable record for friendly relations and democratic ideals. During times of restricted living our friendliness and democracy are put to a test and we have the opportunity to prove our true worth in being considerate and cooperative.

members of the faculty should have a little superior knowledge in the field for which they have been trained. Or is it the Student Council that is best informed?

Edmund Randolph stated that "danger lurked in the too vigorous

application of the democratic theory." Let us begin to put into practice on our own campus the type of democracy that will be practical for the rest of the world.

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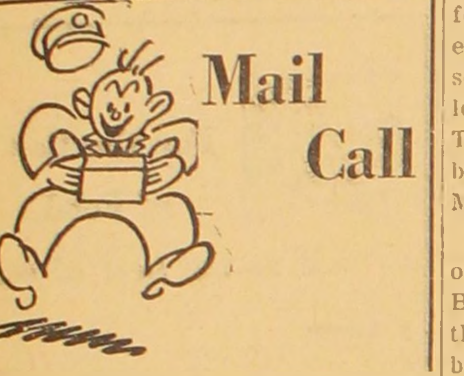
Commission Uses Laboratory Method

One, two, three—TEN. Oh, oh, who's the culprit? Reckon we'll find out tonight when the fun-lovers of the Camp Leadership Commission of the SCM spring from their supper tables and pile into the arms of Professor Berkeblie, Edward Murray, and Alvin Klotz to spin over the rolling hills to the little white church by the side of the road—you know, that one in which Edward Murray is seen every Sunday morning.

The delegation will scramble down into the basement in which games, tricks, group singing, and by all means, food, will constitute the program of the evening. Everybody ready? Let's have roll-call just to see that Ethmer hasn't been left in the kitchen, or Klotz in the mushroom.

Orlo Allen, Evelyn Bentley, Ethmer Erisman, Elvin Frantz, Dorothy Love, Dorothy Kurtz, Ila Verne Lobman, Jerry Mease, May Oye, Margaret Peterson, Evelyn Swank, Evelyn Wilson, Roberta Stinnette, and Wilmer Brubaker, who compose this "recreation" unit, have been planning for the last few weeks to entertain some forty young people from the district surrounding Darlow with an evening of good fun.

It will no doubt be a tired group of SCM'ers who wend their way back to Macampus in the wee hours of Saturday morning.



Mail Call

From Sergeant Tom Rea, formerly known as "Bandleader" Rea or "Monty Wooley" Rea, we hear: "I want to take this opportunity to thank you for sending me the 'Spec' regularly. I enjoy it very much and really get a bang out of reading it. Notice that you have made some new additions to it's make-up this year, which are very clever. I read every word of it. . . . Everything from the Stroke of the Clock to the Ads. It is swell to keep up with what goes on in Macollege, and, although many of the names that appear are new to me, I enjoy every inch of it, particularly the Mail Call column, for it is very interesting to know what those fellows are doing now and just where they are located.

"Things here in the 'dear old South land' are a bit dull right at the present and also surprisingly cool for this part of the country. It has been quite cold here the past two weeks. As hot as it got this summer, I didn't suppose it could get so cold.

"I am working in the Artillery Section of the XIX Corps Headquarters. The majority of the work is office work, however we have been doing quite a bit of field work the past month. You will note that I now have a change in address, but

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"The past two weeks we have spent a great deal of time out on the range working with various Field Artillery units. It is indeed quite a thrill to watch those Howitzers (guns) place fire out in front of you, and at such a great distance. The procedure of their plan is quite lengthy and complicated, and I haven't begun to grasp it all yet, so it would be useless to try to go into detail in this allotted time and space.

"I see that Klotz has a hand again this year in spite of the 'student-shortage.' Three cheers for Al! That means never a dull moment in his work this year—just ask the man who owns one.

"The Thespians have certainly 'tackled' a swell play for their first production of the year. Am sure it will be a hit, with a capital H, and only wish I could be there to see it. 'Afraid there is no 'hot' news in Camp Polk, so in closing shall thank you again for the 'Spec' and am eagerly awaiting next week's copy."

Tom's address is:
Sgt. Tom Rea, 37514609
Hdq. XIX Corps.
A. P. O. 270
Camp Polk, La.

And we hear from the Marines in the person of Maurice Cooley:

"I like it a lot in the Marines. The food can't be beaten. Officers and even the sergeants are swell guys. It seems here that we are going to college instead of preparing for war. This statement may seem 'stretched' but that is the way it is on all the Marine bases I've been on.

"Right now I am waiting for my operational training 'till some new B-25 'Billy Mitchells' get here. When they get here, my duties will be combination Radio-Radar operation and gunner.

"Mother was down for graduation and we went to St. Augustine to see the historic parts of the city. It is sure interesting, especially the old Spanish Fort, the Shrine and cemetery and including the alligator farm.

"I would like to come back to college and study hard and maybe do a few pranks, but there is a long hard road to go yet, and there isn't time for that now."

Write to:
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Burton, Keltner Draw And Play For B.P.W.

Throughout the school year McPherson College students are called upon many times to present programs for the various clubs and churches of the community. Last Monday night two of the fellows appeared before the Business and Professional Women's Club. Keith Burton entertained with a chalk talk in which he was accompanied by Donald Keltner at the piano. Keith also played several piano numbers.

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College 'Four Hundred'

Rex Wilson spent the week-end at his home near Enid, Oklahoma. Eldon Mohler went with him.

Millie Jones visited Ruth Saxon, a school chum and former McPherson student, at Leeton, Missouri, last week. Ruth is teaching in a country school near Leeton. She sends greetings to everyone here at college.

Jane Anderson and Pat Kennedy were overnight guests of Susan Ikenberry at the Ernest Wall home Saturday night.

Lois Kauffman spent the week-end at her home in Abilene, Kansas.

Eloise McKnight went to Salina Saturday to visit her aunt, Miss Allene Long, who was attending a teachers' meeting there.

Betty Kimmel visited her sister, Mrs. V. B. Kruse, at Little River, Kansas, this week-end. Berniece Gethals went along as her guest.

Alvina Dirks spent the week-end at her home in Buhler, Kansas.

Bob Lowe's parents and his brother were visitors on McPherson campus this week-end. His father had been attending a teachers' meeting near here.

Lenora Shoemaker, who is Ruth Shoemaker's sister, and a friend, Louise Sanger, spent Saturday night at Arnold Hall, visiting friends here. Lenora, C'43, stopped here on the way back from a teachers' meeting. They were Sunday guests at Dr. Mohler's home.

Barbara Holderread visited her sister, Leona, Sunday afternoon.

Bernard Tinkler, a former McPherson student, is spending his furlough here on the campus with his wife, Anna Mae.

Lauren Matson, S 2/c, visited the campus this week on a furlough from Chicago. Sailor Matson, radio technologist, is waiting for further orders.

All last year's students will remember Margaret Truesdale. Miss Truesdale was on the campus last Sunday renewing old acquaintances. She is attending college at Kansas State.

Pfc. Ernie Dale, former editor of the Spectator, was on the campus this week-end visiting friends. Ernest is in the Army Engineers' Corps and is now stationed at Texas A. & M.

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A striking parallel to the Love Club of last year is the newly formed "Kiss-A-Miss Club". Recollect last year?—No? Harbaugh and McRoberts launched "the Love Club"—a year elapses—Now the Kiss-A-Miss Club makes its debut with Harbaugh again in the limelight, for Naylor has enthusiastically been acclaimed president. Begorry it's bewitching, the way she does it.

Ikenberry does himself well—what with Kennedy and Glasier handy in an emergency. Discussing private affairs, he hinted that things were progressing smoothly. With an air of achievement he announced, "Why, I'm practically an engaged man." Gasps of astonishment greeted this bombshell. "Who?" With a noncommittal shrug of his shoulders, he answered, "Miriam . . . at home." What a relief—but it's disappointing, eh Pat?

Remember when Mease and Scofield almost campused Kline? With Dorothy pining for a picture to adorn her dresser Evelyn obligingly swiped a negative—presumably from Scofield. Several prints being desired, an order was made and with bated breath the girls eagerly watched the mail box. "They're here," shouted Evelyn exuberantly. Hur-

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riedly they opened the envelope. "Oh-h-h", moaned Dorothy . . . for Rex Wilson's smile met her gaze. Just mistaken identity, but of what value is Rex's picture to Grove?

Klotz has competition nowadays as far as bellines are concerned. Last Wednesday when Ethmer's table congratulated their "papa" on having reached another landmark in the passage of time, there arose such a clamor as was never heard before in McPherson College. Finally the din became so terrific that one table, to quell it, called a slipperline for the entire third floor.

We hate to mention Naylor again, but you haven't heard anything until you hear him quack in true Donald Duck fashion. Elva Jean says that going with him is like seeing one continual Walt Disney picture.

Nine weeks are over, and proctor election is past and gone. There weren't too many heard feelings over the outcome, although Mary Beth Loshbaugh did have the audacity to run against two of the up-and-coming second floorites. She was sorry later, though, for the next morning signs had sprung up all over the campus telling people the state of affairs. Mary Beth, true Puritan at heart, courted forgiveness by giving each of her tormentors a packet of taffy with this inscription upon it, "Live your enemies. Do good un-

to them that hate you." (If it wouldn't be "looking a gift horse in the mouth", we'd tell you that the taffy was fine except for the nut-shell and the hair found therein.)

Keltner and Metzler have taken to spending their Sunday afternoons in the S. U. R. engaged in that ancient pastime, Rook. The only trouble is that neither of these two innocents has learned to play the game yet, and it becomes necessary for their opponents, leading by about two hundred points, to allow them to get ahead to keep peace. Then this sly pair suddenly decides to quit playing, and stoutly maintains that it's small lead is a deserved one!

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Eleven Bulldogs are undergoing a strenuous daily workout on the basketball court. Indications are that McPherson college will have a team of which to be proud by the time the season actually begins.

Of the eleven the five who have been chosen to compose the starting lineup are Vance Carlson and Francis Markham, forwards; Glenn Swinger, center; Eugene Lichty and Bob Barr, guards.

The second team, which, according to Coach Thomas C. Hayden, rates right up to the first team in ability is as follows; Paul Markham and Dale Ferguson, forwards; Bob Lowe, center; John Brown, Don Keltner, and Louis Rogers, guards.

During the practice period last Tuesday Coach Hayden took inventory of his players as to age, height, weight, and home address. His compilations are thus:

	Age	Ht.	Wt.	Home
Barr	17	6	165 lbs.	McPherson
Brown	17	5-11	185 lbs.	Geneseo
Carlson	17	6	174 lbs.	McPherson
Ferguson	17	5-10	140 lbs.	McPherson
Keltner	17	5-9 1/2	155 lbs.	Kans. City, Mo.
Lichty	22	5-10 1/2	155 lbs.	Waterloo, Ia.
Lowe	17	6-2	188 lbs.	Deerfield
F. Markham	17	5-11	155 lbs.	Chanute
P. Markham	18	5-10	145 lbs.	Chanute
Rogers	17	5-11	165 lbs.	Corning, Ia.
Swinger	22	6-1	192 lbs.	Essex, Mo.

Bullpups Play Manhattan

War-whoops from the Manhattan redskins will split the air tonight, as they are besieged by the McPherson High School Bull-pups on the college field. College students who are hungry to see another real football game are invited to be on hand at this one. Admission of twenty-five cents plus the display of a student activity ticket will be charged.

Hoefle, Shoemaker Direct Fun Nite

Sore limbs Saturday and perspiring brows the night before characterized last Friday's SCM play night. Everything from voley ball to ping pong and badminton to archery was played. After the happy crowd had played itself out, the group participated in a few folk games directed by Alta Gross and Muriel Lamle. The party closed with group singing led by Ruth Shoemaker. The occasion was under the direction of the co-social-chairmen, Dean Hoefle and Ruth Shoemaker.

Don't throw your old text-books away . . . contribute to W. S. S. F.

Squints from the Sidelines

done by don

Football must surely be instinctive for nearly every American boy. Even though we're not so good at it, we still like to kick that pigskin around. When it begins to turn cold in the fall and leaves start to turn color, it is really a fine feeling to wiggle into a pair of cleats and attempt the game once again. If any of the fellows on the campus are interested in playing football get in touch with his editor, but quick. This isn't anything big, just sort of a reunion for lost and forgotten football players.

Read it and weep. A fatal decision has been reached voluntarily by several of the basketball players. This decision may be stated as something like a proclamation. Hear ye, hear ye, all of the dormitory feeds will be strictly out of bounds. After long and careful deliberation it was finally assumed that one of the major causes of our poor condition is eating bread and jelly and other such conglomerations so late at night. That food sure tastes wonderful about 11:00 p. m.; but it makes you feel terrible the next day about 4:00 p. m. We hope that this will be good news for the coach.

The jig's up, fellows. Coach can tell when you're out of condition. The truth of this statement was brought to light last Monday afternoon. The beginning of the practice was a sparkling spectacle to witness. Everyone had plenty of life, even the basketball. Toward the end of the period, though, that old man fatigue gradually began climbing over all of us. The blowing system for the gym was shut off while we furnished our own air via huffing and puffing. Markham and Carlson, those two forwards who just love to race down the court on

setups, were content to remain at one end of the floor. Many of the fellows complained that someone had slipped some lead weights in their legs. When Coach finally suspended practice, the sighs of relief were undecipherable. We walked a mile past the dressing room door to get our tails in. That's what you call dragging. By the way, the coach's new theme song is, "There'll be some changes made."

We Are Active



Pass The Biscuits, Mirandy!

. . . only they weren't biscuits—and it wasn't Mirandy. Phyllis Reeves and her committee doled out hot dogs to famished members of the Outing Club last Friday night. The hi-light of the evening came when Sport Manager Sandy insisted on doing the elephant walk to show her ability as a tumbler.

Next Sunday afternoon the members of this club will participate in a scavenger hunt. The hunt will begin at 4:30 o'clock and last until

5:30, at which time these "bring 'em back alive" people will present their findings. Prizes will be given for those who endured the most hardships to get the required items.

Flash!! Flash!!

Last Tuesday evening "Looch" Harris was seen directing Do-se-do Club. This reporter knows that "Looch" is a busy person so we forgive her and welcome her anytime she can and is able to direct the club. But one warning, Lucile, that play had better be good!

And So It Was Buried . . .

Actual activity of the Swimming Club ceased last Wednesday when members discussed the various swimming strokes and other phases of the sport. Although the club will not meet again until next spring, members will not forget the "Y" pool where both belly-flop and elegant swan dives served as entrances into the water.

Against All Rules And Regulations . . .

Hockey had a new male member last week. It was in the person of "Hopeful" Hoefle. Of course, the fact that Betty Greig is an outstanding member of the squad had nothing to do with his being there. Annette Glasier got a free paint job done on her toe nails last week in hockey—only, really, Annette.

Thru' Yellowed Specs

(More gleanings from the Spectator of '23)

The moving of the telephone from the hall of Sharp Administration building to Arnold Hall has already proved to be a great convenience, especially to those of that Hall and also to those of the other dormitories. This change has been needed for some time as it is now in a more nearly central location for all dormitory students and teachers.

Service is one of the ways by which a tiny insect like one of us can get a purchase on the whole universe—Richard Cabot.

To be glad of life, because it gives you the chance to love and to work and to play and to look up at the stars; to be satisfied with your possessions but not contented with yourself until you have made the best of them; to despise nothing in the world except falsehood and meanness, and to fear nothing except cowardice; and to be governed by your admirations rather than your disgusts, to covet nothing that is your neighbors except his kindness of heart and gentleness of manner; to think seldom of enemies, often of your friends, and every day of Christ; and to spend

as much of your time as you can, with body and spirit, in God's out-of-doors—these are little guide posts on the foot-path to peace.—Henry Van Dyke.

Classwork Climaxes In Badminton Tournament

Dorothy Grove, a freshman from Iowa, won the Badminton tournament which was held this week in the Phys. Ed. classes. Four games of badminton were played, and Dorothy emerged victorious over Eva Mae Klotz with three out of four games to her credit.

Badminton has been the chief sport which the Girls' Recreational Sports class has been playing. It terminated this week with a class tournament. It is customary for tournaments to be held at the end of each sport season with all girls participating. There are twelve girls in the class. Alta Gross, senior, directs them.

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