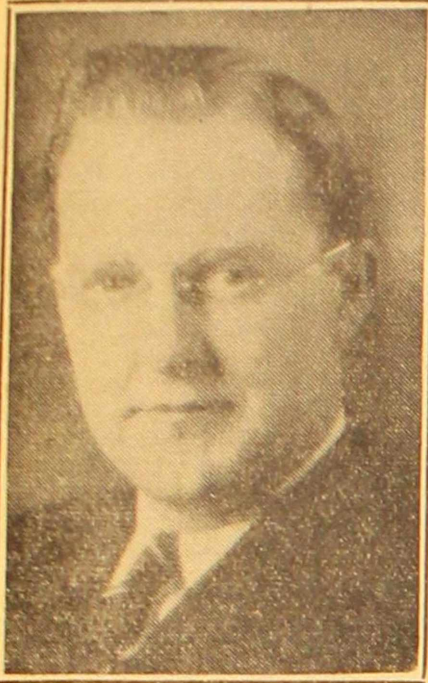


## Christian Youth Dine At Church Monday Eve.

Beckes, Youth Worker, To Be Main Speaker

Dr. Isaac Beckes, director of Youth Work of International Council of Religious Education, speaks in chapel Monday morning, Dec. 11.

A native of Indiana, Mr. Beckes received his B. A. in Education from Indiana State Teachers' College; B. D. from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Chicago, and has completed his residence work for a Ph. D. degree at Yale University Graduate School. He is writing his dissertation on "The Influence of Weekday Religious Education on Inter-Faith Activities in the Community."



Dr. Isaac Beckes

In the International Council of Religious Education Mr. Beckes directs the nation-wide program of the United Christian Youth Movement in which young people of 42 denominations participate.

On Monday evening he speaks to Christian youth of McPherson at a banquet in the Church of the Brethren. The Student Christian Movement is working in conjunction with Christian youth of McPherson in planning the banquet which is to be attended by young people of the different churches. All students and faculty members who wish to attend the banquet are welcome. Tickets are 50 cents.

## International Relations Hear Mrs. Bowersox

Last Friday the International Relations Club held their third meeting. Mrs. Bowersox spoke on the "Disillusionment of an Internationalist," giving a background for post war plans. Mrs. Bowersox was a college student during World War I and she observed very closely the mistakes made then and some of the same mistakes which are being made now. It was a very worthwhile meeting.

## They All Return Home

By Dr. Robert E. Mohler

Homecoming is as real to the "Old Grad" and former student as it is to the Freshman when he returns home following the first twelve weeks of college. Some conditions are different, but on the whole the idea is the same. There will be no fond mother on the campus to comment on how well you look, how much you have grown, and who wonders if you have had enough food to eat while you are away, and if you have had the opportunity to sleep as much as a growing boy or girl should. It is doubtful if there will be a sweetheart or lover on the campus who will admire your magnificent manners and ways, but though these are absent, there still remains the "Campus," the "Atmosphere". (Both the physical about the laboratories and the still more real, the spiritual that is present in every nook and corner), and a few good friends who are just as anxious to see you as you are to see them.

The individual that allows the spirit of homecoming to die loses one of the finest things that mankind possesses. "Make new friends, but keep the old, these are silver, those are gold", is more completely understood as one lives more, and the one returning to his Alma Mater is only striving to renew the acquaintances of old friends. If by chance you should see an "Old Grad" or former student walking alone about the campus or through the halls do not pity him. It is far more fitting that you rejoice with the wanderer, for

he is reliving some of the best days of his life, and no one can know but he, the enrichment and satisfaction that he is getting from those hours of meditation.

The Freshman is generally disappointed when he returns to his home following his first few months in college. Things at home seem so different, in fact, almost everything seems to have changed. It possibly never occurs to him that he possibly is the one who has made the greatest changes, and the differences are only observable because he and his old home have grown apart. The experiences of a college homecoming are exactly the same. Those who come back are many times disappointed, for things are not as they use to be. Most students who return after an absence of several years would most certainly affirm that they would much prefer to spend a night in "Old Fahnestock" with its rattling windows, creaking doors, hard beds, and occasional rodents, than to sleep in "New Fahnestock" with its soundproof walls and modern fixtures. Would he really want to go back to those old walls, or is he just wanting to relive those conditions once again, hoping that by so doing he might bring back for the moment those carefree days of his college life?

The above paragraph is not contra-

dictory. It is dealing with two situations; one real, the other imaginary or hoped for. The "Old Grad" is disappointed in the Campus, true, it is much better than when he knew it, but things in general do not look right. Students are so young, the old buildings are not as large as he thought they were, and the faculty does not have the poise of the faculty of his day.

If the "Old Grad" is to have the grand time that he anticipated he must remember that one law of life is CHANGE. This law holds for a college and it holds for an individual. Who would want to return to the college if it was exactly the same today as it was ten years ago? The truth is, the college has grown, it has gone forward, and you too have changed.

An aged mother looks forward for days to the time when her sons and daughters are to return to the old home, and to her these visits represent some of the finest days of her life. A college is no different than an aged mother. Those who work at the college from year to year receive some of their greatest satisfaction in seeing faces of former years again on the campus. We are proud of you. You and your successes are the things that make us feel that our lives have counted for a little. So to you "Our Children", we extend our heartiest welcome, and may the few days or hours that you spend with us this year be among the most satisfying of any that art yours.

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## Homecoming Festivities Commence

### Denominational Colleges Meet At McPherson, Sat.

McPherson College will be host to the conference of the Council of Church Related Colleges Saturday, Dec. 9. There will be representatives here from approximately 12 or 15 colleges. The first session opens at 9:30 Saturday morning in the S.U.R.

Carl H. Kunsemuller, chief of the vocational rehabilitation and educational division of the Veterans administration in Wichita will be the main speaker for the conference. The discussion at the conference will largely consist of matters pertaining to education in the post-war period.

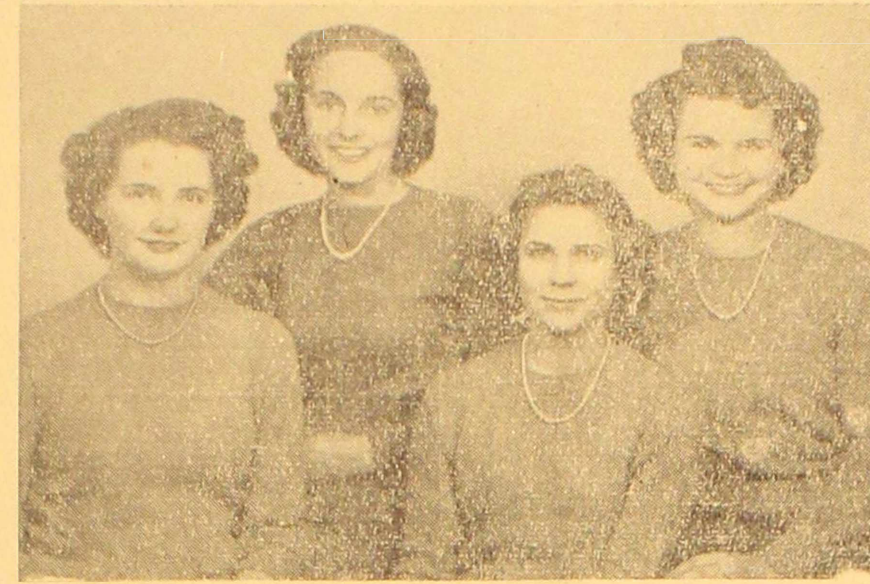
### Students Hear Yoder Discuss China-Japan

"China and Japan" was the subject discussed by Dr. J. J. Yoder in chapel Wednesday. Dr. Yoder attended McPherson College in 1889. He has been a member of the McPherson College faculty, a trustee, teacher, and traveler. At the present time he is president of the executive committee of the college and an elder of the college church.

Dr. Yoder told of his travels to China and Japan in 1920 and 1926. He spent approximately one year on each of these trips. He compared these two countries and their habits and customs. Japan is mostly a group of islands and is very overcrowded. The people are nearly all involved in agriculture, fishing, and trading. The inhabitants want industry and that is their purpose in wanting to get China. The Japanese are industrious, ambitious, have good schools, most of their number are literate, they are clean in their habits, very courteous, suspicious, and have clean physical surroundings. The Japanese need more room and essential resources.

China is a large vast country—nearly two million square miles. It has rich soil, great resources, and is well located. The Chinese people are very poor, ill-literate (only 5% are literate), patient, long suffering, cheerful, humorous, and peace-loving. They need money to establish industries. They need help and ideas to get them started.

### Her Highness and Attendants



Left to right are pictured: Last year's Queen, Berniece Guthals, Freshman Attendant, Phyllis Strickler, Queen, Elva Jean Harbaugh, and Sophomore Attendant, Lois Kauffman.

### Pfc. Herbert Ronk Killed In Action

Pfc. Herbert Ronk was killed in action November 20, in line of duty as a scout in the infantry in Germany. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Annette Glasier Ronk, a junior at McPherson College; and by his father and step mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. Ronk of Twin Falls, Idaho; his sister, Mildred, and his brothers, Charles and Howard, and two half-brothers, David and Roger.

Herbert Ronk was a former student of McPherson College. After he graduated from Twin Falls High School May 22, 1941, he attended McPherson College for two years and was a very active student. He was a member of the band, Chemistry club, Thespian club, Choral Club, BYPD, and was member of the A Cappella choir and a Cheer Leader during his second year.

In the summer 1943 he joined the Air Corps. Later he transferred to A. S. T. P. and was at Lehigh University in Pennsylvania until his unit was disbanded and he was transferred to the infantry at Camp Clairborne, Louisiana.

Annette Glasier and Herbert Ronk were married August 13, 1944 at the camp chapel at Camp Clairborne.

### Ken Krehbiel Accepts Publication Position

Kenneth R. Krehbiel of McPherson was elected to fill the position of Alumni Representative on the Board of Publications at the meeting of the board last week. Mr. K. R. Krehbiel, editor and publisher of the Daily Republican, which he recently bought from his father, W. J. Krehbiel, fills the vacancy left by Leland Lindel. Mr. Krehbiel took his first two years of college work at McPherson and received his Bachelor of Science degree in electrical engineering at Kansas University. With his wide experience in publishing and the actual make up of publications his advice will be of great value in guiding the student publications of McPherson College.

The other members of the Board of Publications are: Maurice A. Hess, Editorial adviser for the Spectator and Quadrangle; J. H. Fries, Business Advisor for the Spectator and Quadrangle; John W. Boitnot, faculty adviser; Kenneth R. Krehbiel, alumni representative; Mary Beth Loshbaugh, editor of the Quadrangle; Charles Dumond, business manager of the Quadrangle; Berniece Guthals, editor of the Spectator; Dale Brown, business manager of the Spectator; and Annette Ronk, Ruth Shoemaker, and Kent Naylor, student council representatives.

### All-School Xmas Party Is Friday

Features Program, Food, And Gift Exchange

"Santa Claus is coming to town." Well, maybe not exactly, but anyway the Christmas season is coming and Santa will be present at the annual Christmas party to be held Friday night, December 17 in the S. U. R.

The kids will be coming with exchange presents. Then later in the evening they will be given a chance to donate their gifts to a collection which will be given to needy children.

The party is being planned by the social committee of the SCM. Chairmen of the committees are: Eula Wolf, food; Pat Kennedy, program; Mark Emswiler, decorations; and Yo Takehara, clean-up.

### McPherson's Fifty Dollar Club Has 113 Members

The paid membership of the \$50 club of 1944-45 has reached a total of 113. The goal for this year is 200. Eleven states in all are represented. So far in ten families both the husbands and the wives have joined. Twenty-three of the present members are from McPherson; seven are trustees and four are members of the faculty.

### Alumni Return to Alma Mater For Celebration

The final note in today's Homecoming festivities will be found in the singing of "All Hail to Thee" and in the recessional of the Queen and her party. Miss Elva Jean Harbaugh, a junior of Waterloo, Iowa, will reign tonight in the annual Homecoming activities. Miss Berniece Guthals, senior of Elmo, Kansas, will crown the Queen between halves of tonight's game. Attendants to the Queen are Miss Lois Kauffman, sophomore of Abilene, Kansas, and Miss Phyllis Strickler, freshman, of Ramona, Kansas. Misses Anita Sharon and Priscilla Fulkerson of this city will bear the crown.

### "The Christ Child" To Be Presented By Mass Choir

Cantata Date Is December 17

The cantata entitled "The Christ Child", by C. B. Hawley, will be presented in the Church of the Brethren on Sunday evening, December 17, beginning by 7:30, by the Adult Choir and Girls' Choir of the Church and the A Cappella Choir of McPherson College. The public is invited to hear this Christmas production.

Soloist for the cantata will be Miss Dorris Murdock, soprano, Mrs. Merlin Frantz, contralto, Mr. David Albright, tenor, and Mr. Keith Burton, baritone. Accompanists will be Mrs. Lloyd Larson, organist, and Miss Lois Kauffman, pianist. Professor Nevin W. Fisher will direct the cantata.

### Scholastic Honors To Metzler, Helman

Heading the honor roll for the first nine weeks is Ann Metzler, senior, with the high total of 46 grade points. In second place was Blair Helman, and in close third Dave Albright. "Genius" or just plain "hard-working," these and five other McPherson students—Annette Ronk, Leora Dobrinski, Ferne Allen, Willis Unruh, and Eunice Swank—topped the list of the intelligentsia.

To be eligible for the honor roll, students must earn a minimum of forty grade points during the previous semester. This report constitutes merely a review of the first nine weeks which is not authentic for the semester as yet.

A traditional custom here is that of compiling an honorable mention list. These students having a minimum of 35 and a maximum of 39 grade points were Susan Ikenberry, Mino Koide, Mary Beth Loshbaugh, Blanche Geisert, Alvina Dirks, Ella Mae Friesen, Dale Brown, Ruth Shoemaker, Esther Miller, Robert Mays and Lois Gauby.

### Bus. Mgrs. And Others Contribute To "Spec"

If you have ever read the masthead, you may have noted his name, but you can only guess at the size of the job that is his. The advertisements that make the Spectator possible are the products of his able efforts. Meet the important man, Dale Brown from Wichita, Kansas, is the business manager this year. He is assisted by Betty Greig of Denver, Colorado, and Roberta Mohler of McPherson as collector. Professor Fries is the adviser for the business end of the Spectator. In this time of shortages and bottle-necks, the business end of the Spectator is no little task.

The job of getting the Spectator out to the readers is under the able supervision of Da Vern Lobban, assisted by Joyce Riddlebarger and Margaret Peterson. The Spectator is sent free of charge to former students and alumni of McPherson who are in the service. It is also sent to many subscribers all over the world.

Preparatory to today's activities was the pep rally in which enthusiastic students roared out their pep in true Bulldog spirit. The pep rally under the general directorship of the Barkerettes and directly overseen by a student committee under Robert Mays, featured a huge bonfire and cheer session. After the rally the group attended a theater party at the Mac.

Homecoming proper, however, began this morning with the regular Friday chapel at which time entertainment was provided by talented alumni.

The annual Homecoming dinner will be served this evening at 5:30 in the dining hall. Here alumni will be in charge of the program. Keith Hayes C'26 will be toastmaster at the dinner and the Queen and her party will be presented.

Following the meal McPherson College and her son and daughters will repair to Convention Hall downtown. At 8:00 they will view the game between the McPherson Bulldogs and the Ottawa Braves and the crowning of the Homecoming Queen.

Complimentary tickets have been sent to all alumni with McPherson addresses. All alumni, as well as students, will be seated in a special section on the east side bleachers. WAA letter girls will act as ushers.

### Debate Teams To Winfield Tourney

First Tournament Of School Year

At four-thirty Saturday morning all debate teams accompanied by four faculty members begin their journey south to Winfield for the first debate tournament of the season. Many of the teams will be facing formal opposition for the first time. However, Professor Hess has prophesied that McPherson will win some debates at Winfield.

Making the trip are the men's and women's varsity teams composed of Marvin Blough, Dale Brown, Mark Emswiler, Blair Helman, Annette Ronk, Blanche Geisert, Pat Kennedy, and Anne Metzler. Other debaters making the trip include Freda Aurell, Mary Beth Loshbaugh, Wanita Drennan, Ruth Engelland, Theora Hardy, Catherine Little, Elsie Schnorr, and Warren Hoover. Accompanying the squad are Coach L. Avery Fleming, Prof. Berkebile, Professor Hess and Dr. Bowersox.

### Social Calendar

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Sat., Dec. 9, Conference of Church Related Colleges  
Mon., Dec. 11, Banquet at Church  
Fri., Dec. 15, Christmas Party





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## Welcome Home

Driving up Euclid to the college, one is greeted by huge scarlet lettered sign bearing the word "Welcome." The Spectator staff joined with the faculty and students in extending to you a very hearty welcome.

When I think of Homecoming, Del Riego's popular and majestic "Homing" comes to mind.

"All things come home at eventide Like birds that weary of their roaming, And I will hasten to thy side Homing."

McPherson College is "home" to some 12,000 alumni and former students. To each it is home in a different way.

Home brings thoughts of friendship and of loved ones. To many the thought of McPherson probably recalls to mind the memories of college friendship—some which have lasted thru the years, some which have culminated in marriage. To others McPherson means valuable guidance received from the president, dean, history teacher, and perhaps even the college chef.

McPherson is probably the place at which many have received the inspiration which has encouraged them to live a better life. McPherson College places before its student the ideal of life at its best and offers the challenge to make the world a better place in which to live. During the years of higher education, valuable experiences have been received which has made life more beautiful.

Regardless of the thoughts, the memories, and recollections, McPherson conjures a warm place in the heart of every alumni and former student.

"Thou art my hunger and my heed The goal and solace of my yearning Be Thou my haven as I speed Homing."

Thus Del Riego's song continues and the words still fit. McPherson is a haven—a place where memories are revived, friendship renewed, and ideals rededicated.

Homecoming will be different this year as it was last year, but the same characteristics of loving friendship and serve still permeates the atmosphere of McPherson.

## Peacetime Military Conscription

Drums are being beaten in real earnest to work up enthusiasm for post-war conscription. Within recent weeks General Marshall, Secretary Stimson, and President Roosevelt have spoken in favor of compulsory peacetime conscription. Two bills proposing a year of military training for American youth, the May Bill and Gurney-Wadsworth have been before Congress for several months, but action has been postponed until January.

What's wrong with peacetime military training for the United States? Military conscription of American youth would stand in the way of a durable world peace. If the Axis nations are to be completely disarmed after this war, why should the United States continue to maintain a gigantic military establishment backed by national conscription? National conscription does not fit into the picture of any genuine world police system. If the United States would pass this compulsory military bill, it would be a starting signal for international armament race and competition in conscription may well be disastrous when one considers that Russia has 200 million people and China 400 million. Both countries are moving rapidly toward complete industrialization. If the United States proposes to rely on military might in the future can we expect them to do otherwise?

One of the claims most often in favor of conscription is that it will make better citizens and discipline our young men. It is believed that it will improve the health of our young people, train them in the use of weapons for defense of the country, and develop in them a spirit of true democracy. Any system which could accomplish all that would be worth preserving. But will conscription do that? Good health is the result of long process of proper care and right living. If our schools have not been able to develop healthy youth in 12 years, then it is foolish to expect that the military could do it. Learning to use firearms and other weapons may directly contribute to an increase of crime and gangsterism.

The President declares that Americans are "undisciplined." Almost identical words can be found in the speeches of most European dictators. In this sense the word "discipline" means "unquestioning obedience." Have Americans now come to the point where they prefer discipline to freedom?

Universal conscription for military training is defended by some as a truly democratic means of maintaining armed forces to protect the nation in case of attack or invasion. People say that because such a system treats everybody alike it is democratic. But if Congress should pass laws establishing slavery applying to all people between the ages of 20 and 40, we would not consider it democratic. Democracy is not the idea of treating everybody alike.

Democracy's very foundation is respect for the individual, leaving the individual free to determine his own course in life, to develop his talents and abilities in his own way, and to follow the dictates of his own conscience, as long as doing so does not harm others or interfere with their rights.

## Yoo Hoo! Dummy!

Yoo Hoo! Guess what? Isn't it wonderful? Perfectly marvelous! Oh, you want to know too, well, it's this way. Having corresponded with a certain cover company ever since school commenced, they finally realized what was what (must admit it took Prof. Hess and business manager, Dumond, to get the editor out of the several succeeding dilemmas in which she tangled self and company to a fare the well.) At any rate they finally understood her ideas, and she understood theirs, and everybody understood everybody's, and the covers were ordered! Hurrah!

Of course, the dummy, the editor could only conceive of one dummy, herself, but it seems the cover company thought differently. They wanted a paper one. Even that's on its way, so we'll dispose of the covers—till next May. (Here's a plug for the Quad—Get your order in now, else you'll be sorry.)

Still on the subject of dummies, it seems the engravers are requesting theirs as they are bewildered at some of the copy that has gone in. Strange isn't it? Especially when one hears Mary Beth saying "There, do you suppose they'll understand what I mean?" or "It sure doesn't make sense to me." as she rubs her head "confusedly." Papa Dumond is most kind as he patiently tries to make order out of the existing chaos of his "ed's" confusion. Even roommates feel the touch of fate as, with increasing regularity, they inadvertently find themselves writing a letter (sworn to secrecy, of course) to clarify some vague detail—usually gets "vaguer," but small matter.

Pictures—hundreds of them—passing as sheep before one's eyes at bed time, all night too.

Oh, yes! Have you heard the latest? At Board of Publications meeting, Quad pictures were being discussed. Prof. Hess informed the group that the largest number of times a person's picture was in the Quad, "to my knowledge" and he wrinkled his nose appreciatively, "was several years ago. I think the editor had 21 pictures of himself—if my count was correct." Here his eyes twinkled knowingly at this year's editor, unfortunately she was concerned with other matters at the moment. It took little Gracie Geisert to catch the full implication of the remark, though. "I want to beat the record," she later confided (in tones audible to all second floor—providing one was listening, of course) "I want 22, no 25 pictures." Alas for Gracie, methinks Mary Beth must have heard, as it's an established fact that she (the editor) is searching for 25 pictures (printable one we presume) of the prexie of the Student Council. Not a bad idea, either, but she probably needs some help.

It probably would be advisable—from the faculty's point of view, at least, if a bit of serious and specific information were to be advanced concerning the Quad's present status. Things are progressing nicely although speedy completion of picture taking is hampered by elemental opposition including the weather, faculty, the staff's heavily laden extra-curricular load (other than Quad) and a few other minor details. Thanksgiving, basketball games, nine week tests, debate practices (and forthcoming tournament) all take their toll from the desirable speedy completion of the book, despite these obstacles the Quad is moving along—on schedule!

A system that forces everybody into the same mold is simply not democratic, it is a dictatorship. Presumably we are fighting this war in order to prevent the spread of Hitlerian ideas about the right of the state to absolute control over the life of each individual citizen, regardless of either his wishes or his conscience. If at the end of the war, we have adopted exactly the same ideas, what kind of victory have we won?

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## The President's Corner

It is appropriate to say on the occasion of a college Homecoming that the faculty and students on the campus represent the parents and children who are anxious to receive aid to welcome home the older brothers and sisters.

Our hope is that those of you who return to your Alma Mater find happiness in your opportunities to renew acquaintances, to revive memories, to establish new friendships, and to enjoy the entertainment and hospitality so willingly and generously provided and given. YOU ARE WELCOME.

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# S.C.M. Is Active Under Able Leadership

### Shoemaker And Swinger Are Co-chairmen Of SCM

The Student Christian Movement or the SCM as it is known on the campus has been an active and forward organization under the able co-chairmanship of Ruth Shoemaker and Glenn Swinger. Ruth is from Wenatchee, Washington and Glenn hails from Essex, Missouri. The SCM is a branch of the National YMCA and YWCA. This year the membership is about 125 which composes a greater part of the entire student body.



Ruth Shoemaker

The SCM has sponsored many worthwhile speakers as well as many programs of worth as well as of interest. Eleanor Gants, Hilda Benson, Reverend Harold Ingalls, and Marjorie Hyer are but a few of the recent visitors sponsored by this organization. The SCM will sponsor the coming Christmas Party and the WSSF Drive to be held sometime in the spring. It has sponsored two trips: one to the States S. C. M. Conference at Topeka which 13 Mac students attended, and has sent one representative, Ruth Shoemaker, to the National Brethren Student Conference held at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania.



Glenn Swinger

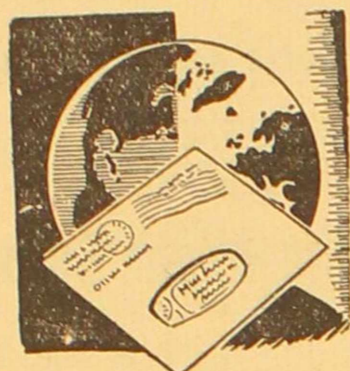
The other members of the cabinet are made up of the other officers and the leaders of the three commissions; Personal Relations, Recreation Commission, and Student Volunteers. The secretary of the organization is Jerry Hedges and the treasurer is Blair Helman. The regular Thursday evening meetings are in charge of Eunice Swank and Charles Dumond. The Social committee is headed by Elva Jean Harbaugh and Keith Burton. Anne Metzler and Ernest Ikenberry are in charge of publicity. The adult advisers are Dr. Metzler and Professor Berkebile.

The regular Tuesday morning commissions have been very busy each in its particular branch of activity. The Personal Relations group under the direction of Susan Ikenberry and David Albright Jr., have been studying the proper personal relations in the home, school, church, attitude toward the race problem and in war time traveling.

The Recreational Commission lead by Lois Kauffman and Kent Naylor have been planning and studying various recreational problems. The Student Volunteers under the leadership of Mary Beth Loshbaugh and Dale Brown have been helping in the Brethren Relief effort. The girls have been doing sewing and the fellows have been repacking boxes of clothes of the Brethren Service Committee.

All in all the Student Christian Movement here on the campus has been endeavoring to bring the Christ-like spirit of service and fellowship closer to home and to the hearts of the students of McPherson College.

## News of Students



### On the Land, On the Sea, In The Air

Pfc. Wilbur R. Beattie, former student, writes from England:

"England isn't as nice as the States by a long way. The English are ten to fifteen years behind the States in mechanical development, especially in household appliances. Some of the old-fashioned articles may be caused by the war.

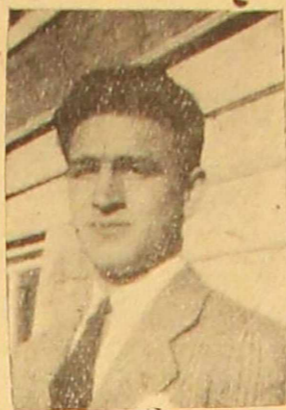
"Things here are opposite to many of our things. Doors open to the wrong side. Cars drive on the left hand side of the road. The light switches are opposite to ours.

"I have been to London once. That is a great city. It doesn't have any great tall buildings like New York, Chicago, or even Wichita. It is spread out over a very large area. I saw many of the famous buildings of London. Among them are Westminster Abbey, Parliament, Buckingham Palace, No. 10 Downing St., and other places. London has really been hit by the buzz bombs. The English have really stood up to the raids beautifully.

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## Meet The Student Council



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Composed of fifteen members, the Council includes Blanche Geisert, president; Keith Burton, treasurer; Ruth Shoemaker and Robert Mays (vice president), senior representatives; Ferne Allen (secretary) and Gerald Mease, junior representatives; Eula Wolf and Kent Naylor, sophomore representatives; Leona Dell and Bryant Fisher, freshman representatives; Annette Ronk and Ernest Ikenberry, extra-curricular representatives; and Dr. John Boitnott, Miss Della Lehman, and Prof. S. M. Dell, faculty representatives.

Thus far in the school year student government has been operating

smoothly. The big items of business have been those connected with budgeting of the study activity fees, freshman initiation, elections of cheerleaders, and Homecoming royalty, and other homecoming activities.

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"I am working in the X-ray department and I do mean work. It is interesting and I see lots.

"I haven't met anyone from Mac college over here yet, but will probably see someone sometime."

His address is Pfc. Wilbur R. Beattie, 37533241, 61 General Hospital, APO 63, New York, New York.

Lt. (jg) Guy Hayes, graduate of McPherson College and well-known in McPherson community, writes from Farragut: "This being a dreary Thanksgiving day and having a little time on my hands I'll write you a letter of happenings here at Farragut. It is quite a place. At full capacity they have had over 60,000 recruits and personnel at this station. At present there are only a few thousand recruits in training, instead of the usual 30 to 40 thousand. It all adds up to the fact that Farragut is being discontinued as a Recruit and Naval training center. The exact statement appeared in the work-sheet of the day before yesterday. "Service training requirements are such that it will be inadvisable to continue input of re-

cruits to this station after December 1, 1944." This discontinuance of inputs will lead to a decommissioning of the Training Center in the spring of 1945 . . . . From this you can see that things are happening here that make both officers and en-

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listed personnel begin to wonder what their next move will be. They have already moved out considerable numbers of chiefs, some enlisted men and a few officers. It will probably start in a wholesale fashion around the 1st of December.

"I have learned a lot in the past long three weeks here. Primarily they have been training me for a Battalion Commander and I have learned much about discipline, what they teach the boys as recruits, how they handle their gear, the mechanics and routing of a boot camp, the use of the sword in conducting Battalion orders and manuel of arms, etc. Along with this I have satisfied my curiosity about the many things I have heard about Farragut.

There is a half day off this afternoon. We had a big dinner for all officers along with the enlisted men at mess today, and there is a free dinner at the Officer's Club this afternoon from 3 to 6. I'm going to leave now to get some recreation, probably basketball, with some other officers and chiefs now. I'm not bored but I'm frankly a little lonesome, most of which I hope will be

corrected somewhat in about a week Hope things are going well and that you are getting into your own basket ball season at the College." His address is Lt. (jg) H. G. Hayes USNR, Reg. Hdqts., Camp Wark USNTC Farragut, Idaho. Mrs. Hayes and son are now in Farragut visiting Lt. Hayes.



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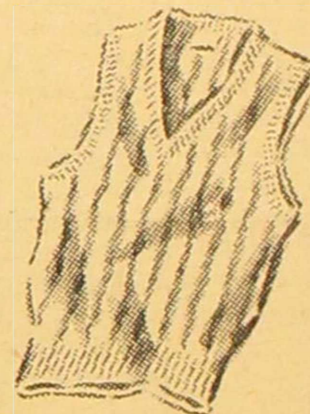
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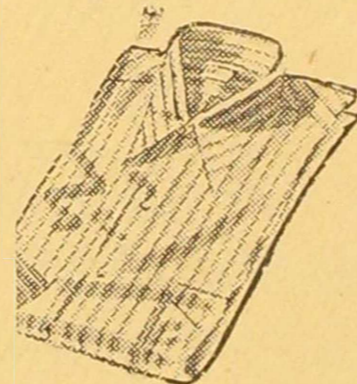


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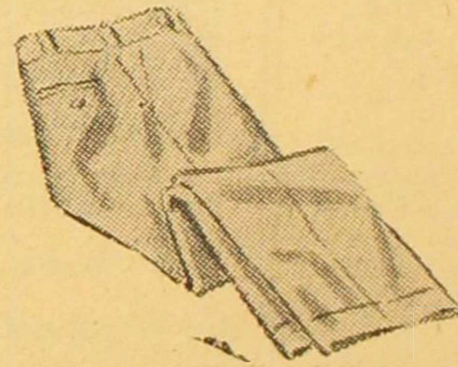
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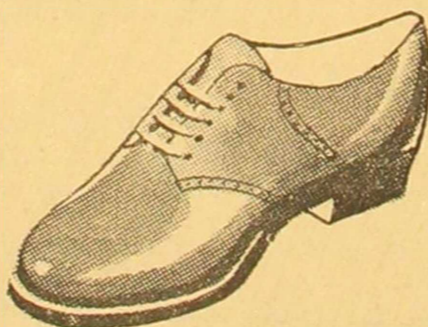
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# SOCIETY

It seems that nearly every week something special turns up to add more to the society column, and this week it was The District Young People's Meeting. Although the number of delegates was not as large as anticipated, there was a splendid group of Kansas young people here over the weekend. The wintry weather, gas rationing, and things like tires and school kept the number down. However, those who came had a splendid as well as inspirational time.

During District Meeting, a quartette scammed off from the college to sing for Charles Dumond's church in Scott City. The quartette was the one that sang as the Student Minister Quartette last year, made up of Glenn Swinger, Kenneth Wampler, Don Scofield, and Charles Dumond. They borrowed Warren Sanger's car for the occasion, and in spite of stormy weather sang cheerily and made it home late Sunday night.

Last Friday night after the game (and I might add that it was some time after the game) Miss Leona Dell entertained Misses Donniss Wampler, Joan Finck, and Roberta Mohler at a slumber party. I guess they really did slumber but food came first. Just ask Bert!

Another party was held, also in a faculty house, but this one was in the honor of Kenneth Wampler's twenty-first birthday, a sort of 'coming out' party. The affair was held in the Ikenberry home with Donniss Wampler and Susan Ikenberry as hostesses. Guests were Joan Finck, Roberta Mohler, Leona Dell, Mrs. Ikenberry, Betty Ikenberry, Esther Ikenberry, Glenn Swinger, John Ditmars, Jerry Mease, Warren Sanger, Orlo Allen, Bryant Fisher, and Ernest and Rev. Ikenberry. Many exciting, if dubiously odd, packages were opened by the honoree, and the cake baked by Mrs. Ikenberry was delicious, even if Glenn was unable to figure out how it was made. . . . the cake was a checker-board one, which proved a little too deep for hero Swinger.

Not very many of the girls went away from the campus during the week-end for all of the time, or even part of the time. Among those who did; Jo B. Brooks and Evelyn Royer went to Jo B.'s home Sunday afternoon and evening. June Kirbie spent Saturday and Sunday with Gertrude Conner. Betty Greig visited her aunt in Salina, and Ebba Spohn went home to Windom. Phyllis Strickler went home, too, to keep a dentist appointment! Lucille Frantz went to Hutchinson to visit a girl friend, and Leora Dobrinski went to Mead with Hillis Williams.

## S. O. S.

### In The Library

#### New Books In The Library

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# Chit and Chatter

"Off We Go Into the Wild Blue Yonder" at least Betty has been floating around in a daze since a certain "Tony" wanted Twitter to introduce him to our fair lassie. Evidently she made a good impression, for the next night they were seen together at the show.

At the game last Friday there were some interesting new "twosomes." Our little "Woo-Crops" was escorting in with pride none other than Miss Donniss Wampler. Donnie spent the night at the Dell residence and I guess she did not exactly abide by the dorm hours!! A not quite new couple at the game was Ethie and Betty—Not bad!

Poor Wallie!! Phyllis R. informed him that the reserved section was for the Barkerettes only. Everything worked out O. K. though because D. M. scooted over and only a red ribbon was between them.

That purty airplane sweater— gee, how it does get around!! Last year we saw Fanny wearing it around. After he went to the Navy, Brother Paul apparently assumed ownership of it. One day we see Jeanie wearing it and then here comes Janis in it. Speaking of Fanny—have any of you seen those pictures of him in his uniform?

If you were in church Sunday night you would've noticed one row of girls that were shaking all the time. It seems that Pert Neher was taking a little snooze during the sermon. Why Miss Neher!

Christmas—ah! Irene's mother is coming here—couldn't be that she would like to meet Dale??

Just think how long that this column has been in existence and nary a word has been said about George and Marjorie. I guess that these two have been hitting it off plenty all right ever since their senior days in M. H. S.

Elsie Schnorr and Warren Hoover—that 4F ("or F4" quote Hess) debate team are lucky—but Blair and Pat seem to find time to work together too.

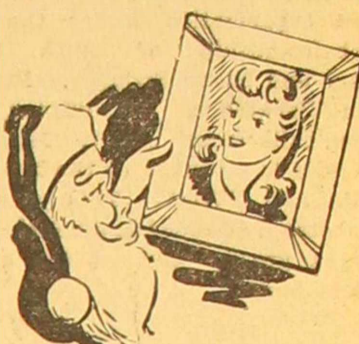
Fortune Telling proves to be enlightening to say the least. That's what the kids at Kenny's birthday party did the other night. Jerry Mease, we discover, will marry his first love! Speaking of Jerry's loves I guess he was very disappointed when the carload of kids from Wichita failed to contain that cute little number he met at camp. In case you don't know, Jean was the May Queen of Wichita East High last spring. You're doing O. K. Jerry!

And aren't coincidences nice, Roberta . . . especially when they appear on the double? 'Course Roberta when we speak of Tobias Benjamin Latham's visiting Roberta? Well, and then of course you all know our little managing editor. Well, then . . . now this is the point . . . it seems that the Mohlers possess two, the feline of which is "Tobias" and the canine of which is named "Ikey" for Eisenhower? ?

Conflagrations and complications, ever, it's bound to "blough" over. Keep going to Spectator Advertisers. They keep us going.

More trouble horizons . . . From all indications another little triangular affair is coming to a head, and it's Bough-Murdock-Blough (Bloughs to the right of her, Bloughs to the left of her) and it is next to impossible to decide which is the leading man. No matter what happens, how-

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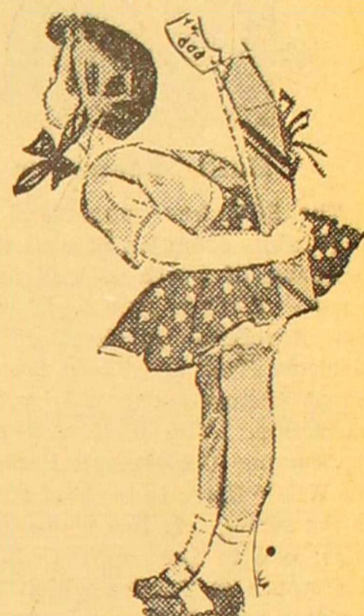
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### District Youth Gather For Week-end Rally

#### Sunday Activities Close Conference

The District BYPD youth held their rally at the Church of the Brethren in McPherson December 2 and 3. Besides a large number of McPherson youth attending the inspiring services, there were out of town guests present. Church representatives were Monitor, Salem, Darlow, Hutchinson, and Wichita.

To begin the Sunday activities of the conference, a morning watch was conducted in the sanctuary of the church with Doris Crumpacker playing the pipe organ throughout the entire service. The young people from the Salem Church near Nickerson, Kansas, conducted the devotions.

Rev. Blair Helman, student minister of the college, gave an excellent sermon on the topic, "Christian Optimism in These Dark Days." The morning service was conducted by Dale Brown, president of the Southwest district of the Young People. Jo B. Brooks sang a vocal solo, "The Prayer Perfect."

The Young People of the McPherson Church were in charge of the opening exercises at Sunday School. Betty Ikenberry led the singing and Donnis Wampler was pianist. The call to worship was led by Bryant Fisher, who also read a paper entitled, "A Statement of Belief and Purpose." This paper was prepared for Brethren Youth by the National Youth Cabinet. The visiting Young People were entitled to attend whichever class they desired.

A very inspiring and stimulating program was given Sunday afternoon at the church for the Brethren Youth Conference. Entering the church, one was greeted by an organ prelude by Miss Berger. She then accompanied David Albright as he sang, "The Holy City." Doris Coppock sang "Green Pastures," accompanied by Lois Kauffman. The holiday spirit was touched upon by "He Shall Feed His Flock" and "Christmas Medley" played by Mrs. Kurtz at the organ. The trombone quartet, consisting of Doris Coppock, Eula Wolf, James Johnson, and Dale Brown, played "When the World's on Fire." Offering was taken for the "Heifer Relief Program." Evelyn Metzger sang "Calvary" accompanied by Lois Kauffman. The program was then climaxed by a piano solo by Gertrude Conner, entitled "Concert Impromptu."

### Shoemaker Reviews S.C.M. Conference

Ruth Shoemaker presented an interesting account of her experiences at the Brethren Student Christian Conference at Juniata College to the group of S. C. M. members who gath-

ered in the S. U. R. Tuesday. The music was in charge of Lois Kauffman and Kent Naylor from the Recreation commission, and devotions by Mary Beth Loshbaugh from the Student Volunteers.

The Brethren Student Christian Movement is composed of college students who are interested in the work. The conference theme was "The Task Ahead." Post-war reconstruction was one of the items discussed by the group. Luther Harshbarger, who led the discussion group, stated "We must go into the foreign land on the basis of comradeship, and not with the attitude of trying to tell them how to do everything." The group also considered the Dumbarton Oaks and May bills.

The officers elected for the coming year are Norman Harsh of Manchester College as president, Carl Myers of Elizabethtown as vice-president and Charlotte Stutzman of Juniata as the secretary-treasurer.

There were 60 delegates: sixteen from Manchester College, eleven from the Bridgewater school, fifteen from Elizabethtown, nine from Juniata, six from Bethany, two from a C. P. S. camp and one from McPherson College. "Next year," promises Ruth, "we are going to do better."

### District Youth Banquet Together

District young people met together last Saturday night in a banquet held in the basement of the Church of the Brethren at seven o'clock. The banquet was a feature of the District Youth Rally held on the campus last week-end.

Ernest Ikenberry, witty college sophomore, presided over the festivities as toast master. Major attraction of the evening was Rev. W. H. Upton's interpretation of "Green Pastures," the play depicting the Negro conception of Life. David Albright, tenor, set the stage and created atmosphere for this interpretation by singing a Negro spiritual, "My Journey's End."

Other musical numbers included a solo by Kent Naylor, "How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings," and two program songs, "In My Garden" and "When a Maid Comes Knocking," by the Varsity Women's Quartet. Elva Jean Harbaugh accompanied the musical presentations.

### Ikenberry Speaks On Causes Of War

#### Nationalism - Racism Are Fundamental Causes

Nationalism and racial prejudices are the two most acute conflicts in causing wars, stated Mrs. Olivia D. Ikenberry in chapel Monday. Mrs. Ikenberry is acting dean of women of McPherson College.

Showing the effects of nationalism, Mrs. Ikenberry used as an example Germany. This government is concerned with the common good of the people and both Germany and Japan are concerned with getting more land for their people. Their people having a great feeling of nationalism, feel this is the best thing to do. Would it not be better if all would think of our neighbors rather than our country entirely?

Nationalism, said Mrs. Ikenberry, must be curbed if peace is desired. If the thirteen colonies could unite there is no reason why nations could not unite today.

The race problem goes along side with nationalism. Mrs. Ikenberry expressed the feeling of other nationalities against the suppression of the Negro in the United States. The human species all belong to one race-color make no difference. It is the geographic or social difference, namely the love of country, that starts the feeling against people of other colors. The white race is the minority race and it is up to students to read and study the race problem of today.

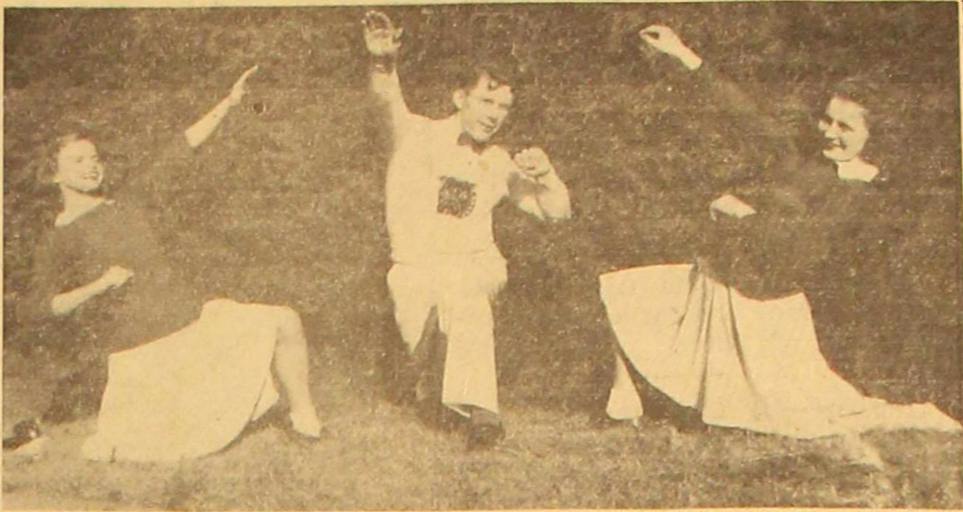
Mrs. Ikenberry closed by explaining that the same God who guided our fathers is here to help us and each one must be leaders in bringing about peace. THIS IS MY FATHER'S WORLD, but it is not His until each child gives love and toil and sacrifice to make His dream come true.

### Color Problem Is Theme Of B. Y. P. D. Program

A new understanding of the color problem was gained by all that attended B. Y. P. D. last Sunday evening. The problem was presented in a different and stirring manner in a reading, "Temple," narrated by Mary Beth Loshbaugh.

The program was opened by a prelude on the piano by Alice Ruth Baily, followed by a hymn, "My Savior's Love," sang by the con-

### Keepers of The Pep



Holding the keys to the Bulldogs pep are the three cheerleaders, petite "Twitter" Aurell, who keeps the homefires burning in McPherson, vivacious Pat Kennedy, hailing from Marshalltown, Iowa, and vociferous Bob Mays who proudly acknowledges Denver as his home.

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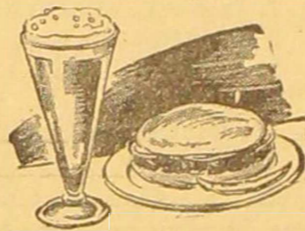
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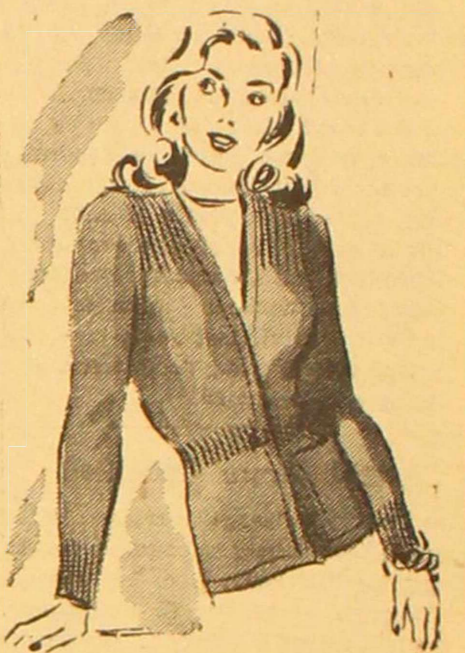
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Last year's clever Bulldog team had little trouble handling the Braves a double defeat. In the first taking them 63-30, but slipping somewhat in the second engagement, the Canine five took a thriller by a 54-50 count.

After a week of concentrated practice, Coach Hayden has changed his starting lineup somewhat and has announced the probable starting lineup for tonight's game thus: Gerald Hutchison and Dave Albright, forwards; Glenn Swinger, Bulldog captain at center; Paul Markham and James Johnson, guards.

Although this is Ottawa's first game and we have no records to compare, they have five men returning from last year's squad. The Bulldogs will be on the lookout for Ishimitsu and Hasegawa, two speedy Japanese-American guards, who showed up well last year.

Our Man Friday promises a great Home coming game!

### Central Game Canceled

The Bulldog-Central College game, previously scheduled for this coming Thursday, Dec. 14, has been canceled, according to a statement made by Coach Hayden. Instead of playing Central, December 14, as previously scheduled, the Bulldogs will play them January 13, at the community building at 8:00 p. m.

### Women's Athletics

#### Hiking's To Our Liking

This fall the Outing Club has sandwiched in some activities among so many other extra activities. On October 6 we had a breakfast hike at Lakeside Park. On our picnics, we have girls on committees such as fire-builders, chow-slingers, swabs (dishwashers to you) equipment and ever fatal clean-uppers! On October 13, girls hiked out to the Boy Scout Cabin for a supper hike. We've had two foodless hikes, a moonlight hike, and a scavenger hike. The weather is always a problem and we compromised the last time and canceled a Hare and Hound hike to play basketball in the gymnasium. Those who have gone to four out of five outings up to date are Leora

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### Swim—Or Drown

The Swimming Club was opened this year by teaching the fundamental strokes of swimming to the beginners. The old swimmers were given freedom to take part in any phase of the program they desired. Some beginners can now swim a short distance (you know the "Y" pool is not very big) and all the girls can stay on top of the water in some way or other.

### Hop, Skip, And Jump

Under the leadership of Phyllis Reeves at the beginning of the season and Wilma Fae Kuns during the latter part, the members of the Do-si-do club have learned a number of new folk games and cowboy dances.

Not only have the participants learned to follow the figures as called—but they have had a great deal of fun learning the proper execution of many calls. Various types of folk dances which have been presented are examples of long dances, line dances, divide the ring type, do-si-do-type, square dances, round dances, symmetrical, and the "single visitor" type.

The efforts of the Do-si-do enthusiasts have been aided by pianists Gertrude Connor, Leora Dobriniski, Alice Ruth Bailey, Donniss Wampler, Geraldine Tharrington, and others.

Over twenty members are expected to be active by the end of the season.

### Au Revoir, Ankles

Hockey had a very successful season this year. Several energetic girls participated, and had lots of fun. Because the football field was so big, we played some of our games in front of the gymnasium. When Ruth Huston gets out there she really goes after that ball! Joyce Mays and several of the rest of us seemed to get in the way all the time, and if it wasn't our chins that suffered it was our ankles! But ignoring all the bumps that we received, we really had a swell time. Betty Greig was our capable leader, and she did a splendid job. The season ended November 27.

Coach Hayden



This season's cagers are the fifth McPherson College basketball team that Tom Hayden has coached. To his players he is an able coach and an all-around good fellow who knows his basketball. He received his B. S. degree from the University of Illinois, and his M. A. from the University of Iowa. He came to McPherson College from Coe College, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

### Basketball Schedule For 1944-45

Dec. 8, Ottawa U. (Home-coming)	Here
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By talking to the Herington boys after the game last week, we learned several things. For instance did you know that all of the Herington players, except Johnson, the smaller colored boy, are college graduates, and he only lacked 8 semester hours before Uncle Sam called.

As you could have guessed by their ball handling, they played from 2 to 4 years of college basketball before entering the Air Corps. Deitchman, no. 27, is a former New York college star, No. 20, Flores, the guy who scored 18 pts., played professional ball in Texas before entering service. Kennedy, the tall colored boy who covered Swinger so well, is a three year letterman.

So you see, experience, along with along with bad ball handling and the missing of freethrows by the Canines, were the main factors in the Bulldogs' defeat by Herington. No, I'm not making excuses, just giving you facts.

Herington army air base won from Strother field in a service league

game at Strother field last Tuesday night by a 58-44 score. Flores led the scoring for Herington with 14 points.

Comment: They didn't do much better than we did.

Central College opened their basketball season with a 33-28 victory over Bethany at Lindsborg last Friday night. Talking to some of the Central players after the game, it seems as if they had a very exciting affair. On the bottom end of a 12-8 half-time score, the Tigers

came back strong in the third quarter and took the lead which they kept throughout the remainder of the contest.

As the Bulldogs will play each of these teams twice, it aroused much interest around Maccollege campus. Apparently both teams must be good on their defensive tactics as a total of only 61 points were scored; and, incidentally, only six men saw action on each team.

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