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## Second Semester Has Commenced in Earnest

**240 Regular Students Have Now Enrolled—Seven New Ones Start**

## New Courses Popular

Applied Psychology and Marriage and the Family Show Good Enrollment

Enrollment for the second semester started at 8 o'clock, Monday morning, Jan. 27, and continued through Tuesday. Classes started Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock.

The enrollment statistics show some interesting facts about the personnel of the student body and their interests.

The enrollment of regular students now stands at 240. There are 105 freshmen, 62 sophomores, 40 juniors, and 33 seniors.

There are seven new students who have enrolled for this semester. Two of them are students who have attended school here before, but were not here last semester. They are Evert Brown, a junior from Wichita; and Harley Stump, a freshman from Waco, Texas.

All except one of the other new students are freshmen. Eldora Van Dermark of Hutchinson is a junior. The freshmen are Carroll Crouse, Adel, Iowa; C. W. Kuhn, Marion; Ralph Ganson, McPherson; and George Holler, formerly of Topeka, but now of McPherson.

The new courses offered this semester seem to have been accepted quite eagerly by the students. Applied Psychology has a larger class enrollment than any other of the new courses. There are 26 students taking Applied Psychology, which is taught by Doctor Smith. Doctor Petry's new course, Marriage and Family, has an enrollment of 22.

Professor Mohler has 12 students taking his Botany course, and 9 are in his class in Animal Husbandry. Doctor Flory's new course, English Seminar, has an enrollment of 8. Five students have enrolled in Applied Physiology, which is being taught by Coach Binford. Doctor Brown's first year and advanced Spanish classes have a class membership of 4 and 3 students respectively.

The change of schedule for this semester has changed the routine of campus life considerably. The elimination of the half hour activity period each morning changes the noon hour from 12:30 to 12.

Classes start in the afternoon at 1:15 instead of 1:30. It seems as if the changed schedules makes Tuesday and Thursday the "heavy" days for students and faculty, whereas last semester most of the students found that Wednesday was the day on which the majority of their classes met.

All indications show that this semester is a promising one, and no doubt will be profitable and enjoyable to everyone.

## Thespians Hold Tryouts for Play This Afternoon

Beginning at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon tryouts for the Thespian Club play, "You and I," will be held in Miss Lehman's room. Due to the fact that several of the club members have dropped out of school and several of the others are too heavily loaded with school work to take part in extra-curricular activities the tryouts are open to all students. Any person selected for a part in the play by the tryout judges will, if not already a member, automatically be granted membership in the club.

There are parts for three women and four men in the play. Each of these roles calls for good characterization and should challenge some of the best dramatic talent in school.

"You and I" was written by the popular author, Philip Barry. Dr. C. R. Flory has agreed to coach the play.

### Happy Birthday!

Galen Glessner	Feb. 3
Phyllis McKinnie	Feb. 3
Roma McKinnie	Feb. 3
Donald Petry	Feb. 5

## Lack of Finance Delays Completion of New Room

Construction of the Student Union room has been practically completed. With the exception of a small area of the wall which was delayed by a shortage of lumber, a coat of liquid wax will complete the walls. The oak floor has been laid, though the sanding and finishing remains to be done.

Completion of the room cannot be effected until more of the pledges are paid. The college is having a new floor laid in the hall near the room. This, however, is not a part of the Student Union room project. Suspension of work on the room was necessary because of a lack of funds. The Student Council urges the immediate payment of pledges if at all possible. Students may make payments to their class representative to the Student Council, or to Clayton Rock, treasurer.

## Hershey Receives Many Requests for Lectures

He Has Been Asked to Speak in Kansas, Missouri, and Oklahoma

Dr. Hershey of McPherson College has been getting extensive recognition for his researches in science in the recent past. On Saturday of this week he is to preside as state chairman of the Kansas Association of Physical Science teachers at Wichita, affiliated with the state meetings of the Council of Administration.

During the Christmas vacation Dr. Hershey read a paper on his experiments with rare gases at St. Louis before the national meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science. Dr. Hershey is invited to read a paper at Kansas City before a national meeting of the medical division of the American Chemical Association in April. This paper will also be on gases.

In addition to these, Dr. Hershey has recently been invited to give a week's lectures among the colleges and universities in Oklahoma. Dr. Hershey has been recommended for these lectures by the Wichita section of the American Chemical Society who rated him as "an A lecturer" to the Detroit secretary of the American Chemical Association. The lectures in Oklahoma were arranged by Dr. O. M. Smith, head of the chemistry department at A. and M. College at Stillwater. Dr. Hershey will lecture while in Oklahoma at A. and M. College at Stillwater, at the State Teachers' College at Edmond, at Chickasha (Oklahoma College for Women), at Phillips University at Enid, and at the University of Oklahoma at Norman.

## McPherson College Orchestra to Play at Church Sun. Eve.

Appearances of the McPherson College orchestra have been received with favorable comment. The orchestra has played in public three times and plans other programs for the future.

The group made its first appearance this school year in chapel last semester. Last Sunday afternoon a brief program of classical music was given at the Townsend club meeting in the Community building. Mr. Haggard appeared with the orchestra. He played his musical tumblers and bells.

Yesterday morning the orchestra gave a forty-minute program at the Monridge high school. This was for the high school chapel program.

Sunday evening instead of the regular church services at the First Church of the Brethren, the orchestra of McPherson College will present a concert, its first major concert of the school year. Miss Mattie Shay, head of the violin department of the college, is director of the orchestra. There will be no preaching services.

## Dramatic Festival to Meet at M. C.

McPherson College has been selected by Myron Settle, secretary of Kansas Colleges of Christian Education, for the meeting place of the State Dramatic Festival to be held March 27 and 28.

## Fourth Annual Concert of A Cappella Choir to be Given February 13 in Convention Hall

### "Cheesy" Voran Directs Choir Through Four Successful Seasons

#### Noble Cain Dedicates Composition to M.C. A Cappella Choir

The McPherson College A Cappella Choir is soon to launch on its fourth season's work, with the annual formal concert as the first appearance.

In the fall of 1932 there appeared on our campus, a new professor of voice, Alvin C. Voran, commonly and affectionately called "Cheesy." As a means of starting a choir about thirty students were invited to sing. The honor system was used and the only requirement was enough interest to attend all rehearsals. The membership soon reduced to twenty members but in spite of disadvantage in size, that group gained prominence enough that since then there have been from thirty to sixty applications for tryouts for membership each fall.

The idea of a formal concert as a debut was worked out by the choir the first year and has been established as an annual affair. The second year, the choir sang music ranging from Palestrina in the twelfth century to Noble Cain, the director of choral music for N. B. C. Honor was done each of these on the programs and one of the programs sent to Noble Cain. Not so long after, Mr. Voran received an autographed copy of "Thy Song," a new composition of Noble Cain with the dedication, "to Mr. Voran and the McPherson College A Cappella Choir" inscribed on it.

The choir has sung a great deal not only in McPherson but in the surrounding towns, including Lorraine, Nickerson, Inman, Chase, Lindsborg, and many other places. During the second year, the choir was invited to sing at the State College at Manhattan. The following is quoted from the "Kansas Industrialist": "Thirty-six young singers from McPherson College and their genial director last Thursday morning in student assembly received instant and whole-hearted appreciation from Manhattan's town and gown audience who filled the auditorium to hear them. It was one of the most enjoyable music events of the college year."

Last year, the formal program was dedicated to Mrs. Katherine Penner Barton, former instructor here, and to Mr. D. A. Clippinger, voice teacher in Chicago. In the spring the choir took a ten-day tour through eastern Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Iowa, singing at Kansas University, Warrensburg Teachers' College, and many of the churches of the constituency. The choir also made some radio broadcasts.

There are now five in the choir who were members of the original McPherson College A Cappella Choir. They are Bernice Drescher, Elizabeth Holzemer, Margretta Okerlund, Ernest Sweetland, and Chris Johansen.

#### Mohler Entertains Sunday

Sunday afternoon, Jan. 26, Dean and Mrs. R. E. Mohler entertained twenty college boys in their home for the high school chapel program.

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#### Hershey to Give His Diamond Lecture in Chem Club Feb. 6

Production of synthetic diamonds will be demonstrated and discussed in Chemistry Club next Thursday afternoon, Feb. 6, at 4:30 o'clock. Dr. Hershey has received world-wide recognition in this field. Everyone interested is urged to come. The meeting is open to all.



Mrs. Katherine Barton

Mrs. Katherine Barton Will Be Guest Soloist

## Program to be Varied

Sacred, Secular, Modern Numbers, and Madrigals to be Included

The fourth annual concert of the A Cappella Choir of McPherson College will be given on Thursday, Feb. 13, at 8:15 o'clock in Convention Hall. For the first time in these annual concerts, a guest soloist will appear with the choir. Mrs. Katherine Penner Barton, former voice instructor of this College, will sing several solos, one number to be sung with the choir.

Under the direction of Alvin C. Voran, voice instructor, this concert given by the A Cappella is one of the most outstanding events in the activities of the college year. Formal gowns and tuxedoes will be worn by the members of the choir as well as by the student ushers.

Professor Voran has announced that the program will consist of various types of numbers, including sacred, secular, modern numbers, and madrigals. They range from one as early as 1514 to the very newest, in fact some just off the press. A recent arrangement of "Old Black Joe," by Stephen Foster, will be of special interest to many.

The interpretations of the music will follow, as closely as possible, the intentions of the composer, and special effort has been put forth with this in mind. The choir has been practising steadily since the first of the school year, and an average of about four hours a week has been spent by them.

If intense and willing training are any indication of success, the choir is sure to get a hearty response, as it has in previous years.

The guest soloist, Mrs. Barton, was voice instructor at McPherson College from '24 to '27. She was Professor Voran's first voice teacher, and he sang under her direction for three years in the college male quartet. She had different organizations of singers here, one a select group called "The Sixteen Voices."

Mrs. Katherine Barton was very popular on the campus, and her singing was in great demand. One year she was a soloist in Bach's St. Matthew's Passion, presented at Lindsborg by the Messiah chorus. She is married to Harold (Hal) Barton, '25, who was a fullback on the college football team. She is now actively engaged as one of the soloists in a large church in Alton, Ill.

Tickets for the concert will be twenty-five and forty cents. Reserve seats will go off sale at the Sixty, Lindsay & Co. Drug Store.

Miss Shay Offers New Class in Violin Beginning This Semester

Among the new courses that are offered at McPherson College this semester is a class in violin. Miss Shay, instructor in violin, is to be the sponsor of the class.

The cost of lessons in the class will be less than private violin instruction, Miss Shay said. She stated that the lessons will be a great help to those who are interested in violin. The class is not primarily for beginners.

Everett Brown, a former McPherson College student, has enrolled for second semester work.

## CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Thursday, Jan. 30—Thespian Club play tryouts, 2 p.m. in Miss Lehman's room.

Friday, Jan. 31—Basketball with Kansas Wesleyan, 8:30 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 2—C. E. at College Church, 6:45 p.m.

Monday, Feb. 3—Y. W. and Y. M. meets, 11 a.m.

Harold Evans visited his aunt at Morill last week end.

Neva Root of the class of '35 was on the campus Saturday and Sunday.

Dan Zook and Joyce Snowberger spent the week end at their homes at Larned.

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## As It Seems To Me

### "Now You Got Me Doin' It"

We must admit that we need concerning many times in order to see our faults and be able to correct them. Therefore, if honest criticism is given, we find it helpful many times.

For instance, someone says that the formal dinner following the A Cappella is a grand experience. However, the critic will say that it is entirely too exclusive. Probably he is right but maybe he is just prejudiced. At least we must admit that the members of this club have put in some long hours of practice and maybe they deserve something like this. Again maybe they don't. We do know that criticism is based many times and is more much destructive than it is constructive and therefore is of no value.

Criticism also takes place between room-mates in college many times. Sometimes it is helpful, but again it can be harmful. One such harmful example happened between two boys who roomed together. All that took place in the final results was that a few apologies had to take place. Let's call these boys Jack and Bill for convenience's sake. Jack gets a date with a girl with whom he is very well acquainted. He finds it impossible to keep the date and calls it off. Since he knows the girl quite well there is no misunderstanding. Bill finds it out and tells his lady friend about it. She fairly slays Jack and she asks Bill if he is rooming with some "bald-headed nincompoop" and further words to that effect.

Now Bill goes home and fairly burns Jack up about the whole matter. Of course, a big fuss occurs as they both have their own ideas. When the thing is finally cleared up it turns out to be a big misunderstanding. Thus a few apologies must follow. You can see as well as I that criticism used without a full knowledge and proper weighing of the circumstances causes much damage many times.

Well go ahead and sing it. "Now You Got Me Doin' It" because I have said not to criticize but that is just what I have been doing. However, if we are prejudiced, or not acquainted with all of the facts, or not in the proper position let's not criticize. But, if we find that we must criticize and make it constructive—An Interested Observer.

Ohio State laboratories use 50,000 frogs a year, at 15 cents apiece.

The number of unemployed in the 16-24 age group has doubled since 1930.

Twenty persons were lynched in the southern states and California during 1935, according to Tuskegee Institute records.

Alexis Carrell, Nobel prize winner, will teach at the University of California during the spring semester.

Trinity College students are petitioning for the abolition of chapel.

Arizona State gridsters will play rugby during 1936 spring practice.

## Personal

Eldred Fouts spent the week end with his uncle at Minneapolis.

Charles Sheller moved from the dormitory to the W. P. Davis residence.

Willis Bredfeldt spent the week end at his home in Bushnell.

Dorothy Fry, who has been attending Simpson College at Indianola, Iowa, has enrolled here for the second semester.

Alleene Wine, Rilla Hubbard, Rocky Stauffer, and Alberta Keller were week end guests of Mary Trostle at Mary's home at Nickerson.

Carroll Crouse of Adel, Iowa, has enrolled here for the second semester.

Dorothy and Violette Dell spent the week end at Professor Dell's home.

Ruth Siegle spent the weekend at her home in Beatrice, Nebr.

Faith Kettnerman was a visitor at the dorm Saturday and Sunday.

Jean Allen had her tonsils removed during the mid-semester vacation.

Conway Yount spent the week end at his home at Halstead.

**Butler University Offers Course in Sex Hygiene**

Establishment of a course in sex hygiene has been asked of Butler University officials by the school's student council in Indianapolis, Ind. Frank Denmerly, council president, said the organization is recommending a recognized authority be obtained to teach the class and that men and women be grouped for free discussion.

"If college students are given proper instruction in sex matters by recognized authorities," Denmerly said, "we feel that such information may make as great a contribution to a happy and healthful life as any other offering now found in the curriculum."

The National Student Federation of America at its national convention at Kansas City during the Christmas holidays recommended that all colleges consider seriously the need for sex education.—(By A. C. P.)

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## Pet Boa Constrictor Plays Double Role at Cornell U.

Snakes have been seen in fraternity houses before this, but Josephine, young imperial boa constrictor, now doubling as a pet and scientific guinea pig for a Cornell fraternity man, is real.

Non-poisonous, too young to bite after the fashion of her kind, but plenty old enough to bite. Josephine was a gift from Dr. Harry Eno of Colon, Panama, to Frank Trevor, a senior from Syracuse, N. Y.

Petting soothes Josephine, but left alone she hunts for a tree. As a substitute she climbs whatever furniture she can find. Once she was lost for two days. Trevor found her asleep in a waste paper box.

When Trevor graduates he plans to take Josephine to Camp Woodland, a Boy Scout organization, where he is nature director and where he already has a snake house with 300 specimens.—(By A. C. P.)

Twenty out of 57 universities and colleges recently questioned report that they maintain motion-picture service for about 5,000 other schools.

Vassar will double its present library capacity of 200,000 books.

Master of 53 tongues, Prof. Watson Kirk Connell of Wesley College, Winnipeg, says Basque is the most difficult language in the world.

Dartmouth made \$36,609 on football last season.

Driving on the campus has been forbidden to Purdue students.

The peculiarities of New England speech are being gradually lost, say Harvard authorities. Even the Harvard accent itself is no longer sacred.

Four Colgate frosh were dismissed recently for theft of exam papers.

University of Toronto students are taking an unofficial "purity test," which, by means of a questionnaire, aims to determine their moral status.

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## Workmen Practice Procedure for Packing Giant Mirror

Corning, N. Y.—Workmen this week were practicing the procedure which will be followed in crating the 200-inch mirror for the world's largest telescope.

For the practice routine, they have been using a rejected twin of the big mirror. The twin is the first 200-inch disc which was cast by the Corning Glass Works but not accepted. The new disc is not only the most valuable pieces of glass in the world, but twice the size of any glass ever packed before, and the glass works is taking unusual precautions.

Insurance has been issued on the 500-foot long trip the mirror must make from its present position in the glass works blowing room to the railroad track where it will be shipped.

The insurance goes with the mirror until it is safely deposited, edge-wise, in a gondola car. There this particular insurance policy expires, for at that point the great mirror becomes the responsibility of the astronomers. They are expected to take out insurance for its trip to the California Institute of Technology at Pasadena, where it will be ground.

Both this mirror and its twin weigh something more than twenty tons each.—(By College News Service)

A permanent national youth program to replace NYA is provided for in a bill now before Congress.

Washington University (St. Louis) has one of the finest coin collections in the country. It numbers 13,000 pieces.

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**Coyotes and Bulldogs to Meet in Cage Battle Here Tomorrow**

The Bulldogs will meet Kansas Wesleyan tomorrow night. This is the first time these teams have met this year. Wesleyan has two new players in their lineup which they did not have in the first semester. This should make the Coyotes a great deal stronger.

Coach Blinford has a lineup at the present time which has been working very well thus far this season. They not only showed their power against the Swedes but they also showed a great deal of basketball in their games before the conference opened. Since the Bethany game the Bulldogs have been considered a real contender for the conference title.

The McPherson team, which has played only one conference game so far this season and has been victorious in it, is looking forward to a victory over the Coyotes. There is no question but that the Salina game is one of the toughest that the Bulldogs have.

At the same time that Kansas Wesleyan gained two players Ottawa lost two. The loss of these two players weakened the Ottawa team a great deal. Monday night C. of E. defeated them by a 44 to 26 count. This was a very impressive victory which will strengthen the standing of the College of Emporia team a great deal.

**SPORT LIGHTS**

By Conway Yount

Baker, still undefeated in conference basketball, is aiming at the conference title. But there are several dark horses along the path and it's a long road with plenty of tough going. C. of E., McPherson, and several dark ponies are shooting at the same thing.

We can say that if McPherson comes in first, second, or third, we will feel pretty good.

College of Emporia 44, Ottawa 36. Ottawa beat Wesleyan and Bethany and then C. of E. beat Ottawa.

**Spec-Yu-La-Shuns**

Reversal of the usual educational process took place last week when the students informed the faculty of heretofore unknown facts and definitions. Here are a few of the more vital ones:

The greatest height attained by man is 14 feet. This would make two Tonies.

The steam engine was discovered by Peter Coper. This fact seems to be a bit controversial. Another insists that it was discovered by Andrew Jackson.

Copernicus was given credit and discredit for being a great astronomer, a group of stars, a constellation, the invention of the telescope, and the engineer who devised the solar system. (What man!!)

Light—that which can be seen. Something that has a brightening effect. Just opposite from dark. Either vibrations.

Parts of a radio tube—condenser, prong, and the base.

Asteroids were defined as being small planets around the moon. Was the moon proud?

An ampere is the speed of electricity or what will cause a shock? (Now wouldn't that shock you?)

Stratosphere was defined as the space above us that we call up. Also it is a method of determining the speed of light. The stratosphere is also the air above the atmosphere.

Troposphere is a method used to determine the amount of light. It is also the region surrounding the sun.

The hydrosphere is a layer in the sun's composition.

Meteorites were defined as shooting stars. (Great sport—but they're out of season now.)

A star is a bright astronomical body in the stratosphere. Another defined it as a far away body in the atmosphere.

Galaxy—the star system of a planet.

Television is being able to see what happens before it does. It is also an invention which makes it possible to see what others are doing. Also it is an invention used to talk over a telephone.

Avalanche was defined as a landslide. (Presidential election of

1936.)

Dew was considered as being condensed atmosphere.

Planet—where life may exist such as sun, earth, and Mars.

Barometer—a device used to measure the amount of weather. It can also be used to determine whether it is going to rain or not.

A solid is something which is not a gas.

Power—something that runs or moves objects.

The light year was defined as the amount of time required for a planet or star to go around the sun.

Sinkhole—a condition of the earth's surface. (Perhaps exzema.)

Relative humidity—relation of vapor to atmosphere. (Uncle or aunt, maybe.)

Prominences—stars that occur at times.

Twilight—evening before darkness. (How about the morning after the night before.)

Glacier—the action which throws off hot water, steam, sand, etc.

Darkness is waves of dark.

Modern spelling coming into use as the field of science is shown by this list: Satalight, Beddle goose, Herquiles, asterides, oxigen, lens-weight.

**COLLEGE DAZE . . .**

(From "Gourdie" Green's Diary)

Thurs., Jan. 23. Does my head ache to-night? Thunk and thunk today, and then I don't think I knew much. Worked so long on algebra I put near missed my dinner. Chem wasn't so bad, I have learned how to write it, you just write all you know about a thing in all the ways you can with a lot of unnecessary words in between on as many pages as you can and Hershey counts the pages and gives you a grade. Don't remember only one answer, I said a mollycule was the little end of nothing whittled down to a point. One guy

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had quite a time cos he had meant to use his notes and a assistant set right beside him. Ira Milton told me he sure wrote voluminously. I didn't because I always was awkward, but I sure wrote a lot.

Fri. 24. Got through to-day but don't know whether I got through or not. Hess sure put it onto us. I don't see why they don't give a guy a chance. I thought a participle was something like a radish. Revived party hard last two days, but sure did a lot of nothing since English got over. Am I tired?

Sat. 25. I tried to git in Forney hall while he wasnt around and turn up the gas so the dorm would git warmer in my room but he kept me too busy doing too many things. Some of the guys thought I would be going home over the weekend, but I want to be here once and not study when I didn't have no studing to do. That ain't all either, what would I go home for any more? A man must learn to eschew the parental rot when duty calls, I'll git to see mama next summer. Swell date tonight. SHE said she got decamped today (I though doc Hershey said that was something which happens to a organic compound when it sets out in the open, but he must of been wrong). We sure had a swell time, went to the show. I didn't hardly think about Henrietta all evening. Thoughts of her were conspicuous by their lack of presence.

Sun. 26. Slept late to make it to church. Didn't have much to do. Sun. 26. Slept late to make it to church. Didn't have much to do.

It would be fun doing nothing if I didn't have so much of it to do. I am growing older. I had a swell time running around with the new girl friend, but one lesson I have learned, I'll have a good time with the girls, but I am not going to lose my head over any of them, I have always been that way and they always git the best of me. I shall have to keep close guard on my affections, no female shall drag me through the slough of despond. One thirty so guess I'll go to bed.

Mon. 27. Tried to Inrol to-day, don't see why they have a guy do all that running around and waiting in line. Had quite a time finding what I could take that I wanted to and gitting them to let me take it. But that was simplicity beside getting by Frees, it was a game of freeze out for sure, and I am still out in the cold.

Tue. 28. Still trying to git by Frees, and not having any better luck. They don't seem to care whether I git an education in this institution of learning or not. Let him him me out cos I can't find work, I'll go and do something useful, mogg of this is just debris any how. The girls git all their demerits erased and start the semester with

a perfect character, somebody ought to do some erasing in Funnystock. We are apt to wake up and find ourselves dead some morning if they keep on gassing us this way.

Wed. 29. Shut my door to keep out the gas last night and didn't hear the breakfast bell so I put near missed my meal. Everybody was sure glad to see Forney when he come strutting through the mess hall to see if he could find some place to shut off the water that was coming through the ceiling, the girls froze a pipe up. Some of them have give me the cold soldier plenty severe but I didn't think it was as cold as that. This is gitting bad: if you stay in Funnystock they try to gass you, if you stay in Arnold they try to drown you, and if you stay in Kline you git campused. Something always takes the joy out of life—classes started again to-day.

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