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ALUMNI GYMNASIUM BURNS

MOST SERIOUS FIRE IN HISTORY OF THE INSTITUTION

FLAME SWEEPS SCENE OF ATHLETIC VICTORIES

GYMNASIUM FLOOR DESTROYED

The Fire Was Discovered When Well Under Way, Furnace Room a Mass of Flames

HIGH WIND AIDS FIRE

Heroic Efforts of Students and City Fire Department Saves Building From Total Loss

The Alumni Gymnasium was seriously damaged by fire on Tuesday morning. The fire was discovered at ten A. M. as the classes were dismissing for the chapel period. A number of the boys made a fast run with the college fire hose which is kept in the little wood shack back of the library. They quickly connected with the fire plug on the north east corner of the campus. The quick action of the students put a stream of water on the fire shortly after its discovery. The temperature was low, the mercury flirting with zero. A telephone call from The Hill got the city fire company promptly underway. Due to the icy condition of the pavement their run was slow. They experienced several dangerous skids. The cold was intense. The city company arrived just in time as the college hose had just frozen in several places and was out of use. The severe cold tending to freeze the fire hose, numbing the fire fighters and freezing their feet and hands, and a high north wind made the fire a hard one to fight. Shortly after eleven o'clock the fire was under control and by noon it was entirely out. The damage is serious. Through heroic efforts of the students and the city fire company the building was saved from being a total loss. Plans are under way for repairing the damaged portions. This time next year the old familiar yells will be again ringing out over the floor and The Bull Dogs will be romping merrily over their opponents where now is only smoke blackened walls, charred timbers and frozen water.

ROWLAND DISCOVERS FIRE

Professor Rowland and one of his pupils discovered the fire. They noticed, from his room on the north side of Sharp Administration Building, the smoke coming out of a basement

door in the Alumni Gymnasium. He immediately gave the alarm to the men gathering for chapel and called the fire department in the city. The students made a fast run with the fire hose. It was quickly connected with the fire plug on the north east corner of the campus. The fire was found to be in the furnace room. The furnace room is in the northeast corner of the building. There was a high wind blowing from the north. This of course added to the difficulty of fighting the fire. The wind drove the fire before it through the building. The hose was turned onto the fire in the furnace room. Many of the boys went into the gymnasium and brought out all the equipment. The dense smoke soon forced all to leave the gym floor. A number of the boys and girls went into the domestic science rooms in the basement and brought out all the equipment of that department. A bucket brigade was formed in the domestic science rooms and water passed to hold the fire until a hose could be brought to bear upon the fire. The dense smoke soon forced them out, the last leaving being nearly overcome by the smoke.

The mercury was fluctuating around the zero mark. The severe cold hindered action by numbing the fire fighters and freezing their hands and ears. The city fire fighters arrived just in the nick of time as the college fire hose had finally frozen shut in several places.

FIRE COMPANY ARRIVES

The city fire company arrived just in time to connect their hose as the college hose froze shut. Men had to keep kneading the hose to keep it also from freezing. For some time it looked as though there was no chance of saving the building. In fact it was considered a hopeless task. But the pluck of the students and the city fire boys kept them at it even after all hope was given up.

The fire was finally gotten under control and eventually extinguished. The Alumni Gymnasium was saved in the face of exceptionally hard odds. It was a fight of which those engaged may justly be proud. The damages

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EVANGELISTIC CAMPAIGN CLOSES

The revival services which began two weeks ago were formally closed last Sunday evening; but the spirit and purpose will continue in greater intensive living and in faithful work for the Kingdom of God.

Evangelist, Rev. J. Edson Ulery, pastor of the Church of the Brethren at Onkama, Mich., a young people's man—has put his whole heart and soul into this revival. His personal sympathy and fine personality have brought to us that inspiration that always exudes from the soul that continually feels the touch of the Infinite upon it.

The key-note that ran thruout was Jesus: Christ and His place in the individual life. Only thru Him can men find Truth,—and themselves. Only as the whole man,—intellect, emotions and will,—are attuned to the Infinite Spirit are men set free to live a complete life. Philosophy and morality are inadequate to save men. Our only reliance is the Christ.

The interest, co-operation and loyalty of the student body and community, were shown in good attendance, special music by various quartettes and choral clubs, and in the prayer circles held before and after each service.

A multitude of blessings have come from these two weeks of Christian fellowship. Every one has felt in some way a call to a higher standard of living. Twice-born men felt and knew the pull of greater aspirations. Others recognized the call to begin their life anew with the Christ as Guide and Pilot. Thirteen courageously answered this call and were baptized into fellowship with the Church by Rev. Austin on Sunday afternoon.

The College Evangelist, Rev. and Mrs. Austin, rendered invaluable service thru out the revival. Rev. Austin organized the local workers and did much personal work among the students on the Hill. Mrs. Austin conducted the song service during the entire campaign. The Church and McPherson College are to be congratulated upon having such faithful and efficient leaders among the students, as are Rev. and Mrs. Austin.

The campaign has been opportune indeed. Some of the greatest problems that the world has ever faced are confronting us today. The war's waste of men and morals, our almost universal unrest, our growing disre-

MEDALS PRESENTED

Student Council Recognizes School Leaders, Debaters Warming Up.

The Student Council of 1918-19 voted to present each person a medal who had made some achievement during the year in a literary way. Owing to war conditions the medals were not received for presentation until this fall. Paul Brandt, the Pres. of the Student Council for 1918-19, presented the medals in chapel Friday morning. In a very admirable way he expressed the appreciation of the school to each individual for the work he had done. The context of his talk was to the effect that the literary end of inter-collegiate contests has not been given its rightful recognition. Contests in debating and oratory are of equal importance with those in foot-ball, basketball, etc. It is to show that M. C. is back of her representatives in these fields of endeavor that the honor medal is given those who excell.

Those receiving medals were: College debating team; Edward VanPelt, Rodney Martin; Academy debating team, 1918, Henry Stover, David Brubaker, Sailor Neher; Academy team, 1919, Herman Jones, Harvey McClelland; Y. M. C. A. Pres. 1918-1919, Ray Cullen, Oliver Austin; Y. W. C. A. Pres. Edna Neher; Editor-in-Chief, Spectator, Gladys Heaston; Business Manager, Paul Pair; Inter-Society Oratorical Contest, Paul Warren; Anti-Tobacco Contest, Howard Engle.

Another feature of the Friday morning chapel was the announcement on the part of the faculty of their plan for the development of debating possibilities at M. C. We are to have two debating clubs, one in the College, the other in the Academy. The membership in either club will not exceed twenty-five.

The prospects for debate work is very pleasing as McPherson College is one of the fifteen accredited colleges in the State Inter-Collegiate Debating Organization, which was chartered in October. The fifteen colleges are divided into two sections and the winning teams meet to decide the state championship.

garg for formal government, all imply a moral and spiritual conflict which challenges a magnificent program and demands big men,—Christian men to bring victory the ethics of Jesus Christ taught and lived among men is the only program which offers a lasting solution. Are you on the program?

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The sooner young America learns her lesson and wakes to her responsibility, shakes herself free from such nefarious trouble-makers, the sooner we settle again to internal quiet and prosperity.

THE SELF MADE MAN

So much more so than in a more conservative land, there is in America a large number from the masses of mankind who have broken loose from whatever claims there were that held them down and have pushed themselves up to a place of fame and honor. We ordinarily call the person who does this "the self-made man". To what extent he is self made we do not often stop to consider. Ambition is generally the stern stuff that furnishes the impetus, but the rungs of the ladder Ambition must climb are made by the world and only sought out and put in place by the climber.

In reality there is no such person as the self made man or woman. We are born with certain heritages; certain opportunities are waiting for anyone who seeks to find them. The riches of the Past are preserved for us, and we are the heirs of all the arts, the sciences, and the lore of ages gone by. Martyrs before our time have spent their lives and given their blood for the purpose of giving to the generations to come a better heritage. Little by little great truths have been discovered and brought to light, until now, ours is the task of studying and living these truths for which others have fought and died. The books we read have been thought out beforehand for us, and from their store of knowledge we form our convictions and make the foundation and structure of our ideals.

One of our greatest assets to forming character is the continual contact with people whom we meet every day. To this association and to our ever changing environment we owe the lessons learned from experience—frequently called the greatest teacher that man has. To a great extent we are all only imitators; convention sets the pace for us to follow, and we all do so, often blindly, without realizing that we are again just following the custom set by others, and that we are merely doing a

or weakening that convention.

Thus we see that the self made man is impossible. The world should grant all due consideration to ambition and the high aims that lead toward achievement, for without them progress is impossible, but the man who really claims to be self made is either conceited or does not realize the falsity of the term of speech that he is using.

SIMON SEZ—

The fellow who says he doesn't need a friend isn't much needed himself.

We wouldn't mind the university of hard knocks so much if it ever gave a fellow a vacation.

Jimmie—"Please come take a walk with me."

Phoebe—"Oh, no, I mustn't go without a chaperone."

Jimmy—"But when you're with me you don't need a chaperone."

Phoebe—"Then I don't want to go."

Dr. Kurtz was much annoyed by his son Wheeler the other day and reached for his razor strap at which young Kurtz remarked:—

"Father, unless that instrument is thoroughly sterilized I must protest. More-over, the germs that might be released by the violent impact of leather upon a porous textile fabric, but lately exposed to the dust of the street, would be apt to effect you deleteriously."

Speaking of love—this weather is inexcusable. Eh, matie?

It has been said that all misfortunes are blessings in disguise. We think that some "make-ups" are absolutely impenetrable.

When a fellow gets warm under the collar let him take a tip from the teakettle.—It sings when it is boiling hot.

Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.

What is the use of paying hard earned money to see a Shakespearean Comedy when a senior class meeting is free? We have all the characters, —bashful maidens, blustering "Spanish athletes," ardent lovers, hen-pecked husbands, jesters, fools, sages, and saints.

Matron to Maxcy, "Do you realize that any of your boyhood dreams are coming true?"

"Yes, when mother used to cut my hair I wished I'd become bald-headed."

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Organizations

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' CONFERENCE MEETS AT McPHERSON

McPherson county's Second Annual High School Boys' Conference, held in McPherson Dec. 5, 6 and 7, with an enrollment of 135 boys, was the most successful meeting of this nature ever held in the county. Mr. Gebhardt, County Secretary of the Y. M. C. A., is to be congratulated upon his ability to organize and carry out such a strong program. The entertainment offered by the homes of McPherson also had much to do with the success of the conference.

The conference opened Friday evening with a banquet served by the ladies of the Methodist Church assisted by the Y. W. C. A. of the McPherson High School. Two hundred-twenty-one boys, faculty members and business men were present. Music was furnished by the McPherson College Quartette and the whistling stunts by Mr. Howard Snyder which were much appreciated by the boys. The address of welcome on the part of the City of McPherson was made by F. K. Beam, President of the Commercial Club. Clyde Hartford, State High School Boys' Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. discussed the subject "Getting into the Game". The principal address of the evening was given by Conrad Hoffman who had charge of relief work of the Y. M. C. A. in the German prisons during the war. Mr. Hoffman is in demand all over the United States as a speaker and McPherson County was very fortunate in securing him. His subject was "I Was in Prison" and he gave a vivid story of his four years of war experience in Germany.

Dr. A. E. Kirk of Southwestern College gave the boys two strong addresses on the subject "The Cry of the World" and "The Masters Answer." The chalk talk and cartoons of A. R. Abel of Hillsboro were instructive as well as interesting.

Discussions of the subjects "Good Sportsmanship", "Our Responsibility to the Younger Boys", "Chivalry", and "Stewardship", were led by O. W. Patterson, Floyd Mishler, A. W. Glad and L. J. Fitzsimmons. Prof. A. J. Blair, Prof. A. B. Schmidt, Willard Hawkinson, Harold Tolle, Fred Brucker, John Green, Amos Peterson, Harold Schafer and Lester Lemberg responded with splendid talks.

At the closing session Mr. Clyde Hartford made a strong appeal for a clean Christian life. Practically all the boys signed cards pledging to carry on Christian work in their home high schools.

CITY "Y" PUTS ON MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The City Y. M. C. A. put on its

annual fall membership drive on Wednesday of this week. Two teams of about a dozen men each were organized for the canvass. These teams met at the Y. for breakfast at eight o'clock and mapped out their work for the morning. Mr. Clifford Pierce, State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, gave an address and filled the men with pep and enthusiasm for the campaign. The teams returned to the Y at noon for luncheon and made their report. A special feature of the canvass, which was quite successful, was a gift of \$100.00 for new gymnasium equipment.

Mr. Gebhardt, County Y. M. C. A. Secretary, and Mr. Daniel, City Secretary, deserve great credit for the work which they are doing in McPherson. In greater measure than ever before the local association is serving the city and it merits the hearty support of everyone.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. service on December third was very profitable to every one present. The program was opened by the solo "One Fleeting Hour" sung by Miss Pauline Vaniman, Mr. Leslie Blackman playing the cello obligato. Then Miss Ragan, a Y. W. C. A. secretary recently returned from Japan, gave a splendid talk on the subject, "Our Responsibility to our Neighbors." he showed how we are helping China, Japan, and India in a conscious way by sending them missionaries but how we are hindering them in an unconscious way by making them the dumping ground for our censored movies and prohibited liquors. The great desire of these people is to become like Americans and they erroneously think that in these obscene movies they see portrayed life as it is in America today. The social condition of Japan is wretched but what else could be expected when their only rules of etiquette are the movies that are prohibited from being shown in this country! Their industrial conditions are equally deplorable.

No person is truly starved but that one whose aspirations have been destroyed. Such is the condition of China, Japan, and India. What are we going to do about it? There is only one solution and that is extending to them a practical form of Christianity.

"DEPUTATION WORK"

FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Rev. Rothrock of Holmesville, Nebraska, is outlining a holiday tour for a Gospel team through Eastern Nebraska. The team will probably be gone most of the holidays and will try to stay two nights with each church giving a varied program the first evening and an evangelistic program the next. Chester Holsopple, Curtis Bowman, Ray Cullen and Roy Frantz make up the team.

The College Male Quartette and Miss Frantz gave the last number on the Lecture Course at the Church of the Brethren at Hutchinson Sunday Evening. The quartette sang a number of sacred songs, then used a few light and a few patriotic ones. Miss Frantz read "The Miracle of the Back Yard," and "The Lost Word". Rev. Feller has charge of the Hutchinson church and put on the best lecture course this year they could get. The audience was large and very responsive.

CANTATA GIVEN

"The Word of God", a cantata by Charles Gilbert Spross, was rendered to a large and appreciative audience on Wednesday evening by the College Choral Club. Such an excellent rendition of so difficult a composition speaks well for the musical possibilities of the college and the worth of the music director, Prof. Rowland.

Those taking solo parts were:

Miss Marie Cullen, Soprano,
Miss Bertha Frantz, Soprano.
Miss Una McAvoy, Contralto.
Mr. J. Howard Engle, Tenor.
Mr. W. H. Widiger, Baritone.
Mr. Ray Cullen, Baritone.

GOSPEL TEAM AT MONITOR

Last Sunday a Gospel Team from McPherson gave two interesting programs at the Monitor Church. Those who took part were: Messrs. Waas, Warren, Howell, Keim; and Miss Edwards.

Mr. Warren gave the morning address, Mr. Waas talked to the children, and the Team furnished special music. In the evening they gave a pageant, "Hanging the Sign". There were several numbers of special music also, and in closing Mrs. Keim gave a chalk-talk.

Every one present seemed to enjoy the programs.

GOSPEL "TEAMWORK"

Last Wednesday morning the Gospel Team consisting of Misses Bertha Frantz, Wave Davis and Messrs. Paul Yoder, O. W. Trapp, J. H. Engle, G. N. Boone and Jess Garvey returned from their trip to the north-eastern part of the state.

They report that they gave five programs to the following audiences respectively: Friday night to about one hundred and fifty people at the Sabetha High School, Saturday evening to two hundred people at the Brethren Church in Sabetha, Sunday morning to one hundred and seventy five at the Rock Creek Church and Sunday evening to about four or five hundred at the new Morrill church and Monday evening to about one hundred and twenty five at a country schoolhouse twenty miles south of Sabetha.

The nature of these programs was in main religious although some of

the week evening programs were somewhat entertaining in their nature. The team consisted of the male quartet Trapp, Engle, Boone and Garvey and a mixed Quartet Engle, Frantz, Davis and Garvey and the manager of the company Paul Yoder. Incorporated in every program were speeches, orations and demonstrations on the deadly effects of the cigarette.

The Nebraska-Colorado Gospel Team composed of Herman Jones, Rodney Martin, Ralph Strohm, Samuel Merkey and Roy Neher is planning a trip thru Nebraska and Colorado during the holidays. Their itinerary for Nebraska is Red Cloud, Cambridge, and Endors; and for Colorado, Haxtom, Sterling, Denver, Rocky Ford and Wiley.

AUX CAYES (PRONOUNCE O K)

Because the best tobacco and the best rum used to come from Aux Cayes, the best of any particular thing many years ago was called Aux Cayes, or as it is pronounced O. K. But during Andrew Jackson's presidential campaign some wag declared that Jackson wrote O K on papers to indicate that they were "oll kerrect". A joke that has greatly obscured, if not totally eclipsed the original of the term.—Youths Companion.

This space is reserved for the "weakly" harangue about Ikenberry, the "Ninnyhammers", and "elleks."

(Nothing to report.)

Again we have cause to be thankful that we have such an efficient and far-sighted business manager at M. C. High schools and colleges all over the state are being closed on account of the shortage of coal while we not only go on our way rejoicing but have actually helped our sister institution here at McPherson with the where-with-all to keep warm. We are strong for you, Uncle J. J.

In a recent issue of the Spectator a poetic bird handed out a line verse to the effect that the best of all meters was to "meet her in the moonlight, alone."

Evidently this was written before the said meeting took place.

This is the revised version after the occasion:

There are letters iambic,
And letters trochaic,
And letters of musical tone;
But the letter that's better,
And not a goat-getter
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In reality there is no such person as the self made man or woman. We are born with certain heritages; certain opportunities are waiting for anyone who seeks to find them. The riches of the Past are preserved for us, and we are the heirs of all the arts, the sciences, and the lore of ages gone by. Martyrs before our time have spent their lives and given their blood for the purpose of giving to the generations to come a better heritage. Little by little great truths have been discovered and brought to light, until now, ours is the task of studying and living these truths for which others have fought and died. The books we read have been thought out beforehand for us, and from their store of knowledge we form our convictions and make the foundation and structure of our ideals.

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very small bit toward strengthening or weakening that convention.

Thus we see that the self made man is impossible. The world should grant all due consideration to ambition and the high aims that lead toward achievement, for without them progress is impossible, but the man who really claims to be self made is either conceited or does not realize the falsity of the term of speech that he is using.

SIMON SEZ—

The fellow who says he doesn't need a friend isn't much needed himself.

We wouldn't mind the universal of hard knocks so much if it ever gave a fellow a vacation.

Jimmie—"Please come take a walk with me."

Phoebe—"Oh, no, I mustn't go without a chaperone."

Jimmy—"But when you're with me you don't need a chaperone."

Phoebe—"Then I don't want to go."

Dr. Kurtz was much annoyed by his son Wheeler the other day when he reached for his razor strap at which young Kurtz remarked:—

"Father, unless that instrument is thoroughly sterilized I must protest. More-over, the germs that might be released by the violent impact of leather upon a porous textile fabric, but lately exposed to the dust of the street, would be apt to effect you dangerously."

Speaking of love—this weather is inexcusable. Eh, matie?

It has been said that all mysterious tunes are blessings in disguise. We think that some "make-ups" are absolutely impenetrable.

When a fellow gets warm under the collar let him take a tip from the teakettle,—it sings when it is boiling hot.

Life is not so short but that there is always time for courtesy.

What is the use of paying hard earned money to see a Shakespearean Comedy when a senior class meeting is free? We have all the characters—bashful maidens, blustering "Spanish athletes," ardent lovers, pecked husbands, jesters, fools, sages and saints.

Matron to Maxcy, "Do you realize that any of your boyhood dreams are coming true?"

"Yes, when mother used to cut my hair I wished I'd become bald headed."

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Organizations

HIGH SCHOOL BOYS' CONFERENCE MEETS AT McPHERSON

McPherson county's Second Annual High School Boys' Conference, held at McPherson Dec. 5, 6 and 7, with an enrollment of 185 boys, was the most successful meeting of this nature ever held in the county. Mr. Gebhardt, County Secretary of the M. C. A., is to be congratulated on his ability to organize and carry out such a strong program. The entertainment offered by the homes of McPherson also had much to do with the success of the conference.

The conference opened Friday evening with a banquet served by the ladies of the Methodist Church assisted by the Y. W. C. A. of the McPherson High School. Two hundred-twenty-one boys, faculty members and business men were present. Music was furnished by the McPherson College Quartette and the whistling stunts by Mr. Howard Snyder which were much appreciated by the boys. The address of welcome on the part of the City of McPherson was made by F. K. Beam, President of the Commercial Club. Clyde Hart, State High School Boys' Secretary of the Y. M. C. A. discussed the subject "Getting into the Game". The principal address of the evening was given by Conrad Hoffman who had charge of relief work of the Y. M. C. A. in the German prison during the war. Mr. Hoffman in demand all over the United States as a speaker and McPherson was very fortunate in securing him. His subject was "I Was in Prison" and he gave a vivid story of his years of war experience in Germany.

Mr. A. E. Kirk of Southwestern College gave the boys two strong addresses on the subject "The Cry of the World" and "The Masters Answer". The chalk talk and cartoons by A. R. Abel of Hillsboro were instructive as well as interesting.

Discussions of the subjects "Good Citizenship," "Our Responsibility to the Younger Boys," "Chivalry," "Stewardship," were led by O. Patterson, Floyd Mishler, A. W. and L. J. Fitzsimmons. Prof. Blair, Prof. A. B. Schmidt, Wilbur Hawkinson, Harold Tolle, Fred Tucker, John Green, Amos Peter, Harold Schafer and Lester Lem responded with splendid talks.

In the closing session Mr. Clyde Ford made a strong appeal for a Christian life. Practically all the boys signed cards pledging to do Christian work in their home schools.

"Y" PUTS ON MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The City Y. M. C. A. put on its

annual fall membership drive on Wednesday of this week. Two teams of about a dozen men each were organized for the canvass. These teams met at the Y. for breakfast at eight o'clock and mapped out their work for the morning. Mr. Clifford Pierce, State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, gave an address and filled the men with pep and enthusiasm for the campaign. The teams returned to the Y at noon for luncheon and made their report. A special feature of the canvass, which was quite successful, was a gift of \$100.00 for new gymnasium equipment.

Mr. Gebhardt, County Y. M. C. A. Secretary, and Mr. Daniel, City Secretary, deserve great credit for the work which they are doing in McPherson. In greater measure than ever before the local association is serving the city and it merits the hearty support of everyone.

Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. service on December third was very profitable to every one present. The program was opened by the solo "One Fleeting Hour" sung by Miss Pauline Vaniman, Mr. Leslie Blackman playing the cello obligato. Then Miss Ragan, a Y. W. C. A. secretary recently returned from Japan, gave a splendid talk on the subject, "Our Responsibility to our Neighbors." He showed how we are helping China, Japan, and India in a conscious way by sending them missionaries but how we are hindering them in an unconscious way by making them the dumping ground for our censored movies and prohibited liquors. The great desire of these people is to become like Americans and they erroneously think that in these obscene movies they see portrayed life as it is in America today. The social condition of Japan is wretched but what else could be expected when their only rules of etiquette are the movies that are prohibited from being shown in this country! Their industrial conditions are equally deplorable.

No person is truly starved but that one whose aspirations have been destroyed. Such is the condition of China, Japan, and India. What are we going to do about it? There is only one solution and that is extending to them a practical form of Christianity.

"DEPUTATION WORK FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Rev. Rothrock of Holmesville, Nebraska, is outlining a holiday tour for a Gospel team through Eastern Nebraska. The team will probably be gone most of the holidays and will try to stay two nights with each church giving a varied program the first evening and an evangelistic program the next. Chester Holsope, Curtis Bowman, Ray Cullen and Roy Frantz make up the team.

The College Male Quartette and Miss Frantz gave the last number on the Lecture Course at the Church of the Brethren at Hutchinson Sunday Evening. The quartette sang a number of sacred songs, then used a few light and a few patriotic ones. Miss Frantz read "The Miracle of the Back Yard," and "The Lost Word". Rev. Feiler has charge of the Hutchinson church and put on the best lecture course this year they could get. The audience was large and very responsive.

CANTATA GIVEN

"The Word of God", a cantata by Charles Gilbert Spross, was rendered to a large and appreciative audience on Wednesday evening by the College Choral Club. Such an excellent rendition of so difficult a composition speaks well for the musical possibilities of the college and the worth of the music director, Prof. Rowland.

Those taking solo parts were:

Miss Marie Cullen, Soprano.
Miss Bertha Frantz, Soprano.
Miss Ua McAvoy, Contralto.
Mr. J. Howard Engle, Tenor.
Mr. W. H. Widiger, Baritone.
Mr. Ray Cullen, Baritone.

GOSPEL TEAM AT MONITOR

Last Sunday a Gospel Team from McPherson gave two interesting programs at the Monitor Church. Those who took part were: Messrs. Waas, Warren, Howell, Keim; and Miss Edwards.

Mr. Warren gave the morning address, Mr. Waas talked to the children, and the Team furnished special music. In the evening they gave a pageant, "Hanging the Sign". There were several numbers of special music also, and in closing Mrs. Keim gave a chalk-talk.

Every one present seemed to enjoy the programs.

GOSPEL "TEAMWORK"

Last Wednesday morning the Gospel Team consisting of Misses Bertha Frantz, Wave Davis and Messrs. Paul Yoder, O. W. Trapp, J. H. Engle, G. N. Boone and Jess Garvey returned from their trip to the northeastern part of the state.

They report that they gave five programs to the following audiences respectively: Friday night to about one hundred and fifty people at the Sabetha High School, Saturday evening to two hundred people at the Brethren Church in Sabetha, Sunday morning to one hundred and seventy five at the Rock Creek Church and Sunday evening to about four or five hundred at the new Morrill church and Monday evening to about one hundred and twenty five at a country schoolhouse twenty miles south of Sabetha.

The nature of these programs was in main religious although some of

the week evening programs were somewhat entertaining in their nature. The team consisted of the male quartet Trapp, Engle, Boone and Garvey and a mixed Quartet Engle, Frantz, Davis and Garvey and the manager of the company Paul Yoder. Incorporated in every program were speeches, orations and demonstrations on the deadly effects of the cigarette.

The Nebraska-Colorado Gospel Team composed of Herman Jones, Rodney Martin, Ralph Strohm, Samuel Merkey and Roy Neher is planning a trip thru Nebraska and Colorado during the holidays. Their itinerary for Nebraska is Red Cloud, Cambridge, and Endors; and for Colorado, Haxtom, Sterling, Denver, Rocky Ford and Wiley.

AUX CAYES (PRONOUNCE O K)

Because the best tobacco and the best rum used to come from Aux Cayes, the best of any particular thing many years ago was called Aux Cayes, or as it is pronounced O. K. But during Andrew Jackson's presidential campaign some wag declared that Jackson wrote O K on papers to indicate that they were "oll kerrect". A joke that has greatly obscured, if not totally eclipsed the original of the term.—Youths Companion.

This space is reserved for the "weakly" harangue about Ikenberry, the "Ninnyhammers", and "clicks."

(Nothing to report.)

Again we have cause to be thankful that we have such an efficient and far-sighted business manager at M. C. High schools and colleges all over the state are being closed on account of the shortage of coal while we not only go on our way rejoicing but have actually helped our sister institution here at McPherson with the where-with-all to keep warm. We are strong for you, Uncle J. J.

In a recent issue of the Spectator a poetic bird handed out a line verse to the effect that the best of all meters was to "meet her in the moonlight, alone."

Evidently this was written before the said meeting took place.

This is the revised version after the occasion:

There are letters iambic,
And letters trochaic,
And letters of musical tone;
But the letter that's better,
And not a goat-getter
Is to let 'er entirely alone.

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OUR TASK

Never during our rather eventful history has there been a time of such universal unrest and discontentment. With each succeeding week new troubles assail us,—new problems confront us. The American public has been very quick to lay the blame for such lamentable conditions at the feet of first one faction then another but thru it all doing very little to alleviate matters. We recognize a food shortage when we are no longer able to buy that which we desire; we force the settlement of railroad disputes only after we have been seriously inconvenienced thereby; we attempt an answer to our coal question only after we have spent days and nights without heat.

Inexpedient and costly as this method of procedure has proved itself to be yet in such matters the only apparent results have been our temporary personal discomfort; however just as we meet these lesser problems there lies the danger of our attempting to meet greater and more vital situations.

For the past several months there has been at work among us a spirit that will—allowed to come to its maturity—undermine the very foundations of our government. At first this spirit was personified by only a few ultra-violent socialists, but one has but to read the headlines of any newspaper today to learn that its followers are now legion. The Bolshevistic movement in the United States is not a pessimists' night-mare, nor is it an anarchists' dream. It is a howling, mob-fed reality. It is not our purpose or wish to stir up undue excitement nor to go on record as 'calamity-howlers,' yet we are caused to wonder if the good people of this nation are going to stand idly by while this insidious monster steals the reason and good judgment from a

fighting majority of our citizens.

On Sept. 2, 1919, the "Communist Labor Party of America" was organized, adopting the emblem of the Soviet Republic of Russia with the Motto "Workers of the World Unite". This party announces that it will adopt a constitution which will be patterned largely after that of the Soviet Republic of Russia. At the convention every mention of Bolshevism was greeted with loud cheers. Already this new party has shown its hand in approving and backing the plan for a general strike of Oct. 8,—a strike that was but narrowly averted,—and is now the moving spirit back of the coal strike.

The mass of our people are not yet over celebrating the victory of our troops over the Huns. How long will it be till they are brought face to face with a more serious dilemma,—nationally speaking? The astonishing ease with which the most powerful monarchy of the world was overthrown may help produce serious reflection on this matter. Let no one reply that things are different with us; that our innate love for our government, and our national pride, preclude the possibility of such a dire calamity. The ethics of a mob knows no national pride.

now is the time to recognize this growing evil, and begin eradicating it. Our armies cannot do it,—tho they may have to play a part,—our law-making bodies cannot do it, for we must permit freedom of speech and press. The final solution is up to us as students and teachers. We must make ourselves a dominating factor in moulding public sentiment. We must search deeper than the effect,—into the cause for such a condition of affairs, and having found the underlying cause set ourselves to a just and Christian solution of this the most important problem that has yet confronted our nation.

UNCLE DANNY

Some weeks ago an article appeared in this paper, presumably written by a 'new' student, deploring the habit of the student body of calling our honored president, Dr. Kurtz, "Uncle Danny." To quote the writer: "At times past on various occasions we have noticed a few (only a few we are thankful) who seem to lack the distinction between honor and disrespect. We refer to the very unbecoming and anything but thoughtful expression 'Uncle Danny,' which some seem to take delight in calling our honored president. . . . It sounds undignified and weakening and quickly reflects a lack of intelligence on the part of those who join in the use of it."

Rather a harsh rebuke to say the least, but is it justified? Of the 500 students in McPherson College 499 would 'go to the mat' for our president. Why? Is it because he holds

a half-dozen degrees;—has studied in the greatest universities of America and Europe;—is recognized as one of the leaders of the educational world;—is the most forceful orator and lecturer in the state of Kansas;—or on the other hand is it because of the bigness of the good doctor's heart;—the loyalty and self sacrifice he has shown for this institution;—and last, but the greatest of all, that personal touch and sympathetic understanding of a student's heart which is so much a part of our Dr. Kurtz? You must agree with me that it is the latter.

A Ph. D. may be bought at some correspondence school for fifty dollars, (in spite of the present high price of 'sheep skin'), but the love and respect of a student-body can not be so attained. It was this love, this feeling of kinship with Dr. Kurtz that first prompted us to call him "Uncle Danny." The writer is in a position to know whereof he speaks. If the term has been used with any other thot in mind it has been entirely foreign to the spirit back of its origination. If we should find Dr. Kurtz takes exception to it we will be the first to respect his wishes. Until that time we respect and honor Doctor Kurtz;—we love and try to do the will of our "Uncle Danny."

LOOK OUT, NOT IN

Look out, not in—your body is a dwelling

Wherein you live, your soul a tenant there,

Concerned with many things, with buying, selling,

But needing less to have and more to share.

What good the gold that all the worry brings you,

If life shall never profit you a friend?

What worth the wealth that any fortune flings you,

If nothing waits but dollars at the end?

Look out, not in—what good is all the dreaming,

If in the dream no other dream appears?

What treasure will you win by all your scheming

To pay you at the last for all your tears?

Shall fame, success, the gifts that mortals gather,

Console your soul in moments that are sad?

When life grows gray, I know that you would rather

Possess a friendship that would make you glad.

Look out, not in—behold the wealth around you,

The sweet companionship of other men;

Be glad each night some traveler has found you—

Led by your light, has learned to hope again.

There is a richer store than your successes,

A greater wealth than any you can win:

Live in the world that all around you presses,

Among your brothers—and look out, not in!

—Crescent.

Exchanges

The public speaking department of K. U., in order to promote the loyalty movement, has offered a prize of \$50 for the best play on the subject "Put K. U. First."

Mr. Ernest Davis gave up his work as freight mover in Iola, Kan., to develop his musical talents at Bethany Conservatory, Lindsborg, 1910-12. He is now the leading tenor of the Boston Grand Opera Co., and soloist with Francis Alda at the Main Festival held at Portland, Maine every year.—Bethany Messenger.

"All things come to him who waits, providing that he works hard enuf". —Kansas.

Altho the enrollment of La Verne College totals but 150, she manifests a surprising amount of athletic pep. Her students evince a remarkable interest in basket ball and tennis particularly.

As a memorial to their two college men who gave their lives in the war, La Verne College planted two oak trees on November 11th. They called the day "Homecoming Day."

The lecture course of Oberlin, Ohio, has as three principle features; Vilhjalmur Stefansson, arctic Explorer; William Butler Yeats, poet; and Ellis Parker Butler, humorist.

A rare book for art lovers has recently been placed in the K. U. library at a cost of \$135. It is Bernard Berenson's "Drawing of the Florentine Painters". It was published last year by the house of Murray, London, and limited to 350 copies—150 for America and the remainder for Great Britain. Berenson is an authority on Renaissance Art.

Kansas University was elected Vice President of the Association of American Universities at the 21st Annual Conference recently held in Chicago. Ohio State was elected President, University of Chicago, Secretary; Yale and University of Pennsylvania, additional members.

In answer to the Governor's call, K. U. has sent over 100 student volunteers to the coal mines. "No student will lose credit or standing on account of going to help out the fuel situation. It is expected that the matter will be handled in somewhat the same manner as the military credit in cases where students left school for military service during the war."

Athletics

M. C. DETERMINED TO WIN

Did you notice the squad of fire fighters Tuesday morning when our gym burned? If you did you could not help but see that our basketball boys were in the thick of the fight. To them it was not only a fight to save the gym but a fight for the basketball championship of the state. They did all that could be done but our hope of seeing a game on our own floor until late in the season is gone up with the smoke of the morning. But M. C. never quits and regular practice will be held on the city Y. M. C. A. floor, and, hist, a secret,—our men are "figgerin'" on coming out on 'top' in the Kansas Collegiate Conference.

Heretofore coach Patterson has had to make the trip to the Hill, now our lads will have to meet him half-way, but did you ever see the day when M. C. would not "go half-way" for a coach like "Pat"?

Yes, we are still 'rearin' to go, and when the whistle blows next Tuesday eve for our first game we will have no cause to fear for our team. Just remember, students of M. C., the difficulties our boys are up against and pledge a deeper appreciation and a finer loyalty to the men who are so determined that the 'Red and White' shall not go down in defeat.

Are we weak? No! Are we strong? Yes! Let the lions roar! You will hear 'em this season!

DRIBBLES AND PASSES

If the ungente reader will cast his gimlet-like optics on the basketball prospects for this season he will find food for thot. For verily things look good to your uncle. We have a lot of new material that looks promising. Most of last year's letter men are back.

One of the main faults with the team last year was a lack of team work. Basketball is not a one man game and the sooner the men discover this the better will be our prospects for a winner. The last tournament game was a big improvement over anything we saw last year. The freshman team passed fast and hard.

In this respect they had it over the Sophs. Personally we do not think much of the shots by a star forward from the center of the floor which at best only score about 10% of the time. Such plays may look good to the "fair one" in the grandstand but they don't win the games consistently. What we want is a team that can bring home the bacon and not a bunch of stars.

It is too early in the season to dope out a prospective team. It looks as tho the position at forward would lie between, Trapp, Rump, Bowman and Stover, the first two looking the best at present. For center Ira Brammel seems to be the favorite altho Bowman or Trapp might figure in this position. The guard positions have plenty of prospects. Saylor, Hoover, Brubaker, Wootan,—all are good men. We venture to predict that the first two will land the jobs, however.

Again the dope of the basketball experts has missed the mark. According to all the information obtainable the Freshman college team should have copped the inter-class basketball pennant. In fact the Frosh team itself had all stakes set for a big celebration over the mopping up of the Sophs, a fact which probably had something to do with their downfall.

All of which is neither here nor there.

The big thing is that the Sophs lit on the big end of a 19-18 score in one of the fastest, snappiest and most hair-raising basketball jousts ever seen on the M. C. gym floor.

In order that full justice be handed to every man on the floor we wish to state that both teams put up a keen, square game. The credit for the victory belongs largely to two men on the Soph. team.

Trapp at forward, slipped in four nifty field goals in addition to a couple of fouls making a total of about one half of the total score for the Sophomore team. The tall blond man looks good to us for the first team this year.

The other man who starred was Saylor. Even Gussie Rump admits that Saylor is the bird who put the stick in stickum. When it comes

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to staying with a man a mustard plaster hasn't a thing on Saylor. Time after time Gussie came charging down the floor with a rush that only those who have tried to stop him can appreciate, and just as often Saylor camped right on him; so much so that, in the words of the prophet, "he didn't get to first base." If one man can win a game then Saylor won this.

The big mistake that the Frosh team made was in not feeding the ball to the other forward when they saw that Gus was covered up by the Navy. The had the team work and at the opening of both halves got away with plays that were finished before the opposition was well started.

A write-up of the game would not be complete without reference to the excellent work on the part of the referee. We like Maxcy's work and want to see more of it in the future.

LINE-UP

Freshman	Sophomore
Rump l. f.	Trapp
Brammel r. f.	Stover
Brammel c.	Tracey
Slifer l. g.	Saylor
Hoover r. g.	Strome
Referee..... J. W. Maxcy	
—H. G.	

WHAT WOULD HAPPEN IF—

Dr. Kurtz were to stay at M. C. Ches. Dean came to class on time?

J. Perry Prather talked only when he had something to say?

Prof. Miller could use the machine on which she instructs typewriting?

Martin had no nose thru which to sing?

Paul Brandt didn't butcher the 'King's English'?

"Stubby" were to forget his artistic airs and become as other men?

Prof. Yoder failed to order more syrup?

Dr. Harnly should become fat? (Idle speculation.)

Our Matron were like some women we know?

Paul Yoder knew when he is in love?

Grandpas Horner and Flory stayed awake during a meeting?

Baile were to play foot-ball?

Prof. Hess were to 'contract' cooties?

Seth were to become self-assertive and man-like?

We had more foot-ball and less Greek?

Our girls were to go on a 'date' strike?—(Poor Tracy.)

Miss Brown would keep up with the singing in chapel?

If every other student at M. C. were as loyal as I?

If every other student "rooted" as energetically as I?

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ALUMNI GYMNASIUM BURNS

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are serious but the building can be repaired.

DAMAGE DONE BY FIRE

The locker rooms, furnace room, and domestic science rooms are in total ruins. A third of the gymnasium floor has fallen in and much more will have to be torn out and replaced. The walls, gallery, offices in the south end of the building, and roof are in good shape. The putting in of a new floor and refinishing of the basement will put the building in as good shape as ever. The damage to the student body consists in frozen hands and ears and torn and injured clothing. To tell of the various deeds of the heroic fire fighters and give each one justice would fill several pages. As space is limited we can only say that the student body responded magnificently to the situation. We wish to compliment them on the work they did.

WIRELESS RECEIVING STATION INSTALLED

M. C. scores again and places herself upon the map by installing a wireless receiving station. Already the antenna is raised free to the waves of force that sound around the globe. Within a few days a temporary receiving set will be ready for use. This will be replaced by a modern receiving set as soon as such can be selected and ordered. A transmitting set will not be installed at the present time. The installation of this equipment is under the direction of the Physics Department and is an addition to this laboratory.

This new work will prove of great interest for study and experimenting as it is one of the new means of communication in constant use over the entire world.

An invitation is extended to all to come and hear the voice that sounds around the globe as soon as such can be made audible.—H. S. F.

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 The R. O. N. stepped out the other night in a group. Judging from the remarks that floated around the dorm afterward we take it that they had some time. With plenty of fudge, music, stories and readings to say nothing of the presence of several of the keenest girls in school, and all by the flickering light of an open fireplace,—well, we don't wonder that they had a great time.

We are glad to find that the box of candy was twice sold during the last week found its way into the hands of a 'family man', and, in all probability, is now no more. The selling of it might soon have become a habit.

It has been suggested that a good way to evade the city's no light for Sunday evening service ordinance would be to install a pool table on the rostrum. "Pool-hall and smoke-house open,—churches closed". Is it laudable or lamentable?

"Oh there was a little girl and she had a little curl". Yes it happened that there were several little girls with curls, around the dormitory Tuesday. All the girls appeared in the dining hall in their prettiest gingham aprons, their pinkest ribbon bows, and all the curls they could curl. It was not however just a breakfast affair, for in spite of many of the boy's brags to the contrary, the girls were nerry enough to go in such attire to classes and to chapel as well. Prof. Rowland always being equal to the occasion suggested in chapel that we sing "Oh you Beautiful Doll." At this the girls did not know whether to laugh or do otherwise, however we are glad to state that they laughed.

It might have been interesting to have seen those said curls "in the making." Surely those who did see them will agree that the after scene was decidedly more becoming and those who partook in the ordeal agree that it was much more comfortable. Now boys they're ahead of you. Guess you'll have to wear your overalls some day to even up.

Later, a faint echo of the above was heard Wednesday morning but it was too weak to attract attention.

In drawing class—"Sargent was a great artist," said the teacher, "With one stroke he could change a smiling face into a sorrowful one."
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