

The Spectator

VOL. XXXI.

McPHERSON COLLEGE, McPHERSON, KANS., FRIDAY, DEC. 5, 1947

NO. 11

"Dawn of Hope" Soon

Enroll Now

Enrollment for the second semester is now in progress. Freshmen and sophomores have been assigned their faculty advisors, with whom they are to make an appointment for enrolling.

Juniors and Seniors are to enroll with their major professors. All students who are applying for the teacher's certificate and all majors in Education should see Dr. Fleming as soon as possible.

Enrollment should be completed before the Christmas holidays.

Ministers Conference Held At Church

The McPherson Church of the Brethren was the scene of a southwest Kansas district conference of ministers and lay people Friday and Saturday, November 28 and 29. This was a specially called conference in connection with the Advance with Christ Movement. The plan was for the pastor and two laymen or laywomen to be present. Pastors from northeast and southeast Kansas were also in attendance.

Meetings were held in Memory Chapel in the Church of the Brethren. Leaders for the conference included LeRoy Lowell of Central College who spoke on "The Crisis." James Elrod, whose subject was "Methods of Evangelism." Burton Metzler who conducted a Bible study using as a theme, "The Way of Salvation," and DeWitt Miller, pastor of the college church, who gave the concluding address.

The total attendance at the conference was about forty. Guests ate in the dining hall and stayed in the dormitory or in private homes.

FLASH!

Many students thought they were seeing things, when Wednesday morning, they sauntered in to Sharp Hall and came face to face with Sylvus Fiora's jalopy! It was resting high in front of the room south of Chapel. Sylvus evidently told someone to take good care of the car while he was in New York, and they thought they would find a garage for it in case the anti-freeze did not work so well. The question is: How many guys did it take to hoist it up the front steps of Sharp?

Orchestra Records

Recordings were made of several selections played by the McPherson Symphony Orchestra, under the direction of Prof. Eugene Crabb. The purpose of the recordings were to determine how the orchestra was progressing and the places that needed more practice.

Sometime in the near future the McPherson Symphony will give a program. Watch the Spectator for the announcement of time and place.

Ministers Meet

The Student Ministers and their wives met at Rev. DeWitt Miller's home, 1201 East Euclid, on Tuesday Dec. 2 at 6:30 p. m. Rev. Miller conducted the meeting, which centered around the theme, "Marriage Counseling."

Vacation Lull

Turkey, cranberry sauce and other "fixins" are things of the past. Thanksgiving vacation is over for another year and the students are now looking forward to Christmas vacation, with its steaming plum pudding and roast goose.

Most of the kids migrated to their respective rooms in various parts of the States, only to find much too soon that it was time to leave the little nest and take flight again.

Whether we went home or visited relatives or friends or even if we worked over the holidays, we all had enough to eat and plenty to do and much to laugh and talk about. We, who are the most fortunate of all the peoples of the earth, paused for a moment to give thanks for the bless-

ings of life. Tongues flew and laughter rippled through the dorms during Thanksgiving. You see, when the campus comedians (Knapp, that is) is around, there is no dull moment. Even the campus genius, Firestone, contributed wise bits of humor. The only person that really thinks the vacation was unfair was the waitress, "Dashing Blondie." She wanted to get caught up on that thing called sleep, but, no, she had to drag herself out of bed at 6:30 each morning just to wait on tables.

Now, we must settle down again and study for another spell, until the spirit of Christmas comes and we leave for our Christmas vacation in different winter wonderlands!

Wichita Church Host To Youth

On December 13 and 14, the young people of the Southwest District of Kansas, will meet in a two day session at Wichita, Kansas. The Wichita Church is in charge of the meeting. The theme for the meeting will be "Becoming Christian" and the main speaker for the convocation will be Dr. Burton Metzler, professor of Religion and Philosophy, here on the campus.

Registration will be one dollar, which includes a tour of Wichita on one of the new Wichita Transportation Buses, two meals, a movie, and lodging for Saturday night. The movie to be shown is "The Courageous Mr. Penn."

All students of McPherson College are urged to attend this meeting. The registration starts at 1:30 Saturday afternoon and the meeting closes on Sunday afternoon at 3:00. Various other things of interest will be held for the visiting young people.

Brethren Service Dinner Given

The annual Brethren Service dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 10, at 6:30 p. m. in the college church basement. It will be a covered dish meal. An interesting program has been planned. A mock radio skit on the topic: "Universal Military Training," will be given. Emma Grace Ritchie Switzer who has spent some time under the Brethren Service Committee in Europe will speak. She is now working in the Orienta Community project southwest of Wichita which is a rehabilitation program. An offering will be taken for Brethren Service work.

All college students who possibly can are urged to attend this dinner and program.

BYPD

Miss Della Lehman gave the main part of the BYPD program November 23, by reading several Thanksgiving poems. Ivan Rogers opened the service by directing hymns at the beginning and close of the program. He also gave the benediction.

Due to Thanksgiving vacation there was no service November 30.



"In our house if you don't get in by closing hours - you don't!"

Married Maes Hold Party

On Tuesday evening, November 25, the married maes held a party in the S.U.R. Mr. and Mrs. Bradley were in charge of the entertainment. Several games were played. In view of the small attendance, it was decided to secure one or two college girls to take care of children at the next party. It is hoped that more can attend with this service available.

A Christmas party is planned before vacation starts with Mr. and Mrs. Reusser in charge.

McPherson To Attend Bethel Debate Contest

One of the initial dates on this year's debate calendar is December 6. On that date, Bethel College at Newton is holding their annual invitation tournament. Bethel has almost established a precedent the last several years by holding such a contest the first week of December.

McPherson College plans to attend the tournament in full away. Two women's teams and six men's teams will represent our college. If present plans materialize.

Even though the debates are primarily for practice, visitors are invited to attend.

Efrem Kurtz In Salina Concert

Efrem Kurtz, world famous conductor, and the Kansas City Philharmonic Orchestra, were present in a concert at Memorial Hall in Salina, Kansas at 8 p. m. Thursday December 4.

The concert, under the auspices of the Leslie Krepas American Legion, consisted of several numbers written by renowned composers. The KC Philharmonic is considered one of the outstanding musical groups in the Mid-West. Groups from McPherson College attended the concert and enjoyed it very much.



Remember

December 5-6-8:00 p. m., S. A. R. Last performances of the College Players' Production, "Our Town."

December 6-Invitation Debate Tournament, Bethel College.

December 8-Basketball, Sterling College, here.

December 12-Basketball, Sterling, there.

CHAPEL THOUGHTS

By Ruth Merkey

Monday
Rabbi Harry R. Richards of Wichita, Kansas, was guest speaker at Chapel, December 1. His address, "Man's Place in the Universe," brought to mind the vast responsibility each of us has in making a world of Peace.

Two questions formed the pattern of Rabbi Richards' address as he discussed the age of man and the most important thing man has gained through the ages.

In summarizing he said, "The greatest thing man has obtained is his conscience. The ability to weigh problems-not to act according to instinct but to act according to moral beliefs." We have become conscious of that which is right and that which is wrong. "Life is not an accident, Life has design."

Rev. Upton who has been president of the McPherson Ministerial Organization has been selected President of the Wichita Council of Churches.

"I think we are in the area of high potentiality," Rev. Upton said when he addressed the McPherson College Chapel group on Monday November 24.

"I'll another question which he brought to the minds of the audience was-"What have we lost that our Pilgrim fathers had?"

Rev. Upton challenged us to develop a Christian frame of mind and frame of heart.

Wednesday

"Am I my Brother's Keeper?" was the topic of Dr. Peter's address in Chapel. We now have the largest enrollment in the history of higher education. The world is depending on us to lead the world to peace. "If we are going to be smart, we had better be good."

J. Edgar Hoover recently said: "This country's in deadly peril. A creeping rot of moral disintegration is eating our nation." It is felt that what we need is the inculcation of the immortal lessons of the Ten Commandments and the Sermon on the Mount in the hearts and minds of all Americans.

It has suddenly become a matter of great concern to all men everywhere, what kind of men live anywhere. One World must not only be accepted as a neighborhood, but it must be made a brotherhood.

Dr. Peter's parting challenge was that: "we need to become more and more other-centered and less and less self-centered."

Thoughts carried forth the truth of the quotation, "Feet bring us back to where our heart lives in." Thanksgiving Chapel was held in the Church. Students of

(Continued on Page Two.)

"Our Town" Success!

Notice!

Due to circumstances beyond our control, we are postponing the District Youth Retreat and Oklahoma City Church Dedication to December 12, 13 and 14. Programs and details will follow. Harry Stump

Saturday night, December 13, 7:30 p. m., is the date set for the Hayrack ride. Get a date, don your jeans and plaids, and turn out for a grand time. Specific details will appear in the Spec next week.

On December 16, the All School Christmas Party will be held. All faculty members and students are invited to attend this gala occasion. Surprises are in store for everyone!

Constance Keene Gives Concert



Constance Keene, gifted young American pianist, appeared at the McPherson High School Auditorium on Wednesday, December 3, at 8 p. m., under the auspices of the Columbia Community Concert Series. Miss Keene won nationwide attention last spring when she "pinch hit" for Horowitz at the last minute and scored an artistic triumph as well as nationwide syndicated stories.

Miss Keene's selections for the program Wednesday night were familiar works from famous composers. The impression she gave was one of poise and assurance from her very first number. She held the interest of her audience throughout the entire program by communicating poetry and playing with sensibility and charm.

Studying under such celebrated instructors as Koussevitzky, Piatigorsky and Abram Chasins, Constance Keene won the coveted Naumburg Foundation award in the fall of 1942. Critics have agreed that she has "unusual musical talent."

In the fall of 1945 she made her first professional concert tour under the management of Arthur Judson, President of Columbia Concerts. The season was launched with an engagement in July at the Berkshire Festival, where she was soloist with the Boston Symphony under Koussevitzky.

The paper this week was edited by the Managing Editor.

The Return

The travelers have homeward plod their weary way. And here 'til Christmas weary

Wednesday, thirty-four weary figures got off of a chartered bus at McPherson College. They were the students and two faculty members who arrived November 23 from the annual BSCM Conference in Elizabethtown, Pa. The group was greatly inspired by the trip, both by the significance of the conference and by the wonders of New York.

All of the Brethren colleges in the nation were represented at the meeting. Several discussions were held and had as their main theme, "To Serve the present age." Highlight of the program was the talk given by Kermit Elby, entitled, "The Truth About Russia."

McPherson College representatives did their share in helping with the conference by taking charge of the worship November 29 and the Sunday November 30 recreation.

This week, the McPherson College Players triumphed with their first major production of the year. The play, "Our Town," by Thornton Wilder, has played the nights of December 1, 2, 4, with an 8 p. m. curtain-raising. It will also be presented tonight and tomorrow night. Tickets are on sale in Sharp Hall.

The cast of characters includes: Avis Erb, Artie Bradley, Hills Williams, Ruth Merkey, Ann Oberst, Winston Beam, Donna Johnson, Don Keim, Byron Prantz, Marvin Reeves, Marilyn Miller, Dean Neber, Bob Martin, and Max McAuley.

The production staff consists of Director, Miss Esther L. Sherry; Technical Director, Hills Williams; General Stage Manager, Gordon Reist; Assistant Director, Arlene Goodfellow; Lights, Byron Prantz; Set Props, Dean Neber, Jim Bruce and Leroy Doty; Costumes, Marilyn Miller, Donna Johnson, Ruth Merkey and Colleen Doyle; and for Makeup, Barbara Holdreid, Margaret Keim and Jim Bruce.

Ellis Powell and Anita Norlin are in charge of publicity for the show. Other members of the Business Staff are: Ted Gelsert, in charge of ticket sales; Phyllis Strickler, house manager; and Bonnie Martin, book holder.

Debate Squads Hold Practice Sessions

The debate this year has come to sound more like a political rally than a debate. There has been a good bit of playful name calling, and a lot of fun in the practice debates so far.

Last week, Paul Wagoner and John Sheets tried to argue Cathy Little and Dean Neber out of the idea that the Federal World Government should be established.

The Varsity teams carried on some discussions of the subject which were so heated that they would probably not stand to be printed. If it didn't melt the type, they would surely set the paper afire. With Russell Shultz and Max McAuley on one side, and Ted Gelsert and Leroy Doty on the other, the friction mounted to a high peak.

Don Shultz replaced Billy Albright on the field, reinforcing the lines with "King" Cotton. These two carried on a gallant fight in the field facing Paul Wagoner and John Sheets.

Everyone who went out for debate this year had a chagrin to put over his feelings and see how it mixed with others' feelings on the subject. Mr. Reusser and Clifford Shultz tried terribly hard to convince Thora Hardy and Sarah Mae Williams, but you know women. They won't believe anything a man tells them.

Olsons Name Their Baby

Dr. and Mrs. O. A. Olson were blessed with a little bundle of joy on November 26 at the McPherson County Hospital. He weighed 8 pounds 5 ounces, his name is Donald Paul.

Don Snider and Charlotte Weaver gave accounts of the Oslo Youth Conference that was recently held in Norway with representatives from almost every country.

During their tour of the great city, New York, the BSCM group were fortunate enough to see some of the sights that have made the place famous. They saw Grant's Tomb, the Statue of Liberty, Radio City Music Hall, Rockefeller Center, the luxury liner Queen Mary, and scores of other things. Some of the world premier of "Anthony and Cleopatra," with gifted Katherine Cornell in the role of Cleo. Others witnessed the world famous opera, "Kristian and Isolde" by Wagner. All were amazed at the speed and spectacle in which the people of New York lived. Necks became rather sore from gazing at skyscrapers.

Home again, the BSCMers have vowed they will roam no more until the Christmas vacation, then they will go home and recuperate from their trip back East.

The Spectator

Official Student Publication of McPherson College, McPherson, Kansas.
 Published every Friday during the school year by the Student Council.
 1947 1948 REPRESENTED FOR NATIONAL ADVERTISING BY
 National Advertising Service, Inc.
 Member Associated College Press
 420 MADISON AVE. NEW YORK, N. Y.
 CHICAGO - BOSTON - LOS ANGELES - SAN FRANCISCO

HOME OF THE BULLDOGS THE SCHOOL OF QUALITY
 Entered as second class matter November 20, 1917, at the postoffice at McPherson, Kansas under the act of March 3, 1917.

Subscription Rates for One School Year \$1.50
 Address All Correspondence to THE SPECTATOR McPherson, Kansas

THE EDITORIAL STAFF

Editor-in-Chief: Marjanna Elmstetter
 Managing Editor: Robert E. Simonson
 Campus Editor: John P. Fineman
 Sports Editor: Morris McChung
 Faculty Adviser: Sarah May Vancil

Reporters and Special Writers:
 Dale Ottman, W. W. Peters, Clifford Shultz
 Bryon Dell, W. H. Brannell, Ruth Merkey
 Eleanor Reusser, Donna Johnson, Weston Dean
 David Reusser, Betty Rankberry

THE BUSINESS STAFF

Business Manager: Don Klein
 Assistant Business Manager: Wendell Burkholder
 Circulation: Lawrence Palkner
 Advertising: Pauline Hildway
 Copy: Byron Francis
 Editor: Gordon Yeater

College for All?

Should every American have the right to a college education at public expense?
 A century ago, there was no free public education in the United States. Citizens were privately educated or not at all. Soon the public policy became established that a certain amount of education for every citizen would serve to promote general welfare. Free schools sprang up all over the nation. The amount of free education provided has steadily increased since then.
 Will the time come when free college education will be as much a matter of course as free secondary education is today?
 Free college education would require a sharp change of policy. Numerous Americans begin to support themselves at college age. They do not attend college because they are unwilling to wait four years to become self-supporting and do as they wish. Some of them marry and start families. Perhaps if free college were offered all Americans, many would refuse the opportunity for such reasons.
 People in this country today feel that a college education is needed. They believe that the responsibilities of perfect world peace rest on the shoulders of youth. Therefore, they think that if the young people go to college they can acquire an education for peace—become well versed in problems domestic and international, so important in the plan for peace.

Freedom Train For All?

Public discussion is high concerning college for all. A long period of such a discussion is to be looked forward to. The GI Bill of Rights has set a precedent. World War II veterans now have a right to a college education at the expense of the public. Various advocates of change are in favor of this feature being extended to cover all Americans. It is argued that this proposal is simply an extension of the educational policy the nation already has.
 What do you think, should there be free college for all?
 In race-conscious Southern towns, law provides for the segregation of Negroes and whites in waiting rooms, on buses and on trains. Some disputes arise when Negroes use the same lines while awaiting service at banks, the post office and in stores.
 It is heart-breaking to reveal one of the leading cities in the South, Memphis, Tennessee, recently displayed its feeling of racial segregation in a most disturbing way. The Hermitage Foundation of New York, sponsor of the tour of the Freedom Train with its exhibits of historical documents, had to cancel a trip to Memphis because the city insisted on segregation of white and Negro visitors.
 The Foundation has made it known that there is to be no segregation at any point on the tour, and that each city it visits, is expected to adopt a resolution to open the gates of the city to the Traveling Museum and make it possible for all who desire to see it to do so.
 The Freedom Train's scheduled visits to other Southern cities have been in a questionable status because of racial segregation. People who have long planned to visit the train, refuse to do so if they must intermingle with the Negro.
 What would our forefathers, who drew up the documents of the Freedom Train, say about this? They, who, without thinking in terms of segregation, composed these papers that said: "All Men Are Created Equal."
 If they knew about this incident, they would be ashamed. They would pity. To think that because of some race conscious individuals others are deprived of the privilege of viewing the documents that are the very essence of freedom.
 When things of this nature happen, there is something lost in the American way of life. Can freedom train segregation help in making this nation strong in the sight of God? No. For this would be His conception of segregation.

"Endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body, and one Spirit, even as ye are called in one hope of your calling; One Lord, one faith, one baptism, One God and Father for all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all... Ephesians 3:6."

CENTRAL PRINTING COMPANY

Publishers of the McPherson County News
 "QUALITY PRINTING AT MODERATE PRICES"
 210 North Main St. Phone 208



Ref. DeWitt Miller spoke before the Student Volunteers on Tuesday December 2, at 9:50 in the SUE. The theme of his discussion was "Suggestions for Programs."

Those who attended SCA Thursday night had the privilege of hearing reports on the BSCM Conference, given by some of those students who attended the annual gathering in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania, during Thanksgiving.

Don't forget, daily devotions are held in the Memorial Chapel of the church at 7 p. m.

Menu For Thanksgiving

- Mashed Potatoes
 - Giblet Gravy
 - Roast Turkey
 - Yams, baked with marshmallows and nuts
 - Oyster Dressing
 - Cranberry Jelly
 - Blackberry Jelly
 - Hot Rolls
 - Olives and Celery strips
 - Spiced Peach Salad, with whipped Philadelphia cream cheese
 - Milk
 - Coffee
 - Pumpkin Pie, with whipped cream and peanut brittle
- These were the dishes fit for a king set before the students who remained over the Thanksgiving Holiday at the college. Three tables, twenty-six people, enjoyed the delightful meal, prepared with a "home touch."
 Not only did the cooks turn out surprises for Thanksgiving, but for the three days following, the dining hall was filled with such exclamations as "How delicious!" and "I'll gain ten pounds off of this meal!"
 Thanks Mrs. Siffer and cooks, for a job well done!

NU WAY CLEANERS

Good Service
 Reasonable Prices

214 N. Main

● Juicy Hamburgers
 ● Frosted Malts
 ● Prompt Service

Ken's Drive In

Drive In Service 5:00 THU 11:30

Engborgs Drug Store

FOUNTAIN SERVICE
 OUR SPECIALTY

218 N. Main

Whitey's Cab

3 New Ford Taxicabs
 Safe - Dependable - Courteous Drivers

24 Hour Service
 300 N. Maple 678
 Call us for Parcel Delivery

Announcing Contest For Creative Writers

A unique nation-wide contest to discover people so think they can write short stories or create ideas for motion pictures, movie titles, or radio shows has been announced by Writers Talent Scout, Inc.

Prizes totalling several thousand dollars and a ten week Hollywood writer's contract will be awarded the winning contestants. The quest for actual writing skill is only part of the search, the ability to think up plots and titles being the other.

In the short story division of the contest, the estate of the late Jack London will pay \$1,000 cash for the best story submitted, \$300 for second best, and \$200 for third.

Cosmopolitan magazine, in addition, will pay \$1,500 for serial rights to the winning story, and will have rights of first refusal on all other promising material submitted. Thus, even if an entry fails to win a prize there is the possibility that it may eventually lead to a lucrative writing career.

For the best plot submitted from which a motion picture can be made, Roy del Ruth and Allied Artists Productions will pay \$1,000 cash and sign the winning contestant to a ten week writing contract at \$187.50 per week, plus transportation.

Various other awards will be made by the Rudy Vallee Radio Division for weekly radio shows, and by Pine Thomas, a subsidiary of Paramount Pictures.

Writers Talent Scout will also endeavor, as the author's literary agent, to sell all promising material so that stories or ideas of merit will not be forgotten simply because they failed to win an award.

Look for further information concerning this contest in future editions of the Spectator.

Chapel Thoughts

(Continued from Page One)

The college presented the program. Clarence McConkey read the scripture and the ladies' quartette sang two selections. "We Gather Together To Ask the Lord's Blessing" and a Thanksgiving hymn. Kenneth Brown read "A Thanksgiving Trifling" and Ireen Stern lead the group in the singing of songs of thanks.

MY WORD!

Such Bargains!
 Such Values!
 Such Satisfaction!

Adequate Facilities For Self-Service

ODELL'S HELP-SELF LAUNDRY

321 N. Elm

The President Speaks

Another Thanksgiving Day is history and unfortunately for too many, the day is only an historical event.

Accordingly, I should like to suggest that each day should be a day of thanksgiving and that the best way to do this is by making each day a "thanksgiving day."

How grateful we people in the United States should be that we are a free people and can have a national Thanksgiving Day. To guarantee its continuance, however, we must prove ourselves increasingly worthy of being granted freedom of assembly and worship.

Freedom can be maintained through constructive use and not by abuse or neglect of it.

Better Light for Better Sight

McPHERSON ELECTRIC CO.

211 N. Main E. W. Ek

For "Goodness Sake" Use "W-R" FLOUR

MADE BY The Wall-Rogalsky Milling Co. Phone 100

The Spot to Get Tasty Snacks and Fine Meals

THE COLLEGE INN

Earl and Veda Otis

NICHOLSON-BURT MOTOR CO.

Authorized Sales and Service

319-519 North Main Phone 234

THE HOME STATE BANK

M. G. Mathis, Cashier C. H. Hiebert, President
 Member Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation

McPherson Lumber Co.

Geo. H. Goodholm, Manager

"QUALITY MERCHANDISE"

LUMBER, PAINT AND HARDWARE

416 N. Cherry Phone 880

McPHERSON Professional Directory

Dr. Edward L. Hodge DENTIST 306 South Main Phone 277	DR. D. L. SMITH DENTIST 306 South Main Phone 277	Dr. A. V. ROBB OPTOMETRIST Office Closed Thurs. Afternoon Grand Bldg. Phone 190
Dr. H. E. Linscheid Dentist Suite of Rooms 209 Located over Graves Drug Store Malby Bldg. Phone 1561	Dr. O. B. Larson DENTIST Suite 224, Grand Bldg. Office Phone 577	Dr. A. W. Graves OPTOMETRIST Located Over Bixby-Lindsay 100 1/2 N. Main Phone 750
Dr. L. G. Reiff DENTIST Off. Phone 162 Res. Phone 1435 Grand Building	Dr. Galen Dean DENTIST 207 1/2 N. Main Over Kings Drug Store OFFICE PHONE 350	Dr. W. A. Reusch OPTOMETRIST Office Closed Thurs. Afternoon Suite 205 Malby Bldg. - Ph. 110



The Veterans' Voice

By Clifford Shultz

I was hit between the eyes with a question last week. The question was, "Is Shultz a C. O.?" I think it would be wise to clarify a few points before I go further. The question may be answered yes or no, depending upon the definition of the expression "C. O." If it is taken to mean a literal definition of the words "conscientious objector," meaning that I object to war conscientiously as being morally wrong for humanity, the answer is "yes."

If the question was vituperative, making the expression a mere abbreviation of the word "coward," the answer is "no." I spent three years in the army; over half of it in Europe; five months of it on the front lines with the Infantry; fighting for what I believed to be right, and still think it is right; Freedom for all people (and I don't mean just Americans) I was cited three times for heroic achievement, and have the citations to prove it. I am now a member of the Organized Reserve Corps; and if we are plunged into another war in the near future, I will be among the first to go. But I still believe it is wrong.

Anyone who has seen the life blown out of men, and holes blown in them; anyone who has been cold, hungry, thirsty, tired, afraid to live one minute, afraid to die the next, is one of two things—pacifist or mercenary. I did not learn to like those things, and I don't believe I ever will. That makes me a pacifist, by the process of elimination.

One time a long time ago, before our grandfathers and grandmothers ever thought about leaving Germany or Sweden or Ireland, there was a man whose name was Paine, I believe. He said "If there is to be war, let it be in my time, that my children may have peace." I can only reiterate his words. I should rather fight to attain a permanent peace than to regain a lost peace. Dying for such a cause would be no less honorable than dying in war, although it would be less glorified.

So coin your phrases, and throw them where you may; but make them of something other than rubber. Rubber balls bounce.

Next Sunday, exactly six years will have passed since the sneak attack by the Japanese on Pearl Harbor. Because of the lack of preparation, we and the rest of the world went through over four years of the most horrible type of war ever devised by the minds of men. That should never happen again. We must never again allow our young men to be slaughtered because of our isolationist policies. We must be prepared to meet the emergency that exists today by giving the rest of the peoples of the world social, political and economic equality. If we are not prepared to rise to that task, let us again prepare ourselves for armed defense against whatever enemy seeks to subdue us.

Passing a car on a hill or turn is often a good cure for drowsiness.

Notice The Difference!



See Dean or Betty Hoefle For Our 24 Hour Service.
 • Cleaning
 • Pressing
 Owned and operated by World War II Veteran
ABC Cleaners
 'Always Be Clean' Phone 335
 119 S. Main

Chrysler-Plymouth Sales—Service
 See Us For TIRES, BATTERIES OR ANY OTHER AUTO NEEDS
DRIVE IN TODAY
Goss Motor Co.

About Alumni

By Ira N. H. Brammell

This column wishes to introduce to its readers, Louette C. Russell, '11, who is engaged exclusively at Agricultural research on soil and moisture conservation at the University of Nebraska. He is joint originator, with Dr. T. L. Dudley, of the soil conservation practice called "subsurface tillage" or "stubble mulch farming." He is the author of many bulletins and articles.

At the annual meeting of the American Society of Agronomy and Soil Science Society of America held at Cincinnati last month, he presented a paper entitled "Nitrate-Clover Heavies left on the surface of the soil." His research on subsurface tillage is attracting world wide attention, and practices originated by him are playing a vital role in the reclamation program of several countries of the world.

The following observation from Prof. Russell is of interest to friends of McPherson College: "If there ever was a time to expand the missionary training idea, that time is now. The nation, and the world needs training and information on International Relationships. Why should McPherson not make a reputation for itself in this particular field?"

"As a student, why not combine into one course or courses, or a seminar, or even a department, eventually, all of the talent that McPherson College fortunately has around her.—retired missionaries, young men and women of World War I and II experience, teachers with foreign schooling, students from foreign countries,—and explore enthusiastically and at length the present day field of international relationships. Let missions be a phase without any apology to any one, but consider all ways of living, governments, historical backgrounds, nationalistic aspirations and functions, etc."

"The world needs international statements of calibre and ideals. Also it needs an understanding people. Too much of our present day strife is due to lack of understanding."

Hit and Miss



By Betty Ikenberry

When the mail man came the other day he had a strange looking letter with him. Since the writing wasn't clear and the stamps were strange, the letter found its way into my mail box. (I'm forever getting letters with strange stamps on them). Seeing the letter in the box made me happy for I thought it was a letter from my fond parents. You can imagine my surprise when this was what I read:

To Whom It May Concern,

As I was walking through space on my yearly walk, I found myself attracted to a small square on the earth. This space was in the Western Hemisphere of the

Get Your Ice Cream and

Rich, Creamy Malts

at

Select Dairy

217 S. Main

Open Evenings

Carlson Plumbing Co.
 Office Phone 14; Res. 26

THE BEST IN
 —Drugs
 —Cosmetics
 —Fountain Service
King Drug Store
 207 N. MAIN PHONE 19

world, on the north half of it in a country called the United States of America, in the state of Kansas, county of McPherson, and . . . on the hill (?) of the county seat town. This small square, had many large buildings. From the tallest one music in all size and shape came out and hit me in the face. I wondered what sort of institution this was that I had found.

I walked around until I found a building called Sharp Hall. It had a sign on it with the word "Administration." I entered, wondering what I was getting into. (To be continued next week)



By Byron Dell

On Tuesday evening of this week the student ministers met at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Miller. Those present enjoyed a profitable and informative hour under the leadership of Rev. Miller. The topic discussed was: "Pre-marriage counselling." Rev. Miller stressed that the marriage ceremony performed by the minister is a very important aspect of his clerical duties. He should be adequately trained and prepared to render this service for couples who come to him. Procedures and techniques for counselling were given for our consideration. Rev. Miller recommended several good books which deal with pre-marital counselling and marriage. A question period followed.

Twelve student ministers were present with a total of eighteen in all. The next meeting is scheduled for December 16 in Sharp Hall room 27. Prof. Hession will give suggestions on sermon delivery.

All student ministers and particularly those who have a special interest in Brethren Service are urged to keep in mind the dinner program next Wednesday evening, December 10. Look elsewhere in the Spectator for a more complete announcement.

Teacher: Now, Bobby, tell me where the elephant is found.

Bobby: (after a moment's hesitation) The elephant, teacher, is such a large animal it is scarcely ever lost.

Money can be lost in more ways than you—

✓ Lovely Gifts
 ✓ Photo Supplies
 ✓ Finishing
 35c per roll
ABEL'S GIFT SHOP

Gifts
 Watches
 Clocks
 Pearls
 Compacts
 Bracelets
 Chokers
 Tie Clips
 Watch Bands
 Billfolds
 Shaving Kits
 Pen and Pencil Sets
 Cosmetic Sets

"CHRISTMAS TIME IS HERE!"
Bixby, Lindsay & Co.

Parade of Opinion

by Associated Collegiate Press

A MODERN PARABLE — There was a friend of ours who lived in a particularly densely populated section of Brooklyn. Now this man was intelligent and well-informed—so well informed that he came down with a disease common to our times: bomb-phobia. He would lie awake nights in his hot Brooklyn apartment and while he was not bordering on hysteria, his thoughts would go something like this: "Well, if they come over and drop it, where are they going to drop it? Where it will do the most damage, that's where, and that's here, right here . . ." and he would swear the remainder of the miserable night.

Finally, he could stand it no longer, so he moved to a large college. Life on the academic battleground was pleasing for a time. But finally, the phobia came to sit on our friend's shoulder in the night, and it said: "Where are they going to drop it? Right where it will do the most damage, of course, and that's RIGHT HERE. Why sure, where the minds are congregated, or at least where they think the minds are congregated."

So our friend who was a little bugged by now packed his bags and moved up into the far reaches of Alaska. One day his nearest neighbor said, "We're going to have to move any day now."

"Why?" asked our friend, who was just beginning to get used to the place.

"Great Heavens, man, do you want to get caught? When they invade, where do you think they'll come from? Right across the Strait, right through here, that's where they'll come."

So our friend packed his bags and moved. At last he came to the Great American Desert in the southwest part of the United States. "At last I have escaped," he said. "But has anyone else?"

And just at the moment came a monstrous roar. Our friend never heard the accompanying explosion.

And when the scientists came to study the crater made by this rocket they were testing, there was a young one among them who kept insisting that some sort of inhabitant had been where the rocket had fallen. There were, he insisted, several pieces of evidence strewn about.

"Don't be silly," said the other scientists. "Why would anyone be living in this desolate area?" (The Dartmouth, Hanover, N. J.)

Photo Fans—
 Quality Developing Is Our Specialty



Parrent's Photo Shop
 Tune in Here for Expert Repair
 • Efficient Service
 • Competent Repairmen
 • Reasonable Rates

Modern Radio Service
 Maurice E. Allison
 Lauren Matson
 Phone 1240
 212 E. Euclid

THEN—THERE ARE BOOKS



Periodicals, more commonly called magazines, are an important part of any library. In them one has the best sources for current information and entertainment.

The past century in America has seen a phenomenal growth in the production of periodical literature of all types. Magazines of today range from the cheap pulp written on the margin level of intelligence to the scholarly professional research quarterly. Libraries spend a large part of their budgets each year for many of the better magazines.

A person could spend an afternoon or an evening a week very profitably and enjoyably in reading and scanning periodicals. Fiction, news, science, and hobbies are only a few of the possibilities. No adventurer in foreign lands over had greater surprises than those surprises which await the person who explores a college library periodical shelf for the first time.

The various indexes such as the Readers' Guide to Periodical Literature are tools for the person who is looking for information in periodicals. Skill in the use of these tools and an acquaintance with periodicals are essential for college students.

Magazines in the college library, except the current issues, may be checked out for a period of one week. Current issues are treated the same as reserve books.

The average man's idea of an intelligent friend is one who always agrees with him.

None of us are entirely useless. Even the worst of us can serve as horrible examples.

The head never begins to swell until the mind stops growing.

HOUGHTON'S
 Your Home BAKERY

For Expert, Competent, and Honest Insurance and Real Estate Service.

SEE
Duguid Agency
 115 W. MARLIN
 "A Better Service Agency"

For Laughs & Fun Meet the gang at
Peterson's Roller Rink
 Open Evenings & Sundays

When you think of flowers — Naturally you think of
Johnson's FLORAL SHOP
 Phone 834

Pearce Studio
 106 1/2 N. Main Phone 348
 Over Bixby - Lindsay



They're Engaged!

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Niesly of Dallas Center, Iowa announce the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Bernice, to Mr. Royce Loshbaugh, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. F. Buckingham, of Robbins, Iowa. The marriage will take place some time in June.

Mrs. Minerva Lindstrom of McPherson, Kansas, announced the engagement and approaching marriage of her daughter, Bernice, to Mr. Royce Loshbaugh, son of Rev. and Mrs. R. E. Loshbaugh of Westphalia, Kansas.

American Shoe Shop
 108 W. Euclid

Meet the Gang Here!



The Place To Get—
 • Fountain Service
 • Gifts
 • Hallmark Cards
HUBBELL'S
 "Rexall Drugs"

New Ribbon Chart For Girls

Did you know that the ribbons that are worn by the girls have a very definite meaning? A Ribbonology chart has been worked out by girls in other schools in the United States. Here is the chart:

White ribbon—I'm going steady back home, but I'm open for dates here.

Brown ribbon—My beau has left town.

Green ribbon—I flirt with them all.

Gray ribbon—I'm a "man hater."

Wine ribbon—I'm bashful.

Pink ribbon—Don't bother me. I'm in love.

Blue ribbon—My boy friend is in the army.

Tan ribbon—Big sister type.

Orange ribbon—I want a football hero.

Red ribbon—Desperate for dates.

Black ribbon—Disappointed in love.

No ribbon at all—I'm an "old maid."

Ribbon on left side of hair—I'm in love.

Ribbon on right side of hair—I'm going steady.

Ribbon on both sides of hair—I'm desperate for dates.

Ribbon on top of hair—I'm open for dates with anyone.

Notice follows: You better take a mental note of this or write it down. You wouldn't want to get confused . . . in case Mac co-ed decide to adopt this very popular chart . . . would you?



Here and There
By Dale Oltman

Colleges throughout the United States have begun classes after the Thanksgiving holiday. New programs hold the spotlight in a few weeks remaining before Christmas vacation.

The SCM at La Verne, California, held a relief program by which a specified wardrobe was obtained for some hypothetical people overseas, as a result of a scavenger hunt. A prize was given to the group bringing back the most clothing.

The movie "Our Town", Sol Lesser's film version of Wilder's play, was given recently to raise funds for more visual teaching materials.

At the University of Massachusetts, as well as at many other colleges, plays from comedy to drama head the list of activities.

An all school skate was held at Manchester College, Indiana, and was sponsored by the social committee.



LUNCH-BOX FEATURES

Just the Place to get Tasty Snacks for your Picnic or Party

JAMES' FOOD STORE



1947 BASKETBALL

Monday, Dec. 8

McPherson College
VS
Sterling College

HERE
High School Gym
8:00 P. M.

PRELIMINARY
McPherson "B"
VS.
Sterling "B"
6:45

When women get a run in those new synthetic stockings made from coal, wood, and rubber, how do they know whether they have a clicker, a splinter or a blowout?

The story is told of a college student who dreamed he was asleep in class, and awoke to learn he was.

E. L. WOLF
Plumbing and Heating
Gas & Westinghouse
Electrical Appliances
219 S. Main • Phone 226

For Christmas,
Give a Personalized
Sheaffer Pen and
Pencil Gift Set



HULLYBRUNK
Jewelers

All American

Walter Camp started it all in 1899. Now it is a full-time job keeping up with the all-American selections. Just to familiarize you with leading candidates here's a list of 1947's pickin' stars.

Ends: Of the 1946 selections—Bechtel, Baldwin, Foidberg, Poole, and Madar—only Barney Poole is back in the collegiate ranks. The ex-Army flanker is back at his original stamping grounds, Mississippi, and has broken Hank Stanton's six-year old most passes received in a season record. Bill Swilacki, Columbia, made the superman catches that brought defeat to Army for the first time since 1942. West coast drum-beaters insist that Troy's Paul Cleary is the equal of Buzz Baldwin, a 1946 all-American and from UCLA. Other likely candidates are Bob Ravensberg, in the army last year but an all-American for Indiana in '45; Jim Martin, ex-Marine for Notre Dame; Max Hulgartner, tree-topper from Texas; and Ike Owens, Illinois Negro.

Tackles George Connor, the Notre Dame dreadnaught, has one tackle position all sewed up. Look for Ziggy Czarnowski, Connor's Notre Dame teammate; Bob Davis, Georgia Tech's captain; John Ferraro, 235-pounder from USC who made all-American in 1944; George Savitsky, the 255-pound Penn giant who made numerous selections in '45; and Goble Bryant, the Tennessee Sha'd who was a bulwark in the Army line; to be high in the running for the other tackle berth along side Connor.

Guards: There's not a single guard returning from last year's all-star elevens, but that's no sign of a draught at that position. Steve Subey, captain of Penn State's undefeated powerhouse, and Joe Steffy, the Cadet captain, gave the east ample guard protection. John

Prehlik, Yale, is another good 'un. A sleeper for one guard spot will be Moose Fischer, Notre Dame's 235-pounder who can run like a breakaway back. Mike Dimitro, UCLA, and Chick Maglioli, Texas, are other contenders.

Centers: Football still hasn't reached the heights it did before Pearl Harbor, but the post-war centers are definitely the best ever. Every '46 candidate except Paul Duke, Georgia Tech, has returned and several new pivots have hit the headlines. Chuck Bednarik, Penn, is the big name right now, but he has competition from George Strohmyer, Notre Dame; Jay Rhodenyre, Kentucky; Alex Sarkislan, Northwestern; Dick Scott, Navy; John Rapacz, Oklahoma; Vaughn Mancha, Alabama; and Dan Dworsky, Michigan. If Sarkislan hadn't broken his arm in early season he might have ranked among the greats of all-time. Scott added the Middy punting duties to his chores of snapper-back and line-backing.

Backs: There are four backfield positions open this year for the first time in four years. (Blanchard and Davis, you know). Of course, Johnny Lujack, the Irish field-general has one position sewn up. There are better passers than Lujack and even a few finer signal-callers, but none can emulate his jarring defensive work. Charlie Conerly, Barney Poole's Mississippi battery-mate, and Bob Chappuis, Michigan's cover-boy, have drawn the most publicity but it's doubtful if they're any better than Ray Evans, Kansas' fine all-around back, or Harry Gilmer, Alabama's 157-pound jump passer. The pros call Evans the best back in the nation. A note to which the Big Six offers a hasty amen. SMU's Doak Walker, Choo-Choo Charlie Justice of North Carolina, Penn's Tony Minisi, passer Gene Rosstide of Columbia, and Arkansas' Clyde Scott are other candidates.



"After capping his millionth bottle, he began screaming: 'Can You Top This? Can You Top This?'"

Improve Your Home with a **HOOVER LOAN** FHA Title I 115 W. MARLIN PH. 410

Lake Superior Lumber Co.
RALPH HANSON, Mgr.
Lumber — Hardware
Paint — Coal
301 N. Maple Phone 40

Wide Variety - Superior Quality - Low Price
HAWLEY HARDWARE
LOWELL HAWLEY - Proprietor
219 N. Main

GENUINE PARTS
for Magnetos, Starting and Lighting Systems
Swanson Electric Co., Inc.
ELECTRICAL SERVICE
Phone 187 310 N. Maple

1947 Basketball Season Opens Here vs. Sterling

The McPherson College basketball team opens what promises to be a successful season here, Monday night against Sterling College. The 13 teams of both schools play at 6:45 and the varsity game starts at 8 p. m.

The Bulldogs have 40 players out for the squad and it has been necessary for Coach Relling to split the squad into two sections. One section practices in the afternoon at 3:30 and the other section practices at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Back from last year are eight lettermen around whom Coach Relling will be able to build this season's team. The guards returning are Bob Odle, Clint Hill and Jack Applegate.

The forwards back for this year are Lyle Goering, Bud Fisher, Gerald Hutchison, and Don Smith. The returning center letterman is Lee Nording.

Other players who have turned out include: from last year's B squad: Herbert Bruns, Salty Tillman, Morris McClung, Wendell Burkholder, Lawrence Wiebe, and Dean Ward; from the McPherson High School squad: Don Peters, Gene Nelson, Lowell Sawyer, Dean Coughenour, Tommy Hayden, and Huck Reinecker; also out for the squad are: Bob Wright, John Roth, Art Bradley, Ron Sullivan, Dick Prentice, Melvin Fishburn, David Manky, Lester Pauls, Harry Schaffer, John Ward, Harry Heckhorn, Bill Balmers, Dave Harner, Duke Messmer, George Holloway, Bob Tharrington, Bob Tannreuther, Francis Kindt and Gene Arnold.

Coach Relling has been drilling the squad during the past week on fundamentals of pivoting, dribbling, shooting, and passing. A few plays have been set up and scrimmages have highlighted the workouts during the past few days.

ACP Feature Service

Early morning classes at Texas Christian University do affect at least one teacher.

On putting a particularly difficult question to his 7 a. m. religion students, Dr. Cecil F. Chervton asked a Mr. Cain for the answer. Three times he repeated the name, only to be greeted by silence.

"Finally he stepped to his desk, flipped through his cards and grinned sheepishly at his discovery. "I'm sorry, folks," he apologized. "There is no Mr. Cain. I'm thinking of Mr. Anles."

Commerce, Texas—(ACP) — Sidney Lester is probably the most deserving person ever to receive a BA degree at East Texas State. When he received his degree last spring, he had majors in sociology and journalism, first minors in history and government, second minors in Spanish, English and shop, plus a few others thrown in.

It all started when Lester enrolled at East Texas and sent for a transcript of his credits from Harvard and George Washington University. But the credits never seemed to arrive, so the now slightly exasperated Lester kept taking courses and waiting for his transcripts.

Upon being notified of their arrival Lester sighed with relief. He was beginning to run out of possible courses.

Headquarters for your Music Needs

INSTRUMENTS

- Holton
- Martin

RADIOS

Clef Music Co.

"KNOW YOUR MUSIC" PHONE 962
222 N. MAIN

PEOPLES STATE BANK

ESTABLISHED 1898

Rogers-Brown
Formerly Monty Ash Studio

Photography
Portraiture and Commercial

Phone 1168 122 N. Main

That's Mighty Low!

... and Greyhound fares are mighty low, too

Greyhound offers mighty low fares to all parts of the nation. Check with your Greyhound agent, the very next time you plan a trip.

Union Bus Depot
Warren Hotel Bldg. Phone 350

GREYHOUND

Hutcherson's Wheel Aligning Service
Phone 870 310 North Main
Wheel Aligning & Brake Repair

King and Conn Band Instruments
Crabb Service System
Philco Radios Wilson Sporting Goods