

# Alumni News Letter

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## McPherson College Needs Help

McPherson College needs the financial assistance of every alumni member and to give all alumnae as well as other friends of the college a chance to help, the Alumni Association is starting a move to raise \$3,000 during the year.

There has been a reduction of 34 per cent in the student enrollment at the College this fall and this, naturally, reduces the normal income of the College considerably. The alumni members must help and by adding their support to the school they are building for the future growth and success of McPherson College.

The \$3,000 alumni drive is to provide supplementary income for current expense at the College. The Alumni Association has not been asked by the College to make a financial drive since 1910. The directors of the alumni board have assumed this responsibility. During the present wartime period it is imperative that the College receive additional support other than its normal financial income from the students.

Alumnae and others who contribute to the impending drive will receive credit on membership in the Greater McPherson College Club. Those who contribute for five consecutive years automatically become members of the Greater McPherson College Club.

It will be impossible to see every alumnae and every friend of McPherson College in raising the \$3,000, so it will be necessary to conduct the drive through the alumni magazine and the college bulletin.

Lend your support to the College so you can say you have an investment in the future of the school.

## To Be Published Soon:

In the next issue of the Alumni Newsletter we will publish a list of the Alumni in Service. We will try to make this as complete as possible and will appreciate hearing from anyone who can send us names and addresses of our fellow alumni in service. Send this information to the Secretary.

## Before You Forget

Will you not send to the Association any changes of address that have occurred recently? We try to keep an accurate file of all alumni. Will you help?

## Alumni Accept Responsibility

To the Alumni of McPherson College:

The Board of Directors of the Alumni Association, at a recent meeting at McPherson, accepted the responsibility for increasing the annual income in the Greater McPherson College Club to the sum of \$3,000.00 per year. Last year our Association, through personal correspondence with the members of the Alumni Association, materially increased the annual subscriptions in said Club. The annual income from the Greater McPherson College Club now amounts to approximately \$1100.00.

This fund constitutes a living endowment for McPherson College and is something to which every alumni member should be glad to pay. The College enrollment is necessarily decreased for the duration of the war. It is our desire to have our College in a strong financial condition at the conclusion of the war as we anticipate a larger enrollment than ever in the history of the College.

Any alumnus who has been away from the College for more than ten years and now returns will certainly realize that the College now has a modern, up-to-date plant which was completed as a result of good business judgment and help of all of the supporters of the College. We want to keep this institution going. We believe that your investment in this type of education is one of the best investments which can now be made. The Alumni Association wants to participate, actively, as an organization in maintaining our Alma Mater.

Respectfully yours,  
John H. Lehman, President  
McPherson College Alumni Ass'n.

### Three Reasons For Giving To McPherson College

1. Emergency financial help for the college during wartime is necessary to meet current expenses.
2. Contributions may be used as deductions in figuring income taxes.
3. The government is encouraging such contributions as a means of aiding in the fight against national inflation.

## From The President

A college president is called upon to play many roles in the performance of which there are varied degrees of pleasantness. The rôle I am now in the act of performing is<sup>1</sup> one that is highly pleasant. The chief element of pleasantness in addressing you is based upon the fact that I have been *asked* to do so by your officers who are both greatly interested in and very anxious to present to you as their fellow alumni and friends an opportunity to share in a project that is essential to the life of your alma mater.

To speak to you in this manner is easy because (1) I do not need to argue the values of McPherson College; you know them from your own personal experiences, (2) you believe in the type of service McPherson College is rendering and you want this service to be continued, and (3) you are well aware of the difficult days in which we are compelled to operate.

We have at the present time 126 four-year college students as against 220 at the same time last year. We have 52 special and fine arts students as against 50 at the same time last year. This makes a total enrollment of 178 which is 34 per cent under last year. As yet we have heard of no similar type of college that has a smaller decrease. One state college has reported a 62 per cent decrease. We are indeed grateful that we have 43 men in our student body which is a larger number than we had dared to hope possible.

It is easily understood that with 90 to 100 fewer students, our income from tuition and fees is down nearly \$20,000.00. To provide an adequate program and to keep our work on a high level of efficiency it is impossible to reduce our teaching and operating budget by the same amount. We must, therefore, secure additional income from other sources than that from the students. Then, too, we must keep in mind the fact that the student pays less than half what it costs to educate him.

You will be interested to know that the General Conference of the Church of the Brethren has voted to furnish the college with \$5,000.00 for each of the next two years. The Fifty Dollar Club plans to at least double its membership this year and we have every reason to believe the churches will increase their giving. If, therefore, the Alumni Association can increase the annual income through the Greater McPherson College Club to at least \$3,000.00 we feel we can meet our obligations.

We are graciously aware of the fact that many alumni are contributing liberally to the college through other sources or by other means. The Greater McPherson College Club is not intended to supplant any other way or means but only to supplement. There are a number who give in two or more ways and this is to be commended and encouraged.

With more than 2,000 graduates it would seem that a living endowment of at least \$3,000.00 per year

could be provided easily. Many who are not graduates are already members of the Greater McPherson College Club and others will no doubt join.

The fact that the Alumni Association has undertaken the project set forth in this bulletin is very encouraging and as your college president, I extend to you my heartiest congratulations and best wishes and I pledge to you the best efforts of the college to merit your continued support.

W. W. Peters, President  
McPherson College

## Deaths

Dr. J. Willard Hershey, professor of chemistry at M. C. since 1918, died at the McPherson Hospital September 27. Dr. Hershey had been ill since last February and was unable to continue his teaching. The Alumni Association extends its sympathy to the members of Dr. Hershey's family.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Glen Johnson will be saddened to learn of her death last June. Mr. Johnson is a member of the class of 1923. Mrs. Johnson, the former Tillie Hadley, taught art at M.C. at one time.

The Alumni Association extends sympathy to the family of Mrs. E. O. Deere, Lydia Söhlberg, Com. '95, who died July 27.

Word was received of the death of W. Kirby Etter on August 16. Mr. Etter was a graduate of the commercial department in 1890, and has been a good friend of the college. At the time of his death he was vice-president of the Archison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railroad.

Ellen Lundstrom, Com. '05, St. '06, who served the city of McPherson as City Clerk for more than twenty years died in August, following a major operation.

We express our sympathy, also, to the family of Irvin Frantz of Holmesville, Nebraska. Mr. Frantz, Com. '97, died suddenly on September 22.

## Hither and Yon

Dr. John A. Clement, '02 & '04, and President of McPherson College from 1911-1913, retired this summer from his teaching duties in the department of education at the University of Illinois, Urbana, Illinois. Dr. Clement is, as many of you know, the author of the college hymn "O Sacred Truth". Dr. Clement is planning to do some writing and will soon complete a book he has started on "Fundamentals of Administration in Secondary Schools." He may also do some teaching in another institution.

Immediate contributions for the \$3,000 Campaign will be appreciated and should be sent to the Secretary of the Alumni Association. A form pledge card and check will appear in the next issue.

The date for Regional Conference for 1944 has been set for February 20 to 25. It is hoped that many can attend in spite of the unfavorable conditions:

## Marriages

On May 1, Wayne Albright, c'39, and Miss Nina Knoll were married.

Mr. Dale Stucky, c'41, and Miss Vena Flory, c'41, were married June 13.

Miss Lucile Wade, c'41, became the bride of Mr. Wilfred Clannin of Decatur, Illinois, on June 13. Mrs. Clannin is working in the Brethren Publishing House at Elgin, Illinois, while Mr. Clannin is in China with a relief project.

Raymond Meyer, c'42, and Miss Dorothy McGill were married June 12.

On June 27, Miss Gulah Hoover, c'35, professor of public school music and piano at McPherson College for the past three years, became the bride of Dr. Garman Daron, c'24, Professor of Anatomy at George Washington University in Washington, D. C.

On July 2, Miss Sara Jane Olwin, c'41, and Keith Pierce, c'41, were united in marriage.

Miss Donna Jean Johnson, c'41, and Ted Washburn, c'43, were married on July 4.

On July 2, Miss Bertha Frantz, c'22, and Mr. C. E. Kimmel were married. They are now living at Waldport, Oregon.

Mr. Charles Nettleton, c'38, and Miss Lola Mae Harbaugh were married June 15. Mrs. Nettleton is a former student at M.C.

Miss Ada Caundie, N. '06, and Mr. Stanley W. Nickerson of Oakley, Kansas, were married July 26. They are making their home in McPherson.

On June 11, Mr. Carl Yoder, c'39, and Miss Lillian Virginia Moyers of Broadway, Virginia, were married.

Mr. Erwin Bentz, c'38, and Miss Dorothy Straight of Adel, Iowa, were married on June 6.

Miss Betty Juells, c'36, and Mr. Ruben C. Romeiser were married September 3. They are living at Lewis, Kansas, where Mr. Romeiser is a teacher in the high school.

On September 9, Miss Kathleen Brubaker, c'43, and Wilbur Linville, a former student of M.C., were married in the McPherson Church of the Brethren.

Mr. Richard Burger, c'42, and Miss Ann Witmore of Rich Hill, Missouri, were married August 22. They are living in Chicago where Mr. Burger is a student at Bethany Biblical Seminary and Mrs. Burger is attending the University of Chicago.

Miss Lucile Cole, c'38, became the bride of Mr. Emil Niedenthal of Russell, Kansas, on May 23. Mr. and Mrs. Niedenthal are making their home on a farm near Russell.

Art Schubert, c'43, and Miss Anne Janet Allison of McPherson, and a senior in college were married September 28.

Joe Hoffert, c'43, and Miss Lois Mersker of Quinter, Kansas, were married September 25. Mrs. Hoffert was a freshman at M.C. last year.

## Hither and Yon

Evalyn Fields, c'32, who has been teaching at Concordia, Kansas, for the past several years, is teaching this year in the Warren Wilson Junior College at Swannanoa, North Carolina. This school is under the Presbytery Board of Missions.

Alumni and former students of McPherson College living in Elgin and Chicago, Illinois, held a reunion in Chicago on May 17, and established a Chicago-Elgin Alumni Chapter. Richard Burger, c'42, was elected President of the Chapter and Virginia Kerlin, c'42, was elected Secretary-Treasurer.

Among those receiving the B.D. degree at Bethany Seminary in Chicago last spring were three M.C. alumni. They are Leonard Lowe, c'36, Carl Smucker, c'39, and Carl Yoder, c'40. The Seminary also gained three more McPherson College Alumni from the class of 1943: Wayne Crist, Merlin Frantz, and Oscar Slifer.

Paul Dannelley, Jr. c'42, is at the present time working in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. Dannelley is a reporter for the Wichita Eagle and is an announcer for radio station KFH.

Mr. Glenn Harris, c'30, was reelected for a six year period as a trustee of M.C. at the District Meeting in Louisiana in August. Rev. W. H. Yoder, c'15, of Waterloo, Iowa, was elected as trustee for six years from the district of Northern Iowa, Minnesota, and South Dakota.

Miss Wanda Hoover, c'37, has a leave of absence for the school year 1943-1944 to complete her work for her master's degree at the University of Iowa. She has been honored by being granted a graduate assistantship in the Department of Home Economics.

Miss Mildred Siek, c'35, is in charge of the Home Economics Department at the college in Miss Wanda Hoover's place for this school year. Miss Siek received her M.S. degree in Home Economics last June at the University of Wisconsin. While at Wisconsin she was a graduate assistant in that department.

Mr. E. A. Toland, c'29, who has been teaching in Kansas for a number of years, is now serving as coordinator of Secondary Education for the city schools in Los Angeles, California.

Rev. W. T. Luckett, c'26, is now the pastor at Grundy Center, Iowa. For the past several years he has been pastor of the Wenatchee, Washington, Church. Rev. Luckett succeeds Rev. Earl M. Frantz, c'21, who became the Director of Public Relations at the College the first of June.

Enrollment at the college has been completed now and in spite of quite a decrease in numbers those at the college feel encouraged with the total under the existing conditions. At this writing the enrollment figures stand at 133 college students and 45 fine arts. 43 of the 133 college students are young men which is a larger number than was anticipated.

Miss Minnie Mugler of McPherson who was graduated at M.C. with the B.M. degree in 1921 and with the A.B. degree in 1932, and who has had successful teaching experience on both the high school and the college levels, has been employed to teach in the Department of Music at McPherson College. She succeeds Mrs. Garman Daron, the former Miss Gulah Hoover.

Each year since their graduation the class of 1923 has edited a class newspaper under the caption "Memories of '23". The editor of this paper has been and is Orville Pote. This year being their twentieth anniversary they put out a bulletin which contains a letter from each graduate of that class and picture of the graduate and his or her family. It is a very interesting bulletin and shows a good alumni spirit.

Earl M. Frantz, c'21, is Director of Public Relations at McPherson College. As he carries on his work over the territory we hope many of you will become acquainted with him.

Paul W. Harnly, c'15, is now the Principal of East High School in Wichita, Kansas. Mr. and Mrs. Harnly, (Iva Curtis, c'23) have been located at Grand Island, Nebraska, prior to accepting this position.

There are three other faculty members on leaves of absence besides Miss Wanda Hoover. They are Miss Ida Shockley, Dr. Oscar Olson, and Dr. Walter Naumann. Dr. Olson is teaching in an army unit at Dennison University in Ohio, and Dr. Naumann is teaching in an army unit at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor Michigan. The work of Miss Shockley and Dr. Olson is being cared for this year by other members of the faculty. Dr. Francis Bengé has been secured for the modern language work in Dr. Naumann's absence.

Jonathan Hamersley, c'40, received a double promotion last March in the United States Civil Ser-

vice, being promoted from junior chemist, professional 1st grade to associate chemist, P-3, at the Medical Laboratory of the Saint Louis Medical Department Procurement District of the United States Army.

Mr. James Berkebile of Tulsa, Oklahoma, has been secured to teach the chemistry classes and direct the laboratories in chemistry for the school year.

Many campus improvements were made this spring such as painting both inside and out of various buildings on the campus. Then, too, new sidewalks were built from the Library, Arnold Hall, and Sharp to New Fahnestock Hall. A new walk was also laid from Frantz Industrial Arts Building to the walk leading to Kline Hall and Sharp. Landscaping was done around Fahnestock and a service door was cut into the east wall of Arnold Hall. A new drive has been made on the east side of the campus behind Fahnestock and Arnold Halls. In the Administration Building the President's office was changed to the room directly east of his former office, which room is now occupied by the President's secretary. The Director of Public Relations has an office near the President's.

#### Births

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Harris of Jennings, Louisiana, are the parents of a son, Melvin Lee, born May 3. Mr. Harris graduated in 1930 and Mrs. Harris (Ethel Sherfy) in 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Baldwin of San Bernardino, California, are the parents of a son, Boyce Arthur, born August 3. Mr. Baldwin is a member of the class of 1939.

Mr. and Mrs. Rush Holloway of Wichita, Kansas, are the parents of a daughter, Jeanie Beley, born August 31. Mr. Holloway graduated in 1930 and Mrs. Holloway, formerly Helen Eberly, in 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Johnston of Anthony, Kansas, are the parents of a daughter, Sharon Mae, born August 21. Mr. Johnston finished in 1932.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Flory of Ottawa, Kansas, are the parents of a son, Lowell Allen, born May 25. Both Mr. and Mrs. Flory (Rowena Frantz) graduated in 1940.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Lewallen are the parents of a daughter, Constance Ann. Mr. Lewallen is a member of the class of 1941 and Mrs. Lewallen (Joy Smith) a member of the class of 1942.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard DeTour (Lorene Voshell, c'39) are the parents of a son, Richard Oliver.



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