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## THE COMMENCEMENT SEASON

The festivities in connection with the commencement season of the forty-fourth year of McPherson College will be remembered by graduates, alumni, and friends because of the spirit of genuine fellowship. The seniors were honored in several social functions. The juniors entertained them with a unique oriental banquet, and President and Mrs. Schwalm invited them to a delightful evening reception in their home.

There were many programs of interest to the people of the college, the community, and the guests. Three graduates from the piano department appeared in recitals which gave evidence of artistic skill and honest work. The seniors presented in a thoroughly entertaining manner A. A. Milne's mystery play, "The Perfect Alibi" to a large and appreciative audience in the Community Hall. The same group gave a varied and original program at the Senior Class Day exercises.

Upon the invitation of the Alumni Association, members of the Class of '22 came to the campus to celebrate the tenth anniversary of their graduation. Those who were here, together with their families, a group of about forty enjoyed the gracious hospitality of Dean and Mrs. R. E. Mohler and Mr. and Mrs. Harold Beum at a luncheon in the Mohler home. Delightful hours were spent recalling college days, revealing the history of ten years, and tracing the absent ones.

Mr. H. R. Stover, '22, was toastmaster for the alumni banquet at which the classes of '22 and '32 were guests of the other members of the association. Nearly two hundred alumni and friends enjoyed the program of the evening. Of special interest was the contribution of the Class of '22, a reading by Miss Mayme King, a vocal solo by Mrs. Bertha Frantz Engle, and a toast, "My Goal," by Dr. Ralph Y. Strohm.

The two formal programs, the baccalaureate and the commencement, were of unusual merit. President Schwalm addressed the graduates and a large audience on the subject, "The Mind of Christ." His appeal was that only the spirit and integrity of the Christ are sufficient if the individual would achieve his full personal development, and if society would move forward on a high plane of civilization. President I. N. McCash of Phillips University gave a challenging commencement address, "Dealing With Eye Level Facts." The college church was well filled by the many friends who came to honor the fifty graduates receiving degrees on this commencement day.

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### NO DEPRESSION IN FORENSICS

With the graduation a year ago of two unusually strong debaters, the forensic prospects of McPherson at the opening of school did not look promising. However, an intimation of the good things to come was given at the Winfield Debate Tournament in December by the creditable record of the six McPherson teams, and by the notable success of Lilburn Gottmann and Ward Williams in winning the silver cup of second place in the men's tournament.

The regular Varsity season opened with a victory over the strong Bethany team, after which the only loss of the season occurred at Wichita. Little difficulty was encountered in winning in succession from Bethel, Wesleyan, Friends and Sterling. A tie made necessary a dual debate with Bethany, both ends of which were won by McPherson. This gave our boys their second successive State Championship, the fifth in the last seven years, and the sixth since 1922.

The Women's Teams and the second Teams engaged in a creditable schedule of non-decision debates with nearby schools.

On March 8, Ward Williams represented McPherson in the State Anti-Tobacco Oratorical Contest and won second place and \$25.00. At the State Tournament at Manhattan on March 11 and 12, Ward Williams had the unusual honor of winning the handsome silver cups of first place in both Men's Oratory and Men's Extempore. On April 16 in the State Peace Oratorical Contest, Lawrence Lehman won first place and \$60.00. This event closed one of the most successful forensic seasons at McPherson in recent years.

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The above information about forensics was furnished by Prof. M. A. Hess, coach of debating at McPherson College. Prof. Hess has during the past ten years established such a record as debate coach as to make his name feared by all debate coaches whose teams are to meet his teams. By careful management of his men, by indefatigable labor on the part of the coach and debators and by confidence in their ability to win our forensic program is one of the outstanding features of our college life. (V. F. Schwalm).

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## ATHLETICS

Thirty letters awarded to men and a score of awards to women during the year reflect the usual high degree of interest and enthusiastic participation in the intra-mural and inter-collegiate athletic program of the year.

During the fall and winter seasons of sports, excellent foundations were laid on which will be built strong and successful teams for next year.

In track and field events McPherson College received added honor and recognition from the excellent record of her men. Loren Rock set a new state record when he hurled the javelin, 174 feet, 2½ inches in the state meet at Ottawa. A few weeks later he took second place in the same event at the

inter-state meet at Kansas City, Missouri. The records of McGill of Tennessee, on the track gave McPherson first place repeatedly during the spring.

The spring intra-mural athletic program as sponsored by the W. A. A. attracted more girls than usual to a varied program of outdoor games which culminated in the interesting annual May Day Fete. During the entire year, Coach Binford succeeded in conducting a broad intra-mural program which gave opportunity for physical development to a larger number of students than in former years. Unusual interest and enthusiastic participation in intra-mural games may be said to mark the outstanding phase of Athletics during the year.

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#### AS USUAL

Contrary to the expectation of those who have not experienced the dauntless powers of young cupid, the commencement season has brought forth its usual quota of marriages. The list is perhaps a bit longer than usual. Among the happy couples who have started new homes where McPherson College will be recognized as Alma Mater by one or both major parties are the following:

Reuben Bowman and Alberta Hovis, April 30, 1932.

Philip Lauver and Mary Lou Williams, May 27, 1932.

Keith Hayes and Viola Bowser, May 29, 1932.

Paul Bowers and Ruth Turner, May 29, 1932.

Lloyd Diggs and Vera Flora, June 1, 1932.

Floyd Barngrover and Madelyn Gray, June 1, 1932.

Virgil Holt and Helen DeArman, June 1, 1932.

LaVern Martin and Goldia Goodman, June 1, 1932.

Out of this list of 16 young people, 12 are college graduates of McPherson College and three have

been in college at McPherson for one or two years. It makes one happy to think of so many good new homes being started. Every one of these young people have the congratulations and good wishes of many friends at their Alma Mater.

## ENTERING THE TEACHING PROFESSION

Due to general economic and industrial conditions the supply of teachers is greatly in excess of the demand. The surplus of candidates for teaching has been gradually increasing during the past three or four years, but, not until this year has the situation really become serious. In the first place a policy of retrenchment seems almost universal among school systems. This has thrown many experienced teachers out of employment who now are in the market for new positions elsewhere. Many former teachers who find it desirable to help bolster the diminishing family budget are desperately striving to qualify again and secure a teaching position. Then, too, a more than usual number of the current college population find it necessary to stop and teach a few years so as to be in a position to finance further their educational training. For these reasons and others that might be cited, all educational institutions are experiencing unusual difficulty in placing all of their students who are qualified and who desire a teaching position. In spite of these facts, however, the following persons have contracts to date, and doubtless many others will secure positions before the end of the summer.

Brooks, Dorothy; Grade School	McPherson
Evans, Dorothy; Rural	McPherson Co.
Hochstrasser, Herbert; Coach-Manual Training	Luray
Ikenberry, Louise; Rural	Rocky Ford, Colo.
Jamison, Posey; Coach-Manual Arts	Arnold
Johnston, Ralph; Coach-Manual Arts	Courtland
Juhnke, William; Grade	Elvira
Keller, Velma; Rural	Ford Co.

Long, Gertrude; Rural	Rice Co.
Nelson, Ciella; Rural	McPherson Co.
Oaks, Letha; Rural	Jefferson Co.
Pankrats, B. F.; Rural	Meade Co.
Peters, George; Rural	McPherson Co.
Peterson, Ima; Rural	McPherson Co.
Richards, Elizabeth; Latin-History	Patwin
Ruehien, Alice; Rural	Rice Co.
Saylor, Evelyn; English	Lehigh
Sherfy, Ethel; English-Latin	Chase
Stutzman, Mildred; Rural	McPherson Co.
Unruh, F. A.; Rural	Steno Co.
Weddie, Mary, Home Economics	Gaylord

### FACULTY NOTES

During the summer Drs. Harnly and Yoder will for the most part be looking after their farm interests. Dr. Schwalm, Dean Mohler, and Prof. Blair will be giving the major share of their summer in looking after college interests in the field. Dean Replogle, Drs. Bright and Hershey, Prof. Hess, Prof. Fries, Miss McGaffey, and Miss Fee will be conducting the summer school at McPherson College. Miss Brown, Miss Lingenfelter, Mrs. Tate, and Miss Colline will be in charge of the fine arts department of the college during the summer. Miss Heckethorn has charge of the library for the summer.

Miss Della Lehman will spend part of her summer at Boston where she expects to take some work at Harvard and perhaps some in Boston University.

Coach Binford will spend a good share of his summer in the Texas School of Technology at Lubbock, Texas, taking special work in Physical Education and Coaching. Reports indicate that this is one of the best coaching schools in the United States. The coach hopes to return with fresh enthusiasm and information for the new year.

Prof. S. M. Dell will spend the summer in study in the Iowa State College, Ames, Iowa in his chosen field of study. Prof. Dell has had a good year in his department at McPherson.

Prof. and Mrs. Earl Bohling will spend the summer in McPherson. Prof. Bohling expects to engage in some private business enterprise by way of a practical demonstration of his teaching theory. We wish him success—which is considerable at this particular time.

Miss Shelley of the violin department will spend the summer in study in Columbia University in New York and then expects to go abroad for study in Europe. Miss Shelley has been at McPherson three years and during this time has won the respect of her colleagues and students for her musicianship and her enthusiasm for her art. We wish for her a happy year abroad and great success in her career.

Mrs. Tate of the voice department has been in McPherson four years and has during this time demonstrated such a fine dignity, faithfulness to her task and such willingness to be helpful as to win the respect and admiration of all who know her. Her solo work has been a most happy ministry in song. Our very best wishes go with her into future study.

Miss Edith McGaffey will be on leave of absence next year for study. She has been on the faculty of the college for thirteen years. She has served as Dean of Women for five years. She has rendered a great service to the college and has earned a well-deserved rest. We will miss her gracious smile and kindly word of encouragement next year. We shall be happy for her return to our numbers again in the fall of 1933.

Mrs. Holsinger, the matron of Arnold Hall, will spend her summer in Idaho. She has manifested an unusual interest in the west within the last year which has not seemed quite normal. We wish for her a very happy summer.

Prof. and Mrs. J. L. Bowman are now vacationing in the East. We have not learned of their further vacation plans.

Prof. J. Hugh Heckman and family will spend



the summer in resting and writing in his home at McPherson.

Miss McIlrath will spend the summer with her mother, who is in poor health, near Kingman, Kansas.

### VOICE INSTRUCTOR

The music department will see some new faces next year. Mr. Alvin Voran will have charge of the voice and ensemble work and some of the theory. Mr. Voran graduated from McPherson College in the spring of 1928 with a major in music. Since then he has studied music in Chicago. Mr. Voran is an accomplished singer and a very successful director.



ALVIN VORAN

He had already won many honors while in college here and he has continued his active work in Chicago. He has done a great deal of work under Prof. Clippenger, one of Chicago's great voice teachers. He has sung in the Chicago Madrigal Club besides in many other musical organizations in Chicago.

Mr. Voran comes to McPherson with the good wishes of all who know him. He will bring with him a great deal of enthusiasm for his work and will

delight us all with his fine spirit and successful endeavor.

The violin work has not been completely arranged for, but a violin teacher will be provided. Miss Brown and Miss Lingenfelter will go on with their work as usual.

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### STUDENT OFFICERS

The student organizations at the College have all been very active during the past year. Student elections excited a great deal of interest and called forth the best talent in school to fill these various offices.

The leading officers of our organizations are as follows:

The Student Council—

President, Milo Stucky;

Business Manager, Frank Hutchison.

The Spectator—

Editor, Una Ring;

Business Manager, J. T. Williams.

The Quadrangle—

Editor, Delbert Kelly;

Business Manager, Wilbur Yoder.

Cheer Leaders—

Men, Tommy Taylor;

Women, Etta Nickel.

Y. M. C. A.—

President, Lilburn Gottmann.

Y. W. C. A.—

President, Grace Heckman.

World Service Group—

President, Charles Austin.

W. A. A.—

President, Genevieve Crist.

M. Club—

President, Loren Rock.

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### THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT DURING 1931-1932

The past year has proved one of the most suc-

cessful in the history of the college for the music department. Besides numerous recitals, concerts, and musical programs the choral society gave an excellent rendition of the Cantata "Ruth" this spring but it was in contest field that the department made its most outstanding success. Miss Mildred Dahlinger, voice student of Mrs. Tate placed second and Miss Joyce Vetter, piano student of Miss Brown placed third in the interstate contest held at Bethany College, Lindsborg, Kansas. Mr. Lloyd Spear, violin student of Miss Shelley placed first and Miss Julia Mingenback, piano student of Miss Lingenfelter placed second in a contest sponsored by the Federation of Women's Clubs held at Wichita, Kansas. In the McPherson County Contest, Mr. Lloyd Spear placed first and Miss Ruth Crary second in violin, both are students of Miss Shelley. Mr. Ronald Vetter, student of Miss Brown, won first in piano and Miss Hazel Crawford student of Miss Lingenfelter second. Miss Eleanor Peterson, student of Mrs. Tate won second place in voice. Mr. Ronald Vetter placed first in piano in the Arkansas Valley league and Mr. Franklin Hiebert won second in violin in the Central Kansas League and Mr. Ronald Vetter received the rating of "excellent" in piano in state contest held at Emporia.

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### SUMMER SESSION 1932

The Summer Session of the College opened May 30 and will continue to July 29. This provides opportunity to do nine hours or one half of a regular semester of work. Those who are working toward a college degree or the acquiring or renewing of a teachers certificate find the summer session a convenient method of reaching these goals.

Nearly one hundred and forty students have enrolled in the regular college and fine arts work. The summer enrolment will likely reach one hundred

fifty. Regular members of the college faculty offer courses in the Natural Sciences, History, English, Education and the Arts. Miss Mary Fee has been added to the staff for the summer to offer courses in Education and direct the laboratory school of thirty-five third and fourth grade boys and girls. The prospective public school teachers do their practice teaching in the laboratory school under the guidance of Miss Fee.

The resources of the college such as faculty, library and laboratories are available to the summer students and there is an attitude of earnestness and application that is contagious. There is abundant opportunity for guiding the work of individual students and this insures a maximum of good work. Approximately a dozen students expect to receive the Bachelors degree at the summer convocation. Several of these people have worked many summers and studied a little here and a little there until after long years they can have the satisfaction of reaching this goal.

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## *McPherson College*

THE SCHOOL OF QUALITY  
FULLY ACCREDITED

**STANDARD:**

*Liberal Arts and Fine Arts Courses.*

**WHOLESOME:**

*City Environment and Campus Influences.*

**ADEQUATE:**

*Class Room and Library Facilities.*

**REGISTRATION:**

*September 12, 1932.*

**ADDRESS: V. F. SCHWALM, PRESIDENT,  
McPHERSON, KANSAS.**

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