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WAA Invites Eighty-four High Schools Here for Playday

Debaters To Pittsburg For Intercollegiate Tourney

Two Cars Will Transport Teams; Bittinger And Fries To Accompany

The McPherson College debate team left at five o'clock this morning for the State Teachers College in Pittsburg, Kansas. There they will compete with other collegiate teams in a four state area composed of Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and Missouri. Dr. Bittinger and Mr. Fries will accompany them to act as judges at the tourney.

The five teams composing this year's tourney are made up of Wayne Geisert, Ernest Peterson, Nathan Jones, Dean Stucky, James Burger and Hoffer, Betty Burger and Max-Ruehlen, Kathleen Brubaker and the Geiserts.

The group will arrive in Pittsburg approximately noon today and immediately will make preparation to enter into their war of words. The tournament will be organized in such a way that there are actually entirely separate contests running at the same time. The contesting teams will be composed of the senior group, the women's group, and the junior division. The debaters will first debate five preliminary rounds. The victors of each session will then go into three rounds of direct elimination. Various awards and prizes will be given to winners in each division.

Dr. Bittinger, debate coach, was optimistic when questioned about the prospects of the squad for the coming year. However, he refused to make any predictions as to the outcome of the Pittsburg tournament. Dr. Bittinger did say that the team had practiced hard, was well rested, and should do well in the contest.

Students Leave for Bridgewater

Thirty-Six Volunteers to Attend Conference

Last Wednesday morning, November 19, thirty-six Macampusans left for Bridgewater, Virginia, to attend the annual Student Volunteer Conference of the Church of the Brethren.

The students are traveling in caravan style.

Vancil Heads Honor Roll With 54 Points

Is Closely Followed By Horner As Ten Make Coveted List

Sarah Mae Vancil headed the honor roll for the first nine weeks with 54 honor points. Lucile Horner followed with 50 honor points, and next in line were Jean Oberst with 48 honor points, and Joe Dell and Luella Poister with 45 honor points. Eunice Swank had 44 honor points, and Woodrow Franklin, Maxine Ruehlen, and Joy Smith made 41 honor points each. Helen Davis and Harold Voth had 40 honor points apiece.

Those making honorable mention were Roy McAuley, Leo Postman, and Ann Witmore with 39 points, Anne Janet Allison, Wayne Geisert, and Arline Seidel with 37 points; Virgil Brallier, Virginia Kerlin, and Gwendolyn Smith with 36 points; Kathleen Brubaker, Joseph Hoffer, Eleanor Moyer, and Ted Washburn with 35 honor points each.

Cooperative Concerts Featured Last Week

Last week featured two outstanding concerts which were sponsored by the Community Concert series. On Tuesday, November 11, Joseph Szegeti gave an excellent violin concert. His music was of the highest type, some being modern Russian music, and some being numbers of his own composition. Szegeti's accompanist was very accomplished and added much to the program.

Last Friday night a McPherson College group went to Hutchinson to hear the Coolidge String Quartette. The first Coolidge Quartette was organized by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge because she wanted to give work to some musicians. The quartette since that time has maintained a standard of musical quality which has gained the honor and plaudits of all America.



Three hundred and twenty years ago the Pilgrim fathers, grateful for a bountiful harvest and the guidance of God through the first long year in their new home, set aside a day for the giving of thanks to the Lord and for feasting. Little did they suspect that they were inaugurating an event that was to develop into a national tradition, an institution familiar to and respected by every American.

Although characterized by a spirit of festivity and homecoming, Thanksgiving means far more than these momentary material pleasures signify. It is the sincere spirit of thankfulness; the gratitude for God's kindness; the deep, ineffable reverence for the occasion that makes Thanksgiving an imperishable institution.

Spectator Heads Seniors Lead At Annual ACP Convention

In Number On Dean's List

Three-Day Session At St. Louis Features Well-Known Journalists

Four delegates from the Spectator Staff are now attending a national Associated Collegiate Press convention, this year being held in St. Louis, Missouri. This is an annual three-day convention, today being the second day of this year's session.

Programs consist of newspaper editorial roundtables, newspaper business roundtables, and newspaper editor's short course. Featured as lecturers are nationally and internationally known newspapermen, columnists, editors and foreign correspondents. Speakers include Daniel R. Fitzpatrick, Pulitzer Prize winning cartoonist; Irving Dillard, president of the Sigma Delta Chi, national journalism fraternity; and Branch

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Only Eleven Remain Of Number On List Last Semester

According to information received from the Central Office, only eleven students remain of the official Dean's list after mid-semester grades took their customary toll. To retain a place on the Dean's list, a student must have no grade below "B." However a student who was not on the Dean's List at the end of last semester is not eligible for admittance at the mid-semester.

Six seniors, two juniors, and three sophomores kept their places on the coveted list. The seniors on the Dean's list are: Helen Davis, Kamona Fries, Lucile Horner, Virginia Kerlin, Lena Belle Olwin, and Joy Smith, Jean Oberst and Arlene Cavert are the only juniors making the list, and sophomores Anne Janet Allison, Paul Anderson, and Maxine Ruehlen complete the list.

General Playday Program Will Last Until Tomorrow Afternoon

Staehling, WAA Sponsor, Has General Charge of Festivities

Tune In on our Social Calendar

Friday, November 21—Alva Teachers College, here
Saturday, November 22—High School Play Day
Sunday, November 23—Mixed Recital 3:00 at Chapel
Wednesday November 26—Thanksgiving Vacation begins 4:00

Schwalm Is Inaugurated At Manchester

M. C. Represented At Inaugural Ceremonies By Dr. C. Ray Keim

On Saturday, November 8, 1941, Dr. V. F. Schwalm, former president of McPherson College, was inaugurated as president of Manchester College, North Manchester, Indiana.

At the inaugural ceremonies McPherson was represented by Dr. C. Ray Keim, Professor of History at Manchester College.

The investiture ceremony was conducted by Dr. C. E. Ellis, President of Juniata College. Following Dr. Schwalm's brief response was the address by Dr. John L. Seaton, President of Albion College, Michigan.



Dr. V. F. Schwalm

Says Dr. Keim concerning Dr. Schwalm's speech, "Dr. Schwalm's inaugural address was a masterpiece and delivered in his earnest, forceful manner. He declared that a great culture needs a great faith and the Christian College ought to be a dynamic center for the generation of such a faith. In this age of secularism there is a need for common honesty and personal integrity.

Dr. V. F. Schwalm, now in his first year as president of Manchester College, has been for the past fourteen years president of McPherson College, having been succeeded in his post here this year by Dr. W. W. Peters, formerly education head at Manchester College.

Halladays Feted At Faculty Tea

Fishers Entertain Faculty And Visitors At Home Sunday

Professor and Mrs. Halladay were presented to the faculty, Sunday afternoon at a tea given in their honor at the home of Professor and Mrs. Fishers. The Halladays renewed ac-

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Girls from various high schools within fifty miles of McPherson will attend the annual High School Play Day sponsored by the W. A. A. of McPherson College tomorrow, November 22. Miss Staehling, W. A. A. sponsor, has general charge of the activities of the day and Doris Voshell, club president, plays a leading part in the day's program.

Registration will begin at eight o'clock for the high school athletics enthusiasts. Hostesses and girls in charge of registration are Merilyn Sandy, chairman, Ruby Peterson, Gayle Tammel, Bernice Guthals, and Doris Voshell. At 9:30 Miss Staehling will direct a mixer to get the girls acquainted. The girls will be divided into color teams and will play progressive dodge ball, hit pin baseball, and volley ball until noon. Team managers are Jean Oberst, Isabel Crumpacker, Genevieve Wyckoff, Marlys McKnight, Mildred Fries, and Ramona Fries. In progressive dodge ball, June Brockus will officiate and Doris Miller tally the score. Merilyn Sandy will be the official for hit pin baseball, with Mary Slifer as scorekeeper. For volley ball Ruby Peterson will be umpire, Kathryn McRae referee, Ruth Miller and Virginia Lowe lineups, and Bernice Guthals scorekeeper.

A lunch which has been prepared by a committee consisting of Anna Mae Nickey, Lillian Fulkerson, Evelyn Wilson, and Doris Ikenberry will be served at noon. During the lunch hour a program will be given by McPherson College talent. From one o'clock until three, folk games will be played. Of special interest to the girls should be the Dutch folk game which will be led by Catherine Fruin. Awards will be given at three o'clock, as the final item on the program.

The theme which will be carried out in the decorations and awards is a "Dude Ranch" theme. Hostesses will be attired in the costumes of the Old West.

The day's program has been planned by Helen Davis and Harriett Pratt. At the head of the invitation committee was Margaret Hamm. Eighty-four high schools received invitations. The awards will be made by Ruby Peterson, Mary Slifer, Imojean Sheller, Ruth Miller, Arlene Flory, and Mildred Fries, Muriel Lamle, Grace Giffen, Carol Bittinger, and Vesta Vannorsdel have charge of the equipment. The timekeeper for the whole day is Ruth Ickes. Arlene Flory is head scorer for the day's activities.

'42 Quad To Have New Innovations

Tipped-In Pictures From Engravings To Be Feature

According to advance indications this year's Quad will present several new features, heretofore not attempted, because of the cost entailed. Slifer says that this year's annual may contain tipped-in pictures from colored engravings. This is a new feature. Also halftones may be printed in several colors. In previous years halftones have been in the traditional black and white combination, with deviations being in zinc etchings only.

The cover sketch is about ready to be submitted to cover manufacturers for specifications and proof prints. It is not known exactly whether this year's Quad will be covered in cloth or in leather. The desires of the students will probably play a large part in determining what the cover will be.

Thespian Play "Mrs. Moonlight" Gains Polish As Cast Rehearses

Mrs. Heibert, Former Thespian President, Directs Cast of Veteran Actors

Under the direction of Mrs. Elma Hiebert, McPherson College, the Thespian play "Mrs. Moonlight," scheduled for December 5 at Convention Hall downtown, is daily taking on polish as lines and scenes are rehearsed.

Noted for its quaintness, this 19th century fantasy has about it an air of pathos and mystery. Combining redemptive emotionality with its old world simplicity and beauty, "Mrs. Moonlight" reflects the playwright genius of Ben W. Levy, a prominent 20th century dramatist. The plot is founded on the premise that "Sarah Moonlight," title character of the play, will never grow old.

The moodiness and restrained emotionality of "Sarah Moonlight," played by Virginia Kerlin, lends to an otherwise somewhat ordinary circumstance the highly colored atmosphere peculiar to Levy's plays. "Tom Moonlight," ineffectual soul,

perpetually dominated by all with whom he comes in contact, played by Paul Dannelley, provides with his gentle demeanor an effective background against which the tempestuous variations of "Sarah Moonlight" may be thrown in bold relief.

Jean McNicol as "Minnie," irascible and domineering, although withal likeable and loyal to her beloved "Sarah Moonlight," provides part of the comedy element, besides helping to mold the entire play into a continuous stream of action.

"Jane Moonlight," happy, carefree, and gay, combining the emotionality of her mother with the sturdy practicality of "Tom Moonlight," by Jean Oberst, speed up the action of the play with her sudden bursts of emotion.

Roy McAuley as "Percy Middling," slow witted, staid, and practical is a quieting factor for the tumultuous variations in the play.

"Willie Ragg," impulsive, good-for-nothing, and generally improvident provides a contrast to the solidness and quiet goodness of his rival in love, "Percy Middling." Played by Nathan Jones, this part adds zest with its portrayal of fickleness and worthlessness.

"Peter Middling," played by Clancy Bunyan, brings to the final act of the play the connecting link between the 19th century and the 20th. "Peter," son of "Jane Moonlight" and "Percy Middling," lends a relief element to the tense atmosphere of the third act.

Harriett Pratt as "Edith Jones," foster sister of "Sarah Moonlight," brings to the stage the austerity, the primness, and the starched whiteness of the perennial spinster. With her frank, caustic remarks she explains and somewhat justifies the activities of her fellows in the play.

Women's Varsity Quartette To Waterloo, Iowa

To Collaborate With President Peters In Representing M. C.

The Ladies' Quartette, composed of Lois Stambaugh, first soprano; Virginia Kerlin, second soprano; Jean McNicol, first alto; Lucy Blough, second alto; with their accompanist, Luella Poister will leave tomorrow morning at 4:00 with Pres. Peters for Waterloo, Iowa. Miss Hoover, their director, will not be able to go.

The quartette and Dr. Peters will represent McPherson College at the annual "McPherson College Day" and the annual "Thanksgiving Birthday Dinner" Sunday at the South Waterloo Church. The quartette will sing for the morning, afternoon, and evening sessions. Dr. Peters will speak in the morning on the subject of "Living Gospel" and in the evening he will speak on the subject "Preaching and Teaching in the World of War."

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America Gives Thanks

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God; it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise; be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations." For thousands of years these words, simple and easily understood, have lived in the hearts and minds of the thinkers and sages of the world.

Three hundred and twenty years ago the sentiments expressed therein were perpetuated to live forever in the minds of Americans by the thankful people whom God had blessed in the new worlds. Three hundred and twenty years ago the people of America gave thanks to God for the good which they had received. They gave thanks for the prosperity which was theirs; for the abundance which they had received. Today, three hundred and twenty years later, America, virile, strong, and opulent, retains her early thankful spirit—faded, perhaps, and sometimes not as sincere, but present. America today is thankful for plenty, for prosperity, and most especially for peace. America is thankful for the joy of living. Let us hope that after another three hundred and twenty years America will still be thankful.

Germans Like War Books

Nearly one-fifth of the books published in Germany last year were on the subject of war, Howard K. Smith, CBS Berlin correspondent reported in a recent broadcast. Smith said that Propaganda Minister Goebbels stated that 33,000,000 volumes have been published on the subject in the last twelve months. Fiction leads the classification with the German translation of "Gone With the Wind" high on the list. The two most popular American authors, Smith said, were Mark Twain with "Huckleberry Finn" and James Fenimore Cooper with the "Leatherstocking Tales." Two books competed for honors as Germany's most popular publication—the Bible and "Mein Kampf."

Party Line

If you hadn't already noticed, Macampus is as sparsely settled this week-end as the pate of a bald-headed man's dome. Interests in other parts have called a large number of Macollegians away from the home campfire to cheer up the lives of the poor unfortunates who don't have the privilege of living in Kansas. (Did I hear a guffaw coming from the back row?) The old place should be quite and peaceful with the volunteers carried back to old Virginy, the debaters at Pittsburg—Kansas, of course, the female quartette in Iowa, and the journalists in old St. Louis. Eat, drink, and be merry, for tomorrow ye come back to the dorm. And say, Mister! they tell me that it's really worth the price of admission to happen around when Kerlin and Dannelley are going through the last part of the second act of the forthcoming Thesplan production. They go into a swell huddle with director Hiebert calling signals. Not that they need many signals, for they both seem to have had several previous rehearsals. We realize you have a well-trained car Kenny, and that it is particularly well adapted to one-armed driving, but when you teach it tricks, such as

jumping over ditches, it just doesn't make a very good jack rabbit. While coming home from the Salina game Saturday night, the Thompson automobile had an encounter with a corner and it would seem that the corner came out the big end of the horn, for it didn't get its glass broken or top caved in. We're all glad the resulting bruises and cuts were as mild as they were. Maurice Gish has no illusions now about how a Hindu feels when he sits on broken glass. Leora Dobrinski isn't stuck-up this week just because she's stiff-necked—that stiff neck is the real McCoy. And Betty Kimmell says she ditted a black-and-blue mark which she first acquired on the skating party. Poor Kenny has his leg binged up as well as his car. According to Imojean Sheller, those two ouchy-looking places on her nose were caused by pressure on her glasses. Not that she wears glasses, but her version sounds even worse than what really happened. Maybe she just doesn't want to admit that she doesn't keep a very steady seat while riding and has a collision with the windshield. Glen Swinger's tape comes on a funny place on his head, it looks like he might have had to saw a horn off, or sumpin. Anyhow all the victims were up and tickin' the next day.

Deputation Crew Works Westward

Will Travel In Colorado And Nebraska Over Holidays

Next Wednesday afternoon a delegation of McPherson College students will go westward on a deputation tour. A mixed quartette consisting of Dick Burger, tenor; Virginia Kerlin, soprano; Lucy Blough, alto; and Lyle Albright, bass, will make the trip. These students will perform at the various churches along the way at which they stop.

Wednesday night they will be in Quinter, Kansas, where they will give a program, staying over until Thursday morning to help with the Thanksgiving Day services. Thursday night they will be in Araba, Colorado, Friday night in Denver, Sunday morning in Haxton, Colorado, and Sunday night in Nebraska, returning home on the next day.

Peters Addresses Wednesday Chapel

Challenges Students To Render Service To Humanity

President Peters addressed the Wednesday chapel audience on "Worthwhile Living." "Be ashamed to die," he said, "until you have won some victory for humanity." Pointing out Christ as our example, President Peters mentioned guides to more worthwhile and happy living. Christ has influenced more lives than any other man, and we should help him to carry through his purpose.

In conclusion, Dr. Peters challenged to render service to humanity by believing that life is more than meat and drink.

Journalists Convene

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Rickey, vice-president of the St. Louis Cardinals and former newspaperman.

Delegates to the convention are: Paul Dannelley, Spectator editor-in-chief, John Trostle, Spectator business manager, Ernest Dale, Spectator managing editor, and Clarence Bunyan, Spectator column Editor. The four are making the trip by automobile, leaving Wednesday afternoon. They plan to arrive home Sunday.

The Associated Collegiate Press convention is held for all heads of all colleges and university publications in the United States belonging to the Associated Collegiate Press. Various roundtables and discussions are held not only for the college newspaper, but also for the college annual.

In the absence of Paul Dannelley, editor-in-chief, Ernest Dale, managing editor, and John Trostle, business manager, campus editors, Maxine Ruehlen and Marilyn Sandy are in charge of the editorial department of the paper, with Wilbur Linville, assistant business manager, and Nathan Jones, advertising manager in charge of the business department.

Last year's ACP convention was held at the Book-Cadillac Hotel in Detroit, Michigan.

Halladay And Fisher In Joint Recital

Chapel Auditorium Is Scene Of Duo-Music Concert

Prof. Paul Halladay, baritone and instructor of voice at Manchester College, North Manchester, Ind. and Prof. Nevin Fisher, pianist, presented a joint recital in the chapel-auditorium, Monday evening, November 17. Many were present to hear this concert of fine music.

Compositions representing the best works of outstanding composers were presented. Among the composers represented were Handel, Schubert, Bach, Brahms, Mendelssohn, and Gershwin. Mr. Halladay also presented one of his own compositions, "In the Night's Mystic Light". Mr. Fisher joined Mr. Halladay in a duet, "Watchman! What of the Night?", by J. Sarjeant for the closing number. Miss Gulah Hoover served as the accompanist for this number.

Male Chorus Makes Debut

Fisher Directs; Orr And Hoover Solo

Under the direction of Professor Nevin W. Fisher, the Male Chorus of McPherson College made their first public appearance by singing in chapel Friday morning.

The numbers sung by the chorus were: "Thou Art my Shepherd," "Immortal Love Forever Full," and "Oh, Master Let Me Walk with Thee."

Ronald Orr and Harold Hoover sang solos which added a great deal to the program. Their songs were: "Yoemans Wedding Song," and "You'll Remember Me," respectively.

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The above graduates were or are found in the following 19 institutions: Bethany Biblical Seminary, Boston University, Colorado State College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, Greeley State Teachers College, Iowa State College, Kansas State College, Kansas University, Union Theological Seminary, University of Chicago, University of Colorado, University of Denver, University of Iowa, University of Minnesota, and University of Washington.

Tea for Halladay's

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acquaintance with a number of their former classmates who serve on the McPherson College faculty.

The Halladays were here from North Manchester, Indiana where Mr. Halladay is the Director of Music in Manchester College, one of McPherson's sister colleges. During his stay here Professor Halladay presented several lectures and a joint recital with Professor Fisher on the basis of

exchange programs between McPherson College and McPherson College.

Mr. Halladay serves on the Board of Christian Education Church of Education with Mr. Through this and other work a long-standing friendship has been built.

Approximately fifty people served. Mrs. Fisher was assisted here Professor Halladay presented several lectures and a joint recital with Professor Fisher on the basis of

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WAA Gives Autumn Tea Last Night

College Women And Faculty Wives Were Guests At WAA Social

Women of MacCollege and wives of the professors were guests of the Women's Athletic Association at an Autumn Tea, Thursday evening from 4 o'clock until 5 o'clock in the W. A. A. lounge room, which was decorated with autumn leaves and cut flowers.

Doris Voshell, president, and Helen Davis, treasurer of the W. A. A. and the only two senior girls on the cabinet poured.

Muriel Lamle, Maxine Ruehlen, and June Brockus were in charge of the planning and purchasing.

The afternoon's musical program was arranged by Lucy Blough, Isabel Crumacker, and Kathleen Brubaker. Mrs. Alice Frantz and Bernice Guthals were in charge of the service.

This tea is the first of a number of teas and other socials which will be given by the W. A. A. after every sport season.

A medley of popular pieces was played by Leora Dobrinski. Blanche Geisert presented a humorous reading. Kathryn McRae, Doris Ikenberry, and Grace Giffen sang several trio numbers.

Miller And Halladay In Monday Chapel

Collaborates In Musical - Religious Program

Doubly entertained by two outstanding men, the Monday chapel audience listened attentively to Professor Paul Halladay of Manchester College and Reverend A. C. Miller, formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, and now of Pottstown, Pennsylvania.

Professor Halladay rendered a vocal selection, "My Journey's End." He was accompanied by Professor Nevin W. Fisher.

Reverend Miller, father of Doris, who is a freshman at Macampus spoke on "Being a Brother." One of the most essential things in being a brother is a merry heart. "Are we equal to the occasions of life?" is a question we should ask ourselves.

"Be willing to check up on ourselves," said Rev. Miller. Another thing to remember is that we cannot be helpful by being boastful. To be a real brother, we must "see the sunshine and forget the mire."

Volunteers To Convene

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will transport the college convention delegates.

Cities of interest that will be included in the itinerary will be Kansas City, St. Louis, Louisville Ky., Lexington, W. Va., Washington D. C., Wheeling, W. Va., Columbus Ohio, and Springfield, Illinois.

Registration for the conference at Bridgewater begins at 4:30 on Friday afternoon, and the conference officially closes at noon Sunday.

Sunday night the group will be at

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Poesy And Prose

By Kathryn McRae

Thanksgiving Day is the one national festival which turns on home life. It is not a day of ecclesiastical saints. It is not a national anniversary. It is not a day celebrating a religious event. It is a day of thanksgiving for the year's history.

Thanksgiving Day With steadfast and unwavering faith, with hard and patient toil, The Pilgrims wrung their harvest from a strange and sterile soil. And when the leaves turned red and gold beneath the autumn sun. They knelt beside the scanty sheaves their laboring hands had won, And each grave elder, in his turn, with bowed and reverent head, Give thanks to bounteous Heaven for the miracle of bread.

And so was born Thanksgiving Day, That little dauntless band, Beset by deadly perils in a wild and alien land.

With hearts that held no fear of death, with stern, unbending wills, And faith as firmly founded as the grim New England hills Though pitiful the yield that sprang from that unfruitful sod, Remembered in their harvest time the goodly grace of God.

God grant us grace to look on this, our glorious native land, As but another princely gift from His almighty hand

May we prove worthy of His trust and keep its every shore Protected from the murderous hordes that bear the torch of war, And be the future bright or dark God grant we never may Forget the reverent spirit of that first Thanksgiving Day.

J. J. Montague

We Give thanks for the privilege of living in America, for the privilege of being Americans.

We give thanks that the torch of culture is still burning brightly in the land of the free.

We give thanks that we have not lost our faith in the ultimate triumph of right.

the Church of the Brethren, at Washington, D. C., and several students will participate in the program of the evening.

The majority of the group intends to be back in McPherson on Wednesday, November 26, in order that some may go on a deputation tour during Thanksgiving holidays.

This Student Volunteer Conference was held on McPherson College campus last year.

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A Sap's Fables

By Clancy Bunyan

When the frost is on the pumpkin and the corn is on the shock, etc. etc. Do you know that there are only four more shopping days until Thanksgiving. If you haven't discovered a convenient turkey roost already then you'd better get in gear. If you can't afford the turkey, or find a convenient roost, or get invited to someone's house for Thanksgiving dinner, don't let it worry you, because chicken tastes just as good, and roast beef contains just as many calories. In fact, if you eat in a restaurant, you may as well order chicken because that's probably what you'll get anyway.

Thanksgiving, like other national holidays, is a period of open season on pedestrians and automobile travelers alike. The motto seems to be to drink as much as you can, drive as fast as you can, and kill as many as you can because Monday morning you go back to work and won't have another chance until Christmas vacation. Perhaps the abolition of national holidays would save more lives than the abolition of war. About the only difference is that people spend less time preparing for national holidays and the killing is done on a more friendly basis, not with malicious intent. Tragically, the most common comment after holidays is not of the beauty of the country passed through, but how long it took to get there and the fact that we passed everything on the road. Oh well, so it goes, after all, what would the coroners do for a living if national holidays were done away

with. Although one should be thankful for the blessings of life the year around and not just on November 23, or 21, if you please; perhaps the most appropriate time would be the day after the holidays are over and we are safely home in one piece.

Thanksgiving to the college student means a chance to go home, to be beamed over and admired by the family, to drive the family car, to make up for pounds lost in college dining halls, and to impress the hometown guys and gals with an air of worldliness, a taste for culture, and a store of big words.

Reviewing my text thus far, I am disappointed. I have painted an exceedingly black picture of an American tradition long standing, a sacred institution that to every American should be welcomed as a time set aside to expressing thanks to God for a warmer smile, a more generous horn of plenty than has ever been bestowed upon any nation.

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