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Dead Sea Waters.

Professor Umble

The Christian student of American literature, no less than the student of American religion, meets many perplexing difficulties. Poe, he learns, rigorously excises from his poetry, or rather from all poetry, any ethical or moral implications. For him poetry has nothing to do with truth or duty; beauty is sufficient; in fact it is all. Whitman on the other hand insists on truth and duty and insists that "with beauty the poet simply has nothing to do." But among the inane proses that clutter the free verse of this apostle of duty, the student finds

I think I could turn and live with the animals,
They do not sweat and whine about their condition,
They do not lie awake in the dark and weep for their sins,
They do not make me sick discussing their duty to God. . . .

And in the fatalistic determinism of Melville's **Moby Dick** the student finds nothing but angry despair and cataclysmic disaster. Again, innocuous as America's literary clown, Mark Twain, appears in **The Adventures of Tom Sawyer**, the student meets another Mark Twain in the rebellious irritability of **The Mysterious Stranger** where Twain refers to man's feeling of moral obligation as "That Moral Sense."

But when, puzzled and hurt, the student turns from these teachers and prophets of the nineteenth century to their pupils and followers of the twentieth, to learn the meaning of life, he finds no solution to his problems. They have no answer to youth's question, What is life? His disappointment results not so much from the naturalistic ugliness of the material as dissatisfaction with the essential worthlessness of the "truth" which it professes to convey.

Is it possible to trace back this stream of "literature" to learn where and why it lost not only its human, but also its spiritual, values? If we can discover what has been lost, we can learn, it may be, why the waters have become bitter.

Huxley is said to have set the beginning of modern thought at 1645 with the founding of the Royal Society. Before the seventeenth century ended, experimental science had already made great strides. Newton, Descartes, Hobbes and Locke had become names to conjure with. Nature had yielded so much of truth that men misread the signs and grasped at the idea that she promised all. It became clear to these intellectuals that the Bible was superfluous! Why a supernatural revelation of God when the physical universe revealed God perfectly? Closely related to this idea was another to follow in the next century when Shaftesbury promulgated the doctrine that man was naturally good and perfectible. Here was another sound reason for disregarding Divine Revelation! What need had such a superior being of the thunderings of Sinai or the ethical teachings of the Sermon on the Mount? All that was needed for his growth toward the perfection for which he was naturally destined was for him to throw off the restraints of an artificially-imposed civilization, return to his in-

nocent, happy state of primeval savagery, and there resume his forward march to moral perfection according to the laws inherent in his being.

To many, these ideas appeared very promising in the beginning. Rousseau became the "great literary apostle of nature," as Norman Foerster calls him. But under the cultivation of the undiscriminating, the thinkers and writers with narrow, tangential minds, these ideas have borne bitter fruit in American life and literature—fruit that, like the apples of Sodom, was pleasant to the eye, but bitter ashes to the taste. Both views of life promised much; both ended in pessimism. Science, that began by promising to show man the master of nature, ended by demonstrating the insignificance and helplessness of a creature overwhelmed by the physical forces of nature. Philosophical sentimentalism, that began by promising to make a god of man by allowing him complete self-expression, ended by showing him a weak, spineless, helpless victim of naturistic determinism without volition, aspiration or initiative.

And this is the reason for much of the blind groping of the so-called American literature of the present. It has sunk to the lowest depths of naturalism engulfed in a mechanistic fatalism on the one hand and a naturistic, animalistic determinism on the other. It has lost all its uplift, its aspiration, and its inspiration. In plain words it has lost its value. It makes no pretense to value; it denies the existence of absolute standards.

This stream of American literature has plainly reached its Dead Sea, but those who have followed it to these bitter waters are either too blind or too obstinate to return to the Living Fountain of Eternal Ethical Values. Or having hoped to find reality either in the material universe or in the realm of human feeling and having suffered disillusionment, they swathe their heads in the rags of a pessimistic naturalism and cry, "Light does not exist! The sun is a myth!"

No wonder Irving Babbitt of Harvard, Norman Foerster, head of the new School of Letters at Iowa University, and Paul Elmer More, have been actively engaged in combating this new "no standards, no ethical values" heresy. No wonder Henry Seidel Canby, although himself tainted with the heresy, advised "those who seek literary consolation . . . to go again and again and more often than is now the fashion, to the writings of those men who found, for their times, a real significance, who could formulate a saving doctrine, and who could give to literature what it chiefly lacks today, a core of ethical conviction . . . It is the appointed time in which to read Dante and Milton, Shakespeare and Goethe, above all Plato and the great tragedies of Greece."

And what, meanwhile, shall the student of American literature do? Shall he turn from the literature of his own time and country? By no means! Let him enjoy the music of "The Raven" and "Annabelle Lee"; let him learn again the lessons of humanity and social equality with Whitman; let him laugh with Mark Twain and sunny Tom Sawyer, and let him fight with Melville the stern battle against the forces of nature. But let him be conscious that they, severally and collectively, give only a partial view of life. And when the sirens of scientific materialism and of naturistic determinism begin to sing their seductive strains, let him close his ears with wax like Ulysses' sailors of old and let him sail on through the peaceful seas of the Eternal Values of Righteousness and Faith in and through a Crucified but Conquering Son of God.

Evening.

The scarlet sun sinks slowly in the west;
 And purple haze enfolds the lapping lake,
 As evening seems to woo the world to rest.
 And silence settles over fen and brake,
 As if each earthling feared a sound to make.
 The soothing sheen of silver heralds the moon
 With trains of stars and shadows in her wake,
 But wandering clouds conceal her beauty soon,
 While far off on the waters cries a lonely loon.

Donna Belle Hepler, '35

Possession

Not what we own, nor what our hands have held,
 Not measured wealth nor hoarded gold or land,
 But what our eyes behold and have beheld—
 The ocean's beauty hath no price, the sand
 And waves belong to those who know and love.
 A flower's cup with dewdrops filled, and
 The silvery light in starry sky above—
 Not what we have, is life, but what we deeply love.

Ruth Ebersole, '35

Ye Ladde and Ye Brook

(With profuse apologies to Mr. Spenser)

Onne day a ladde a horse didde hym bestride,
 And hied hym forthe ye countrie for to see,
 And he didde stop hym by ye water-syde,
 And dranke hys fille of water merrilie.
 There came and sate upon hys steede a bee,
 Which didde, of course, make hym most discontente,
 And he didde kick a kick most lustilie,
 And in the bubbling stremme hys master wente,
 Who, whenne he didde come forthe, didde verie much lamente.

Leon Greenwalt, '35

The Audubon Society

During the past year we, the members of the Audubon Society, have found our observations of birds to be very helpful and interesting; helpful, because we have more fully realized their benefit to us, and interesting, because we have learned of their habits and ways of living.

Quite frequently, during the fall and spring months, we took bird hikes, as the early morning hours provide a good opportunity for the study of bird life. We were usually accompanied by our capable leader, Professor Witmer, who through past experience has become an authority in this field. On one occasion we observed birds late in the afternoon near Wolf Lake, about five miles north of Goshen. Later in the evening we enjoyed a campfire supper. Interesting facts about the peculiar habits of birds were given by various members of the group, and it was decided that we would care for those that remained on the campus during the winter months. Most of our observations, however, are made near and about the dam.

On Friday, April 8, Arthur Smith, professor of science at the South Bend high school, gave an illustrated lecture on "Birds," which proved to be both educational and interesting. The proceeds from this lecture have been used in purchasing several binoculars and material for the making of slides. We hope that this may be a means of stimulating a greater interest in birds.

Mildred Schrock, '35

Facts About Radium

The final lecture of the Lyceum course was given March 15 by Dr. Luther S. H. Gable, one of the first five men in America to obtain and purify radium.

In the discussion, which was illustrated by lantern slides, Dr. Gable gave us in an easily digestible form the fascinating history of the element from its discovery by Becquerel in 1896 and its isolation by Professor and Mme. Curie in 1898, to its present medicinal and industrial applications, with a hint as to its future possibilities.

Radium is found in many parts of the world—a small deposit in our Rockies, much larger deposits in the Belgian Congo, from which 90% of our present supply is obtained, and rich newly-discovered deposits in northern Canada.

Radium will dissipate but half its energy in 1680 years. The radium atoms emit Alpha rays which are positively-charged streams of particles, or protons. As a result of the ejection of this Alpha ray, a gas is formed which is called radon. Radon emits alpha, beta, and gamma rays.

In the hospital, only the rays of radium are utilized to burn out abnormal growth on the body, as cancers and tumors; the radium is never taken from its sealed tube or needle. The emanation gas, Radon, may be drawn from the radium in solution and sealed in seeds, which in turn are used the same as the needles.

Ronald Shenk, '33

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EDITORIAL



Last year, for the first time, the editor and associate editor for the following year's staff were appointed in April and assumed their duties with the issuance of the May RECORD. Formerly, it was customary for these offices to be filled just before the close of the school year, the new editors taking up their duties at the beginning of the following year. Some felt that if such appointments were made earlier the new staff heads could become acquainted with their work with the opportunity of consulting the retiring staff, and, that such an arrangement would relieve the Senior members of the staff, who are usually over-burdened with duties during the last few months before graduation.

This new plan, as followed last year, proved entirely satisfactory in every respect, producing the desired results. Consequently the editorship appointments were made again this year early in April. Menno Miller has been appointed editor of the RECORD with Irene Eschliman associate editor.

This issue has been produced by them with the aid of the old staff. The June RECORD likewise will be planned and issued by the same group.

Both Menno Miller and Irene Eschliman have been active in religious and secular activities on the campus and are well fitted to fill the positions to which they have been elected.

To the new heads of the staff go our sincere wishes for the same spirit of fine cooperation that was evinced by the staff members this year.

—B.

Spring on our college campus brings a variety of feelings to the students. To all it is a temptation to slacken one's effort somewhat; to sit and dream or spend one's time hiking or playing tennis. It is almost impossible to study. One student was heard to remark not long ago, "I wish it would get cold or rain so I could study." There is a general tendency to minimize the importance of class attendance with some frivolous excuse about there being other things of importance in life besides classes and studies.

There is, however, a difference in the general feeling of various groups of students. The freshman looks forward to next fall when he no longer is a green freshie and immediately begins to take on a knowing sophomore expression. The sophomore, on the other hand, begins to take life seriously as he will soon be an upperclassman since some responsibility is falling on his shoulders. The junior is taking life very seriously and is tremendously busy. To him it seems that Goshen College must rise or fall according to the things he does. The most important student positions have come into his keeping and he rightly takes them seriously.

To the senior spring brings varied emotions. He is trying to get the paramount enjoyment from the few days of school which are left to him. One part of his life is being completed, the door is closing and he rather reluctantly relinquishes the tasks he has been performing the past year. Then again he feels relieved, for he wants time to enjoy life on the campus just a little more fully; those friendships which have been allowed to drift along in a slipshod fashion become a little dearer; he must think more seriously of the future than he has done the past four years; college life all at once looks more momentous. Spring, to a senior, also means a lot of hard work for he knows that none of his tasks may be allowed to hang over until next year, he must clean his slate of every note book, term paper, and report which is to be in. He makes a supreme effort to have an exceptionally good time along with doing about twice the work he has been doing before.

Spring with its allurements, its pleasures, and its tasks presents a peculiar problem, for it bids us forget the seriousness of life, yet keeps forever thrusting our responsibilities before our eyes. He who is able to enjoy spring without allowing it to rob him of any of his good sense and peace of mind is indeed master of himself.

—E.



Organizations

THE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB

We are a "lucky" family of thirteen, and a distinct contradiction to the nursery rhyme which says, "There was an old woman who lived in a shoe; she had so many children she didn't know what to do." For, Mrs. Rohrer did know what to do with each one of us to keep us out of mischief but busy and happy, nevertheless. We need no further proof of Mrs. Rohrers' capabilities in Home Economics leadership. Now, won't you meet her family? They are Miss Wyse, Miss Miller, Lilly Esch, Irene Lehman, Agnes Weaver, Verna Schertz, Florence Shirk, Anna Hertzler, Irene Eschliman, Alta Houssour, Velma Lapp, and Helen Moser.

What have we done this year? We are modest about telling that, but we wouldn't be selfish. There have been programs given by club members in which were featured various interesting phases of Home Economics. Then too, we had a lovely Christmas party at Agnes Weaver's house. There all had a jolly good time making the four-legged, spotted Ebenezer for Miss Witmer. And, do you remember the surprise dinner in the dining hall sometime ago? We were greatly pleased too to have had Mrs. Enss and Miss Wright talk to us on "True Courtesy" and "Home Economics Trends," respectively. This, in brief, is an outline of the work of the Home Economics club for the year 1931-1932.

Helen Moser, '33

DER DEUTSCHE VEREIN

Last September the German students, led by Prof. Enss, met and organized themselves into Der Deutsche Verein. The officers elected for the Verein were: Jake Suderman, president; Ezra Beachy, vice president; Barbara Coffman, secretary; Ezra Hershberger, treasurer; and Otto Binkele, member at large. A committee drew up a constitution and submitted it to the Verein. The constitution was accepted and signed by the members. During the year the Verein has enjoyed many German songs, rendered as solos and by octettes; an address by Prof. Enss on the purpose of a German Society; an illustrated lecture by Dean Bender on Germany; and at the Christmas season a public program in Chapel Hall.

Virginia Brown, '33

LE CERCLE FRANCAIS

The advanced French students organized Le Cercle Francais whose officers were J. P. Yoder, president; Lucille Kreider, vice president; Erma Schertz, secretary; and John Foreman, treasurer. In December the members of Le Petit Cercle were received into Le Cercle Francais.

Meetings were held once a month in the social room of Coffman Hall. At Christmas time the meeting consisted of a program suitable to the holiday season and a Christmas party, at which time the two clubs were joined as Le Cercle Francais. In February a valentine party was held, and in March the club presented John Thut, tenor from Chicago, in recital in Assembly Hall. The final meeting of the year was a party on April 20. French games were played and a review of French literature was given by having each member represent a famous writer of the various periods.

The club subscribed to a French daily, *Le Journal*, to be sent to the department next fall. It also added a French map edited in French, an open book case, and a blackboard to the French room, and several books to the library.

Ferne Smith, '35

LADIES' CHORUS

The Ladies' Chorus, composed of twenty-four members, was organized soon after the school year began, with Irene Lehman as president and Marie Yoder as secretary-treasurer. Throughout the year, twice each week, our little group would congregate in the music room and watch the sun sink away in the west, until the signal for roll call, when all would speak up with their seven, twelve, fifteen, or whatever it may have been. Then, for an hour we would work over old and new songs with Professor Yoder, intent upon mastering them, and stop—just in time to run to Kulp Hall to hear the last chimes of the dinner bell. During the year the Ladies' Chorus has appeared at various programs given at the college, and with the two other College Choruses in presenting a number of complete programs. There is still much to look forward to in the few remaining weeks, and we feel confident that when these are over, not one will look back and consider wasted the time given to the Ladies' Chorus.

Fern Miller, '35

MEN'S CHORUS

This year's chorus, consisting of twenty-four members, was built around a nucleus of sixteen old members, rather evenly distributed among the bass, baritone and tenor sections. Consequently, under the able direction of Professor Walter E. Yoder, our new director, the organization rounded into a well balanced chorus by the time of our annual tour, March 19 to April 3. Several programs were rendered during the first part of the season and some with the Ladies' and A Capella choruses in various Elkhart county churches. The first appearance of the year was made at the Homecoming banquet, where a small group of numbers was rendered. Practice sessions were held regularly and quite intensively in preparation for the tour. Since the tour, programs have been rendered in Elkhart, Syracuse, and Goshen. The work this year has been of high caliber and has been received with much enthusiasm wherever presented.

Leland Brenneman, '34

THE A CAPELLA CHORUS

The A Cappella chorus directed by Professor Walter Yoder is composed of sixty members. It has given various programs during the school year including Handel's Oratorio, "The Holy City," the first program of the year. It was given during Homecoming in the Assembly Hall. The second complete program was given at the Prairie Street Mennonite Church in Elkhart, March 6. The third program was presented in the Elkhart Presbyterian Church, March 13. The last program was given in the Syracuse Methodist Church, April 24. The A Cappella has taken part in various other programs including Christian Life Conference programs and Vesper programs.

Evelyn Brenneman, '35


RELIGIOUS

CHRISTIAN WORKERS BAND

Every other Sunday morning, about the time the sun sends its first beams over the horizon, a group of active Christian young people meet in a circle in the corner of the reading room in the capacity of a Christian Workers Band. It is the purpose of this Band to encourage the missionary spirit on the campus. The membership consists of students of the college who desire to study the problems of home and foreign missions as well as the work of other successful Christian workers.

On September 13, the first Sunday of the school year, the Christian Workers Band met out on the campus together with the Volunteer Band for a Sunrise Devotional Service. The first regular meeting was held the following Sunday. Bro. G. H. Enss spoke on "The Purpose of the Christian Workers Band." At the second meeting the new members were added to the Band. The membership numbered 49 for this year.

The programs have been inspirational and very practical for Christian Workers. On November 29 we had the privilege of hearing from several former members who had returned to Goshen for the Homecoming week. Another outstanding meeting was devoted to a discussion of the activities of the Christian Workers Band in the Mission Sunday Schools of Goshen. Brother Samuel Yoder, Superintendent of the North Side, Wilbur Hostetter, Superintendent of East Side, and Stanley Miller, one of the teachers at East side, were the speakers. In addition to several other programs given by members, we heard inspiring messages from Bro. Titus Books, A. J. Metzler from Pennsylvania; J. W. Shank, returned missionary from S. A.; I. W. Royer, Orrville, Ohio; Dean Bender, President Yoder; Prof. G. H. Enss, and Prof. W. H. Smith.

Verna L. Enss, '33

VOLUNTEER BAND

We wish to share with our many friends a few of the blessings which we received throughout the year.

Mrs. Griffith, a returned missionary and relief worker in Russia gave us a brighter picture than we usually receive regarding Russia. While she did give us a picture of the dreadful persecution, yet she said "in spite of it all, Christianity is sweeping over the country, and people are remaining true to Christ."

Bro. Orie O. Miller, who was recently in South America, told us about the Russian settlement in Paraguay, where a great number of Mennonites are living many miles from what one might call civilization.

Bro. J. W. Shank gave a talk on "Pioneering," he, himself, having been a pioneer missionary in South America. Another more recent talk by Bro. J. W. Shank bears the title "Whom shall I send and who will go for us?" Here he told us of many qualities which a volunteer should possess before entering the foreign field. While the qualities mentioned are applicable to any Christian work, yet such things as co-operation, leadership, fearlessness, broadmindedness, teaching experience, composition or literary talent, music, etc., are particularly essential in foreign work. This talk had a tendency to make each volunteer survey his talents and abilities.

Bro. P. A. Friesen gave us an inspiring talk on "What is life? It is even a vapor."

Bro. G. H. Enss recently gave us a talk on "The Christ we Worship." It brought us a new thought for the Easter season, and caused us to stand in awe and admiration at the foot of The Wondrous Cross. What will the work of 1932-33 have in store for us?

Mary Gingrich, '34

Conjoint Devotional Meeting, March 3

Some day the Jews are coming into their own and will fulfill the mission for which God ordained them. God has preserved them for a definite purpose. Since God has so preserved them, we, too, should be definitely interested in them. Let us consider the greatest needs of this people. One of the greatest tragedies in the world is the fact that this people, who has given the true message of God to the world is spiritually adrift and does not have the true conception of God. These masses of humanity are yearning for something which will satisfy the longing of the soul. They are in need of a saving knowledge of Jesus Christ. The Jew is opposed to Christianity because in the past he has been persecuted in the name of Christ.

The gospel is the power of God to every one that believeth. This is true of the Jew, as well as of any other nationality. When the message of love, of peace, of salvation in Christ is brought to the Jew he will respond. One of the greatest duties of the Christian church is to bring this message to the Jew.

Reverend Jacob Peltz, Secretary of the National Hebrew
Christian Alliance of Chicago

Men's Devotional Meeting March 10

THE EXTENT OF OUR SALVATION

It is important that we have the proper conception of salvation. Sometimes we think only of being saved from sin and being received into the visible organization of the church. Another popular conception of salvation is the adopting of a proper social attitude. It is true that salvation produces perceptible changes in the life of the individual. But salvation does far more than is apparent to the physical senses.

Holiness of character is emphasized in the injunction by Christ for us to come out from this sinful and adulterous generation. Christian salvation links this life with eternal life. What does eternal life include? That question takes us out of time into a consideration of eternity. We can only gain a faint conception of this state with our present finite minds. We accept this idea, not by experience, but by faith and by revelation. John tells us we shall be like him for we shall see him as he is.

We are saved for a purpose. That purpose includes the whole universe. Man was originally given dominion over the earth. He was to maintain, protect, and to extend the kingdom of God on earth, to be a co-worker with God. He was ordained to fight in that great battle of the universe in which the forces of evil are being dethroned and cast out. We must consider the plan of salvation of man in the light of the redemptive plan of God concerning the whole universe.

Professor G. H. Enss

There is in man a deep underlying principle which is wrong. The fundamental principles of his character must be changed before a permanent change is possible. Practically all sin can be traced back to certain selfish motives and desires in the life of the individual. Many of us have never seen the horrible consequences of sin. The extreme sorrow and sadness caused by sin has had little or no bearing on the lives of many of us. The most awful pronouncement in all Scripture is found in the words of our text, "The soul that sinneth it shall die." A holy and righteous God can do nothing else, but in his Divine justice He must deal in a definite way with the great sin question.

But the most glorious fact in the universe is the great love of God which made possible justification from sin, and a full and free salvation in Christ.

President Sanford Calvin Yoder

Annual Y P. C. A. Report

The Young Peoples Christian Association of Goshen College is an indigenous spiritual campus movement of students and faculty for the following purposes:

1. To lead students to faith in God through Jesus Christ.
2. To lead them into membership and service in the Christian church.
3. To promote their growth in Christian faith and character, especially through prayer and the study of the Bible, and to stimulate a well-rounded development of mind and body.
4. To promote a positive moral and religious college spirit.
5. To develop and foster a strong missionary spirit.

To this end we have labored during the past year. Although we may not have fully realized this purpose, yet our activity during the past year represents, we believe, a conscientious attempt in the proper direction. From the outset we have had the conviction that an organization to be at its best must be truly alive and that a truly alive organization may probably find it necessary to change its policies a little now and then to adapt itself to an ever changing need. During the course of the year, the cabinet has felt that its duties are best carried out if the cabinet is bound together by a strong Christian fellowship. The cabinet had occasional meetings definitely aimed to enrich this fellowship bond. Among them was a retreat of the Y. P. C. A. cabinet held at the opening of the school term at which M. C. Lehman was the speaker. At another and subsequent meeting Milo Kauffman spoke to the cabinet. In March the old and new cabinets sponsored a cabinet training conference. At the first session Professor G. H. Enss addressed the cabinet on the "Meaning of the Purpose of the Association." At a later session Dean Bender, who has been recently appointed as advisor to the Y. P. C. A. addressed the cabinets on the "Function of the Y. P. C. A. on our campus." During the first week in April the association sponsored an installation service at which time the new cabinet was installed. We are glad to report that these meetings have been greatly appreciated and we believe they have contributed very definitely to our appreciation of responsibilities and privileges in the service of school and church.

The work of the several committees deserves commendation. They have tried to adapt their policies and programs to the needs of the school. In accordance with this a few changes will be noted as we proceed in a compiled report of these committees.

The Devotional committee provided religious programs for the student body regularly once a week. Formerly these programs were held on Thursday at 4:00 p. m. After due consideration, it was decided by the Y. P. C. A. that a more convenient time of meeting might be at the regular chapel hour on Thursday. The faculty also were urged to attend regularly. After due trial, the students found the change had brought about a marked improvement in both attendance and quality of meetings and hence the change became a permanent policy. Many students participated in the programs and outside talent was used when available. Among such speakers were Reverend Peltz of the Hebrew Christian Alliance, Paul Brosy, J. W. Shank, returned missionary of South America, J. S. Shoe-

maker, Milo Kauffman, Oscar Burkholder, Grover T. Soldner, Ira Johns, Mrs. M. C. Lehman and others.

Then during the first semester Bible Study classes were arranged for all students. Academy, Freshman and Sophomore women were led in the study of "Life at its Best" by Mrs. M. C. Lehman. Academy, Freshman and Sophomore men were led in a study of Colossians by Prof. G. H. Enss. Under the direction of Dean Bender the Junior and Senior men and women engaged in a study of problems and their scriptural solution, facing the Mennonite Young People.

The Mission Study committee, in collaboration with the Bible Study committee, sponsored Wednesday evening prayer meetings as well as regular morning devotional in the dining hall. The Mission study committee also arranged mission study courses. Freshman and Sophomore men and women were led in the study of the lives of missionaries by H. Clair Amstutz and Irene Lehman, respectively. Juniors and Seniors studied the Latin American field under the direction of J. W. Shank. During the course of the year, the committee sponsored a special Missionary Week during which attractive posters were displayed on the Missionary bulletin board. The week's activities were closed by a special Missionary program given during the Devotional hour. At the meeting, the students and faculty were given the privilege of giving to the cause of missions. The goal was set at \$200.00; \$75.00 to South America, \$75.00 to India, and \$50.00 conjointly to the mission and extension committees. The students and faculty cheerfully responded with pledges amounting to \$215.00.

The extension committee carried the message to people off the campus. Beside arranging for regular jail services, and occasional services for shut-ins, the committee arranged for a great number of Young People's Meetings and Mission programs in the churches of Indiana and Michigan. About twenty such programs were given during the year.

The social committee has endeavored to foster and maintain the high social ideals of the college. Furthermore, it arranged for a get-acquainted social, Sunday evening singings, May-day outing, many of the features in connection with our annual Homecoming, and other social functions.

The membership committee was successful in enrolling almost all the students as members. They also helped new students get located at the beginning of the year. The chairman of the committee was chosen by the cabinet to act as editor of the Hand book published under the auspices of the Association.

The role of the employment committee was exceeding difficult not because students were not eager to work but because the economic depression removed many of the possibilities of work which are open under normal conditions.

The administration closed the fiscal year with the substantial balance of \$161.85 in the treasury. The total income amounted to \$559.95 and the total disbursements to \$393.10. Our direct missionary contribution amounted to \$150.00.

Although we have not fully attained our goal, we feel the year's work has been successful. We believe many have been drawn closer to Christ and that their faith has been increased through the activities of the Y. P. C. A.

Respectfully submitted,

James Steiner, President Y. M. C. A.

Alta Housour, President Y. W. C. A.



LITERARY



AVON

The "Avon of 1932" is indeed an ideal girl. The program given by the Avons, April 18, revealed that she is a loyal worker in the church, well-acquainted with music and art, an interesting student, a participator in most sports, a competent business woman, and an efficient homemaker.

The Avon program of April 25 was primarily literary. Each Avon responded to the roll call with the names of her favorite character from literature. Marie Yoder and Valeria Barnard gave impersonations of Jane Baxter from Booth Tarkington's "Seventeen" and Huckleberry Finn from Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn." A quotation contest between Ruth Ebersole and Fern Miller was particularly informative as also was the contest among all the members of the society. Grace Glick presented the short story of O. Henry called "The Third Ingredient," and Marguerite Yoder played a piano solo, "Minuet in G" by Beethoven.

AURORA

In a talk given by Stanley Miller, April 11, we were introduced quite interestingly to a number of our bird friends. Among them were the familiar optimistic robin, whose morning song spreads like a wave from coast to coast each spring, and the effervescent, cheery song-sparrow, whose spirit seems never to droop. Merle Hartzler narrated the life of Ira Remson, the versatile American chemist, professor, doctor, writer, and traveler, who discovered the sweetest known compound, saccharine.

Important characteristics of the literature of today were discussed by Professor Umble, a former Aurora, in his talk on "Trends in Contemporary Literature" in our meeting of April 18.

The debate of April 25 occasioned considerable interest which resulted in a divided decision; the judges decision was in favor of the affirmative while the audience vote gave preference to the work of the negative. The affirmative side of the question, Resolved, That the literary societies should be suspended as an extra-curricular activity on the campus, was upheld by George Luther and Leon Greenwalt; the negative team was composed of Atlee Beechy and Ira Smucker.

ADELPHIAN

The month of April has brought us a variety of programs which have been both instructive and entertaining. The impromptu has been used rather freely as a device to strengthen our speaking abilities, to enable us to think quickly, and become master of a situation when the time demands.

In one program Harold Smith gave us a ray of hope when he told us what America is doing to check the depression. On April 18, Ezra Beachy described the Taj Mahal of Agra and James Steiner told us of the Art Parlors of the Mind. On April 25, Titus Books brought our minds face to face with the life and works of one of our famous American poets—Henry W. Longfellow—pointing out especially the contribution Longfellow has made in his writings to help humanity understand and appreciate the beauties of nature and the works of God.

THE VESPERIAN SOIREE

Promptly at eight o'clock, Friday evening, April 22, Assembly Hall was quite well filled with Avons, Auroras, Adelphians, and friends, all of whom had gathered to see and hear the Vesperians at their best. We will not soon forget the bonnie Scotch lassies, their bouquets, and their highland songs. The new minister, contrary Cora, and Bella, with her high-pitched stories, left lasting impressions with us.

After the program, the members of the literary societies were escorted to "A Bit of Scotland" in the Dining Hall. There we enjoyed a delicious three course luncheon, consisting of tasty Scotch dishes. The Scotch flower girls again entertained us with highland songs. Scotch jokes were much in evidence in toasts as well as at individual tables. A large wall panel painted in an Alpine setting and a cleverly planned rock garden added a quaint Scottish air. In short, we were almost ready to believe that we had been suddenly transported far across the seas when we realized as we walked up the steps that it was only Kulp Hall.

We certainly thank the Vesperians for the time and effort that they spent in arranging for so delightful a Soiree. Long live the Vesperians!

Elva Gunden, '34

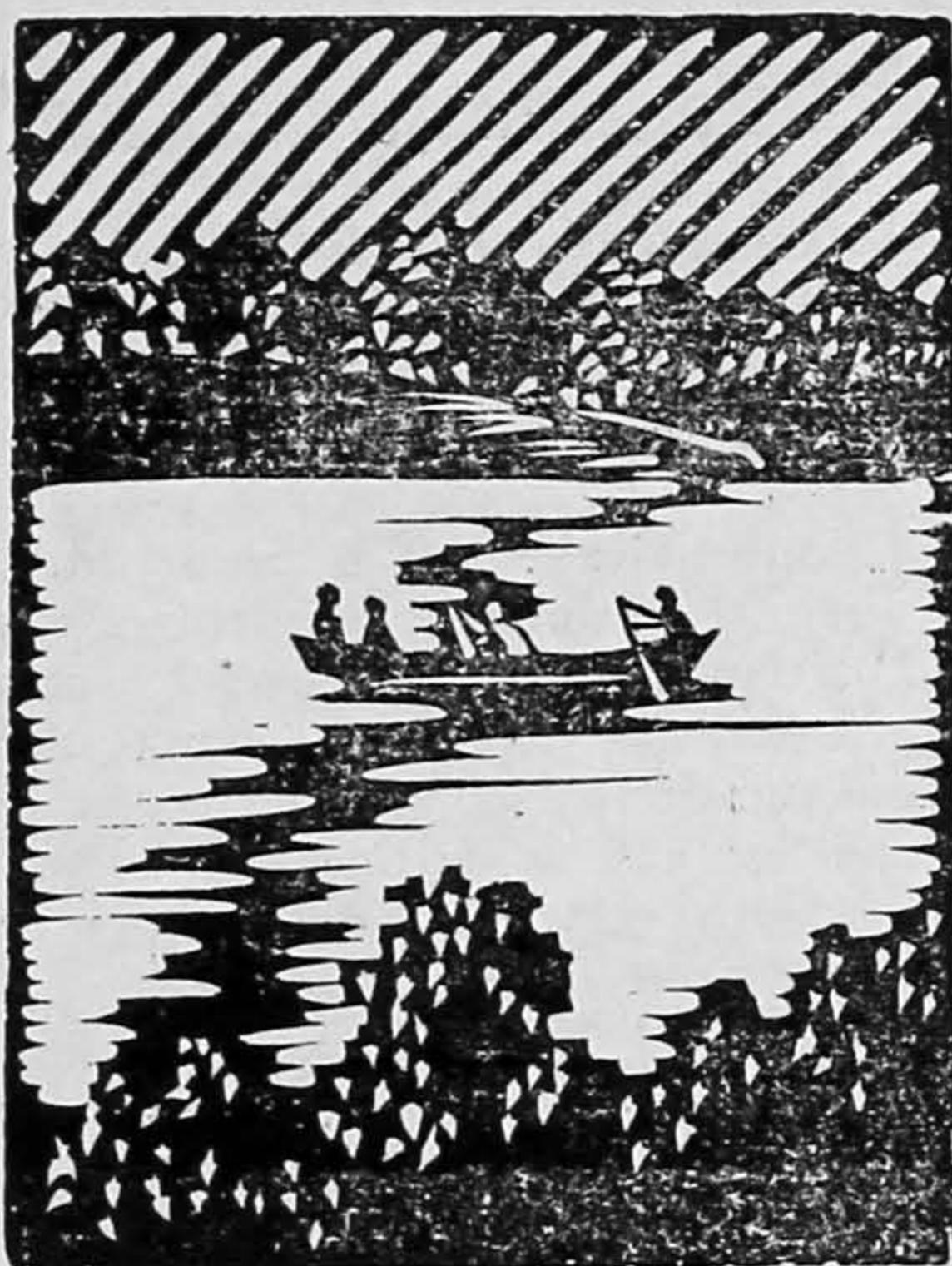


The Peace Oratorical Contest

One of the principles to which the Mennonite Church has uncompromisingly held and which has brought her to the notice of outside people is that of peace through the spirit of the Prince of Peace. In order to become acquainted with the facts about war and to consider means by which its horrors can be averted, Goshen College has been holding an annual Peace Oratorical Contest since its earliest days. This year's contest was held on April 21 at which time our representative for the state contest was chosen.

There were four contestants. Harold Buzzard in "The Basis for Permanent Peace" forcibly emphasized the need of the gospel of the spirit of the Prince of Peace as the only security for permanent peace. Our youthful forensic man, Atlee Beechy, then eloquently treated the subject, "The Fight for Peace," showing the urgent need for peace education both by the schools and the churches, and that treaties without an individual attitude of love are powerless. The awfulness of the slaughter in the last war, and the insidious way in which the militarist, the financier, and the manufacturer agitate the military program was the basis of a fiery speech, "Fire with Fire," by Mac Cripe. The final oration was given by Niemann Brunk. The power of his description as he vividly portrayed the precipitation of the deadly carnage in 1914 by deliberate schemes of unworthy men, and the remarkable power of suggestion at his command won for him the decision of the judges. The other speeches were so well liked by the judges that they decided to give them all a tie for second prize.

H. Clair Amstutz, '33



UNUSUAL SITUATIONS

Paul Miller, a demure Freshman, has recently been getting into the limelight almost unconsciously. While attending a colored service the other Sunday, a forum was being conducted during which time the chairman called on a few of the visitors to speak. There was one response, and after that Paul thought the chairman had overlooked him, so he breathed a sigh of relief. However, that sigh of relief was a little too loud, for the chairman mistook it for a desire to speak. When he called on Paul for a few words, Paul innocently replied, "I just took a deep breath."

The count was two strikes and three balls on Zeke Hershberger and Paul Miller was officiating. As the next delivery whizzed over the plate, Zeke dropped the bat and trotted over to first base, taking it for granted it was ball number four. Evidently umpire Miller disagreed, for when Zeke reached first base he nonchalantly drawled out, "I think you're out. That was a strike."

Now going to another prominent figure on the campus—Joe Swope revealed that eggs can actually be boiled in cold water. At least, he says, in Coldwater, Michigan.

Can you imagine anyone serving oyster crackers for breakfast? We're sure the *concenus gentium* would be NO. But then, those of us who eat at the dining hall know better, for Polly happened to be a little absent-minded one morning.

Brilhart recently asked the members of his table if it was true that women liked chocolates better than men. Verna Schertz replied, and none too innocently, "Well for myself, I'd take men."

When Luther called 164 and the voice answered at the other end, we can still hear Luther say in an all-important tone, "This is Luther from the College." But you'll have to admit George, fire companies are important!

One problem which still remains unsolved is why Carolyn lost her voice just when the chorus returned. Of course, perhaps the cause was only physiological, and not psychological, after all.

Several weeks ago, one student became considerably excited when she thought she had discovered in Carl Hostetler a deep interest in art. She observed him standing in the reading room, peering very intently into a corner of the "Madonna" portrait that hangs on the east wall; only by closer scrutiny did she notice that he was combing his hair.

"The only way I like to cook is with the refrigerator." This seemingly paradoxical statement, made recently by a Freshman girl, was clear enough after she had explained it.

And now may we be permitted the observation that we believe a number of people have been acting quite "original"? The above accounts bear witness.

Several contributors have noticed that the only Scotch story omitted from Bob Welty's practically complete catalogue is the one about the Scotchman who left fifteen cents on the counter.



ALUMNI



Charles Fricke, B.A., '27, is taking his Bachelor of Systematic Theology from Biblical Seminary of New York this spring.

Mr. and Mrs. David Liechty, Academy '27, Ex-'33, call their baby daughter born on April 4, Genevieve Marie.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle G. Hutchison are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born on April 13. The mother was formerly Catherine Martin, B.A., '27.

Leonard Kreider, B.A., '31, was selected as one of the ten assistants from 200 applications at Ohio State University. His graduate assistantship in chemistry affords him \$500 and exemption from all fees for a year and one summer.

Leroy Hostetler, B.A., '29, and Mrs. Hostetler, ex-'30, with their daughter, Esther Ruth, visited on the campus April 17.

M. C. Lehman, M.A., '13, spent April 8 visiting his daughters, Irene and Carolyn, on the campus.

At the annual faculty dinner held in the home economics rooms on April 16, Mrs. M. C. Lehman, '05, and J. W. Shank, B.A., '10, spoke on the relation of Goshen College to the foreign mission work. Professors D. A. Lehman toasted on "Goshen College in My Memories," and C. L. Graber concluded the program with an appeal for "Goshen College and the Church." President Sanford C. Yoder was the toastmaster of the evening.

John H. Warye, B.A., '17, and Mrs. Warye, Mingo, Ohio, are the parents of a daughter, Patricia Ann, born on March 19, 1932.

Dr. Silas Hertzler, B.A., '13, has been honored by a "Who's Who in Genealogy" sketch of his work in the list of the leading active genealogical researchers in the United States, in the Hand Book of Ameri-

can Genealogy recently issued by The Institute of American Genealogy of Chicago. Dr. Hertzler is bringing the Hertzler Genealogy up to date.

Joseph Graber, '25, and Mrs. Graber (Minnie Swartzendruber, ex-'27) arrived on the steamer Europa in New York April 11, from the India mission field, where they have spent six and a half years. They were with relatives and friends in Goshen from April 12 to 15.

Herman H. Kreider, ex-'23, treasurer of the American Board of Foreign Missions at Constantinople, contributed some natural color photographs for the April number of the National Geographic Magazine.

John G. Habecker, B.A., '27, 34 Henderson Terrace, Burlington, Vermont, is doing graduate work in the University of Vermont for the M.S. degree in biology.

Arthur L. Sprunger, B.A., '22, Goshen artist and instructor in Goshen High school and Goshen College, exhibited three prints and two water colors at the Eighth Hoosier Salon in Chicago.

The Alumni Board of Directors met for dinner in the dining hall of Kulp Hall on Monday evening, May 2. In the regular business meeting that followed new officers were elected, and plans for the program at the annual Alumni Banquet were discussed.

Lena Smucker, ex-'27, is teaching the fourth and fifth grades in Mingo, Ohio.

William Diephuis, ex-'31, is completing his work for the B. A. degree in Calvin College at Grand Rapids, Michigan, this June.

J. W. Shank, B.A., '10, who has been teaching the Junior and Senior Mission Study class, gave an illustrated lecture on South America on Tuesday evening, May 3.



COLLEGE NEWS



The men of the Athletic association took their exercise by helping to grade the athletic field, Saturday, April 9.

A memorial program in recognition of the life and works of John F. Funk was held in Assembly Hall, Sunday afternoon, April 10. This meeting was very inspiring and impressed upon each one the true greatness of Brother Funk's character.

A number of the members of the junior class are busily engaged in preparation of the junior-senior banquet which will be in the home economic room, Science Hall, on Saturday evening, May 7.

Roy Wenger of Smithville, Ohio, a senior at Bluffton College, Bluffton, Ohio, visited friends in Coffman Hall on Tuesday evening, April 26.

James Steiner and Earl Brilhart attended the Regional Conference of Evangelical Students at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois, on April 23 and 24.

Emma Rohrer motored to her home at Smithville, Ohio, over the week-end of April 23-25.

The A Capella Chorus gave a program of sacred music at the First Methodist Church at Syracuse, Indiana, on Sunday evening, April 24.

Menno Miller, Ezra Beechy, Omar J. Rhodes, and Otto Binkele were the dinner guests at the home of Mrs. Mann on 709 Hubbard Ave., Elkhart, on Sunday, April 17.

Lenora Miller came to Goshen April 23, to spend a week with her brother, Orie Miller.

During the week of April 24 Arthur Armstrong, Titus Books, Iverson Mishler and Earl Salzman, ministers in the Senior class took charge of chapel services.

Pauline Oyer, Ferne Smith, Mary Jones, and Ruth Ebersole spent the week end of April 24 at the Ebersole home in Elkhart.

On Sunday evening, April 3, the Men's Chorus concluded their concert tour with a Vesper service in the College chapel. The same night they gave a program at the Elkhart Evangelical church. On the following Sunday evening, April 10, they sang at the Eighth St. Mennonite Church.

The Professor Walter Yoder and family accompanied by Erma Schertz attended the funeral of Peter Schertz at Metamora, Illinois, on April 6. Mr. Schertz was Mrs. Yoder's father and Miss Schertz's grandfather.

Dorothy Smith entertained the senior class at the B. J. Schertz home on Saturday evening, April 9.

The Senior class was absent from the campus Friday, April 29. For further information ask the Juniors who enjoyed the Seniors' official position and clothes in their absence.

Levon Holdeman, who this year has been attending night classes at Goshen College, was found dead in his bed by his wife on Wednesday morning, April 19. Mr. Holdeman, who has attended Goshen College during a number of summer sessions, was employed in the public school system of Elkhart county.

Dr. Silas Hertzler attended the annual meeting of the American Association of Collegiate Registrars held in Chicago, April 26-27.

Professor Willard Smith of the History department spent April 23-27 visiting places of historical interest in Washington D. C., and Philadelphia. While in Washington Professor Smith attended several sessions of Congress.

The Senior class enjoyed a boating party on Thursday evening, April 28.

Twelve students have registered for the special spring term of Goshen College which began April 27.

The freshmen were entertained at a class party on Saturday evening, April 30, at Ruth Ebersole's home in Elkhart.

Elta and Mildred Yoder, Helen and Paul Soldner spent the week end of April 23 at Goshen College as guests of Barbara Thut and Verna Schertz.

The college students of Economics under the direction of Prof. Roland Yoder, head of the department of Economics and Commerce, went on a field trip to South Bend, Tuesday, April 5, to study problems of Economics at Studebaker and Bendix plants.

Professor and Mrs. Umble motored to Plymouth, April 8, where Professor Umble judged the thirteenth district high school discussion contest sponsored by Indiana State University. Representatives from South Bend, Michigan City, Goshen, North Judson, and Plymouth participated. On their return Professor and Mrs. Umble stopped in Wakarusa to hear the Wheaton College Glee Club.

The members of the men's and women's Bible classes pleasantly surprised Professor G. H. Enss with a social at his home on South 8th street, Wednesday evening in the honor of his birthday.

The Home Economics students served a dinner to the faculty members in the Home Economics Room, Saturday evening, April 16.

The winners of the Maple Leaf snap shot contest are as follows: Ezra Beachy, first; Paul Kauffman, second; Ira Smucker, third.

Many of the students attended the funeral of Mr. Emmert, father of Evelyn Emmert of the class of '35, held at Topeka, on April 7.

After the conjoint Vesperian-Adelphian program given at Elkhart on April 8, Ronald Shenk mysteriously disappeared but returned quite safely and very unconcernedly on Monday morning.

Several students enjoyed hearing the Palestrina Choir from the Bethany Bible School in Goshen, April 9.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Graber and little son, of India, arrived in Goshen in the afternoon of April 11, after a term of six and one-half years on the Mission field. Mr. Graber's mother and sister Anna, of Wayland, Iowa, were here to meet them. They spent a few days with friends and relatives on the campus before leaving for their home in Iowa.

Dr. Harmes of the Northern Baptist Theological Seminary of Chicago, spoke in our Vesper Service Sunday, April 24.

A number of students, including Helen Moser, Mary Gingrich, Bertha Noejhl and Ezra Beachy spent the week end of April 23-24 in Detroit where they gave a program in the Mennonite Mission.

The Home Economics club met in the social room of Kulp Hall Tuesday evening, April 26. Miss Wright, instructor of Home Economics at the Goshen High school, spoke on her recent trip to Valparaiso and Chicago to attend a convention of Home Economics teachers. She pointed out the modern trends in the field of Home Economics.

La Cercle Francais met for its regular meeting in the Home Economics room in Science Hall on Wednesday evening, April 21. Various members of the club gave interesting accounts of the lives and works of the most outstanding French authors. The entertainment consisted further in playing games and singing songs in French. Delicious refreshments were served at the close.

This was the last meeting of La Cercle Francais for this year, due to Miss Shank's leaving about the middle of May to take her Master's examination at the University of Pennsylvania.

Bertha Noejhl, who has been teaching school in Colorado, returned to Goshen Friday, April 22, to enroll for the spring term.

Upon invitation by the Young People's Sunday School class of the First Brethren Church of Goshen, the Men's Chorus sang several selections at their special meeting on Thursday evening, April 28.

The Junior-Senior Banquet was held in the Science Hall, Saturday evening, May 7. "Pennsylvania Dutch" was the theme of the evening, and was much in evidence in the decorations which consisted mostly of fireplace, old china, and coverlids. Pennsylvania Dutch characteristics and artistic tendencies were brought out in the various speeches of the evening. The introductory remarks, "Aufang", were given by Dean Bender. Following this the toastmaster, Arthur Roth, introduced the following toasts: "Hearts and Flowers," Sarah Esch; "Zeugniss", President Sanford Calvin Yoder; "The Covered Wagon," James Steiner; "Tulips and Peacocks", Harold Buzzard; "Heemweh", Lilly Esch; "Tzammafasung", Professor Enss. The Junior male quartet sang several selections. During the meal music was furnished by the new combined orthophonic victrola and radiola, the senior class gift.

Mrs. Emma Rohrer received word Saturday evening of the death of her father-in-law, Benjamin Rohrer, of Wadsworth, Ohio. She started for Ohio Sunday morning to attend the funeral to be held Tuesday, May 8.

The college congregation observed the communion service Sunday, May 8, Bro. D. D. Miller officiated.

Tuesday evening, May 3, an illustrated lecture describing the Mennonite Mission in Argentina was presented by Bro. J. W. Shank, missionary on furlough.

The three college choruses presented a complete program in the Vesper service Sunday afternoon, May 8. They also presented a program at the First Brethren church in the evening.

Friday evening, May 6, council meeting was held in the Chapel Hall in preparation for the communion service.

Twenty-Five Years Ago

Emma Landis of Lititz, Pa., spent April 27-30 with her sister, Ellen, who is attending school here.

Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Plank and Mrs. Mary Burkhardt and children spent Sunday, April 28, visiting friends at Elkhart, Ind.

Mrs. Mary Burkhardt, the returned missionary, is spending a few weeks with her mother, Mrs. Yoder, at Kulp Hall, accompanied by her three children. She will travel in the West next month.

C. K. Hostetler, business manager, spent May 4-5 at Fort Wayne, Indiana.

George and John Hilty, of Nampa, Idaho, spent Sunday, April 21 at the College.

Clarice Higbee of Milford, Ind., student in the Commercial department, by means of the car service of the Winona interurban line can be home each evening and yet spend six hours at the College. Other small towns on or near the line might also enjoy similar advantages.

Lena Yoder has won for herself the honor of champion tennis player in the ladies' tournament.

Kulp Hall girls can be justly commended this term for their quietness and order in the halls and about the "dorm" in general.

"My isn't it nice to get back to the dorm?" were the exclamations of the girls who spent Sundays in the country.



ATHLETICS



MEN'S ATHLETICS

The spring sport program at Goshen College includes the major sports of tennis, baseball and track. Points toward a letter are given in these events, a maximum of approximately forty can be counted in each sport.

The goal, the tennis player aims at, is breaking the supremacy of Joe Bradford's south-pawing tennis. Bradford has been at the peak of tennis achievements at Goshen College since entering school in the fall of 1930. Little has been done in this court sport so far because of cold weather. However, the spring perpetual tournament is in swing and some changes are taking place in the rankings. Toward the close of the year an elimination tourney, for which points will be given, will be run off. An Aurora-Adelphian match is on the schedule for the second week in May.

Baseball games fall into three divisions:

1st. The varsity games, played on Saturdays, with various teams from the vicinity of Goshen. The college won the first game by outscoring a Middlebury nine 15-2. Hershberger, Nase and Zuercher pitchers for the college. 2nd. Inter-society games—a two out of three series. The Adelphians, behind some stellar pitching by Zeurcher, copped the first game by a score of 2 to 1. Hershberger, ace "lefty" of the Aurora staff, hurled nice ball for the Red and Blue until relieved by "Moose" Nase in the last inning. Two singles and a walk proved the deciding factors in scoring the winning run in the last half of the last inning. 3rd. A seven game series between two squads labelled Team 1 and Team 2. To date Team 1 has won one game, defeating their opponents by a 3 to 2 score. The batteries were: Team 1—Miller, Zuercher and Brenneman, Miller. Team 2—Nase and Schmucker.

An Aurora-Adelphian track meet will be staged on the local athletic field the first week in May. The dirt quarter mile track has been scraped this spring. Competition in all events should be keener than for the past several years.

WOMEN'S ATHLETICS

In the spring athletically inclined girls engage in tennis, track and baseball. Baseball, or rather play-ground ball, finds the girls divided into three teams which play a double round-robin schedule. Verna Schertz is baseball manager; Fern Miller, Evelyn Brenneman, and Marie Yoder are captains of the various teams.

Track activities are mostly taken care of in the physical education classes. The season is culminated, however, in a track meet in which points are counted for the four classes. Individual achievements are stressed as points are given toward sweaters according to what each girl does. LaVerne Yoder is track manager.

The girl's perpetual tennis tournament has taken its usual prominent place on the sports program at Goshen College. An attractive poster on the bulletin board lists the standings from day to day and excites more interest in this racquet game. Sarah Esch, Junior; LaVerne Yoder and Carolyn Lehman, Sophomores; and Rose Adams, Freshman, are the outstanding women tennis players on the campus this year. Erma Schertz has charge of all tennis affairs.

Since the last RECORD has been issued the Avons have defeated the Vesperians for the second time to win the inter-society championship. The Vesperians won the first game, the Avons, the next two contests.