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THANKSGIVING!

Again the time of year rolls around when our attention is fastened on our old rival, William Jewell. The supreme sport of college, football, will culminate for us with the mighty battle that is to be waged Turkey Day against our foe in Liberty. It is with joy that we look forward to this; because, it is this very game that will redeem our somewhat shattered hopes on the gridiron. No doubt, the people of the Hill intend to expiate their depleted record of the season, also.

In a resume of the past season little can be found which will show a decided advantage for either team, as neither have kept their performance up to the standard of previous years. "Dad" Bowles, with the help of "Bill" Collins, has lacked much of producing a championship team. Coaches Poland and McCallum have, also, been unable to produce a consistent winning combination but with the showing made in the last two games we expect another win on November 25th.

Cameron, Missouri Wesleyan, and the High School are sending many supporters of the two teams which will battle Thursday. Special organizations are going. Nothing less than two victories will satisfy, and we expect both.

In the official program for last year

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BETA BETA BETA NOTES

The fourth meeting of the Tri Beta National Biological Fraternity was held in the North Lab. Wednesday, Nov. 10. After the usual business meeting Prof. and Mrs. Slayton invited the Fraternity to a breakfast Tuesday morning, Nov. 16.

The Fraternity takes this opportunity to thank Prof. and Mrs. Slayton for a very enjoyable morning.

The breakfast was served in three courses. The table was decorated with American Beauty roses. American Beauty roses were also given as favors. We hope this will not be the last of the fraternities social activities.

WESLEYAN 27; CENTRAL 0

Central Was Conquered — Red and Black Team Shows Improvement

The Missouri Wesleyan gridders bested the Central Wesleyan team 27 to 0 in a hard fought game played Friday, Nov. 12, on the formers field. Long runs and many passes were features of the game.

The game opened when Missouri Wesleyan kicked off to Central. A march down the field by the home team was halted by a fumble. Neither team seemed to be able to gain to advantage, only, in midfield.

The second quarter found the "Owls" in Central territory. A pass, Bourette to Henderson, gained 10 yards, placing the ball on the 15 yard line. Bourette then raced around end for the first touchdown. Henderson kicked goal. Central came back with an aerial attack which gained much ground in midfield but never threatened the goal line. The half ended with Central Wesleyan in possession of the ball on their own 38 yard line.

The second half opened with a flash. Duse returned the kickoff 20 yards, placing the ball on the 50 yard line. The fans were again given a treat when "Pewee" Bourette grabbed a punt and twisted and sprinted 70 yards for a touchdown. Henderson's work at goal kicking added another point.

The Warrenton gridders again attempted a comeback by the aerial route, but their hopes somewhat dimmed when Duse intercepted a pass and raced 30 yards before being downed. Captain Grantham, playing his first game for some time, proceeded to add another counter by circling left end for a touchdown. Again the ball was soon carried down the field by the charging backs, but this time was forced to try a drop kick which was short.

The final quarter found Coaches Poland and McCallum busy sending in substitutes. Before the game ended all players who were in condition to play, were sent into the fray. The

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FEATHERS FROM THE GOOSE

2,600 years ago, Aesop said: Every person is a "goose" who does not see "The Goose Hangs High."

Proceeding upon the thesis of the famous Greek fabulist, it is with a feeling of genuine satisfaction that this publication announces that no Wesleyanite need leave these halls laboring under the ignominious appellation of "goose," for sometime during the Yuletide, the Missouri Wesleyan Dramatic Club will present that delightful dramatic success, "The Goose Hangs High."

Incidentally the Wesleyan dramatic artists will present this play under the auspices of that small but potent organization, the Owl Staff, which is committed to the proposition that success is more a matter of perspiration than inspiration.

The fact that Miss Grace Henderson, head of the expression department will direct the production of "The Goose Hangs High" is in itself sufficient assurance to Wesleyanites and Cameronites that the play will be an outstanding success. Furthermore, Miss Henderson plans to select the cast from the abundance of dramatic talent in school by means of try-outs.

"The Goose Hangs High," as presented by professionals upon the legitimate stage, has met with extraordinary success. Civic theatre groups in the larger cities of the land have staged this play and everywhere it has been well received. Praise has been the result of its evaluation by critics.

More feathers will fly into the columns of this paper as the goose sheds. We expect soon to be able to grasp a quill and write the exact date of presentation of the play and the personnel of the all-star cast. December 17 is being considered as a possible date for the big event.

Willard Yos, in Psychology Class: "I tried putting my money in my left hand trouser's pocket instead of in my right and this change was very successful because I had a hole in my right hand pocket."

DR. BUCK MEMBER OF G. C. C.

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Wesleyan 27; Central 0

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goal march continued and the fourth touchdown was registered.

The red and black warriors showed more of the old time Wesleyan fight and exhibited a better brand of football than in earlier games. Captain Grantham, Cokely, Duse and Bourette proved too much for the down state team and the much improved line stopped the Central charges so that the “Owl” goal was never in serious danger.

The team from Warrenton played a hard, clean, football game throughout. The playing of Capt. Wiethrich, at end, was commented upon by the fans.

“Jewell” is our next and last foe for the season of 1926. A battle royal is promised. All aboard for Liberty “Turkey Day.”

M. W. — 27	C. W. — 0
Imes	L. E. (C) Wiethrich
Meek	L. T. Proett
Wood	L. G. Calcaterra
Klepper	C. Dewees
Casey	R. G. Guerdeman
Metz	R. T. Durwell
Henderson ..	R. E. Crain
Bourette	Q. Helmers
Grantham (C.)	L. H. Bushman
Cokely	F. B. Deschner
Duse	R. H. Shuette

Officials: Referee, Hedges (Ill.); Umpire, Robertson (Emporia); Headlinesman, Marsh (Drake).

Substitutes: Wesleyan (Missouri): Sims, Dague, Thomas, Shultz, Rush-ton, Lower, Cook, Page, McKee, Garner, Coy, Miller, Welsh, Hendrick, Croy, Peters, Anderson, Hardin.

Thanksgiving

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the following results of previous Thanksgiving contests are chronologically recorded. The score of the 1925 game is added.

	Wm. Jewell	M. W. C.
1917.....	7	7
1918.....	0	7
1918.....	7	7
1919.....	0	7
1920.....	0	0
1921.....	3	0
1922.....	15	0
1923.....	14	7
1924.....	0	35
1925.....	0	19

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EXCELSIOR RECEPTION

On the night of Tuesday Nov. 9, the Excelsior Literary Society held its annual reception for the new members of the Wesleyan family. There were about fifty in attendance.

After meeting at the Excelsior-Aesthesian hall the new fellows were escorted by the old Excelsiors to Rice Hall, to enjoy what was afterwards termed a "splendorous feed." It was the pleasure of this society to enjoy the honor of having two of its original members, Professor Null and Professor Kelsey present on this occasion. We were pleased with the enthusiasm shown by Professor Kelsey as he spoke of "those days" when he was "younger" and of the early history and organization of the Excelsior society. Floyd Pollock, society president, acting as toastmaster, welcomed the non-members to the evening of entertainment. Among others who spoke were Professor Null. He spoke concerning the past of the society and told of some of the ideals and standards of Excelsiors. Victor Coy spoke of present Excelsiors and Willard Yos of the future. Those present were also entertained by a reading by Fern Basye, clarinet solo. Cleo Hardin and a vocal solo by Hadley Crawford, and the Excelsior quartet.

A three course luncheon had been prepared by some of the Aesthiesians, and was served in fine style by a group from the sister society.

These receptions are given for the purpose of showing the new students at Wesleyan something of what society life is, so that when the time comes for them to petition for membership they may not be unacquainted with what the societies mean in a Wesleyan students real life.

At last the week has come when all can belong to a society. All society circles believe the new students are interested in literary work and expect a large registration. Faculty, friends and social organizations are eager that every student become a member of some society.

Bernice Rybolt, (who stays at Rice Hall) in Psychology Class when discussing habits: "I tried to form the habit of going down to breakfast. I went four mornings and then decided the effort wasn't worth the result."

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Tuesday, November 23, 1926

Has it ever occurred to you in your hurried rush through M. W. C. that you are in the midst of one of the most critical years of our college? Did you ever think about the important place that you may take in the regard of your Alma Mater and yourself by being true and loyal? This is one year above all others that your best self should be shown, both here and away, that people may know what Missouri Wesleyan College can do.

Does not the dinner held by former students at Kansas City make you feel that our college is an institution where ideas and ideals may abound? If it does not you are sub-normal. If ever there was a challenge that could stir your sporting blood and spirit that is one. What greater good can a man wish than that his college shall become known for its product of men?

Perhaps this appeals to you as sentimentalism while your greatest hope is for mankind to ascend unto a stage of reason; but, stop and think. How much joy in life is there without emotions? Is there any joy at all? Mere sentiment is nothing more than passion but can it not reach the plane of appreciation and realization of the advantages that accrue to you? Perhaps not all of the advantages are the best and again, perhaps, you are not using all of the advantages that are here. Do you make the most of your fellowship? Is the library only a place to rest when weary? Are you getting all that the professors can

give? Are you putting yourself into college with vigor and virility?

Remembering that it takes a student body as well as a faculty and an administration to make a college, why not put yourself into the process? It is not perfection that we want but an ever striving, searching attitude which, after all, is as near perfection as we can attain.

THE WESLEYAN OWL SAYS

Four of the students of Kansas City Junior College which were suspended have sent in apologies and have been reinstated. What means of social control was used? Also the publication of "The Sacred Cow" has been abolished.

Now that the literary societies have had their receptions for the new students they may hibernate until banquet time.

I am impressed more and more by the time that extra-curricular activities waste.

An editorial of the "McKendree Review" has this to say of Coach Glenn Filley: "Already he has secured a reputation for clean athletics, for his honesty and integrity, and McKendree believes in him." These are the kind of men that have made Wesleyan's good name. Let's produce more of them.

RUTHEAN RECEPTION

The Ruthean reception for the new girls was given at the home of Corona Dillener.

The Rutheans, Lincolns, chauffeured by Negroes called at the homes of the fairer coeds and escorted them to the home of the hostess.

Miss Dillener beautifully gowned met them at the door and the new girls were then introduced in a most fashionable manner to the Rutheans by Miss Mildred Robison, whose language was indeed flowery. It was a very formal affair, all being dressed in exquisite evening gowns.

The girls were then taken to the dining room where they enjoyed a one course luncheon, while a talented orchestra elaborated on the beautiful strains of Rachmonioff's classical number, Romance.

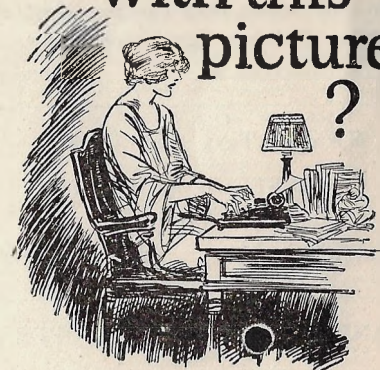
During the evening several beautiful numbers were rendered by the Rutheans which consisted of a piano solo by Miss Eleanor Downey, a vocal

solo by Mildred Robison and some clever readings by Miss Irene Moon.

At the finale of this reception Miss Lois Allen, the president rendered a most pleasing address to the new girls in which she tendered to them a most hearty welcome. The girls were then chaperoned home and so ended this most formal affair.

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A SENIOR'S CONCLUSION

A plethora of criticisms by putative sapiens pronounce the four years in college as a complete waste, a "Four Years Vacation," etc. A paucity of writers swear that our colleges "can do no wrong." In view of these two extremes I choose the middle path.

Our colleges are far from perfect. We now have an educational machinery that grinds out little Babbitts like sausages. The student body, as a unit, is mentally incompetent; the best of our professors can do, in many instances, is to make "better citizens." The present system is one of teaching rather than learning. What one is taught he cannot learn. Bernard Shaw says, "if you want a cat to be clean, throw mud on it and let the cat clean itself." There is no selection made in the college enrollment. Any stray is admitted. Students meet no obstacles, are repelled by no problems, develop no will power. And whenever any force meets with slight resistance, the change it effects is necessarily slow and gradual. Consequently, we are now enmeshed in mental lethargy.

There are a number of pertinent causes for our present educational slump. Following the war a wave of intolerance and fanaticism swept the country. Any college or university is dependent upon a certain group. Instructors are merely employees, dismissed at pleasure. Consequently, instructors must assume their duties in a manner that is satisfactory to the controlling group. The students, on the other hand, must develop their thoughts along certain well defined grooves. Remonstrance means dismissal.

Thought is the result of a problem. If problems are not presented to the students there will be no thinking. "The Powers That Be" deem it unwise for a student to have a doubt concerning the material presented by the various instructors. They would make of education a memory course. New thoughts invariably arise from doubt.

Consequently, there is no intellectual interest.

Education should train us to think. We've heard that before. The professor should show us how and where to get material or information that is the necessary basis for our thinking. Every animal repeats the history of its race, while man starts in where his predecessor left off: Education is what enables him to begin there. John Ruskin once wrote, "The entire object of education is to make people not merely do the right things, but enjoy right things." Education should erect problems, cause doubts, break down dogmas, and leave us finally with the feeling that we are a very small unit in the world's progress. A modern educator has said, "College is not a retail store dealing in facts; it is a temporary retreat where one may breathe the air of freedom and achieve emancipation from dogmas, irrational inhibitions, tribal conformities," etc.

No less a person than H. G. Wells startled the world by his statement that college is a "Four Years Vacation." Well, the world is always easily startled—and especially on the subject of colleges. But it might be said that even a Vacation is not devoid of merits. Yes, we have our defects. An institution without them would be a marvel to any age. Even a Queen is sometimes troubled with corns. But even in our present condition we are not hopeless, for, as the great Bernard Shaw has written, "False education provokes scholars to find the truth." —S. B.

WHAT WE ARE THINKING

The accusation has been made by some folks that we, as students of M. W. C., do not take the town here as students in other colleges take their towns—this, not in the sense that the Greeks besieged Troy; but, that school spirit does not emanate from us sufficient to imbue the townfolk with a like feeling; that, as a consequence of this apparent inertia, visitors ex-

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We must keep up this interest during the year; we must show throughout the school term that spirit which we displayed before our last football game. And how can we do it? We can do it by cultivating a live interest in what goes on around us; by class organization—a much needed thing here—by support of student undertakings, by participation in our activities, by individual spirit, by collective class spirit, and by universal school spirit.

Let's "blow our own horn," show braggadocio, if you will; let's create a Wesleyan Ego; let's show those chronic "knockers" who dote on destructive criticism of everything which does not apply to them that there is a college here, and we're here to tell the world that there is. We can do it. We shall do it. And that indomitable Wesleyan spirit which knows no defeat, as it has risen in the past, as it is rising now, shall forever and anon rise like a Colossus in the Future. Let us whole-heartedly fulfil that old prophecy:

"Long thy sons shall sing thy praises,
And thy daughters too;
While the school its watchword raises:
"Loyal be, and true!"

AESTHESIAN PLEDGE PARTY

Tuesday night, Nov. 16, when the newly pledged members of the Aesthesian Literary Society arrived at the hall wondering what punishment was to follow, they were somewhat surprised to find themselves escorted down to the street and told they were being taken to a line party. It was a jolly and hilarious crowd who entered Billy's Place for refreshments. After the Aesthesian song and several yells, the girls proceeded to the Royal theatre where the pledges learned to do the Charleston as far as the third lesson. The rest of the awful ordeal of initiation will be undergone Thursday night when the new girls will be formally taken into the Aesthesian family.

We welcome our new members, and we look to them to help us carry on the Aesthesian spirit. In the searching we are gladdened for we see good

fellowship in the deeds of our recently made friends, and we feel sure that as time passes, they too, will make a place for themselves in the memory of those with whom they associate. Our pledges were not great in number, but we realize that the strength of an organization depends not upon its numbers but upon the quality of its members.

Our new Aesthesian sisters are: Evelyn Wright, Francis Lawson, Ada Ruth Alley, Zetta Tummev, Leta Hobson, Leona Gibson, Clara McKee, Marjorie Jackson, Mable Merritt, Clara Van Hoozer.

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ADELPHIAN RECEPTION

The Adelpian Literary Society was rudely awakened by its President, Paul Peters, to the realization that the Freshmen boys should be given a taste of society life. Consequently, on Wednesday evening, November 10, the dining hall at Rice Hall became a banquet hall due to the strenuous efforts of Stephen H. Sims and Carroll Henderson. Mr. Sims also presided over the culinary department.

When the Freshmen boys and old Adelpians arrived, the large room had been transformed. The tables were arranged in a large A with the Toastmaster's table at the apex. Blue and white candles in stately candle sticks flickered and twinkled in merry flames. Above, and covering the lights, were draped blue and white crepe paper streamers. To the Rutheans goes the credit for this decorating.

After all were seated, President Peters, who presided, made the welcoming address. Then came comely Rutheans forth with sandwiches, pickles and coffee. Following the disappearance of the damsels and the food, talks were made by Mr. Kochan, Vice President and what not, and by Dr. Wilson, old Adelpian and new faculty member. Again the Rutheans appeared, this time bearing in dishes of brick ice cream and cakes. After the disappearance of this course, not including the plates, Professor Kinne addressed the assemblage. Feeling that everyone was tired of speeches by that time, President Peters, after a few concluding remarks, dismissed the well-fed guests and their hosts. Well, one more Reception is over, and we can all sleep peacefully until banquet time.

WHAT IF—

Mr. Eugene Mansfield and Paul Hibbs went to Brookfield last Saturday as a gospel team.

"Dean Dalke" went to Kansas City over the week end to see a few shows, also Zeigfield follies.

Miss Herring went to Excelsior Springs last week end. While there she attended a dance.

Lois Allen, Mildred Robison and Elizabeth Pickard went via bicycle to St. Joseph last Sunday—just good exercise.

Herbert Dague spent the week end two weeks ago fixing a tail light on his Ford.

Eula Miller spent the usual Sunday putting a long distance call through to John

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The venture was fruitful and will be repeated each year. Do you know that we have 121 Wesleyanites teaching in Missouri? Our "family" is growing. Hold up your heads, oh ye grads, we are fast coming to be a respected tribe. Let the present student body know your feeling for the college—the work on the campus will be enhanced thereby.

As a closing number Rex Orr led us in singing "Alma Mater." Were you tuned in? Could you hear the clear ringing challenge of Wesleyan coming to you?

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AESTHESIAN NOTES

"Reception and then another reception" is probably what the new girls thought. The Aesthesian reception was given in the gym Nov. 12. The gym was artistically decorated in purple and gold, the Aesthesian colors and pink and green, the Excelsior colors. Hattie Hoerman and Fern Wolfe performed at the piano, while the guests were arriving, after which the following program was given:

Aesthesian Quartet: Lois Gould, Eula Miller, Fern Wolfe, Violet Fairchild.

Reading, Fern Bayse.

Vocal Solo, Lois Gould.

Piano Solo, Imogene Maggart.

Vocal Solo, Violet Fairchild.

Stunt, Pearl Shultz, Floyd McNamee, Gracie Mae Cooper, Susie Evans, Frances Miller.

A few games were played, after which refreshments were served by some of the Excelsior brothers

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