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CAST AT WORK ON PLAY

"The Goose Hangs High" To Be Presented December 17

Miss Grace Henderson, director of Dramatics, has the cast and understudies hard at work on "The Goose Hangs High." This three-act play will be presented by the Missouri Wesleyan Dramatic Club under the auspices of the Owl Staff in the Goodrich Auditorium, Dec. 17.

"The Goose Hangs High" was produced in New York in January, 1924, by the Dramatists Theatre Inc., and experienced a year's successful run. It was released for amateur production only last year. This, coupled with the fact that it is in many respects an outstanding play, explains the fifty dollar royalty for presentation. With the rental of the Goodrich Auditorium, expenditures for advertising, etc., it is readily seen that the cost of presenting the play will be considerable. Ergo; the Dramatic Club and the Owl Staff would enlist the cooperation of the student body in presenting this impressive and worthwhile drama.

Lewis Beach's great dramatic success is particularly appropriate for presentation at this time for it has a Yuletide setting and a significant and beautiful Christmas theme woven into the whole fabric of the plot.

In the early stages of the play, you may see the college students (Corona Dillener and M. C. Jones) only as flippant youths, but the nobility of their real characters is revealed in the last act. (applause). As "The Little Theatre Monthly" says, "The Goose Hangs High" is "really excellent in its characterization of the young college boy and girl.

With the ebb and flow of this drama, there emerges scintillating humor, and again, a seriousness which is impressive because of its profundity. "The Little Theatre Monthly" has this to say, "It has a sunny, cheerful atmosphere, in the main, and a happy ending that, with good situations, dialogue and characterization account for and justify its success." It is

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DEBATE COACHES MEET

Among the most important and perplexing problems of college and its activities are those connected with intercollegiate forensics.

In order to help in the solution of some of these problems, a meeting of the coaches of Missouri and Kansas was called at Kansas City, November 9 and 10. In response to the call sent out by Professor Morrison, of Central College, about a dozen or fifteen coaches from each state met at the Baltimore hotel and effected a temporary organization to discuss some questions of vital interest to both state groups. Professor Folsom represented Missouri Wesleyan College at this meeting.

The first thing of importance was the setting aside of the Pi Kappa Delta question on the modification of the Volstead law as the question to be used in the inter-collegiate debates of the two states. The question already adopted by the Missouri Valley Association was then chosen. It is, Resolved: That Congress Should Enact Legislation Embodying the Principles of the McNary-Haugen Bill. This question has also been selected by the Illinois colleges, and from present indications it will be quite generally used in this section of the country. It embodies the whole question of farm relief legislation, and should arouse much interest in rural sections.

Other phases of debate work were discussed more or less informally by the entire group, and later separate meetings were held by the two state groups and permanent organizations effected. The Missouri group chose Professor Morrison of Central College for president and John Moore of Park for secretary-treasurer. The meeting will become an annual affair.

Another important move was the appointment of Professor McClure of Westminster to represent the group before the Missouri College Union, which was in session at the same time, and ask for greater recognition of the debate work among the col-

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M. W. C. LOST THRILLING GAME

Large Number of Red and Black Supporters at Liberty

After a "Burlington Journey" of some forty miles, an enthusiastic band of rooters packed the east bleachers on Jewell field, and witnessed the struggle of "Owls" against "Cardinals" in their annual gridiron classic. Although Wesleyan lost by the margin of one point, football followers would concede little advantage to the victors, other than that bare turn of chance.

It was a game of the "Army-Navy" type, turning the classic into a game of thrills by way of brilliant runs and dazzling passes. A crowd of nearly 3,000 saw the battle. A threatening storm failed to materialize and allowed the struggle to continue. The two bands kept the air filled with music.

The first half ended in a scoreless tie. Neither team was able to advance the pigskin far into enemy territory, until near the close of the half, when a long pass gave Jewell the ball on Wesleyan's 12 yard line. However, the Red and Black team battled fiercely and staved off the Jewell charges a sufficient length of time to avert a touchdown.

The last half found both the Collins and Poland athletes eager for victory. 'Lady Luck' seemed to be helping the big red team, when early in the third quarter, Hall, Jewell, tackle, grabbed a fumble and crossed the goal line. The place kick for extra point was successful.

It seemed that this put the real fight into the Wesleyan team. Duse returned the kickoff twenty yards. Down the field they went, charging through the line, around end, and by way of the aerial route. A penalty near the goal line failed to halt the 'Owl' charges and a pass followed with a run by Bourette around end scored the first Wesleyan touchdown. Goal was missed and Jewell held a one point lead.

As the fourth quarter started Wesleyan hopes for victory were bright. Necessary substitutions were made by Poland and McCallum and the

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team continued its battle with the same fight. Jewell scored its second touchdown when Owen twisted his way across the goal line after a twenty yard run.

Again the ‘Owls’ came back and passed their way to a second touchdown when Grantham snagged one and fell across the goal line. Bourette kicked goal for the extra point making the score 13 to 14. In the closing minutes of play, and as the evening haze gathered over the field, those Wesleyan players swept Jewell off its feet in an attempt to put across another counter. The final whistle halted the memorial game with Bourette carrying the ball into the shadow of the Cardinal’s goal line.

M. W. C., 13 Wm. Jewell, 14

Imes L. E. Roberts
Meek L. T. Jordan
Page L. G. Grisson
Klepper C. Craig
Wood R. G. Larkey
Metz R. T. Hall
Henderson R. E. Williams
Bourette Q. Clutter
Duse L. H. Owen
Grantham R. H. Turner
Cokely F. B. Robertson

Wesleyan substitutions: Shultz for Cokely; Pendleton for Duse; Cokely for Shultz; Duse for Pendleton; Rushton for Henderson; Sims for Page; Pendleton for Duse; Cokely for Shultz; Lower for Imes; Cook for Rushton.

Cast at Work on Play

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‘strictly modern’ if anything can accurately be termed such.

“The Goose Hangs High” requires some rather difficult dramatic work and some changes may be made in the cast. The cast is as follows:

Bernard Ingals.....Leon Walker
Eunice Ingals.....Thelma Farris
Noel Derby.....David Foster
Leo Day.....C. H. Sauceman
Rhoda.....Muriel Williams
Julia Murdock.....Pearl Shultz
Mrs. Bradley.....Ada Ruth Alley
Hugh Ingals.....George Reed
Ronald Murdock.....Paul Crawford
Lois Ingals.....Corona Dillener
Bradley Ingals.....Maynard Jones
Dagmar Carroll.....Mildred Robison
Elliott Kimberley.....Ernest Thompson
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Debate Coaches Meet

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leges of the state and more adequate provision for coaching, as most of the coaches are doing full-time teaching, and making the coaching a side-line.

This new organization will doubtless do much toward increasing the interest in inter-collegiate forensics, and in organizing the work of the state and placing it on a better basis.

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Rogers, L. H. B., Pennsylvania.
O'Brien, Q. B., Boston U.
Griffith, R. H. B., Northwestern.
Chaplin, F. B., Florida.
—College Humor.

Faint heart never kept the lawn mowed.—Yos.

Professor Taylor—"There is prohibition of sleeping in work rooms. Perhaps it should be carried over to class rooms."

The Rev. Mr. Runion and Mr. C. G. Spindler were with us at chapel Thursday morning.

Professor Taylor was chapel speaker Saturday morning.

Prof. Taylor to Eugene Mansfield and Page Pendleton: "Now you boys keep still."

Miss Eula Miller went to her home in Maryville Friday and spent a few days.

Every year more people get college educations, but you can't notice much difference.

Bill McCullough and Frank Klein were visitors here from Maryville last week-end.

Mr. Bert Rushton went home from Liberty last week-end to visit his parents.

Miss Florence Frakes was here visiting last week.

Miss Dorothy Wilson spent over Thanksgiving here visiting friends.

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Tuesday, December 7, 1926

Football season is over. The football team went to Liberty and even though they were defeated it was only by a goal kick so we cannot concede superiority. The college supported the team and the team supported the college. Nothing fairer could be asked.

Now that the football season is over we can focus our attention on other activities. There are boys and girls basketball, and forensic to occupy the winter months. The glee club activities will take shape in order to be ready for the spring tour and the dramatic club seems to be busy at all times.

Our boys' basketballers have, since my connection with the college, been rather mediocre. There is much that can be done in this field and with the material that is available we expect Coach Poland to produce a good team.

The girls team has been more successful. Two years ago they had an undefeated team; last year only two games were lost and both of these to a state teachers' college. The student body has never given the fairer sex the support that they deserve. At least, never on the court.

Forensic is an extra curricular activity that should have a more important place in undergraduate life. Since Professor Folsom came to Missouri Wesleyan he has devoted much time to the betterment of debate. The improvement was noticeable last year. It should be more noticeable this year. Lethargy in attendance on the

part of the students lies to a great extent in the mental exertion that is necessary to make the evening enjoyable.

Why can't we keep our football energy and expend it on these major activities that will occupy our time for the next few months? It will keep our school life from becoming lopsided.

EXCELSIOR INITIATION

Last Wednesday was the scene of a great riot in the Excelsior Hall. It was doom for ten freshmen who had decided to enter the portals of the Excelsior Literary Society. Perhaps they are again back to their normal state but if you inquire into the matter you can find that initiation night was not the end of their suffering.

To go into the details of the ordeal is, of course, not permitted but those desiring further information may ask Harry Long if he again desires to Kiss the Queen. Croy, although doubtful at the time, is still attending classes and, as usual, Metz gave the greatest excitement of the evening.

After the ceremony had been completed the old members took the new Excelsiors down to Billy's Place where ice cream sundaes with wafers were waiting. After consuming these it is our private opinion that all journeyed up to "Pa" Schneiders where they proceeded to further fill the great empty space.

The new members are: Earl Duse, Harry Long, Harvey Croy, Merlin Grocm, Elton Hall, Chester Calvert, Dewitt Beckwith, Ernest McKee, Herbert Welsh, Harry Waller.

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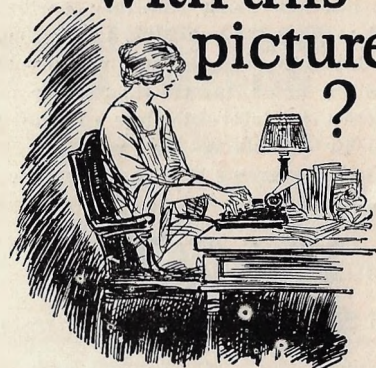
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What We Are Thinking

An Opportunity of Expression For Students and Faculty

It is easily discovered upon observation of recitations in classrooms and remarks on the campus that most of us talk but few of us know anything about that which we say. When asked a question, rather than not answer at all, we answer with anything that comes into our consciousness. Upon very little scrutiny these bursts of rare wit

and knowledge prove themselves to be some high sounding phrases that have been accumulated here and there which are general and upon closer questioning we cannot elucidate them to any great degree.

Perhaps an example or two would serve well: "What is the Renaissance?" "It is a revival of learning," "Why has man a plastic nervous sys-

tem?" "In order that he may adapt himself to his environment." Half a dozen other questions can be asked about man and all six would be answered by some reference to the plastic nervous system of man. This is the extent of our knowledge and how well it serves.

It is also well to notice how many times the same thought can be expressed with only a different combination of words. You can listen to one student in an answer to one question repeat the same thought three or four different ways. This adds much



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to the volume but little to the quality.

This is not a plea that we study more carefully and thoroughly but a suggestion that we do not flaunt our meager knowledge in the face of the world with the purpose of leaving the impression that we have a monopoly on the truth. It is well summed up in saying what you know and then keeping still.

We have heard many times, an agitation among Wesleyan students for the abolishment of required studies. Last year I was heartily in favor of such action; but, in the ensuing period, I have somewhat changed my views. It seems as if it would be absurd.

Anyone can come to college, regardless of his intention, to be an M. D. or to spend a vacation, it makes little difference. If it were not for the required courses most of us would drift along in the "snaps," never getting any real work done and never getting any of the basic subjects. At the end of four years of college we would have a conglomeration of material that would not even be useful on the section.

The question of a curriculum, already set, is not whether it should, or should not be, but rather what its content should consist of. It is beside the question to debate whether the required subjects of our college are what they should be. Of course they are not. Some changes might be tendered but they would be met by strenuous objection on the part of the faculty and constituency.

What is needed more than anything else is an orientation course which will give somewhat of an outline of work that can be done. This will help students to an application of their chief powers. It has also been suggested that we have a course in "How to Study." Such a study would doubtless, be beneficial but would anyone use the proffered suggestions. I fear not. It will, though, at least bear investigation.

THOUGHTS—TRUE AND FALSE

Why think? Thought constantly plays scurvy tricks on us. It's a subject to be handled lightly.

Nietzsche originated this apothegm, "conscious thinking must be counted among the instinctive functions." Then why go to college?

Thought caused Raskolnikoff to commit murder; Christ to be cruci-

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fied; Socrates to drink the vital hemlock.

All evil is the result of thought while truth comes of its own accord.

Is thought the result of turmoil or turmoil the result of thought? The Russian populace probably more eager for education than any existing people; and Russia is probably in a greater state of turmoil than any existing Power.

Thought is involuntary. It has to be forced from us. It causes unrest. The status quo of our college is very placid.

Reason is not the result of thought. It is the result of understanding plus experience.

Most students go to college because they are too timorous to do otherwise. A student at once becomes the brunt of all jokes. A recitation from one who has read his lesson always bores us.

Thought makes the problems of life more difficult, more complex. It increases our worries, multiplies our anxieties, and causes dissension among its own members. Why think?

Spencer gave us a thought that we never consider, "Progressive is inevitable." Terse but true. Why carp on present day evils? Why maintain our social studies? The infelicities of life will gradually diminish anyway.

Thought is like the classical Medusa, whose fine hair was turned into snakes, and whose glance changed into stone all who looked on her. It takes from us all emotion, making us cold, hard, ruthless: finally casting us out into the world a crawling, slinking menace, like the snake—S. B.

ADELPHIAN INITIATION

On the evening of November 18th, eleven Freshmen boys were introduced to the mysteries of Adelpianism. Those who were initiated were Roy Todd, Lockwood Simmons, Gene Minter, Orville Offutt, Paul A. Wood, Edward Anderson, Victor Dusenberry, Claude J. Miller, Alvin Miller, Clyde Cummings, and Fred Cook. None of the new members were killed or seriously wounded, but all now have profound respect for the beautiful initiation services of the Adelpian Literary Society. Harold Waddill, who was ill, and Herman Casey, who still maintains that he is exempt, have yet to be initiated.

The McCollough twins were here visiting friends a few days during Thanksgiving vacation.

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Immediately (that is after Thanksgiving) these lads disposed of the small article which could almost be classed as wearing apparel and donned a more suitable headgear from the standpoint of color, size and shape.

AESTHESIAN INITIATION

The pledges of the Aesthesian Literary Society are now, no longer pledges but full fledged members, who in a short time will become active in society work. They received their final initiation Thursday night, November 16, in the Aesthesian Hall. With fear and trembling, they were escorted, blind-folded, into the hall where various things, too numerous to mention took place. After the old Aesthesians felt that the new girls had experienced enough torture for one evening, the formal initiation ceremony took place and the new girls were welcomed into our circle.

We are glad to have these new members with us and feel as though they will be a great help to our society. They are new and inexperienced now, but as those of us who are older pass on these must take our places. They are the ones on whom responsibility will fall. They must take up the torch of Aesthesian ideals and pass it on to others. "For they are Aesthesians."

FRESHMAN PARTY

The Freshmen rules have been lifted. Three cheers for the Upper-classmen. Hurrah! Hurrah! Hurrah!

This being the case the Freshman lost no time in testing of the new found liberty. The class gave a Wiener Roast as a celebration. The city reservoir furnished a suitable place for this happy event. About thirty members of the class attended and enjoyed the food which consisted of Wieners and all that sort of thing.

Professor Slayton, in Zoology: "Miss Wyatt, what is the economic value of the earth worm?"

Dim: "I don't know unless it might be that the earthworm eats insects."

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