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RUTHEANS GIVE BANQUET

Rutheans Give Annual Football Banquet, Bourette Capt.-Elect

The Ruthean Literary Society on Monday December 13th, 1926, at six-thirty p. m. delightfully entertained the football squad, Coach Poland, President Buck, Mr. Dusenberry and Dean Dalke, with their annual football banquet.

The Christmas spirit permeated the whole affair. The guests were received by Miss Lois Allen and Miss Thelma Farris in the Ruthean-Adelphian Hall which was pleasingly arranged for their reception. While they waited for the banquet hour they were entertained by Dawn Campbell at the piano.

When all was in readiness the guests were escorted to the banquet room, the sewing room, which was tastefully arranged and pleasingly decorated in red and green streamers with a small Christmas tree at the north end of the hall. Large red candles burning on each of the four tables added to the Christmas atmosphere. The five-course banquet which was prepared and served by the Rutheans carried out the Christmas idea, also. Favors were, miniature snowballs filled with red and green candies. A three-piece orchestra played during the evening.

The program consisted of the following toasts given by various members of the team and faculty, Coach Poland acting as toastmaster:

To the Team of '23.....President Buck
Response Lehman Page
To the Team of '27.....Dean Dalke
Response James Klepper
At Random Mr. Dusenberry
Importance of Football

.....Harold Cokely
My Four Stripes and What They
Mean to Me.....Carrol Henderson
To the Capt.-Elect.....Martin Grantham
Response Captain-Elect

The toasts added, here a touch of pathos, there, a touch of humor, and much sentiment, making the affair a thing not soon to be forgotten.

As is the usual custom at the conclusion of the banquet the captain



OUR HOPE FOR X-MAS
is that it will gladden the hearts of all our friends and our hope for the **New Year** is that it will usher in an unending supply of wealth, health and happiness.

RED JACKETS VS. KIDDER

The Wesleyan girls defeated the Kidder girls, last Thursday evening, 30 to 9. It was a practice as well as a try-out game for Coach Lester Slayton and he used many substitutes to discover the weaknesses in order to be ready for the next encounter.

Mrs. Junior Clark, former Wesleyan Red Jacket forward, is Coach of the Kidder sextet. The Kidder girls are staunch and fast players; they played well from start to finish, yet the Wesleyan girls displayed some team work and basket shooting which left the visitors with the small end of the score.

Ruby Daniels and Lorraine Todd started at forward positions, Thelma Farris and Fern Basye center, Pearl Shultz and Susie Evans, guard, England, Gibson, Kuebler, Gilchrist and Stubblefield also played a fast game.

This game was a profitable one for the new members and Coach Slayton should show the college a classy team this season.

for the ensuing year was elected: Goldie (Poe Wee) Bourette was elected! On for the 1927 Championship, Boys!

PLAY A SUCCESS

Large Attendance At First Play Given by Dramatic Club

A large audience gathered Friday, December 17, to witness the presentation by the M. W. C. Dramatic Club in Goodrich Auditorium, of their first performance of the year, "The Goose Hangs High," by Lewis Beach.

All the parts were well played from the irrepressible twins, Lois and Bradley Ingals, played by Corona Dillener and Maynard Jones, to the patient loving mother taken by Thelma Farris. Ada Ruth Alley, as skeptical gramma, played a very difficult part with great success. Leon Walker, as father to the temperamental twins carried his fifty years of age and eighty years of grudge with much effectiveness. Dagnar Carrol and Hugh Ingals were well characterized by Mildred Robison and George Reed. Fine acting all through the play testified to the quality of the coaching given by Miss Grace Henderson.

Aside from the acting, the play in itself is a fine dramatic production and is especially appropriate for this time of the year. It is a Christmas story of unselfishness of parents and thoughtlessness of children.

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Jan. 14—Wm. Jewell..... Liberty
Jan. 22—Wm. Jewell..... Cameron
Feb. 1—Tarkio Cameron
Feb. 3—Mo. Valley Cameron
Feb. 19—Culver-Stockton, Cameron
Feb. 21—Mo. Valley Marshall
Feb. 22—Central Fayette
Feb. 25—Westminster Fulton
Feb. 26—Central Cameron

1927 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE

Oct. 8—Central Cameron
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Oct. 21—Culver-Stockton, Canton
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RUTHEAN NOTES

The new members of the Ruthean Literary Society presented the program which was given last Thursday night. They are to be complimented on the numbers and we feel that they are indeed an asset to our society.

The program:

Piano Solo, Dawn Campbell.

Reading, Muriel Williams.

Stunt, Norene Morgan, Helen Campbell, Villa Fender, Ella Mary Devall, Pearl Drumm.

The following new members have been initiated into the society: Marie Bird, Clara Burkett, Helen Campbell, Ella Mary Deval, Lois Dayhoff, Dawn Campbell, Pearl Drumm, Edith Green, Villa Fender, Grace Farmer, Kathleen Hogan, Mildred Lewis, Norene Morgan, Christine O'Neal, Lorraine Shirts, Muriel Williams, Loma Ryan, Elizabeth Pickard, Hazel Porter, Irene Phelps.

SOCIETY CLASH

Where are the fellows who said society life is dead? Where are they who said that since society receptions were over that the societies would hibernate until spring and then burst forth again in those yearly banquets? Where are they I ask? Anyone witnessing the Aesthesian-Ruthean basketball game last Friday will say that these societies are far from having, "one foot in the grave." The game was interesting throughout although the Rutheans won from the Aesthesians 25 to 10.

A charge of ten cents was placed upon each bystander, the proceeds of which will be divided between the two societies. The societies are planning to have another clash in the near future. Three cheers for the reviving society spirit!

"Pee Wee" Bourette met the 5:15 train Thursday for some unknown reason.

Reginald Buzard was visiting in Chicago a week ago.

We are glad to note that Miss Herring's health is improving.

Bert Rushton spent last week-end visiting his parents in Princeton.

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GENE TUNNEY, ACTOR

Of course the Y. M. C. A. cannot be blamed for presenting a picture it had never seen or heard much about, and it becomes quite apparent that the material benefit accruing to that organization will not be great, but perhaps the Y. M. C. A. can have better luck next time.

Gene Tunney is a great prize fighter, he was a Marine during the war, he is supposed to be a student, but why these things should give him the idea that he would make a movie hero is beyond the comprehension of the writer.

The picture as a whole presented some very good exterior views of a sport model automobile, some exquisite frocks, some nice models of double breasted coats, white suits, and golf attires, and some especially poor acting. The only time the hero seemed to feel comfortable and seemed to know what to do with his hands was while he was in the ring.

Those who saw the picture can perhaps explain how it happened that the sailor, who fell over-board while watching Gene box on board the ship, could not swim when in the water. The United States Navy should be severely criticized if it fails to teach its sailors to swim.

Another thing which needs explaining is the telephone which was used by the leader of the miners to call the gold messenger. The mine leader took the receiver from its hook and then rang central and apparently made perfect connections. Who invented the new phone?

Those who saw the show can at least say they saw Tunney on the screen, and can compliment the Y. M. C. A. upon the first two reels of the show, "Our Gang Comedy." The Y. M. C. A. is not to blame for the picture and it is our ardent hope that it will present another picture soon; but let it be one in which a man whose profession is acting is starred.

OBITUARY

Organizations and institutions rarely arise above the intellectual scope of their leaders; nor do they often procreate for the amelioration of human kind. Such organizations live only for the moment—merely long enough to stem the temporary de-

mand. Only those morbid groups who are content to expatiate upon the ineffable feelings of the human soul are retained. Of such is the Y. M. C. A.

The Y. M. C. A. was virtually established by prayer; the ultra-expression of soul-communication with its higher and nobler self. At the present moment it is even failing in this respect. It is like the rare leaf that sometimes falls to fall from the tree in the latter months; it merely hangs there by virtue of its obstinate nature.

The Y. M. C. A. was formerly an organization that had as its aim the development of christian leadership—a very noteworthy aim; but the demand has been satiated long since. It is even questionable whether this organization was the one best suited for such a task. Since it must still have an aim, it has shifted over to soul-saving. And in this field it is even less adequate.

A resume of the deceased would bring before us these startling truths: The Y. M. C. A. serves only a temporary need; it touches no phase of life which is not better filled by some other organization; it furnishes no incitement or creation of ideals; it does not produce leaders—a reason in itself sufficient enough to invoke its destruction.

Thus, we might say that the last sad rites of this incumbent organization have already been said—and unless you believe in spiritualism it isn't very likely that the words of the dead will startle our modern existence.

One further remark is necessary: this scathing brochure is meant only for the Y. M. C. A. as institutionalized by our colleges; not the organization that has charge of physical direction. —L. H. L.

FOOTBALL SQUAD ENTERTAINED

The entire football squad was entertained the night of December 2, by Coaches Poland and McCallum, at the home of the former. The entertainment was in the form of a supper, a most welcome ordeal to football men. The two coaches had secured a thirty-two pound turkey, and everything had been planned for an enjoyable evening. Not one of the

squad failed in this try-out and accordingly the turkey lost by "thirty-two pounds."

The squad left about eight-thirty for other uncurricular activities. The evening had a fuller significance to the squad than just being entertained. It was a pleasure to the men to know that the Coaches have a close interest in them and that they enjoy their work with the squad. It is such alliances as these that develop strong football teams.

LEAGUE FOR INDUSTRIAL DEMOCRACY

The L. I. D. held their monthly meeting Tuesday night Dec. 14th. This is the first regular meeting that has been held since the new members have been received. A special program had been prepared, including an interesting report on Upton Sinclair's famous book "The Goose-step in Education" by Roy Hollenbeck. He gave special attention to the chapters "The Open Forum," "The Youth Movement" and "Wisconsin University." Carroll Russell read Stuart Chase's article "Mergers and the New Competition," and as a closing number Willard Yos gave a report on the much discussed "Industrial Autocracy" of Henry Ford.

WESTMINSTER REINSTATED

The Missouri College Athletic Union in a meeting held at Kansas City, Dec. 11th formally declared that two of the players of Westminster College's football team had been ineligible for the past season.

According to the Constitution of the Union which controls such cases, Westminster College was automatically dropped from the Union, however since the Union's resolution placing the two players on the ineligibility list also carried with it a clause absolving the College officials from all blame in the matter, the school was invited to re-enter the Union and did so.

The meeting, contrary to the wishes of J. E. Pixlee, Westminster Coach, was held behind closed doors. Mr. Pixlee declared after the meeting that he had affidavits and other evidence clearly showing the eligibility of his men, but that he was not allowed to present them.

Russell White, star Blue Jay back-field man, was not only ruled ineligible but was also convicted of professionalism. Henry Iba, the other star in question, was ruled ineligible on scholastic grounds.

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Tuesday, December 21, 1926

As the Yuletide season approaches, our minds turn back to the birth of Jesus Christ. It was indeed a humble beginning for this Man of Galilee but His name and deeds and teachings are becoming more and more vital.

It is right that we should question His life and teachings to find if we are following the path that is truly best for mankind. Most, I believe, do not doubt. The Bible may, in its entirety, be more than sufficient for our spiritual needs but it does furnish an excellent history of Hebrew religion; it is, at least, no reason to doubt.

What we are concerned with is Jesus. It is his social philosophy that has been found to be the only complete philosophy propounded by man. The principles are sound and broad, unhampered by details and dogma, applying to all nations, races and times. Could a man wish more complete principles to live by than those set forth in the "Sermon on the Mount?" The beatitudes, the Lord's Prayer, and the Golden Rule. And these do not complete the teachings that He gave to the multitude.

H. G. Wells in naming the man who had the largest influence on the greatest number of people named Christ. Lichtenberger in writing about the Christ said, "Historically, the result of contact and convergence was the new movement which Jesus inaugurated and out of which grew Christianity which has dominated the thinking of men for 2000 years." Is

Christ's philosophy worth investigating?

Whatever faults you may find with Christianity are not the result of it's principles as set forth by Christ so, "All things whatsoever ye would that men should do to you, do ye so to them."

Y. M. C. A.

At the last two meetings in November, Supt. Elliott, and Principal Osborne, both of the High School gave interesting addresses. Mr. Elliott gave us the three qualities necessary for success. They were: characters, remorseless industry, and thorough knowledge of one's occupation.

Mr. Osborne gave a very interesting talk on "Sportsmanship."

On December 1st the period was taken up with arrangements in preparation for the show to be given in the College Chapel under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Fiddick of Cameron talked to the Y. M. on December 7th. He told us of the value of an education, and that there were several different ways in acquiring it. He stressed the method of travel, because it applied more nearly to his own personal experiences. Those not present at this meeting missed a very interesting talk, as Mr. Fiddick pictured to us such scenes as San Francisco with its famous Golden Gate; San Quentin prison and the life there; and Salt Lake City, with its beautiful scenery.

We are always glad to welcome such men as Mr. Fiddick

THE FIGHTING MARINE

The local Y. M. C. A. presented Gene Tunney in "The Fighting Marine" at the college chapel on Tuesday and Wednesday nights Dec. 14th and 15th. This writing is to let the student body and others know that there really was a show in town besides the usual one at the Royal theatre, for it was poorly attended on both nights. However some that were present, found it was much easier to "rush" than other shows that they have tried in the past.

This was one of the most expensive pictures ever presented at the college and the poorest attended. The "Our Gang" comedy was exceptionally good and the 'feature' was much better than the average movie.

Dr. Law led chapel December 7th. Speaking on the "Unwritten Sayings of Jesus."

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RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE NATIONAL STUDENT FEDERATION

The following is a part of a the report of the National Student Federation, which met at Ann Arbor, Mich. This convention was reported through the New Student News Service:

According to the committee on the curriculum (led by Douglas Orr of Swarthmore and Marvin Breckenridge of Vassar), the colleges must become "distinctly cultural and intellectual," taking greater pains to stimulate "intellectual curiosity." Students should participate in this educational policy, studying the curricular problems and making recommendations, as student committees have already done at Harvard, Dartmouth, Oregon, Bowdoin, Kansas and Wesleyan.

In athletics, the college of the future, if it follows the report of the committee on that subject, will refuse to pay its coach more than its best professor; it will look askance at post-seasonal games fostered by commercial interests; it will require a pledge from athletes not to turn professional till after graduation of their college class. Its athletic director will be responsible only to the president and trustees, though alumni will still be represented on the athletic committee together with students and faculty. Eligibility rules will be strictly enforced, and the general policy will be "athletics for all."

Teachers will be studied by their students as to general quality, while the National Student Federation will try to help the good ones when they are suppressed.

The committee on teachers and teaching, headed by Frederick Field, chairman of the Harvard Crimson, also showed a liking for tutorial systems.

Fraternities will remain, as today, "not free from vice and immorality," but no worse than the rest of the college. More will be said when the Federation collects its study of rushing and pledging rules, interfraternity government, choice of membership, finances, methods of encouraging scholarship, small dormitory systems and fraternity houses. The committee on fraternities was headed by Miss Margaretta Fleming of Ohio

State and Ben L. Bryant of the University of Cincinnati.

Student governments will have a choice of two paths to follow, for the discussion group on this topic split into a majority and a minority, and had a good stiff fight. Both factories agreed that the student government could win little faculty respect unless it handled purely student matters well, and proposed that measures be given full advance publicity to that end. Both factions wanted student government to extend to control over "interclass contests, elections, freshmen regulations, alumni entertainment, administration of student government funds, mass meetings and chapel speakers, social legislation, the control or inauguration of new organizations and activities, the arrangement of the social schedule, the convergence of the faculty student viewpoint on all matters connected with the college or university, and the judicial powers to the extent of recommending expulsion." There was doubt as to the wisdom of student council control over the complex athletic policy, and not complete agreement that student council should regulate profit-making campus activities.

The fight was on the matter of the extent of faculty control. With a wish for "student-faculty cooperation," the majority proposed faculty representation on the student council or in joint committees, while the minority with the desire of first formulating student opinion independently of faculty demands that student government of student affairs be entirely a student matter, and that joint student-faculty committees control matters of joint interest such as teaching and curriculum, leaving the students out of only such purely administration matters as college finances, etc. This at any rate is the version of your reporter; no one being able to agree on the exact issues.

The college of the future, listening on the honor system, will be certain to the advice of the discussion group to install a system, though in details there will be great differences between individual institutions. The chief problem to which it will address itself will be "creating the spirit of honor,"

which the 'expert' of the group reported was a matter of environment and could be trained. J. S. Malley of Birmingham Southern made the re-
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port, while Charles Cleaves of the University of Virginia presided.

Such, whether you believe them important or inconsequential, radical or conservative, will be the suggestions followed by student bodies and colleges which respond to the congress. Meanwhile the National Federation of America at the moment of reporting has signed up the student bodies of two hundred and fifty schools, the only important hold-out reported being Yale. It elected as officers:

President, Fred Berger, U. of Cincinnati.

Vice-Pres., Marvin Breckenridge, Vassar.

Treasurer, Joseph Owens, Kansas Wesleyan.

Executive Committee: Chandler Wright of Tufts for New England; A. T. Budd of Franklin and Marshall for the Middle Atlantic States; H. G.

Chappell of the U. of North Carolina for the South; J. W. Rippon of Toledo U. for the East Central region; Mildred Boie, U. of Minnesota for the West Central States; Laura Thompson of Mills College for the Far West.

"Can the average young American be liberally educated?" asked Professor Alexander Meiklejohn in what was generally considered the most important speech of the congress. Desperately, he said, the colleges are asking whether they can give a liberal education: "The process of so informing and training and inciting a mind that it will go forward steadily toward understanding the life to which it belongs."

"Do we succeed? We don't. The colleges are not places of understanding. Our prize exhibit is composed of our alumni. Whatever you say of

the American alumnus, of one thing you may be sure: he doesn't read books. What's his attitude toward the college? To him it's a place of sentimental loyalty and comradeship, contacts and friendship and other immediate necessities. Surely college loyalty is one of the most unintelligent of things when it believes as a matter of course that his is the best college in the country! Pretty quickly after graduation our alumni are caught up in something else, the way of understanding? The way of study, of liberal education? No!"

And yet for the speaker they were not too much to be blamed. The colleges fail because they are in America. "It's hard to teach literature to children from homes where no good book is read, or philosophy in a society with no taste for speculation."

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Meanwhile there was one thing to work with: That America has great faith in education, even if it doesn't know what education is, and goes out for "culture or bust." To the speaker there were more important problems than enlisting support and money for colleges, which now spend altogether too much time deciding what to do with their money. The urgent, all-important job was to find teachers. Not only is it hard to get talent and power into the teaching profession, he said, but our teachers themselves have been training in a rotten system of education. "They have been taught technical scholarship, and not liberal understanding."

As for the student, Dr. Meiklejohn had little use for him as a guide of education. "Why, you can't even get a young American to play his own football games, let alone stand on his own feet intellectually. His papers are full of demands that we get rid of a certain man if the team fails, and you know who gets the praise if it wins. He doesn't manage even the finances of his team." And in study, "somehow we have got to the point where the teacher is re-

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sponsible for what goes on in the student's mind; and if he can't make anything go on there, he throws in what he can of stuff and information, the result of which is zero."

The speaker denied that the student should first have more freedom, and release from discipline for which there has lately been an insistent demand. He had no use for such a 'negative' freedom. Freedom, he said, could not exist except in a community with certain dominating purposes and interests, with a common heart and mind on fundamentals. Such a community does not exist in colleges. 'These young men,' he quoted Woodrow Wilson as asserting, 'are bound together by non-intellectual ties.' The first job was to make of college "a community of learning." This could be done only in small groups, groups in which the teachers were primarily students themselves, and students were apprentices to them. In order to get a community of interests, Dr. Meiklejohn even proposed doing away with the elective system, having everybody study the same things in order to have common ground. Only then could freedom start, for the student would be free to guide his own study, reach his own conclusions, make his own applications.

In matter of subjects of study, the professor favored doing away, in college, with departmentalizing and specialization of learning. "I would like to take a group of freshmen and take a look at them with one high civilization, the civilization of Greece: not as literature and philosophy and mathematics but as a high method of life. Scholarship which does not result in leadership has something wrong with it."

Maynard Jones accompanied his mother to Kansas City Saturday to see "The Miracle."

Norene Morgan's father was here visiting a few days ago.

Margaret Hewitt was here visiting friends last week.

"Preacher" Thompson received a letter the other day inviting him home for Christmas dinner.

Miss Deem, Miss Shepherd, Miss Lowenberg, Miss Henderson, Miss Goodspeed saw The Miracle in Kansas City last Monday night.

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The Sophomores were scheduled to scrimmage the Senior team at the appointed hour of 3:30. Following this game was the Freshman-Junior battle. The winners of both contests staged a "ninth inning" rally to qualify for the championship contest played at 7:15.

SOPHOMORE-SENIOR

Considering that the Senior lineup included three letter men, dopsters gave Capt. Greenwood and his teammates only a fighting chance.

However, the upperclassmen were reminded that stiff competition was at hand when at the half, they held the small end of an eleven to two score. With this lead the Sophomores were already planning for the evening contest. But the Seniors were determined and felt that some unknown power would lift them from the depths of defeat.

The last half found the struggle hotly contested and by staging a rally in the closing minutes the Seniors were able to "cop" the contest by the narrow margin of one point. The final score being 13 to 12.

The lineup:

Sophomores: Greenwood, F; Shultz, F; Hendrix, C; Wylie G; Klepper, G; Russel G.

Senior: Coy, F; Dague, F; Lower, C; Grantham, G; Wood, G; Henderson, Imes, Page and Garner, G.

JUNIOR-FRESHMAN

Following the initial performance the Junior and Freshman teams took the court to decide the Senior's opponent.

From the opening whistle the contest was spirited. "Pee Wee" was connecting with counters and our own Mr. Pendleton started at top form. As a result of the good playing of the Junior team they led at the half by the score of 18 to 10.

But the yearlings were far from through. Making use of their reserves, the Freshmen opened a last quarter attack and tied the score. With the count 22 to 22 a mighty battle was staged in the last minute to take the lead. Each team scored a basket and then in the last ten seconds Ketcham tossed one through the hoop

and from the echoes which rang forth the Freshmen were evidently satisfied.

The Juniors felt that their training methods were at fault and to this layed the cause for defeat.

The Lineup:

Freshmen: Cummings, F; Minter, F; McKee, C; Waller, G; Duse, G; Offutt, Croy Ketcham, G.

Juniors: Bourette, F; Crawford, F; Pendleton, C; Keubler, G; Jones, G; Todd, G.

FRESHMAN-SENIOR

As a preliminary to the girls game with Kidder, the Freshmen and Seniors battled for high honors. So close and exciting for three quarters, was the contest, that it might well have been the leading card for the evening.

The "beginners" played well until the very finish when they weakened under the offense opened up by the Seniors and allowed the nip-and-tuck battle to change until the score stood, Freshman 10, Seniors 23.

Prof. Slayton acted as arbitrator in the three hectic battles.

The Lineup:

Freshman: Minter, F; Beckwith, F; McKee, C; Croy, G; Duse, Ketcham, Offutt, Waller and Cummings, G.

Seniors: Coy, F; Dague, F; Lower, C; Grantham, G; Wood, G.

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FARM LEGISLATION THE ISSUE

Should Legislation Embodying the Principles of the McNary-Haugen Bill Be Passed?

In the last issue of the Criterion an article was printed telling of the activities of the debate coaches at Kansas City. The important achievement of the conference was the setting aside of the Pi Kappa Delta question for this year and the substitution of another. The Pi Kappa Delta question is "That the Volstead Act should be modified to permit the manufacture and sale of light wines and beer." It seems that this question is highly unsatisfactory because the Affirmative would have a hard time to gain a favorable decision, because the question is reactionary to the present policy of the United States government, and because the adoption of such a policy would not solve the liquor problem.

The question which has been adopted by the coaches of Missouri and Kansas is "That Congress should enact legislation embodying the principles of the McNary-Haugen Bill." This question is quite neutral as far as decisions are concerned. Just what the principles of the bill are seems to be a dark secret and perhaps the students of Missouri Wesleyan College will not know the answer to the mystery until Wesleyan holds its first debate.

Very often the complaint comes to a debate coach that the question debated does not interest the student body or the community. This year no such complaint should be heard. A large percentage of the students are from the country; Cameron depends upon the farmers for its prosperity; and a debate on farm questions should interest both the students and the people of Cameron.

It will not be the policy of Professor Folsom to hold all the debates in the chapel or at Goodrich auditorium this year. There are rumors of radio debates, which would bring Wesleyan a lot of publicity. It is hoped that debates can be staged before the business men of Cameron at some of their sessions, and it is almost a certain fact that teams will appear before the farmers' organizations which flourish around Cameron. In other words, Professor Folsom hopes to make debating this year an instrument toward practical results and an instrument toward education con-

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cerning farmers' problems and the solution of those problems.

New material upon the debate question is daily accumulating in the library, and the debate squad is getting down to hard work although active work does not begin until the second semester. Indications point toward a successful forensic season.

Y. W. C. A.

The last meeting in November was given over to the subject of Thanksgiving, with Lorraine Todd as leader.

She told the story of the first Thanksgiving; how it was observed, what it meant to the people, and contrasted it with our present day Thanksgiving.

Fern Ledgerwood told how the average person observes Thanksgiving, and Eva May Medsker pictured to us an ideal Thanksgiving and told how it should be observed.

On Dec. 1st, the subject for discussion was "The Contribution of Womanhood to Civilization," led by Doris Kuebler. The main points of her talk were based on two things; namely that our service to others depends on: (1) What we are, and (2) Our Willingness to serve others. Miss Kubler pointed out that woman, in the eyes of the world, had been more or less an ornament to the human race, but is now making rapid strides of development toward a more equal basis with man.

December 7th Claire Van Hoossier had charge of the meeting and talked on "The Fundamentals of Happiness." Some of the most important fundamentals were health, congenial work, self control, reasonable leisure, human companionship, and religion.

The Y. W. C. A. held their regular meeting Wednesday morning, December 15th. Mrs. Runion led the meeting with an interesting discussion on the essay "Violets and Vipers." She told us how nature mixed the good with the bad, and that the lovers of nature must not forget that the rain was a part of nature as well as the sunshine. God mixes the good with the bad and leaves us to choose the good. This was Mrs. Runion's first visit with us this year but we hope it will not be her last as all enjoyed having her. The special selection given by Miss Hartsook was also enjoyed by those present.

Next Wednesday morning the Y. M. and Y. W. will hold a joint meeting in the chapel. An interesting Christmas program is being prepared (and everyone is invited to be present).

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