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STIRRING THEM UP

Earl N. Kurtz, chief of the Columbia fire department, has requested that all ward school teachers co-operate with him in a fire prevention campaign.

This news has a familiar sound. Columbia citizens are not allowed to slumber long. The need for adequate fire protection is kept constantly before them, and one campaign after another has been launched from the office of the fire chief. The situation is attacked first from one angle and then from another. The good citizens are fed fire prevention in various disguises until taking precautions against possible fire has become a habit.

Fire prevention laws may fill the city ordinance book from cover to cover, but Columbia has proved public co-operation can accomplish what the law has, in many cases, failed to do. Columbia's state wide reputation for an exceptionally small loss from fires is due to the persistency with which the necessity for fire prevention is kept before the public.

We venture at least one political prophecy. Boone County voted against state-wide prohibition in 1910 by 1,973 majority, but it will not vote against prohibition this year by a majority so large, if by any majority.

KINDNESS IN RETURN

Have you heard of the Sunshine Club?

To bring a harmony into the closing hours of the last days of those women who have passed the three-score mark, Mrs. Carrie A. Rugg of Kansas City has founded a new society. With no membership fee or subsequent dues, the Sunshine Club is open to everyone who will make life less dreary for the silver-haired women past 60.

Inventions have taken the means of livelihood from many old women. No longer are mittens or stockings knit by hand; rag carpets are not tediously woven; spinning and weaving have gone with the old oaken bucket, and patch work quilts—well, little useful work is left to be done by those who have given their strength to the present working generation.

Children are petted, mothers are pampered, but too often there is little except neglect for grandmothers. A simple determination to make more happy and comfortable the last days of some gray-haired woman's life will make you a member of the Sunshine Club. Won't you join?

COLUMBIA'S NEGROES

With the erection of the new Douglass School, Columbia will take a step forward in the education of its negroes. The school is to be modern, equal in that to any of the other schools of the town. It will include domestic science and other laboratories.

Negroes form a considerable part of the population of the town. Citizens of Columbia realize that they must be provided for. The town has no negro problem. When educated, the negro is a thrifty, self-supporting person. He is entitled to education. He is intelligent, and his citizenship is increased in its value when he knows the issues of the town, state and nation and can converse intelligently upon them. Education is the force which will bring the negro out of the class of undesirable citizens.

Every nationality has its place in any community. There is a place for the negro, and the educated negro realizes his station and his position in society. There are problems of the race which only members of it can solve. These can be solved only through education. Crime decreases with increased intelligence.

Recognition of this has prompted the school board of Columbia to build the Douglass School. The members are making elaborate provisions for the education of Columbia's negro population. No city or town in the state is more alive to the needs of these people or is aiding them more in their advancement than Columbia.

The Open Column

A public forum for the discussion of things worth-while. Articles should be short and signed by the writer, as proof to the editor of good faith. Signatures will not necessarily be published.

The New Instructor.

Editor the Missourian: Every year universities send out young teachers resolving to give the best that is in them. If these teachers are instructors in languages or mathematics, they meet only the obstacles common to most professions—stupidity and indifference. If, however, they teach the social sciences, they will face a difficult problem.

Modern sociology instructors, emphasizing environment, advocate improved factory conditions, a living wage and other reforms to improve the environment of the laboring classes. To many men such reforms are dangerous, an infringement on property rights. The modern instructor is apt to question the "sacredness" of property rights.

Snag No. 1—"The powers that be" in the legislature and in the business world believe strongly in property rights and would bitterly resent such questioning as anarchy and what not. And don't forget that these persons were strong enough to oust Scott Nearing from the University of Pennsylvania.

Furthermore, the new instructor may subject to investigation such institutions as marriage, religion and other subjects hitherto considered too sacred to be discussed. He may teach a mechanistic psychology or a socialistic philosophy. He may say that religion, like other institutions, is in a state of evolution and that certain things taught by theologists are not so.

Snag No. 2—People fanatically fight what they consider blasphemy. To many such teachings may appear an attack on the Bible, on the family—on all that they cherish. The instructor may be termed an infidel and efforts made to quiet him.

You doubt this? About fifteen years ago an instructor in a certain Missouri college was asked to resign because he taught that the Darwinian theory was correct. Fifteen years ago!

The pressure may not be only from without. Fellow instructors may say: "What's the use of taking things so seriously? You'll make people angry, and that will give the legislature excuse to cut our appropriation." And so the teacher may choose the easier way. It is safer to be bromidic than to attack the illusions of the majority. There is the fear of losing one's job.

What are you going to do, young instructors? Realizing that the heresies of today are the axioms of tomorrow, are you going to join the long list of illustrious blasphemers like Galilee, Copernicus and Darwin? Or are you going to choose the easier way. Can you desert your trust by sending out into the world students who, ignorant of the true state of affairs, will always oppose every new movement because it is "too radical?"

The eyes of the scientific students are hopefully watching you. F. S.

Where Do the Women Come In?

Editor the Missourian: Why do the University men have so much and the women so little? Who is to blame for the contrast of conditions? If the women are working as they should, it is time that they, too, should get some benefit for their work. The difference in present conveniences is worth noticing.

For University men—a Y.M.C.A. Building fitted with swimming pool, billiard tables, club rooms; a gymnasium large enough to acccommodate all who use it; now, a Missouri union to be used as a place for social activities, with the prospect for a $250,000 building.

For University women—no Y. W. C. A Building, only a secretary's desk in a cold corridor; no gymnasium building, just one small room with few conveniences; no swimming pool; no place for social gatherings. The men have three buildings they can call their own, while the women have none.

Nearly 800 women are in the University. When their number was small, conditions such as are existing at present were excusable. Their place in University life is now established. It is time to transfer some of the advantages. Advocacy of a women's building began in earnest last year. All women said they were interested, but too much was taken for granted. Meetings were called, but only a small number of girls responded.

What is the matter with the women of Missouri? Where is their spirit of co-operation? The excuse is often made that women cannot get the results from a campaign that men can. If results are harder to obtain, it shows that more work must be done to obtain them. Other schools have their women's building. The Legislature of Missouri is as considerate and broadminded as that of other states. People must be made to realize this need which every woman student in the University feels. It is time to get busy, and not let the men have everything their own way. Why not work? C. S.

Christian College Notes

Miss Frances Hyde, a senior in the college department, returned Monday from a visit to her home at Princeton.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Whiteley and Mrs. J. W. Hardin motored from their home at Powersville Saturday to spend the week-end with their respective daughters, Misses Elsie Whiteley and Betha Hardin.

Prof. A. L. Wills returned Friday, and President St. Clair-Moss Monday, from attending the International Convention of the Disciples of Christ meeting at Des Moines, Ia., October 9-15.

Invitations have been received by college friends to the wedding of Miss Frences White to Mr. Dudley Jackson Lane at her home, Palmyra, Mo., on Tuesday, October 24. Miss White is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Alonzo White and is a former student in Christian.

Mr. Basil G. Rudd was the dinner guest on Tuesday evening of Prof. and Mrs. A. L. Wills.

Ten students from William Woods College at Fulton, chaperoned by Miss Clara D. Hamilton of the college faculty, were guests of C. C. students Monday afternoon.

At the vesper service of the Y. W. C. A. on Sunday the program was devoted to a report of the Estes Park Conference of last August. Miss Kate Stamper, president of the Stephens College Y. W., and Miss Ethel Zillman of Stephens made reports and a closing talk on the Conference was made by Miss Nada Wild, President of the Y. W. at Christian. Miss Avis Scott sang "The Vision," by Carrie Jacobs Bond.

SOCIETY NOTES

The Misses Strawn entertained this afternoon with a bridge party. There were five tables.

Mrs. Samuel Smoke entertanied yesterday afternoon with an informal sewing party for Miss Amelia Dorsey, of Ben'ld, Ill., who is visiting Mrs. George Dorsey. The guests were Mrs. Kate Conley, Mrs. Odon Guitar, Mrs. Alexander Martin, F. W. Niedermeyer, Mrs. Joe Estes, Mrs. Curtis Rollins, Mrs. Eldon James, Mrs. Turner Gordon, Miss Pearle Mitchell, Mrs. Will Guitar and Mrs. H. Clay McKee.

At the house dance which the Acacia fraternity will give Saturday night in honor of the Ames chapter, the chaperons will be Mrs. Katherine Noe, Dean and Mrs. J. C. Jones, Dr. and Mrs. George Lefevre and Mrs. and Mrs. H. F. Schulte. Among the out-of-town guests will be Miss Grace M. Reeves, Kansas City; Miss Margaret Springey, St. Louis; C. E. Barkshire, Caruthersville; J. I. Metz, St. Louis, and Mr. and Mrs. Charles, Chambers, Eldorado Springs. All are former students of the University.

ABSENT 14 YEARS, COMES BACK

Alumnus Visits Alma Mater First Time Since 1903.

Fearing he would feel like a stranger in Columbia and would find old faces missing, H. S. Klienschmidt, who was graduated from the School of Engineering in 1903, until this fall, had not visited the University for fourteen years. Mr. Klienschmidt is secretary-treasurer of the Utah Association of the American Society of Engineers. Since his graduation he has made frequent trips east, each time passing through Centralia. Last September while returning to his home in Salt Lake City, Utah, thinking it would be his last trip east for some time, Mr. Klienschmidt came to Columbia for a visit to his alma mater.

In a letter to H. H. Kinyon, managing editor of the Missouri Alumnus, Mr. Klienschmidt writes:

"I was never more pleasantly surprised. While Columbia has changed so that it seems like a different city, old M. U. is just the same. That is, the West Campus is not changed except in being more vine-covered, shaded and venerable looking. Never, anywhere, have I received such a hearty welcome as I did from professors and townspeople. They seem to have the faculty of not forgetting names, faces and events of years ago. It brought back in my memory the four most pleasant years of my life, those from 1899 to 1903, and made them seem more dear.

"My message to alumni is, go back to Columbia and M. U. and get the kindliest greeting you have ever had."

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GIVES BLOOD TO AID CHILDREN

P. C. Knowlton Is Thanked for Help in Fight Against Paralysis.

Last summer while in New Haven, Conn., Paul C. Knowlton, a junior in the College of Agriculture, gave some of his blood for the treatment of infantile paralysis cases. Mr. Knowlton had this disease when young and survived, with no serious effects. When the New Haven Hospital issued a plea to such survivors for some of their blood to use in serious cases, he promptly responded. Yesterday the following word was received from the staff of the hospital. "We want to thank you again for your generosity in giving blood for the poliomyelitis cases, and tell you that through your kindness we were able to treat some very serious cases successfully. Not only we ourselves are grateful to you but the parents of the children are most appreciative and thankful."

M. U. Dairy Judging Team Returns.

The Missouri dairy judging team, composed of M. H. Fohrman, C. A. Trigg and E. M. Harmon, with the coach, L. W. Wing, returned yesterday from Springfield, Mass. The team ranked fourth in the student judging contest held there in connection with the National Dairy Show.

Reception to Be at Stephens.

President and Mrs. James M. Wood have issued invitations to a reception for Stephens College students, which will be held Saturday, October 28.

CITY AND CAMPUS

The Play-Reading Club will meet at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Faculty Union rooms. Clyde Fitch's "Truth" will be the play studied.

K. L. Banks, B. S. in Agr. '16, is in Columbia for the Barnwarming. Mr. Banks is managing a stock farm near Smithdale, Ark.

Company G of Scabbard and Blade held an honorary initiation last night in the Scabbard and Blade rooms for Major C. W. Castle and Lieutenant Joseph E. King.

Miss Sadie Wise, a graduate of the School of Journalism, is in Columbia visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wise. Miss Wise is a special reporter on the Joplin News Herald.

The Rev. J. H. George, Jr., of the Episcopal Church is attending the church conference in St. Louis. He will return in time to hold the regular Sunday services.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Brink of Hallsville, who were in Columbia to attend the wedding of Mrs. Brink's niece, Miss Sara Nowell to Mr. Edward Gibbs, returned to their home yesterday.

Miss E. G. Bloomfield of New Orleans returned home yesterday. She has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. T. O. Robinson, 1213 East Broadway.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Switzler went to St. Louis yesterday for a visit of several weeks with their two sons R. H. and W. F. Switzler.

Pearl Kinsler of Slater, Mo., who has been visiting her brother, Will Kinsler, University electrician, returned home yesterday.

Knowles C. Sullivan of the entomology department of the College of Agriculture will leave Monday for a two weeks' trip throughout the state. He will inspect nursery stock.

Misses Beulah and Alma Sublett of Hallsville, who have been visiting Mrs. E. M. Carter, returned home yesterday. Mrs. Carter's father, J. T. Yates, also went to Hallsville, to visit his brother, J. J. Carter.

Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Morris, who have lived in Columbia the last two months, left yesterday for Kansas City, where Mr. Morris has a position in a light plant.

Mrs. Ida A. Kidder, librarian of the Oregon Agricultural College, who has been looking over the University Library, left yesterday to visit the libraries of Nebraska and Kansas universities before returning to her home.

Miss Dora Ransdall, who was operated on two weeks ago, was discharged this morning from the Parker Memorial Hospital.

Miss Myrte E. McGinnis, who has been in the Parker Memorial Hospital for the last ten days was discharged this morning.

W. H. Hargrove who has been judging farm products and live stock in a series of fairs in Green County, returned to Columbia last night.

The physical examinations of University students at the Parker Memorial Hospital was completed today.

Mrs. Joseph S. Hughes and Mrs. J. M. Ferguson of Richmond and Mrs. W. W. Knight, of Kansas City returned home yesterday after a visit to Mrs. Turner McBaine.

F. L. Limerick, state field missionary for the Seventh Day Adventists, went to Kansas City yesterday to attend a general council of the churches of the state. Plans for a campaign to be conducted this winter will be made at the Kansas City meeting.

Mrs. J. W. Hulett and daughter, Miss Allene Hulett, have returned to their home at Sturgeon, after visiting J. T. Hulett, 105 Ripley street.

Miss Mary Robinson of the agricultural extension service left this morning for Oak Ridge to attend a farmers' fair.

Dr. and Mrs. L. G. Lourey of Boston, who have been visiting Mrs. C. E. Spaulding, 719 Hitt street, have gone to Centralia.

Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bigler have returned to their home at Sigel, Ill., after visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Schwabe of Sexton road.

Boone Ingels has returned to his home at Plesaant Hill, after visiting with his mother, Mrs. Rosa R. Ingels, 1504 East Broadway.

Mrs. J. L. Paris, 625 North Seventh street, gave an informal dinner party in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Lemuel Hopper yesterday. Mr. and Mrs. Hopper were married in St. Louis Saturday.

Miss Blanche Osborne, a student in the University, has gone to Clifton Hill to spend the week-end with her parents.

Mrs. O'Bannon of Sedalia is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Willis B. Coombs, 1117 University avenue.

Mayor J. M. Batterton has gone to Southeast Missouri on business. He will return in a few days.

The semi-monthly meeting of the Y.M.C.A. cabinet will be held in the Y.M.C.A. Building at 8 o'clock tonight.

Deaconess Henrietta R. Goodwin, secretary of student work on the New York Board of Missions of the Episcopal Church, spoke in the University Auditorium this afternoon under the auspices of the Y.W.C.A.

Mrs. J. F. Carmack left this afternoon for St. Louis after visiting at the Pi Beta Phi house.

Mrs. M. T. Martin went to Browns' Station to visit her daughter, Mrs. H. L. Fortney.

Mrs. W. B. Bates left this afternoon for Tennessee after visiting Mrs. A. M. McAfee, 1112 Broadway.

J. R. Carlisle returned to Mexico today after visiting in Columbia.

C. H. Morganthaler, a freshman in the University, went to Hallsville for a few days visit.

Ray E. Miller, a former student in the University, now representing the Worrell Jewelry Company of Mexico, Mo., left this afternoon for St. Charles, Mo., after spending a few days in Columbia.

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