

**Stephens College Notes**

Mrs. S. C. Darrach of East St. Louis arrived Saturday to visit her daughter, Doris.

Miss Chloe Fink of Read Hall Annex was the guest of Miss Vivian Tucker at dinner Sunday.

The staff of the Stephensonia, the college annual, was elected Wednesday night. The following girls were elected: Editor-in-Chief, Zelma Jaggers; business manager, Ruth Quigley; literary editor, Catherine Bush; Y. W. C. A. editor, Marykate Boyd; student government editor, Blanche Hudson; art editor, Claire Ginsburg; home economics editor, Margaret Barbee; music editor, Maybelle Calvert; athletic editor, Elizabeth Danbury; expression editor, Jewell Moody.

The officers of the fire drills were elected as follows: Fire chief, Ina Boone; captain of first floor, Vesta Rhoades; captain of second floor, Dorothy Whitaker; captain of third floor, Pauline Gilbert.

The regular Thursday night meeting of the Y. W. C. A. was changed to Monday in order that Mrs. McClure, secretary of the Volunteer Band, could talk to the girls. Mrs. McClure, who has been a missionary in India for twelve years, is now home for a short time.

Prof. Charles A. Ellwood of the sociology department of the University spoke at Vespers Sunday evening. His subject was "The Leadership of Jesus Christ."

Miss Madeline Flint of the art department spent the week-end at her home in St. Louis.

Miss Grace Hill of Muskogee, Okla., has enrolled in the college for the second semester.

W. R. Thompson of Enid, Okla., came Saturday to visit his daughter, Mary.

Miss Gladys Robertson is spending the week at her home in Miami, Okla.

Miss Elizabeth Whiteside of Kahoka arrived Sunday to enter the college.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Babb and Mrs. T. B. Gentry were the guests of Mrs. Pearl Beauchamp at dinner Sunday.

Mrs. J. K. Kidd of Sedalia arrived Saturday to visit her daughter, Ruth. Misses Jewell Moody and Vivian Tucker were the guests of Misses Fannie Owen and Nellie Mae Pointer at Christian College Sunday.

Mrs. Jessie Brannaman, chaperon of the Alpha Phi house, was the dinner guest of Miss Elizabeth Danbury Sunday.

Miss Lena Brandon of Gallatin, Mo., who graduated from the college last year, enrolled for this semester Monday.

Mrs. J. R. Mantey of Tekamah, Neb., was the guest of Miss Gayle Kendrick for the week-end.

Dean and Mrs. W. W. Charters, Mrs. Stockton and Miss Elizabeth Stockton were the guests of President and Mrs. James M. Wood at dinner Sunday.

Miss Bessie Field of the Phi Mu house was the guest of Miss Bertha Lee Loudermilk Sunday.

Mrs. C. S. Darrach of St. Louis, who was the guest of her daughter Doris last week gave a line party at the Columbia Theater Wednesday afternoon for the girls of the Sigma Iota Chi sorority.

**PRESIDENT ANSWERS LETTERS**

Replies With Feeling to Messages Regarding Speech of January 22.

Replies have been received in Columbia in answer to telegrams and messages to President Wilson in regard to his peace address before the Senate on January 22. His answer, the same to all, is engraved on White House letter heads.

The text of the reply is as follows: "The President deeply regrets that it is not possible for him to send individual replies to the many telegrams and messages he has received with regard to his address to the Senate on the twenty-second of January, but wishes at least to express the profound sense of gratitude and encouragement he has derived from the generous response embodied not only in your message but in many others to an utterance which he spoke from his heart and with the fervent hope that it might be of service to the world."

**SOUTH AFRICA WANTS TEACHERS**

Dean Mumford Receives Applications From Federal School in Transvaal.

Dean F. B. Mumford of the College of Agriculture has received three applications from the University-College at Pretoria, the federal school in the Transvaal, South Africa, for teachers.

The positions and salaries named are: professor of agriculture and dean of the faculty, \$5,000; agricultural botany \$4,000 and agricultural chemistry, \$4,000.

**CREATOR OF PORTMANTEAU THEATER**



Stuart Walker, creator and director of the Portmanteau Theater, the only portable stage in America.

**THEATER MAKES BIG GROWTH**

Portmanteau Scenery Now Requires Special Train, E. R. James Says.

Fifteen years ago when Stuart Walker's Portmanteau Theater, which will come to the University Auditorium on February 16, was just beginning to develop and the scenery was so small that it was carried around in small crates. The Portmanteau Players acted at the Avondale Church of Cincinnati, of which Mrs. Eldon R. James, wife of the dean of the School of Law, was a member. The scenery lay in Mrs. James' home for about two months.

Mrs. James says that she will hardly be able to recognize the Portmanteau Theater now, for, though the theater is still a portable one, and the scenery suggests rather than imitates, it takes a special train to carry the equipment. The proscenium arch is twenty-five feet wide and seventeen feet high, and the stage allows for a depth of eighteen feet of actual playing space. Stuart Walker has also

enlarged on his lighting scheme, by which he manages to suggest vast spaces and infinite perspectives.

Mr. Walker still believes in the ideal which he had fifteen years ago. He still believes that "the play's the thing" and he still surrounds himself with young enthusiastic actors who believe in the "imaginative staging of plays."

Mr. Walker attended the University of Cincinnati at the same time that Dean James was a student there. He was a member of the Sigma Chi fraternity.

**Debating Try-Out Held Monday.**

The preliminary try-outs for the University debating squad were held Monday night in the University Auditorium. The following were selected: E. V. Abernathy, Baxter B. Bond, J. R. Cox, V. J. Gregory, C. B. Hurley, Bernard Hurwitz, Slade Kendrick, John Kiersey, H. P. Saunders and Glenn O. Young. From this group, six will be selected for the squad at the final try-out tomorrow night.

**MARRIES HIS DANCING TEACHER**

P. C. Bennett, M. U. Graduate, Weds Miss Helen Garnett of Columbia.

When Miss Helen Garnett and P. C. Bennett were married January 2, in Guyman, Okla., it was the "happy result" of a romance which began in Columbia when Miss Garnett gave dancing lessons here and Mr. Bennett was one of her pupils. From the first they found they kept step so well that—anyway they have been married.

Mr. Bennett was graduated from the College of Agriculture in 1915 and is now a farmer near Guyman, where they will live.

**Students Build New Type of Roof.**

Fourteen students in the Short Course, under the supervision of Prof. Ira S. Griffith, are building a model of the Shawver self-sustaining roof in the Manual Arts Building. This is a new type of barn roof. Made entirely of planks instead of the heavy lumber used in the usual type of roof it is cheaper, and the absence of supporting posts provides more room in the hay mow. Two models will be finished in six weeks. Then the students will be ready to apply the principles of the Shawver type to actual building.

**To Tell of Proposed Trolley Line.**

J. W. Knight of Chicago, who is in Columbia in the interest of a proposed trolley line from Keokuk, Ia., to Jefferson City, will talk to the Commercial Club at its weekly luncheon tomorrow.

E. R. Fleming, A. B. '06, Marries. E. R. Fleming, A. B. '06, of Kansas City and Miss Iva McConnell of Tipton Ford were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A.

L. McConnell, Sunday, February 4. Mr. Fleming is an employe of the Interstate Commerce Commission at Kansas City. They will make their home in Kansas City.

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