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Fighting Scots and Knox Siwash Clash Here Tonight

"State Of The Union" Message—

Mr. Cain

The present building program—boys' dorm, Student Union, and McMichael dorm—was the topic of the student body chapel on January 17. Business manager Harlan Cain gave the reason for the delay in beginning construction as a difficulty in completing the loan Morris satisfactorily. The college is now applying for a loan on the dorm and ground floor of the Union from the Housing and Home Finance Agency, which is also engaged in building projects for other colleges, urban development, and slum clearance. These additional requirements must be met before the loan can be obtained.

(1) Housing Authority requirements on the dorm.

(2) a plot survey of the three areas which will be mortgaged.

(3) Soil testing to a depth of 35 feet to determine the type of foundation to be used.

Under the present loan, only the new dorm and ground floor of the Union can be completed. The second floor, which will house recreation and banquet area, fountain, faculty and general lounges, music lounge, TV lounge, student publications and meeting rooms, will not bring in enough revenue to meet loan requirements. The part of the Union which will be completed first will contain only the food service—a dining room seating 500, kitchens, storage space, cafeteria, offices, and lockers.

The third part of the program consists of the remodeling of the basement and gymnasium of McMichael dorm. Part of the present kitchen and dining room area will be converted into student rooms. The remainder will become a laundry and ironing room, a TV room, recreation room, and storage room. The gym on third floor will be remodeled to make living quarters for ten students plus a lounge.

Be A Marine—

See The World!

Captain Lawrence of the United States Marine Corps will bring the Marine Officer Procurement Team to the Monmouth College campus on the 23rd. of January. The Captain will be located in the Student Union.

The Team will accept qualified college men for the Platoon Leaders Class and Officer Candidate Course. Both programs lead to a commission in the Marine Corps Reserve.

The Platoon Leaders Class is open to qualified Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors. Draft deferment is given to the person who enrolls, enabling him to finish his college career. There is no interference with academic pursuits, no meeting or drills to attend or special courses to take. The program consists of two six-weeks summer training periods held at Quantico, Virginia, and must be completed prior to graduation. When the requirements for a degree are met, a commission as a Second Lieutenant is tendered.

The Officer Candidate Course is open to qualified seniors and college graduates. After graduation, the OCC candidate is sent to Quantico where he attends a special ten-week course. Successful completion will result in a

Tickets For Ellington Concert

Tickets, for the Duke Ellington Jazz Concert, are now available in the Business Office. The price is \$1.00 a ticket.

The concert is on Thursday, January 24, in Galesburg, and has been approved by Dean Liedman and Dean Beveridge. Check the posters around the campus for more details.

Rifle Team Upsets Louisiana State

The Monmouth College Women's rifle team defeated the women's rifle team of Louisiana State University 475-470 in an all prone small-bore rifle match fired during the week of Dec. 8-15. Match specifications called for a five girl squad. The five Monmouth women to fire were Harriet Stillwell, Jan Mundt, Evelyn Cochran, Sally Fraser, and Liz Alanne. Evelyn Cochran scored highest with a 99 x 100.

Japanese Students

Next Semester

Next semester, Monmouth will welcome two Japanese girls as students.

Shoji Yamanaka from Kyoto, Japan has graduated from Keio University. Here at Monmouth Miss Yamanaka plans to major in art.

Masako Baba from Tokyo, Japan has graduated from Jr. College. Miss Baba hopes to teach or do social science work in her homeland after completing her education here at Monmouth.

"Meet The Devil"

Thiessen's Topic

The Devil, what is he I wonder?

Does he often cause me to blunder?
If I don't repent
Will I have to be sent
To hell, fire, and brimstone
down under?

To those who are aware of Dr. Thiessen's skill at writing limericks it should be explained that the sample above is not one of his. However it illustrates the questions that will probably be in our minds when Dr. Thiessen speaks on "Who or What is the Devil?" tomorrow night at College Fellowship in Fulton Hall at 6:15. This topic is something which everyone has probably wondered about and Dr. Thiessen's presence

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Masque Presenting "Night Must Fall"

After a short rest Crimson Masque is once again getting prepared for another big production, Night Must Fall. This is an English play, a psychological drama. Try-outs are Tuesday, January 22, from 2:00 till 4:00 p. m. and Wednesday, January 23 after the Masque meeting. Rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, January 22.

commission as a Second Lieutenant.

Flight training is assured in both programs provided applicants meet required physical standards.

For complete details, see the Captain on the above dates.

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Students-Faculty

Finance New Altar

Plans begun last year by the YMCA and YWCA, for a new altar in the chapel, were completed during Christmas vacation. The funds used for this altar were from the annual YMCA and YWCA financial drive. Contributions are made by the students and faculty members.

Drawings were made last year, and additional ones were submitted this summer. The design for the present altar was approved this fall by the YMCA and YWCA and the committee on Personal Affairs. Dr. Speel is chairman of this committee which includes Rev. Dr. Prugh, Mr. Dunn, Dr. Gamber and Miss Widule. The Art Department, Miss Pease, Professor Hamilton, and Dr. Gibson also approved the plans.

The altar was built in Little York, Illinois by the Joe Watson Lumber Company. Several of the Y boys helped with the building of the altar.

The work was started after Thanksgiving and completed before Christmas vacation ended. Dr. Speel helped set the altar up in the chapel.

In addition to the new altar, a cross is to be put up on the curtain in the place where the college seal hangs during baccalaureate. The five foot electric cross is a memorial to Jane Whitman Watson, a graduate of Monmouth College, who died of polio a few years ago.

The Student Union will remain open during the period between semesters, according to Lorraine Azdell, Union manager.

McMichael dining room will close after the noon meal on Saturday, February 2, and open on Tuesday morning, February 5.

Shawver Attended Science Meeting

The American Chemical Society Student Affiliation met Thursday evening, January 10, at 7:15 in room 108 of Wallace Hall. The newest chemistry professor, Dr. Taylor, spoke on the topic: Nerve Gases and Insecticides. Dr. Taylor has been previously with the army in the laboratory of chemical warfare service at the Edgewood Arsenal in Maryland for two years.

Dr. Shawver attended the one hundred twenty-third conference of the society. American Association for the Advancement of Science, in New York City during the Christmas holidays. Dr. Shawver stated that this was his favorite science meeting; the Wall Street Journal reported that this conference was attended by approximately 15,000 people. Two of the symposia Dr. Shawver attended were Science and Ethics and Units of Science.

Three Monmouth College people are new officers for the Illinois-Iowa Section of the American Chemical Society: Dr. Shawver, chairman; Dr. Haldean, secretary; and Dr. Thiessen, the alternate councilor. Dr. Shawver and

some students attended a meeting of the Illinois-Iowa Section of the American Chemical Society on Friday, January 11, in Davenport, Iowa. The group ate at Bishop's

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Overflow Crowd Expected For Tilt Varsity Battle Starts At 7:30 P. M.

An overflow crowd is expected for the classic battle between the Fighting Scots and the Knox Siwash to take place at 7:30 p. m. tonight in the Monmouth Gym. In a preliminary game to run from 6 to 7 p. m., the Wee Scots compete against the Sig Ep fraternity team.

COME EARLY, or you may have to stand—or worse yet, be locked out! Knox will bring many fans and students with them, and the gym has been filled to near capacity for games with distant opponents.

The College Band under the direction of Mr. Loya will perform tonight, and halftime entertainment by the Dancing Scots under Mrs. Mings is being prepared.

See today's Sports Section for more details about the game tonight, and for a revealing story on the Coach Adams-All-Conference Guard Willie Cravens situation!

Loya, Dunn Head

Music Festival

Over 500 persons will participate in the Bi-County Music Festival, to be held at Monmouth College, on March 29. This will mark the first time that the college has been host to the occasion. However, the Valley Conference has held the festival on campus in previous years.

The affair will feature a 250-piece band to be directed by Prof. H. A. Loya, and a 300-voice choir, under the direction of Prof. James Dunn.

Last Tuesday, the Music Department of Monmouth College met with the following directors: William Misik, Stronghurst; Frank Vorel, Biggsville; Val Ralston, Kirkwood; Carroll J. Henderson, Roseville; Robert Sibbing, Media, and Leo Marchi of Alexis.

Each director brought in a carload of students of his respective band to join forces with members of the Monmouth College band in a reading rehearsal of new materials in preparation for the forthcoming Music Festival. A similar meeting will be held later in the month which will involve choral directors of the same school systems to select music for their portion of the festival.

New Metal Board

Installed At Pool

A new aluminum diving board was installed for the Gym pool during Christmas vacation to replace the wooden one which broke recently.

The new board, which is a Buck-board from Norman, Washington, cost several times more than the wooden ones, but it will not break. The fourteen foot board is made from seven aluminum tubes, which are about two inches in diameter. The surface is rough to prevent slipping. Although the board is wider than the former one, it is an official diving board and may be used for A.A.U. and N.C.A.A. meets.

Chapel Schedule

The schedule of the chapel exercises for the week of January 21-26 is as follows:

Monday, Jan. 21: Dr. Jean Liedman will speak.

Wednesday, Jan. 23: Dick Fuller and Jan Forsythe will be in charge of a "Y" Chapel.

Thursday, Jan. 24: A convocation will be presented by the National Association of Manufacturers.

Advanced Recital

Sunday Afternoon

The Music Department is presenting an advanced recital on Sunday afternoon, January 20, 1957, in the College Auditorium.

Appearing in the program will be Ellen Lang, flutist and Margaret Knapp, cellist, from the studio of H. A. Loya; Bonnie McAllister, soprano and Don Jones, tenor, from the studio of James Dunn; Mary Beth Wilson, Linda Johnsch, and Ray Cradit, pianists, from the studio of Elaine Cray; and Judith Ireland, organist from the studio of Elwood Ball.

The program will begin promptly at 4:00 o'clock p. m. and will be followed by a reception in honor of the soloists in Rehearsal Hall, to be given by Pi Alpha Nu.

WRAM Slated To Go "On The Air"

Monmouth will soon be producing its own radio programs. Monmouth was chosen for the site of WRAM radio station because it is one of the largest cities in the state not having a station. The need and opportunity of a broadcasting system in this general area is great.

WRAM is scheduled to begin broadcasting by March 1. The tower east of town is completed and the technical equipment for the tower and the radio system, which will be situated in Monmouth has arrived.

Many recorded programs will be heard on Monmouth's radio station, which will be 1330 on all radio dials. There will also be news every hour and some local programs.

Wheat! Wheat! 250 Bushels!

Monmouth College has received a unique gift in the form of 250 bushels of wheat, from Mr. Gordon, of Johnson, Kansas. The wheat is worth approximately \$2.00 a bushel.

Two years ago, the college received 450 acres of land, around the Johnson area. The land is estimated to be worth \$180,000.