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The Boys Entertain

The boys proved themselves to be very capable entertainers on Saturday night, February 8, when they gave an interesting program to Madisonites, "especially for the ladies," as they said.

One feature of the program was the scene of a broadcasting studio in which Major Bowe's Amateurs were represented, while a group of would-be physics students listened in. The crowd which usually gathers in studios was formed by the audience. The award for the best performance went to Mr. Bostleman, who gave in Italian dialect an amusing account of Columbus' discovery of America.

Until Gary Schueler and Robert Kellar appeared on the stage, few were aware that Madison possessed such splendid acrobats. But Mr. Schueler disclaimed any special talent for somersaulting and the more difficult feats which they performed, by saying, "Anyone can do it with a little practice." We wonder!

At the close of their program, a group of the boys very fittingly sang, "Good Night Ladies."

M. LOVINS

New Officers Elected

The meeting of the Peptimist Club of February 4 was of great importance. It was at this session that new club officers were elected and vacancies filled on the CRIER Staff.

The following are the new officers elected by the club to hold office during 1936:

Chairman—Stanley Harris
Vice-Chairman—Allan Munroe
Secretary—Bessie McCorkle

Vacancies on the CRIER Staff were filled as follows:

Special Reporters—Donald Auten, Irene Felice.

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One Year Old

It won't be long now before the year mark will be reached by our school paper. What does that mean to you? It should mean the renewing of your subscription; and to you who have not subscribed now is the time. If you are at all interested in the Nashville Agricultural Normal Institute you want our school paper.

As a school we do not offer a year book; but we would like to suggest the idea of saving your copies of the CRIER and having them bound into a year book that couldn't be beat for the news and information and past happenings that it would contain. As the articles in the CRIER are written by students, the book would contain messages directly from your student body.

Are you not proud of your college? Do you not want the home folks to know what your school life is like, other than what little you find time to write to them? Maybe Mother and Dad wouldn't feel quite so neglected, when you allow such long intervals to pass between your letters, if you sent a CRIER to them every month.

So be loyal to your school and sign up for the CRIER now!

B. NEWKIRK

Sewing Bee

To satisfy that longing for something different, the Music Department sponsored a mending bee on Saturday night, January 15. Tickets were required for admittance, but those were in the form of mending for the boys and needles and thread for the girls. Once inside, the practical merry-makers formed literal sewing circles in the large assembly room of the Demonstration Building. The boys entertained with stories and anecdotes while the girls sewed, and the large loudspeaker poured

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Fisk Singers to Appear at Madison

New Honor Plan

The matter of chapel and Sabbath irregularities has long been a perplexing problem at Madison. Various checking systems and penalties have been tried, none of them wholly satisfactory to either students or faculty. Recently a group of students have been thinking seriously along the lines of cooperative government and individual responsibility on the part of the students, and as a result of some of their studies we have a new chapel checking system.

Under this new system, each student checks his own attendance, or, if he is absent, files his excuse the following day, no Department Head O.K. being required. For each unexcused absence there is a fine, the fine increasing with each unexcused absence. If four accumulate—the Chapel Monitors' Committee has the privilege of recommending to the Council that the offender be disfranchised. The Monitors' Committee is composed entirely of students.

This new plan is now on trial for one month. At the end of that time the results will be considered and discussed, and the students will decide whether or not they wish to continue the method. It has worked well so far and our chapel attendance has increased. It has meant a bit of readjustment on the part of everyone, but the student body as a whole is proving the theory that students are capable of checking themselves and that the honor system can be a success in a school such as ours.

L. CROCKETT

A Christian in this world is but gold in the ore; at death the pure gold is melted out and separated and the dross cast away and consumed.—Flavel

Original Jubilee Group

Presented by Peptimists

In the social life of every student body there arrive times which can in the true sense of the word be called special events. Such an event will soon arrive for the Madison family in the form of a music program sponsored by the Peptimist Club.

Not only will the forthcoming program of the Fisk Singers—which, by the way, will be held in our Chapel Saturday evening, February 29, at 8 P.M.—be something new and different, but it will be a program of picked music, a "quality" program. Indeed the evening's selections will be identical with those of similar programs which were presented last year in several countries of Europe. Stirring old-time negro spirituals, the voice of the slave crying out to his Heavenly Father praise and prayers for protection from the unknown; modern art-music and art-songs; and ever-popular old-fashioned ballads will be the evening's offerings.

Nashville is the Athens of the South. In and near it can be found some of the outstanding educational institutions and leaders in the South. Artists and musicians never fail to present their very best when playing to a Nashville audience. The group that is to visit us is perhaps the most advanced unit of the several different groups that sing under the name of Fisk Singers.

Everybody is urged to take advantage of this musical treat. Tickets are offered for sale at thirty-five cents. And since a packed house is expected, it is advised that you get your tickets early.

A. D.

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MORE SMILES PLEASE!

James T. Fields once remarked that life is like a mirror, in that if you smile upon it you will get an answering smile. This may not be a perfectly accurate statement, but it certainly is true that the man who smiles gets more smiles in return than does the man who scowls.

In many of the public telephone booths in New York City, you will find a small placard bearing this inscription: "The Voice With the Smile Wins." No one can tell how much good is done every day by that little reminder, though it isn't likely that New Yorkers need the admonition more than other folks do.

Many times upon rising from "the wrong side of the bed," you will feel as if it were impossible to go through the day with full control of "the fight instinct." Yet if a smile or an encouraging word is given to you, all will be serene again.

How much brighter our community would be if each person would resolve to spread a little more sunshine around. An encouraging word, a pat on the back, or a sunny smile, will act as an incentive toward friendly cooperation. Try these wonderful tonics on those around you, and see if the results are not well worth the little effort put forth.

We understand how important is the quality of courtesy, because we have experienced its effects. But we all know people who, though they are ever courteous, are not actually amiable—for amiability is more demonstrative, more sympathetic and spontaneous than is courtesy. A smile is the sign of amiability, and the amiable person is the one who is consistently genial, gracious, and kind-hearted—who, as we say, "makes friends readily."

We all know how much good sunshine does in the world. Without enough of it, several of the creative operations of nature would be seriously impeded, many useful and beautiful plants would become useless and ugly, and most of us would wax morose, or worse.

Amiability plays a similar role in the human world. It makes easier and pleasanter all the relations of everyday life, with friends or strangers. The human heart is attracted and benefited by it, as the leaves and flowers turn toward and are made more beautiful by the sunlight.

There is no charge for smiling, and after trying it awhile you will receive a bountiful reward. Your reward for smiling will be so great that it will surprise you. Try it and see!

S. C. H.

Good News

The Home Economics Division recently granted permission for an innovation which is considered a real treat by the student body—the refreshment stand, which you have perhaps visited on Saturday nights, on the back porch of Kinne Kitchen. There has been a real demand for the sandwiches, whole wheat puff-balls, ice-box cookies, and other foods we have been dispensing.

Perhaps you were aware of the fact that these refreshments serve a double purpose: They appease

your appetite, don't they?—and they also help to defray some losses we've had lately. We're determined to keep our school paper floating until it gets a firm hold on life, and we appreciate your help in this effort.

One of our well-known students who works at the administration building, is trying out a new way to receive mail from his girl friend—by sending self-addressed envelopes with his name printed in bold face on the front and her return address on the back.!!!!

Last Call From
Reception Committee

The rule book says—

Every student knows the duty of the Reception Committee. For those who don't know: the duty of that committee is to introduce to each student the government, rules, and principles of our school. The lecturer usually drones out these well-known statements among other statistics: "Read the rule book through three or four times, and KNOW the four automatic rules."

Most students show, by the answers on the test papers, a remarkable aptness in memorizing the Automatics; but fail to appreciate the meaning of the text which says that students should be here no longer than one month before they should become members of the Cooperative Honor Assembly. In order to belong to the Assembly and have the right to take an active part in student activities, one has to go through the following procedures: He must meet with the Reception Committee three times; he must have a medical examination (which generally takes two or three trips to the examining doctor), and a medical O.K.; and, in case of the young ladies, a dress O.K. is necessary.

On looking over our files, we find that quite a number of our fellow students are not yet members of the Honor Assembly. Most of these have not become members because of the lack of a medical O.K.; others have not attended the required number of meetings, and others for sundry reasons.

Students, we are asking that you check up on yourselves and determine your status in this institution. Since it is required that each of you belong to the Honor Assembly, there really is no other choice for you but to complete your lacking requirements. Please show a little of the cooperation of which we hear so much, and do yourself and the committee a good turn.

A. D.

Never shrink from doing anything which your business calls you to do. The man who is above his business, may one day find his business above him. —Drew

He who receives a good turn should never forget it; he who does one should never remember it.

Why Stop the Train
for a Crab?

Charles L. Paddock, in his book, "Footprints to Success," tells of a small boy who had been on a trip with other children to the seashore. While there, he had, as boys will, made a collection of shells and other trinkets including a crab. As the train sped along on the way home, the little fellow lost his crab out of the window. He had seen the conductor stop the train by pulling a cord overhead, so quickly he climbed on the seat and gave the cord a quick pull. There was a sound of escaping steam, a grinding of brakes, and the train came to a sudden stop. Imagine the rage of the conductor when upon investigation he found the train had been stopped for a crab!

The lesson is obvious. Shall we stop the train for a crab? Shall we, for a trifle, stop the "whole works"? The work of God goes steadily on, whether it be in a distant mission field, the local Conference, or right here at Madison.

Suppose we do not get our own sweet way; suppose we lose some coveted privilege; suppose we get our tender little feelings hurt. What shall we do? Shall we act like a child, pull the cord and try to stop the train? No! Not if we love the work; not if we believe it to be God's work. Instead we will remember that others are riding with us and that, after all, our troubles are minor affairs compared to the progress of the great gospel-message-train.

One advantage we have is that our great Conductor, the One who guides the worlds in their courses, knows when we have lost our childish treasures and from His great heart of love makes it all up to us at the end of the run. So let us cooperate, put aside our self-pity, and not "stop the train for a crab."

HOWARD WELCH

BELIEVE IT OR NOT—We've had a complaint or two about some people not being able to get our CRIER! Seriously, we're endeavoring to find out just how and what points in our service can be improved, and this is our invitation to you to send in any suggestions or criticisms you may hit upon. Here's a warning, however—they may be published—so make them real!

My Prayer

May I do my part from day to day—

*This, dear Lord, I humbly pray;
To lighten the load that others bear;*

To give my best, my blessings share.

*May I live a simple Christlike life,
To love the peace, yet greet the strife*

With meekest mein, yet heart so true

That sin will flee, pierced thru' and thru'.

Knight me, Lord, into your Holy Band

Like Galahad, to win the Promised Land.

Thy Spirit anointeth me anew.

My King, I give my life to You.

—CALVIN BUSH JR.

The Fellow Who Says He Works So Hard Must Be Dreaming

Figure It Out for Yourself

Every year has 365 Days
If you sleep 8 hours a day it equals 122 Days
This leaves 243 Days
If you rest 8 hours a day it equals 122 Days
This leaves 121 Days
There are 52 Sundays 52 Days
This leaves 69 Days
If you have half day Saturdays, it equals 43 Days
If you have half an hour for lunch it equals 28 Days
This leaves 15 Days
Two weeks vacation equals 14 Days
This leaves 1 Day
This being labor day no one works 1 Day
0 Day

So nobody works but Mother.

New Officers Elected . . .

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Advertising Manager—Paul Woods.

Business Manager—Allan Munroe.

We feel that our club is headed for great success during 1936. There is a live spirit among its members, so watch for real activity this year.

A. M.

Lady Snoop Quotes

"Well, what do you think of it?"

"What are you talking about? What do I think of what?"

"I'm asking you just what you think of it, and by 'it' I mean the new Kinne Kitchen Plan."

"Oh, Well, I think almost everybody likes it. Don't you think so?"

"To tell the truth, I don't 'think.' I know."

Lady Snoop busied herself this week and had quite an interesting time asking people their opinions of the new plan. Do you want to hear some of the comments, favorable and otherwise? . . .

"I think the plan as a whole is good." "It is just fine." "It helps one get through the line a lot faster." "The plan is working splendidly." "I think it is quite a success." "It is swell."

So much for the "wise" comments! Now for the "otherwise."

"Once in a while it is just my luck to have to sit with the people I don't like. But I suppose that is really good for me." "I wish the early workers could get up and leave the table as soon as they have finished eating." "I think the plan is O.K. for dinner but not for supper." "It is a big improvement over the other plan, but it still needs some improving itself."

What is the conclusion of the whole matter? What is the subject and predicate of the situation?

Subject—the new Kinne Kitchen Plan.

Predicate—is liked by nearly everybody.

Put it together and see what it says: "The new plan is liked by nearly everybody here and we hope that it will be followed in the future."

J. FRANK

Sewing Bee . . .

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forth strains of the William Tell Overture and other well-known selections.

Later in the evening, everyone engaged in some interesting games. Elder Welch surprised us with a whistling solo, A. B. Payne sang two selections—"The Swallow" and "The Rosary"—and to close the activities everyone stood and sang our school song.

D. A.

New Kinne Kitchen Plan

Perhaps you've already read those comments on the new dining-room plan—perhaps you've heard even more than we've printed, if you're a student and are given to associating with your fellow Madisonites. We thought, however, that you'd be glad to have the high points of this plan listed somewhere for future reference:

Standing line is eliminated. Upon entering the dining-room students secure their trays and are seated by matron, with boys on one side of tables and girls on the other as nearly as possible.

Host and Hostess sit at either end of each table. Hostess responsible for her guests going around the deck and being reseated; host responsible for grace; both host and hostess for delivering the mail to those at their table.

Early workers permitted to go around deck before serving door opens, or immediately if late, and sit at tables reserved for them.

Guests go around deck as soon as they come in, and sit at table reserved for them.

Strangers go around deck and then to matron who seats them.

Operates (the plan, we mean) for dinner and supper only.

Perhaps next time we'll be able to list some improvements—if you have some to suggest!

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Guess Who?

From Italy or Timbucktoo?
Just where we'd like to know;
At times he speaks our mother tongue.

And then he changes so.
He's tall and slim—from Central Heat—and quiet in the crowd;
But on the side this jovial chap
Will keep you laughing loud.

Last month's—Albert Dittes.

A. M.

Spring is Here!

As this month's CRIER goes to press it is very noticeable that Old Man Sol is getting in trim for an extensive bit of work in the months to come. The last few days have been beautiful ones, in spite of the predictions that we would have snow and rain and more snow.

With sun shining and birds singing, and students' spirits high, we wish Mr. Sol a heartfelt welcome and hope that he will stay awhile.

Actions, looks, words, steps from the alphabet by which you may spell characters.—Lavaxter

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Chatter-Box

The Music Department is very proud of its new piano, which makes it possible for Mrs. Goodge to give her vocal lessons in one of the practice rooms.

- c -

Gladys Watkins, a junior nurse, left for California February 16.

- c -

Bill Henken was guest of honor at a birthday supper held in Kinne Hall February 9. Congratulations, Mr. Henken!

- c -

Old students will be interested to know that Miss Louise Brown is now taking a business course at Bowling Green, Kentucky. Miss Brown was a student here for two years.

- c -

Irvine Rush has gone to Chattanooga to assist Elder White in his lecture work.

- c -

As the result of a recent tonsillectomy, Miss Gertrude Carleton is temporarily residing in the Student Hospital. Alene Darrow recovered the day after she had hers taken out. I wonder why?

- c -

As is his custom, Dr. Bralliar informed us as to the weather forecast, in chapel February 17. For this week it is rain, snow and snow. We are all to be careful of pneumonia!

- c -

Mrs. Wille announced recently that instead of giving demerits for continued tardiness to work for the nurses, the custom observed in some other hospitals, of taking caps away for a brief time, will be followed. If you see a capless bunch of nurses you will know that they are being punished.

- c -

Prize anecdote of the week: Three boys, among them Hans Gregorius, were taking the prescribed Sabbath walk a week ago. Hans remarked that there were still two kilometers to the San. The third member of the party inquired very innocently, "How much is that in American money?"

- c -

Wanted to know: Who started the epidemic of combs—and tonsillectomies?

G. G.

FISK JUBILEE SINGERS

presented by the
PEPTIMIST CLUB

February 29, 1936

8:00 p.m.

PROGRAM

I

Spirituals—

Steal Away
Good News
Where Shall I Go
Study War No More
I Want Two Wings

II

I Want to Learn to Serve *Poem written for Fisk Singers
by Hugh Dillman; Music by Harry T. Burleigh*
Passing By *Purcell*
Murmuring Zephyrs *Jensen*
A Star *Rogers*

III

Piano Solo—

Humoreske *Rachmaninoff*
BILLY HOLLAND

Vocal Solos—

Ah, Moon of My Delight *Liza Lehman*
LeReve (Manan) *Massenet*
Sing Again *Protheroe*

LUTHER KING

IV

Spirituals—

Couldn't Hear Nobody Pray
Little David
I Want to Die Easy
Ezekiel Saw the Wheel
My Soul's a Witness

LUTHER KING, CECIL REEVES, WILLIAM COLLIER, ARTHUR BOSTIC,
OSWALD LAMPKINS, BILLY HOLLAND, EDWARD MITCHELL.

MRS. JAMES A. MYERS—*Director.*

MRS. LUTHER KING and BILLY HOLLAND—*Accompanists.*

Can You Imagine - -

Elizabeth Cross on a diet?
Sammy McDaniels without a guardian?
Cleo Kivette not sleeping in Anatomy class?
A Cabin Court stove remaining intact throughout a whole year?

G. G.

Did You See - -

A radio announcer requesting applause?
A long line of students filing in and out of the Science Building on Sunday nights?
That preposterous valentine "somebody" got?
Bee Newkirk acting as hostess to seven boys?

High School Notes

"I'm glad that is over"—"How did you answer that last question?"—and similar remarks could be heard, together with sighs of relief, as our first semester examinations were ended.

- c -

A few of our students have been writing excellent thousand-word themes on "The Importance of Punctuality." (The Prefect Court is handling very nicely those who persist in being tardy.)

- c -

Several of our students have been talking in whispers and wearing compresses around their necks. Old Man Winter isn't the cause this time. There has been an epidemic of tonsillectomies lately.

- c -

Our only Chinese high-school student, Mark Ma, welcomed his cousin to Madison on February 11. Grace Feng is now enrolled in our high school for the rest of this year, and expects to enter college next fall.

- c -

One of the former college students, now in charge of Pine Hill Rest Cottage, paid a visit here the weed-end of February 8 and carried off James Davis. The reports are that Jimmy is an invaluable asset in their Food Department!

V. H.

What Do You Think About It?

Starting with next month, we're going to include a calendar of important events for each month. We'll be glad to have you make it known to us just what events are coming each month that are of importance to you. And here's a thought!—In your yearbook these calendars will form a concise history of just what happened and when. Of course you'll be able to read about all the calendar events in more detail elsewhere, too. Just write on a slip of paper what you're interested in and hand it to one of the staff, and then "rest assured" we'll include everything for which there are enough requests.