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LAFAYETTE WINNER OF MEET

Cameron High School Second in Invitational Events

Friday, May 6, the annual High School Invitational track and field meet, held under the auspices of Missouri Wesleyan college was one of the closest and most interesting yet held. A large representation of schools and a group of athletes including stars of Northwest Missouri high schools were present.

Lafayette, of St. Joseph, proved to be the dark horse and emerged winner over such teams as, Cameron, Central, Maysville and Benton. Asbury, of Maysville, was high point man of the meet and was awarded the individual cup.

Four new records were established: Louis Coder, of Lafayette, started off the list with a new record in the mile run, stepping the distance in 4 minutes, 49 seconds. W. Asbury, of Maysville, shattered the broad jump record with a leap of 20 feet, 7 inches. Emerick Vavra, of Central, vaulted to a new record of 10 feet, 9 inches. Davis, of Plattsburg, heaved the javelin 159 feet, 10 inches for a new record.

Cameron High led in scoring the greater part of the meet, while Maysville threatened, but Lafayette athletes were determined and gradually threatened to capture the meet. The big opportunity for the St. Joseph boys came when Cameron failed to place second in the last event of the meet, the javelin.

The meet is growing in importance each year and it is hoped that it will become even more important in 1928.

Edward Cochrane, Sports editor of the Journal-Post was official starter and referee.

The various schools placed as follows:

	Points
Lafayette	26
Cameron	25¼
Maysville	24
Benton	15¼
Lathrop	13
Liberty	12
Central	10¾

COMMENCEMENT WEEK

The Missouri Wesleyan College Commencement exercises will begin Sunday morning at 10:00 o'clock with the Academic Procession. Following this the Baccalaureate Sermon will be given by President Gale. Each day, until Thursday, will be filled with events which should prove interesting and attractive to Cameron folk and out-of-town visitors.

Following is the program:

Sunday, May 22

10:00 a. m.—Academic Procession.

10:30 a. m.—Baccalaureate sermon by Dr. Edward J. Gale, president of the college.

5:00 p. m.—Vesper services on the college campus.

Address—Dr. C. C. James.

Monday, May 23

Plays under direction of the Department of Expression—Second act of "Pollyanna"; "Sham"; "Twelve-Pound Look"; and "Rosiland."

Tuesday, May 24

9:00 a. m. to 12:00 m., and 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.—Annual Art and Domestic Science Exhibit.

9:45 a. m.—Chapel exercises of Seniors of College of Liberal Arts, Awarding of Honors.

10:00 a. m.—Annual meeting of the Board of Trustees.

5:00 p. m.—Alumni banquet.

8:00 p. m.—Annual alumni contests in oratory, music and declamation.

Wednesday, May 25

8:30 a. m.—Annual meeting of alumni association.

9:00 a. m. to 12:00 m., and 2:00 to 5:00 p. m.—Annual art and domestic science exhibit.

2:30 p. m.—Commencement address—Dr. Wilbur N. Mason, pastor of the Country Club Church, Kansas

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Plattsburg	9
Ridgeway	8½
Bucklin	6½
La Harpe, Kansas	6½
Mooreville	3
Trenton	2¼
Smithville	2
Savannah	1

STUDENT ELECTION

Little Enthusiasm Shown at the Polls

Saturday, May 7, was election day for Missouri Wesleyan. The names of the candidates for Student and "Criterion" offices for next year had been posted the customary week but no competitive spirit was manifest so the voting was comparatively calm. The triangular track meet, on the same day, had, somewhat, detracted attention from the election.

Although no campaign talk was rampant it did not signify lack of ability in the candidates, as they had been chosen with suitable care by the Student Council. The equality of ability was, perhaps, one reason for the lack of interest.

Following is a list of the candidates with the successful nominee's name appearing first for his office:

Student

Student President—Paul Hibbs; Stephen Sims.

Secretary and Treasurer—Emil Dietrich; Harry Hutton.

Athletic Committee—Dale Wylie, Helen Gilchrist, Page Pendleton, Ruby Daniels.

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Song Leader—Norene Morgan; Edward Kagay.

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Criterion

Editor-in-Chief—Paul Hibbs; Clarence Byers.

Assistant Editor—Homer Ocker; Charles Campbell.

Circulation Manager—Paul Crawford; Thelma Farris.

Assistant Circulation Manager—Dollye Graeffe; Villa Fender.

Y. M. and Y. W.—Julia Diven; Harry Morris.

Society Editor—Dorothy Duncan; Chester Calvert.

Business Manager—Stephen Sims; Harold Kuebler.

Assistant Business Manager—Harvey Croy; Ernest McKee.

Sport Editor—Lawrence Metz; Goldie Bourette.

COMMENCEMENT WEEK

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City, Mo. Conferring of degrees, announcement of honors.

8:00 p. m.—Lawn fete under patronage of Aesthesian Literary Society.

Following is a list of graduates, including those who will complete their work this summer.

Clyde Little, Boston, Mass.

*Ralph C. Everett, Savannah.

*Maud Hamer, Cameron.

*William Slayton, Marceline.

*Paul Peters, Cameron.

*Lois Allen, Cameron.

*Mrs. Della Allen, Cameron.

Fern Basye, Osborn.

William H. Basye, Osborn.

Paul T. Brown, Cameron.

Raymond Buck, Cameron.

Herman Casey, Cameron.

Victor Coy, Sheridan.

Herbert Dague, Cameron.

*Nelle C. Ensign, Cameron.

Bazzell Foxworthy, Cameron.

Hugh Garner, Cameron.

Martin Grantham, Stanberry.

Carroll B. Henderson, Lathrop.

Alice Marquis, Cameron.

Eula L. Miller, Maryville.

Floyd Pollock, Powersville.

*Emily Prugh, Grant City.

Willard Yos, Green City.

Sidney S. Brown, Cameron.

*Nellie Foster, Cameron.

Mary Lucinda Shaw, Cameron.

Pearl E. Warner, Cameron.

Dim Wyatt, Wheaton.

Mildred Bethards, Bethel.

Paul V. Imes, Ridgeway.

Frederick Jones, Cameron.

Emory Lower, Mound City.

Frances Miller, Fillmore.

Lehman Page, Green City.

Harold Wood, Jamesport.

*Will graduate at close of summer school.

Post Graduate in Expression

Ruth Pittman, Cameron.

Corona Dillener, Cameron.

Expression

Margaret Wood, Boomer.

Piano

Imogene Maggart, Reger.

Mary Hartsook, Cameron.

Voice

Nellie Foster, Cameron.

SENIOR RECITAL

One of the most delightful Senior recitals of the season was given in the college chapel May 13, 1927 by Lois Gould, soprano, and Margaret Wood, reader. Miss Gould was accompanied by Lois Allen and Miss Wood by Miss Downey.

Miss Gould sang with perfect tone

and freedom, and her voice was one of clear enunciation and rare sweetness. Among the numbers which delighted the audience most were Golsom's, "The Bird With a Broken Wing," "The Creation" by Haydon and "Hark! Hark! The Lark" by Schubert. Her rendering of the Cycle of songs was a musical treat in itself and she showed extraordinary ability in reproducing it.

Miss Wood's selections though difficult, were splendidly given. Her interpretation of the different characters stood out as a decidedly skillful bit of work. Her interpretation of "The Highway man" portrayed a finish which was pleasingly noticeable.

To the teachers belongs the greater share of the plaudits of victory, for it was they who polished and smoothed the imperfections that the pupils might be approvingly heard in recital.

J A Z Z

Sounds that squeak and blat:

Tones, blown in a hat;

Foet go pitty-pat—

All emotion!

Voices, loud and shrill:

Manners—lost at will—

Time seems made to kill—

What a notion!

Loud, the beat of drum:

Boisterous voices hum;

Some leave—others come—

Hot and sweaty!

Gowns in silk and lace:

Rouged and powdered face—

Old and young keep pace—

What a pity!

Dancing to the moan

Of the Saxophone,

And the Sounsaphone—

So, 'till morning.

Wine, there is, to drink—

Hear the glasses clink!

Blood too hot to think—

Blast the warning!

Office girl or clerk

Who just drag and shirk—

There's no pep to work—

Nobody has.

Drag, all afternoon—

Night can't come too soon!

All is out of tune!

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R. M. McBride.

Mr. Sheehy, a former M. W. C. student was here last Thursday and sopke in chapel. His talk was enjoyed.

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THE OWL OF 1928

The new "Owls" are out. No where has there been anything but praise for the best annual ever produced in the history of Missouri Wesleyan. The staff of the 1927 "Owl" are indeed to be congratulated.

To Paul Hibbs, who labored and planned, and perspired mentally and physically, goes the deserving credit and honor of being Editor-in-Chief of the new year book.

No less an honor is possessed by Paul Peters, the Business Manager. Peters certainly displayed rare business ability in the carrying out of his work.

The producing of this exceptional year book with its added features only increases the load of responsibility which has been placed upon the staff of next year. The Junior Class of next year saw fit to elect Paul C. Kochan Editor-in-Chief and James T. Klepper Business Manager of the "Owl of '28." It has been decided that, although the responsibility rests with next year's Junior Class, the whole school should be considered in the producing of the annual. In keeping with this decision, the following staff has been picked:

Associate Editor.....Lawrence Greenwood
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With this staff, the Editor believes that an annual of equal quality to that of this year can be produced.

During the past year the "Owl" has been advertised in every room, hall and office. Next year the same policy will be continued. You have seen the quality of the book, you have had the word "Owl" impressed upon your memories. The book next year will measure up to the one of '27. The slogan will be "The Owl of 1928." We are asking the cooperation of every student. We are open to suggestions. If you have an idea, let us have it. Help make the "Owl of '28" a success.

Paul C. Kochan, Editor-in-Chief
"Owl of '28"

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Saturday, May 21, 1927

AN APPRECIATION

Whatever success the "Criterion" has achieved this year has not been the result of the particular effort of any one person, so; to those, the staff members, who have worked well on the articles assigned them; to Miss Goodspeed, who has given of her time; and, to the students and faculty members of Missouri Wesleyan, who have given their support, I use this means of extending my sincere thanks.
The Editor.

The close of the school year is at hand; perhaps the end of college work for many of us; hence, I believe, that it may be wise for me to justify one position that has been frequently assumed in this column throughout the year. The position that has been taken in regard to college students is the one referred to.

Some may have thought that this criticism of students was unjust but I feel that the facts in the situation will prove otherwise. Others may think that the faculty should have shared more in the faults named, and, without doubt, they are at fault; but, nevertheless, the key to the solution lies with the student.

For two reasons this is true. First, that the faculty is absolutely not essential to an education because whether or not the student learns depends almost entirely upon himself; and, second, the pupil into which know-

ledge must be pumped is not a student at all; even though he may perform well at college he will settle again into the humdrum of life when his course is finished never to return to the field of learning. It may be said that these are conclusions drawn only from thin air but the lives of the famous Greeks will prove the first and one should have learned, by this time, the fallacy of forced interest as proof for the second conclusion.

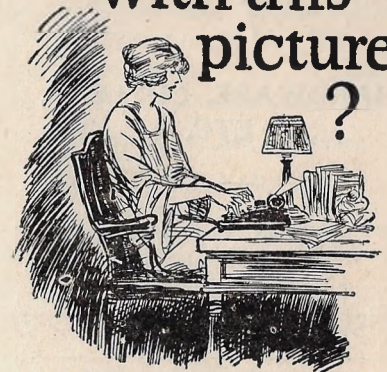
Another argument, which may be presented to prove that the small returns (not in money) of a college education are the result of suppression, is the student opposition to the control of higher authorities. In some instances this opposition is justified but in others it is the result of some students, who, for the glory of starting something, begin a rumpus which will eventually bring them before the authorities. If they are kicked out they will be heroes of the nation; if not, they are suffering heroes. Most think themselves sincere but their effort is soon spent after they receive their degrees. But of such stuff thought is not made. This, though, is not written to prove the college perfect but with the thought that the primary fault lies with the student. When the student truly and sincerely wishes a better college he shall receive it.

I believe it may truthfully be said that three-fourths of the people in college do not add anything positive to the world and it may further be stated that those same students hinder others in taking advantage of the few enough opportunities that college offers. It is for those that many extra-curricular activities are created which take a never ending amount of time. How is it possible for students to form a philosophy of life other than one for mere self if the competition is so demanding that no time is left for thinking? Even such activities as school papers and canned debating require little more than exercise of the arm and mouth muscles and a mind capable of grasping facts. But still we expect everything from the college student and get little. Each new face in chapel impresses us with the great responsibility which rests upon our shoulders and the magnificent opportunities which await us in the world. But still our college life is all activity and not thinking so what more can be expected than an occasional man who will set his mark in life? And this is what the college students want. How can a change be

wrought? It means that either present day collegians will have to shift their scale of values or another kind of college will have to be established so that each type may be accommodated.

President Gale gave a reception to the Senior class members last Wednesday evening.

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**BLUE JAYS WIN COLLEGE UNION
TRACK MEET**

The Westminster Blue Jays, by winning ten firsts and placing in all but four events, won the Missouri College Athletic Union Meet held at Tarkio, scoring 66 and one third points. Central was second, with 35 and one third points and Missouri Wesleyan College, third, with 20 points.

Sheetz of Westminster was the outstanding athlete, winning three firsts. He tied the record in the 100 yard dash and set new record in the 40 yard dash. Our own captain Coy ran the preliminaries of the 100 yard dash in ten flat, but placed third in the finals. He also took second in the high hurdles and fourth in the 220 yard dash. Groom placed for a close third in the high hurdles and Bourette took second in the 220 low hurdles. The Wesleyan relay team took second in the 880 yard relay. Wiley and C. Miller captured second and third in the mile and A. Miller placed fourth in the two mile run.

The feature of the meet was Earl McKowan, national indoor champion pole vaulter, who acted as head judge of the meet and also did some exhibition pole vaulting, clearing the bar at 12 feet.

COPY 1927

"Copy 1927" is a book composed of short stories, poems, essays, and plays written by advanced English students at Columbia University, New York City. All of the works appearing have been published in various magazines which attests the merit of the compilation. They were chosen with great care in order to give variety to the book. It is published by D. Appleton & Co.

The book is of especial interest because it proves that literary work is not entirely obsolete at colleges and universities. Its content is very interesting, as well, from the standpoint of literary value, particularly, among university students. The themes are very good and the writings will prove a great benefit to those making a study of the literary status in higher education.

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ROMANCE

Hushed are the voices of the birds
that sing at twilight;

The evening shadows gather 'round
the quiet valley—

My heart is filled with rapture, too
intense for speaking—

Strange fears, I feel, mixed with
this exultation, undefined!

Why should I tremble so!

I have no pow'r to move!

My heart is beating fast—I feel
I'm not alone!

What can this presence be!

It's spell bewitches me—

I linger here—

It overwhelms my soul!

In tones, so soft they seem to be a
part of shadows,

I hear the answer to the questions
that perplex me.

In simple trust, I lift my eyes to
heaven—

I know the secret, now!

How blind I, before—

So blind I could not see

That love had come to me!

Dreams of Childhood—

The prince I pictured, often

In gold—

In lace—

The Prince I looked for, often

Morning—

Ev'ning—

Is mine, to have forever!

Is mine, to love, forever!

I know him;

I hear him;

He calls me—

I answer!

Hush!

He bids "Good Night"!

(Suggested by T. Rubinstein's "Ro-
mance, Op. 44")

R. M. McBride.

M. W. C. WON TRIANGULAR MEET

Missouri Wesleyan cinder path artists showed their heels to Maryville and Tarkio college tracksters and captured 82 points to win the meet. Maryville placed second with 39 points and Tarkio third, with 23 points.

The meet was held under very unfavorable weather conditions and the time was somewhat slower than would have been otherwise. Field events were especially interfered with.

Coy was high point man with 18 points, taking three firsts and one second. Prof. Slayton was official starter.

Rain caused the tennis matches to

be played off at the Goodrich Gymnasium. Maryville captured the indoor contests.

LETTER FROM MR. COIL

Editors note. The following letter was received from Mr. Coil with permission to print it in the "Criterion." It may be said that the Wesleyan students hold no antagonism toward William Jewell so the future relation between the two schools should be the most pleasant.

Editor Willard Yos
Missouri Wesleyan College,
Cameron, Mo.

My Dear Sir: Last week I noticed there appeared in the "Criterion" an editorial concerning an article published in the "William Jewell Student." It is not the policy of the Student to publish any article that might cause antagonism or engender ill feeling between William Jewell and another institution. That such an article appeared is entirely my fault for hastily reading proof. I sincerely regret the appearance of such an article that tended to cause or provoke wrath among the students of Missouri Wesleyan College.

I am positive that the great majority of William Jewell students are desirous of being good sports in all inter-collegiate contests and it is unfortunate for the interests of both schools that there is a member of the "William Jewell Student" staff who does not have the admirable quality of taking defeat always as a true sportsman.

As editor of the "William Jewell Student" I wish to apologize to you and your readers. I trust that such an article will never again appear in the "Student" and am sincerely sorry

that one had to appear during my regime as editor.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Johnston Coil.

Editor William Jewell Student.

Lester Slayton gave a picnic last week in honor of the Girls Basket Ball team, at which time he presented to the girls their gold basketballs and Susie Evans was elected next year's Captain.

A banquet took place at the Blue Room Thursday night at 9 o'clock in honor of Miss Elizabeth Pickard and Miss Lois Allen. Those present were the members of the Owl Staff. The boys felt that the girls had done such efficient work that they should show them their appreciation.

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LITERARY—MUSIC CONTESTS

There were a large number of entries in nearly all the literary and musical contests May 6. The preliminaries opened at ten o'clock in the morning. Very creditable work was shown by all contestants and those who placed in the finals won by close margins.

The college chapel was well filled for the finals. The result of many of the contests was doubtful until the decision of the judges was announced.

Cameron High School having the largest number of points carried away the large cup. The boys and girls quartets also won smaller cups. The boys quartet had no competition.

Maynard Sanders of Gallatin won the scholarship for the highest number of individual points by placing first in oratory and second in vocal solo.

Those who participated in the finals placed as follows:

Piano—Lois Bryan, Cameron; Roy Keith, Braymer; Kathryn Baker, Breckenridge; Evelyn Demaree, Lathrop.

Extempore—Iren Smith, Gallatin; Floy McCommas, Cameron; Mildred Shaw, Civil Bend.

Oration—Maynard Sanders, Gallatin; Joe Van Trump, Polo; Julian O'Malley, Plattsburg.

Girls Quartet—Cameron, Civil Bend and Linneus.

Readings—Lois Gilbert, Savannah; Bertha Hosman, New York High School; Mary Gale Norman, Gallatin.

Vocal Solo—Hadley Crawford, Cameron; Maynard Sanders, Gallatin; Thesis Norwine, Maysville.

Violin—Maurice Cater, Cameron; Marjorie Riffie, Maysville; Olive Aldrich, Pattonsburg.

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Editor Hibbs and Business Manager Peters were busily engaged Thursday morning in collecting last payments on the "Owl" and distributing it to the students. The impossible had happened: it was here two weeks before college closed.

The book is unusually good and is, probably, the best that has ever been printed by Wesleyan students. For the first time the annual was copyrighted which is an indication of the business ability shown throughout the book.

Especially deserving comment is the View Section. It shows scenes of Missouri Wesleyan taken at the best vantage points and chosen with exceeding care. The arrangement of the features is the best possible and the absence of mistakes denotes untiring work and painstaking ability. Also, the large amount of advertising contributed essentially to the financial success.

It is a book of which we can be proud.

"THE TWO VAGABONDS"

Wednesday evening May 11, at the Goodrich Auditorium, a comic opera, "The Two Vagabonds," was presented by the Choral Club of Missouri Wesleyan. The opera was directed by Professor Kelsey, who was assisted by Ruth Pittman, stage director, Miss Downey, assistant stage director and costumer, Miss Lowenberg costumer and Mildred Robison director of the folk dances.

Mildred Robison and Hadley Crawford took the roles of Ermine and her lover Eugene very admirably. Lois Gould very coquettishly played the role of Ermine's friend and Eugene's sister while Bazzell Foxworthy portrayed the role of an aristocratic old baron, Ermine's father. The two vagabonds, David Cornish and George Reed, as Cadeaux and Ravanes furnished laughter every moment they were on the stage. Eula Miller and Nellie Foster portrayed their parts well, and the choruses furnished the background of peasants, lackeys and soldiers necessary for the scenes. The opera, which was of French setting and the scenes centering around a typical rustic fair, and French chateau, offered an evening of entertainment to the large audience.

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