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ENTHUSIASTIC SQUAD OUT FOR BASKETBALL

With an enthusiastic squad of twenty-five out every afternoon, the prospects for a good basketball team are bright.

The members of last year's squad are in the practice for all they are worth, urging on the rivalry between the newcomers. It is too early to predict who will secure the coveted position on the short pants team, and some of the scrubs of last year may have to exert themselves to the utmost to become regulars. At any rate a fast team is assured.

Preparations for the first game, which is to be played early in the season with Kentucky Wesleyan, are paramount in the coach's consideration now. Thus far Daddy Boles has not been with his team very much on account of the recent trip to the S. I. A. A. convention, but his presence from now on will add to the interest and results of the practice.

ECONOMY URGED FOR COLLEGE ATHLETICS

Professor Freeman and Daddy Boles returned Monday morning from the S. I. A. A. convention at Athens, Ga.

Few important changes were made in football rules for 1918. It was decided that men returning from military service would be eligible for athletics immediately upon entering a university. All colleges in the association were urged to economize in athletic expenditures, and to encourage inter-class athletics.

While in Atlanta, Coach Boles and Professor Freeman attended a meeting in the Billy Sunday Tabernacle, where they gained valuable information of the status of certain I. W. W. pacifists and kindred creatures, from the lips of the devil's enemy. The University men report that Sunday's work is fruitful in the two soldier camps at Atlanta.

Games for next year were arranged at the convention by the coaches of the several teams. Kentucky will play Alabama, October 19, Sewanee, October 25, and Vanderbilt, November 2. Sewanee and Centre will play on Stoll field, and a game with Georgetown at home will probably be arranged.

"SEVENTEEN" IS XMAS ATTRACTIN AT CINCY

The Christmas-week attraction at the Lyric Theatre in Cincinnati is a dramatization of Booth Tarkington's well-known story "Seventeen." The play has been running in Chicago since the beginning of the season and was pronounced by the critics there to be one of the most charming and human comedies of American life seen for many seasons.

Stuart Walker, its producer, is a Kentucky boy who has gained much fame through his Portmanteau plays and productions of the past two seasons. Mr. Walker's many friends in Lexington and the University who journey to Cincinnati, Christmas, will therefore have an opportunity to see his greatest success and the excellent characters in the Tarkington story portrayed in real life on the stage. The production is going to New York, where it opens on Broadway, the middle of January.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS TO SONS IN SERVICE

Messages Written By McVey, Virgil Chapman and Cotton Noe

FORM IS ATTRACTIVE

Christmas greetings from the University of Kentucky to her sons in the service are on their way to the training camps, the cantonments and the trenches.

The letters of the joyous season are artistically decorated in the red and green of the poinsettia and the holly twig. Printed within the pamphlet are three letters—one from President McVey; one from the students, written by Virgil Chapman, president Senior Class; one from the faculty, written by Cotton Noe.

President McVey's message is written in strong, simple, earnest English. It is not long, but in it much is said.

Virgil Chapman's "Message from the Students," is written in that style of which Chapman is the master. In the flowery language of an orator of the old school, he bids Kentucky's warriors know that they have a reserved seat in the heart of every student.

Cotton Noe sends the message from the faculty in the form of poetry. Professor Noe's Christmas poem is virile and expressive from start to finish. Lack of space, however, will not permit the printing of his stirring poem in this issue of the Kernel.

Following are the messages from President McVey and from the students:

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As the new President of the University, I am more than delighted to have a place in the message to the boys of the University on the front in France, or preparing to go. You have set us an example of high patriotism in this great war for the maintenance of democracy. The University wishes you happiness, a brave heart and high purpose in your sacrifice. We shall hold a place each day in our hearts for you and if in the day's duties you can remember your Alma Mater, the University will feel honored.

Yours for America,
FRANK L. McVEY.

MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENTS

Seven hundred loyal souls of the University of Kentucky send a message of heartening hope and Christmas cheer to you, martial sons of Old Kentucky, pride of our motherland.

Your stalwart forebears—pathfinders of society—with stout hearts, sturdy form and bounding step to the wild, wild music of savage war-whoop and Deckard rifle, bore the torch of civilization westward, over towering mountain and through trackless wilderness, kindled the flame of liberty on the rustic altar of patriotism, and laid the foundation of an Imperial Commonwealth in the "Dark and Bloody Ground." You are descendants of those intrepid pioneers who defended Boonesboro and Bryan's Station, and poured out their blood in a crimson stream at the River Raisin, those gallant riflemen who led the "Forlorn Hope" at the Thames, and humbled England's veteran host at New Orleans, those doughty warriors whose

teardrops incarnadined the plains of Mexico, and those vallant knight-errants, who rode the whirlwind with the dauntless Morgan and the gallant Breckenridge. Warrior sons of warrior sires, what a legacy is yours!

The genius of Kentucky is love of liberty. Her passion is Democracy. Tyrant's heels never profaned her bosom. "A Kentuckian kneels to none but God." Old Kentucky's valorous sons are now, as ever, in the vanguard of Democracy's army fighting the battle of liberty.

We send this message to you, brave boys, because we love you. We are devotees at the shrine of the same Alma Mater. We have imbibed the sparkling waters of the same Pierian fountain. We have cheered the same old Blue and White. We have strolled in the twilight shadows over the same undulating greensward. We have crooned love-songs in the same verdant bowers. We have dreamed the same dreams. We have sung the same old song for "Our Old Kentucky Home, far away."

At Christmas time, we are thinking of the Star in the East and the wise men and angel choirs and of Him who whispered "Peace" to the troubled waves of Galilee. And we think of how He has been reviled by the ruthless Hun.

"In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,

With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me.

As He died to make men holy,
Let us die to make men free."

We wish you a Merry Christmas, and we bid you Godspeed for a Happy Victorious New Year.

VIRGIL CHAPMAN,
President Senior Class.

AT THE ADA MEADE.

The Five Emmigrants will head the bill at the Ada Meade starting, Thursday afternoon. This act is right off Keith's circuit, and is one of unusual merit and ability having had a continuous run on Keith's circuit for over two seasons. Manager Gurnee considers himself exceedingly fortunate in being able to book this act as they have only a few open weeks on their schedule. The rest of the bill will be full of music and nonsense, and if predictions ever come true this week at the Ada Meade promises to be the best one that the people of Lexington have seen in that show house for quite a time. Gene Green, a famous Keith headliner will be seen here during the week of December 20.

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to me that there are great possibilities here in Kentucky, that ought to look forward to the development of a great University that can be a constant source of helpfulness to the State."

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