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Lawrence, Kansas
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2 lines { Dear Fellow Faculty Workers of the
First Annual Lawrence Community
Chest Campaign: (list names)

Gerald Johnson, an editorial writer on the Baltimore Sun and a collaborator in the writing of important biographies and American history, writes in November Harper's of 1940 a thought-provocative article called, "To our Thirty-Year-Olds."

In the three parts of the article Mr. Johnson sets forth firstly, that our "picnic is really over." He points out that we never "miss the water 'till the well goes dry." Secondly, he deals with the weakness of democracies--"France wasn't worth it" so the young thirty-year-oldsters Frenchmen thought. Thirdly, he warns us of impending disaster; that he is not sure but that our thirty-year-oldster Americans are soft.

That might apply to the thirty-year-oldster, but not to this group of faculty who took hold of this First Annual Lawrence Community Chest Drive and put it over with an emphatic bang. Our estimated share on the Hill was \$1000.00. This morning, with a few belated returns still coming in, our total has reached the pleasing and unexpected amount of \$1554.50.

I desire to congratulate each and every one of you people who took this responsibility and acquitted yourselves with distinction. I am appreciative of your splendid teamwork. From many many sources I hear that the Lawrence merchants and towns people are more than gratified at the sizable and generous donations to this very worthy cause. It is manifested again that the Town and Gown of Lawrence cooperate efficiently and loyally when a real challenge is presented.

To this winning band of Gideons' I thank you for your efforts.

Sincerely yours,

Chairman, University Committee

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