

I am not sure whether you were here when the lights went up on the quadrangle, but they were beautiful. Withal, our summer was cool and lovely. We had a few hot days, but this is really a grand summer. On the quadrangle we had archery, badminton, ping pong, croquet, shuffleboard (seven courts), horse-shoes, basketball free throwing contests, tennis and golf tournaments, a six-team softball league, splash parties, co-recreational swimming, and so on. We even had co-recreational swimming for the colored students. It went over with a bang. Then we had a play night for the employees the last night. They seemed to appreciate it very, very much.

We had two picnics, both on the campus, and had a fine turn out of faculty and students on both occasions. The first picnic we served in the gymnasium, but the second we served right out on the campus. It seemed to be quite the thing.

I think I should tell you of the serious illness of Dr. Elbel. He had a carbuncle on his upper lip which resulted in a very serious case. There were 22 openings made in the upper lip. He was confined to his home and then moved to the hospital and was under the care of both a day and a night nurse. He had strep and staf infection, and they used sulfanilimide and sulfapyridine with fairly good results. But it was quite a battle. He has been laid up for over two weeks, and only Wednesday was he able to get out for a short while. He is very weak and pale and his upper lip is enlarged about four times and has these ghastly blue spots on it. You really would not know him should you meet him on the street or some place out of his environment. He is coming along nicely now and we are hopeful that he will recover rapidly.

I am glad Elizabeth is having a grand time. I imagine after her housekeeping duties she is finding the pedagogical grind a little more pleasant than when she did it year in and year out. I had a splendid visit with the MacCurdy's when I was back in New York for the convention. Tell Elizabeth that I hope her knee is entirely well. She had me operate on it just before dinner when she had to get on her knees to get some dishes out of her buffet. Tell her that I hope she is entirely recovered.

I am also glad that she didn't have to run the playground this summer because I am afraid she would have thought we had her on the day and night shift both. Tell her that I remember her sweet disposition when some fellow she wanted to poison wouldn't die! Tell Elizabeth that we enjoy very much the hammered brass tray with the Jayhawk center and that we think of her each time we reach into the tray.