

**CONCERNING THRILLS**

(With Apologies to the Press Association)

Divers and sundry hearts in the little village of Possum Trot received a never-to-be-forgotten thrill last evening about 6 o'clock. Never again will the before-mentioned hearts beat so quickly and caper about so rambunctiously as they did at that time.

The cause of all the excitement was a headline on the front page of the local paper to this effect: "POSSUM TROT BOY BREAKS ALL RECORDS." Such a statement coming so unexpectedly was sufficient to unbalance the soberest intellect, and make malleable the most adamant heart in Possum Trot. It did all that, and more.

Turn thine eyes to one home in particular, where you will have the privilege of seeing what a headline can do—and seldom does. Father, Mother and the children are seated around the center table, and Father is reading from the "Possum Trot News Weekly." The item which engages the undivided attention of all is as follows:

"Josephus Varney Steeples, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Steeples, of this city, is making an enviable record at the University of Kentucky, where he has been attending school for the last two years, etc."

Turning to Mother, and taking an unusually long draw at his old cob pipe, Father says: "Martha, didn't I tell you that boy would make his mark? They ain't a smarter boy in Kaintucky than our Joe. His education has cost us a heap of money, but he's showin' them College people what kind of stuff he's made of. You watch him make 'em set up and take notice."

"Yes," replies Mother. "Joe always hankered after larnin', and I'm mighty glad we have give him a chance to get it. I'd like to see him now, wouldn't you, John—" And she brushes a tear away. Mothers are prone to that sort of thing, you know.

"Gee, I bet Joe'd feel big if he could see his name in the paper," says Joe's nine-year-old brother, Jim.

"And my, won't Ethel Barton be jealous of me!" chimes in Maude, Joe's pretty sister, who is a freshman in high school. "Her brother was sent home from the University because he flunked in his studies."

So goes the conversation as Father reads the record of Josephus Varney Steeples' achievements at the University.

Results: Two days later the said

Josephus receives a letter, postmarked at Possum Trot, and containing, along with a check for a goodly amount, some words of commendation, encouragement, et cetera, the gist of which is, "Go to it, my boy; I'm for you!"

All of which goes to show that the Press Association is a good thing, and is not

"—a flower born to blush unseen, And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

—Selected from "Sayings of Solomon II."

**LITERARY SOCIETIES**

**Philosophian.**

Mrs. Mat Walton, of Lexington, gave a number of readings in Italian dialect at the meeting of the Philosophian Literary Society last Wednesday evening at 6:45 o'clock in the Recreation Room of Patterson Hall. By way of enhancing the attractiveness of her program, Mrs. Walton was dressed in the native costume of an Italian peasant girl.

**Horace Mann.**

Oliver Wendell Holmes was the subject for discussion at the meeting of the Horace Mann Literary Society last Thursday night. Among the speakers on the program were Affie Hammond, Wilna Brown, and Professor Baker.

Dean Simrall returned Wednesday morning from Sweetbriar College, Sweetbriar, Virginia, where she delivered a lecture on "The Mystic Trend in Modern Literature." Miss Simrall was formerly Dean of Women and instructor in psychology at Sweet Briar. She will go to Frankfort next week to attend a meeting of the Wesley Club.

Miss Jane Bell, former senior in the Home Economics Department, visited the campus last week. Miss Bell is at present teaching in West Virginia.

Herman Becker, sophomore in the College of Arts and Sciences, and a prominent member of the A. T. O. fraternity, has been called to his home in Louisville by the death of his father. It is not yet definitely known whether Mr. Becker will return to school.

Doctor J. J. Tigert is spending Wednesday, Thursday and Friday lecturing. Wednesday he addressed the graduating class at Upton, Kentucky. Thursday he spoke before the Woman's Club at Versailles and Friday he talked before the Y. M. C. A. Boy's Conference at Cynthiana.



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