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Western Teachers College
WHAS Broadcast No. 64
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3:30-4:00 P.M.

From Extension Studio in Bowling Green

Strings and Voices "College Heights."

Moore Western Kentucky State Teachers College greets you all both great and small with the words of our college motto — —

Voices Life More Life.

Moore Life More Life is our motto and our wish for all our listeners.

Piano Chords.

Moore Today we have invited into the studio a number of Western Teachers College freshmen. They are most interesting folks. Freshmen always are. They are always a select group, for many of their schoolmates in the grades and high school have not followed them to college. If we can imagine a book containing the biographies of the hundreds of young men and young women in this freshman class at Western, we shall have a most interesting volume, full of vitality, charming and adventurous experiences, and potentialities for the future. This afternoon we propose to turn a very few leaves in this book. Several freshmen, chosen almost at random, have consented to be briefly interviewed. Music will also be furnished by freshmen.

And now if you boys and girls will line up here, we shall pass you in review before the microphone. First in line is a youthful looking gentleman. What is your name?

Cook Mack Cook, Jr.

Moore Where do you live?

Cook Beaver Dam, Kentucky.
Moore: Did you graduate from the Beaver Dam High School?

Cook: No, sir, from the Hartford High School.

Moore: How old were you when you graduated from high school?

Cook: Fourteen in March and graduated in May.

Moore: How did you manage to speed up so much?

Cook: Well, I entered the third grade when I was five, and I did the seventh and eighth grades in one year.

Moore: You seem quite a prodigy. How could you be ready for the third grade at the age of five?

Cook: My mother taught me at home. She was an Ohio County rural school teacher for twenty-five years. My father also taught for twenty-one years. My mother was a Western student.

Moore: That's the right spirit, to be following in her footsteps. That was Mack Cook, Jr. And now an attractive young lady.

What is your name?

Stevens: Regena Stevens.

Moore: Where do you live?

Stevens: In Bowling Green.

Moore: Lived here all your life?

Stevens: Yes, sir.

Moore: Do you expect to live here all the rest of your life?

Stevens: I expect to complete my college work here and then become a secretary. Eventually I hope to be in Washington as a congressional secretary.

Moore: Are you acquainted with any such secretaries?

Stevens: Yes, my brother is secretary to Congressman Vincent.

Moore: What do you expect to use as your major subject in college?
Steven  English or Political Science.

Moore  Do you think English will be especially important to you in preparing for secretarial work?

Steven  Yes, I think it will be very important to be able to use correct English in letter writing and in speaking. I shall need training in grammar, spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure and in speaking clearly and distinctly.

Moore  I think you are wise in getting a broad academic foundation for the secretarial work you hope to do.

That was Regena Stevens. The next freshman in line is Tony Mastroleo, who carries a huge bass horn with him. We shall ask him to play in a moment.

Where is your home Tony?

Mastroleo  It's in Seneca Falls, N. Y., sir.

Moore  Your name sounds Italian. Were you born in Italy?

Mastroleo  No, but both of my parents were.

Moore  Do you speak Italian?

Mastroleo  Sì io parlo Italiano e o parlate Italiano tutta vita mia.

Moore  Have you even been in Italy?

Mastroleo  Yes, a few years ago when I visited various countries in Southern Europe.

Moore  Have you been on the air before?

Mastroleo  Yes, many times, including being on a Major Bowes program last year.

Moore  Probably many of our listeners heard you on the Major Bowes program. You have been interested in music a good while, haven't you?

Mastroleo  Yes, I began with the clarinet and the cornet in the fifth
or sixth grade.

Moore     All right let's have your solo, "Polka Militaire," by
           Harry Hartley.

Mastroleo     "Polka Militaire."

Moore     You have just heard "Polka Militaire" played on the bass
           horn by Freshman Tony Mastroleo, who knows his Italian by
           association with his parents.

           A tall handsome freshman presents himself next.

           What is your name?

Lee     Vernon Lee.

Moore     Where is your home?

Lee     Covington, Kentucky.

Moore     Have you come to college directly from high school?

Lee     No, I have spent some time as a motorman and mechanic for
           a street railway company.

Moore     I'm sure that gave you some interesting and valuable ex-
           perience! Did you have to work hard?

Lee     Yes, sir, I worked on a daytime shift and the hours were
           very long.

Moore     What was the largest number of hours you ever worked con-
           tinuously?

Lee     Twenty-seven hours.

Moore     Hmm! And still didn't go asleep at the switch. What kinds
           of street cars have you handled?

Lee     Two-men cars as motorman or conductor; one-man cars as
           operator; trolley coaches; snow sweepers; sand cars; salt cars;
           work cars and other kinds.

Moore     Did you ever have any accidents?
Lee: Yes, the first day I operated a car I hit a machine, and the damages amounted to nearly a thousand dollars. After a while I became accustomed to such things.

Moore: I suppose you had all kinds of people as passengers.

Lee: Yes, indeed. Some of them complained very much. I found that the best way to deal with them was to ignore what they had to say.

Moore: You have had an interesting time. I hope you will enjoy your college course.

That was Vernon Lee, who was a street car motorman before he was a college freshman.

And now a charming young lady. What is your name?

Nicks: Sammie Jane Nicks.

Moore: Where is your home?

Nicks: In Houston, Texas.

Moore: You are a long way from home. Have you ever lived away from home until this semester?

Nicks: No, sir, this is my first experience.

Moore: How did you happen to come here?

Nicks: Well, I like to travel, I had some friends here, I wanted to see the horses Kentucky is so famous for, and I understood that this would be a good place for me to prepare for my chosen work.

Moore: What is your chosen work?

Nicks: Teaching public school music.

Moore: That's fine. Tell us something about Texas.

Nicks: At Houston, my home city, we have two of the largest oil refineries in the world. Seventeen railroads meet at Houston, and it is a cotton port and has one of the largest cotton
markets in the world. Then too around our section of the state we have plenty of the Texas cowboys you read about.

Moore  Thank you, Sammie. That was Miss Sammie Jane Nicks. Here are two boys who seem to be good friends. Let's interview them together. Do you come from the same place?
Hill  Yes, sir, from Paducah. We graduated from the Heath Community High School.

Moore  What are your names?
Vance  Roy Vance.
Hill  And Zack Hill.
Moore  Have you any special objectives in mind for your college work?
Vance  Yes, we intend to study law.
Moore  Both of you?
Hill  Yes, sir.
Moore  Most prospective lawyers are interested in forensic activities. What about you?
Vance  We were both orators and debaters in high school. For two seasons we were members of the same debating team.
Moore  Representing your school in interscholastic contests?
Hill  Yes, for two successive years our team was in the state tournament and the second of those years we got into the national contest. That year it was held at Oklahoma City.
Moore  That is a fine record. I believe you said you were orators too.
Hill  Mr. Vance, here, represented our local chapter of the F. F. A.

and won fourth place in a regional contest including eleven
states. He has won half a dozen medals for oratory, including the state championship of the Future Farmers.

Vance And Mr. Hill, represented our district twice in the state oratorical tournament, and has been awarded another half dozen medals for oratory in high school and county contests.

Moore You boys certainly deserve congratulations and we wish you success in your pre-legal work here. These accomplished orators are Zack Hill and Roy Vance.

Now the next gentleman.

What is your name?

Grise Richard Grise.

Moore Where is your home?

Grise In Bowling Green.

Moore Oh, you are a local boy! You are a product of the local schools?

Grise Yes, of Western's Training School.

Moore Have you ever attended any other school?

Grise No, I've been in Western from the first day I went to school, and now I'm a college freshman.

Moore All your school life in one school. That's interesting. Was our present Training School Building here when you started?

Grise Yes, there are a half dozen of us who as pupils in the kindergarten had the privilege of inaugurating the Training School building. The building was brand new that year. And now this year as freshmen we are helping to inaugurare our new classroom building.

Moore That is a coincidence indeed. Maybe you will be able to
bring us some more new buildings before you are through.

You said your name is Grise. That is the name of our Dean. Are you any relation to him?

Grise Yes, we are more or less related. He is my father.

Moore That's fine. Thank you, Richard.

And now a soprano solo by another freshman, Miss Virginia Strohman. Where do you live, Virginia?

Strohman In Ducchel, Kentucky.

Moore That is a suburb of Louisville, is it not?

Strohman Yes, Sir. I graduated from the Atherton High School in Louisville.

Moore Did you study music in high school?

Strohman Yes, and also under a private instructor and in choir work.

Moore Are you continuing your vocal studies here?

Strohman Yes, sir.

Moore That's good. Your number is "In the Luxembourg Gardens" by Kathleen Manning. All right.

Strohman "In the Luxembourg Gardens."

Moore "In the Luxembourg Gardens" has just been sung by Freshman Virginia Strohman.

And now, step up here, young gentleman.

What is your name?

Harman Lewie Harman.

Moore Where do you live?

Harman Here in Bowling Green.

Moore I understand you have recently been abroad.

Harman Yes, W. L. Matthews, Jr., who is a sophomore in Western and I sailed from New York last summer to six ports in South
America, working on a passenger and cargo ship.

Moore We should be pleased to have you tell us about a few of the outstanding features of your trip.

Harman I should say ship life interested me more than anything else. The regular routine of ship management and our work as cogs in the smooth running of this great ocean hotel proved to be of great interest. I did not realize what precision is needed in catering to the demands of guests. Contrasting the types of people composing the crew with those of the passengers above deck was a never-ending source of interest and amusement.

Of course the countries of Brazil, Argentina, and Uruguay were wonderful. One discovers that there are people of other lands with various creeds, different languages, customs, and money, making progress just as we are although they go about it in a different way. We sailed thirteen days and nights directly to Rio de Janeiro, with its marble sidewalks, its yellow, slow, dirty-looking people, and its famous harbor bordered on either side by Sugar Leaf Mountain and a great statue of Christ. Then came Santos, also in Brazil, which is the recognized coffee port of the world. We dropped to Uruguay and Montevideo, which is to Buenos Aires what Atlantic City is to New York. We spent nearly a week in Buenos Aires, the third largest city on the Western Hemisphere. Coming back through the tropics, we visited the Port of Spain and Bermuda.

Moore I'm sure you had a great experience. How long were you gone?
Harman  We were at sea approximately forty days, traveling twenty thousand miles in two months.

Moore  This recent pilgrim to South America is Lewie Harman.

And here is a husky looking freshman.

What is your name?

Connors  Tom Connors.

Moore  Where is your home?

Connors  Ashtabula, Ohio.

Moore  In looking over your record, I observe that you have attended a number of schools. How did that happen?

Connors  Well, my father was a railroad inspector for the government and consequently was obliged to move frequently from place to place, and I always tried to keep up with him. As a matter of fact I was not able to start to school until I was almost eight years old. Before I was old enough to be in school we lived in Ashtabula, Cleveland, Chicago, St. Louis, Elizabeth, N. J., Salem and Centralia, Ill., and Youngstown and Kent, Ohio.

Moore  You certainly were a rover. What was the largest number of schools you attended in any one semester?

Connors  When I was in the fifth grade I attended five different schools in one semester. By the time I graduated from high school I had been in eleven schools.

Moore  We hope you will be able to settle down for a while now. Did you come here directly from high school?

Connors  No, for the last four years I have been a member of dance bands and this work has taken me to Carolina Beach, N. C., Harnell, N. Y., and Ligonier Valley Beach, Pa.
Ladies and gentlemen this widely travelled freshman is Tom Connors.

All right, next. What is your name?

Luther M. Wilson.

Where do you live?

Part of the time at Abbeville, Georgia, and the balance of the time at Russell Springs, Kentucky.

Tell us, please, something about what you have done before coming to college here.

Among other things, I served in the United States Navy during the World War.

Well! That's interesting. I was in the service myself during the war. But we don't find many veterans among our freshmen. What have you been doing since the war?

I've been a city school superintendent at Abbeville, Georgia, and a teacher in the university system of Georgia.

What is your objective in your college work here?

I have recently moved my family here and put my four children in Western's Training School. I am looking forward to the study of medicine myself.

That is a worthy ambition. From time to time we have numbers of students who are preparing for the medical profession. We are glad to see persons of mature experience seeking further education.

That was Mr. Luther M. Wilson. And now, this young gentleman. What is your name?

Claiborne Walton.

Where is your home?

At Munfordville, Kentucky.
The name Walton is always an interesting one to students of literature as well as to those who pursue the piscatorial art. I refer, of course, to the great fisherman Izaak Walton and his *Compleat Angler*.

He was an ancestor of mine.

How remarkable! He lived in the seventeenth century.

Can you trace your family back that far?

Yes; at least that is a tradition in our family.

Have there been many fishermen in your family?

Yes, sir, the Green River has been the scene of their activities for generations.

Besides, one of my great grandfathers was an army officer in the Civil War. After being taken prisoner, he spent most of the time in Libby Prison. We have the diary which he kept while he was there.

That must be an interesting document indeed. Perhaps another day we shall have time to have extracts read from it on one of our programs.

That, ladies and gentlemen, was Claiborn Walton, descendant of the famous Izaak.

If we had time we could go on and on presenting freshmen who have distinguished themselves by winning contests or honors, or have gone places, or have had unusual experiences, or who are looking forward to fascinating types of work. To paraphrase what Wordsworth said about living in the time of the French Revolution:

Bliss is it in a school to be alive,

But to be a freshman is very heaven.
The administration of the College appoints a member of the faculty as sponsor for each of the four classes. For a number of years Mr. George V. Page, head of the Department of Physics, has been sponsor of the freshman classes, rendering valuable service to the thousands of young people with whom he has come in contact in this capacity. Mr. Page, may we hear from you at this time?

Page

A large group of young men and young women gathered on College Heights September 17 for the beginning of the new school year. This group coming from almost every county in Kentucky and from many other states, is the present Freshman Class. They laughed and joked as they met their old friends and made new acquaintances but underneath this levity one could discern a consciousness of the serious purpose that lay ahead of them in the year's work. One could understand from their actions and conversation that this group expected soon to organize itself into a definite working unit that would help shape the course it would pursue while in college.

But one who has watched many such groups gather in the past could not help seeing that to them, to paraphrase what James Barrie in The Little Minister says of a diary, college life is a book into which they expect to write one story and four years from now they will have written an entirely different story and the humblest hour of their lives will be when they compare what they have written with what they had expected to write.

Western deeply appreciates the confidence that is shown to its administration, and its faculty by the parents and friends of these young people when they chose this college.
as a place for them to pursue the great adventure of the normal youth's life—a college career. Western desires and shall always work for a continuation of this confidence. She expects to continue to provide wholesome surroundings and sound academic training. Western realizes and recognizes that this group, the freshman class, is the foundation for its future graduates. The senior class of four years hence can be no stronger than this group with which it begins to build, plus what is added in the years of training. Western is intensely interested in giving to this group an opportunity to build itself into a great graduating class four years from now and to prepare for real citizenship.

Bowling Green and its citizenship wish to make conditions in this city such as to merit the confidence that has been shown in sending these young people here into their midst. The citizens individually, the business group, the civic clubs and the religious bodies all take this young life into consideration as they plan the program for the year.

As faculty sponsor for this freshman class I assure you that they will be given every opportunity possible at this college and in this city to develop their talents academically, socially, and spiritually.

Moore Thank you, Mr. Page. The officers of the Freshman class were elected a few days ago. They are:

Pat Tanner President
Lelgie Emmick Vice-President
Betty Allen Secretary
Richard Grise Treasurer
Jack Edge Sergeant-at-arms
Tony, I see you haven't put away your bass horn. Will you give us another selection? All right, what will it be?

Mastrolo: "Bells of the Sea."
Moore: "Bells of the Sea," by Alfred Solman.
Mastrolo: "Bells of the Sea."
Moore: Thank you, Tony. Another freshman, Jack Owens, has some announcements to make.

Owens: The annual football game between Western Teachers College and Eastern Teachers College will be played next Saturday in Bowling Green, beginning at two o'clock.

A bronze statue of our late President H. H. Cherry will be unveiled with appropriate memorial ceremonies on the campus of Western Teachers College on Tuesday afternoon, November 16th. The program will begin at 1:30.

Moore: Brice McEuen, also a freshman, has another announcement.

McEuen: An announcement of interest to Western alumni and former students listening in from northern Kentucky. There will be alumni luncheons held at noon during the district teachers meeting at Covington and at Ashland, Friday, November 12th. The faculty speaker at Covington will be Dr. Earl A. Moore. At the Ashland meeting the speaker will be Professor W. J. Craig, otherwise known as "Uncle Billy."

Moore: We leave with the freshmen and our listeners these words of Robert Browning:

Progress, man's distinctive mark alone,
Not God's, and not the beasts!; God is,
they are;
Man partly is, and wholly hopes to be.
Strings  "College Heights," fading for:

Moore  And so concludes the sixtieth presentation in this series from Western Kentucky Teachers College. On today’s all-freshman program you have heard Mr. George V. Page, the faculty sponsor of the Freshman Class, in a Brief talk, a series of interviews with freshmen, bass horn solos by Tony Mastroc, and a soprano solo by Virginia Strohman.

This program has come to you from extension studios in Bowling Green.

We invite you to be with us again next Tuesday to hear a talk on educational problems by Professor M. E. Schell and a brief program of music. This is Earl Moore saying goodbye until next Tuesday at 3:30 C. S. T. and wishing you Life More Life.

( Strings up and Continue)