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Western Teachers College

WHAS Broadcast No. 67
Tuesday, November 23, 1937
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 Western Teachers College presents today a program dealing
with rural life, given by the Cherry Country Life Club, a student
organization. Dr. W. J. Edens, of the Department of Agriculture,
is faculty adviser of the club and serves as master of ceremonies
this afternoon. Dr. Edens.

Edens Good afternoon, radio friends, and especially do we wish to
greet associate members of the Cherry Country Life Club who are
now working in many communities in Kentucky and adjoining states.
We come to you this afternoon with a program which we hope you will
enjoy. It represents, in part, many of our club programs which
have been presented throughout the past years.

And, to begin with, our club quartette is going to sing for
you a song widely known to rural folk, especially to farmer MacDonald.

All right boys, let's go!

Male quartette "Mac Donald's Farm."

Audience Applause.
Ladies and gentlemen: From time to time we are fortunate to have with us at our club meetings a man who is known and loved by the students, faculty, and alumni of Western Kentucky State Teachers College. He is a friend and an inspiration to all who have come to know him. This afternoon he brings greetings to you from the departments of Agriculture and Biology, and he will tell you briefly of Western's interest in rural life. I take pleasure in presenting to you Doctor M. C. Ford, Head of the Ogden Department of Science here at Western. Dr. Ford.

Thank you, Dr. Edens. -- The Cherry Country Life Club exerts a unifying influence on the Department of Agriculture of this college, but agriculture was taught here many years prior to the establishment of this club. Our listeners will probably be interested in a brief statement touching on the introduction and development of agriculture at Western.

It should be remembered that agricultural extension work on a nation-wide basis, as we now know it, was not established until 1914. Four years prior to 1914 agricultural instruction was inaugurated in this college by Dr. Fred Mutchler, then professor of biology, and in 1911, 1912, and 1913 boys' and girls' corn clubs were organized by him in many of the counties of Kentucky. Mr. George V. Page, now Head of the Physics Department of this college, became club director in Jefferson County and the speaker became club director in Daviess County during the summer of 1912. The Western Department of Agriculture was a pioneer in agricultural instruction in American teachers colleges and in the establishment of extension work in Kentucky. Dr. Mutchler became Director
of Extension Work at the Kentucky Experiment station in the fall of 1913, and the speaker was engaged to teach agriculture at Western.

A notable contribution to rural life during this early period was the rural chautauqua work instituted and directed in Warren County by the late Dr. Henry Hardin Cherry. This work was later taken up by the extension service of the Kentucky College of Agriculture and for several seasons was conducted throughout the state. The Cherry County Life Club was so named in recognition of Dr. Cherry's interest in a better country life through agricultural instruction.

Agricultural instruction at Western was of an elementary nature in the earlier years. It was expanded in 1919 to embrace some twenty college credits and to a full four-year college course in 1922 when the Kentucky normal schools were raised to the rank of teachers colleges. The curriculums of Agriculture and Home Economics were officially approved by the state and federal boards for vocational education in the spring of 1924 and the first graduates from these courses were awarded their college diplomas in the summer of that year. Today this college is one of the very few teachers colleges in America to enjoy the distinction of maintaining a four-year accredited course for the training of teachers of vocational agriculture.

Instructional facilities in agriculture have been expanded to meet the ever-increasing demands for this type of educational service. During the post-war years this college enrolled and
instructed more than six hundred disabled ex-service men, the majority of whom enrolled in the vocational courses. To any of these men who may be listening to this program we bring greetings. In 1928 when this college secured a long-term lease on the Ogden College property, instruction in the agricultural and biological sciences was transferred to the Ogden campus and designated as the Ogden Department of Science with the speaker as director of the department. Here we act as host in alternate years to the state Future Farmers of America convention. The Kentucky Academy of Science met with us in 1936.

Instructional facilities of the Ogden Department of Science now include a large and splendidly trained staff of teachers and extensive laboratories and farm lands. We take pride in our achievements through the years and look forward to many more years of improved service to rural life in Kentucky.

**Audience**

**Applause.**

**Edens**

Thank you, Dr. Ford. I am sure all of your audience appreciate the picture you have given which portrays the part Western Kentucky State Teachers College has played in developing life more life, in rural Kentucky.

Well, boys, what next? O yes! I thought I heard shuffling sheets of music, or something like lizards crawling through leaves.

**Ladies and gentlemen:** It looks as though our club quartet is on tap next. What about it C.O.? I knew it.

**Ladies and gentlemen:** Mr. C.O. Evans, of Owensboro is chairman
of our quartette singing, and he will introduce his associates and announce their selection. Mr. Evans.

**Evans** Friends: Quite a number of our club members have good voices—with a wide range. In fact, all the way from bull frogs in the pond to bull dogs and donkeys on the bank. However, this afternoon Mr. Osborne Burd, of Hart County; Mr. Stanley Deboe, of Crittenden County; Mr. Talmage Lovelady, of the State of Alabama, and I are going to sing a requested number.

**Song** "Lowee Song—Working on the Railroad." Applause. "Home on the Range."

**Audience** Applause.

**Edens** Now, my friends, while the boys were singing, one of our campus mike scouts signaled us to cut him in. What do we hear? Listen.

**Miss Arnold** I know that too. Also, this is my first year at Western. Anyway, what is this I hear about the Cherry Country Life Club boys taking the Iva Scott Home Economics Club girls on a possum hunt?

**Hopkins** Oh! That's right. You were not here last year. Well, you have something coming to you. Next week we are taking you girls on a real honest-to-goodness possum hunt. Can you climb trees and barbed-wire fences, jump ditches and walk through briar patches, and er, and do other things? And er, and if you think you might need some help, and er, er, what about me going along with you to assist and er, er.

**Edens** Well, that's enough for you radio fans and possum hunters to see that country boys minds are not always on books just
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because they have turned collegiate.

Well, Osborne: You seem to have found a guitar. How about playing for us?

Burd I'm willing.

Edens Did I hear you say that you have been traveling? Well, anyway, let her go.

Guitar and song  "Traveling On." (Applause) "I Miss You."

Audience Applause.

Edens That was fine Osborne. Made me think of the good old days.

Ladies and gentlemen: You have just heard Mr. Osborne Burd of Hart County, Kentucky, play and sing two selections of his own composition. "Traveling On," and "I Miss You."

And, by the way ladies and gentlemen, a young man is standing close by with a friendly grin on his face. I believe he has something to say to you. And, at this time, I am presenting to you Mr. Carl Wade of Hart County. Carl is President of the Cherry Country Life Club here at Western Kentucky State Teachers College, and he is going to tell you briefly something about this club of ours. Mr. Wade.

Wade The Cherry Country Life Club here at Western had its beginning in the fall of 1925. The club was named for Western's first President, H.H. Cherry. President Cherry was fond of country life and spent the most of his active years in making it a better and happier life.

The club sprang from a feeling by the students and faculty in the department of agriculture, that there was a need for such an
organization for those pursuing a major in agriculture, and, that
the purpose of such a club should be to develop closer
friendship and heartier cooperation among students and
teachers; to develop sincerity, frankness, honesty of pur-
pose and an interest in promoting a finer rural life.

The Cherry Country Life Club is a departmental club and
is open for membership to all students majoring in agriculture
courses. Officers are elected each semester and the club's
sponsor is an appointed member of the agriculture faculty.
The Club's first President was Loice Owen. The first sponsor
was Professor D. R. Theophilis. When Professor Theophilis
left Western in 1927, Dr. W. J. Edens was appointed sponsor
and has served since that time except when on leave of absence.
During this time Professors Charles L. Taylor, J. R. Whitmer
and Basil Cole served as sponsors. Officers of our club at
present are: President, your speaker, Carl Wade of Hart County;
Vice-President, Richard Hopkins of McLean County; Secretary,
Charles Jenkins of Webster County; Treasurer, D. I. Hays of
Warren County; and Reporter, Talmage Lovelady of Alabama.

I am sure a number of those listening in at this time
have served as club officers during the past twelve years and
know of the club's activities. However, I might say that
the relationship of the Cherry Country Life Club members is
personal and contacts are daily for the most of them on various
parts of the campus. Regular meetings are held in the Cedar House in
which all members at different times participate in the club programs. The annual Agricultural-Home Economics 'possum hunt and Home Economics-Agricultural picnic are two of the high lights of the year. Our regular programs embrace not only fellowship and play, but the more formal parts are built around current economic and social problems of country life.

Audience Applause

Edens Thank you, Carl. That was a clear-cut statement of what the Cherry Country Life Club is and what it attempts to do.

Now, radio friends, I hear the boys humming, so something must be coming. How about it fellows? C.O.? O yes! That's right --

Ladies and gentlemen: Mr. C.O. Evans, chairman of our club quartette is going to sing for you "Bells of the Sea."

Evans "Bells of the Sea."

Audience Applause

Edens Ladies and gentlemen: At this time I wish to say that the Cherry Country Life Club is not the only club for agricultural students on this Hill. The high school boys in our Training School who are taking vocational agriculture, taught by Mr. Hayward Brown, are members of an organization known throughout this country as the Future Farmers of America. Mr. Harold Tygrett, President of the local chapter here, is present and he is going to tell you in a few words something about his organization for prospective farmers. Mr. Tygrett.
The Future Farmers of America is a national organization of farm boys studying vocational agriculture in many of the high schools of the United States. Since the founding of the state association in Kentucky in 1930, we have increased gradually to approximately 175 chapters with 6000 boys. In the United States there are 5000 chapters with a total of 150,000 members.

The organization affords an excellent opportunity to train farm boys in some of the fundamental principles of group leadership, recreation, cooperation, thrift, and development of country life. Boys are taught how to conduct meetings and do things in an organized way. Activities such as live stock judging, public speaking and chapter contests are under the supervision of the local teacher of agriculture and the state adviser of F.F.A.

Our chapter, of which I am president, has made progress each year. We have a program of activities that we hope to accomplish, one of which is attending the state camp at Hardinsburg next summer.

Our motto expresses clearly the things we are doing in Future Farmer work:

"Learning to do,
Doing to learn;
Earning to live,
Living to serve."

Thank you, Harold. We appreciate you being here and telling us what your organization is and what it is doing.
for rural youth.

Now, friends, here come the boys again with their guitar—begin playing—

**Quartette**  "Old Grey Bonnet."

**Edens**  Radio friends: This brings our program to a close.

The Cherry Country Life Club of the Western Kentucky State Teachers College now bids you good afternoon as we return the mike to Dr. Earl Moore.

**Moore**  And now we are not forgetting that this is Thanksgiving week. Our studio vocal ensemble directed by Mr. Chester N. Channon, sings Allitsen's "A Song of Thanksgiving."

**Vocal Ensemble**  "A Song of Thanksgiving."

**Strings**  "College Heights," fading for:

**Moore**  And so concludes the sixty-third program in this series, coming to you from Western Teachers College in Bowling Green.

You have heard today the Cherry Country Life Club, with Dr. W.J.Edens as master of ceremonies, with talks by Dr. M.C. Ford, head of the Ogden Department of Science; Mr. Carl Wade, president of the Club; Harold Tygrett, president of the local chapter of the Future Farmers of America; music by the Club quartette consisting of C.O. Evans, Jr., Talmage Lovelady, Stanley Deboe, and Osborne Burd; with solos by Mr. Burd and Mr. Evans and a Thanksgiving selection by our studio vocal ensemble, directed by Mr. Chester N. Channon, and accompanied by the string section.
We invite you to be with us next Tuesday at 3:30 C. S. T., when you will hear the Girls' Glee Club and Sextette, and a talk on vocational guidance by Mr. E. H. Canon, our registrar.

This is Earl Moore saying goodbye until next Tuesday and wishing you Life More Life.

(Strings up and continue)