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Cousins Wallop Antler Society

Antlers Were Out-hit and Out-pitched; Cousins Winning Fast Game 5 to 3.

The intense rivalry that has been growing hotter between the two boys' literary societies sprang into flame Tuesday afternoon when the Cousins took the Antlers into camp, dehorning them to the tune of 5 to 3.

The game was unusually fast for a society fracas, and as the score indicates, was close enough to keep the interest at a high point all the time. Captains Boatwright, of the Cousins, and Tucker, of the Antlers, chose for their batteries Mitchell and Allen, and Terry and Bloxham respectively. Both Mitchell and Terry pitched good ball, allowing few clean hits, but Mitchell kept his scattered well; while Terry weakened when hits meant runs. McClellan parked the only homer, which passed Sanders like a bullet and rolled to the center-field fence. McDonald rapped out a couple of long hits, one of which would have been a homer had he not cut corners at first and second.

Capt. Boatwright kept up persistent attempts to score from the first minute. His aggressiveness was rewarded in the second inning when Mitchell hit and scored on Helm's neat single. A few minutes later Rutherford crossed the rubber. For several innings the score stood 2 to 0 in favor of the hard-hitting Cousins.

Tucker talked his fielding stars into a rally in the fifth inning. Errors by Hill and Cope led Bloxham in. The next inning McDonald played in luck and scored unassisted.

Spurred on by loyal rooters, both societies tried to break the tie and win. Tight fielding stopped many rallies, which looked dangerous. Tucker, Cope, Helm and Robinson pulled down hard chances frequently. Ford in center field was given some hard flies which bounced wickedly. The tie was unbroken until Cope was scored with accurate hitting. During the next few innings rallies were started and cut down in big league fashion. In the eighth inning the indomitable "Pinkie," of Cousins fame, strode to the plate and placed a hit where no Antler waited. McClellan wasn't satisfied with the Cousins lead; and feeling a lot of extra pep in his system, he smashed out a fly which was relayed some time after "Bill" had received his cheers and sat down. The score now stood 5 to 2. Desperate, the Antlers staged a ninth inning rally which threatened to affect the score book. Simms hit, and taking advantage of an error and a play to first base, tried to score. He was tagged but called safe because he was blocked off the plate. Mitchell's team-mates let two men get on bases with only one down. With two balls and no strikes on an Antler who usually hits, the situation looked serious at a first glance. But only for a moment. Helm stabbed a hot grounder at second, touched the bag, and whipped the ball to McClellan. The play was almost instantaneous, and put the skids under the Antler machine. "Big" Key cast his shadow behind the twirlers, while Henson was observed prowling around the bases.

Miss Brackney, of the Training School Faculty was a guest at the meeting or the Kiwanis Club of Amarillo on May 18. She spoke in the interest of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, explaining its organization, its aims, and the reason why the Panhandle people should co-operate in the preservation of the history of their section. The members of the club responded very generously to Miss Brackney's suggestions.

Canyon Wins Tennis Match

After spending two days in idleness at Clarendon, the Canyon tennis team finally went into action last Monday, and succeeded in defeating the Bulldogs in both doubles and singles. On account of the threatening weather it was decided best to play three sets of singles and five sets of doubles.

The games in the doubles were:
1st Set—Canyon 6—Clarendon 2.
2nd Set—Canyon 5—Clarendon 7.
3rd Set—Canyon 8—Clarendon 6.
4th Set—Canyon 8—Clarendon 6.
In the singles they were:
1st Set—Canyon 6—Clarendon 2.
2nd Set—Canyon 6—Clarendon 2.
Wander and Smalley represented Clarendon College; while Wells and Younger defended the Normal colors. During their entire stay, the Canyon men were royally treated, and they left with deep respect and appreciation of the prowess and sportsmanship of their Clarendon opponents.

Cousins Win Debate Over the Antlers

Loving Cup and Medals will be Presented to the Cousins Society on Commencement Day.

In the first inter-society debate between the Antlers and Cousins Literary Societies last Thursday evening, a two to one decision was rendered in favor of the affirmative, the Cousins. As the clock struck 7:30, seventy-five Antlers and Elapheians, decorated in gold and white, marched down the east aisle of the auditorium to their prescribed seats, while seventy-five Cousins and Sesames, decorated in blue, purple and white, filled the seats on the west side.

Urged on and encouraged by the cheers of their respective societies, Lewis Hardin and Charles Wilson, Antler representatives; Emmitt Hazelwood and Allen King, Cousins representatives, stepped upon the platform to engage in a battle to uphold the honor of their respective societies.

President Hill, who acted as chairman, gave the judges their instructions, and read the question for discussion, which is as follows: Resolved, That a division of the State of Texas into two or more states would be to the best interest of the people in the state.

When the war clouds had disappeared, and the blustering winds quieted, two society presidents crossed "no man's land" to present a bouquet of flowers to each team; and, when the decision of the judges was read, seventy-five Cousins and Sesames went off the floor with a united yell. Although the Antler representatives had lost, the Antlers and Elapheians were equally proud of Hardin and Wilson's brave fight. "Success does not come in every fight."

A loving cup, donated by Mr. Hill, will be presented to the Cousins Literary Society on Commencement day. Medals will also be given to King and Hazelwood.

VOCATIONAL AGRICULTURAL HOG WEIGHING CONTEST

The final Hog Weighing contest of the Normal Training School was held Friday afternoon, May 27, at 2 p. m. The contest was open for any hog or live stock man who cared to contest with the boys with the exception of county agent C. F. Walker. The boys, however found when the time arrived for the finals that no outsider cared to try them out. Prof. Phillips, who had been training the boys for the contest, had offered prizes for the three highest guesses. These prizes were each a year's subscription to the Country Gentleman.

Park Lewis, formerly of Colorado, now a Canyon boy came first with a total miss of thirty-two pounds out of six hogs. Sherman Attaway, from Hart, Texas, came second with a total of thirty seven points off, while Edmund Oatis of Canyon was third with forty pounds to the red.

This type of work has proved very interesting to the boys in the Normal and is probably one of the most popular courses offered. Every boy who studied Vocational Agriculture this year had to keep a project of some kind. This project in most instances consisted of a hog. The boys are now making out their reports on their animals. Their reports count a certain percentage on their year's work in the training school. Many other schools in the Panhandle have expressed their desire to add the same kind of work to their curriculum.

Regents Approve Fair Proposition

President J. A. Hill states that the Board of Regents approved the request of the Randall County Fair Association for the use of the Normal grounds for the purpose of holding the annual County Fair.

C. F. Walker, secretary-manager of the Randall County Fair, submitted to Mr. Hill a proposition for the use of the grounds, and permission to remodel the machine shed which now stands on the grounds into a modern sales pavilion, which will be for the use of the agricultural department when the Fair is not in session.

Mr. Hill states that the members of the Board were glad to grant the request of the Fair Association.—Randall County News.

Miss Ruth Boyd of Plains, Texas, paid the Normal a visit last week.

Lora Kibbe, a '20 graduate, was here last Friday. She has been teaching at Vega for the past year.

Miss Mable Smith of Tucumcari, N. M., visited friends here Friday.

UNIVERSITY OF OKLA. MAN TO BECOME DIRECTOR ATHLETICS

The outlook for athletics at the Normal next year is exceedingly bright.

We started the season in September last year practically one month late, but under the entergetic management of Coach McCorkle we soon whipped into line a good foot-ball team and made a very creditable record, considering the handicap. As the basketball season approached it became evident that the Normal had a winning team. Succeeding events did not disappoint us, for, without doubt, we had one of the best college teams in Texas. All that we lacked to appear in class with Texas, Rice, and A. M., was a chance to play them. The basketball team got off on the wrong foot and lost a few initial games, but quickly recovered and more than redeemed itself. Our victories over Southwest Texas Normal, Central Normal, Okla., and Clarendon College easily established our supremacy among schools of our class.

With this record for the year and the opening of a football training camp early in September, the outlook brightens. Moreover, we have received for next year the services of a coach who has a splendid record, both as a Director of Athletics and as a school man.

S. D. Burton, assistant coach this year at the University of Oklahoma, will become Director of Athletics Sept. 1. Mr. Burton has worked under Bennie Owen, Oklahoma's nationally renowned coach, for several years and Mr. Owen speaks of him in highest terms, both as a man and as a coach. He has also coached several high school teams and for two years was coach at Weatherford, Oklahoma, Normal. While at the last named place he had marvelous success with his teams. The following newspaper clippings are significant:

From the Weatherford Democrat, Weatherford, Okla.

If you failed to see the game between Southwestern and the Methodist football teams last Friday you missed a treat. The game started with a dash and got faster as it progressed. When the final whistle blew it was found that the Southwestern boys had amassed a total score of 82 to 0 for the visitors. Such wins as this is something new for Southwestern as we have never been considered strong in football.

From the Weatherford Democrat:

After winning the game with the Methodist University last Friday a week ago, some of the fans feared that the team might become somewhat "Chesty" and let up with their work. But after last Friday's demonstration with the Kingfisher College all fear as to that has been expelled. It sure looked good to see our boys tear in to the Kingfisher huskies, who outweighed us ten pounds to the man, and give them the trouncing they did. It would be impossible to name the stars. They were all stars. Play seemed to get faster from the time the whistle started play until the final whistle. The final score was 67 to nothing in favor of Southwestern.

Referee McRea said he never saw a team show such speed as did Southwestern lads. He said he would not follow them through another game at all, without working out for track beforehand.

From the Tulsa World, Tulsa, Okla.

"At Weatherford for the first time in the history of the school they have made a very creditable showing in football. The team is coached by Sam D. Burton, an O. U. star of former years. He has developed one of the speediest teams in the state and one that carries the offensive to the opponent and keeps him on the defense most of the time."

(The above was taken from a general resume of football in the state at the close of the season in 1916).

From the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City.—All Star Football Selection.

"In selecting the all state team the writer has conferred with all the officials who have worked most of the games and with most of the coaches. It will be noted that Southwestern of Weatherford has placed but one man on the mythical eleven despite the fact that she was second in the conference race. This is due to the fact that the team won most of its games as the result of team work rather than the play of one or two individuals. The team was one of the best coached teams appearing in the state this year."

From the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma City. Stillwater, Oklahoma.

"The Southwestern teachers came over and put on a demonstration of real basketball for the benefit of the A. & M. College students last night. It is something out of the ordinary for a normal school team to beat a college, but that is just what happened. Burton, coach of the Normalites, undoubtedly has one of the best coached teams that has ever appeared on the A. & M. court. The Aggies were able to score but one field goal in the whole game, while the Normal lads scored at will. The final count was 28 to 6."

From the Daily Oklahoman of Oklahoma City. Norman, Okla.

"Sooner basketball fans had a real treat last night when Sam Burton's teachers all but gave the Oklahoma University basketball team a trimming. The game was undoubtedly the fastest that has ever been played on the Oklahoma court. Some said it was uninteresting, because they could never keep up with who had the ball. The final score was 31 to 32 which shows that it was anybody's game. And we feel that we were lucky to have the long end of the score when the timer called the game.

Burton is an old Sooner star and he certainly is imparting his knowledge to his underlings."

Under Coach Burton's direction at Weatherford the Normal there won second place in the state in football and first place in track and basketball the first year. During his second year there his team won third place in state football and first place in basketball, baseball, and track. In the track and field meet held by the U. of Okla. for the six State Normals and the denominational colleges of the State, Burton's team easily won first place.

Since making the above record he has been closely associated with Bennie Owen, who is considered the best coach in the Missouri Valley Conference and one of the cleanest sportsmen in the profession.

Burton has a wife and one child and is a member of the Methodist church. He holds a B. A. degree from the University of Oklahoma and has completed most of his work for the Master's degree. He has taught in almost all branches of public school work, though he is yet a young man, and has the spirit and ideals of a genuine teacher.

Misses Rambo, Bell and Watkins entertained the graduates of the Home Economics Department with a "42" party on Saturday evening, May 28. The guests present were Misses Bernice Parker, Mary Isaacs, Bernice McGee, Margaret Carmichael, Joe Pennington, Dora Ward, Mary Cooper, Ruth Rankin, and Mrs. J. J. Powell.

Buffalo is Now College Mascot

Vote of Student Body Friday After Two Days Discussion In Chapel.

"See! a dusky line approaches; hark! the onward-surging roar,

Like the din of wintry breakers on a sounding wall of shore!

Dust and sand behind them whirling, snort the foremost of the van,

And the stubborn horns are striking through the crowded caravan."

This is what the rooters will see when the Normal College Buffaloes trample their opponents in the dust in the football games next fall.

The need of a college mascot and emblem had been felt by the faculty and student body for several years, although no decisive steps had been taken until Wednesday morning of last week, when the proposition was put before the assemblage at chapel.

The movement was launched following the publication of a little poem in the last issue of "The Prairie" entitled "The Mascot of the Campus."

The question was discussed by faculty members and students until Wednesday morning at chapel, when Miss Lizzie Kate Smith asked for nominations for the College mascot. The prairie dog, the coyote, and the buffalo were the first names suggested. After several heated arguments, it was decided to leave the election until Thursday morning.

All Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning "word battles" raged in the corridors, the library, and the boarding houses. For one time, at least, practically everybody was anxious for chapel time to come.

When the enthusiastic mob again assembled, the chaparral and the badger were added to the list of nominees; a Patrick Henry arose here, a Demosthenes there, then a Daniel Webster, and a Cicero, each "running down" the other man's candidate, each boosting his own. Then, the vote. Ah, the Buffalo has it, the Buffalo, the Monarch of the Panhandle!

From this day hence, that stately and regal mammal of the west will be the mascot and emblem of the West Texas State Normal College. Our football teams, our basket ball teams, our base ball teams, our track teams,—all, will be known as Buffaloes. When the picture of Big Ben, whose head hangs in the main entrance, is seen, it will bring this institution into the minds of the Texas people. He is a symbol of stateliness, strength, endurance, determination, and co-operation.

Fall Training Camp For Football

Our experience in the fall of 1920 in not having our team ready for real work by the time the other schools of this section of the state did, has made it imperative that a training camp be maintained. This condition is due to the fact that we do not begin our fall quarter as soon as the other schools do; hence they are from two to three weeks ahead of us in preparation for the fall games. It is also necessary on account of the fact that the football season closes with Thanksgiving and the number of games for an adequate schedule can not be got in if there is no pre-season training.

This training will begin on Monday, September fifth and continue until the beginning of school on September twenty-first. This will be an invitation meet purely; that is, a committee will canvas the names of those that can be here and select twenty-five or thirty of these. The institution will pay board and room for those who are in training.

This mode of training will enable coaches to do a much more intensive grade of work than is ever possible when training is done in connection with the regular school work. In addition to the field work, which in all probability will be done twice per day, special attention will be given to the rules of the game and interpretations put on them. This will especially prepare those who expect to do coaching in football when they go out to teach.

Those that are interested in seeing the West Texas State Normal College put out a successful team in the fall of 1921, will please send in the names of High School graduates who are especially good prospects and are intending to be here in the fall. We especially urge former members of the team to work for the success of this undertaking. If you are to be here, send in your name that you may get on the chosen list and by doing so get your training camp expenses paid.

The united effort on the part of alumni, students and friends will make this undertaking a success.

Normal Buffaloes Now Champions

McCorkle's Nine Won the Panhandle Championship—Two Straight Games From Clarendon College.

Our brilliant first-team closed the season by making a clean sweep of the series with Clarendon College the 17th and 18th, thereby winning the undisputed championship of the Panhandle. Smalley was hit for 8 runs against 3 off Helm, in the first game, and Boatwright had the better of the second, 6 to 4.

Tuesday found the diamond a lake; but the wind, with a little assistance at third base, covered the water with sand, and the game was called on time. The Clarendon elements tried to make Methodists of our boys by sprinkling them liberally each inning. Smalley and his wonderful smile had our athletes puzzled until the fourth inning when Mitchell managed to score. The game stood 2 to 1 until the seventh inning. Smalley literally "blew up," allowing 6 hits for 7 runs before the race track was blocked. The eighth was like most of the other innings—minus the smile. An earned run was annexed by the Methodists in the ninth, but the fans trudged sadly homeward.

Took Second Game Too

The next day our hosts were busily engaged in dragging the diamond which was almost dry. Coach McCorkle remarked "The more they drag it, the more we will beat them." The College team was determined to win, and they were unmoved when Helm crossed the plate in the second inning and Bloxham in the third. They squeezed a pair of runs in the fifth, but Helm and Terry took a new lead in the same inning. Simms and Helm saw fit to annex another pair in the seventh. Clarendon surprised herself by scoring a couple of runs in the eighth, which made the final result 6 to 4 in our favor.

We Had Rooters Also!

Clarendon player: "Who are those 'rubes' in the grand-stand?" Answered the loyal sixteen: "We are Canyonites!" Too much credit cannot be given those sixteen Odd Fellows. They out-rooted the Clarendon crowd and encouraged our team on to victory.

Although Clarendon's pep evaporated after the first game, she spared no efforts in making the team comfortable and providing amusements.

Public Speaking Department Gives Recital

The Public Speaking Department gave a delightful recital Thursday afternoon, May 19, at 3:30 o'clock.

PROGRAM

The Gift of the Magi.....O. Henry
Tip Bradford
The Marshes of Glynn.....Sidney Lanier
Robert Hill

The Sire de Moletrout's Door.....
Robert L. Stevenson
Jessie eGraftenreid

Speaking of Operations.....Irvin Cobb
W. Archie Jordan
Vive la France.....Caroline Crawford
Frances Ramsey

A Rolling Stone.....Robert Service
Wayne O'Keefe
When Elizabeth Went Home.....

Ethel Bowman Ronald
Annie Kate Ferguson

The "Gift of the Magi" was beautifully rendered by Miss Tip Bradford. The physical and vocal response was sympathetically shown throughout the selection.

The "Marshes of Glynn," by Sidney Lanier, was read, with fine appreciation of its lyric quality, by Robert Hill.

Miss DeGraftenreid's character portrayals, in the romantic selection by Stevenson, were excellent in type.

"Speaking of Operations" speaks for itself in that it was truly inimicable in character, and heaped with Irvin Cobb's own manner.

"Vive la France" was read in a very sweet, sympathetic manner. The blending of delicacy with emotional intensity gave color to the appreciative quality.

The breadth with which "The Rolling Stone" was given gave a joyful atmosphere of out-of-doors. The voice and depth of appreciation were unusually good.

Annie Kate Ferguson came last with a beautiful closing number. Her dramatic intensity and clear diction were marked points of excellence.

Prof. J. A. Hill, president of the West Texas State Normal College at Canyon, addressed the Rotarians in the interest of the Panhandle Historical Society and requested their co-operation in the collection of historical relics now being made at the Normal by the Society.—Amarillo News.

All Railroads Offer Reduced Rates

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It will soon be time for our new Editorial Staff for "The Prairie" to begin its work. We will expect of them fully as much as the present staff has accomplished. With more interest and support from the students, they ought to put out an A-1 paper. Therefore let those of us who are going to be here this summer, boost our paper and help the new Staff in their work.

—D. H.

Music Department Presents Pianists

An interesting number of the course of individual Pupils' recitals in the department of music was given Friday afternoon, May 20, by Miss Pauline Rice, pianist, assisted by Miss Grace Brewer, violinist. Miss Rice has been a consistent student in the music department for several years, and her work in this recital shows splendid progress, both for herself and for the department. Her Mozart was played clearly and with intelligent perception. Her program was well chosen and was genuinely appreciated by the audience.

Miss Grace Brewer is a most promising and capable young violinist, her number being quite ambitious for one of her years; however she played it splendidly.

The Moszkowski dances played by Piano Ensemble class No. 1 were beautiful.

The last number of the Individual Pupils' Recitals in the Department of music was given Thursday afternoon, May 26, by Miss Corrie Rankin, pianist, assisted by Miss Wilda Slagle. Both of these young ladies are quite young and did credit to themselves and the department. Miss Rankin bids fair to be a most capable pianist, playing now with unusual technical precision as well as with splendid conception of musical phrasing. Her Whelpy number was received enthusiastically by the audience.

Miss Slagle is a new student with us, possessing a splendid voice of unusual power and range. Her Hadyn song was delightful. Some will remember it as having been one of Miss Sharlow's numbers in her program here early in the spring. We hope Miss Slagle will continue her work in the department since she gives such splendid promise.

Piano Ensemble Class No. 1 played a very unique number in the Saint Saens "Dance Macabre." The ensemble numbers are always enjoyable.

Home Economics Exhibit

On Friday, May 27, the Home Economics Department of the West Texas State Normal College will be open to visitors from two to five o'clock P. M., (College Time).

The annual exhibit will consist of work done by Ninth Grade, Second Year Normal, Sophomore College, and Special Millinery Classes. The articles displayed will consist of rugs, household furnishings, wearing apparel, dresses and hats.

The staff of the Home Economics Department extends a cordial invitation to the friends of the students and all interested in the educational development of the womanhood of the 20th century.

On Thursday evening, April 28, Lula Bowman, Olney Newberry, Mary Cooper, Gary Simms, Louise Simpson, E. C. Perkerson, Miriam Anderson, Lyan Johnson, Orlean Arrington, Dan Sanders, Mary Meinicke, Bryan McDonald, and Walter Broughton, honored Miss Olive Michael with a surprise party at the home of Miss Lula Bowman.

Miss Lorene Pearce, a former student of the West Texas State Normal College, is planning to be here for the summer quarter.

Miss Roxie McCann, a former student of this institution, left last week for Kentucky where she will make her future home.

COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

May 29-June 4, 1921

*All Programs Central Time

SUNDAY MORNING, MAY 29, 1921, 10:30

Religious Exercises
Doxology Assembly
Invocation Rev. B. F. Fronabarger
Gloria Assembly
Scripture Reading Rev. Ted P. Holifield
Hymn No. 57 Assembly
Announcements Pres. J. A. Hill
Anthem—"The Heavens are Telling"—Hadyn Choir
Sermon Rev. Roy Rutherford
First Christian Church, Amarillo, Texas.
Hymn No. 22 Assembly
Benediction Rev. Simeon Shaw

THURSDAY EVENING, JUNE 2, 6:00

Alumni Banquet—6:00 to 8:00.
Concert by College Orchestra—8:00.

FRIDAY, 9:30 A. M.

Class Day Exercises

Training School Section—Miss Anna Hibbets, Director
First and Second Year Normal Classes—
(1) Miss Mary Dochery, (2) Mr. Frank Farmer, Directors
Freshman College Class—Mr. Dean Crawford, Director
Sophomore College Class—Mr. Chas. Wilson, Director
Junior College Class—Mr. Mody C. Boatright, Director
Senior College Class—Miss Lizzie Kate Smith, Director

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 2:30 to 4:30

Art Exhibit by Various Sections

FRIDAY EVENING, 8:30

Play Presented by School of Expression
"The Prince of Liars"—Sydney Grundy

COMMENCEMENT DAY

SATURDAY, JUNE 4, 9:30 A. M.

Selection by—College Orchestra
Address—Judge A. B. Watkins,
Member Board of Regents, Athens, Texas.
Selection by—College Orchestra
Presentation of Certificates and Diplomas and conferring of
Degrees—Pres. J. A. Hill
Closing Song—Alma Mater—Student Body

To the First Year Normal Class of 1921-22 we, The First Year Normal Class of 1920-21, bequeath the following pleasures:

First, the experience of enrolling, and to those who come from unaffiliated schools the pleasure of taking entrance examinations.

Second, the feeling that one has when he does not know what to do, how to act or where to go.

Third, the pleasure of "rubbing around" after some of the shyness has worn off.

Fourth, the condescending attitude of the College classes toward us.

Fifth, the pleasure of a private conference with Mr. Morelock or Miss Hudspeth.

Sixth, the pleasure of learning to use the library.

Seventh, the pleasure of failing in Math. 11c.

We hope the 1921-22 class will accept this legacy with gratitude and do their best to keep the first year standard at the very top.

News Notes

Mr. Dewey Allen of Perryton, Texas, a student of last year, is coming back for summer school.

Miss Mary Rose, who taught last year at Shamrock, is here for summer school.

Mr. Lawrence Hill, who is a cousin of President Hill, and a graduate of this institution, received his M. A. degree from the University of California May 10, of this year. He will remain in the University until the end of next year, when he expects to receive his Ph. D. degree.

Miss Annie Wood, a former student of the West Texas State Normal College, who has been teaching in Hope, New Mexico, has returned to her home at Cisco.

Miss Ura Crawford, who has been teaching at Dalhart, has returned home.

Mr. James McLaughlin of Las Cruces, New Mexico, visited Miss Roberta McKnight last week.

Zenith Gumm spent the week-end at her home in Miami.

Mr. John S. Richburg, from Friona, visited his sister, Mabel Richburg, last week-end.

Miss Ethel Crawhorn, who has been teaching at the Valley View School, will be a student of the Normal this summer.

Miss Helen Bishop, who has just finished teaching a term of school at the Stone School, is back with Canyon friends.

Mr. Wallace O'Keefe has withdrawn from school to help on his father's farm near Cuyler.

The High School closed last week after a successful term. Mr. Sone is to be superintendent for another year.

Miss Emma Key, a former student of this institution, finished her school at Tulsa and returned home last Saturday.

Mr. Everett Key returned home Saturday from his school at Farwell, where he has been teaching manual training the past year.

Eugene Devereaux and wife, of El Paso, will be here for the summer school. Eugene is a former Normal student.

James Younger, a former student of this institution, who joined the Army last July as Second Lieutenant, was promoted to the rank of Captain on March fourteenth. He is one of the youngest captains in the United States Army. Captain Younger was first sent to New York, where he had charge of the salvage department, and was director of one hundred and fifty men, as a Salvage Officer. He then became Assistant Quarter-master at Port Newark, New Jersey. While there he directed four hundred assistants. Captain Younger is now in Paris, France, helping clear up the American property there. His friends are very proud to hear of his advancement.

Mr. B. A. Stafford Jr., who is graduating from the Medical department of the University of Texas, has an internship in the State Hospital in Sacramento, California.

Miss White, who has been attending Columbia University, will be with us again during the summer.

Miss Fay Steen who was a student of W. T. S. N. C., two years ago is valedictorian of the graduating class of Graham high school this year.

Mr. Bennet Nance, who has been attending "The Peacock Military Academy," was a visitor in Canyon last week.

Miss Annie Lee Anderson, who has been teaching school at Silverton, has recently arrived in Canyon where she will spend the summer in school.

Mr. Vaughn Winn spent the week-end in Canyon. Mr. Winn has been working on his father's ranch near Mulshoe.

Mr. J. T. Turner, a former student of the Normal, who taught in the Canyon High School in 1918, will attend the Normal this summer.

Miss Hazel Park, a former student of the Normal, who has been teaching at Farwell, has returned to her home in Amarillo.

Miss Hazel Allen, who is studying music in Los Angeles, California, writes that she recently had as her guest Miss Kline, who was at one time head of the music department of our school.

Warren Daniel, of Lockney, spent the week-end with his cousin, Miss Olga Wiseman.

Miss Irene Angel, a former student, who has been attending Emerson College at Boston, Mass., has returned to Canyon.

Miss Winnie Mae Crawford has withdrawn from school. She accompanied her parents and sister, Miss Ura, on an overland trip to Michigan.

Mr. Floyd Golden, a former student of this institution, who was principal of Friona High School, has closed his work. It is understood that he will enter school here at the beginning of the summer term.

Mrs. Willie Catheart, who has been teaching school near Tulsa, has recently returned to Canyon where she will attend the summer session of the Normal.

Mr. J. A. Hill was in Quanah Friday, where he delivered a commencement address to the Quanah high school.

Miss Margaret Guenther returned to Canyon May 28, from Chicago, where she has been studying voice.

Farewell Program of Elapheian Literary Society

The farewell program of the Elapheian Literary Society on Thursday evening, May 19, was unique as well as inspirational. The Seniors, who are to receive their Baccalaureate degrees this spring were called on to say goodbye to the Society as follows:

Vale—Sara Thompson
Adios—Gracie Penrod
Aufwiedersehen—Lizzie Kate Smith
Q. E. D.—Ruth Thompson
Coffee and Mints—Bernice Parker
Some of these students are charter members and have loyally supported the Society since its founding. They said that, although they would soon be leaving this college, they would never cease to be Elapheians. The Society regrets to lose these enthusiastic workers and wishes them the greatest success in their future work.

Powell-Savage

A quiet but pretty home wedding was solemnized Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock when the Rev. M. F. Gathright, pastor of Tabernacle Baptist Church, united Miss Pansy Powell and W. S. Savage in marriage at the home of Mrs. M. C. Cochran, 901 Elm street.

The home was beautifully embellished for the occasion with choice spring flowers and blossoms. Just before the wedding party entered Miss Una Merrick gave a violin solo after which Lohengrin wedding march was played by Mrs. T. C. Cochran. Miss Jessie DeGraftenreid of Canyon, was brides maid and Roy Merrick acted as best man.

The bride was attractive in a dark blue crepe de chine dress and wore a corsage bouquet of bride's roses. The bridesmaid wore a blue and white crepe de chine costume and wore a corsage bouquet of sweet peas.

Following the impressive ring ceremony an informal reception was held after which the couple went to their home 1505 Buchanan Street.

Mr. Savage is connected with the post office and Mrs. Savage is principal of Glenwood school—Amarillo News.

Miss Powell is a former student of this institution, and has a great many friends here.

Ninth Grade Style Show

Under the supervision of Miss Bell of the Department of Home Economics, the girls of the ninth grade have been studying clothing as to appropriateness of design in color, lines, utility, and economy as related to individual needs. So on Wednesday afternoon at the regular class period they staged a style show for the purpose of seeing the final results of the year's work.

The articles exhibited were kimono aprons, morning dresses, middy suits, and skirts worn by Grace Barnett, Corinne Brown, Marie Downing, Opal Helton, Jeanne Vetesk, and Nannie Mae Whittenburg.

The garments showed that the girls had an appreciation for economy and utility, and that they had appropriated to their individual needs the training given in line and color.

Those present at the "show" were Misses Rambo, Brackney, Watkins, Malone; and Misses Cooper and McGee, who are practice teachers in this class. A delightful surprise came at the conclusion, when Miss Rambo's Sophomore class served ice cream and vanilla wafers.

Home Economics Luncheon

The last of a series of luncheons being given by the Department of Home Economics was served Friday, May 20 in the College dining-room to Mr. and Mrs. Terrill and their guests, Dr. and Mrs. Ingham; Mr. and Mrs. Donald; Miss Teague; Mrs. Donald's sister; Miss Lamb; Miss Brigham; Miss Hill; and Miss MacLaran.

Little yellow daisies gathered from the campus, artistically arranged in four bud vases and a basket of black, made a charming table decoration. The following delectable menu was served:

Fruit Cocktail
Cold Tongue Glazed Corn Fritters
Creamed Asparagus on Toast
Clover Leaf Rolls Butter Balls
Dixie Relish
Apple Jelly
Apricot Sherbet Gold Cake
Mints Tea
Salted Nuts

Into the Movie World

The physiognomies of eight hundred Normal and Training School students were snapped by the movie camera last Tuesday morning as they marched down the walk in front of the main building. The "scene" will appear in the Pathe Weekly News pictures, which are shown in theatres all over the United States. The picture, together with six other reels, will be shown in the College Auditorium next Wednesday night.

Mr. Ben Terrill, who has been teaching in the Clayton, New Mexico High School, visited his brother, R. A. Terrill, last week.

Miss Teague, of Amarillo spent last week-end with her sister, Mrs. Robert Donald.

Mr. Frank R. Phillips will attend Cornell University this summer.



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have echoed upon the Normal field, as well as hundreds of yells from other colleges. We will adapt them to our needs. We especially desire original songs or yells. We offer subscriptions to "The Prairie" (Summer Term) for the first three collections (10 or more) of yells to reach us. Special prizes and proper credits in the booklet will be given for acceptable, original songs. Do not disappoint us! Mail your collection to Olin E. Hinkle, Canyon, Texas, any time before Sept. 1st.

A Day Spent in the Sun

On Monday May 9, a Packard made itself worthy of its name by transporting, without mishap, a jolly company of young people out to the McReynolds Canyons. Mr. Walter Broughton and Miss Olive Michael were host and hostess of this jocular party. Mr. Gary Simms and Miss Mary Cooper were appointed official guides, and the descent into the Canyons began. The falls were reached after a long toilsome hour, during which bits of cake and sandwiches were left by the trail. The chaperon, Miss Miriam Ander-

son, was a commanding figure at lunch. She billeted bacon, sandwiches, olives, pickles, cake and coffee to Captain Lyman Johnson. But Louise Simpson and Edgar Perkerson outwitted the chaperon, for it was sometime later that Mary Meinike and Bryan McDonald found a complete "lunch for two" hidden in a log.

Dan Sanders reminded the forgetful pleasure seekers that it was a rocky road to the top of the hill and that Orlean Arrington was a tenderfoot.

"When trouble is highest,

Help is nearest."

Sure enough when Miss Arrington said "I can not go another step," two gallant cowboys came riding, seemingly for her rescue. But it was Miss Lula Bowman and J. Mack Noble who ascended the white steed.

"Chaffeur's will be chaffeurs," but this one was an exception; at five o'clock, chaffeur, party, and Packard started home.

High School Plays

Recently two very creditable plays have been given in the auditorium of the West Texas State Normal College: "And Home Came Ted," by students of the Amarillo high school; and "Dot, the Miner's Daughter," by students of the Canyon High School.

The public demand for the legitimate stage is manifesting itself not only in the large centers of the United States but in the small towns and communities as well. The motion picture show, rightly managed, has a legitimate place in the education of boys and girls; but the many melodramatic performances which have been produced for commercial purposes have stimulated shallow and false emotion to the extent of threatening the very life of the legitimate stage.

This reaction against scenic display and melodramatic story parading in the guise of art is a very wholesome sign and gives promise of better days for the legitimate stage. Most people learn to like the substance, both physical and spiritual, upon which they feed or feast daily. But the fact that our better nature has grown tired of the commonplace and is demanding something more genuine is encouraging to those who believe that life, after all, is a serious business and should be faced thoughtfully. Relief scenes are necessary, but they must not be made to take the place of the main story.

Not only this, but the experience afforded by the presentation of these plays by high school students is valuable training in sensing the worthwhile and in distinguishing the true from the false. The ability to live in imagined situations broadens character and makes us more tolerant of situations which do not always square with our preconceived notions. Besides, this training develops in students self-composure before large audiences and gives good practices in the reading of lines so necessary to a thorough understanding of plays.

Imagine—

Mr. Reid with a new Ford.
Mr. Stafford a gym teacher.
Mr. Sheffy without a smile.
Mr. Mahan as a "bronc rider."
Mr. Ives with a pompadour.
Lola Luttrell six feet two inches in height.
Miss Lamb reading a funny paper.
John Matney without his chewing gum.
Mr. Morelock smiling.

Harry Chenoweth without an inspiration.
Knox Thomas selling papers.
Louie LeGrande forgetting to hang his hat on Miss Boulware's desk.
Grover Carver a public speaker.
Cleo Woodward not meeting her classes in the corridor.

Mr. Wallace Clark coughing.
Mr. Dufflot refusing to talk.
Mr. Morelock teaching Harold Bell Wright.

Mr. Guenther jumping the campus fence.

Miss MacLaren without her "patience."

Roy Golden in a country where there are many "Martins."

Miss Aiken singing a solo.

Mr. Ives without his milk pail.

Amy Daniel without freckles.

A. D. Parker "stepping out."

President Hill smoking.

Mrs. Platt a book agent.

Jo Della Pennington not working "trig."

Mr. Mahan not saying "What does it cost?"

Coach McCorkle a preacher.

Shirley Scott giving Miss Boulware a perfectly typed exercise.

Mr. T. M. Clark out of humor.

Andrew Allen sitting still.

Miss Harriet Graham without an announcement.

Harvey Johnson embarrassed.

Anyone making A in Math. 23.

Keener Hudson, a former student, paid the College a visit last week.

Roy Baker of Munday, Texas, was here last week. He is contemplating entering this school next year.

Hubert Rutherford's father visited here last week.

Miss Nelson of Lamesa is visiting Miss Yates of the Training School Faculty.

Mr. Bryant Baker, who was a member of the Training School here, in 1913, has just finished his first year's teaching at Follet, Texas. He visited friends in Canyon last week. He left Wednesday for Mineral Wells to spend the vacation, and will return for summer session.

Miss Irene Berry, who was with us last year, and who has been teaching at Tulia this year, spent the week-end with friends in Canyon. She has gone to her home in Arkansas.

Mr. McKay of Panhandle visited Mr. Lyman Johnson last week.

Prospective Summer School Students

We are all familiar with the pictures entitled "When a Feller Needs a Friend," and it would seem from their number that all possible situations had been portrayed in this series. There is one situation that I have never seen pictured in this manner, yet, I feel sure those in whose minds their first days at college are still fresh heartily agree that such an experience is worthy the first place in the above mentioned series. Perhaps there are some who read "The Prairie" who are coming to Canyon for the first time this summer and it might be helpful to know that you will find a friend awaiting you here. Such a friend the Young Woman's Christian Association would be. Look for the "Ask Me" girls at the station in Amarillo and then when you get to Canyon, they will be only too glad to help you in any way possible and will see you safely to your boarding place. Then if you have trouble with your schedule just find an "Ask Me" and she will show you the ropes. Always keep in mind that the Young Woman's Christian Association is here to be used by you and that you can make us happiest by using us.

Prize Health Essay Contest

It is to be regretted that so few of our students participated in the Health Essay Contest provided by Mr. H. A. Wroe of Austin, Texas, and under the management of the Texas Department of Public Health. No more important work has ever been undertaken than this crusade for the prevention of disease and the remedying of defects in children. True, this contest came near the close of school, when students were busy preparing for examinations and looking forward to commencement. But all teachers should acquaint themselves with the purpose of this movement and should introduce it into their schools. Information on this subject may be obtained from Mr. Dwight L. Breed, 616 Littlefield Building, Austin, Texas.

Expression Recital

On the evening of Tuesday, May 24, the Department of Public Speaking of the West Texas State Normal College presented in open recital the more advanced students of the department. The program was a discriminating one, consisting of reading from such accredited authors as Sheridan, Kipling, Shaw, Jack London, and Charles Klein, lightened by Kate Jordan and Mary E. Wilkins Freeman.

The students responded in a vital way to the training of their respective instructors, Misses Mary Morgan Brown and Sadie O'Connell. One knows not whether most to admire the restraint of a certain type of reader or the freedom of a certain other type. Perhaps true interpretation is, after all, a matter of temperament; perhaps true interpretation should transcend temperament. The reporter hazards no personal opinion in the matter. Perhaps the different types should not have been mentioned. (The comfort is that if one has said the wrong thing, one may not be asked again to serve as dramatic critic for "The Prairie").

To speak effectively in a large, resounding, white-walled auditorium such as that of the college, is, surely, the acid test of one's ability as a speaker. The clearness of enunciation on the part of these students is proof of very careful training.

Furthermore, the characters represented were made to stand out distinctly; and the physical response was, in several cases, distinctly good, poise being maintained, without cramped restraint. Best of all, certain of the readings were touched with suggestiveness—if not "enough for fifty hopes and fears," enough at least to "set your fancies free." Is not suggestion the desideratum, in all the arts? These young people and their instructors are to be congratulated.

The program is appended:

The Call of the Wild.....Jack London

Hubert Hamill

Scene from "The Rivals".....Sheridan

Joye Mills

Two Houses.....Kate Jordan

Edith Eddins

The man of Destiny (an arrangement)

.....C. B. Shaw

Carlotta Cheney

The Ballad of East and West.....Kipling

Deskin Wells

The Revolt of Mother.....

.....Mary E. Wilkins Freeman

Hazel Mathis

The Lion and the Mouse (an arrangement)

.....Charles Klein

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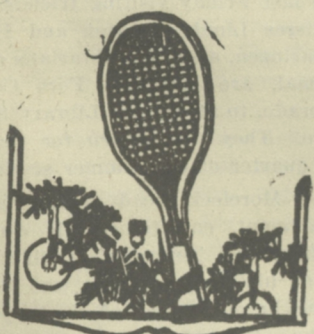
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His twelve years have been rough years during which time he has been the playmate of children of every sort. He was looked upon with pride by every member of the family; the children's grandfather has been seen to carry him tenderly in out of the rain, where he had been left asleep in the play house. He has ridden on horses, and once two small boys even tied him on a calf's back. The calf, finding himself under unusual circumstances, kicked and ran until poor Tommie's saddle slipped and he fell face downward on the sand, where he was picked up a few minutes later by the laughing youngsters.

His life has made many others happy, but his days are limited. He is my own doll, given to me on my sixth birthday, and is kept only as a relic of by-gone days and in remembrance of a very dear friend.

To look at him causes a sad smile, but continuing to look at him one cannot help but sense the humor in the jolly grin of Rag Tom.

The Barnyard on Sunday Morning

I had often wondered if the barnyard looked different on Sunday morning from what it looked on any other morning, so one Sunday morning I went to see for myself.

The barnyard was surrounded by a high wooden wire fence, topped by three-fourth by six inch boards, which were nailed slightly slanting on the tops of the posts. A large rectangular barn stood to one side of the "lot." It was painted white, with a green gable shaped roof. A hay fork has in the open loft door, and inside, the roomy loft was filled with alfalfa hay. A big gray horse was trying to reach a bit of hay which hung out of the door. But he could not reach it, no matter how much he stretched his neck; so he finally walked over to join the other horses, who stood together in one corner of the barnyard, either for the sake of being sociable, or in order to keep off the flies more easily. Four Jersey cows stood at a "feed rack" in the middle of the lot in a leisurely way pulling out hay and chewing it. Several small calves were running and frisking about, while a playful colt, in lack of other amusement, would occasionally chase or bite them.

Just outside the fence was a dirt lake, supplied with water by the overflow from a round concrete "horse tank." Several white ducks swam about on the surface, now and then diving partly under the water to burrow in the mud. Soon two of them waded to the bank and after smoothing their feathers, settled down in the ever changing shade of a willow tree, to blink sleepily and enjoy the sunshine.

A fussy old hen came into the barnyard, followed by a bunch of small black chickens, to which she clucked incessantly. It seemed that her "children" were unusually bad that Sunday morning. A rooster was making "great ado about nothing" over a small piece of grain, which he had found while walking around as if he were "monarch of all he surveyed." He did not have to share his authority with anyone this morning as he usually did, for the horses were taking advantage of their week end holiday and were resting, while the calves had retreated to the barn to escape the torments of the colt, and the colt had run through a small gate into an alfalfa field, where he began to chase several pigs which had been quietly eating the alfalfa.

—A. T.

The Salt Beds

In a narrow valley, from the sides of which rise tall, gloomy, cedar crowned hills, lie the salt beds. As I looked at them from the summit of a singularly high hill, I was struck by their dazzling whiteness. Every salt crystal reflected a glad "good morning" to the sun. From a distant spring ran a tiny stream of salt water, which supplied the beds. This stream was plainly marked by the crusts of salt along its edge. The ground surrounding this and the salt beds was a greyish white. Originally there were more than a dozen of the beds, though now only four were in use. The unused beds were a greyish white, and seemed sinister and sad, like the ashes of a dead hope.

—B. W.

The Mint Bed

From the high rock cliffs down to the verge of broken rocks, there overshadowed with cottonwood trees entwined with grapevine, a mint bed is growing. Around the moss covered rocks and in the crevices this mint grows in profusion. The mint is spread out over a small patch of ground, but this little space is thickly covered over the surface. The plant is

about eight or ten inches high, with dark green scalloped leaves. Each plant has from eight to twelve leaves growing on it. In the latter part of summer there are many small white blossoms. Mint is an odoriferous plant, and its leaves are very good to eat. It requires a cool, damp place to grow; in the center of these fragrant sprays is a spring of fresh bubbling water. This is the home of many little frogs. As twilight deepens they may be heard croaking to their heart's content.

—A. G. C.

How to Write a Theme

Just as surely as that 7:30 English class on Friday recurs I know that the next assignment will be directions for writing a theme, for Tuesday is theme day, just as Monday is wash day. My mind seems to be in a buzz and a continual uproar. What shall the subject of this theme be? How to write a theme is the next thought. I go to my room determined to release my mind from the awful dread and commence my task.

From the shelf I take down the little brown note book containing all previous assignments. I turn to the page with a list of subjects from which to choose. The question of what to write on still weighs on my mind. After pondering for several minutes, I choose my subject. The length of the theme must be considered, and the form of discourse. Putting special attention on "Points of Technique Emphasized in English 31a" must not be neglected. "Webster" and "Woolley" must be where one can have access to them, for they are one's "soul helpers" in English 31a. Before the theme is started an outline must be made for a guide.

By this time I am having nervous prostration. After a paragraph is finished I read it over. There are incomplete sentences, and the "comma blunder." In disgust I push aside the theme paper and go for a short promenade, to try and clear away my troubles. But I cannot rest until my theme is written and I go sauntering down the hall to my room and resume my discussion of How to Write a Theme. I hear the town clock toll out a number of strikes in the "wee" hour of night.

A Head Rise

Early one morning after a heavy rain my brother and I went to the creek to see the head rise.

As we looked up the creek, we saw a great volume of water coming toward us. We stood near a large hole to await the water, which we could hear coming with a mad rush. Soon the muddy water, hidden by a white foam, began to pour into this hole. The bottom of the hole was covered. Slowly the water crept up its sides and overflowed; from this large hole the water crawled over the grassy bed of the creek, filling the empty holes as it passed.

Several birds began to soar above the on-rushing water. We wondered why they were so terrified, but our question was answered when we saw three small birds in their nests floating down the stream.

We followed the water to the Double Falls at the head of Happy Canyon. Here the water tumbled over the rocks and fell about twenty feet, making the first fall. It flowed swiftly for ten feet, only to meet the second fall.

—A. McG.

The Old Home

The appearance of the old home when I came back, after several years of absence, was very much the same. The house, of wooden structure, lay in an "L" shape, surrounded on the inner sides by a low gallery. Looking northward from the steps of this fast-crumbing old building, I could see a walk which led to the road. On either side of the walk ran a row of rose bushes, now in full bloom, the perfumes of which completely saturated the cool evening air, bringing back to me memories of boyhood days. To my right, in the midst of a locust grove, stood the old pump, its handle outstretched just as the last casual wayfarer had left it. To my left bloomed the orchard, now pink with apple blossoms, in spite of long neglect. Beyond the orchard and a little to the south lay the pasture, through which ran the winding unchanged course of the little stream.

—C. L.

Feeding the Hungry

The following scene took place in Ire Le Sec, France, shortly after the evacuation of the village by the German soldiers, who left the population in a deplorable condition. The two hundred and one old men, women, and children were barely existing on such herbs and roots as they could find. As soon as our regiment reached the village, and our officers came to realize the real seriousness of the situation, they immediately took steps to relieve it.

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a very interesting group of people. Although they were starving, there was a marked absence of crowding and pushing which is so characteristic of such groups. When the time came to distribute the rations, the Mother, or another representative from each home was called to receive them. In no case did we discover that any person had misinformed us as to the number in the family in the hope of receiving more food.

I shall never forget the expressions of wonder, astonishment and gratitude that I saw there that morning. Poor discouraged mothers, who came in the hope of returning home with a few morsels of food, left, burdened with a supply of canned meat, fresh meat, potatoes, tomatoes, bread, coffee, sugar and fruit. The attempts to thank us were pitiful indeed. As they passed out the door those who were waiting thronged about them, eager to see what I could not understand all that they were saying but from their actions, the tears in their eyes and their frequent reference to America, I was satisfied to draw my own conclusions.

—L. H. J.

At Seven-Thirty

Did you ever ask for something that you didn't want, and then feel downcast and blue because it was given to you? If you have, you can understand the feeling of Jimmie when he was given a seven-thirty class.

Jimmie was a boy who always meant well, and who made many good resolutions; but when the time came to carry them out, he did not always find it convenient to do so.

As I have said before, Jimmie had a seven-thirty class; and he was feeling very blue about it. He could not talk to his friends about it, for they would only laugh; he could not drop it, because he did not have an excuse for the dean; he could not get to class in time, for he was too sleepy. He could not help abusing himself as far as his vocabulary permitted, for ever believing that he would have time to meet a class at such an unearthly hour. So there was nothing to do but accept his fate.

Jimmie was usually a very friendly boy, but as I passed through the corridor, I heard a girl say, "What is the matter with Jimmie today? He seemed to hate the whole world."

—M. T.

Tommy

Tommy was a cat. To an outsider he might have appeared to be just an over-sized house cat, but not to me. He was a friend, a companion. It is true—he was extraordinarily large; I once weighed him with pride, to find the scales balanced at ten pounds. Tommy was of a bright glowing yellow and white, almost the same colors on each side. His eyes were the exact color of the yellow. Unlike most cats, he had a soft look and feeling—his fur seemed more like soft feathers than ordinary cat fur, and I do not remember ever having seen him the least bit soiled. His "meow" was of a pleading, plaintive sort; I could easily distinguish it at night from the calls of the other cats.

He was as unlike other cats in actions as in looks. He did not like to be tumbled and played with, and what is more, would not stand for it. He would lie peacefully in my lap for a nap, while I read or crocheted, but preferred a bed on the ground if anyone disturbed him.

One of his pastimes was shooting sparrows in the trees. Tommy had learned this, and every time a shot was heard he was there waiting for the bird. He would follow us on rabbit hunts too, and delighted in killing the wounded rabbits. We often went hunting in a cake cart (formerly used for feeding cake). This cart had a plank across the bed to sit on, and there sat Tommy, unless all three of us children were along, at which times he was forced to sit or lie in someone's lap.

Another thing connected with the memory of Tommy is bringing the cows home. About six o'clock in the evening three gay children, pulling a little wagon, and a cat following, could be seen going to the pasture. In not more than an hour, a cow bearing one child and a cat on her back, and pulling two children in a wagon (the one

in front holding her tail with one hand and guiding with the other) ambled peacefully up the same path.

No, Tommy was not like a cat to me. He was like a faithful dog or a loved human companion, sharing in all our pleasures.

—T. B.

Evening

Oh Evening, my Queen, most beautiful thou art!
With hues of purple and gold,
As thou gatherest thy skirts about thee,
And thy robes thou dost unfold.

Oh Evening! thou art a nurse most gentle,
Who makes us ever Earth's troubles forget,
Evening, thou are the most welcome guest
To anxious old earth with her strife and fret.

'Tis sad to see thee fading, vanishing,
Thy palace dissolving in the shades of space,
Yet it calls to mind our mortal state;
But a pulse of time and an atom in space.

But denser waxes the shades of night
And hover o'er the sleeping sea,
While dreams the world of life beyond
With hope of evening yet to be.

I wish I wuz a poet,
But I aint.
If I could write a poem,
But I caint!
If my words would only rhyme,
'Twouldn't matter 'bout the time,
I would write a verse sublime—
If this haunt!

—C. R.

Inter-Society Debate Loving Cup to be Awarded to Elapheians

At Commencement the Elapheian Literary Society will receive the Loving Cup awarded by the institution to the winner in the girls' inter-society debate. This is the first year that the girls' societies have ever entered the debates and they have decided to make it an annual occurrence. The winning society will keep the cup until the debate of the following year.

Misses Allie Mae and Velma Hooper, and Chester Hooper of Plainview, were here last Friday visiting friends.

Misses Linnie Babston and Hanna Swearingen, assistant librarians of the Normal, are going to Fort Collins, Colorado, to attend the Library Society there. They will return for the second quarter of the summer session.

Mr. Morelock, head of the English department, entertained his class in Shakespeare, Thursday evening, May 19, at his home. There was a class discussion of several of Shakespeare's works. Many familiar passages from various poems were beautifully illustrated through the use of slides.

Mr. Walter Hannah, who is a former student in the West Texas State Normal College, and who has been holding a position in a bank at Rusk, land, Oklahoma, visited his brother here last week.

Lem Sone, who has been teaching near Washburn, has returned to his home in Canyon.

Miss Stella Rusk has returned to Canyon after a successful term of school at Childress.

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