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Hill and Shirley Attend Meeting In Fort Worth

Dr. J. A. Hill and Dr. D. A. Shirley represented the college last Wednesday at the meeting of Presidents of Texas State Teachers Colleges at Fort Worth.

Interesting reports were given by Presidents Flowers and Whitley, who offered information and suggestions based on their recent businesses in Washington, D. C.

Problems governing retirement were discussed. Special emphasis was placed on the post-war rehabilitation program of the national government's veteran administration. A suggested program of guidance, personnel work, and curriculum and education centers for returning soldiers was set forth. Flowers reported that various Foundations and Educational Boards have much interest in this field.

Attending the conference were: W. J. McConnell, Denton; Paul Boynton, Nacogdoches; Harmon Lowman, Huntsville; John Flowers, San Marcos; Sam Whitley, Commerce; J. A. Hill and D. A. Shirley, Canyon.

Number of Books Checked Out In June Is High

A student walks into the library and checks out a book. The librarian stamps the cards and files them. Another book goes on the circulation list for the day.

During the month of June, 4857 books were checked out to W. T. students. Books on philosophy were most popular and current periodicals rated second. The smallest number of books checked out were in the classification of religion and general works.

In the rent collection during June, 264 books were checked out. This is the highest number on record from this section.

The library seems to be performing an essential function for W. T. and its popularity is evidently growing. More books were checked out during June than any other month this year as compared with 2584 in May, 2603 in April, 2607 in March, 2888 in February, and 3308 in January.

WT to Receive Gift From Delta Kappa Gamma Society

Another scholarship has been added to those available to students of West Texas State College. This gift comes from the Delta Kappa Gamma Society of Texas, and is a foundation of \$1500. The interest from this fund will be available each summer for some student who is a member of Delta Kappa Gamma.

Delta Kappa Gamma is an honorary society composed almost entirely of teachers. It has placed similar scholarships in other state colleges. Miss Edna Graham of the Mathematics Department is a member of the State Scholarship Committee. Dr. Hattie M. Anderson, of the History Department, is the retiring president of Pi Chapter of the organization. Miss Julia B. Hubbell of East Texas State Teachers College, Commerce, is president of the state organization. A graduate of W. T., Mrs. George B. Ritchie, is corresponding secretary.

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Graduate Club To Print Handbook On "Thesis Abstracts"

The Graduate Club had its last meeting Friday at 9:30 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Meyer. After a watermelon feast, the Club had its regular business meeting. A report on Thesis Abstracts was given by Margaret Elliott. The Club voted to sponsor a handbook of Thesis Abstracts, and a committee was appointed to be in charge of getting material collected for the handbook. Those heading the committee are Lila Thornburg and Della Baird, Sara Duke, Thressia Godfrey, Mrs. Loma Harrison, Ima Hofacket, O. B. Ginn, Margaret Elliott, Carrie Lee, and Dr. and Mrs. Meyer.

Lt. Olin E. Hinkle to Sponsor Annual At Flight School

Quoted from a letter to Dr. B. F. Fronabarger from Lt. Olin E. Hinkle:

"I have pleasant work here—so far. I am assistant Special Services Officer of the Preflight School—the largest school of its kind in the country. My work in terms of morale—publications, recreation, sing-songs, etc. And I give what spare time I have to developing news of our department for camp publications. I am sponsor of the classbook, which is a 48-page 'annual' printed each three weeks. I also am preparing several bulletins. I have no classes at present. My work, in other words, is not unlike that I have been doing for several years. The main difference is that I have more bosses, all of whom are captains, majors, and colonels. All my praise or blame is handed down by experts!

We have had a hard time locating an apartment, but now have a nice one, or will have July 7. But I have to ride 19 miles to work every day. No permanent officers live on the Post.

I represented the field—with other officers—at a ship launching this week. In talking with shipyard workers, I found that men and women are going by bus for as far as 50 miles to their work. After two or three weeks of this, they are 'dead on their feet' and a bit of absenteeism is not surprising.

The dog Tex is no more. A truck hit him in front of our hotel. The boys took it pretty hard, but in some ways we are the better for his passing. It is hard to rent apartments with boys and with dogs it is almost impossible."

Deep River Singers Present Program of American Melodies

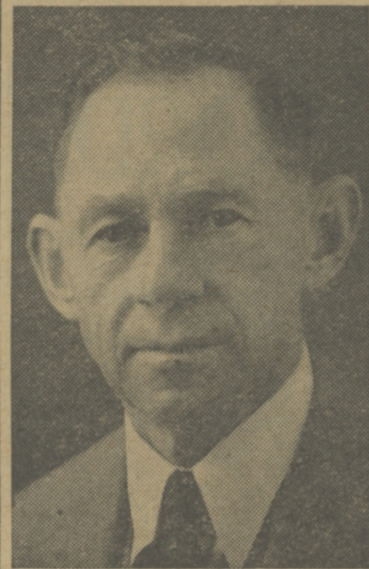
The second in the series of lyceum attractions was presented last Thursday night by the Deep River Singers, who were asked to return to West Texas State for a third time.

Included in the program were selections from the light opera, "Porgy and Bess," and a group of negro spirituals.

Organized in 1927, the group has presented programs in the U. S., Canada, Mexico, and Cuba.

Palo Duro Canyon will be featured in the August issue of the Texas Sheriff's Association Magazine. Randall County's sheriff, M. E. Cantrell, secured photographs for the magazine from the Bureau of Public Service during the past week.

Strain Resigns To Teach Band In Dumas Schools



PROF. C. E. STRAIN

C. E. Strain, for over twenty years director of the West Texas State Buffalo Band, has resigned from his position here and has accepted a position as head of the band department of the Dumas High School. His resignation is effective immediately and he will begin his work there this fall.

Arrangements to replace Prof. Strain have not been completed.

Student Invited To Visit College Health Center

Miss Hellen Hickman, college nurse, has extended an invitation to all students of the college to visit the health center in its new location, 400 24th St.

There is someone on duty at all times to care for student needs.

Dr. R. P. Jarrett, Jr., college physician, holds clinic twice daily at the health center for the benefit of students needing a physician's care. If his services are needed at other hours, Miss Hickman will contact Dr. Jarrett. The telephone number of the Health Center is 53.

The building which houses the health center has been redecorated. The lower floor houses the reception room, the clinic room, and the treatment room, while the upper floor provides hospitalization rooms for students.

"We are glad that the college has such an attractive place to care for students when they are sick," said Miss Hickman. She added that she would be happy to have students who wish to see the health center visit the building.

Members of the faculty examined the newly decorated building last Monday evening.

Roberta Addington, M. A., '42, and Alta Marie Terrell, '40, are both employed at the Pampa Air Base. Miss Addington is secretary to the Captain of the Ground School, and Miss Terrell is employed in the civilian personnel section.

SENIORS

Graduating and non-graduating seniors are asked to pay their class dues before Thursday, July 15. Students may pay them any morning at the stamp booth in the main hall of the administration building.

The dues are \$1.50.

"Sneak Date" To Be Presented Next Thursday and Friday By W. T. High

Two Graduates Teach at Air Corps School in North

W. T. has two graduates who are teaching in the Army Air Corps school at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. They are Zudie Bible, art major and mathematics minor, of the class of '37, and Cynthia Mae Eller, mathematics major, and physics minor of the class of '38.

Both Miss Eller and Miss Bible received their preliminary special training at St. Louis University.

Miss Eller, who visited W. T. last week, teaches Electrical Fundamentals. She has the same students for three hours each day. Sometimes she teaches from 2 a. m. to 10 a. m., sometimes from 8 p. m. to 12 p. m., and when she returns to Sioux Falls, she hopes to be put on the day shift. She reports that during much of their training, the men there are required to stand during the entire class period, the rooms in which they work not being equipped with chairs or seats of any kind. This, she explained, is because the work is more of a laboratory nature. The instructor must not use a blackboard, but must do all demonstrating with the parts of the radio.

Miss Eller says that both she and Miss Bible are much interested in the work they are doing. They meet few students from Texas, they say.

Before going into this work, Miss Eller was a teacher of mathematics at Dumas, and Miss Bible, whose home address is Canyon, taught in Borger.

Women's Swim Classes To Give Water Pageant

"Mermaids," a water pageant, planned and organized by the Physical Education Department will be presented on Wednesday evening, July 21, in the outdoor swimming pool. The program is a project under the direction of June Harvey and Marguerite Hudnall, majors in the department, who are using the pageant as a project in practice teaching.

Included on the program are surface diving, tandem swimming, individual stunts, pyramid swimming, life saving, stages of swimming, formations, and exhibition diving.

Participants are all members of the physical education classes. The swimmers are:

Theda Elmore Lawanda Moore, Edwina Tooley, Mary Elizabeth Bryan, June Mullinax, Frankie Phillips, Velta Speer, Geraldine Hart, Helen Studer, Beatrice Reich, Margaret Barrett, Fern Cunningham, Dorothy Fish, Madge Lawrence, Frances Slutz, Ruth Ann Soll, Leola Hogsett, and Panola Pankratz.

Mrs. Oma Ford of the Physical Education Department is the supervisor of the work.

Miss Shirley Harrell, 1943 Canyon High School graduate, presented her senior piano recital Thursday, July 8 at 4:30 o'clock in the studio of Miss Pauline Brigham, her instructor.

Assisting her in this recital were Misses Mary Jo Knott and Jane Campbell.

Under the Direction of Dr. Seth Fessenden and College Speech Class

"Sneak Date," an original play written by Joseph H. Arnold and arranged by the Row, Peterson and Company, of Evanston, Illinois, will be presented for the first time in the United States by the college speech department and the West Texas State High School.

The play is under the direction of Dr. Seth A. Fessenden, head of the Speech Department, and Miss Tommie Montfort of the high school. Characters and their parts are:

Betty Park, a young co-ed, will be dramatized by Margaret Caldwell; while the part of Shirley Malone will be enacted by Barbara Robertson; and Zep, the Cadet-Lieutenant, will be played by Dick Craig. Slip Drake, a Cadet, will be played by J. Robert Conner, and Tuney Whitaker will play the part of Larry Sparks, a cadet, and son of the Colonel. Quentin Roosevelt Williams plays the part of Dink Wittman, a cadet; Carl M. Michell plays the part of Harold Finch, also a cadet; while Sam Johnson plays Colonel Sparks, superintendent of the academy.

Jean Smith will play the dramatization of Ellen White; the parts of Miss Clara Stephenson, teacher of Tyndall by Lula Jewell Walker; Annabella Smith by Billie Sexton; Frankie Allen by Mollie Nann Ziegler; Mr. Spencer Day, a teacher in the academy by Malcolm Reynolds; Miss Ethyl Campbell, an actress and now a teacher of Tyndall by Joyce Childers; and Aunt Sarah Finch, Harold's aunt by Jacqueline Weaver.

Entire action of the play takes place in the Cadet's lounge and general reception room of the Brown Military Academy, located just outside a small town in one of our larger states, and the story begins on Columbus Day.

Assistants who have aided in the production of this play are Mrs. Marcus Fuller, assistant to director, and the technical staff, composed of Hazel Atchley, Thelda Elmore, Gwyn Johnson, Lora Jones, Edna Mae Mauldin, Billye Roark, William Williamson. Business manager is Polly Winstead.

For an evening of fun and relaxation don't miss this comedy to be presented at 8:30 p. m., in the Auditorium of the Education Building, next Thursday and Friday nights.

Detachment at WT Will Be Full States Officers

Officers from the Army Air Corps made an inspection of the 350th College Detachment Sunday and Monday.

West Texas State is being changed from the Gulf Coast Center to the West Coast Center, with headquarters at Santa Ana, Calif. General Ralph Cousins, former Canyon citizen, is commander of West Coast units.

The inspectors assured college authorities that additional men would be sent here soon and that the detachment would be kept to a maximum strength after all details of the transfer had been completed.

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Miss June Weast And Sgt. Evans Are Married

In a double ring ceremony solemnized July 4, Miss June Weast, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Weast of South Plains, became the bride of Tech. Sgt. E. T. Evans, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Evans of Paducah. Vows were exchanged at 4 o'clock in the home of the bride's parents, with Rev. Phillip H. Gates officiating.

Nuptial music included "Melody of Love," and "I Love You Truly," sung by Misses Ruby and Opal Weast, and "The Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin" and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life," played at the piano by Mrs. Lake D. Wilkerson.

Miss Lucille Weast attended her sister as maid of honor. She wore a light blue crepe suit with white accessories and three gardenias. W. H. White of Amarillo served as best man.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a street-length dress of white sheer mesh accented with navy shoes. She wore a white hat with short veil. For "something old" she wore a cameo locket belonging to her mother and an antique turquoise ring set in pearls. Her arm bouquet was of pink roses and baby's breath.

After the reception the couple left for Springfield, Ill., where they will visit friends, and for Terre Haute, Ind., where they will make their home. Mrs. Evans traveled in a black crepe suit with black and white accessories and corsage of pink rosebuds.

The bride is a graduate of West Texas State College and attended the University of Colorado where she did work on her master's degree. She has taught for the past three years in the Phillips Grade School.

Sergeant Evans also is a graduate of West Texas State College, and almost completed work on his master's degree here. Before entering military service he taught in the Phillips High School. He is now stationed at Terre Haute where he is studying the electrical engineering course which will prepare him as instructor in that field.

Mother: "Betty, John brought you home very late last night."

Betty: "Yes, it was late, Mother. Did the noise disturb you?"

Mother: "No, dear, it wasn't the noise. It was the silence."

Francis White To Wed Vincent Huber In Fort Worth

Mrs. Ernest White of Happy entertained with a tea Sunday afternoon announcing the approaching marriage of their daughter, Frances Marian White, to Corporal Jacob Vincent Huber, son of Mrs. Mike Huber of Tulia.

The guests were met at the door by Kay White, sister of the bride-elect. Mrs. Mary Ella Kiker was in charge of the guest book and pinned tiny corsages of sweet peas, sweet sultans and baby breath on each guest.

The program consisted of the following numbers: "Beautiful Dreamer," by Stephen Foster sung by Mrs. Hurley Maynard and Billy Jo Maynard; a piano solo played by Jean McManigal; two readings by Mrs. Cecil Briggs and Mrs. A. A. Clark; and a vocal solo, "Indian Love Call," sung by Mary Brandon Finley.

Miss White is a senior at West Texas State.

Corporal Huber was employed in Tulia before he entered military service. He is stationed at Bryan Air Field.

The vows will be exchanged at Fort Worth in the home of friends of the bride's family, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sumner, July 28.

Rev. Hoyt Boles of Fort Worth, formerly of Tulia, will officiate.

Florence Clark Presents Recital

Miss Florence Clark, senior voice major, presented her senior recital Friday evening, July 9, at 8:30 o'clock in the Education Auditorium.

Miss Clark was accompanied by Wallace R. Clark, head of the department of music.

Her program consisted of fourteen numbers, including old English selections, four songs by Schumann, and other songs by Brahms, Debussy, and Lehmann.

The audience was very generous in its applause of an aria, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," from the opera Sampson and Delilah, by Saint-Saens.

Floyd A. Hemphill Visits Campus

Floyd A. Hemphill, '35, superintendent of schools at Littlefield, visited the campus Saturday and gave reports on seven members of his family who have been students at W. T. Floyd himself has been superintendent of schools at Littlefield for twelve years. His brother, Darrell, '37, is a first lieutenant in the Air Corps stationed at Montgomery, Alabama. He entered the army immediately after receiving his law degree from the University of Texas. Dan, '41, and his wife, the former Ernestine Cundiff, '40, are living at Odessa where he is employed by the Phillips Petroleum Company. They have a baby girl, born recently. Gayle and his wife, Elenor Morehead, '42, live at Borger where he is employed by Phillips Petroleum Company.

An older brother, Kenneth, is pastor of a Methodist church in San Antonio. Alta Mae is now Mrs. R. B. Whittenburg and lives at Odessa. Dahlia is now Mrs. Frank Hunt of Electra.

There are few families who have had more members as students of W. T.

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Ida Martha Pierle and Bob Patterson Wed Saturday

Miss Ida Martha Pierle, daughter of Dr. Chester A. Pierle, and Cpl. Robert Lester Patterson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Patterson of Corsicana, were married at the bride's home here Saturday night at 8 o'clock.

Rt. Rev. E. Cecil Seaman, bishop of the Protestant Episcopal Church's Missionary District of North Texas, performed the ceremony before a green-banked mantel on which candles were placed.

Before the ceremony, Miss Lily Jack Wofford sang "Because." She was accompanied at the piano by Miss Virginia Vaughan, who also played Liszt's "Liebestraum" and Wagner's "Bridal Chorus" from "Lohengrin."

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a floor-length gown of embroidered chiffon with puffed sleeves and a modified sweetheart neckline; her fingertip veil was of imported bridal illusion. A strand of pearls belonging to her sister was the bride's only ornament, and she carried a bouquet of talisman roses.

At the reception following the ceremony, Miss Eleanor Pierle of Phillips presided at the Irish cut-glass punch bowl which had belonged to the bride's great-grandmother. She was assisted at the table by Misses Nell Green and Martha Nell Burton. The table featured green and white, the bride's chosen colors.

Mrs. Patterson attended West Texas Demonstration School and received her B. A. degree from West Texas State College in 1942. She has been attending the Medical Branch of the University of Texas at Galveston, Tex. While in college, she was a member of Kappa Tau Phi and Pi Beta Gamma and active in music and journalism groups as a member of band, orchestra and chorus and yearbook and newspaper staffs.

Cpl. Patterson attended schools in Jacksonville and Corsicana, and was graduated from West Texas State College in 1942 with a B. S. degree. In college he was a member of Pi Beta Gamma fraternity and the East Texas Club. He enlisted in the Army Air Corps in May, 1942, but was allowed to complete his degree before being inducted. He is now stationed at the Army Air Force Basic Flight School at Garden City, Kans.

Mrs. Patterson expects to remain in Canyon until this fall.

Mass Execution Held in Buffalo Courts Recently

With the rumble of the drums, the dire-faced and solemn-mouthed student officers and non-commissioned officers marched before the execution board last Friday to have their precious diamonds and discs removed. To herald on the execution was the drum-beats from the hand of David Waite. The condemned filed forth singly to be received by the kisses and slaps across the face of the self appointed executioners. Wielding a sharp razor stood Poole Robertson, who as the main executioner, removed the identifying marks.

This woeful event to the student officers was brought about by a miss-reading of orders received from Detachment Headquarters.

Seven Former W. T. Students Shoot Score Over 180 On Range

Joe B. Davidson writes from Camp Maxey that students from W. T. are making fine records as marksmen. In his letter he explains that the highest rank is "expert." To qualify a man must shoot 180 or above. Ledru Jacobs, Drummond Thomas, Leo Steinkoenig, George Homan, Jack Andrews, Dennis Ford, and Joe Davidson all made this mark.

Wilton Lillard and J. P. McMahon qualified as "sharpshooters" making 165 or better.

Four other W. T. men qualified as "marksmen." They were W. R. Whitsell, Billy Mitchell, James Love and W. F. Hicks.

Each of these men will be awarded medals.

Davidson has qualified as a grenadier. Grenadiers are men who can accomplish the obstacle course in five minutes with full field pack and rifle. Their names will be placed on the roll of honor known as the order of Grenadiers.

Writes Pvt. Joe, "I like the Army fine, but I miss W. T. and all of you folks a lot."

An ex-student of W. T. who is now in the Navy writes, "I am wondering why I did not take more courses under Miss Walker—what she knows about weather, and what she has taught her potential fledglings has, I'll bet, helped the war more than she knows."

Peggy Caldwell, '36, is victory gardening and writing in her spare time this summer at Durango, Colo.

A son, Gale Max, was born to Mr. and Mrs. Max Simmons at Long Beach, Calif., June 28.

The young bride was asked what she thought of married life.

"Oh, there's not much difference," she replied. "I used to wait up half the night for George to go, and now I wait up half the night for him to come home."

Two hours after the fated event everyone was told to replace the missing rating insignias, and the correct orders were carried out.

Soon later, the newly arrived flights were notified to remove their chevrons of rank which they held at previous posts.

Students Finish Red Cross Course In Water Safety

June Harvey, Helen Studer, James S. Patterson, Ward H. Stone, Mrs. Oma Ford and Miss Ruth Cross have completed a course in water safety and life saving conducted by Frank Gum, Field Representative of the American Red Cross.

Participants in this instruction were required to be 19 years of age or older, to be advanced swimmers, and to have passed senior life saving requirements.

Mr. Gum, who remained on the campus a week, said that the water safety course has assumed particular importance this year because of the added interest the government has caused among civilians and soldiers.

People completing the course have had study on water safety in pools, lakes, and oceans, and are now qualified as water safety instructors.

Beatrice Reich enrolled in the course, but was unable to complete it.

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TUESDAY - WEDNESDAY

Donald O'Conner — Gloria Jean

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"MISTER BIG"

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. Etiquette

Dear Buffie and Buffer:

One evening last week the flag in front of the Administration Building was still flying long after sun down. Because of someone's forgetfulness, three soldiers from Amarillo field who happened to notice that the flag was still up felt it their duty to lower the flag, remove it from the pole, fold it, and deliver it to the nightwatchman.

It is not Westex's intention to criticize in mentioning this incident. As it happened, it was purely an oversight, but surely it was an oversight which should not be repeated. Perhaps civilians are not so conversant in the proper procedure of handling the flag as are soldiers, but it is an easy matter to spend a few minutes in learning flag etiquette, so that the above incident will be the last time outsiders will have to perform a duty which should have been performed by some member of the college.

Is there a member of the faculty or staff of the college who is familiar with the manner of procedure who will volunteer to spend ten minutes instructing the men whose task this is?

Westex had heard about the new home of the health center, but he had never seen it until a few days ago, when he went visiting. The health center is cheerful and immaculately clean. It has been transformed with paint, linoleum, wallpaper, curtains, varnish, wax and a lot of elbow grease into such an attractive place that Westex is furtively taking his temperature and hoping that if he does get sick there'll be no time wasted in getting him over to the health center.

The verbal bouquet of the week goes to Miss Hellen Hickman, college nurse, who has had to move the health center so often that she hardly gets unpacked before she is on the move again. The reason for this may be that a place becomes eminently desirable as soon as Miss Hickman has performed one of her transformations.

Girls are sentimental fools. Buffie Muriel Gray was feeling a little under the weather because it was her birthday, and she was a long way from home, and she didn't have a birthday cake. She began to think the people she thought were her friends were keeping secrets from her. They were. Muriel came to her room after supper at Cousins Hall, walking into her room, and right into a surprise party complete with cake and candles. Her friends started singing "Happy Birthday," but they only got through a couple of lines of the song before all of them, including Muriel, were aiding the clouds in moistening the earth. Girls are such sentimental fools.

By the way, Bettye Phillips is another Buffie who had a surprise party last week. The girls at the Home Management house did all the work and Bettye had all the fun.

The Home Management house reminds Westex of the home economics department, which, in turn, brings to mind Miss Margaret Barrett, head of that department. Westex found out at the sing-song Thursday night that there really is someone who can hit that note in the "Star Spangled Banner." That's right, it's Miss Barrett, and she does it extremely well.

Say, Buffie and Buffer, thanks so much for the upward swing in defense stamp sales. The week just past has been one of the best weeks on record. The exact figures can be found elsewhere in the Prairie, but the figures can't be half so eloquent as the faces of Dr. Ima C. Barlow, Mitchell Jones, W. E. Haggard and their student committees, who are all beaming with pride.

Some of the advanced Buffies and Buffers are afflicted with a strange malady which Dr. Harris

Letter Is Received From WT Student Now in U. S. Navy

A former student of W. T. who is now in the Navy writes thoughtfully of things which he is seeing and of those he remembers about W. T. His letter is being shared with Prairie readers.

"I see many things which invite my latent journalistic whims to action, so powerful are they in human interest — not necessarily things nor people, but thoughts, the 'little' trends that become big ones when seen in the scale as we see things out here. I've never seen so many people waiting in all my life, and the crescendo mounts with the hours, and not one of them if questioned about it could tell you what it is he is waiting for particularly, except possibly for something to come off—just anything to happen, he might say.

Most of them have philosophies built up around the beauty, or the lack of it, which they have had in their time. Many are profoundly for this or that, fighting for different things in their own way and forming the enemy in the image of all the ugliness they wish to remove from their separate worlds. He can't be that big an enemy, and many of them are going to wonder, when at long last he lies defeated, why all this ugliness did not automatically die with him.

On the lighter side, it amuses me how the news is taken by the men. If publishers knew how skeptically their words are read, they might edit special editions for the camps and overseas with such phrases as 'authoritative sources,' 'it has been reported,' and 'aemic from' deleted from their enemy copy. I have a grudge against the American press. I think it is inferior to our country as a whole, and a disgrace indeed to the way we are equipped to educate our people nowadays. But that's just an old chip. I would make newspaper criticism a 'must' in English courses in high schools and colleges. I particularly liked the idea carried out by W. T. when I was there of teaching in the Demonstration School, and especially a class Miss Ritchie held in Social Science, wherein newspapers got the third degree by the bright little folks under her broad and sympathetic direction. I like the way the Prairie has held her head up like a slender steel blade in the journalistic world—always clean, carrying its modest letters to the people interested and sustaining a fine balance. A newspaper cannot do everything. I wish the San Francisco Examiner knew that."

Miss Isabel Hanvey has accepted a position as teacher of Home Economics at Olton.

Lois Meek has accepted a position as teacher of Home Economics at Springlake.

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M. Cook calls "thesisitis." It's confined to people working on their master's degrees, is a long and lingering illness, and is very demanding. The library contains many interesting specimens of this peculiar species.

Now is the time for every good Buffie and Buffer to come to the aid of his school. At this time of the year, many high school students are as yet undecided about the question of going to college, and the equally important question of which college to choose. It is unfortunate, but true, that there are many Panhandle people who are not acquainted with all the advantages, and the wide scope in the curricula of West Texas State. Nobody is better prepared to give them this information than the Buffies and Buffers who go to school here. Spread the news over the Panhandle, Buffie and Buffer, on the next voyage home.

Views On Texas

Editor's note: The following article is being reprinted from the Amarillo Globe-News.

By A DAMYANKEE

When a Northerner thinks of Texas, he visualizes a vast area filled with steers and wild horses, thinly populated by taciturn cowboys. This same Northerner also thinks of Texas as a western oil producing state, and not much more. Before being placed in a squadron of Texans, I too, was one of those deluded Northerners; but since then my conception of Texas, the South, and even of the Civil War, has changed amazingly.

Naively enough I asked a Texan if Texas fought in the Civil War. "Fought in it? Hell, man, we're still fighting it!" and from another side of the barracks floated the laconic drawl: "And we're still winning it."

It is impossible to understand Texas, or Texans, unless you change your entire perspective. First of all, you must realize that the United States is composed of North, South, East and West, and the Republic of Texas. It's also essential to understand that Texas is the most important state in the Union where all the women are beautiful, where the biggest and best cattle, horses, sheep, hogs, grain, fruit, oil, vegetables, minerals, and athletes are turned out; and Texas is the state which supplies 90 per cent of all the men in the Army, Navy, Marines, and Coast Guard, and 94 per cent of all the women who join the WACs and WAVES and those who become Hollywood Queens. Once these facts are absorbed, even a Northerner can perceive that in anything and everything Texas produces the "Biggest and Bestest."

For more than 75 years we Northerners mistakenly supposed the South stopped fighting at Appomatox. Many of us still are confused about what took place there. Here are the authentic facts as compiled by a Texas historian who prefers to remain anonymous.

"After chasing the Union Army all over the map, the Confederates and General Lee were very, very tired. The Southern Army camped at Appomatox, preparing to wipe out the Yankees in the morning. General Lee was resting at the courthouse before mapping out the strategy which would make the South victorious. Into the courthouse walked General Grant, ready to surrender. Now Grant was such an inconspicuous looking man that Lee took him to be his orderly. Naturally Lee gave Grant his sword to polish. 'He gave him his boots, too, but that can't be proved'. Grant, very surprised, took Lee's sword, thinking Lee had surrendered. Grant then thanked Lee for surrendering, and Lee being a

Southern gentleman, couldn't go back on his word.

Don't think Hitler doesn't know what he's up against in these sons of the Lone Star State. Mussolini hasn't stopped running since he heard that the Americans who joined the British 8th Army were from Texas. The Texans have Hitler's punishment all planned for him after they round him up. They are going to send him "up north" to live as punishment for all the crimes he has perpetrated.

I think we can tell our airplane manufacturers, our tank, ship and submarine makers and the armament industry, that they can close up shop and run along home now. We won't need weapons to beat Hitler, Tojo and company. Those Texans will talk them to death.

Sgt. Kenneth Gibson was promoted to Staff Sergeant last Friday at the Lubbock Air Field. Mrs. Gibson is the former Christine Jarrett, who received her degree last spring.

A son was born to Pvt. and Mrs. Robert A. Bellah, July 5, at an Amarillo hospital.

Mrs. T. H. McDonald, '28, wife of Lt. Col. McDonald, '29, who is now serving in North Africa, died recently in an Abilene hospital. Mrs. McDonald was en route to Amarillo where she planned to re-establish her home.

Both Col. McDonald and Mrs. McDonald had been members of the staff of Canyon High School, and Mrs. McDonald had taught in W. T.'s Demonstration School as well. They lived in Canyon for a number of years, and were prominent in student activities and town affairs.

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The Peace We Fight For

The indications now are that victory is in sight for us and our allies. What of this victory? It is quite clear to me that, in this victory, there must be no appeasement—there must be no thought of a negotiated peace. The terms of this victory must be absolute. There must be an unconditional surrender. The question as to what must be the terms of the peace following such a surrender is as great in importance as the war itself. What good will come to humanity if we win the war and lose the peace? What doth it profit a man if he win the whole world and lose his own soul? Two things are necessary and essential in the peace treaty. First, it must bring a peace which shall be permanent and, second, this peace must be just and fair between us and our enemies. When I say us, I include our noble and valiant allies.

How can such a peace be obtained? To my mind the most important and essential factor in the peace must be the complete disarmament of our foes. Every submarine and armored ship must be sunk to the bottom of the sea. Every factory making war materials must be absolutely and completely demolished. Every soldier must be disarmed. Even a police force necessary to maintain the peace must be supervised in order that it may not become a part of a military preparation of rearmament. No military training or preparation for war, however small, should be permitted. The treaty must provide that this disarmament shall be permanent. Having completely disarmed our enemies, and having provided that disarmament shall be permanent, we must then, with this qualification, treat our conquered enemies in a spirit of friendliness and equality.

When we approach that sacred peace table, we must cast out of our hearts all the thoughts of revenge and hatred. I know this will be difficult to do because it will be said that these enemies which have been so ruthless, so deceitful, and so murderous, must be punished and that, under the rules of past wars, we would be justified in heaping humiliation and disgrace upon them for many years to come. This feeling of hatred in our hearts and revenge in our souls is perhaps natural. However, one of the sacrifices we must make in order to secure a permanent peace is that we must approach the council table with clean hands and pure hearts. We must realize that we are not making a treaty for the men who sit on the other side of the table and who have been guilty of these terrible crimes against mankind. We are not making a treaty for their benefit—we are not making a treaty for our benefit. We know that those who sit opposite each other at the peace table will soon pass on. A treaty which takes into consideration only those who actually sign the treaty would not bring a permanent peace. We are making this peace treaty for millions and hundreds of millions of innocent people yet unborn.—Excerpt from an address by former Senator George W. Norris, of Nebraska, in Carnegie Hall, New York.

How Is Your Etiquette

Writers on the subject of table etiquette have mesmerized all of us into thinking that it is "an offensive and indelicate display of appetite to consume all of the food on one's plate," tra la. Obeying this dictum from the throne of Emily Post et al. we smugly advertise our mastery over voracity by leaving portions of good food on our plates, even tempting morsels that we'd eat like pigs if we could gracefully retire to the kitchen.

Undoubtedly there have been times in our fat years when such dainty traces were desirable, at least, excusable. But now, with actual starvation staring millions of our families in the face, with farmers being urged to produce more food, and with government agencies trying every practicable scheme to avoid serious scarcity, it would appear to be well mannered and certainly patriotic to stop this social nonsense.

One would think that America at war would gladly conserve its food. But what do we find? While most good men and women are doing their bit, other hundreds of thousands of finicky housekeepers are now throwing away edible left-overs, ends of bread loaves and slices that are a day or two old. Doubt it? Then hop on any garbage truck and be astounded at the amount of food going to waste. Some communities feed their garbage to hogs. London feeds 100,000 hogs with table scraps, yet private trash collectors in American suburban areas mix trash, ashes and table scraps together and cart the mess to dumps.

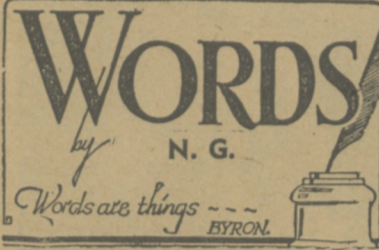
Almost any restaurant's garbage barrel contains rolls, entire pats of butter, portions of steaks, chops, eggs and salads left on plates by pernickety patrons. Coffee cups and tea glasses, even now, have a sediment of sugar. Most of this food is wasted largely because it is not considered polite to eat all that one has ordered.

This country needs just one more co-ordinator and this last czar should be one who has the courage to dine in public and eat all on his plate. The sheep will follow. While the appointment is pending, join the Clean Dinner Plate League.—The Spotlight.

Clara Brian, '23, now Associate Professor of English and Dean of Women at State College, Havre, Montana, visited W. T. Thursday. Miss Brian has her Master's degree from the University of Washington and has done additional work in

the University of California. She has been Dean of Women for nine years. Her teaching field is English.

The heart has its reasons which reason cannot know.—Pascal.



In the "New Yorker" for July 3, 1943 is this definition of democracy—

"We received a letter from the Writers' War Board the other day asking for a statement on 'The Meaning of Democracy.' It presumably is our duty to comply with such a request, and it is certainly our pleasure.

"Surely the Board knows what democracy is. It is the line that forms on the right. It is the don't in don't shove. It is the hole in the stuffed shirt through which the sawdust slowly trickles; it is the dent in the high hat. Democracy is the recurrent suspicion that more than half of the people are right more than half of the time. It is the feeling of privacy in the voting booths, the feeling of communion in the libraries, the feeling of vitality everywhere. Democracy is a letter to the editor. Democracy is the score at the beginning of the ninth. It is an idea which hasn't been disproved yet, a song the words of which have not gone bad. It's the mustard on the hot dog and the cream in the rationed coffee. Democracy is a request from a War Board, in the middle of a morning in the middle of a war, wanting to know what democracy is."

An interesting book on the Rental Shelf in the Library is George Schreiber's "Portraits and Self-Portraits." The portraits are by Mr. Schreiber, the subjects being contemporary writers, and the self-portraits are by the writers themselves. Most of the authors are delightfully modest in their appraisals, but they are also often very revealing.

Waldo Frank chose to discuss modern reading habits rather than the details of his life:

"It seems to me that everywhere nowadays (and particularly in the U. S. A.) there is the tendency to use us writers as anything but as conveyors of reading matter. When I say writers, I do not mean what the bookshops and their show-windows, the 'literary supplements,' mean by the word: what they call writers I call confectioners or public flirts. There is, of course, a vast output of books which are not meant to be read. They are for the most part the popular books, the ones called 'readable'—which means salable. The shallow, harried, flustered minds of our middle classes skim such books for nervous and sensory titillation. Then they are forgotten and replaced by other titillators. I do not like to call what is done by these minds reading. For then, what word shall we apply to what a minority of minds do when they read Dante or Plato or Stendhal, and their serious successors?

"Reading is a dynamic act; the creative coming together of minds. It is a fertile process. It has always been rare. But never so proportionately rare as in our so-called literate age. Today, it is illiteracy that thinks it can read. And so vast are the honoraria

"Texas Outlook" Contains Articles By W. T. Graduates

The "Texas Outlook," which is the organ of the State Teachers Association contains in the July issue two articles by graduates of

offered to authors for providing reading matter to minds incapable of reading, that the distinction between books on the one hand and cocktails and candy on the other is almost disappearing. Yet the making of real books, of serious books, goes on; and always will, while there is life in man.

"These serious, these real books of our day, are reviewed in the magazines and supplements. And that reading the reviews is a prevalent substitute for reading the books themselves, is proved by the incredibly low sale that most of them attain in our land of one hundred and twenty-five millions. Then, when the author of such books has had enough reviews and articles written about him he is invited to lecture. I recall, when I first began to lecture in the United States, that I assumed my audiences to be there because they had read me. I soon learned that they were there because they had not, and did not want to read me. They expected me to talk about my books and other books, in order not to be troubled to have to read them. . . .

"It is possible this very volume now in your hands, dear 'reader,' is another substitute for reading? What a bonanza! For the price of a volume, here are portraits and autobiographies of forty writers of supposedly good books—the perfect household panacea! If my suspicion is correct, logic compels me to disapprove of this volume. I herewith enter, with face and fist, to say so!"

Self Criticism

Hamlet's gravedigger says if the mad prince does not recover his wits in England it will not be noticed there because "there the men are as mad as he." Dean Swift calls Britons "little odious vermin." Byron berated the "cloudy climate and chilly women." George Bernard Shaw soothes his countrymen by such statements as "No Englishman has any common sense, or ever had, or ever will have." But William Cowper, the poet, best summed up the British attitude with "England with all thy faults I love thee still."

W. T. "Nothing New—Eh" is by Dean Fletcher, M. A., '36, who is principal of the high school at Canadian. His article deals with economical means of making personnel information easily available in the records of the high school.

The other article is by Hilda B. Brown, '34, who is a member of the staff of the Amarillo Public Schools. Her article is entitled "Survey of Physically Handicapped in Amarillo." The article is based on a study which was made of the physically handicapped children of elementary school age in Amarillo.

Lt. and Mrs. Harold Shanklin and family visited Mr. and Mrs. J. R. LaFon, and Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hill. Lt. Shanklin, a member of the United States Navy, is en route to San Diego, where he will receive further assignment.

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