

# Sigs To Honor Mothers May 8

Program To Include Tea, Speaker; Flowers To Be Given Away

Dr. D. D. Foreman, pastor of the First Baptist Church in Amarillo, is to be the main speaker for the Twelfth Annual Alpha Sigma Xi Mother's Day program to be held on the campus Saturday morning, according to the president of Alpha Sigma Xi fraternity, Richard Miller.

Also on the program will be Charlotte Ingham Word, mother of Bob Word, junior from Clarendon. She will play several of her own piano compositions as part of the ceremony. Mr. Word is quite well known throughout the Panhandle for her musical works.

Over 1200 mothers have been sent invitations to the program, Richard Miller said, and the club hopes that many of them will attend the service, which will begin at 11 o'clock Saturday morning in the Auditorium of the Administration Building.

Before the program a tea for all mothers will be held in the Home Economics Department on the third floor of the Ad Building.

Bill Hutchinson, sophomore from Pampa, will also be on the program, and will sing one of the traditional Mother's Day songs. Bob Sweny, sophomore from Stratford, will be master of ceremonies for the program.

H. R. Fulton, former member of Alpha Sigma Xi, has donated corsages to be presented to the mother that traveled the farthest, who will be given an orchid, and the mother with the most children at WT, who will be presented with a gardenia corsage.

## Social Schedule

### Tuesday

Open house, Cousins Hall, 7-9, admission, 10 cents.  
Square dancing, Randall Hall, 6:30-8:00.

### Thursday

Kroll String Quartet will play concert for the lyceum program, 8:15 in main auditorium.

### Friday

Presentation Ball, Cafeteria.  
BSU Installation Banquet, 7:00, Baptist Church. Formal, tickets, 75 cents.

### Saturday

Mothers' Day Program, Alpha Sigma Xi Fraternity, Administration Building Auditorium, 11 a.m.

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## Election

## Thursday!

### Hill, Cornette Attend Meeting

#### Annual Regents Gathering Will Decide Budget; Elect Faculty Members

Dr. J. A. Hill, president, and Dr. James P. Cornette, executive vice president and president-elect of West Texas, left yesterday at noon for Austin where they will attend the annual meeting of the Board of Regents of Texas State Colleges.

This meeting will be for the purpose of electing the faculty members for the summer and fall semesters for the school and will also be the time when the budget for the college will be decided. This budget will start operating September 1, 1949 and will last until two years later.

Dr. Hill is also going to Fort Worth and Dallas on business while he is out of town.

Mrs. Hill will accompany the two on the trip.

### Buffalo Band Leaves On Good Will Tour

M. J. Newman, director of WT bands, and 40 men left at 7:55 this morning on the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce Pecos Valley Good Will Tour.

This is the second year that the Amarillo group has asked the Buffalo Band to accompany them on the trade trip.

They will spend tonight in Clovis, New Mexico, and tomorrow night in Carlsbad.

The three-day trip will include stops in just about every town in the western Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico.

Last year the Buff Band also made one of the tours with the Chamber of Commerce.

### Sample Ballot

For President of Student Association:

George Black  
Dewayne Brandt  
John Stoneman

For Vice-president of the Student Association:

Homer "Buck" Garrett  
Clyde Gordon

For Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Association:

Betty June Euler  
Gladys Romero  
Virginia Reid

Senior Post No. I:

Jeanne Payne  
Joe Snead  
Jo Crook

Senior Post No. II:

Frances Alice Harp  
Delmo Williams

Senior Post No. III:

Jack Ballew

Junior Post No. I:

Don Standley  
L. N. Johnson

Junior Post No. II:

Louanna Price  
Billy Airhart  
Duane Williams

Junior Post No. III:

Jody Marsh  
Roger Morris

Sophomore Post No. I:

Don Turner  
W. O. Long

Sophomore Post No. II:

James Morgan  
Earl Reynolds

Sophomore Post No. III:

Jack Worsham  
Eddie George

### Potter County Officials Guests of Govt. Class

John Crudginton, Potter County Auditor and Ray Daniels, Potter County Commissioner, were guest speakers in the Government 212 class under Dr. S. H. Condon last Wednesday morning.

## Students To Choose New Senate, Officers

Election Day is drawing near!

Petitions have been turned in and okayed by the Registrar's Office, the ballots have been printed and Thursday morning at 8 o'clock the polls will open to start the critical election of Student Senators and other officers in the Student Association.

Twenty-seven students have signified that they wish to obtain offices in the student Association or posts in the Senate. Two other petitions were turned into the Registrar, but since they did not signify which post they sought, they were disqualified.

Three men have opened campaigns for President of the Student Association. They are George Black, junior from Canyon; Dewayne Brandt, freshman from Loveland, Colo.; and John Stoneman, sophomore from Canyon.

In the race for Student Association vice-president are Homer "Buck" Garrett, junior from Borger; and Clyde Gordon, sophomore from Plainview. Betty June Euler, Gladys Romero and Virginia Reid are all running for secretary-treasurer of the Association. Betty is a junior from Summerfield; Gladys a junior from Pampa and Virginia a sophomore from Canyon.

Senior senate post I will be occupied next year by either Jeanne Payne, junior from Dalhart, Joe Snead, junior from Amarillo, or Jo Crook, junior from Dodson. Senior post II race includes Frances Alice Harp, junior from Canyon and Delmo Williams, junior from Hereford. Jack Ballew, junior from Clarendon, is the only candidate for Senior post III.

Don Standley, sophomore from Canyon, and L. N. Johnson, sophomore from Tell are the nominees for Junior Senate post I. Louanna Price, sophomore from Amarillo; Billy Airhart, sophomore from Dawn, and Duane Williams, sophomore from Hereford, are the candidates for Junior post II and Jody Marsh, sophomore from Crosbyton and Roger Morris, sophomore from Vega, are in the race for Junior Senate post III.

Freshmen entering in the race for sophomore senate posts are Don Turner from Canyon and W. O. Long, Amherst, for post I; James Morgan, Vega, and Earl Reynolds, Canyon, are for post II and Jack Worsham, Adrian, and Eddie George, Briscoe, are running for post III.

Only Senators and Senate officers will be elected in the Thursday campaign, and class officers will be elected next fall. At least one petition was sent in for each of the class presidents Friday.

Juniors this year will vote for their choice of those in the race for senate posts; sophomores will elect their junior senators and freshmen will choose sophomore representatives. Everyone is eligible to vote for the president, vice-president and secretary-treasurer of the Student Association.

Since there are always a number of ballots which cannot be counted because of irregularities in the marking of a ballot, these few instructions

## Kroll Quartet Plays Thursday

The famed Kroll String Quartet, formerly the Cooledge Quartet, will be guest artists for the lyceum program Thursday, May 6, in the Administration Building Auditorium beginning at 8:15.

Under the direction of William Kroll, violinist, this quartet is without peers in the stringed instrument field. Other members of the quartet include Nathan Gordon, viola; Louis Graeler, second violin; and Arvon Twerdowsky, cello.

This string concert will include among other selections, Beethoven's Quartet Opus 74 in E flat Major in four movements-poco adagio, adagio ma non troppo, presto and vivace; adagio and finale; and Quartet in G Minor by Debussy.

Following their concert in Times Hall the New York Herald Tribune wrote, "The playing of the Kroll Quartet throughout the evening was distinguished by unfailing musical preceptiveness, flawless instrumental balance and tonal persuasiveness."

Hailed as among the finest of their kind in the country, these musicians will present probably the last lyceum program for this year. Students will be admitted on their activity tickets, students under college age will be charged 50 cents and adults one dollar.

Members of the Mary E. Hudspeth Honor Society will meet this morning in room 202 of the Ad Building, President Curtis Babcock announced Monday.

should be carefully followed.

1. Get a ballot from the election judge.
2. Put student number on the ballot.
3. Sign your name on the sheet of paper, with your student number.
4. Mark out all the names you wish to have discounted.
5. Election judge will sign each ballot.

This election is one of the most important ever held here since next year the Senate will start operating their part of the Student Union, that being the recreational facilities which will be placed at Cousins Hall, in the unused kitchen and dining room.

Officers and Senators elected Thursday will take office when school starts next fall.

All students are urged by the Senate to cast a vote in this election, and to urge everyone else to vote.

## The Prairie Wins First at TIPA

The 1948 Texas Intercollegiate Press Association Convention and Contest is over and The Prairie has a first place trophy to show for a year's work in the journalistic field.

Competing against schools with less than 1600 enrollment The Prairie was judged by Lloyd Gregory, general manager of the Houston Post; Harry Quin, managing editor of the Edinburg Review and Albert Nibling, editor of the Sherman Democrat.

Recognition of the award came at the formal banquet held in the Iris Graham Memorial Dining Hall at McMurry College, Abilene and was the climaxing feature of the two-day all-college convention last Thursday and Friday.

Also placing in a field of 18 contestants and receiving awards were Priscilla Rogers, fourth in essays; and Jack Walker, fourth in the short story contest.

Coming in behind The Prairie in the newspaper division were the War Whoop, McMurry—second; The Optimist, Abilene Christian College—

third; and The Skyline, Sul Ross—fourth.

The two-day journalism affair was opened in Radford Memorial Auditorium at McMurry, Thursday morning at 10 and the first session was highlighted by an address by Loula Grace Erdman, assistant professor of English at WT and a novelist who spoke on the field of Creative Writing.

Individual sections on creative writing, annuals, photography, and newspaper make-up were held during the afternoon.

A picnic for all delegates was held Thursday evening at Camp Tonkawa near Buffalo Gap. Swimming, softball, volleyball, horseshoes, dancing and hiking preceded the supper.

Convening at 10 o'clock Friday morning after optional breakfasts for sports writers and publications directors, the general assembly consisted of a business meeting and an address by Vernon T. Sanford, general manager of the Texas Press Association.

At the afternoon session, Texas College of Mines at El Paso was

chosen as the 1949 convention site by a unanimous vote and Corpus Christi Junior College extended an invitation to be host to the conclave in 1950.

The formal awards banquet closed the meeting at 8 o'clock.

Schools registering and sending delegates were North Texas State, Texas Mines, Texas A&I, Southwest Texas State, East Texas State, West Texas State, Texas Wesleyan, Sul Ross, Stephen F. Austin, Sam Houston State, Abilene Christian College, McMurry, Hardin College, Howard Payne, John Tarleton, Paris Junior College, Corpus Christi Junior College and Amarillo Junior College.

Howard County Junior College, San Angelo Junior College, Texas-Kana Junior College and North Texas Agricultural College were present and were admitted as new members.

Those making the trip from West Texas State as delegates were T. C. Brown, Vaughn Vandergriff, Mack Bush, Don Turner, Bargaret Lair, Edith Morrow, Arletta Williams, Mary Jim Vincent and publications director Jerry Malin.



## Hudspeth Sponsors Speaker Thursday

"The Electric Industry—Its Problems as a Public Servant" will be the topic of discussion by H. L. Nichols, Chairman of the Board of Southwestern Public Service Company, of Dallas, at the 11 o'clock assembly Thursday. The Mary E. Hudspeth Honor Society is sponsoring this speaker and a luncheon in his honor at the College Cafeteria following his address.

In his letter of acceptance to speak, Nichols said: "This will not be a prepared address as I simply plan to think out loud extemporaneously, hoping to give the students a brief story of the complicated type of problems inherent with a unit of industry always prepared to furnish numerous and adequate electric service whenever a customer throws a switch or pushes a button."

In inheriting the earth, it is only fair that the meek be warned. It includes Europe.

## Big Presentation Ball To Be Friday Night

Three thousand invitations have been sent out to students of WT and friends and relatives for the Annual Presentation Dance to be held in the College Cafeteria Friday night.

Carrol Doshier, president of the InterClub Council, announced that this was to be one of the social highlights of the year for WT.

Fall and spring pledges for all the social sororities and fraternities will be presented at this dance, which is formal.

Committees which have been working on the event include: program committee, headed by Jack Worsham; invitation committee, headed by Clella Pearson; decorations committee, Purvey Burrows,

George Black, chairman, and refreshments committee, headed by Willa Mae Freeman.

Ted Krager and his band from Lubbock will furnish music for the dance. They are scheduled to arrive on the campus about 7:30 Friday night.

William A. Moore, dramatics instructor, has been selected as master of ceremonies for the presentation.

Also on the program will be the annual crowning of the Epsilon Beta Fraternity Queen.

H. R. Fulton will supply a display of flowers for the occasion.

Many exes from all the social clubs are expected to be in attendance at the annual ball, Doshier added.

## Moore To Star In ALT Play

William A. Moore, dramatics director at WT, will share the spotlight next week in his starring role as Robert Browning, in the popular Rudolf Besier play, "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," to be presented by the Amarillo Little Theatre, May 11, 12, and 13.

Frances Lynn Townes, sophomore, from Amarillo, is also in the production, cast as a younger sister to Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Arabel Moulton-Barrett.

Mr. Moore will bring to the Amarillo stage an ideal background for the exacting characterization of the famous British poet, whose courtship of Elizabeth Barrett remains one of the most beautiful romances in history.

He has studied with Lady Constance Benson in England and while he was an active member of The Little Theatre at Bath he was selected by Lawrence Housman to play Prince Albert in several unpublished sketches about Queen Victoria.

The performance will all be presented in the Amarillo Municipal Auditorium and all three will begin at 8:15 p.m. Unreserved single admission tickets will be available at the auditorium ticket office before each performance. Advance sale of tickets will be conducted May 10, 11, 12 and 13 in a booth at White and Kirk in Amarillo. Single admission is \$1.30 and student tickets are 60 cents.

## Condron Speaks At SCA Meeting

Student Christian Association had its regular meeting Monday night. Business, presided by president Betty June Euler, included discussions for socials and future work. Louise Knutson was elected to be in charge of recreation.

Program chairman Jeanne Payne led the devotional and introduced the evening's speaker, Dr. S. H. Condron. Dr. Condron spoke on his personal experiences and Christianity in international relationships.

One of SCA's previous speakers was Mr. Jerry Malin of the journalism department, spokesman on India. Mr. A. G. Kieselbach, art instructor spoke last night.

## WT Ex-Student on TU Honor Roll

Bernard Shield, ex-student of WT from Miami and now Engineering student at the University of Texas, is among the group who is on the honor roll, called 'cum laude amplius magna.'

His honor was learned in a letter to Miss Edna Graham, professor of mathematics at WT.

His letter said in part that he hoped "all your work you spent on me was in vain."

## Lubbock Ex-Students To Honor President J. A. Hill May 10

The Ex-Student Association of Lubbock is honoring Dr. J. A. Hill, president of WT, with a dinner on Monday, May 10.

Dr. and Mrs. James P. Cornette and Mrs. Hill will also attend the dinner.

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## 'Blithe Spirit' To Run Twice

Commencement Play  
To End WT Drama  
Season for Spring

By Bob Sweny

The commencement play of the Speech Department, "Blithe Spirit" will be presented in the Education Building auditorium Tuesday and Wednesday nights, May 18 and 19. The play is a comedy with the entire setting in the home of an English novelist. Madam Arcati, a spiritualistic medium, starts the action when she is invited to the home of the novelist and is asked to perform her wonders. In the process she brings back the spirit of his first wife who has been dead for some years. This becomes complicated because he cannot get rid of the spirit and finds himself in a hard spot between a spirit and real flesh and blood.

Madam Arcati, the medium, will be portrayed by Katherine Brooks, junior from McLean. Katherine has worked previously in "Little Women" and "Tenth Word." Both plays were presented last year. This year she was student director of the play "Your Uncle Dudley" presented at Homecoming. She is now pledging Alpha Psi Omega, national dramatics fraternity.

Charles, the novelist, will be played by Lin Welch, senior speech major from Twitty. Lin has been active in the speech department all through his college career. His latest achievement was his co-direction of "Dear Ruth". He has appeared in "Your Uncle Dudley" and "Joan of Lorraine," both major productions this year and traveled with the variety show where he appeared in the one act skit, "Ann Drives A Car." He was head director of the WT High school junior play, "Stardust" last semester, and assisted in the direction of the Alpha Sigma Xi Minstrel and Review this semester. Lin is a member of Alpha Psi Omega.

Francis Linn Townes, sophomore from Amarillo, who played "Joan" last semester, will appear in the play as Ruth, the wife of the Novelist. She went on the road with the speech variety show this semester in the skit "Ann Drives A Car." Francis Linn is active in the Amarillo Little Theater Group. She is a member of the Buffalo Masquers and Mary E. Hudspeth Honor Society.

Jody Marsh, junior from Crosbyton, Queen of the Plains Personality Pageant, will play the maid, Edith. Her previous dramatics work includes, part in "Joan of Lorraine," "Little Women," and "Tenth Word," and stage manager for "Dear Ruth". She is also a member of Alpha Psi Omega.

Marvin Bowman, senior from LeFores, and Francis Alice Harp, junior from Canyon, are teamed up as Dr. and Mrs. Bradman, guests in the novelist's home. Marvin was cast in "Joan" last semester and has appeared in two one act plays for the Buffalo Masquers this year. "Blithe Spirit" will be Francis' first appearance on the WT stage. Her previous work in dramatics has been backstage on the sets of "Soldier's Wife," "Jane Eyre" and "Little Women" last year and "Joan of Lorraine" and "Your Uncle Dudley" this year.

The "Blithe Spirit" itself will be played by Mary Francis Colwell, portraying the ghost of Charles first wife Elvira. She had a minor role in "Joan" and was in "The Valiant" a one act play. Last year she did back-stage work on "Soldier's Wife" and this year on "Dear Ruth."

Beth Kimbrough, sophomore from Canyon, will share the role of Ruth with Francis Linn Townes, announced W. A. Moore, dramatics instructor. Beth played Martha Vincent in "Dear Ruth," presented in the for-

## 3000 Swarm WT Campus for Contest

Plainview and Amarillo Senior High School bands were both awarded the coveted Special Award laques as they won first division honors in each of the contests in concert playing, sight-reading and marching.

Both these school bands were awarded the plaques, the only two awarded in the two-day Interscholastic League Music Competition Festival, instrumental division, held here on the campus of W.T Friday and Saturday.

Over 3000 high school and junior high school band and orchestra members roamed over the campus during the contests and as President J. A. Hill said, "certainly added much color to the campus."

Brightly colored uniforms, cap

mal opening of the new Branding Iron Theater in the speech building. She did dramatics work at Baylor University last year. Francis Linn will appear in one production of the play as Ruth and Beth will play the role in the other show.

Jack Walker, graduate from Samnorwood is directing the play. He played last year in "Soldier's Wife" and was technical director of "Dear Ruth."

The play will be presented in the Education Building Auditorium. The admittance price is 60 and 30 cents. All graduating seniors are to be invited as guests to one of the productions.

guns, water guns, pretty drum majorettes and music set the pattern for the monstrous festival.

According to M. J. Newman, director of WT bands and regional director of music contests for the Interscholastic League, there were 36 major organizations here during the week-end contest, including bands and orchestras from schools over the entire Panhandle.

Other schools which won plaques for the first division in one or two of the contests were Levelland, with a first division rating in sight-reading; Friona, first division in sight-reading; Whiteface, first division in concert playing and Memphis, Phillips, and Hereford, first division in marching. These were awarded in the Friday competition.

Plaques given Saturday included those to Amarillo and Plainview and also those given to Hereford Elementary School, first division in concert playing; Lamesa, two plaques for first division in concert playing and marching. Lubbock was given a plaque for first division rating in marching.

Besides bands and orchestras in the contests, nearly 400 students were entered as soloists, ensembles and trios for bass, clarinet, woodwind and strings.

Judges for the various contests came from Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

They were Max Mitchell, Oklahoma A. & M.; Colonel Earl D.

Irons, North Texas Agricultural College; Milburn Carey, Phillips University, who judged concert playing of all the bands.

Inspectors for the marching bands were C. M. Stookey, Eastern New Mexico College, and Marion McClure, Hardin-Simmons University.

R. T. Brynum, McMurry College, woodwinds; Walter Haderer Oklahoma University, orchestra; D. O. Wiley, Texas Tech, sight-reading and G. T. Gilligan, Kermit High

School, brass, were the other judges.

Mr. Newman wishes to express his thanks to all those on the campus, especially those members of the WT band, who helped make the contest the success it was.

Alpha Sigma Xi Fraternity set up a snack bar between the band house and the Administration Building to help with the task of feeding the high school contestants.

Rating sheets from the judges were sent to each of the band directors Monday.



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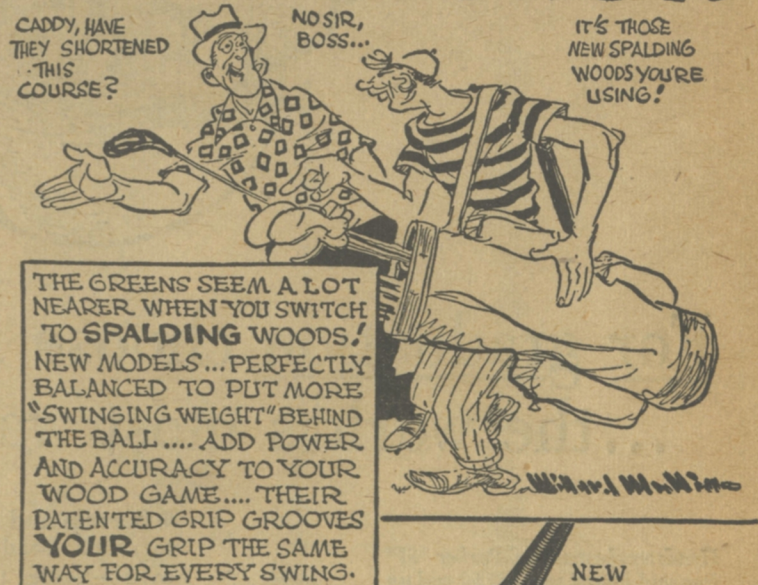


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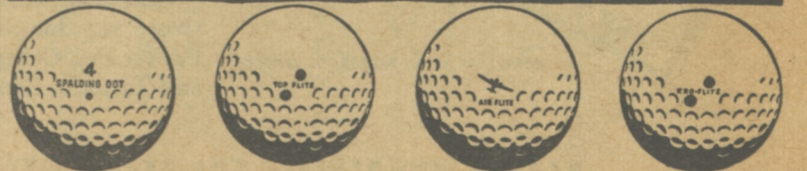
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# Slim Vote Seen In All-School Election

## Round . . . and 'Round . . . with Stallings

Been going round and round this week, and it seems all for nothing. First you study and the teacher talks about something else. You write a check and find out the bank in the home town hasn't any funds with which to pay, and so forth down the line.

It's things like this that make one feel glad that school is nearly out for one more year. One other thing which makes one feel like the world is toppling over on him is when you go to a teacher on the last day of the month and explain that the theme which was due two weeks ago is still not ready and she (or he, as the case sometimes happens to be) takes out her little black book (or brown, or green or some other color) and put in a neat little "O" in one of the squares.

However, everything is not down lately. In fact, some things are looking up for a change. A sure sign that summer is near is the fact that many of the veterans and their wives are out daily wheeling the wee ones around the campus for some fresh air.

They have ingenious methods for letting these little ones out for their air, too. Last week I saw one woman on a bicycle with two babies neatly packed in the basket. So the transportation problem was solved in a jiffy. That's wheeling two kids with one stroke.

And the uniforms that the band has decided to use on the trade trip this week are another sign of warm weather. They have decided to wear only T-shirts with 'West Texas State' on the front. This should be a relief to band members who would otherwise have to wear their complete uniforms for three days while the trip is on. This should also solve the laundry problem to a great extent.

I suppose most students here wonder what the heck has happened to The Prairie this week. Well, the answer is simple. The staff went on a trip last week to a convention and left the editor here practically by himself. But the tabloid paper looks pretty good anyway.

I hope a lot of students vote in the election Thursday. It would at least show that the student body is behind the Senate and what they are up against for next year. And it would also be a sign that just because the season for athletics is almost over that the spirit has not died out completely.

Well, we haven't much space to ramble in this week, so that looks like about all for this time. Next week's paper should be back to normal, whatever that is.

## Awards Won By WT High Girls

Word has been received from the American Association of Teachers of Spanish that Carrie Guerrero and Kathleen Armstrong of West Texas State High School, are the winners of the Spanish Essay Contest held in Canyon recently under the sponsorship of the AATS.

Carrie won the advanced medal awarded by the Association and Kathleen won the junior medal. This contest is conducted annually, and the awards are gold medals.

There is another election Thursday, a big election, in fact, one of the more important of the all-schol elections which are held here yearly. This election will decide on the members of the Student Senate for next year and on the officers of the Student Association.

How many will vote? That is a comparatively simple question, at least, judging from the response all the other student elections have gotten this semester and last semester. A pretty close estimate of the number to vote in this coming election will be about 300.

Then, of course, there will be the people here who will not like the outcome of the election—some of whom will not have even taken the five minutes or less to cast their votes.

The Senate of next year will have its hands full with the Student Union and those elected will have to be competent, maybe even more so than those we now have. Not that our present senators are not doing their job, but they don't have the responsibility that the 1948-49 senators will have to bear.

That makes this Thursday's election the most important in the history of the school, or at least one of the more important. The persons who get elected should be representatives of ALL the students, not just the faction which votes in all the elections anyway.

The same goes for those who did not go to the assembly at which students voted to accept required assembly attendance and the student union.

There is only one thing which will make democracy work anywhere, that is that all the people make the most of their opportunities and our opportunity will come Thursday with the election. VOTE!! VOTE!!

## Another Chance for Expression

Another chance to express opinions.

A trickle of comment has been heard from students and faculty members alike for the past two or three weeks which may, like the required assembly problem, turn into an all-school issue soon.

That issue is the 'smoking in buildings' problem which may completely ban smoking in all campus buildings or may leave the problem up to the students to keep their smoking to certain parts of buildings or may just leave things as they are today, with smoking in almost any part of any building.

It seems that those few students who are here now who were also here before the war remember that there was no such problem in the days of peace, that there was hardly any smoking on the campus and none at all in the buildings, excluding dormitories.

But now that problem has grown quite acute, according to some. A person can hardly get past the crowds at the ends of the halls in any of the three largest buildings for the students there taking their "two puffs between classes."

And even if you are lucky enough to get past the sardine-like crowd at the ends of the halls, you immediately run into a barrage of smoke almost thick enough to cut with a knife.

So there definitely is a problem, which needs solving. Or, maybe the situation is to be like some colleges, which allow smoking even in classes. On the other hand there are the few colleges which allow no smoking at all anywhere on the campus.

An opinion expressed to someone who can do something about it will help clarify the situation, to get action or to have it left alone, as it has been.

Of course, it is probable that no one will do anything about it immediately, but someday there will be an eager soul who will start the ball rolling and will be gratified that he did something for the good of the school.

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## On Term Themes ---

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Having difficulty in writing your term theme? At this time of the year when these literary efforts are proving an effort to the less literary-minded of us, it seems appropriate that I should set down a few simple procedures for the benefit of those who have decided that late or not, the required work must be completed.

There are several well known devices by which a theme may be acquired. The first, and of most value to the conscientious student, is the method in which the writer originates, composes, and completes the material in the best accepted essay form, with which he is familiar, we presume, being a studious person.

The second, and less desirable way, is to go with a girl whose older sister had the same course not too long ago (or some situation similar to this effect) and turn in a copy, in your own hand, (typing is liable to arouse suspicion) with the hope that the teacher has not a memory that will detect your dupe. This method requires greater diligence in planning, and is therefore not recommended for use by those who are not well versed in the art of modern deception. (See "Embezzling, Counterfeiting, and Smuggling", July, 1938.)

The third, and most exciting to utilize, is just to forget about the assignment until the night before it is due, and then employ your talent for small talk by filling the required number of pages with unrelated thoughts which you carefully associate with your subject. This diversion will probably confuse your professor so you can bank on a 50-50 chance of his giving up in trying to decipher your paper and letting it go at the grade he feels you deserve. Of course, in the event you follow this method, you must have spent some previous class time volunteering intelligent bits of information to impress the tutor of your interest and ability in his subject. Then when he receives the above mentioned effort, he may feel that you have worked so hard in presenting your dissertation that you became confused in the exact interpretation of the assignment.

In retrospect, we can readily see that only a coward or a sissy would choose to follow the first-named suggestion\*, so those of you with a desire for new worlds to conquer will accept and apply my findings with additions and modifications of your own invention.

It would likewise be appropriate for me, now that I have presented the results of an extensive research in this problem, to list a few of the hazards that are likely to be encountered in venturing on the more precarious devices aforementioned.

In finding a theme from which to plagiarize, it might be wise to accept only those plainly marked "Grade A". This tricky little maneuver will spare you the embarrassment of receiving a low grade, for if the teacher threatens to mark it "F", you can always throw the original in his face, claiming favoritism. Then, too, a student capable of making A's will most probably be intelligent enough not to mention the loan in the presence of your prof. Of course, there is always the possibility that the theme will be recognized, but this only serves to heighten the exhilaration of "slipping one over on the teacher."

There is another route for the ambitious student to follow in developing a term theme. This method employs a combination of the above procedures, in that one may write a while, copy a little, and

## Teachers Urged To Give Requests

Clark Jarnagin, new manager of the College Book Store, announced last week that the book store will be open for business as soon as all the department heads turn in their requests for new texts.

He added that the store might have been opened already had it not been for the slowness of the teachers in getting these requests to him.

Students who will be going home for the summer should turn in a change of address slip at the post office as soon as possible, he said, in order that there will be no losing of mail during the summer months. These slips may be obtained at the post office.

Mrs. W. W. Thompson will start as head of the department of supplies as soon as she arrives. She will be in charge of the school supplies.

He also said he is expecting an ice cream machine any day now. It will be capable of making all the ice cream for the Student Union fountain and will also be able to turn out frozen malt.

Whatever the students want us to install over here, we will try our best to obtain, if it is practical. Mr. Jarnagin said. He is urging that all students tell him their wants in order that the Book Store may give them the best possible service.

## WHO SAID THIS?

Dictatorship—the fetish worship of one man—passing is a phase. A state of society where men may not speak their mind, where children denounce their parents to the police, where a business man or small shopkeeper ruins his competitor by telling tales about his private opinions—such a state of society cannot long endure if brought into contact with the outside world.

The idea that you can purchase safety by throwing a small state to the wolves is a fatal decision.

There is not much collective security in a flock of sheep on the way to the butcher.

National unity can only be preserved upon a cause which is larger than the nation itself.

Further hints:

He is usually seen in pictures with a cigar in his mouth.

His mother was American and his father British.

His round face caused him to say once "all babies look like me."

He is thought to be one of the greatest orators of our day.

generally shoot the breeze, thus relieving the monotony that invariably surrounds the writing of a paper.

As it is easily seen that anyone can write a term composition using the invaluable material I have presented,\* I would be glad to accept any contributions readers may have from their own experiences concerning variations or new ideas on this subject. If you could leave them in some handy place this week I would appreciate it. My theme's already two weeks overdue.

(\*This does not necessarily constitute the opinion of the Prairie.—Ed.)

(\*Ditto!)