

## St. Mary's Has Pre-Game Edge

By Sam Thomas

Doped by the leading sports writers to lose by two touchdowns, West Texas State's Buffaloes battle the St. Mary's Rattlers on the Buffalo Gridiron this afternoon at 2:30.

Early in the week the coach shifted the line to gain a smoother blocking offensive.

Lothar Stephenson likely will start at left end. In the left tackle place, Cletus Kuehler of Groom, looks as if he might fill it, and Pete Wood, who has been out because of a broken foot, will be by Kuehler's side.

Jack Edmondson will take over the center position. E. Ricketts, regular center, is suffering from a shoulder injury.

The backfield remained unchanged.

Last week the Buffs lost to a team previously defeated by Texas Wesleyan. Wesleyan played to a

Don Savage, '37, has recently completed his Masters degree at the University of Oklahoma. He now has a job at the University of Oklahoma while he is working on his doctor's degree. He has done extensive field work in archaeology and paleontology.

James Haines, '38, is instructor of business administration at Hardin-Simmons University.

14-14 tie with Sul Ross. Last week Sul Ross was defeated 47-0 by St. Mary's. In other words, the Rattlers are a powerful well-balanced aggregation doped to win over the locals by several touchdowns.

Well informed local fans expect the Buffs to become the strongest team in the conference even yet. If the sophomores come through, and Flippin' Foster Watkins is given the protection he needs to toss his bullet passes, the Buffaloes have a chance, even yet, of emerging as the Alamo conference champions.

Mrs. Max B. Stubbs, formerly Rosalie Smith, who is a graduate of W. T., and her husband are directors of the Fanchon and Marco-Ethel Meylin Studios, the most renowned dance studio in the world.

Joe Hill, youngest son of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Hill, accompanied Admiral Byrd on his last trip to the South Pole. He was the youngest member of the entire expedition. He is now employed by Douglas Aircraft in California.

Ruth Anderson, '26, is doing Missionary work in Brazil.

Mrs. Viola Williams, Riefsnyder is doing missionary work in Peru. She visited the campus last year when she and her husband were in the States on a year's leave. They had an adopted native child with them.

Wesley Lightner, of Childress, who is employed by the Gates Creamery there, will be here for Homecoming.

Lefty Fowler, FHA supervisor of Dallam and Hartley counties, will answer the call of Homecoming today.

Frank Steen, '34, has recently had some writing accepted for publication in New Mexico. He is now in Canyon.

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**Contests:** Limerick Contest, Room 121, Main Building. 9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m. Speech Clinic and Phonograph Recording. Record your voice, your your child's, or your former teacher's. Take a souvenir record home. Room 123 Ad. Building. Hours: 9 to 12; 1 to 2:30; 5 to 7. Readings and songs available. Dr. Geeting and Dr. Helen Ogg in charge.

**Favorite-Couple Contest**—Nominate and elect your favorite couple—both must have attended West Texas State. Main Hall—9:00 a. m. to 4:00 p. m.

**Hobby Exhibit**—Sponsored by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, at Museum, Mary E. Hudspeth room; three awards. Send or bring entries to museum, Canyon. Museum hours, 9 a. m. to 2 p. m., 5-7:30 p. m., Oct. 28.

**Visiting Headquarters** — Room 105, Ad. Building. Miss Anna I. Hibbets in charge. Your former profs on hand throughout the day to visit with you.

**Ladies' Lounge**, Y. W. C. A. Room of the Ad. Building.

**Nursery**—Room 113 of Ed. Building; Home Ec. Club in charge.

**Awards**—Mrs. T. V. Reeves in charge. Ex-student queen, ex-student registered with largest family present, favorite ex-student couple (chosen by ex-student ballot of October 28); ex-student registered from the longest distance; best limerick; best hobby; class with most names registered; best stunt in parade; best barker at tent carnival; badges to W. T. ex-student parents of students or ex-students of W. T.; 12 valuable prizes to Lucky Locals from first Canyon Exes to register; numerous prizes given away at Night Club.

**Campus Guides:** Alpha Chi — Dr. B. F. Fronabarger in charge.

**Tune in on KGNC**, Amarillo, for Homecoming broadcasts Wednesday night, Oct. 25, 7:30 to 8:45; and Oct. 28, 10:15 to 11:15 p. m. 9:00 a. m. Registration in Main Hall—Lee Johnson. Register for "Clothes line" and individual prizes at Night Club; Special honor for class with largest number of members present.

9:30 a. m. Home Economics Coffee for Queen candidates.

10:30 a. m. Program in Auditorium: Faculty parade; Faculty Follies; Cavalcade of song hits, awards, introduction of queens and ex-student officers.

12 Noon. Coffee, doughnuts, and cold drinks—Room 206, Art Club. Faculty Men's Luncheon for queen candidates, Mrs. J. A. Hill in charge.

2:30 p. m.—Football game, Buffaloes vs. St. Mary's Rattlers; Before game: Stunt Parade by college clubs, dormitories, visiting bands, etc.; crowning of football queen by Gamma Phi; awards.

5:00 p. m. Alpha Psi Omegas' Smorgasbord for ex-speech students—Green Room, Basement, Ed. Building.

5:30 p. m. Kappa Tau Phi High tea for the queens and their escorts.

6:30 p. m. Rehearsal for Queen's coronation.

7:30 p. m. Coronation of the Ex-Student Queen by Pi Omegas.

8:30 p. m. Annual Night Club—Clarence Thompson, Manager—Cousins Hall with carnival in Tent Annex.

Cousins Hall division—J. B. Speer in charge.

Rainbow Garden—Fairlyland of color, music, and dancing; Plainview Orchestra. Mrs. R. A. Neblett, manager.

Oriental Lounge—Mrs. Dick Ball and Mrs. Bob Jarrett, managers.

Peacock Alley—Promenade; registration and clothes line; information desk; prizes—Dan Sanders in charge.

Old Tascosa Bar—Cold drinks and dancing to Jesse's String Band of Pampa—Delbert Lowes in charge.

Cocanut Grove—Mrs. Hosea Foster and Miss Frances Ussery in charge. Dancing to Raymond Raillard's Majors in Swing.

Monte Carlo, Big Tent Annex Carnival—Guy Harp, manager. Prize games; continuous free stage show (Stuttering Sam, Amarillo Dancers, etc.); Midway; Portrait sketching; side shows with barkers; tent-front teasers; fortune tellers, etc.; American Legion hamburger stand de luxe; and to top it all off, there will be souvenirs with sentiment to remind you of your biggest homecoming day of relaxation, fun, and fellowship.

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## HELLO, HOMECOMING HORDES---HILL



Blue eyes, brown hair, striking personality: that's Lena Snitker, 1939 football queen. She predicts a win for the Buffs over St. Mary's.

Nothing makes us happier than the return of our exes to the campus. We delight in sharing our joys, in discussing plans for the development of W. T., in renewing our friendships, and in reconsecrating ourselves to the traditions and ideals for which our College stands.

Especially are we thrilled by the huge and happy throngs that return at this time to enjoy again together another day of rich experience on our campus. Personally, and officially, I welcome you from the depth of my heart and hope to see you and greet you by the hundreds on this great day for West Texas State.

Cordially yours,  
J. A. HILL.

## Lavish Program Planned For Queen's Coronation

On W. T.'s 30th birthday, hordes of exes will return today for the most colorful Homecoming of the years with virtually every student and every campus building being incorporated in the program scenes.

Under the general chairmanship of Mrs. Tommie Montfort, the College has been planning for the homecoming of 1939 since this term's opening, and the program has grown beyond the expectations of the committees.

Two programs stand out in this day's routine, the football game, starring St. Mary's Rattlers and the W. T. Buffaloes—and the night club tonight. Three orchestras will play in the ballrooms of Cousins Hall. Raymond Raillard and his Majors in Swing, Logan Largent and his orchestra from Plainview, and Jesse's String Band from Pampa. Their assigned ballrooms are, respectively, Cocanut Grove, Rainbow Garden, and Old Tascosa barroom.

West Texas' Homecoming Queen will be crowned at 7:30 tonight in the throne room by Prexy J. A. Hill in the auditorium of the Administration Building.

The queen will be preceded in the procession by Sybil Ann Gillis, flower girl; Peter Nichols, crown bearer; and Mary and Virginia McGowen, pages. Her train bearers will be Marion Miller and Mary Ruth Curl. James Harrison and Josh Hopkins will announce the queens.

The beauties will be entertained by Houston Bright, singing one of his own compositions; a violin solo by Robert Axtell; and another vocal selection by Miss Ada V. Clark.

The coronation is under the sponsorship of Pi Omega sorority. Miss Novella Goodman and Mrs. Alice Nichols are faculty advisers for the ceremony.

Seventeen queen candidates were listed this morning. The queens represent all parts of the Panhandle and part of New Mexico. They are selected by West Texas State ex-students' associations in various counties.

The list of candidates includes: Lela Hickox, Potter County; Robbie Foster, Deaf Smith County; Rubye Foster, Floyd County; Odessa Winkler, Hansford County; Dorothy Edgerton, Gray County; Mildred Brillhart, Ochiltree County; Beatrice Cobb, Cottle County; Rubye Lee McMillan, Clovis, New Mexico; Florine Currie, Eastern New Mexico; Linnette Cain, Oldham County; Lucille Hix, Childress County; Alma Smith, Farmer County; Virginia Hohaus, Hale County; Marie Miles, Lubbock County; Pauline Dunlap, Dallam County; Dorothy Lee Yearwood, Moore County; and Genelle Ketchum, Wheeler County.

## EXES COUPLES IN BRIEF

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hinger of Pampa. Oscar was a West Texas athlete and is now coaching in one of the Pampa schools. Mrs. Hinger is the former Bonnie Gierhart. Mr. and Mrs. Odus Mitchell of Pampa. He is also coaching there.

Mr. and Mrs. John McCarty of Amarillo. John is now editor of the Amarillo News-Globe, and quite a prominent citizen. Mrs. McCarty is the former Susie Baird of Canyon. Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dillard of Snyder. Both are teaching and both are grads. He is president of the graduate Club. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hale of Amarillo.

Mr. and Mrs. Law Sone of Fort Worth, both are grads of W. T. He was a former Buffalo star and is now President of T. W. C. Mr. and Mrs. Grady Hazlewood of Amarillo. Grady was formerly distict attorney there. She was the former Andrine Smith of El Paso. Both are grads.

Mr. and Mrs. Irby Carruth of Bonham. He is now Superintendent of Public Schools there. Both are graduates and both were elected college favorites in their senior year. Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Rhodes of Tucumcari, New Mexico. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hill, Jr. He accompanied Admiral Byrd on his last expedition and is now a plane designer with Douglas air-craft in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Baker, Jr., both teaching in Adrian. Both were outstanding students and members of Alpha Chi. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Johnson. He is now head of the Business Administration Department at West Texas and Mrs. Johnson has been (Continued on page two)

## Gray County Superintendent New President of W. T. Ex-Students



W. B. Weatherred, new president of the Ex-Students Association, will succeed Clay Thornton. Weatherred is Gray County Superintendent of Schools.

Supt. L. H. Rhodes of Tucumcari writes his disappointment in not being able to return for this year's Homecoming. He and other teachers will be attending sessions of the New Mexico Education Association.

H. T. Batchelder is teaching in a girls college in Mississippi.

W. B. Weatherred, former Buffalo football star and county superintendent of Gray County, is the new president of the Ex-students Association, succeeding Clay Thornton of Amarillo.

Other officers are: Vice-president, G. H. Jones, superintendent of Happy schools, second vice-president, Kathryn Shearer, teacher in Canadian; director place 1, Vincent Lockhart of the Amarillo News-Globe; director place 2, Mrs. W. D. Word of Amarillo; director place 3, Clay Thornton of Amarillo; director place 4, J. C. Baker of Adrian; and executive secretary, Lee Johnson, head of the business administration department here.

President Thornton will preside at the general session opening at 10:30 this morning.

## BUFF BAND TO PARADE

Buffalo Band, directed by C. E. Strain, will make a colorful showing on the field at today's Homecoming game.

Vernon Casey, drum major, will lead the band on to the field. Band sweethearts, Mary and Virginia McGowen of Anton, will bear the flags, and La Nelle Scheihagen, Hereford, and La Nelle Sims, Post, will be twirlers. "Officers For the Day" will be played by the band.

J. D. Rainer, Agriculture and Manual Arts instructor, at Stinnett will be present for Homecoming today.

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## CLAY THORNTON—EX-PREXY

West Texas' exes have a new association president—W. B. Weathered—and maybe they will soon be forgetting their retiring one—Clay Thornton of Amarillo.

But before Mr. Thornton becomes ex-president, The Prairie would like for the big ex-family to know what a friend and worker for W. T. he has been.

Because of his prominence in Amarillo as a business man, civic worker, and Legionnaire commander, his being president of the W. T. Ex-students Association has been an asset to the College. Then his understanding of student projects has been worthwhile.

During his year as president, the association's many divisions have been active. Much action here has never been revealed. Whether he is president or just another ex-student, W. T. knows that a friend and backer is retiring as the association's president.

## Hart Palpitations

by Fred Hart

Classmates who parted with vows of undying loyalty and eternal friendship, exchanging hasty hand clasps, a few moist tears, and long promises to "keep in touch with one another," will set aside today as the yearly balm of their promise and gather—like kids around a construction job—at their Alma Mater.

The long wear of daily life has dulled the memories of many exes, so for their benefit, Your 'ole Palpitations, has, by aid of a vivid imagination ordained to all those who would try to inform the public, made himself into an ex for the day, and he will give you his impression upon returning to his alma mater after an absence of ten years.

Let's see, it must have been the fall of 1929 when I last visited W. T. I don't live so far away, have always meant to come back on one of these home-comings, yet just didn't get away. Conditions have been such the last decade that a fellow has to stick to his job.

Oh, yes. That's my wife; you know she finished here the year after I graduated. She was Mary Jones from Denport. Majored in Business Administration. Everyone thought she was making a mistake; I mean business administration wasn't well thought of then. Good thing she did though, because we've had to stretch dollars a long ways.

And this is Junior. We think he is pretty smart. Yes a good many people think he looks like me. He's nine, and pretty big for his age . . . in the fifth grade.

Say, it surely gives you a funny feeling to come back. The freshmen look upon you with awe, the sophomores are amused, the juniors ignore you, and the seniors look amazed that you even had sense enough to have been a collegier.

Once I was six three, sometimes weighed as little as 180 at the most 190, always had an overabundance of hair, even after a haircut. Now, I am somewhat stooped, weigh 230, and never have an abundance of hair, even before a haircut.

The campus looks a bit different, I'll admit.

Trees are bigger and more plentiful. The Education Building has lost its new look, the museum has become more than a dream, and Cousins has been enlarged. Burton Gym has been enlarged, and the entire Athletic plant rebuilt. Recent exes know the credit goes to Al for a fine job.

I really laugh when I think of the rumor that I heard the other day about Prexy Hill burning up the old building in '14 so we could get a new one. No one denies that the old structure was a shell, but if I remember right, J. A. Hill wasn't even president when the building burned. From what I read in the papers, Prexy has done everything recently to get some new buildings—except burn some of the present shells.

Gosh, these modern social gatherings and groups are pink tea societies compared to the meeting of the Cousins and Antlers. Boy, oh boy! We really used to have some times. Me? I was an Antler. And that reminds me. Jim Fowler who lives next door to me was a Cousin and it was several years before we got where we could speak real friendly like to one another. Now I've decided he was a swell fellow in W. T., although somewhat misguided.

Speaking of fuses and fights and the like, I am reminded of the "old class fights of 1922. First, the slimes—nervy brats—kidnapped the soph prexy Evetts Haley, and took him for a one way ride into the terra firma. His love for slimes was not improved by the fact; so, upon his arrival in town (a la foot) he gathered a trusted bunch of henchmen to share in the revenge, which was to be in the form of removing the disliked class flag from its flaunting position in front of the main building.

The faculty was so relieved that no one was shot in the ensuing fray that no official investigation was made. And the injured were so afraid of detection that they doctored themselves. OH, THEM WERE THE DAYS.

Baseball was the real sport then. The college always had a team. Guess the depression killed baseball in colleges this size. I sure do miss it too.

Say, what do you think the Buffs will do against St. Mary's today? I remember when the football team was going some when they beat Wayland Junior College, and now they play almost professionals. You know, athletics really started when Coach Burton came here in 1921. We really began going places then, and from what I can hear we're still going.

Just think of the changes in faculty personnel. Only ones I've seen around that I knew when, are Dr. Hill, Miss Hudspeth, Miss Ritchie, Miss Richardson, Miss Malone, Mr. Terrill, Doc Pierle and Mr. McCarter. Guess there are some more, but I don't remember them.

Oh, yeah. I'm entering the limerick contest and I want to try this out on you.

Travis, the ex-student, returning from afar,  
Was driving a sedan, a black shining car;  
His thoughts were melancholy, his visage grave,  
His muscles were tense, his face freshly shaved;  
He said to himself—  
Oh, you have to be going? Well, goodbye, I . . .

Deskins Wells, a very popular Panhandle man, is editor and owner of the Wellington Leader. He was president of the Texas State Press Association last year.

Mrs. Lois R. Saxton, '39, is a librarian in Melrose, N. M. She is appearing on the N. M. Education Association program this week-end.

## HOMECOMING . . .

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manager of the Bookstore for the past two years. Dr. and Mrs. Bob Jarrett, Jr. Bob is now connected with the Neblett Hospital in Canyon, and is one of the School physicians.

## "Big Tent" Thompson

Mr. and Mrs. Melvyn Cullender. He was a former Buffalo athlete and is now employed by the Phillips Petroleum Co. in Pampa. Mrs. Cullender was the former Jerry Tomlinson. They were only married the first of this month. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Thompson of Canyon. He is now manager of the Thompson Hardware Co. He has been outstanding in ex-student activities. Both are graduates of W. T.

Homecoming day will begin with registration at 9 a. m. and a "Faculty Follies" in assembly at 10:30 a. m.

Adding to interest this year are special features, such as selection of the favorite ex-student couple, a hobby show, a limerick contest, and awards for the ex-student coming the farthest, the ex-student registered with the largest family present, and the class with the largest percentage of members present.

The speech department will have a phonograph recording instrument available for ex-students to make records of their voices or those of their favorite former instructors.

Exes of Swisher county have organized and have elected Mrs. Kate Carson of Tulla president, Mrs. Zona Cox of Happy vice president, and Miss Etelle Smith of Happy secretary-treasurer.

James Badgett, '38, and Wayne Walker, former student, are at Randolph Field. Harry Holt, '34, is a reporter on a daily newspaper in Sweetwater, Texas.

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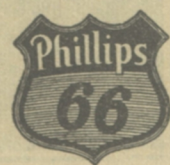


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## Queen Candidates Have Lunch in Home Economics Dining Room

"Luncheon fit for the Queens!" that is the motto of the Kappa Omicron Phi for Homecoming. Candidates for the throne will be feted at noon today. Their host will be C. H. Jarrett, Ray Campbell, Clyde Warwick, and members of the faculty.

D. A. Shirley, as toastmaster, will introduce a program including music by the College Trio, composed of Marjorie Reeve, Robert Axtell, and Nell Stevenson. Welcoming talks will be made by President J. A. Hill and Dean R. P. Jarrett.

## Honor Queens

A coffee will be given this morning from 9 to 9:30 o'clock, at the Home Management House for the Queen candidates.

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## Sororities Ready To Welcome Alumni

Gamma Phi sorority is giving a dinner for their exes this evening at 6 o'clock, at Bob's Coffee Shop.

Kappa Tau Phi, newest sorority on the campus, is honoring candidates for Homecoming Queen, and their escorts at High tea at 5:30 p. m. at Randall Hall.

Mrs. Etta Mae Taylor, instructor of music in the public schools, will play during the tea.

Delta Zeta Chi sorority will entertain its ex-members with a coffee Saturday morning in the home of Mrs. L. P. Sheffy, 2008 6th Avenue.

Delta Zeta Chi is the largest sorority on the campus. Pledges for this semester are Frances Miller, Jane Boone, Ernestine Cundiff, Virginia Good, and Dardanella Whately.

Pi Omega sorority is honoring its ex-members with a coffee from 9 to 10:30 this morning at the home of Mrs. Al Baggett.

All table appointments will be silver. The club colors of maroon and White will be carried out thru-out the decorations.

## SPEECH ALUMNI FETED

All ex-students of the speech department are having Smorgesborg this afternoon at 5 o'clock in the Green Room, in the basement of the Education Building. Smorgesborg is a Swedish appetizer.

Alpha Psi Omega, national honorary dramatic fraternity is honoring the ex-students. Members of Alpha Psi Omega are in charge of arrangements, and Mrs. Baxter M. Geeting, wife of the head of the speech department, is presiding.

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## YWCA Members and Exes Breakfast at Hudspeth Home

Members of Y. W. C. A. are giving a breakfast this morning for all exes who were members of the "Y." at the home of Miss Mary E. Hudspeth. The breakfast is at 8:30 a. m., and the plates are thirty-five cents. Miss LaNelle Scheihagen, acting president of Y. W. C. A., is

presiding. This breakfast is traditional with the "Y." and has been observed for a number of years. Former presidents of "Y." will be introduced.

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