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## FACULTY ENLARGED FOR YEAR 1920-21

West Texas State Normal Faculty  
the Largest in the History  
of the Institution.

The West Texas State Normal College has opened this fall with the largest faculty of its history. A number of new teachers have been added.

Miss Hattie M. Anderson, Associate Professor of History, comes to us from Norborne, Mo. She holds the B. Ed. degree from the Warrensburg State Normal School of Missouri and a B. S. and M. A. degree from the University of Missouri. Miss Anderson was an instructor in the University of Missouri last year. She is an active member of the Baptist church.

Miss Miriam Anderson of Kirksville, Mo., is Associate Professor of Physical Education for Women. She is a graduate of Litchfield, Minnesota, High School, studied one year at Hamlin University at St. Paul and has her B. A. degree from Illinois Woman's College. Miss Anderson also did one term's work in the Chicago Normal School of Physical Education. She was instructor in Biology and Physical Director for Women at Texas Woman's College for the years 1917-1919. During the term of 1919-1920, Miss Anderson was Director of Physical Training, State Normal School, Kirksville, Mo. She is a member of the Methodist church.

Miss Alberta Brackney, the Critic Teacher of Latin and History in the upper grades of the Training School, is from New Market, Iowa. Her high school training was obtained at that place and in the State Normal at Cedar Falls, Iowa. She is a graduate of the Missouri State Normal at Warrensburg, Mo., and has her B. A. degree from the University of Kansas. Miss Brackney has spent two terms at the University of Chicago and one term at the University of Missouri.

She has taught high school Mathematics, Latin and History for several years. She was principal of the high school at Cooperstown, North Dakota, during the years 1907-1913. She was superintendent of schools at New Market, Iowa, for three years. Miss Brackney was also supervisor in the State Normal School, Bolineau, N. D., and at Hays, Kansas. She comes highly recommended.

Miss Harriet Graham of Summerville, South Carolina, is the new student life secretary, succeeding Miss Abbie Graham. Miss Graham is a graduate of Winthrop College, S. C. Last year she was at Greensboro, N. C., where she served as secretary for the Y. W. C. A. of the North Carolina College for Women, located at that place. Miss Graham is rapidly winning her way into the student life of the college.

Mrs. Otho Hanscom, the Critic Teacher for the sixth grade in the Training School, comes to us from Tyler, Texas. She is a graduate of the Southwest Texas State Normal College at San Marcos, has her B. S. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers, and has spent two summers in the University of Chicago. Mrs. Hanscom was Primary Supervisor in the Waco Public Schools for several years, and in the Tyler Public Schools. Mrs. Hanscom is a member of the Methodist church.

Mrs. McCarter, teacher of English in the Training School, is an experienced teacher of English. She is a graduate of the North Texas State Normal College at Denton, and has her B. A. degree from the University of Texas. Mrs. McCarter taught English in the High School at Durant, Okla., last year.

Miss Frances Mac Laran, the College Nurse, has her B. A. degree from Baylor University and is a graduate of the University of Texas Training School for Nurses. Miss MacLaran taught for one year in the Waco High School and one year in the Taylor High School.

Mr. McCorkle, the Physical Director for Men, is now with us. An account of Mr. McCorkle's training will be found in another column.

Mr. Frank R. Phillips is now acting as Associate Professor of Vocational High School Agriculture. He is a Graduate of North Texas State Normal College and holds his B. S. degree from the A. & M. College of Texas. Mr. Phillips has been a teacher in rural and high schools of Texas and Louisiana for several years. He has also done extension work under the

direction of A. & M. College in Cherokee and Denton counties. He was in charge of the Army Rehabilitation School of Agriculture at Camp Custer, Mich., for several months. Later he was in charge of war activities for A. & M. Extension Department. Mr. Phillips has done graduate work in Yale University and comes highly recommended. He is a member of the Methodist church.

Miss Georgia Watkins, who served as dietitian at Cousins Hall during the summer, holds a position in the Domestic Science Department. She is a graduate of the C. I. A. at Denton and has successfully been in charge of the Domestic Science Department of the Paris High School for the past five years.

Miss Dorthula Walker, Associate Professor of Geography, holds a B. S. and M. A. degree from George Peabody College for Teachers. Miss Walker was a teacher in the High Schools at Cleburne and Dallas, Texas. She was instructor in Geography in the Summer Normal at Atlanta, Georgia, and at the Industrial Institute and College at Columbus, Miss. During the fall of 1918, Miss Walker was a member of the Research Division of the U. S. Shipping Board, Washington, D. C. Following this and up to the time that she came to us in the summer she was Associate Professor of Geography of the Sam Houston Normal Institute, Huntsville, Texas.

Mrs. Marion Witt, Matron of Cousins Hall, is a graduate of Sam Houston Normal Institute. She has had experience as matron at Stafford College and Texas Woman's College. By her kindly bearing, she is winning her way into the hearts of the girls.

Miss Nannie Yates, Critic Teacher in English and Mathematics, comes from Lamesa, where she taught for several years. Miss Yates was in Simmons College two years and in the West Texas State Normal College three terms. She is known as an excellent teacher, having done work in our own Training School. She is an active member of the Baptist church.

Miss Mary S. Yocom is Assistant Professor of Kindergarten Education. She holds an A. B. degree from Oberlin College. She spent one year in the Kindergarten Training School, University of Chicago, and one year in Oberlin Kindergarten Training School, of which she is a graduate. Miss Yocom was a teacher in the Kindergarten of Youngstown, Ohio, for one year before coming to us.

The Music Department has added several new instructors. Miss Corrine Hamill is the new instructor in Violin. She received her B. Music degree from the University of Iowa last year. Mr. R. N. Brothers will be here soon. He will be Band Director and Instructor in Wind Instruments. Miss Carmen Brewer is student-assistant in music. Miss Brewer is a former student of the Normal and an excellent musician.

Three members of the faculty are back at their posts after having been out last year on leave of absence. Miss Anna I. Hibbits, Associate Professor of Primary Education, was in George Peabody College for Teachers. She taught Primary Education and did work toward her M. A. degree, which she secured.

Miss Golda Fern Gruver, Instructor in Mathematics, is also again a member of the faculty after having been on leave of absence during the term of 1919-20, during which time she secured her degree from the college department of this Normal.

Miss Mary Adeline Lamb, Professor of Education, was absent from the last of March, 1919, until the beginning of the Summer Term, 1920. Miss Lamb was called to her home at Brighton, Colo., on account of the serious illness of her father. She assumed the duties of housekeeper and nurse; indulging in one of her hobbies, she engaged in the raising of poultry on a small scale and in gardening and was quite successful in both enterprises. During the summer of 1919, she canned thirty or forty gallons of vegetables and fruit. During the winter she did reading in Sociology. Owing to the improvement of her father's health, Miss Lamb was enabled to take up her work at the beginning of the Summer Term.

Three of the regular faculty members are on leave of absence this year. Miss Adeline White, Associate Professor of Education, is in Columbia University doing work toward her M. A. degree. Miss Mary Clark, Instructor in Music, and Miss Margaret Guenther, Supervisor of Music in the Training School, are now in Northwestern College, Naperville, Illinois. (Continued on page 2.)

## Hon. Robert J. Eckhardt Visits Normal College

Honorable Robert J. Eckhardt, a prominent member of Normal School Board of Regents, visited Canyon for a few days last week. He was appointed by this body to pass upon the construction work of Cousins' Hall, the new dormitory for girls. After carefully examining every detail of the work, he formally accepted the building in the name of the Normal School Board of Regents and the State of Texas.

On Tuesday, September 21, Mr. Eckhardt was present at the opening of the fall quarter of the college, and he expressed himself as highly pleased with the character of students applying for admission. He commented quite at length upon the good behavior of the student body, and was enthusiastic over the outlook of the West Texas State Normal College.

Mr. Eckhardt is a public spirited citizen of high ideals and progressive ideas; he believes in young life and its possibilities, and he unselfishly contributes to its proper direction much from a life rich in experience and sound judgment. His delightful social qualities make him a welcome visitor anywhere, and we shall welcome his return.

## New Equipment

To meet the demands being made upon it, the Department of Agriculture has been forced to increase its equipment. A new dairy barn is now being constructed. It is to be forty by seventy feet and will accommodate fourteen cows. The barn is to be of wood with concrete and steel stall equipment, and will have an underground silo, a manure pit and mow space for forty tons of hay.

Nine fine Jersey cows have been bought. A modernly equipped creamery with a fifty gallon milk churn, cream refiner, separator, etc. has been added. From this model dairy all the milk and butter needed for the new girls' dormitory will be produced.

A model poultry house and equipment is also a recent addition to the agriculture department. Here a large flock of fifty hens will be kept.

The department will keep registered Duroc-Jersey hogs, dairy cattle of all common breeds, and various other live stock for class instruction, breeders' sales, and to supply the kitchen.

## New Teacher in Music Department

Miss Carmen Brewer of Perryton, Texas, has been added to the Normal. It was found necessary to employ another music teacher on account of the large number of students taking private lessons in piano.

Miss Brewer is an excellent musician and a former student of the Normal, having attended school here during the regular session of 1917-18. She began her work immediately after her arrival Wednesday morning.

## Professor Guenther Beautifies College Campus

Recently Professor F. P. Guenther took charge of the college campus. Since that time he has changed its appearance rapidly. He has had the grass mowed, raked and burned, and now the whole campus presents a smooth gloss of velvet green. Day after day you may see him at his appointed task of making our campus beautiful and clean. He has been making a heroic effort to save our trees from the pest of borers. If he can succeed, he will deserve high praise from faculty and students. His plans for the future include many additional trees and artistically designed flower plats. Let us hope that students will assist him in every way to make and keep our campus all that it should be.

## Y. M. C. A. Active

Indications are good for a live and active Y. M. C. A. during this year's session. Plans are already in operation for constructive work along various lines of activity, and the unusually large number of men students enrolled furnishes material, as well as a field, for the organization. The following compose the Cabinet for the session:

President—Dan Sanders.  
Vice President—Gary Simms.  
Secretary—Harper Allen.  
Faculty Advisor—Prof. Fred H. Ives.

A male quartet is soon to be organized, the personnel has not been definitely determined as yet.

One feature of the work being done by the Y. M. C. A. is the placing of all students who wish to work in spare time in touch with those wishing to employ labor. Prof. Ives keeps a complete list of all students who wish to work and makes assignment on Saturday morning after chapel. Twenty men were placed in good jobs Monday, and received fifty cents an hour for their services. Farmers call at the Post Office at six-thirty on Monday mornings for their hands.

## Lyceum Attractions for 1920-1921

Among the Lyceum attractions for the regular session of 1920-1921 will be two noted lecturers and one musical number. The dates for these engagements have not been definitely fixed, but sometime during the year Vice President Marshall and Ben Lindsey will lecture and the Paulo Gruppe Musical Company will be here. These are all high priced attractions, and they should be well patronized.

## Begin Membership Drive

The first cabinet meeting of the Y. W. C. A. for the session took place last Wednesday. Several members of the cabinet have been drafted into the teaching service, and it will be necessary to select new ones in order to complete the organization. At the meeting it was decided to start a big membership drive in the near future.

Department of Agriculture Receives

## That Get Acquainted Meeting and Watermelon Feast

A week ago last Saturday night, a group of about four hundred members of the student body and faculty gathered in room 105 and the corridors for the purpose of getting acquainted with each other. Slips of paper were given out to all present, who were instructed to ask all strange students and faculty members to sign their names on the slips and vice versa. The point was to get as many names as possible on your list, thus gaining new acquaintances.

After some time spent at this, the crowd was called out in front of the building. Those present were divided into groups according to the month in which their birthdays came. For instance, all those born in January were put in one group, all those born in February in another, and so on through the twelve months of the year. Each group was then told to put on a show of some kind as a representation of the month in which the participants were born. Several very good representations were made. Probably the best were February—George Washington cutting down his father's cherry tree; July—an election scene; December—a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus, who distributed gifts and comic remarks; and May—a May-pole dance with A. D. Parker as the May-pole.

## Officers for College Newspaper Selected

On Thursday the students of the West Texas State Normal College elected officers for "The Prairie." The successful candidates were as follows: Associate Editor-in-Chief, Sara Thompson; Literary Editor, Ollie Sone; Art Editor, Corrie Rankin; Exchange Editor, Otis Greer; Society Editor, Frank Hill; Athletic Representative for Girls, Mildred Johnson; Athletic Representative for Boys, Gary Simms; Representative for Clubs and Organizations, James E. Dockery; Stenographer, Floyd Golden.

The Editor-in-Chief and the Business Manager of "The Prairie" are now under the head of "student assistants" and are therefore appointees. For this year Mody Boatright is editor-in-chief and Charles Wilson is business manager.

## Home Economics Club Organizes

The Home Economics Club met Friday afternoon in room 312 and organized for the fall quarter. The following officers were elected:

Mrs. J. J. Powell—President.  
Miss Mary Cooper—Vice President.  
Miss Bernice McGhee—Sec.-Treas.  
Miss Jessie E. Rambo—Parliamentarian.

Miss Jo D. Pennington—Reporter.  
Chairman for the Program and Social Committees were selected in the persons of Miss Bernice Parker and Miss Mary Isaacs.

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## NEW COACH FOR ATHLETICS ARRIVES

Football Schedule for Season Arranged—First Game Called for October 23.

Mr. Wayne McCorkle, the new athletic coach for the West Texas State Normal College, has arrived in Canyon, and he is at work getting his teams in shape for the opening game, October 23rd. Mr. McCorkle has had excellent training in athletics at Baylor University, at the University of Oklahoma, and as coach. He was a "four letter man" in Oklahoma for baseball, basketball, football, and track.

The football boys are on the field almost daily for practice, and much good material is showing up. They are manifesting much enthusiasm over the outlook, and it is expected that Coach McCorkle will develop a formidable squad before the opening game.

The football schedule for the season is as follows: October 23rd Wayland at Plainview; October 30th, New Mexico Military Institute at Canyon; November 6th, Clarendon; November 13th, Wayland at Canyon; November 25th, Clarendon.

The place for the two games with Clarendon has not yet been determined, but this will be announced later. All these games give promise of some hot contests and should provide thrills that will satisfy the most fastidious. The New Mexico Military Institute has one of the best teams of its class in the West, and the game with this school will doubtless be a hard-fought contest.

## County Hospital Project Under Way

At the meeting of the Randall County Commercial League Tuesday night the machinery was set in motion to locate in Canyon a County Hospital, costing about \$30,000 together with necessary equipment amounting to about \$10,000.

A committee is now circulating a petition which will be presented to the Commissioners Court at the meeting on October 11, asking that a special election be called for the purpose of voting bonds to build this hospital.

The legislature passed an act two years ago giving counties the right to build and equip hospitals through bond issues. A large number of counties have taken advantage of this act and are most highly pleased with the results.

That Randall County needs a hospital, none will deny.

That Randall County ought to have one established at once is a fact the physicians and leading citizens have long recognized.

That Randall County will have a hospital may almost be conceded as witnessed by the eagerness with which the tax payers signed the petition yesterday when it was first presented.

Under the terms of the law there must be the names of ten per cent of the tax paying voters on the petition when it is presented. Almost that number was procured yesterday. But the committee will not stop at the ten per cent. The petition will be presented to every citizen possible between now and the meeting of the Commissioners Court on October 11th. —Randall County News.

## Y. M. C. A. Conference

On Thursday night in room 211, several college men were called for a Y. M. C. A. conference. Mr. Sanders, the president, opened the meeting with a number of pointed and well directed remarks, after which Mr. Ives was asked to lay before the assembly some of the plans the "Y" had in view for this school year. Mr. Ives paid no little respect to the ideals of the work in general and gave a thorough discussion of the many vital points and plans under Y. M. C. A. consideration. Following this brief but persuasive discussion Mr. Erhart, the state Y. M. C. A. secretary, supplemented the explanations by such remarks as he thought beneficial. In a straight forward and business-like manner he spoke of means and ways by which we could make our "Y" function in the life of busy college men. Not a few instances were mentioned of successful work being done in other colleges, and the actual results he produced struck our men as good evidence of the worth of his plans.

A complete organization was effected and a definite work was given to each man. A series of amusements were considered and programs of interest are in process of construction.





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## Read the Ads

Most of the business men and merchants of Amarillo and Canyon have shown a disposition to co-operate with the college and its various activities. A particular instance of this is exemplified by their readiness to advertise in the "Prairie." We believe that our paper has real value as an advertising medium and that those who advertise with us can afford to do so from sound business policy. The extent, however, to which advertising will pay in any students' publication depends largely on the students. Students owe their patronage to those who patronize them. Read the ads in every issue. Get familiar with the firms represented, and give them preference in making purchases.

## The Blanket Tax

The blanket tax for this year is \$6.00, payable upon entrance. This amount entitles the holder of a blanket tax ticket to four lyceum attractions, all athletics, nine months' subscription to "The Prairie," and the inter-normal debates. The lyceum attractions alone are worth this amount. To hear Vice President Marshall, Ben Lindsay, or the Paulo Gruppe Musical Company would cost at least \$1.50 for each number. Have you estimated how much it would cost to see every athletic engagement? Surely you have planned to be present at each contest in which those who train for college sports represent your alma mater. These boys and girls sacrifice time and effort to afford you pleasure and to add new laurels to those already won. Your presence at the contests encourages your chosen representatives to win. Had you stopped to consider the relative time spent in preparation for these contests and the time necessary to see them? Do you think the time required to see them is an unjust demand of you? Students, as a matter of college pride and college spirit, let's get back of our teams and help them to win. Be out for the first games. A good beginning helps!

## A County Hospital

The people of Randall County have launched another progressive movement in their drive for a county hospital. Such an institution in Canyon will give the people of Randall County a just cause for civic pride and will mark them as a progressive people.

## Stand by Athletics

Let's stand by our Athletics. The foot-ball team is now organized and the boys are beginning to practice in earnest. Soon there will be games between our team and those of other schools. Let us help our boys by coming out and watching them defeat the other teams. Our rooting and our interest will give them courage. It helps them to win the fight. When they have sacrificed much in order to be on the team, surely we have enough time to come and see them win. Let's all be there at the first game. Let's stand by our Athletics.  
—Helen Burtz.

## A Students' Publication

Let us make our College paper a student publication in the true sense of the word. Since the paper was created by the students for the students, let us not leave all the work for the faculty to do, but let each student do his part to make each copy better than the last. Besides the pleasure that comes from such work, there is inestimable value in the literary practice. Let us not forget to write up all our social, literary, and athletic news and make our paper a true reflector of our student activities.  
—Ona Webb.

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Shall We Adopt a New Alma Mater? A good Alma Mater should embody the highest ideals of its beloved mother; it should catch and voice the most sacred sentiments inherently characteristic of the institution to which it would pay tribute. And that institution which has no distinct life, no distinct sentiment characteristically its own, has no right to exist. Another indispensable quality characterizes a good Alma Mater-style. It should be poetry with "high seriousness" in subject matter; it should "be the breath and finer spirit" of a lofty purpose; and this lofty purpose should animate with courage, strength and faith those who cherish it. And, lastly, a good Alma Mater should lend itself happily to the requirements of music.

Since 1914 the students and friends of the West Texas State Normal College have been singing "We are young in life's great battle—Young in word and deed; May we e'er in each dear classmate Find a friend we need." The sentiments of this Alma Mater sprang from the heart of a student burdened with the sorrows of the fire which destroyed our main building, and found a ready response in a student body which Fate had challenged for an answer to its courage. The days of the "great fire" have passed, and the institution is now entering upon a new era. Does the Alma Mater which we all know and love adequately express all we feel with respect to this new life?

Below is a new Alma Mater, a contribution by local talent. Do not ask who wrote it. Read it carefully; put it side by side with the Alma Mater we know; and then ask yourself which one squares best with the requirements of a good Alma Mater. Within the next few days you will be asked to vote upon the question of choosing a new Alma Mater.

ALMA MATER  
Over boundless reach of prairie,  
Over rolling plains,  
Over cliff and crag and canyon,  
Alma Mater reigns!

REFRAIN  
To thy colors, white and crimson,  
We would faithful be—  
Hearts as bold as western breezes,  
Souls as pure and free!

Round thy image, Alma Mater,  
Hallowed memories twine;  
Bless the sacred ties of friendship  
Pledged before thy shrine.

REFRAIN  
Thou hast taught us, Alma Mater,  
All we have, to give;  
In the joy of loving service,  
Ever let us live.

(Refrain for last stanza)  
Alma Mater! Alma Mater!  
We will faithful be;  
Through the years that lie before us  
We'll remember thee!

Faculty Enlarged for Year  
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getting further training along their lines of work.

Several of the faculty members were not here during the summer. Miss Martha Bell, of the Domestic Art Department, spent quite a profitable and enjoyable summer in the north. After a short visit at her home, she went to New York via Chicago and attended Teachers' College, Columbia University for six weeks. She finished the work required for her degree. Miss Bell returned home by boat to New Orleans. Here she spent several days visiting antique shops and places of interest. The only exciting occurrence while she was on the water was a fight between a shark and a porpoise.

Miss Alimae Aiken and Miss Margaret Boulware spent the summer in California. While in California Miss Aiken visited the art department in five of the California state schools. Miss Boulware visited the Department of Commerce at Berkeley University; Stanford University at Palo Alto was also visited. Miss Boulware has charge of the Commercial Department this year.

Miss Jennie C. Ritchie saw the Northwest this summer. She visited Spokane, Seattle, British Columbia and Yellowstone National Park. The remainder of the summer vacation was spent in resting and having a glorious time.

With such a corps of teachers, West Texas State Normal College should and will have the greatest year in its history.

## Antlers Organize

The Antlers Literary Society met in a call session Thursday, Sept. 23, 1920, for the first meeting of the year. There were many old members present and about twelve new members were admitted into the society.

The following officers were elected for the fall quarter:  
C. R. Wilson—President.  
Lyman Johnson—Vice President.  
Paul Stewart—Secretary.

The first regular meeting of the society will be Thursday night, Sept. 30, 1920, at 7:00 P. M. A good snappy program is arranged for this

## Grandpa Davis Falls Asleep in Jesus

On Tuesday, September Twenty Eighth, just as the shades of evening began to fall, Grandpa Davis, "sustained and soothed by an unflinching trust," wrapt about him the drapery of his couch and lay down to pleasant dreams. For months of weary days and sleepless nights of suffering he had waited for his summons "to join the innumerable caravan which moves to that mysterious realm"; at last God's finger touched him and he fell into a sweet sleep. Those who had watched long and lovingly by his side felt that the end was near, but no one realized that his soul was about to take wing on that peaceful autumn evening when the Angel of Death stole silently across his threshold and kissed down his tired eyelids "into that dreamless sleep" which belongs only to the immortal part of man.

Those who knew Grandpa Davis best loved him most. Modest and retiring, he lived always in the background of his desires, hopes, and ambitions, never obtruding his interests into the light of public gaze. But in this resplendent land all his own he loved the beautiful in nature and in humanity. And during his last hours the Christian fortitude with which he bore his terrible sufferings, the lovely songs he sang, and the touching prayers which rose from his lips told a beautiful story of what the inner life of the man had been. Those of us who knew and loved him best will often say with Tennyson

"But O for the touch of a vanished hand,  
And the sound of a voice that is still."

Interment took place in Dreamland Cemetery. Here, surrounded by those who loved him best, the last remains of Grandpa Davis were laid to rest beneath a wilderness of flowers.

## Cousins Literary Society Begins Year's Work

An enthusiastic group of forty one members of the Cousins Literary Society met in room 105 at 7:00 o'clock on the evening of Friday, September 24, for the purpose of renewing activities and electing officers for the ensuing quarter. With Mody C. Boatright as acting chairman, the program for the evening was carried out.

Although those who were on the program had only a short time in which to prepare their parts, an interesting program was rendered. The Cousins' yell was led by Virgil Dodson, last year's yell leader. Short speeches were made by Deskin Wells, Mody Boatright, James Dockery, and Allen King, dealing with the Cousins' ideals, purposes, history and an invitation to those who belonged to no society.

Following the program, fourteen new members were admitted to the society and the following officers were elected for the Fall Quarter:

President—James Dockery.  
Vice President—Mody Boatright.  
Secretary—Alfred Griggs.  
Treasurer—William Falls.  
Sergeant-at-arms—Thomas Brahm.  
Yell Leader—Mitchell Jones.  
"Prairie" Representative—Frank Hill.

Mody Boatright was instructed to act as chairman of the program committee and to appoint two other members as assistants. It was announced that meetings would be held each Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock, in room 205 of the Normal building. Members should watch the bulletin board just outside room 205 for programs. Every boy in the Normal has a cordial invitation and a hearty welcome.

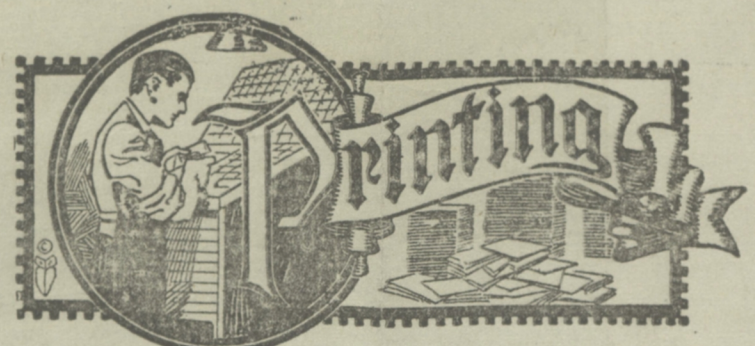
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## INTERESTING

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A New Era in the Educational Progress of the Plains Country.

The Teachers' Consolidated Institute of the Panhandle and Plains Country, which assembled at the West Texas State Normal College from September 6th to 10th., marks a new era in the educational progress of this section of the state. More than six hundred teachers were in attendance and great enthusiasm was in evidence at every meeting. The teachers of the Plains country realized as they could not have done before that they constitute a great power for good. The number itself was impressive—600 teachers! How many children do they represent? All this means not only that West Texas is fast becoming well populated but that its people are interested in education.

The idea of a consolidated institute has developed into a fixed policy with the educators of Texas. This method of holding institutes has many advantages over the old method of a one-county institute. When great numbers of teachers are brought together for a common purpose, they are impressed with the dignity of their mission. The enthusiasm which results from such gatherings gives rise to a healthy emulation. Our ambitions are determined largely by the people we meet and the circumstances we encounter. If we know but few good teachers, we may be satisfied with mediocre work in the school room. But if we meet teachers alive with enthusiasm for their work, we naturally absorb some of this spirit and impart it to those we teach.

Among the chief advantages of a large institute are the opportunities it provides for obtaining for purposes of instruction men and women who are constructive in their educational programs. Contact with such men and women acquaints us with the best that is thought and done in the field of education.

Plans for a Still Greater Institute

At the close of the institute, September 10th., the teachers of twenty two counties voted unanimously to return to Canyon for a still greater institute in the fall of 1921. This endorsement of the plan of a larger institute is a high compliment to the teachers of the Plains country. It proves conclusively that they are interested in their profession and in the welfare of those whom they serve. Many teachers came more than one hundred miles to attend the institute. Necessarily this cost them additional money. But I believe that the good they got from this meeting will enable them to do a type of work that will merit and win for them a just increase in salary at the hands of those they serve. If we teachers will give to the people the best of schools, I believe that they will be perfectly willing to meet the necessary expense of maintaining such schools.

For the 1921 institute the teachers agreed to raise \$1700. The West Texas State Normal College and the city of Canyon will give \$400 of this amount. The teachers voted upon themselves a tax of \$1.50 each. It is hoped that each County represented in this institute will contribute \$25. This amount will be sufficient to engage some of the best talent of the country for lectures and instruction to the teachers in attendance.

The plans for the next institute include two teachers for the primary department, one for the first and second grades and one for the third and fourth grades. At least two lecturers of national reputation will be engaged and instructors for a rural school section, a high school section, and intermediate section will be employed. In addition to this, sections will be organized in different departments, such as home economics, English, history, mathematics, etc. An effort will be made to meet and solve every educational need of the Plains country. This plan may appear ambitious, but it points in the direction of progress and should be encouraged.

#### Enrollment 490

490 students have enrolled in the West Texas State Normal College this fall. This number does not include the Elementary School and the Junior High School which have enrolled 245 pupils. This represents a slight gain over the enrollment at the end of the second week last year, the number of students at that time being 484. It is encouraging to see former standards of enrollment maintaining in spite of the fact that large number of our students have been drafted into the teaching service.

Another noticeable feature is the large percent of men students, the number of men being greater than ever before.

Changes in nomenclature sometimes cause a great deal of inconvenience. Imagine the chagrin of the student who boasted of his junior standing only to find that he was merely a Freshie.

Mrs. T. B. McCarter has been employed to teach English in the Training School this year.

#### Let's Think It Over

Shall we have cartoons in "The Prairie" this year? Nothing breaks the monotony of the printed page more than a timely cartoon. A clever illustration or caricature expresses much in a small space, and often sums up a situation better than a lengthy article. A few pen-and-ink sketches of college life, faculty doings, etc. would provide much of the "spice" and "personal touch" that mark a good student publication.

Certainly we have the talent—in fact, the W. T. S. N. C. may be harboring a Bud Fisher unawares. At least an opportunity of this kind would be an incentive to good work in the art classes.

However, the cuts would add somewhat to the expense of publishing "The Prairie." Moreover, it would require several days to get a cartoon ready for the press. Promptness and efficiency would eliminate the latter difficulty. As to the former, can one not safely say that the students of this institution want the best composed and illustrated college paper in the state?—Olin E. Hinkle.

#### Exchanges

The enrollment at the University of Texas, reached a total of 3,410 at the end of the fifth day of enrollment. This is an increase of 105 over the enrollment at the fifth day last session. It is thought that this year's attendance will exceed 4,000.

The Southern Methodist University expects 900 this year. This will be the largest enrollment in their history.

The Sul Ross Normal College has registered up to Sept. 27, 115 students. President Marquis and the citizens of Alpine feel that this number will be doubled next summer and fall.

Permanent organization of the Illini Club was formed by alumni of the University of Illinois at Dallas recently. Fisk Miles was elected president, Fred B. Ball vice-president, and Mrs. Ross S. Mason secretary and treasurer.

Baylor University is offering in its new departments of law, journalism, and agriculture this fall. It is thought that these new courses will result in bringing the enrollment up to 400.

Officials of the Medical branch of the University of Texas are expecting the largest number of freshmen in the history of the institution.

#### News Items

Miss McLaren, the college nurse, arrived last Wednesday morning, and began her duties. She has been detained at home for sometime on account of having a case of malaria.

Mr. Erhart, State Y. M. C. A. Secretary, made a talk in chapel Thursday morning on the purposes of the Y. M. C. A.

Mr. Guenther spent Monday in Amarillo on business.

Mr. Duflet was in Amarillo last Wednesday on business pertaining to "The Prairie."

Mr. Phillips, the new teacher in the Agriculture Department, accompanied a class of about thirty boys to the Northwest Texas State Fair at Plainview, last Friday.

Mr. Wallace R. Clark left Wednesday for Fort Worth, to attend to some business for the Normal.

Miss Mary Smith Clark, a graduate of the Normal of the class 1920, now a teacher of Latin in the Shamrock High, visited in Canyon Saturday and Sunday.

The B. Y. P. U. gave a reception to all Baptist young people and their friends last Monday night, at the home of Miss Ida Rowan. A large number of young people attended. The evening was spent in playing games on the lawn, after which the hostess served delicious fruit punch, ice cream and cake.

The Sesame Literary Society met Friday evening at 7:00 o'clock. They are now conducting a membership campaign, and will organize later.

Several of the Cousins Hall girls either went home or had company Sunday. Miss Mary Hudson drove to her home in Plainview with Mrs. J. A. Wiseman and family.

Miss Bernice Avent spent the week end with her aunt near Amarillo.

Ermi Stidham, a student with us last year, writes from Knoxville, Tennessee, that he is taking a "Pre-Med" course in the University of Tennessee.

Miss Sallie Hill, a former student of ours who spent last year in Columbia University, writes from Ft. Worth that she is back in the Extension Service of the Agricultural and Mechanical College. After January first she will take charge of the Ft. Worth office.

The Epworth League of the Methodist Church gave a social last Monday evening for the benefit of all new students of the Normal. The gathering was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Rev. Shaw gave a welcome address. Various games were played, after which ice cream was served. The joys of the evening were brought to a close by the singing of several well known songs.

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