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MISS HAMNER IS COLLEGE'S FRIEND

WRITES OF BANQUET AND IMPRESSIONS OF COLLEGE.

Says Rural School Work in Panhandle Stands Out Above That of Other Sections.

Miss Laura V. Hamner, County Superintendent of the Potter county Schools, a true friend of the West Texas State Teachers College, and a friend to education, has written the following article for publication in *The Prairie*.

Recently I was so fortunate as to be a guest at a State Teachers College banquet. It was at Lamesa during the session of the Tri-County Institute held at that place by the counties of Lynn, Gaines, and Dawson. I had expected to sit by Miss Anna I. Hibbetts at table but it took one minute only for me to realize that this would be impossible. Miss Hibbetts, who taught primary work in this institute, and was, as is usual with her, extremely popular in this work, was not approachable on this occasion. She was surrounded by a group who resented the intrusion of an outsider. They had decorated a chair for Miss Hibbetts and had contested for honor seats on each side of her so my claim could not be recognized. I was fortunate enough to be the guest of another college, at Denton, with Miss Duggan, teacher of intermediate work in the institute, as my gracious hostess. This caused me to sit across the table from the array of green and white students who probably outnumbered the combined representation of the entire state and I felt that my attitude at that banquet is much my attitude toward the college: I am a looker-on who has a vision.

I could not but think as I looked at Miss Hibbetts among her girls that she had no idea of what she meant to them. Each day and many times a day I heard enthusiastic expressions of enjoyment of her work. It seems that all who heard her talks found them to be practical, things that could be used, things that the hearers needed, inspirational matter that made primary work lose its element of drudgery to the rural school and to assume joyous possibilities. She herself was unconscious of what she was doing and is entirely unconscious that she wields an influence felt in every part of the Panhandle, that section which she so loves from life-long association and from detailed study of its needs.

That attitude is what I feel to be characteristic of the entire teaching force of W. T. S. T. C. Modesty, extreme busy-ness, and a close-up position render it impossible for them to place a just estimate on their work. It seems to me that I, a citizen and representative of what may be termed the "ultimate consumer" since early days, may pass on the work of this college and my opinion have the elements, at least, of comparison and perspective.

Three factors seem to me to make the rural school work of the Panhandle stand out as unusual: Climatic conditions, the class of people, and the West Texas State Teachers College.

I have watched the professional attitude find its way into remote Panhandle districts by slow degrees, carried by students of this college; I have noticed a greater value being placed on education by the public at large, this, too, in many cases, emanating directly from the college; I have noticed ambition to get a higher education seize a whole neighborhood and change the life of old and young, and this, also, could be traced to the college.

Personally I admire the college for its standards and the rigorous efforts made to uphold them. Standards in any phase of life cost and cost dearly. It is no easier for an institution to maintain them than for an individual. And yet each year this school seems to raise its demands a little higher and to watch them with a little more sedulous care.

I regret that I cannot find adequate, gripping phrases to express my appreciation to President Hill and his faculty for the work they are doing for the west.

"Have all the cows been milked?"
"All but the American one."
"What do you mean, the American one?"
"The one that's gone dry."—Passing Show.

Shotwell's Bunch at Abilene Win Football State Championship

The state interscholastic championship was won during the holidays by Elmer Shotwell's Abilene High School Eagles when they defeated Waco High School eleven by a score of 3 to 0 at Dallas.

Shotwell will be remembered by old timers here as having been a star on the Teachers College eleven. Shotwell is a graduate of this institution and has taught here during the summer session in the Manual Training Department. He received the Bachelor of Science degree from the College last summer, however he has been teaching and coaching in the Abilene High School for the past few years.

For several years it has been Shotwell's ambition to bring the state championship in football to Abilene and West Texas, and twice during previous years his team has almost captured the title. He is considered by many to be the best football coach in any Texas high school, and his team is considered one of the best a Texas high school has ever produced.

Just before leaving with his squad for Dallas the other day, Elmer was presented with a new Ford Coupe and a check for \$150 from his Abilene friends and admirers.

Have you ever seen the girl who won't have a date with a boy that she does not know and who claims that a girl never knows a boy until she has had a date with him?—Texas Ranger.

YEARLINGS WIN OVER TULIA HI

WIN FIRST GAME BY SCORE OF 27 TO 14.

Much Good New Material For Buffalo Team Is Seen in Action.

In the basketball game Saturday night between the Yearling team and the Tulia High School team, the locals came out victorious by a score of 27 to 14. Thus the season was ushered in.

The Tulia aggregation came forth strong in the first half of the game and the half ended with them in possession of the big end of a 11 to 6 score. In the second half, however, the Yearlings came back into the game with fight in their eyes and scored 21 points to their opponents 3. The game ended with the yearlings carrying a 27 point score to the Tulia team's 14 points.

The following Yearlings showed great "stuff" in the game: Townsend, Herm, A. Sone, Muncy, L. Sone, Phillips, Hughes, Fuller, R. Bivins, Jennings, Dow, and Vaughn.

Officers Are Named and Plans Made By Cousins at Meeting

Evetts Haley is president of the Cousins Literary Society this quarter. Haley was elected at the first meeting of the society Friday evening and has already started work on several important projects. In his acceptance speech he outlined the possibilities for the society in his characteristic peppy style.

Other officers are: Herschel Coffee—Vice President. Lee Gibbs—Secretary. C. E. Luce—Treasurer. Elmer Marshall—Chaplain. Tate Fry—Yell Leader. P. M. Bailey—Annual Rep. Chester Day—Reporter.

After electing officers and admitting new members, a number of prominent Cousins were heard in snappy talks. Opinions were unanimous that the society should continue its superiority in literary contests. Next meeting night was designated for the initiation of new members.

RANKIN DOW TO ATTEND COLLEGE AT CANYON

Rankin, son of Editor and Mrs. James L. Dow, of the Avalanche, left Wednesday morning for Canyon where he will attend the Canyon State Teachers College.

Rankin has been a valuable member of the Avalanche force as Sports Editor and his work will be greatly missed. —Lubbock Avalanche.

COLLEGE BUYS HUNTLEIGH HALL

PURCHASED LARGE DORMITORY FROM DALHART BANKERS.

Huntleigh Will Undergo a Thorough Renovation in the Near Future.

The State of Texas is now the owner of Huntleigh Hall, the large girls' dormitory just off the southwest corner of the campus, President J. A. Hill announced last week. The Hall was bought from three Dalhart bankers who had bought the Hall only a few weeks previous when it was sold at public auction.

Although Huntleigh has been privately owned since it was built in 1916, it has been under the management of College officials for the past year and a half. Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Savage have been in charge of the Hall since the fall of 1922 and will continue to manage the dormitory in their same efficient manner. They are being assisted by Misses McClesky and McLean.

Many improvements will be made and many more conveniences added to the plant, President Hill states. Already the improvement program is going forward. A general renovating will take place. The entire first floor will be repapered, some new flooring will be put in, and the lights will probably be connected with the college power plant. New mattresses have already been bought, new window shades will soon be hung, and new rugs and runners for the corridors will be laid. Much new silver-ware, cooking utensils and dishes are being bought. It is hoped to have Huntleigh in A-1 condition in a very few months.

The fact that the State should own and operate Huntleigh Hall has long been felt by the authorities, and it was only recently that the Board of Teachers College Regents instructed President Hill to purchase the Hall. The purchase of the Hall is the accomplishment of a long wished-for desire of the institution.

Huntleigh Hall is built to accommodate 120 girls, is two stories high, and is built of wood and stucco. It has its own steam heating system, is well lighted and well equipped.

R. B. Cousins Leaves Houston Schools to Start New College

Honorable R. B. Cousins has announced that he will not be a candidate for re-election to the superintendency of the Houston city schools, but will take his place as president of the new Kingsville Teachers College next June, when it is proposed to start work in building the new college.

Mr. Cousins is leaving a post in the Houston schools which pays him fifty percent more salary than the one he will draw as president of the new teachers college. He is going to the new college because he feels that he can be of more service to his state in a teachers college than in the public school system of the state.

The people of Canyon are highly interested in the announcement made by Mr. Cousins. He was the first president of the College in this city, and came to Canyon before the old building was started. He watched the institution grow and develop, when the old building was destroyed by fire, and then went through the fight to rebuild, and is largely responsible for the magnificent building that houses the College, which is the finest school building owned by the state of Texas. Mr. Cousins resigned his position as head of the College in 1918 in order to look after business. He was not satisfied in the business world, and was elected superintendent of the Houston schools three years ago.

The people of Canyon will follow his work at Kingsville as head of the new teachers college with genuine pleasure. From the original faculty which Mr. Cousins chose for the College in this city, there have been elected three Teachers College presidents, who will welcome their former chief back into the teacher training field to labor with them.

SLEEPY HEAD

John—"Dick was almost drowned last night."
Mary—"Really! How?"
John—"The pillow slipped, the bed spread, and he fell through the mattress into the spring."

COLLEGE ADMITTED TO N. C. A. A.

SCHOOL HONORED BY ELECTION TO NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

Delegate to be Sent to Next Meeting of Representatives From Large U. S. Colleges.

The West Texas State Teachers College was admitted to the National Collegiate Athletic Association at a meeting of the Association members in Atlanta, Georgia, on Friday and Saturday, December 28 and 29.

Other colleges and universities who were admitted to membership in the National Association last month are: Universities of Vermont, Delaware, Fordham, Washington of St. Louis, Oglethorpe, Tulane, and Virginia Military Institute, Mercer, Mississippi A. & M., Southern Methodist University, and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The admittance of these members brought the membership of the organization to 126.

The athletic authorities here consider the election of this institution to membership in the N. C. A. A. a high honor and a great step forward. The association is composed of the larger colleges and universities of the United States who meet each year to form new rules and change old rules in all of the major college sports. Only a few of the larger colleges of Texas are members of the organization.

No fundamental changes were made in football rules for next year. E. K. Hall of Dartmouth, chairman of the Football Rules Committee, in an address to the Association stated that the game had been made much safer, that fewer injuries resulted this year than ever before, that officiating was growing much better, and that more men played the game this year than ever before.

The Teachers College did not send a delegate to the meeting this year, however, a representative will probably be sent next year.

Mrs. Gordon Lang to Give Address Before the Y. W. C. A. Girls

Mrs. Gordon Lang will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association next Wednesday afternoon at 4:30. The Association meets in Room 101.

Prelude—Piano Solo—Willie Beavers.
Song, "Dear Lord and Father of Mankind," No. 112—Association.
Devotional Leader—Stella Stanfield.
Quartet—Fannie Cash, Winnie Mae Crawford, Lillian Atkins, Miss Cavness.

Address—Mrs. Gordon Lang.
Song, "Holy, Holy, Holy," No. 2—Association.

Prayer—Violet West.
As this is the first meeting of the year, let us make this a real consecration of rededication meeting.
—Reporter.

Scurry County Exes Organize

This seems to be the time to organize; everyone is organizing, so why not the ex-students in Scurry County? That's what we did at Snyder on Thursday, December 27. About forty students assembled at the banquet, and many others were hindered from attending on account of the rough roads and bad weather. The whole affair was characterized by "pep" and college spirit.

The following was the program of the evening, Carl E. Kemp, acting as toastmaster:

Short Address—Rev. C. E. Jameson. To the Institution—Katherine Clark. Address—Floyd Golden.

In Agin, Out Agin—Roy Golden. The Purpose of the Ex-Students Association—Wm. T. Falls.

Some Accomplishments of the Ex-Students Association—Mary Isaacs DeShazo.

Address—E. J. Anderson. Songs and Yells—Annie Williams. Alma Mater.

Short peppy impromptu talks were made by Byron Durham, Carl Card, Ethel Isaacs, Lester Smith, Otello Herm, and others.

The following officers were elected: Wm. T. Falls, president; Leola Blackard, vice-president; Katherine H. Clark, secretary-treasurer.

OUR PROBLEMS OF TAXATION AND OF EDUCATION MUST BE SOLVED IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS—HILL

PRESIDENT J. A. HILL ISSUES STATEMENT ON RETURN FROM MEETING OF TEACHERS COLLEGE PRESIDENTS; CANDIDATES FOR PUBLIC OFFICES CHALLENGED.

HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR 1924 ANNUAL?

Students who do not reserve for themselves a copy of *Le Mirage* before January 15 will be victims of a tragedy—they will have no official record of this session. Prof. T. B. McCarter states that payments for annuals will not be accepted after that date. The covers must be ordered at once, and the manager must know immediately how many books are wanted.

Payment should be made to Prof. McCarter as quickly as possible. The full price of five dollars may be made, or if desired one half may be paid now and the remainder upon the delivery of the year book.

"This is a matter of school loyalty and pride," Mr. McCarter said this morning, "and the students must respond promptly if we are to have a high class annual."

ANNUAL STAFF ON RIGID SCHEDULES

CLASS AND FACULTY PORTRAITS ARE DUE BEFORE JAN. 15.

Editors Ask for Co-operation of Students in Getting Material Submitted Promptly.

Editor Jeff D. Smith wants action. The head of the year-book staff gave out this New Year's greeting last Thursday, with the request that all concerned give him due attention.

Smith has fixed January 15 as the last day for turning in class and faculty prints. It is urged, however, that photos be submitted at once. The staff is mounting the pictures as fast as they are received, and it will be hindered if material is not always available.

Literary Society pages will receive attention after January 15. Following the societies the various clubs will be called in groups. Each group must be finished before another is begun. The Athletics section will be prepared by the athletic editors, and will be among the last groups finished. Other sections are in charge of special editors who will soon announce their own regulations.

Benefit Show to be Given at the Olympic

All students are urged to attend the picture show at the Olympic Theatre on January 9th and 10th. This is a very highly interesting picture featuring Frank Keenan and given for the benefit of the College Annual.

The show is worthy of your presence, the cause is a worthy one, and the price is only thirty-five and fifteen cents. Let's all be out and help defray the expenses of our annual.

HAPPY LEAP YEAR!

Students, accept greetings from the world's most exclusive club. Spinsters, here's our wish for a pleasant Leap Year—our hats are off to the wise. As to the other-wise, they do not merit our good wishes, nor the weak-willed former members of this organization our respect. Our present members have stood every test and will continue steadfastly in blissful bachelorhood. Do not be deceived; this is not humor, but fact.

Yours for a short year,
THE BACHELORS,
PROTECTIVE ASSOCIATION.

ESSAY ON LUCK

Oh, winter came with its sultry breeze And found me here with my B. V. D.'s; Now summer comes with its heat and burning,
In dad's red flannels I'm sojourning
—Siren.

Returning today from a meeting of the Texas Council of Teachers College Presidents held in Dallas Saturday, at which important problems of public education were discussed, J. A. Hill, President of the West Texas State Teachers College, issued the following statement:

"I hear much discussion of taxation as I go about over the State, and no little talk of education. In my judgment, the next two or three years are going to be more than ordinarily significant for the people of Texas. They will probably produce at least a partial solution of both the tax problem and the problem of adequate support for public education. That these are two of the most important questions before the people of the State there will be few, perhaps, to gainsay.

"On every hand we hear complaint about our 'high taxes;' and the problem of taxation consumed more time before the 38th Legislature than did any other question. Unless all signs fail it will be an equally absorbing issue in the 39th Legislature. As to education, we are facing a thorough-going survey of the entire system, the purpose being to invoice our stock, so to speak. Most people are aware that our rural schools are failing to measure up to the responsibilities placed upon them by a democracy, our colleges are failing to meet the demands of a rapidly growing desire on the part of our young people for college advantages and the call of the State for trained leaders, and the commonwealth takes low rank educationally in the sisterhood of states. Some of those who complain of taxes ascribe the cause to the extravagance and bad management of the schools, while some of those seek a cause for the inefficiency of the schools find it an insufficiency of funds for their support.

"This situation has led many of our citizens to believe that good schools and high taxes are complementary conditions. Some think that if our taxes were high enough our schools would be good enough; or, that, if our schools were as good as they ought to be taxes would necessarily be high. In keeping with this view it is repeatedly asserted that 'big business' is opposed to public education and is fighting all kinds of tax reform except reduction. In other quarters it is as vehemently asserted that the school people care nothing for the burden placed through taxation upon business and, if given a free hand, would wreck the business fabric of the country.

"Personally, I cannot see how any intelligent and patriotic citizen can find any real conflict in the permanent interests of business and education. I cannot believe that the big-brained and broad-visioned men of affairs in this State imagine for a moment that business prosperity will be measured by the density of ignorance among the producing classes. They must know that productive capacity increases with intelligence, and that money spent for the education of all the people is a business investment of surpassing value. Moreover, they are too intelligent not to know that cultivated mind promotes life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness and guarantees such conditions as make possible
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Antlers Organize For Winter Term

Officers for the winter term were elected at the regular weekly meeting of the Antler Literary Society last Friday night, January 4, 1924. Gordon T. Butler, of Amarillo, was selected to lead the Antlers as President; Law Sone, of Slaton, was made Vice President; Albert Sone, of Plainview, was elected Secretary; Harry Delany, of Memphis, became Treasurer, and Joe J. Lancaster, of Canyon, was elected as representative to the Annual.

The work of the fall quarter was reviewed and plans for the new quarter were made. James R. Dow of Lubbock was fully received into the society as a member. It was voted that regular meetings be held every Friday night at 7:30 in the building.

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WELCOME

The Prairie finds great pleasure in welcoming returning students and deems it a particular honor to add its sincere good wishes for the year 1924. It is the privilege of the staff to record the achievements of the students and of the whole college; therefore it can wish for no greater blessing than that it shall have the opportunity of writing about great events and substantial progress in this new year.

A special greeting is extended to every new student. The editors welcome you and hope that you have felt "at home" from the first day. If you need a friend, want advice, or are hunting for anything except money, ask a member of the staff. Former students are no happier in being again in college than the staff is in greeting them. The Prairie regrets that a number of students are absent, and it is eager to carry to them the news each week. Frankly, it believes no loyal student will voluntarily fail to read the college weekly.

Congratulations are offered to students who were enrolled last quarter and who have returned. The returning student has two factors or more to consider which ought to determine to a certain extent his attitude toward the new year and the present term. More than one student has been heard discussing the new ideas and new impulses he received when he went home for the holidays. Because of his experiences here he saw new phases of life reflected in his home community. Arriving at a psychological moment perhaps, the grade report furnished a topic for reflection. Often fervent resolutions resulted.

What of the present quarter? Experience has proved that the short winter term is fruitful; opportunities to apply oneself to the curriculum are abundant. Follies of the eventful fall quarter need not be repeated. A new year has dawned—for some it may be a new day, or happily a new leaf. Resolutions are good if made use of. Now, if ever, is the time to show why you are here. Good or bad, YOU are the resolution. The world is "listening in" to learn what you are going to do in 1924.

RESOLUTIONS

Members of The Prairie staff are making no special resolutions at this time. Twelve issues of the paper were distributed last quarter—twice as many as were distributed in the same time during previous years. It may correctly be said that no issue was entirely approved by any member of the staff and that resolutions to improve parts of the paper have been frequent after each number. However, The Prairie has, as a weekly, passed the experimental stage. And there must be no return to a bi-monthly basis.

On the whole, everyone has thus far given the staff good support. The co-operation of the business men has been encouraging. The same sympathetic relations in 1924 are anticipated. A small staff carried the editorial load last term, but with the aid of the Journalism class a better distribution of work will soon be possible.

Any weekly newspaper is an asset, but its worth depends greatly upon the way it is patronized and used. The Prairie wishes most of all to be serviceable. It invites the use of its columns for publicity purposes, announcements, and general features. In this connection it tries to avoid the use of "propaganda," believing live, timely news to be the legitimate and

most effective implement of newspaper publicity.

Attention is also directed to the advertising section. Students and faculty members should remember that the columns are for their use at a small sum per inch. Furthermore, no better business directory can be obtained than that furnished by The Prairie. Advertisements are business news stories—read them.

Reader, as one of your New Year's resolutions, suppose you decide to read your college newspaper with understanding of its purposes. Study its possibilities and make certain that it is doing its best for YOU.

EARLY TRAINING

Ablene has attracted the attention of the country this year because of the championship football team the high school in that state has put out the season just closed.

All over the state the question is being asked: "How does Ablene, a comparatively small city, manage to turn out great high school football teams like that of this year and like those of past years which have likewise attracted attention?"

The coach of the squad has answered the question, showing the importance of beginning early in athletic training.

He says:

"Ablene has an athletic system that starts in the grammar schools. Every public school in the city has its coach and football team, and through that medium a wealth of material is discovered and developed. There are only five ward schools in Ablene, but they turn out more than a dozen good football teams each year. By the time a student reaches high school he has had experience and training. The finishing touches are all that are needed to turn them out into championship machines."

Early training, found so helpful in football and success on the gridiron, likewise has an important place in the development of the citizen in every other walk of life. America needs to give more heed to this great truth.—Daily Texan.

TO THE MEN WHO HOLD THE LINE

By Delma Razor

Oh, the fullback bows of the cheering crowds,
And the halves and quarter too,
And praise ascends on the lucky ends
Who fight for the red and blue.
To none so great do I dedicate
This poor little verse of mine,
But here's to those in the fighting rows,
To the men who hold the line.

You watch the game and you exclaim,
"Just look at that fellow run."
And you'll shout and roar when the struggle's o'er
That game was only won
By the fullback's pluck in that splendid buck
That carried him to the goal,
But you don't see fit to think a bit
Of the man who made the hole.

Yes, the fullback has his need of thanks
And the "quarter did it all,"
And the halves are praised and a voice is raised
For the man who took the ball.
Now take your cup and fill it up
To the brim with dancing wine,
A toast to those in the fighting rows,
To the men who hold the line.

TODAY'S THE DAY.

The present hour is the only one a man controls. In it he finds his sole opportunity for success, for achievement, for happiness. He may plan and prepare for the future, but he lives only in the present. Tomorrow, next week, next month, next year—when they come—turn out to be only "to-days." It's what a man does NOW that makes or breaks him. Most everyone gets a notion that this or that does not count or mean anything, but this little story proves it different and you know it. We are reminded of that good old slogan, "Do it Now."—Exchange.

MY DAILY DESIRE.

To awaken in the morning with a smile brightening my face; to greet the day with reverence for the opportunities it contains, to approach my work with a clear mind; to hold over before me, even in the doings of little things, the Ultimate purpose toward which I am working; to meet men and women with laughter on my lips and love in my heart; to be gentle and kind and courteous through all the hours; to approach the night with the weariness that ever woos sleep and the joy that comes from work well done—this is how I desire to "waste" wisely my days.—Thomas Dreier.

Listen, bachelors: This is leap year, so look out for jumped-up affairs.—Dallas News.

Padre—"You'll ruin your stomach, my good man, drinking that stuff."
Old Soak—"Sall right, 'sall right. It wont show with my coat on."

—Orange Owl.

LOVELORN LADDIE WRITES TO HIS LASSIE COLLEGE FRIEND

West Texas Breezes

By J. E. H.

Weather in Texas is a thing of variety,—a joy and a nightmare forever. Mark Twain's "one hundred and thirty-six varieties of New England weather" sink into the background when compared to it. From warm, sunny days of Christmas, we were plunged into zero weather of the New Year, with all the breezes one might wish. But the northers passed, as northers do. Yes, northers may come and northers may go, but West Texas Breezes go on forever.

Our idea of a happy college boy is one whose girl stays at home instead of in a dormitory, and who may have at least six dates a week.

How wonderfully sweet are the tintinnabulation of the New Year's bells. The spinsters listening on Leap Year's first morning hear them as mellow wedding bells.

The bachelors have reorganized for the Leap Year. Which reminds us that the bachelor may flee when no woman pursueth. Yet you never can tell. We believe in preparedness.

The "height of expectation" is the case of the fellow who is in love, with all the evils thereof, and who expects to make an "A" average.

Our choice for the "most economical man" would be for that one who skated much, but who uses his skates scarcely at all in the process. Personally, we know such a man.

Everyone is back for the New Year. The time for the making of resolutions is at hand, and the time for putting those resolutions into effect is here. The time to act is now. Let's make one resolution to the effect that we will do our best to make this the best possible year for W. T. S. T. C. We can do it by working together. Let's go!

The annual staff is at work. They hope to be instrumental in making the Le Mirage better this year than it has ever been before. In order to do this they must have the help of the entire student body. Of course it won't, but should this annual be a poor one, the staff will get the cussin' for it here at home, and the college the discredit for it abroad. But since it will be a good one, the student body will get the credit for it. So honor the gray hairs of the annual staff, and forget not your pictures.

JUST FOR SPORT

Can you start a fire with a baseball match,
Or mend your gloves with a cabbage patch?
Do they call it a strike if you bat your eye?
Or give you a base if your "swat a fly?"
Is a tennis racket just the noise and chatter?
If you broke the home plate, could you use a platter?
Is the pitcher made from silver or glass?
Are the golf links iron or gold or brass?
Is a "caddie" used for storing tea?
Is a locker simply a great big key?
Is a foul a chicken or is it a bird?
Do they arrest a player for stealing third?
—Selected.

BOOKS

The Scholar only knows how dear these silent yet eloquent companions of pure thoughts and innocent hours become in the season of adversity. When all that is worldly turns to dross around us, these retain their steady value. When friends grow cold, and the converse of intimates languishes into rapid civility and commonplace, these continue the unaltered countenance of happier days, and cheer us with that true friendship which never deceived hope nor deserted sorrow.
—Washington Irving.

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She: I'll marry you on one condition.
He: Oh, that's all right. I entered college on four.—Witt.

Willie—Papa, why did Fido bite you when you were trimming his tail?
Papa—He was faithful to the end, my son.—Centre Colonel.

BIG NEWS COMING THURSDAY

\$3,000.00 will be given away by the Randall County News. Watch for big announcement in this week's edition of the News.

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Just a tiny little minute,
But eternity is in it.

—Jerry McQuade.

Lives there the man with soul so dead
Who never to himself hath said:
"This is my own, my pocket flask."
—Texas Ranger.

Little Pat: I can't play with you,
'cause you're a Jew.

Little Ike: But we're not playing for money.—Virginia Reel.

Laugh and the world laughs with you,
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FACULTY LADIES CHARMINGLY ENTERTAINED

Miss Mary Adaline Lamb charmingly entertained several members of the faculty on the evening of December the twenty-eighth. A delightful dinner was served and a most enjoyable evening was spent by all present. The guests were Misses Hudspeth, Dean, Walker, Stewart, and Dabbs.

BALDWIN-LEWIS

Miss Vada Baldwin and Park Lewis were married Monday, Dec. 17 at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Claude H. Baldwin at Amarillo. The couple came in Friday and will make their home on the T. H. Flyer farm formerly owned by Claude H. Baldwin for a while and then they will move to their place close to Canyon.—Stratford Star.

LIBRARY ASSISTANT MARRIES

Thomas Ficke and Miss Hannah Swearingen were married at the Rev. McDowell residence Sunday, Rev. McDowell officiating. Miss Agnes Myers was the only guest present.

Both the bride and groom are well known in Canyon. The bride is student assistant librarian at the College. Her parents live near Happy. The groom came here from Iowa several years ago and has been working on the Joe B. Gamble ranch.

RUSK-LEMONS WEDDING

Miss Madge Rusk and Mr. Everett L. Lemons of Ft. Worth were united in marriage Monday afternoon, Dec. 24, at 3:30 o'clock at the parental E. A. Rusk home, Rev. Lyn Claybrook officiating. Only members of the immediate family were present to witness the impressive ceremony.

The bride has grown to young womanhood in Canyon and has a large circle of friends. She was a successful teacher in the Amarillo schools until the holidays. While teaching in the Dalhart schools two years ago she

became acquainted with Mr. Lemons, who was employed by the Rock Island Railway. Mr. Lemons now holds a responsible position with this road in the general office at Fort Worth.

The young couple left that afternoon for Fort Worth where they will make their future home. They have the best wishes of a large circle of friends in Canyon for a most prosperous and happy wedded life.

TOWN BACHELORS ENTERTAINED CHRISTMAS DAY

Members of the Bachelors Protective Association who happened to be in Canyon during the holidays were the guests of Olin E. Hinkle on Christmas day. Actual facts concerning the occasion are not obtainable, but there are rumors of penalties, rejected applicants, fervent toasts; at any rate it is believed that the impending Leap Year was the chief topic of conversation, and that plans for the future were considered. The banquet is said definitely to have disproved recent reports of the dissolution of the organization, which now claims to be flourishing.

MISS SWAYNE IS HOST

A few of the lady teachers who remained in Canyon for the holidays were entertained with a slumber party at the home of Miss Mattie Swayne, of the English Department, Wednesday night, December 26. The songs, stunts and fun ran into the early morning hours; consequently the delightful breakfast served by the hostess, although at a late hour, required almost champion quick-dressers to get to the breakfast room in time for the first course.

The following spent a pleasant but almost slumberless night: Misses Dabbs, Stewart, Lowes, McClesky, Cox, Guenther, and Mrs. Montfort.

MRS. MONTFORT ENTERTAINS

Mrs. Montfort proved a most charming hostess to a group of friends Saturday afternoon, December 29. Assisted by her sisters, Misses Lizzie Kare Smith and Angie Smith, she entertained with a forty-two party in rooms decorated with Christmas symbols and pervaded by a merry Christmas spirit. Miss Viola Ballard made high score.

The guests who were privileged to enjoy the occasion were: Misses Hudspeth, Lamb, Dean, Walker, Stewart, Dabbs, Allen, Ada Clark, Swayne, Lowes, Guenther, Gruver, Croson, McClesky, Ballard, and Fronabarger, and Mrs. J. A. Hill and Mrs. Shanklin.

BRIDGES-KEY NUPTIALS

W. H. Bridges of Fort Worth and Miss Emma Key of Canyon were quietly married in Fort Worth Sunday morning. Mr. Bridges is a prosperous business man of Fort Worth. Miss Key is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Key of Canyon. She is a grad-

uate of the West Texas State Teachers College. For six years she was a popular and successful teacher. She was also a Sunday School teacher in the Fort Worth Baptist church. Her many friends wish them a happy and prosperous life. They will make their home in Fort Worth. Mrs. J. D. Key, her mother, accompanied her to Fort Worth.

MISS HUDSPETH ENTERTAINS FACULTY LADIES

Among the many enjoyable occasions planned for the teachers who remained in Canyon, none was more delightful nor more enjoyable and appreciated than was that afforded by Miss Hudspeth in her hospitable and roomy home. Always thoughtful of the comfort and pleasure of others, Miss Hudspeth invited Misses Anderson, Dabbs, Dean, Lamb, Stewart and Walker to a well appointed turkey dinner on Christmas Eve.

In those hours of freedom from professional fetters of schedule time and prescribed subjects of discussion, there were developed unsuspected points of interesting contact; mutual friends were discovered; similarity of tastes and prejudices were found and discussed; experiences of home activities, college life, and of travel claimed eager, interested listeners, and revealed delighted narrators and recounters. Humor, repartee, and reminiscent and prophetic attitudes characterized the easy, friendly conversation until a late hour.

The guests spent the night in this hospitable home, and rose late on Christmas morning to find a real Christmas tree hung with gifts from hostess and guests to each other. The traditional distribution of gifts being ended, all sat down to a real home breakfast prepared and served by the capable hands of the gracious hostess. Long and leisurely they lingered and chatted over the coffee-cups.

The approaching hour of twelve o'clock warned the guests that Christmas dinners at various places demanded their departure; wishing their charming hostess a blessed Christmas reluctantly they passed from the spell of her presence and her home, carrying in their hearts the essence of her fine and beneficent spirit.

MODERN VERSION

Old Father Hubbard went to his cupboard,
To tickle his palate, that's all;
In forty-eight hours, a prayer and some flowers—
Alas! It was wood alcohol.
—Practical Druggist.

Long Boy: Big boy, wuz George Washington as honest as dey sez he wuz?

Shorty: Ah tell you, nigger, George wuz the honestest man dat ever wuz born.

Long Boy: Den, how come dey close de banks on his birfday?—Georgia Cracker.

DOES IT PAY

Does education pay? What a big question.

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Does it pay to polish the precious stone before putting it on the market?

Does it pay to plane and sandpaper board before putting it into a piece of furniture?

Does it pay to sharpen tools before working with them?

Does it pay to know things rather than to live in ignorance?

Does it pay to have a mind or is it better to be a mere animal, and be directed by those who have minds?

Does it pay to think, and if so to think with a trained mind rather than with an untrained one?

Does it pay to be a leader rather than a follower?

Does it pay to make the most of the faculties God has endowed one with or let them lie dormant?

Does it pay to be one of the capable of the human race or one of the inferior?

Does it pay to prepare one's self to do the large things or to remain satisfied to do the small ones and let others take the advanced positions?

Does it pay to take advantage of opportunity and make the most possible of one's self?

Does it pay to get an education? Only the lazy and ignorant answer "No."

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Let no youth be deceived. Ask those who are educated. Ask the wise of any generation. Be sensible. Get an education while you have the chance. Prepare to live a happy and prosperous life.—Exchange.

UP

A lady's arch, long years ago,
Would make her blush, should it show,
And later ankles came to light;
To mankind things were going right.
And later as time flew apart,
Her dainty knees were viewed at last.
Now the small boy snicks and snickers
Lo and behold! We see her knickers.
And now, friends, I'll close my tale,
Should I proceed, I'd go to jail.
—Sour Owl.

THE USUAL WAY

He worked by day
And toiled by night,
He gave up play
And some delight,
Dry books he read
New things to learn,
And forged ahead
Success to earn,
He plodded on
With faith and pluck,
And when he won
Men called it luck.

—Detroit Free Press.

James—I think I will go up and eat.
Jack—I think I will eat myself.

James—Oh, you little cannibal.

—Stone Mill.

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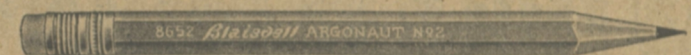
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S. T. C. Organize

At the conclusion of a most enjoyable social Saturday afternoon, the ex-students of the West Texas State Teachers College organized and laid plans for much constructive work as well as many pleasant socials for the future. An intensive campaign is being staged for the purpose of getting all the ex-students in the county enrolled, not only their present addresses are desired but also their addresses at the time of their attendance in college is desired, a permanent record will be kept.

The next meeting was set for the second Saturday afternoon in January. At that meeting a general rally and social will be staged. The final plans for the big Annual Banquet on Founders Day, February 17, will be formulated.

The following officers were elected: R. W. Castleberry, President. Miss Susie Stanley, Vice President. Miss Vera Fry, Secretary-Treasurer. Miss Hazel Mathis, Reporter. The membership committee is as follows:

Frank Farmer, Chairman, Floydada. Miss Rose Stewart, Lockney. O. W. Kirk, Floydada. Price Scott, Mickey.

—Floydada Hesperian.

Exes Organize at Memphis Institute

Memphis, Dec. 18.—Fifty-five former students of the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon attended a banquet at the White Rose Cafe at Memphis Monday evening, Dec. 17. A spirit of fun and fellowship reigned throughout the four-course dinner, which was interspersed with peppy and fitting songs.

A get acquainted meeting previous to the evening's program was begun by W. L. Vaughn, principal of the Memphis high school, who acted as toastmaster. It was learned that nearly all districts of the four counties of Hall, Childress, Donley and Collingsworth and practically all the years of the history of the college were represented in the group.

Following the last course, Miss Mary Morgan Brown, head of the public speaking department of the West Texas Teachers College, was introduced and read two interesting numbers.

President J. A. Hill addressed the ex-students on the recent developments in the Teachers College and outlined plans for the immediate future. He concluded his speech with an urgent appeal that all ex-students keep in touch with the students' movements. This, he said, would be of mutual value to the students and the Alma Mater. President Hill said that the reputation of any college is in a large measure dependent upon the character and success of its ex-students.

Miss Mattie Swayne, president of the Ex-Students Association and a member of the faculty of the Teachers College, W. T. S. T. C. clubs in the four counties represented in the group. She pointed out the fact that these clubs could function profitably in the interests of the members themselves, of the communities they were serving and of the college they were representing.

Immediately after the singing of the Alma Mater, the group separated into divisions representing the four counties assembled and three clubs were organized. Strong officers were elected for each group.

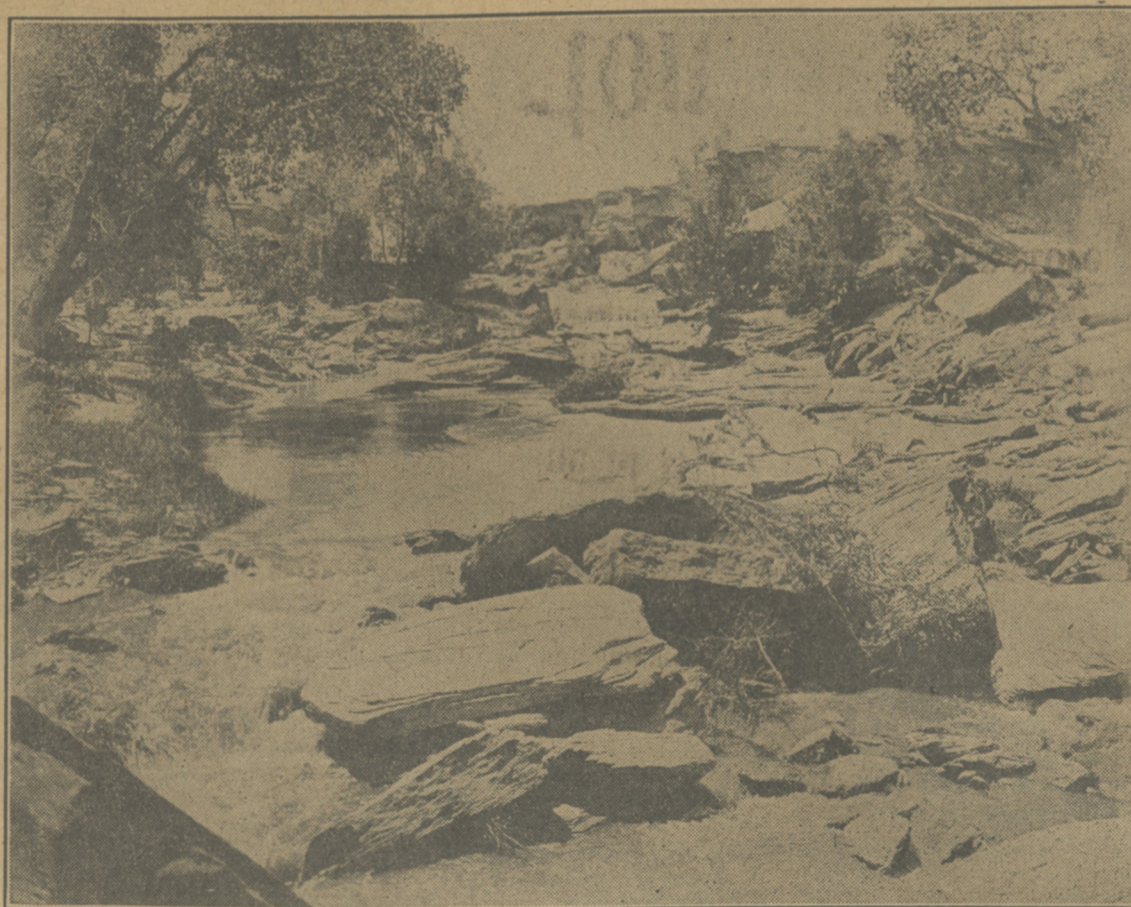
The Hall county group elected these officers: W. L. Vaughan, president; Lee Gilmore, vice president; Miss Claudia Bass, treasurer, and Miss Neville Wren, reporter.

The Childress county officers are: Frank B. Hill, president; Miss Ruth Handley, vice president; Miss Myrtle Miller, secretary-treasurer and C. W. Crosslin, reporter.

Collingsworth county officers are: Eric Ming, president; Hayden Goodnight, vice president; Miss Bessie Ford, secretary, and Miss Doris Leggett, reporter.

BANQUET OF "EXES" HELD AT CROWELL

The Ex-Students of the West Texas State Teachers College who are teaching in Hardeman, Foard, King, and Cottle Counties staged a very enjoyable luncheon at the Sanitary Cafe, Crowell, Texas, during the teachers institute which was held at that place during the holidays. President J. A.



Hill and Miss Mary Morgan Brown of the Teachers College were guests of honor. Short talks were made by President Hill, Mrs. Frances E. Bone, Miss Kittie Carter, and Miss Mary Morgan Brown.

Plates were set for the following: Misses Mary Morgan Brown, Kittie Carter, Bertha Stephenson, Belva Whitley, Lena B. Rasor, Wynnie Rucker, Minnie Logan, Vera Rhea, Clara Dickson, Mildred Thorp, Belva Cain, Mary Mayfield, Gracie L. Cole; Mesdames T. D. Moss, J. B. Lewis; Messrs. J. A. Hill, Judge Jessie Owens, Jo D. Brian, Marvin Thompson, J. L. Pinkerton, F. A. Word; Mesdames Pat Magee, Frances E. Bone, Robt. Jennings, Lonnie Carlisle, Higdon Bowan.

Dockery President of Hardeman Club

Charles E. Dockery, superintendent of Bailey High School, was elected president of the Hardeman County division of the Ex-Students Association of the West Texas State Teachers College at a recent meeting at Crowell, Texas, of the ex-students who are teaching in Hardeman County.

Plans were made for an annual meeting of the Club at Quanah the first Saturday before Founders Day. A committee, with Miss Clara Dixon as chairman, was appointed to work out an appropriate program for the meeting. An effort will be made to get every ex-student in Hardeman County to attend the meeting at Quanah.

Other officers elected are: Burleson Atkins, of Bailey High School, vice-president; Mrs. T. D. Moss, Medicine Mound School, secretary; and T. D. Moss, Medicine Mound, correspondent.

OUR PROBLEMS OF TAXATION AND EDUCATION MUST BE SOLVED

(Continued from page one)
 the orderly development of society. The wise and patriotic business men of this State not only want to know that the money they spend for education is getting the maximum of good results.

"On the other hand, I am very positive that the school people have no desire whatever to lay undue burdens upon business. They have sense enough to know that without a wholesome and vigorous development of the material resources of the State there would not be an adequate economic foundation for the intellectual and moral progress which they crave. Wealth must be systematically and energetically produced, intelligently organized and administered, and given such freedom of direction as will enable it to serve best the public welfare. Obstructions to the orderly and righteous development of business enterprise are also obstructions to the intellectual and spiritual progress of our people. School people, therefore, crave prosperity for every legitimate business interest in the State.

"It is inconceivable that the people of Texas will allow themselves to suffer longer under the delusion that there is any necessary conflict between the public welfare. Obstructions to the long-cherished system of public education. To fail to solve in the next two or three years the two vitally related problems of taxation and schools will be to confess our inferiority in the constellation of American Commonwealths.

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