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## MASCOTS GROW- ING LARGE HUMPS

BUFFALOES ARE CREATING A  
GREAT AMOUNT OF INTEREST.

Brought to College From Goodnight  
Ranch in 1921; Have  
Special Keeper.

By J. L. McCarty  
The Buffaloes have grown large  
humps.

Such an outcry broadcasted recently  
caused renewed interest in the two  
full-fledged Buffaloes which grace the  
campus of the West Texas State Teach-  
ers College. They form the nucleus  
around which the institution hopes to  
build a small herd. The two Buffa-  
loes were purchased when small calves  
by the College as mascots from the  
famous Goodnight herd. They are  
now rapidly approaching full-grown  
Buffalodom, and much is expected of  
them.

Mary Ann and Charles C., as the  
Buffaloes are called after Mr. and Mrs.  
Charles C. Goodnight, picturesque pion-  
eers and founders of the famous herd,  
browse peacefully in a small enclosure  
and appear more or less tolerant of the  
many visitors who are continually  
leaning over the barbed-wire fence that  
marks the end of the open spaces for  
the pair. They have even been accus-  
ed of being lazy, but this has been ac-  
counted for by one small lad who view-  
ed the animals with awe for several  
minutes and remarked, "Hi! They are  
College Buffaloes and are being  
herded."

Several years ago the students of the  
College, along with the faculty mem-  
bers, voted upon a mascot for the  
growing athletic teams of the institu-  
tion. The Buffalo was chosen without  
much opposition though the Antelope,  
Coyote, Lobo, Prairie Dog, and other  
Panhandle animals received a sprink-  
ling of votes. The athletic teams of  
the institution came to be known as  
the Buffaloes; and, during the foot-  
ball season of 1921, President J. A.  
Hill, Professor L. F. Sheffy, and some  
others decided upon two real live Buf-  
faloes for mascots and for the forming  
of a real Buffalo herd at the College.  
A deal was closed, and in the roughest  
kind of weather a truck was dispatched  
for the precious property.

### Have Special Caretaker

Mary Ann and Charles C. arrived  
and survived the admiring eyes of  
hundreds of students, townspeople, and  
visitors. They were admitted whole-  
heartedly into the college spirit, and  
at once a husky student who was  
working his way through school was  
assigned to care for the pair. Clyde  
Gordon of Mountain View, Okla., cared  
for the Buffaloes during their first  
few months at the institution, but  
when he left, Elmer Marshall begged  
for the opportunity to work with the  
animals. Marshall now attends to the  
menu for the pair and does his utmost  
to create at least a passing acquaint-  
ance with them. It has been discover-  
ed that he spends much time in sitting  
lily by, meditating upon the spirit of  
the frontier that seems to be mani-  
fested in the actions and appearance  
of the mascot. The twain, despite  
much flattery and being subject to con-  
tinuous observation, are making pro-  
gress under skillful care.

Occasionally old timers visit the Col-  
lege and spend much time about the  
buffalo barn. Frequent yarns are told  
of buffaloes and buffalo experiences  
by these pioneers. Recently the fol-  
lowing tale was related: A pioneer  
was riding over a vast section of the  
T-Ancor Ranch, which has its old  
headquarters within one mile of the  
administration building of the college,  
and when deep into the rather rough

### LE MIRAGE NOTICE

All literary societies and other  
organizations should decide upon their  
panel designs at once.  
Kodak pictures are wanted for  
the "College Life" section. Those  
who have collections of snap-  
shots are urged to submit them  
to the annual staff. This section  
of the annual will be very in-  
teresting if the students will con-  
tribute their good pictures.

Attention of the Normal School  
pupils is called to the schedule  
for submitting portraits. Janu-  
ary 25 will be the last day for  
turning in Normal School prints.

Pictures from the eighth and  
ninth grades will be asked for  
later.

## More Than Hundred of Parent-Teachers Clubs Organized

More than 100 Parent-Teachers or-  
ganizations have been formed over  
West Texas since September as a re-  
sult of the work done by the Canyon  
Parent-Teachers Association in the  
Panhandle-Plains Counties Institute.  
The Institute was held here during the  
first week of September, and the local  
Parent-Teachers club served more than  
800 teachers and distributed literature  
showing the benefit to be derived from  
the co-operative organization. Infor-  
mation that has been received by the  
local workers shows more than 100  
organizations as a result of their work  
among the teachers during institute  
week.

The local body is now conducting a  
survey over the entire plains country,  
attempting to secure new material re-  
garding the condition of the rural  
school children of this section of the  
state. Schools of instruction are being  
held in rural districts, and the mem-  
bers of the Canyon Association are  
meeting with a happy response to their  
efforts.

Mrs. Harvey Cash, a diligent worker  
and mother, is president of the Can-  
yon group. Mrs. A. D. Payne, wife of  
Superintendent A. D. Payne, is treas-  
urer. The club has more than 150  
members, a majority of whom are ac-  
tive workers.

## WAYLAND PLAYS HERE THIS WEEK

SEASON OPENS WEDNESDAY  
NIGHT ON LOCAL COURT.

Buffaloes to Play Wayland Baptist  
College Two Games As a  
Curtain Raiser.

The Buffaloes will play the Wayland  
Baptist College quintet in the local  
gymnasium Wednesday and Thursday  
night for the curtain raiser of the  
season for the first squad. The game  
with Wayland will give Coach Burton's  
men an opportunity to warm up before  
their first class on the T. I. A. A.  
conference race which will be with the  
Abilene Christian College five next  
week.

The ability of the Wayland aggrega-  
tion in comparison with the strength  
of the Buffaloes is not known. The  
Wayland five recently defeated the  
Ralls High School by a close score,  
and if this is to be taken as an index to  
their ability, the Buffalo five will  
probably win by a comfortable margin.

and woody country, which is now oc-  
cupied by a few remaining ranches of  
small acreage, he saw a comparatively  
small herd of buffaloes in the distance.  
He scouted about, maneuvering against  
the wind for half an hour, and at-  
tempted to kill one of the bunch. How-  
ever, he was detected and he gave  
pursuit on a fast cow horse. The herd  
of necessity had to plunge deeper into  
the canyons, and several days later  
while riding in that section he found  
the carcass of a buffalo wedged into  
some rocks. Evidences were visible  
which went to prove that the animal  
had in the mad stampede of the herd  
been thrown into the rocks and killed.  
The cowpuncher left the animal's body  
alone and states that the bones may be  
found in the rocks in the canyons to-  
day.

### Primitive Instincts Crop Out

This tendency to flee regardless of  
any obstructions crops out occasionally  
with Mary Ann and Charles C. Re-  
cently Travis Shaw, Secretary of the  
College, was attempting to photograph  
the pair and observed this tendency of  
the buffalo. The two had jumped to  
their feet and stood as if glued to the  
ground while Mr. Shaw came close  
enough to get a good picture. How-  
ever, he threw out his hand to get the  
two in a different position and away  
they bounded, hitting the strong wire  
fence with all their might. The fence  
turned Mr. and Mrs. Buffalo and they  
circled around it in a typical buffalo  
run while the photographer hunted  
safer ground.

Interest in the animals seems to be  
growing these days and some believe  
that it is all because it has been dis-  
covered that they are growing humps.

### GOING THE LIMIT

I went ten rounds with Dempsey  
And I am feeling fine,  
For it was on a Ferris wheel—  
His seat was next to mine.  
—American Legion Weekly.



LOUIS F. HART  
Canyon's New Commercial Secretary.

## Students May Enter National Essay Contest

The committee of university and col-  
lege students of the League of Nations  
Non-Partisan Association announces  
the opening of an essay contest on the  
subject of "Why the United States  
Should Join the League of Nations."

There are four conditions of the  
contest. Each essay shall be no longer  
than 3,000 words; only one essay shall  
be submitted by each contestant, man-  
uscripts must be written on one side of  
the page; manuscripts must be type-  
written and must not be rolled. All  
undergraduates of the colleges and uni-  
versities of the country may compete.  
The contest will close at noon, March  
1, 1924.

Prizes offered are \$100, \$75 and \$50  
for each of the three best essays. The  
submission of any manuscript, whether  
or not receives an award, shall give to  
the association full rights to publish  
any part or all of it in such manner  
and at such times as it may choose.

The purpose of the association is to  
unite and organize the supporters of  
the World Court, the League of Nations  
and American participation in  
world affairs.

Essays should be sent to the office  
of the League of Nations Non-Partisan  
Association, 15 West Thirty-seventh  
Street, New York City. Corlis Lamont  
is chairman of the committee of uni-  
versity and college students.

### FORMER STUDENT DIES

Mrs. Flora Crowder Bryant, a form-  
er student in the College died last  
week at her home in Snyder. She will  
be remembered as Miss Flora Crowder  
and attended the College for four  
summers.

## MODERN BLUE-PRINTING MACHINE PURCHASED FOR DRAWING CLASSES

Through the purchase of a modern  
blue-printing machine this week, Prof.  
R. A. Terrill has greatly increased the  
capacity of his Manual Training de-  
partment for architectural work. The  
addition of an up-to-date Buckeye  
printing machine will make possible  
the printing of large abstracts, town  
plots, and other plans requiring large  
drawings, besides speeding up the pro-  
duction of small sectional drawings.

The Buckeye Blue-printing Machine  
has the form of a large glass cylinder  
built in two sections. Each half of  
the cylinder takes a sheet of printing  
paper of any size not larger than 42  
by 60 inches. Constructed according  
to the very latest principles, the ma-  
chine is automatic in every particular.  
A powerful arc light moves down the  
center of the cylinder, evenly distribut-  
ing the light. The length of exposure  
is electrically controlled by a clock-like  
attachment which may be quickly ad-  
justed for any number of seconds or  
minutes. If desired, however, opera-  
tion of the apparatus may be done by  
hand.

Blue-printing in the department for  
several years has been done by the

## ENROLLMENT RE- CORDS BROKEN

914 STUDENTS HAVE ENROLLED  
THIS SCHOOL YEAR.

More College Students Have Been En-  
rolled Than Ever Before in  
History of School.

All previous enrollment records in  
the College have been broken, is the  
announcement made by administrative  
authorities.

With the enrollment of eighty-six  
new students at the opening of this  
quarter, the total enrollment since  
September 25th has passed the 900  
mark. A total of 914 students have  
been enrolled thus far, and before the  
end of the Spring quarter the number  
of students enrolled will probably have  
passed the 1,000 mark. Before Christ-  
mas 828 students had been enrolled.  
Of this number, however, 124 are in  
the Training School.

Last year the total enrollment was  
1022, however, the enrollment of stu-  
dents in the Training School has been  
discouraged this year because of the  
inability to care for so large a num-  
ber; while, on the other hand, about  
100 more students have been enrolled  
in the college proper than were enroll-  
ed last year.

## Canyon Eagles Stand in Seventh Division of Football Record

According to the records of the In-  
terscholastic League, the Canyon high  
school Eagles stand in seventh place in  
the high school rating of the state with  
a percentage of .800. In this class  
are the following high schools: Aus-  
tin, Belton, Canyon, Conroe, Clarks-  
ville, Denison, Denton, Floydada, For-  
ney, Granger, Harrisburg, Hearne, It-  
asca, La Porte, Mineral Wells, Robs-  
ton, San Benito, Sherman.

The record of the season is very  
much of a headache so far as the Eag-  
les are concerned. After eliminating  
five of the strongest teams of the dis-  
trict, the Eagles were counted out of  
the race on account of the loss of a  
practice game being lost at Floydada.

## Antlers Hold Regular Meeting

Last Friday night the Antler Liter-  
ary Society held one of their usual  
snappy meetings. Archibald Lang  
told some jokes, and Ed Gerald gave  
a fine declamation. The Antler trio  
entertained the assembly with a num-  
ber of songs, pulled off in fine style.  
Archibald Lang was elected Prairie  
Representative. The following new  
members were received, subject to in-  
itiation: Pat McCorkle, Denton Un-  
derwood, E. P. Burleson, J. T. Rey-  
nolds and Owen Williams. After at-  
tending to some matters of business,  
the society adjourned.

Visitor: "What's the death rate in  
this town?"

Resident: "About two per automo-  
bile."

## Willett Assisting in the Educational Survey to Start in State Jan. 14th

Prof. O. R. Willett of the Education  
Department of the West Texas State  
Teachers College, was in Ft. Worth  
Friday and Saturday attending a meet-  
ing of representatives from various  
colleges in order to get started the work  
of the state wide educational survey  
under the direction of Dr. G. A. Works  
of Cornell University.

Prof. Willett has been selected by  
Dr. Works to take a part in this edu-  
cational survey. The work starts on  
January 14th, and the report will be  
completed and ready for the meeting of  
the legislature next January.

The educational survey will take in  
every phase of education in Texas.

## LAMESA EX-STUDENTS ORGANIZE A CLUB

At the Tri-County Institute which  
met at Lamesa late in December, the  
Dawson County ex-students organized  
a West Texas State Teachers College  
Club. The following officers were  
elected:

Ethel Barrow—President.  
Clive Austin—Vice President.  
Sue Brown Anderson—Secretary.  
Alberta Hatchett—Treasurer.  
Rosanelle Gray—Press Reporter.

## RED MEN MAKE PLANS FOR WORK

FUTURE WORK OUTLINED BY  
CHIEF SITTING BULL.

Organization Will Continue to "Carry  
On;" Election of Officers  
Held.

Last Wednesday night the Red Men  
met and unanimously decided to "car-  
ry on" during this quarter. Several  
applications were received and voted  
on, but no one was admitted at that  
time. Jerry Mallin was re-elected  
Chief Sitting Bull, Dick Hughes was  
re-elected Little Chief Lone Wolf, and  
Chester Day was elected as publicity  
manager. Several committees were  
appointed including a committee to  
raise funds. Every member of the tribe  
expressed keen disappointment at the  
failure of the subscribers to "come  
across" and help pay the present in-  
debtedness. But, in jubilant spirits,  
the tribe decided to stand on its own  
feet and find some means of raising  
the money.

In outlining the future work of the  
organization, Chief Sitting Bull stated  
that it was his intention to make the  
tribe individually and wholly one hun-  
dred percent students, and the first re-  
quirement would be to have a passing  
grade in at least three subjects. He  
said also, that if a school was worth  
going to, it was worth working for,  
and urged every Loyal Red Man to ex-  
pound the policies of the school and to  
live up to the rules and regulations.

The tribe adopted the policy of pull-  
ing strongly for the T. I. A. A. basket-  
ball championship and loudly ex-  
pressed their belief that the buffaloes would  
be the champions this year.

When asked, what is the best school  
in the world, the whole tribe responded  
in one voice—W. T. S. T. C.

## Speaks to Pen Women in Amarillo

Miss M. Moss Richardson and Mrs.  
T. V. Reeves, teachers in the College,  
attended the quarterly meeting of the  
Panhandle Pen Women in Amarillo  
last Tuesday.

Miss Richardson spoke to the Pen  
Women on "The New Poetry," and the  
Amarillo News, in commenting on her  
discussion, says that it was one of the  
best on the program.

## Dramatic Club Meets Wednesday

"Love and Tea," is the title of the  
play to be given by the Dramatic Club  
tomorrow, Wednesday, afternoon at  
3:30 in the auditorium. The first scene  
of the play was given by the members  
of the Club before the holidays, and  
the second scene will be given tomor-  
row afternoon.

"That bare a good yoke on me," said  
the Swede as the egg splattered down  
his shirt front.—Virginia Reel.

## OWSLEY SPEAKS AT CHAPEL PERIOD

FORMER COMMANDER OF THE  
AMERICAN LEGION.

Being an American is the Greatest  
Thing in This World Says Dis-  
tinguished Soldier.

Col. Alvin M. Owsley of Denton,  
former National Commander of the  
American Legion, spoke at the chapel  
period at the College yesterday morn-  
ing. Col. Owsley was invited to come  
to Canyon by President J. A. Hill. He  
had spoken the night previous at the  
Jackson Day dinner in Amarillo.

Col. Owsley expressed his great ap-  
preciation of this visit to Canyon. As  
a student in the Denton Normal Col-  
lege he had heard much of Canyon.  
He believed that the first thing the  
legislature should do for the College  
in Canyon was pave the street leading  
up to it from the west.

The speaker deplored the wave of  
economy that was sweeping over the  
state regarding the support of the edu-  
cational institutions. He believes that  
the safety of Texas and the perpetuity  
of this entire country depends upon  
education.

Col. Owsley deplored the fact that  
compulsory school attendance laws  
were not enforced. There was 25 mil-  
lion children of scholastic age in this  
country, but only 15 million attend-  
ing school. Every child born in this  
country and every child coming to  
America should be forced to attend  
school and learn something of the con-  
stitution of this nation and the mean-  
ing of the flag. He urged that the  
American flag be displayed every day  
in every school of the nation.

The speaker paid a tribute to the men  
who had fought in the various wars  
and the statesmen that had come out  
of these wars. During the world war  
it was the American industry, the  
American enthusiasm and the Ameri-  
can men and woman who saved the  
day for the civilized world.

The speaker would not exchange the  
glory of America for the glory of all  
nations since the beginning of time.  
But there is danger in America today.  
There are forces which would replace  
our republican form of government  
and substitute the Soviet. There is  
only one cure—report these subjects.  
He did not agree with the President  
in pardoning the thirty I. W. W.'s  
They should have been driven from the  
country. There is little of this dis-  
turbance element in Texas.

Since signing of the Armistice, 600  
foreign language newspapers have  
sprung up in this country. At least  
100 of them openly advocate destruc-  
tion of the government. The speak-  
er would compel the use of the Eng-  
lish language in the press and that all  
private and public schools be taught in  
our tongue. He did not oppose the  
study of foreign languages, but opposed  
their substitution for the English lan-  
guage.

The issue may be as great in Ameri-  
ca some day as was in 1861. There  
are millions in this country who do  
not understand or care for the Ameri-  
can ideals, or speak the language or  
assume the obligation of an American  
citizen.

Col. Owsley believes that General  
Pershing spoke the greatest words of  
the world war when he said "LaFay-  
ette, we are here." The second  
greatest he ascribed to an Oklahoma  
private, who when found dying on the  
battle field and asked whom it was,  
answered, "Just write me down—An  
American."

The speaker urged that Americans  
catch the vision and aspire to be real  
American citizens. The safety of the  
nation is in our hands as citizens.

## Canyon to Have a Modern Cotton Gin

Business men of Canyon are plan-  
ning to finance the building of a \$25,000  
modern gin for the next season. Sev-  
eral of the business men have entered  
an agreement to build and operate the  
gin provided enough acreage in cotton  
can be secured for Randall County.  
Cotton that has been planted here has  
given a rich return for the money in-  
vested.

### POEM WITH A MORAL

There was a young fellow named  
Vaughn  
Who got horrible drunk on Caughn,  
In the cold gray Daughn  
Of the following Maughn  
He wished he had never been Baughn.  
—Virginia Reel.



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That student support of college publications is a matter of pride in and loyalty to the institution of one's choice is generally conceded. Therefore every loyal student will be found co-operating with the staff of his college annual. Because it is the product and record of an entire year of activity, Le Mirage is the most important single publication that the college issues. Indeed, all annuals are very significant in that they reflect the spirit of the college represented. United effort is needed if Le Mirage is to be worthy of this college.

Students usually do not realize until after graduation what their annuals really mean to them. In a letter recently received from an ex-student, the writer told the staff of The Prairie that even the advertisements in her annuals were cherished.

Unless more reservations for annuals are received at once, many students will not have records of this session. Frantic inquiries in the spring will not remedy the situation, because no extra covers will be available.

Buy your copy of Le Mirage to-day.

### BEST RESOLUTION

"You will note this week that the Tulla Herald has no adds on the front page, and it is our belief that all will be pleased with the change and our new year resolve to save the front page of YOUR paper for the news events of great importance to you."—Tulla Herald.

The Prairie trusts that it will not be considered presumptuous in remarking The Herald's resolution is the best one yet received in its exchanges. Newspaper space is a commodity just like flour or potatoes, and the "big" advertiser has a right to request good display, but the publisher should not be asked to ignore the ideals of his profession. Moreover, because a town is judged by its newspaper, no progressive citizen should demand a front page position for his ad. If he considers a front page write-up indispensable to his success and general welfare, let him boast his town and community that the editor will have to buy an extra font of headline type to feature that citizen's achievements. No other publicity will mean more than a generous inside ad coupled with occasional front page stories of the business man himself.

Tulla citizens should commend their editors and give The Herald the patronage it merits. Other Panhandle cities also might well take notice.

### BIG LITTLE THINGS

In your kindergarten days you learned the rhyme—

"Little drops of water,  
Little grains of sand  
Make the mighty ocean  
And the pleasant land."

So in all the material world big things are an aggregation of little ones. The same is true in life. The full life is rounded out by little words, little thoughts, little acts. If the little things are of the right quality, the complete life will be the same.

Politeness is one of the big little things of living. It is the outward expression of a courteous heart. Gruffness, disregard for the feelings of others, rudeness of speech and manners are our privileges, of course, but they do not make the wheels of life's machinery run very smoothly. On the other hand, they advertise us as "Goops."

A short while ago the majority of an audience of nearly a thousand sat spell-bound under the voice of a speaker of world reputation, but just across

the way sat a thoughtless young couple, giggling and chattering all the way through. Are you a "Goop?"

A faculty member and his wife occasionally walk down the street. They meet boys and girls who, ignoring the lady, say, "How do you do, Mr. M—?" How does Mrs. M— feel? Are you a "Goop?"

This is a small town where everybody is everybody's friend. The faculty families feel as though the students belong to their one big family. A friendly greeting will not hurt us as much as the "straight ahead stare." A faculty wife often meets a school girl or boy whom she may not know by name but in whom she feels an interest. She looks at them with a greeting on her lips, but the student gives her a "look over," then the "straight ahead stare." Are you a "Goop?"

The old time courtesy between men and women has been almost obliterated by the hall-fellow well-met attitude between the sexes. It is a natural consequence of changing customs and standards. Nevertheless, every real man has an inherent reverence for a sure enough woman. Boys, if you have this feeling for what a girl should be, give evidence of it by those little acts of respect which are due her because of what she should be.

Every true woman has a feeling of profound respect for noble manhood. Girls, if you have this respect for what a man ought to be, show it by demanding the best that is in him and by making yourself worthy of his reverence.

We would do well to remember another verse learned in childhood—

"Kinder hearts are more than coronets  
And simple faith than Norman blood."  
—A Member of the Faculty Family.

### THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT R's

Ignorance is, after all, a dubious form of bliss. What we don't know, despite popular assertion to the contrary, does hurt us. It need not be book knowledge that the human soul craves, but knowledge of some sort is the goal of every mind's striving. The untutored mountaineer to whom plain English type is so much Sanskrit and who signs his name by touching a pen and letting someone else make his mark for him may be able to read the moods of the weather with canny accuracy, may know the blossoming time of every flower and the leafing time of every tree with a certainty that would put to shame a scholar's naturalist. "Talents differ," as the squirrel told the mountain. "All is well and wisely put. If I cannot carry mountains on my back, neither can you crack a nut."

But this is only one angle of the problem of illiteracy—the happiest, most romantic angle from which to view it. Ability to read weather, trees and flowers does not of necessity fit a man to choose between two rival candidates for Congress. It can scarcely give him the correct insight on the merits or lack of merits of the League of Nations or the World Court. It does not enable him to judge rationally the needs of his own politically-organized community—the question of schools, parks, playgrounds, sewage disposal, improved highways; whether taxes are high enough or too high; whether his public servants are so conducting themselves in office that they are entitled to his continued support at the next election; whether the local fire and police departments are adequate.

Now, of course, a man may be able to read and write in seventeen languages and still be a civic incompetent. Mere facility with pen and ink has not solved all the woes of the universe—the World War was conducted between the most literate nations in history. But if a man cannot read and write he cannot help being a civic incompetent. His ignorance confines his world to the bend in the road and the next hill—beyond that it is No Man's Land. Only the printed page or its equivalent can tell him that there is a greater world beyond the horizon, can bring home to him the problems crying for solution that concern him no less than they do the millions of his fellow-men whom he has never seen.

That figure of the bend in the road and the next hill may be taken literally. For America's illiteracy problem is rather more of a question of rural than of urban delinquency. The urban problem is bad enough, but the rural problem is worse. Of the 4,931,905 declared illiterates recorded in America in the last decennial census (1920), 2,976,793 were classed as rural population and 1,955,112 as urban population; that is, of every five illiterates in this country, two live in cities, three in the country. The proportion is not so uneven, however, as to make it advisable to concentrate on a single division. The problem is national in scope.

Possibly the solution is a question for experts. But a full consciousness of the existence of the problem, and an indignant albeit intelligent demand that somehow, and as soon as may be, the problem must be solved—this much interest in the question of illiteracy

## MANY KINDS OF BIRDS ARE TO BE FOUND IN CANYON AND VICINITY

Our own professional love of country requires from every one of us. There will open in Washington on January 11th a nationwide conference on illiteracy in which The American Legion will have an important part. The proceedings of that conference will deserve the careful study of any American whose patriotism is more than lip service. A nation is as great as its composite intelligence, and America is far from her highest possible standard of intelligence when one in every sixteen of her inhabitants does not know how to read or write.—American Legion Weekly.

## West Texas Breezes

By J. E. H.

The Buffaloes recently fell before the onrush of the Yearlings. Such things happen but seldom, but when they do come about, they are of particular interest. This detracts nothing from the glory of the Buffaloes, but it does add to the fame of the Yearlings. The Buffaloes may have been "off form" on that day, but the Yearlings were surely "in form."

We have seen men on some teams who loafed, both in practice and in the games, merely because they had their places "cinched," and were too lazy, and too void of principle to do the best for their team. Fortunate is that team in which competition for the positions is so strong as to prevent any such spirit, should it be there, from manifesting itself. It will surely leave a better record as a unit, and a more wholesome memory in the minds of the players.

We detest pessimistic prophecies, but from general appearances, it looks like a hard year for members of the Bachelors Protective Association.

Some people have criticized this paper as being opposed to matrimony. Such is not the case. If there is anything that moves us to great salty tears—of joy—it is the sight of a young and promising bachelor, "for better or for worse." To relieve the minds of those who are laboring under the above misconception, The Prairie offers a one year's subscription to each student or ex-student husband, who is caught during this year. The offer will hold good for the entire year, and will apply to all cases, whether he be landed by Leap Year's, or by other legitimate means. Address all applications to the writer of this column.

And our idea of a brave man is that one who can stand like marble when the sweet young thing cries on his shoulder.

### THE TEACHER

May be anywhere from twenty to seventy years young.  
She sleeps with her window open and teachers with her mouth shut.  
She knows ships and shoes and sealing wax and cabbages and kings.  
She can walk a league, drive a Packard, caress an angle worm, bind a wound or darn a sock.  
She can bake a loaf, quote a sonnet, Judge a Rembrandt, and tell the stars.  
She speaks with a voice of velvet, and commands with tones of Bessemer.  
She does not talk her pupils stone-blind; she makes it fifty-fifty.  
She dresses as becomes a votary of her high calling—not as last week, nor yet as day after tomorrow.  
She has the three P's of teacherdom—pep, persistence and pedagogy.  
Hers is the superlatively future tense in artistry.—Exchange.

### FOUR ESSENTIAL THINGS

Four things a man must learn to do if he would keep his record true;  
To think without confusion, clearly;  
To love his fellow men sincerely;  
To act from honest motives purely;  
To trust in God and Heaven securely.  
—Henry Van Dyke.

America is now dry twelve miles out and wet twelve miles in.—Rochester Times-Union.

## WHERE SHALL I MEET YOU?

OH! I'LL BE AT THE

# J. J. WALKER DRUG STORE

## MANY KINDS OF BIRDS ARE TO BE FOUND IN CANYON AND VICINITY

Canyon, the campus of the College and the streams and canyons near the city, is entertaining many visitors at this time; they have not come in autos, or on skates, or by train, but by the air-route. Yet they have not come by airplane. They have come under their own power, using the machinery provided by Nature herself. They are birds.

Since there have been so many birds seen in this vicinity, it seems likely that the old saying that birds follow civilization may be true. Certain it is that the planting of trees and shrubs, the coming of lawns and gardens and cultivated fields has made this country much more attractive to birds.

During a period of observation, covering about two and one half hours one day recently, fifteen different birds were seen. There were white-eyed vireos, so fearless that they played within two or three steps of a party of five; flickers, downy woodpeckers, red-headed woodpeckers, and yellow-bellied sapsuckers represented the hard headed pecking family; meadow larks sang several distinct songs; robins and blue birds were seen in flocks; chickadees, towhees, juncos and members of the titmouse families added to the joy of the afternoon sunshine; wrens, either the house wren or the winter wren (we are not sure which) fairly burst their throats in song; song sparrows (which do not sing) and turtle doves were also to be seen; the cardinal (red bird) was seen and heard constantly.

A few days ago the honeysuckle vines of the town were visited by flocks of cedar wax-wing-birds not often seen in this vicinity.

With all these visitors it is increasingly evident that a Bird Club should be organized in Canyon to increase acquaintance and good feeling between ourselves and our feathered visitors. One of the things which this club could accomplish would be the dissipating of that old and erroneous notion that there are no birds in the Panhandle of Texas. There would also, unconsciously perhaps, be fostered that fine spirit of comradeship and fair play which comes from association with each other out-of-doors and with the forces so plainly seen in even the most immemorial observation of Nature and her laws.

### CHURCH MEMBERSHIP IS INCREASING

Frank Crane, the eminent writer, says: "The idea that the church is petering out in the United States is based on misinformation and perhaps tainted with inclination. As a matter of fact church membership is increasing in proportion to the increase in population."

"For instance in 1890 the population of the United States was around 63,000,000 and the church membership at that time was around 21,500,000. In 1922 the population had increased to 108,000,000, while the church membership had increased to around 47,000,000."

"Those figures mean that while the population increased 68 per cent during 32 years, the church membership increased 118.4 per cent."

"In 1920 the church membership was 34 per cent of the population, while in 1922 it was 45 per cent. Besides the numbers of these enrolled in churches there is a considerable army of others who are closely affiliated with and are in sympathy with the churches."

"While you cannot reckon moral sentiment or force entirely in figures, yet it means something to have this large proportion of the population identified with organizations whose main purpose is to develop and strengthen the conscience of the world."

### BUYS EAST END INTEREST

Floyd Callahan has bought the interest of L. L. Hix in the East End Grocery and is now manager of the business.

Policeman: "Your wife has fainted. She needs some air."

Izzy: "Take her around the corner to the garage. The air is free there."  
—The Maverick.

## Nutrition Work Will Soon Start in Randall County's Schools

Miss Mildred Smith will arrive in Randall county within a few days to start the work of Red Cross nutrition worker. This work is being done cooperatively between the Randall County Red Cross Chapter and the Canyon Parent-Teachers Association, with Mrs. Harvey Cash directing the work.

Randall county had a nutrition worker two years ago, and the results of her work was highly satisfactory. It was planned at that time to carry the work to all parts of the county, but she was called away before the work was completed. Miss Smith will be in the county for two months, or such time as necessary to visit every school in the county. All of the school children will be thoroughly examined and parents given valuable information as to the proper feeding and care of child life.

### TEN GOOD RESOLUTIONS

Frank Crane

1. I will live one day at a time.
2. I will adjust myself.
3. I will be happy.
4. I will take care of my body.
5. I will improve my mind.
6. I will be agreeable.
7. I will have a program.
8. I will not be afraid.
9. I will settle the sex question.
10. I will satisfy my conscience.

—From the American Magazine.

### ON NECESSITIES

Necessities are matters of personal judgment.

To a "Cake-Eater," an air-tight collar, and a shoe string tie, are a necessity.

The modern Beau Brummel thinks that spats, multicolored or trick vests, socks and ties to match the color of his eyes, and a certain undefinable something on his upper lip, are necessities.

Necessities are matters of locality. New York and Zanibar vary a great deal as regards locality, but they almost coincide with regard to female necessities of attire.

Chewing gum may be a necessity but parking it under theatre seats isn't. Sneezing is a necessity, but not in order in other people's faces.

Talk is a necessity but economically speaking an over abundance cheapens it.

Soap is a necessity but lots of people don't know it.

Water has other uses besides running under bridges.

Trousers are a necessity; if you don't believe it try going without them.

—Stone Mill.

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### SOCIETY

BY ELIZABETH WEBB  
Phone 295

#### GIBBS-SELF WEDDING

During the holidays, Miss Irene Gibbs was married to Mr. Self, of Canyon. The couple has just returned after a honeymoon trip through Colorado. Mrs. Self has been a student in the College for the past two years, and was a member of the Sophomore class. Mr. Self has been connected with the Canyon Tailoring Company.

#### GUSTAVUS- MARTIN NUPTIALS

The following announcement has been received by friends at the Teachers College: Mrs. C. E. Gustavus announces the marriage of her daughter, May, to Mr. Thomas Reynold Martin on Thursday, December the twentieth, nineteen hundred and twenty-three, Amarillo, Texas.

The bride is an ex-student of this institution, and has many friends at the College and in Canyon.

#### MRS. LANG ADRESSES Y. W. C. A.

The Y. W. C. A. met on Wednesday, Jan. 9, in room 101, for the first meeting of the new year. After the usual devotional exercises, Mrs. Gordon Lang addressed the association. Her subject was "The Invisible," and we feel that the speaker did justice to the sub-

ject. She dwelt briefly with the two types of people namely, the "Materialist," and the "Idealist," as representatives of the seen and the unseen, and closed her address with a lovely New Year's wish for the members of the association.

Another very delightful feature of the program was a quartet rendered by Misses Crawford, Cash, Atkins, and Cavness.

The association extends a New Year's welcome to every girl of the College to join with us in our work for this year. We need you, and would like for you to give us the chance to help you in any way that we can.

#### COLEMAN-HOWARD WEDDING

Mr. Amos H. Howard, an ex-student of this institution, and Miss Una May Coleman were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Henrietta, Texas, during the holidays.

The bride is an English teacher in the Lubbock High School.

Mr. Howard is a member of the Guaranty Abstract and Title Company at Lubbock, at which town the couple are now making their home. Mr. Howard is a brother of Miss Mae Howard, a present student in the College.

#### HOME EC. CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS

The Home Economics Club met January 9 for the purpose of beginning work for the winter quarter and to elect officers. During the business session, Miss Ruth Lowes, of the Kindergarten Department, was elected an

honorary member of the Club. After the election, a very enjoyable social hour was spent in the dining room where refreshments were served.

Officers elected were as follows: Gertrude Conner—President, Ione Red—Vice President, Mrs. Walden—Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Verne Coleman—Prairie Reporter, Cecile Dowdy—Parliamentarian.

#### EIGHTH GRADE ELECTS NEW OFFICERS

At a meeting of the eighth grade, Saturday, January 5, the following officers were elected for the Winter quarter:

Montie Rockwell—President, John Reid—Vice President, Aileen Swafford—Secretary, Leone Roffey—Prairie Reporter, Evelyn Shanklin—Bulletin Board Chairman.

The class was eager to begin plans for the new year.

#### HUNTLEIGH HALL THOUGHTS

Does a new mattress always effect one's hearing? 'Tis a strange and otherwise unaccountable fact that of late the rising bell is not always heard.

An enthusiast was heard naming the recent improvements. New wall-paper, new silverware, new mattresses, new hall runners, and twenty-two new girls were mentioned. The total number of girls living in Huntleigh Hall is now eighty-one. This makes the number of girls living at Huntleigh out number those living at Cousins Hall by one girl.—Reporter.

#### SECOND YEAR CLASS ELECT OFFICERS

The Second Year Normal Class met January 10, for the purpose of electing new officers and getting reorganized for this quarter. The following officers were elected:

James Oden—President, Henry Price—Vice President, Anna Mae Collins—Sec'y-Treas., Milton Ramsey—Annual Rep., Ray Falls—Prairie Representative, Elizabeth Chenoweth—Chairman Social Committee, Archibald Lang—Yell Leader.

#### PERDUE-SNYDER

On Saturday, December 22, Miss Nellie Perdue became the bride of Frank Snyder, at Canadian, Texas, where the bride has been teaching school, after which they returned to Panhandle and spent a few days with the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Perdue, and spent Christmas in Clarendon with his mother.

Miss Nellie is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. H. Perdue. She also was a student of the W. T. S. T. C.

Frank is the son of Mrs. N. C. Cochran of Clarendon, Texas.

Mrs. Snyder returned to Canadian to finish her school, after which they will make their home here.—Panhandle Herald.

#### Y. C. CLUB

##### ELECTS OFFICERS

The You Can Club met January 11, 1924. The members were full of pep as well as plans for the new year. The officers elected were:

Mrs. Condrey—President, Lillian Atkins—Vice President, Eppie Irons—Secretary, Tip Bradford—Yell Leader, Johnie Rowan—Song Leader, Velma Bourland—Prairie Reporter.

Various committees were appointed to formulate plans to carry out the work of the year.

#### MRS. WITT TO ADDRESS Y. W. C. A. WEDNESDAY

Mrs. M. N. Witt, matron of Cousins Hall and an experienced worker with girls, will be the principle speaker at the regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday afternoon, January 18, at 4:30 o'clock in room 101.

The program for the afternoon follows:

Piano Prelude—Ethel Houghton, Song—Assembly, Scripture Reading—Nell Galloway, Violin Solo—Herschel Coffee, Address—Mrs. M. N. Witt, Reading—Lillian Whittenburg, Song—Assembly, Prayer—Laura Sweatman.

#### THE MATHEMATICS

##### TURKEY

Members of the Department of Mathematics and their attaches were entertained with a turkey dinner and a forty-two party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Allen Saturday evening.

The guests were seated at one long table that had as its center piece a bouquet of California's beautiful everlasting flowers. These together with the turkey and all its accessories claimed the attention of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Savage, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Powell, Miss Edna Graham, Miss Golda Fren Gruver and her mother, Miss Hazel Allen, and Mr. and Mrs. Allen for more than an hour.

Following the dinner was a most exciting game of forty-two. Mr. Savage won the prize for reckless bidding. Mr. Allen and Mrs. Savage made high score, Miss Graham got the double five only once, and Miss Gruver made rapid progress with her first lesson. The department decided they needed more training in handling the dominoes; therefore, many forty-two parties are planned.

#### C. E. HOLDS MONTHLY EXECUTIVE MEETING

The Executive Council of the Christian Endeavor of the Presbyterian Church met in its regular monthly business session at the home of Misses Frankie and Bettie Rose Kerr Monday evening, Jan. 7, from six to eight.

After a brief social period, the meeting was opened with the devotional led by Miss Kathleen Looney. The business session was presided over by Miss Berta Mae Looney. Reports and plans were submitted by each committee chairman. Special emphasis was placed on the finances of the society, owing to the fact that this week has been designated as C. E. Finance Week. The rally which is to be held at the Presbyterian Church, Jan. 26, was discussed. Further announcements will be made in regard to this later. Watch for the posters and announcements.

The meeting adjourned with the Mizpah benediction.

—Reporter.

#### ELO-BLANTON

Miss Elizabeth Elo and Mr. Lyle Blanton were married at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elo, at nine o'clock Wednesday evening.

Rev. Hitchcock, pastor of the local Methodist Church officiating, using the beautiful and impressive ring ceremony.

Mrs. Blanton is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Elo. She has grown to young womanhood here in the Panhandle. She was a member of the graduating class of '19, after which she attended the W. T. S. T. C. and has taught several successful terms of school since.

Mr. Blanton, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. N. Blanton, living southeast of town.

Only members of the immediate families and a few close friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. Blanton moved into their new home Wednesday night, on the Joe Rorex farm, 8 miles south of town, which had been previously arranged for them and where they will be at home to their friends after February 1st.—Panhandle Herald.

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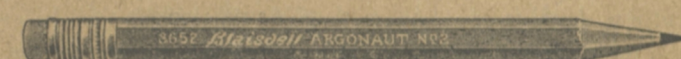
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BY MRS. J. J. POWELL  
Phone 177Ex-Students of Lynn  
County Organize

The organization of a Lynn County Club of the ex-students of the West Texas State Teachers College was perfected at a recent meeting of the "exes" in that county.

A list of officers and members of the club follow: C. O. Carmack, president, Tahoka; Mrs. Pemberton, vice-president, Post, Grassland School; Mrs. Chas. N. Tunnell, secretary-treasurer, Wilson, Joe Stokes School; Jewell Foster, reporter, O'Donnell; Leta Lee Carmack, Tahoka; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Lowrie, Post, route A, Grassland School; Lee Cangle, Tahoka, Draw School; Florence Calvin, Meadow, Lake View School; Viola Ellis, Tahoka; Three Lake School; Winnie Fainley, O'Donnell; and Christine Millwee, O'Donnell.—Reporter.

MISS FANNIE MALONE  
TEACHING IN DRAKE U.

Miss Fannie Malone, a graduate of this institution, is now an instructor in Drake University, Des Moines, Iowa. A short time before the holidays, Miss Malone, who is a sister of Miss Tennessee Malone, the College librarian, was initiated into the Phi Beta Kappa society of the Drake chapter. The Drake Delfic carries the following story of some of the things she has done since leaving W. T. S. T. C.:

"Miss Fannie Malone was instructor in Spanish in Knox College from 1918 to 1920. During 1920-1921 she was instructor in English and librarian in the Institute Escuela, an experimental school under the direction of the faculty of the University of Madrid. On her return to the United States she was appointed to an instructorship in Spanish in the University of Akron. This position she resigned when elected to the principalship of the Blanche Kellogg Institute of San Juan, Porto Rico. She resigned this position in July last and returned to the University of Chicago to complete her studies for her doctorate when she received the call to an instructorship in Spanish in Drake.

Miss Estelle Watter of Pharr, who was one of the first students, is continuing her work in Peabody College.

The International Legal Fraternity of Phi Delta Phi held the 1923 General Convention at the "White House," Gainesville, Florida, on December 28 and 29. This convention is made up of one representative from each Inn of the United States; these delegates constitute the legislative body of the fraternity. George Ritchie of the University of Texas, one of our ex-students, represented Roberts Inn at this meeting.

Miss Lucy Goodwine, of the Class of 1923, is teacher of History and Civics in the Training School Department of the North Texas State Teachers College. The supervisor of the Intermediate work said: "Miss Goodwine is doing exceptionally good work. She took charge and organized into a civic body a group of students that was considered unmanageable. The entire group is at present ideal.

Miss Lavada Edwards, a former student, now teaching the fifth and sixth grades at Olton, Texas, was a visitor of the week end. Her friends are glad to know she intends to return for study next summer.

Ira Allen, a former student of the West Texas State Teachers College, is president of the Phi Delta Phi Legal Fraternity at the University of Texas.

Mr. John Younger is attending the University of Berkeley. This year he is teaching half time.

Miss Genelle Works is spending the year with her brother-in-law and sister in Japan.

Miss Edith Cousins is at Present doing Y. W. C. A. work in Houston, Texas.

## YOUR ROOMMATE

Don't crab at your roommate, soldier, He does the best he can do.

And if you stop to think it over, His roommate is no one but you— Don't think he is only a butler To pick up your clothes, and his too, They say turn about is fair play— He could figure his butler is you. Don't cuss him out every morning Just cause you can't find your old shoe. It's probably on top of the wardrobe And he's absent a collar pin too. Remember the dollar he lent you— He's really a good scout and true— And don't forget all about it, For he needs it as badly as you. Help him along, old timer, Don't gripe about something to do— He's in the same boat you are. For remember his roommate is YOU. —Exchange.

M. Poincare should now insist that Germany pay for the next war in advance.—Brooklyn Eagle.

## HE IS YOUR UNCLE SAM

BY FREDERICK J. HASKIN

Every American is familiar with the representation of the Government which is shown in the stalwart figure of Uncle Sam.

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He reads the shifting winds and forecasts the weather.

He marks the ocean lanes to make safe the way of the mariner.

He speeds the sure, swift flight of the two-cent letter.

He safeguards the perilous task of the miner.

He smites the rock and the dead waste of the desert teems with life.

He makes two blades of grass grow where only one grew before.

He is the conquerer of disease. He is the father of invention.

He measures the heat of the stars. He makes the money.

He regulates the time. He fixes the standards of weight and measure.

He is the great record-keeper and the world's master builder.

He is teacher and law-giver and judge.

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But among them all are these dominant currents: that, if war is honestly to be prevented, there must be a face-about on the part of the nations in their attitude toward it; that by some progressive agreement the manufacture and purchase of the munitions of war must be limited or stopped; that while no political mechanism alone will insure cooperation among the nations, there must be some machinery of cooperation if the will to cooperate is to be made effective; that mutual counsel among the nations is the real hope for bringing about the disavowal of war by the open avowal of its real causes and open discussion of them; and finally that there must be some means of defining, recording, interpreting and developing the law of nations.

## Statement of Jury of Award

The Jury of Award realizes that there is no one approach to world peace, and that it is necessary to recognize not merely political but also psychological and economic factors.

The only possible pathway to international agreement with reference to these complicated and difficult factors is through mutual counsel and cooperation which the plan selected contemplates. It is therefore the unanimous opinion of the Jury that of the 22,165 plans submitted, Plan Number 1469 is "the best practicable plan by which the United States may co-operate with other nations to achieve and preserve the peace of the world."

It is the unanimous hope of the Jury that the first fruit of the mutual counsel and cooperation among the nations which will result from the adoption of the plan selected will be a general prohibition of the manufacture and sale of all materials of war.

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The Question to Be Voted Upon  
The substantial provisions which constitute the plan selected by the Jury of Award, and upon which the vote of the American people is asked, are hereby submitted by the Policy Committee as follows:

## I. ENTER THE PERMANENT COURT

That the United States adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice for the reasons and under the conditions stated by Secretary Hughes and President Harding in February, 1923.

## II. COOPERATE WITH THE LEAGUE OF NATIONS, WITHOUT FULL MEMBERSHIP AT PRESENT

That without becoming a member of the League of Nations as at present constituted, the United States Government should extend its present cooperation with the League and propose participation in the work of its Assembly and Council under the following conditions and reservations:

## Safeguarding of Monroe Doctrine

1. The United States accepts the League of Nations as an instrument of mutual counsel, but it will assume no obligation to interfere with political questions of policy or internal administration of any foreign state.

In uniting its efforts with those of other States for the preservation of peace and the promotion of the common welfare, the United States insists upon the safeguarding of the Monroe Doctrine and does not abandon its traditional attitude concerning American independence of the Old World and does not consent to submit its long established policy concerning questions regarded by it as purely American to the recommendation or decision of other Powers.

## No Military or Economic Force

2. That the only kind of compulsion which nations can freely engage to apply to each other in the name of Peace is that which arises from conference, from moral judgment, from full publicity, and from the power of public opinion.

The United States would assume no obligations under Article X in its present form, or under Article XVI in its present form in the Covenant, or in its amended form as now proposed, unless in any particular case Congress has authorized such action.

The United States proposes that Articles X and XVI be either dropped altogether or so amended and changed as to eliminate any suggestion of a general agreement to use coercion for obtaining conformity to the pledges of the Covenant.

## No Obligations Under Versailles Treaty

3. That the United States will accept no responsibilities under the Treaty of Versailles unless in any particular case Congress has authorized such action.

## League Open to All Nations

4. The United States Government proposes that Article I of the Covenant be construed and applied, or, if necessary, redrafted, so that admission to the League shall be assured to any self-governing State that wishes to join and that receives the favorable vote of two-thirds of the Assembly.

## Development of International Law

5. As a condition of its participation in the work and counsels of the League, the United States asks that the Assembly and Council consent—or obtain authority—to begin collaboration for the revision and development of international law, employing for this purpose the aid of a commission of jurists. This Commission would be directed to formulate anew existing rules of the law of nations, to reconcile divergent opinions, to consider points hitherto inadequately provided for but vital to the maintenance of international justice, and in general to define the social rights and duties of States. The recommendations of the Commission would be presented from time to time, in proper form for consideration, to the Assembly as to a recommending if not a law-making body.

## Author's Name Not to Be Revealed Until After Referendum

In order that the vote may be taken solely upon the merits of the plan, the Policy Committee, with the acquiescence of Mr. Bok, has decided not to disclose the authorship of the plan until after the referendum. The identity is unknown to the members of the Jury of Award and the Policy Committee, except one delegated member.

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## Many Teachers

## Attend Jackson

## Day Banquet

The second annual Jackson Day banquet which was held in Amarillo, last Tuesday was attended by a delegation of about fifteen townspeople and teachers. President J. A. Hill, Messrs. Powell, Savage, Phillips, Reid, Misses Anderson, Richardson and McLean and Mrs. Reeves were among those who went.

Editor Lindsey Nunn of the Amarillo Daily News had made many arrangements and furnished much of the enthusiasm which brought together 225 Democrats from all parts of the Plains. Col. Ernest O. Thompson was toastmaster.

The principal speaker of the evening was Col. Alvin Owsley, past commander of the American Legion. Colonel Owsley is a polished speaker and a convincing orator; he emphasized the

imperative necessity of the people of the United States holding on to the fundamental principles on which this government was founded; he then discussed briefly the problems of immigration, law enforcement, the Philippine situation and the coming election.

Additional speakers who appeared were Judge Kinder of Plainview, R. A. Underwood of Plainview, R. A. Underwood of Amarillo, Judge Reece Tatum of Dalhart, Mrs. Phebe K. Warner of Claude, Judge Cayton of Claude, and others.

A telegram of greeting was sent to former President Woodrow Wilson, the greatest living Democrat.

A desire was shown by all those in attendance at this banquet for assurance that the occasion would be repeated next year, so it seems certain that the Jackson Day banquet will be an annual affair, and will be a gathering of all Panhandle folks for discussion of common problems and the promotion of good feeling throughout this section.

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