

SUMMER MUMBLES

BY THE MUMBLER

What is the psychology of music, of harmony and rhythm? Why does it bring to one's eyes a film of tears causing one to glance shyly to right and left, hoping none will see? Why is one set to laughing joyfully? Why does one pat one's foot? Why does one's body sway, tingle and shiver, and one's mind forget? Ah, it is music—brutal in its ruthless conquest of man; a note for every emotion, every passion from sublime tenderness to a desire to sink one's fingers into raw flesh giving pain.

It is music, the crude beating of the tom-tom, that sets the savage, stripped to loincloth, in motion. The crying of gypsy fiddles sway gypsy feet and castanets into a dance fantastic as gypsy lore. It is music, the plaintive notes of a guitar, that brings full-hearted songs to the lips of the native Hawaiian, makes him spend melancholy hours looking into infinity across the moon-swept stretches of Waikiki and Diamond Head. The strumming of banjo and ukelele. The Southern darkey! with his crooning songs of Mammy and his ghosts of an intangible world. It is music! music! music! Every people with a device peculiar to its own singular taste!

America? Ah, yes, America. Does one dare name it? Jazz! a combination of all the instruments of all the people, producing a boisterous blatt, howling, pompous, impious mass of music favoring American youth with all the humors and moods of savage or gypsy. Love, despair, drunken abandonment, hope, heart sad with the ravages of age or the disappointments of inexperience! All! All! Tears. Laughter. And . . . sans everything.

Who can longer deny the permanence of birth control? It's here to stay and its hardy little group of pioneers already have turned their attention to its application in the wheat and cotton fields. We suppose their motto will be: "Sow not your seed! A rest Mother Earth deserves indeed!"

Have you ever noticed how some people, usually those who have reached maturity, form opinions, becoming so attached to them that neither God nor the San Francisco earthquake could shake them loose? With bull dog tenacity they argue with instructors. Too, they advance their ideas with all the assurance in the world that the instructor is going to be struck dumb by the brilliance and puissant wisdom that drips from the words they utter. What the demagogues think I can only imagine. What the rest of the class thinks is plain to be seen for they are under no obligation to listen to the sentimental dogmatics of a classmate.

Pat Gerald, just returned from Missouri University, could doubtless tell wondrous tales of how knowledge is administered on the big time circuits. The Mumbler thought about asking Pat to write a few articles on the subject for this column, but since that would involve at least a faint description of said knowledge, he reconsidered, not wishing to embarrass the young man.

The Mumbler has been accused of thinking of Hell as a place composed largely of fire and brimstone. Well . . . suppose he does? And why shouldn't he? He was reared on the idea. He was literally dragged to church where he heard a preacher constantly referring to "that fiery furnace of fire and brimstone" where the evil burned unceasingly and eternally. Although he could never learn its location—always it was "down" whereas heaven was "up," both in a vague sort of way—he had an exact mental picture of the place and could have described it in minute detail, even to Satan's horns and tail and the leer on his face as he watched you suffering. He knew, too, that he would wind up in that awful place because he once said "damn," and also he had once pulled a cat's tail.

Milton says "The mind is its own place, and in itself can make a Heaven or Hell, a Hell or Heaven." Now is this the case and the fire and brimstone be only a creation intended to scare dumb people like the Mumbler into being good, we sure do feel worse than bad, almost insulted. Why didn't they appeal more to our mind, our reason? Mentally deficient as we were, we have seen the advantage of not being incorrigible.

With the announcement of Sad Sam Burton as head football coach and Cleatie Crump his assistant, West Texas stock takes a big jump (Continued on last page)

Editor Weaver is Now on Vacation For Three Weeks

Miss Lonie Beth Weaver left last Monday for a vacation of three weeks. Miss Weaver has been editor of The Prairie for the last year



and as a result of her splendid efforts was awarded the silver cup by the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association.

Miss Weaver was re-elected editor for the coming year of 1931-32 and will resume her labors at the beginning of the fall session.

Violin Recital is Big Hit Fri. Eve.

Seven students in the department of music were presented in a violin recital Friday evening at thirty o'clock in the auditorium of the Education Building.

Miss Hazel Allen was accompanist for all of the program.

The first three numbers were given in groups of one. Annie Vickery played "April Shower" by Wecker; Louise Shirley played, "Salut d'Amour" by Elgar; and Oscar Croson played "Polish Dance" by Severn.

The fourth student to appear on the program was Ray Robbins, who gave a group of three numbers: "The Swan" by Saint Toens, "Serenade" by Schubert, and "The Broken Melody" by Van Biele.

"Mazurka" by Mlynarski was the number used for presentation by Ormonde Joiner.

"Forsaken" by Winternitz, and "Spanish Serenade" by Kreisler were played by Meredith Ashby.

Ruth Strain appeared on the program last, bringing two numbers, "Schon Rosmarin"—Kreisler, and "Mazurka de Concert" by Musin.

Atwater Kent Contest in Canyon is Again Postponed

The audition of the Atwater Kent Contest in Canyon has been again postponed. Miss Swisher had engaged the radio for broadcasting for Saturday afternoon of last week but several of those who wished to participate were unable to do so that afternoon and the others said they were not yet quite ready. Although Miss Swisher had decided to go ahead with the audition, she found when she called Emil F. Myers of the Amarillo College of Music and asked him to be one of the judges that he had already accepted the chairmanship of the Amarillo district for the contest and was therefore unable to be a judge. On further conference it was decided that the Canyon district would go in with the Amarillo district and one audition would be held the latter part of the month in Amarillo over WDAF, with Mr. Myers in charge. Miss Swisher plans to leave on her vacation next week and so the entire affair has been turned over to Mr. Myers.

Those of W. T. who will participate in the audition are: Emmitt Smith of Groom; Dennis Smith, of Groom; Alfred Jameson, Canyon; Jewel Keenan, Memphis; Eddie Hammit, Lockney; Howard Brown, Tulia; Estelle Harris, Canyon; Dorothy Blanton, Canyon; and Charlie Kiker, Canyon.

Home Economics Club Will Sponsor Show Mon., Tues.

Monday and Tuesday nights the Home Economics Club will sponsor the play, "Sin Takes a Holiday," showing at the Olympic Theater. Constance Bennett takes the lead in the play, and does it very well. Tickets for the show may be secured from any member of the Home Economics Club, and the students are asked to buy their tickets from the members because the tickets that are bought at the show are not credited to the account of the club.

FREE BOOKS FOR STUDENTS IS REDUCTION

W. T. TO FOLLOW THE TREND OF OTHER TEXAS STATE TEACHERS' COLLEGES.

The West Texas State Teachers College has for several months anticipated the financial difficulties which would prevail this fall and accordingly got ready to reduce expenses for the students who will be in attendance at the college. The reduction has been made by providing free text books.

The plan was announced by Dr. J. A. Hill, president of the college provides for an optional fee of six dollars per term which gives the students free use of basic texts in all his courses, a subscription to the college paper, admission to all varsity athletic events on the college campus and to all lyeum numbers, debates and other inter-collegiate literary contests, as well as the privileges of the college golf course.

While a small fee, will give all these privileges, those who wish to own their text books will be allowed to purchase them.

A careful study of student budgets during the past year has revealed that young men and women may attend a three-months term of the West Texas State Teachers College with a total expenditure of from \$96 to \$128, and those who wish to do their own housekeeping and laundry, or who can secure some of their supplies from home can get along with considerable less. A few students spent as little as \$60 a term during last year and prices of staples are lower now than then.

In making his analysis of the present situation and its needs, Dr. Hill said, "Young men and women can go to college in Canyon for very little money. On the other hand, those who have money to spend are close enough to a city to avail themselves of all recreational and cultural advantages without inconvenience."

Mrs. Green Talks On International Relations Thurs.

Mrs. Green entertained the Home Economics Club at its regular meeting Thursday morning during chapel period, with a very interesting discussion on "International Relations."

In her talk Mrs. Green gave a description of London and the Lakeside country of England, mentioning the customs of the English people. She also related occurrences which took place during her trip through Germany, France, and Italy, and gave us some idea of the contingency of feeling which existed in those countries toward their neighboring countries as well as toward the United States. Her descriptions of Venice and Florence was quite vivid.

Other interesting programs have been planned, and all members are urged to be present.

Training School at W. T. Will Open On September 23

The Training School of the West Texas State Teachers College will begin the regular fall term on Wednesday, September 23. This includes both the elementary and high school. There has been an important change in the amount of the fees and also in the method of paying the fees.

Fees for the kindergarten to seventh grades inclusive will be \$4.50 per student per quarter. Here-tofore patrons have been asked to pay the entire \$13.50 at the beginning of school, but since the payment has been divided into three payments we feel that this arrangement will be much more convenient.

Fees for the eighth and ninth grades will be \$6.00 per student per quarter. Fees for the tenth and eleventh grades will be \$8.00 per student per quarter. This is a decided reduction in fees for high school students.

It has been estimated that about 300 will attend the Training School this winter.

Mrs. J. D. Neill (formerly Mollie Hill) of Van Horn and Martha Duncan of Hereford visited friends in Canyon Friday.

Registrar D. A. Shirley and family returned Wednesday after a short visit to Grandbury, McKinney and other down-state points.

Mrs. Brown had as her Sunday dinner guest, Mrs. George Canfield of Zorger.

Request for Reeves' Master Thesis for Dept. of Education

A request has come to the College from the Department of Education of British Columbia, Canada, asking for a copy of the abstract of Mrs. T. V. Reeves' Master Thesis which dealt with the Activities of Teachers College Extension Departments.

The material in this study was used by Dr. H. Z. Wilber last winter in presenting the problem of teachers college extension work to the American Association of Teachers Colleges and has since been used by Professor F. J. Brown in a study carried on by the National Committee on Teacher Training.

Very few studies of extension work as it is carried on by teachers colleges have yet been made.

Ormand Joiner is Well Received at Chapel Hour Tues.

The chapel program Tuesday morning was given by Ormonde Joiner, violinist, under the auspices of the music department. He was accompanied by Hazel Allen on the piano. The program was unusually good, having several well known favorites. The program was as follows:

"Rondino" Kreisler
"Melodie" Ole Bull
"Gavotte" Gossic
"Humoresque" Dvorak
"Sizilietta" Von Bloom
"Mazurka" Mlynarski

Mr. Joiner played with a simplicity which was truly delightful, having none of those mannerisms which mark the amateur.

22 W. T. Students Go to College for Pleasure, Culture

There are twenty-two students in the West Texas State Teachers College this summer who are not working for the usual certificates, hours, or degrees. They are people who already hold the bachelor's degree and are studying for culture and pleasure.

Canyon claims five of these students. They are Mrs. Howard Golden, Miss Lillian Donnell, Miss Ruth Strain and Miss Alta Williams, all graduates of the local college, and Carl York, who comes from Denton.

Two, Miss Mattie Gray and Miss Nannie Andrews of Dallas are graduates of the University of Texas; Miss Elizabeth Tolk of Amarillo was graduated from Texas Tech; Eugene Wood of Earth, Texas, did his undergraduate work at Pasadena College, California; Lewis Ward of Kaufman, Texas, is a graduate of Trinity University. Simmons University is the alma mater of J. W. Tidwell of Silverton and Miss Alvin Bonkte of Littlefield, while Panhandle A. & M. at Goodwell, Okla., was the former college home of Miss Adeline Bird of Stratford, Miss Betty Nelson of Goodwell, Okla., and Miss Mary Mag Smith of Guymon, Okla.

Miss Clarette Lewis comes from the University of Kentucky with Mayfield, Ky., as her home address. Miss Ila Lasseter of Spur did her undergraduate work at Canyon, while John Pope, Jr., of Hart and Carroll M. Jones of Olton both graduated at Southern Methodist University. Miss Bernice Larsh of Pampa is from Oklahoma University, and Miss Mattie Lou Harrison of Hereford received her bachelor's degree in 1930 at the local college.

All of the students in this group feel that they are working with an unusual degree of freedom, and that there can be no such thing as a completed education.

Music Department Again in Charge Chapel Saturday

Saturday morning the Music Department was again in charge of the program. Miss Alice Clark, daughter of Wallace R. Clark, head of the music department, gave a piano recital which was one of the loveliest that W. T. has had the pleasure of hearing.

The program was:
Fugue _____ Bach
Gigue _____ Graun
Fur Elise _____ Beethoven
Scherzo in B flat _____ Schubert
Berceuse _____ Greig
Papillon _____ Greig
Romance _____ Saint Saens
Murmuring Zephyrs _____ Jensen
Air de Ballet _____ Chaminade

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INSTITUTE IS BIG FEATURE THIS MONTH

PANHANDLE TEACHERS MEET WITH W. T. S. T. C. SEPT. 3, 4, 5.

The Panhandle-Plains Teachers Institute which will hold its three-day session in Canyon September 3, 4 and 5, will be attended by 900 or 1000 teachers from the plains territory, according to a statement made today by Professor F. E. Savage, who is director of the meeting.

The executive committee of which Supt. C. H. Dillehay of Hereford is chairman, has assembled an unusual array of talent for the institute, with Josh Lee of the speech department of the University of Oklahoma heading the bill as fun-maker and philosopher.

For the purely professional phases of the program the committee has secured the services of Dr. J. L. Henderson, head of the department of secondary education of the University of Texas; Dr. J. A. Hill, president of the West Texas State Teachers College; Mrs. Phebe K. Warner of Claude; Dr. A. L. Crabb, of George Peabody College for Teachers, Nashville; State Superintendent of Public Instruction, S. M. N. Marrs; Mrs. Cora M. Martin, author of the state adopted text in primary reading, and director of primary education in the University of Texas; Miss Gene Alford, supervisor of primary grades in the Dallas public schools and in director of primary education in Southern Methodist University; and Mrs. J. E. Griggs, president of the Texas Congress of Mothers and Parent Teachers Associations.

The personnel of the executive committee includes, besides the chairman, Supt. Law Sone of Panhandle; Supt. Ona Monahan of Stinnett; Supt. Irby Carruth of Canyon; Supt. Price Scott of Floydada; Supt. Ferman Sawyer of Canadian; Supt. W. A. Graham of Tulia; Supt. C. R. E. Weaver, and Supt. John B. Hessey of Pampa.

Last Dance of Big Season Was Unusually Successful

With music fit for a king to dance by, with the temperature just right, what was proclaimed to be the most successful dance of the summer series by attendants, closed the season of dancing last Thursday evening.

The summer dances have been unusually successful, in the estimate of Jim Crowder, chairman of the college dance committee, who wishes to thank the student body as a whole for their loyal cooperation with the committee in putting over its entertainments.

Mr. Crowder and the committee wish to take this means of thanking the out-of-town attendants, also, for their presence at these dances. Especially do they wish to extend to Hereford their appreciation for having been so well represented at the entertainments.

Prairie is Still Receiving Letters From Students

Letters are still pouring into The Prairie office expressing their appreciation of W. T. The Prairie wishes to extend its thanks to those who have co-operated so beautifully in this survey of the reactions of the student body and faculty. One young chap says he came clear from Oklahoma City to W. T. because of the enthusiasm expressed by one of the ex-students. Another student claims that after one summer in W. T. she decided to come back for more of the same thing and she lives in northern Colorado.

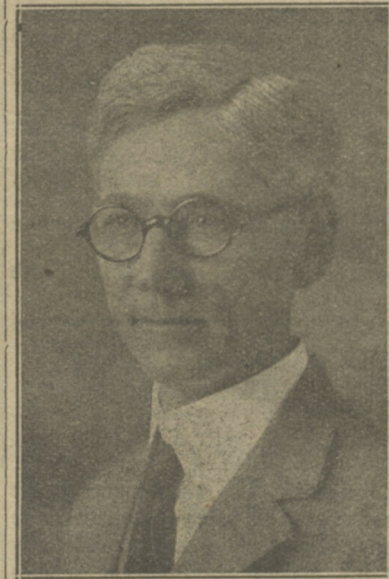
W. T. seems to draw students from the north as well as the south for one girl says she has returned to W. T. for three consecutive summers from Wyoming. Another, from Tennessee says that Canyon agrees with her health, in fact it is the only place she has discovered where she feels it is safe to study as intensively as she desires, as there is not so much danger of her having a nervous breakdown.

Other students are rooting for W. T. on account of the lowered expenses—for Dr. Hill has estimated that a student can come to W. T. on \$96.00, although some are boasting that they can do on even less.

Here is Dr. Hill's estimate on a reasonable expense account for one quarter:
Board and room \$65.00
Matriculation fee 10.00
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Review of Past Thirteen Years Of J. A. Hill's Administration As President Shows Great Gain

J. A. HILL



President of W. T., who will soon complete his thirteenth year at the College.

Miss McMinn Gave W. T. Piano Recital

Miss Thelma McMinn gave her graduation piano recital Tuesday evening in the main auditorium at 8:30 o'clock. Miss McMinn has been studying piano for several years in W. T. and played with the certainty of a professional. Miss McMinn has always been so gracious in playing for any occasion that required her that W. T. is indeed sorry to lose her. She has played for the Methodist church for over two years and assisted with the Epworth League and Sunday School music. As a token of its appreciation the College Epworth League Council gave a dinner Tuesday evening at six o'clock, and presented Miss McMinn with a large basket of flowers which had been picked from over a dozen gardens in Canyon.

The program is as follows:
Bach—Prelude and Fugue No. 21
Beethoven—Sonata Op. 7
Allegro Molto
Largo

Brahms—Waltzes op. 39, Nos. 5, 1
Liszt—Consolation No. 5
Godowsky—Alt-Wein
Debussy—Arabesque
Jacques Ibert—A Giddy Girl
Cyril Scott—Lento

McCarty-Cammack Wedding Big Surprise to Students

Of surprising interest to everyone who knew them, is the marriage of Miss Geneva McCarty of this city, and Bryan Cammack of Matador.

The couple were married Sunday morning at Clovis, New Mexico, by the Reverend Jones, pastor of the Methodist Church there in Clovis. They were unattended.

The bride was attractively dressed in a light navy blue suit with white accessories.

Mrs. Cammack is the daughter of Mrs. Annie V. McCarty of this city and has lived here in Canyon for ten years. She is a graduate of the training school of W. T. and has completed her sophomore work in the college. She plays the clarinet in the college band and is a member of Pi Omega and Elaphan literary society.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Cammack of Matador. He is a graduate of the Matador High School and has done two years work in W. T. He played in the college band and was a member of the Red Men when a student here in college.

The couple left immediately for Big Spring where Mr. Cammack will be engaged in business with the Deat's Storage Garage of that place.

City Band Stand Scene of Concert For Canyon People

The College Band presented a concert to the citizens of Canyon at 7:30 o'clock, at the band stand on the court house lawn. Mr. C. E. Strain is the director of the band.

The program of an hour's length, was as follows:

The Home Town Band _____ Weidt
March Second Regiment _____ Winkler
The Perfect Song _____ Breil
Bohemian Dance _____ Missud
Silver Glade Waltzes _____ Skaggs
Bells of St. Mary's _____ Adams
Our Director March _____ Bigelow

Three weeks from this date the West Texas State Teachers College will round out its thirteenth year under the leadership of Dr. J. A. Hill. The institution's growth during this period has been steady, and a review of the years shows that there have been many outstanding accomplishments, several of which have put the Canyon College far ahead of the great majority of teachers' colleges thruout the United States.

People of Canyon and the College community may have forgotten that this college had the first girls' dormitory that was erected at a teachers college in the state of Texas. This was Cousins Hall, completed in 1919. Randall Hall was purchased in 1923 and the two have constantly provided homes for approximately 200 girls since that time.

The interest in athletics which had been growing since the establishment of the college in 1910 crystallized in 1925 and the result was the gymnasium building, which was largely built by donations of money, labor, and materials by townspeople, students and faculty.

Athletic needs and interest continued to grow and the present steel stadium was built in 1928, its erection financed by a plan which was worked out by citizens of the city, working with President Hill and the members of the college athletic committee.

The field house, the track, the well turfed turtleback gridiron, the powerful lights for night football and field events, the college golf course, and a development of the college teams from the time when they competed on about equal terms with high school aggregations to last year's excellence which found the football and basketball teams more than holding their own with the best teams in the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association, winning the championship in basketball in 1931 for the fifth time in nine years, has all taken place during the last few years.

In 1918 the campus contained 40 acres, and was considered ample for the needs of the college for many years to come. But the growth was so rapid and the demands for space so varied that in 1921 thirty acres were added, and in 1927 the vision of Dr. Hill and his colleagues, backed by the Teachers College Regents and the Texas legislature, saved the T-Ancor ranch headquarters for the historical interest it will have for posterity, and at the same time added to the college assets a farm which is the laboratory for the students of agriculture and which furnishes milk and other products for the dormitories and cafeteria.

Randall county farmers share in the pride that is felt in the Jersey herd which is maintained on the farm and which has a number of cows which have earned register of merit rating from the American Jersey Association. Incidentally this farm enables ten boys to earn their way through each year of college.

During the last thirteen years the water system of the campus has been enlarged from one small well to four large ones, and the flowers and trees on the campus have been multiplied in proportion.

Education Building One of Best

The greatest single expansion of the facilities of the College took place in 1923, when the Education Building was erected, its plan having been determined upon after a prolonged study by President Hill, Dean R. P. Jarrett, Professor F. E. Savage, and the architect.

On October 19th and 20th, 1928, the new building was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies which were attended by the presidents of other colleges of Texas, representatives of the State Board of Regents, many superintendents and friends. The dedicatory address was made by Dean John W. Withers of New York University.

With the completion of the building, President Hill saw materialized one of the dreams which had been cherished since the founding of the school at Canyon—a training building which should equal the best and which would inspire young people to put forth their most earnest efforts to become expert teachers.

The erection of the Education Building, together with many small but not unimportant improvements has brought the value of the College plant to the million dollar mark.

Present Museum Dr. Hill's Idea.

Not all the changes that have taken place during the thirteen years past can be seen by the casual visitor on the college campus. The Panhandle-Plains Historical (Continued on last page.)

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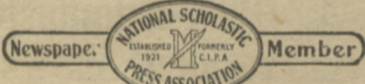
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DEFINING EDUCATION

By ERNEST DIMNET

From "The Thinker", January, 1931.

"Ask any American what education means. The mere sound of the word will immediately conjure up great masses of buildings of all kinds and ages, whole libraries of books, myriads of children marshalled by an army of teachers, and, back of it all, abstruse philosophical debates which find an echo in Congress, in conventions, and in the daily press. The thing is there, but it is too big to be grasped, and your man will hesitate and fumble.

"Try the question on a college professor or even a college president, and his embarrassment will be even greater. At the present moment some fifty or sixty educators—of whom I happen to be one,—are engaged in wording a 'final' definition for a famous American institution. It will be surprising if two of the formulas sent in by those experts are alike.

Remember that the word "education" is both English and French, only the pronunciation of the syllables being different. But, whereas, to an English-speaking person education means information, to a Frenchman it applies to the moral aspect of good breeding, and an educated man means a gentleman.

Why is there so much uncertainty about a subject which looms so large, and must, at bottom, be so simple? Because the very vastness of the educational system has produced an appearance of complication, while the effort to reduce this to simplicity has resulted in doubt and distrust. Hence the longing and striving after a definition, which like all satisfactory definitions, should indicate a program.

Is there any hope that this so-called "final" definition will supersede all others? Certainly not forever, but it may do so for a time, and the sensation of durability will engender a necessary faith.

Everyone is agreed that it requires genius to teach young children. Yet there have been periods during which simple, direct methods were good substitutes for genius. Why? Because they have lasted long enough to create tradition, which is another word for belief or faith.

There is in America a widespread desire that education should be as nearly perfect as possible. This longing cannot remain fruitless. It will work wonders as soon as educators go back to the simple but infallible methods of the days when America was young, though nobody thought of calling her so because she was really mature. Then the English and the French views of education were blended, and education was intended to produce, and did produce, aristocrats in living as well as in thinking."

Abbe Dimnet has here outlined, in giving us a discussion of the meaning of education, some of the evils and faults of the present-day system. He has also given us a possible solution of the problems arising from that system. Do we agree with him in his idea that the methods used in the first century of American education were superior to those employed in the great university-college system today? Personally, we do not.

A MATRIMONIAL AGENCY?

Dan Cupid has suddenly attacked W. T. with vim, vigor, and vitality. At first, no one thought it was very serious, the Walser-Crump wedding had long been expected. Then Eddie Hammett changed her mind and married with two days notice to her friends. Laura Christopher and Kenneth Ward were the next victims and now the last most startling is the marriage of Geneva McCarty and Bryan Cammack!

This is too much, (eight victims,) to be mere accident. It is an epidemic. What an advertisement for W. T.—it will soon be known as a first rate matrimonial agency if this keeps up!

WHAT! NO MORE DENTAL BILLS?

Dieting may do away altogether with the horror of having our bad teeth filled by the dentist. Hurrah and hallelujah for that message of mercy.

The great news comes from Washington, where a recent clinic brought to light the fact that medical experiment in various parts of this country has already succeeded in putting patients on special diets which not only stop their teeth from decaying but actually make the teeth fill up their holes without any artificial dentistry.

Credit for the pioneer work in this field goes to Dr. S. L. Davis of Washington. Cases of successful dentistry by diet alone were explained in detail, one case being that of a bicuspids cavity entirely healed and automatically filled in sixteen months.

What a blessing it will be if nutritional treatment can be found to replace dentistry tortures! PRINCESS ALEXANDRIA KROPOTKIN.

W. D. Nafser, '31, was a visitor on the campus Thursday. He is farming near Hereford at the present time.

Dr. C. A. Pierle returned Friday morning from Indiana where he attended the funeral of his mother.

The Poet's Corner

(Editor's Note): The Poet's Corner is a new thing in The Prairie, for it has been discovered that there are several poets who have been blushing unseen on the campus, so it has been decided to give them a corner.

THE SOCIETY EDITOR

The smirge of printers ink on my hands

A swipe across my face,
A little grease from the linotype
And my heart is all apace.

I love the buzz of the linotype—
The click of the Underwood—
As it knocks off the word or another bit

Of news from the under world.
Give me a word of interest
I make some news of it;

Give me a drab affair
I'll paint it up a bit.
For the worth that comes from the printed page

It takes a man to see
And the simplest bit of news
Receives its due from me.

—Anonymous.

HEARTS OF OAK

Of all the merrie men
Who sailed the mighty blue,
There's none, I swear, can half compare

With Drake and all his crew.

They cruised the seven seas,
Their hearts aflit with glee,
And what they did not get with Grace,

They took most graciously.

And when they met a foe
A'worthy of their steel,
No hateful thoughts within them burned,

For love to them was real.

Like all true sailors, they
Knew a sailor's wish
Is to live with Davy Jones below

And help him feed the fish.

And so they lost no time
(Such obliging tars were they)
To give the foe his fondest wish,
They dispatched him right away.

Of all the merrie men
Who sailed the mighty Blue,
There's none, I swear, can half compare

With this most thoughtful crew.

—A. W. Mack.

THE HARP OF THE AIR

Oh for the song of a nightingale,
Wafted to me on a silvery night,
Coming to me from a far-a-way dale,

Rearing each note in its innocent flight.

Love dreams and lovers together
Would meet!

Past on the fresh and the balmy
night breeze

The message would carry each
thought so sweet,

Bringing back naught but old,
dear memories.

Golden the time spent in tracing
each tone,
All the old ones, all the dear ones
so fair.

—He is love's own sweet micro-
phone—

This night bird, the Harp of the
Air.

—Dorothy Ewing.

GOLF

A golf course and a sunny day,
A crowd that round me stands,
A white ball on a piece of sand,

And a club within my hands;
A club within my hands, me lads,
While like a thing of glee,

Away the ball it flies, and leaves
That breathless crowd and me.

And when we walk for half a mile
And meet that ball again,
I take me out my polished steel

And smack its face again,
And smack its face again, me lads,
While wonder is supreme

Away that darling pill it flies
And rolls upon the green.

Then taking out my putter true,
I step beside that sphere,
The awestruck gallery round about

They know the end is near,
me lads,

And when it's historee,
That crowd just opens up and shouts

"The longest hole in three!"

But when we're home beside the
bar,

And the loser standing treat,
With the little glass within my hand

And sawdust beneath my feet,
And sawdust beneath my feet, me lads,

The perfect shot begun
When I swing that little glass, you see

The nineteenth hole in one.

—A. W. Mack.

Do your shopping in Canyon.

L. N. George Sees Large Attendance At College Soon

L. N. George, field man for the Ex-Student Association, says that every day some one asks him how many will be in attendance this fall. Hence he wishes to answer this in the light of the data that he has gotten thus far. Were we to estimate in terms of the numbers that have not a dollar and cannot go to school anywhere, we would be between two and five hundred below normal.

But to counteract this there is a large number who had planned to go to a tuitional school and find that they cannot make the grade financially. He says that here is the place for Canyon people to be real missionaries and that a large number are being that right now. Letters are being written to college prospects all over our territory by teachers, preachers, businessmen and students, and that members of the above mentioned groups are going with him on field trips.

He says that with the ex-students working, the neighboring papers co-operating, and children going to high school and on to college like they are, that should W. T. get her percentage of the college prospects she will double her attendance in the very near future. He reports the loss of about one family per week because we do not have proper housing facilities. Something nice and modern is demanded and if they can not get it here they go where they can. Five families are trying to find as good a home as they are leaving right now.

Canyon is their choice for a school town but to get them we must have something equal to what they are leaving.

—L. N. George.

Jess Blair First Student Employee of College Farm

With the completion of requirements for his degree a few days ago, Mr. Jesse F. Blair of Seagraves, Texas, became the first student employee of the local College Farm to actually obtain his education in this manner.

Mr. Blair began his work here in the fall of 1926, and with the exception of one year, has worked continuously in the W. T. dairy. He believes that he holds the record for having secured his education at the lowest possible figure, and hopes that a few months of teaching will find him richer in more than one way. Mr. Blair is employed for next year by the Bellview, New Mexico, public schools.

Miss Johnye Thomas of Goodnight spent a couple of days last week with Mr. and Mrs. Howard Godden, while making plans for entering school here in the fall.

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Ruth Lowes and Dr. Frank Darnall To Talk to Ep. League

On August 16, Miss Ruth Lowes will speak to the Epworth League at 7:15 in the League room of the Methodist Church. Her subject will be "Recreation and Leisure time."

On August 23, Dr. Darnall will speak on "Christ in Modern Literature." Dr. Darnall is new in W. T. and this is the first time he will make an address to the Methodist students.

Any person interested in either subject and having any question is asked to write his question out and hand it to Miss Mattie Swisher.

Another Thesis is Presented to W. T. By Amos Walker

Mr. Amos A. Walker presented a potential thesis to the W. T. Seminar, Saturday morning at 11 o'clock, which is of interest to a great many all over the state.

His subject is "Trends in Texas Teachers Certificate Laws for a Twenty-five Year Period from 1906 to 1931." The object of this research is to discover whether or not the standard of teachers' certificates is being raised or lowered with each change in the certificate laws.

The members of the faculty who were present at this meeting of the seminar were: Dr. R. P. Jarrett, Dr. Albert Barnett, Dr. Harris M. Cook, and Mrs. T. V. Reeves.

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DOROTHY EWING

Miss Laura Christopher Becomes Bride of Kenneth C. Ward of Sedan Monday

Quietness and simplicity marked the ceremony uniting in marriage Miss Laura Christopher and Mr. Kenneth C. Ward of Sedan, New Mexico, which was performed at 8:30 Monday morning at the home of the Rev. Mr. W. C. Kunze, 1010 Fifth avenue. Rev. Kunze, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, read the impressive ring service. The bride was attended by Miss Josephine Duffol of this city and Bill Dawes of Big Spring acted as best man.

Mrs. Ward selected for her wedding dress a becoming frock of dark blue georgette with matching accessories. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Christopher of Miami, and has completed three years of work toward a B. A. degree in the West Texas State Teachers College. For the past year she has acted as full-time secretary for D. A. Shirley, registrar at the college. She is majoring in English and is a member of the Elaphian Literary Society.

Mr. Ward is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Ward of Sedan, and at present is working toward a medical degree from the University of Colorado. He attended W. T. for two terms in 1927 and has a B. A. degree from Texas Technological College at Lubbock.

The couple made a short honeymoon trip to Amarillo and as soon as Mrs. Ward has finished her work here at the close of the summer session of school, they will make their home in Denver.

MRS. J. EDWARD GERALD RETURNED TO COLUMBIA SAT.

Mrs. Edward Gerald, who has been visiting in Canyon for the past week, returned to her home in Columbia Saturday. Mrs. Gerald, a graduate of this institution, spent most of her time in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Dutton, Canyon, and with her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Gerald, also of this city. Mrs. Gerald spent one day in Panhandle, where she formerly made her home and taught before her marriage, visiting friends.

Mrs. Gerald is working toward her master's degree in the University of Missouri, where her husband, also a graduate of this institution, is a professor in the department of journalism.

SEVENTY PEOPLE ARE PRESENT PALO DURO MEETING

The Palo Duro held its regular meeting at the Gordon Cumming's Country Club Friday afternoon. There were about seventy members present and several who had never before attended one of the meetings of this very popular club. After the swimming and baseball were finished, the sandwich circle was formed and Mr. Shaw took another reel of pictures of the group. Some of the members cooked their dinner over the camp fire while others brought already prepared luncheons. After the sandwich circle had been broken members formed various groups and found their own amusements. Several energetic people performed acrobatic stunts while others jumped rope and so forth.

As the club has only two more meetings, everyone is urged to attend these meetings, as the members of the committee are planning special amusements. Watch the bulletin board in 209 for further developments.

DR. AND MRS. J. A. HILL WILL LEAVE SOON FOR SUL ROSS

Dr. and Mrs. Hill will leave for a combination vacation and business trip which will include the quarterly meetings of the Ross Board of Regents, which will be held this time at Alpine at the Sol Ross Teachers College and on the way Dr. and Mrs. Hill will go to Hamilton to visit Dr. Hill's mother.

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In gaily decorated rooms, the coming marriage of Miss Mary Lockwood Sternenberg to Howard Batchelder was announced Saturday evening at 8 o'clock by the bride-to-be's mother, Mrs. A. W. Sternenberg.

With orchid and pink as a color scheme, the reception and refreshment rooms were made gay with orchid and pink petunias in floor baskets with huge maline bows. Announcement tallies were miniature brides and grooms with the names of the couple, the dates of parties, and the date of the approaching wedding which is to be August 27. Six tables of bridge were set.

Refreshment tables were decorated with petunias as center ornamentation, while orchid and pink sweet peas formed bridal bouquets for place favors. Refreshments of orchid and pink individual wedding bells, pink and white mints, pink angel food cake, and cherry punch were served.

The guest list included the honoree, Miss Sternenberg, Misses Ethel Ruth Collins, Wilmoth Gamble, Margaret Gamble, Mary Berryman, Mavis Berryman, Gwendolyn Black, Pearl McClure, Hazel Allen, Audrey Cayton, Dorothy Cash, Virginia Jarrett, Christine Upchurch, Jessie Louder, Lenna Foster, Frances Usery, Laurene Alvord, Dorothy Faye Rusk, Opal Middleton, Carrie Guthrie, Ruth Greenfield, Geneva McCarty, and Mesdames Gordon Thompson, C. W. Batchelder, and F. E. Savage.

PROF. A. W. MACK IS INTERESTED IN ART OF COLLEGE

Tall trees, casting lingering shadows in the mid-afternoon heat a creek, flowing gently under an old bridge; that is art. Add to this an artist, with a zeal for doing, and there will be an artistic production of some kind.

This must be a part of the doctrine of Prof. A. W. Mack, who says that nature as it is, is the main angle the students are trying to get at. Then, he believes that nature itself adds an incentive to work which the classroom does not give. He says, "The students seem to work harder after having been in class so long."

Thursday afternoon, a group of students, comprising the Art 103 class, took their easels, their brushes, and their paints and went out to see art in its natural habitat. They found it out near the Palo Duro creek. So they stopped and painted—sketches of the old bridge, a tottering old house, or an old tree with its knotty limbs. After having worked for about two years, the students ate a lunch and returned to the campus, bringing with them both visible and invisible results of their field trip.

Prof. Mack plans these trips at least twice a week.

MRS. GREEN TO TALK AT Y. W. C. A. TOMORROW

At the regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. tomorrow evening, Mrs. Geraldine Green, dean of women will speak. The meeting will be held at 7:15 on the campus in front of the administration building. Women of the college are cordially invited to attend.

MISS ELIZABETH JAMESON HONOREE AT TWO SOCIALS

Miss Elizabeth Jameson was honored twice at birthday parties. At 6:30 o'clock Saturday morning her mother planned a surprise breakfast. The following friends of Miss Jameson were present: Misses Florence Bowman, Dixie Foster, Marie Tanner, Virginia Leigh Bull, Katye Bowers Lowe, Mabel Thornton and Madelyn Bull. Saturday evening Miss Marie Tanner was hostess to a slumber party honoring Miss Jameson. The six girls present were: Misses Elizabeth Jameson, Florence Bowman, Dixie Foster, Katye Bowers Lowe, Mabel Thornton and the hostess.

FRANCES USERY WAS RECENTLY A HOSTESS AT BRIDGE

Frances Usery was hostess to a number of girl friends July 30, when she entertained with a bridge party at her home here in Canyon. Guests included: Misses Hazel Allen, Jessie Louder, Maurine Nesbit, of Amarillo; Esther Rudolph, Geneva McCarty, Ethel Ruth Collins, Virginia Jarrett, Pearl McClure, Gene Smalley, Florence Throckmorton, Gwendolyn Black, Mary Lockwood Sternenberg, Beth Pitts, and Margaret Gamble.

JOINT HOSTESSES HONOR MRS. GERALD WITH PARTY

Mrs. J. Edward Gerald was the honoree at a party given Friday afternoon, with Misses Ruth Lowes and Lillian Donnell as joint hostesses in Miss Lowes' home.

The entertaining rooms were lovely with cut garden flowers. The tallies and score pads further carried out the floral motif.

Just before bridge was introduced, Mrs. Gerald was presented with a corsage, a gift of the hostess, by Master Charles Taylor.

Punch was served during the game hour and later in the afternoon peach ice cream and cake were served.

The guest list included: Mrs. Gerald, the honoree; Mrs. Law Sone, Mrs. Tommie Montfort, Miss Jennie C. Ritchie, Miss Edna Graham, Mrs. Robert Foster, Mrs. T. B. Reeves, Miss Ethleen Murrell, Miss Adeline Strain, Miss Mattie Swayne, Miss Jean Moore, and Miss Ruby Dutton, a sister of the honor guest.

Three guests from Amarillo, Mrs. Hubert Hammill, Miss Mary Frances Miller and Miss June Kollar, were present.

HOME EC. CLUB SPONSORS CO-ED DANCE

Heigh-ho, the big event of the summer is coming next Friday evening, August 14, at 8:00 o'clock in the girls' gymnasium. Girls, wear your pajamas, sailor pants, kid dresses, evening dresses, or just anything that happens to appeal to you.

The Home Economics Girls are sponsoring this dance for the purpose of giving the girls of the college an evening of good entertainment as well as getting money for the Home Economics Loan Fund. A good dance orchestra has been provided. The admission is 25 cents. Everybody come.

GOODWINE OF FRIONA HONOREE AT BIG DINNER

Misses Mattie Swayne and Mae Simmons were joint hostesses to a dinner the evening of August the first, honoring Miss Lucy Goodwine of Friona.

Miss Goodwine is an ex-student of W. T. S. T. C. and now teaches in New York. She has spent the summer visiting with her family in Friona.

Guests present at the dinner were: Miss Goodwine, the honoree; Miss Jennie C. Ritchie, Miss Jean Moore, Miss Ruth Lowes, and Prof. W. A. Mack.

MISS AGNES CHARLTON IS HOSTESS AT BRIDGE PARTY

Miss Agnes Charlton was hostess to a bridge party Thursday evening in her home at 2501 Fifth Avenue in this city.

Three tables of bridge were run with the following guests participating: Mrs. Mitchell Jones, Mrs. C. L. Walsh, Miss Irene Angel, Mrs. Ray Campbell, Mrs. N. E. McIntire, Mrs. Charles Flesher, Mrs. M. S. Bishir, Mrs. C. W. Batchelder, Mrs. Thos. B. McCarter, Mrs. S. L. Ingham, Mrs. Tommie Montfort and Mrs. J. M. Wise.

GREEN AND SWISHER TAKE VACATION IN NEW MEXICO

Mrs. Green, her daughter, Nell, and Miss Swisher plan to spend the month of vacation in Pine Lodge, sixty miles north of Roswell, New Mexico. Mrs. Green is intending to do a great deal of writing while retired from the field of action, and Miss Swisher says she intends to rest.

Miss Willie Mae Bagwell, Claude, of the class of '27 spent the week-end with Mrs. E. L. Brandt of this city. Miss Bagwell has just returned from the University of Texas where she has been working toward her master's degree.

Mrs. Alma McGowan spent Friday and Saturday in Dumas attending the dedication of the new court house. Dumas is the old home of Mrs. McGowan. She says that the court house is one of the most artistic in the Panhandle.

In the absence of the pastor of the Methodist church in Happy, Miss M. Moss Richardson spoke Sunday morning to the congregation. The subject of Miss Richardson's talk was "Growth."

Mr. and Mrs. F. Eric Ming announce the arrival of a little daughter, Billy Francis, July 23. Mr. Ming, an ex-student of W. T., makes his home in Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Miss Mabel Draper, Tahoka, visited with John and Louise Gillham. Miss Draper was a student in W. T. in 1928-29. She spent from Tuesday to Sunday visiting among old friends here.

Mrs. Grace Martin and daughter, Dorothea, spent Saturday in Amarillo shopping.

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Bill Dawes Gives Kipling Program

Mr. Bill Dawes, a music major of the College, gave the eleventh-grade class in English Literature a real treat Thursday afternoon, when he sang for them two of Kipling's best known songs, "Mandalay" and "Rolling Down to Rio." Miss Josephine Duffol played the accompaniment. The class had been making a study of Kipling's poems and had asked Mr. Dawes to sing those of the group they were studying which had been set to music.

Library Notes

The usual end-of-the-quarter rush to finish up outside reading is beginning to show in the library, in the number of books going out for over-night use.

If, upon entering the Demonstration School Library, you notice students sitting at the long tables with bowed heads, yet no book before them, do not imagine they are asleep. They are only looking at the interesting pictures which have been placed under the glass tops of the reading tables—copies of famous paintings, and colored pictures of the well-known people and places of literature.

"Tacky"

The seniors have been on their "P's" and "Q's"—and on tacks, instead of pins and needles, since one of the long cork bulletin boards in their English room has been devoted to use as a "Tacky Board," which heralds to the world every error the members of the class make—in class or out. Here is how it works—and it works, too! At the left end of the board has been placed the class roll—with the whole remaining length of the board (about twelve feet) at the right of the roll—for the tacks. At every grammatical error or mispronounced word, in goes a tack—by the side of the offender's name; and the error is noted and filed—by anyone who notices it—to be reported by the noter and corrected by the culprit, at the next daily report of the "Tacky Board" chairman. At these daily reports, the errors are named and corrected in the notebooks of the guilty ones; and individual corrective drill is arranged, either by the critic teacher or a student observer. The students have great fun, comparing the length of the rows of tacks beside their respective names. Incidentally, such common errors as "who do you want?" "real good;" "She told Mary and I to come;" etc., are gradually disappearing from the Senior ranks of W. T. High.

Who's Who in W. T. High

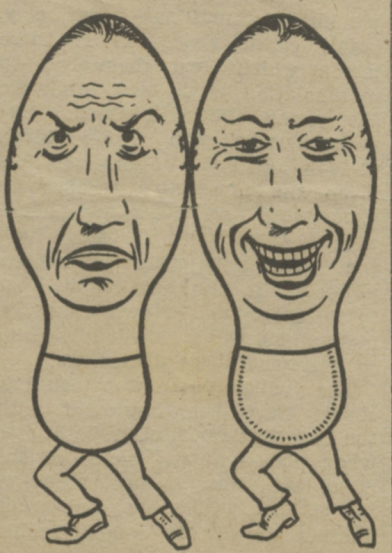
Billie Robinson, who is the one masculine member of the senior English class at W. T. High this summer is also unique in another way: (a la Ripley) he and his mother are schoolmates, and both are seniors in the same school, yet four years apart in classification, the one being a senior in high school, the other a college senior. Billie is a member of a family of eight children; consequently, he has taken upon himself the task of making his own way through school, by working before and after the school hours. He is employed by the Warwick Printing Company.

Billie's immediate aim is to finish his course at Canyon High School next spring. His ultimate ambition is to be a successful mechanical engineer, after learning that vocation at Texas Tech; and for the meantime, he has the shocking ambition of being a devil (a printer's). In this way, he hopes to be able to remain in school until he completes his college career. Billie is a typical boy. He delights in hunting, fishing, and swimming. He is an excellent tennis player, and he announces that he is now "taking up golf."

Practice Teacher and Observer Notes

Miss Maurine Ford, who is practicing teaching in the sixth grade under Miss Jean Moore, is doing

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Personals

Mr. Clyde Warwick, representative of the Texas Legislature, recently visited the sixth-grade Civics class, who were studying the making of a bill. Mr. Warwick explained the process through which a bill must pass to become a law in Texas.

Evelyn Irons, of Wheeler, Texas, formerly of Canyon, visited last week in the homes of Beulah Ballengee and Eulalie Moore.

Beulah Ballengee's sister-in-law, Mrs. Milton E. Ballengee, will arrive from the Hawaiian Islands, Sunday, for a two-weeks' visit in Canyon. Mrs. Ballengee has been teaching in the Hawaiian Islands for the past five years.

Martha McClean withdrew from school last week to go with her parents to Raton, New Mexico, to enter school, which began August 1. By outside contract work and special coaching, she completed the remainder of the required summer's work in her classes at W. T. before leaving.

Misses Hildred and Mildred Cook spent the week-end visiting friends in Happy, where they were guests of Miss Rachel Burks and Miss Maurine Wilder, two of the W. T. High Seniors of '31.

Miss Novella Goodman has been absent from school several days because of illness.

John A. McIntosh, who finished with the class of '31, and has been spending the summer in New Mexico, was seen on the campus this week.

Miss Frances Holman, of Hereford, a graduate of the class of '31, spent the week-end with Helen Johnson. Miss Holman, it will be remembered was chosen the favorite girl of the College High School last year.

Who's Who in W. T. High

One of the outstanding girls enrolled in W. T. High School this summer is Ruth Palmer, a senior, daughter of Mrs. J. J. Palmer, of Alameda, Texas. Ruth graduated in 1927, from an unaffiliated three year high school at Alameda. She remained out of school for three years after graduating, before deciding to complete the course of some affiliated high school in order to prepare herself for college. She then enrolled in W. T. High School as a junior last summer; and, at the end of this term, she will receive her diploma, having satisfied the requirements of both the junior and senior work here in a year and two summers. She has been selected to teach in the sixth and seventh grades in the Alameda schools for the coming year. During her stay here Miss Palmer, although doing light housekeeping in addition to her school work, has found time to take a prominent part in student activities, including work in the Spanish Club and The Tumbleweed, and has won a reputation for both diligence and dependability.

Irby Carruth Has Thesis Accepted

Irby B. Carruth, superintendent of Canyon public school, who is now attending the University of Chicago, has had his thesis accepted for his degree of master of arts, according to Henry Bradford. Mrs. Carruth is with her husband in Chicago.

Mr. Carruth has spent the summers for the past few years working on his degree in Chicago.

Miss Elizabeth Hicks of Panhandle has been the guest of Miss Ruth Dellis, a sophomore in W. T. S. T. C., during the past week.



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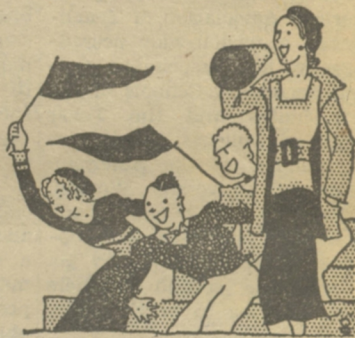
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Society Museum for which the last Texas legislature appropriated \$25,000 to be matched by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, had its genesis in the work begun by J. A. Hill when he was head of the department of history. The start that was made then was destroyed in 1914 by the fire which razed the administration building. Under Dr. Hill's encouragement and assistance given by members of the college faculty, especially Professor L. F. Sheffy and Miss Hattie M. Anderson of the department of history, this project was again undertaken in 1921. Now the organization possesses the largest collection of Southwestern relics and manuscripts that has been accumulated in any place in Texas.

T. D. Hobart, president of the Historical Society recently said, "The work of this organization would have been impossible had it not been for Dr. Hill and the members of his faculty who have given so freely of their time and money."

Greatest Gain in Standing in College World.

While the West Texas State Teachers College is justly proud of the extension of its physical facilities, the world and its ex-students are even more interested in its strides toward a place of honor in the collegiate world. In 1917 the school was rightly called a Normal college, but in 1918 the curriculum was broadened, the scholastic qualifications for a place on its faculty were strengthened, and the bachelor's degree offered.

Since that time the College has been granted full membership in the American Association of Teachers colleges, a nation-wide accrediting agency, the Association Colleges and Secondary Schools of the Southern States and the Texas Association of Colleges. It is also regional member of the American Association of University Women, which gives to its women graduates valuable privileges and opportunities wherever they may go. W. T. was the second teachers college in America to be so recog-

nized by this organization.

Many departments have been added since the great changes instituted in 1918. Geography, sociology, government and library science have become well organized. The bureau of Public Service, including teacher-placement, correspondence work, club extension, class extension, and other services has been functioning since 1923.

With all these accomplishments in the year just past, and with the present fine beginning in the graduate field and with many plans for the greater growth of the College in prospect, the thirteenth year has not been an unlucky one in Dr. Hill's experience as president, and the entire faculty feels that obstacles which will be met in the immediate future will yield as have those in the past.

Mumbles

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on the market. Good thing about it, too, is that the increase is not all merely paper value. The Buffaloes' forte will be in the inspiration attending the directions of these coaches, beloved of every man-child of 'em.

A surprisingly large number of ex-students were among Jim Crowder's guests last Thursday P. M. Seeing them was a bally good tonic. Color was added through the medium of a past and the satisfaction of a distinguished lineage. It was a gala day.

The Mumbler is championing a move whereby women can propose to men. Many a flower has bloomed in vain simply because a man forgot to propose before the blight of years had faded beauty away. He had no objections to marriage; it just wasn't necessary to him. If the girl could have spoken a happy union would have been consummated. And there you are! Also, society has evolved to such a point that many a man can't afford to propose marriage and a home. Now if a girl sees a man and decides she wants to marry him, why shouldn't she propose, providing of course, she is able to support him? And there you are again!

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The trust fund is to be refunded at the end of the year, provided the student has no library fines or any other fines against his record.

Mr. George, secretary of the Ex-student Association, claims that on this account that W. T. will have a larger enrollment than usual.

Mrs. R. D. Rugely, Mrs. Fred Bingham, and Mrs. Don Baker spent the week-end in Borger.

Ex-Student Notes

BY L. N. GEORGE

Since making the last report the writer has been too busy directing college prospects toward W. T. to learn much about what the ex-students are doing. Mr. Hill and I were in Castro County one day. We find that a number of mighty fine boys and girls are coming from there to W. T. this fall. I have also been in Carson, Armstrong, Potter and Donley this week. A surprisingly large number from these counties are planning to attend W. T. this fall.

I wish that every reader of this paper could realize how much missionary work can be done right now. There are hundreds of high school graduates over this territory that can come to W. T. and don't know it. They have planned to spend twelve or fifteen hundred dollars on a year's college work. The price of wheat and cotton prohibits this. They can spend five or six hundred and they can come to W. T. and get a year in college that will stand up anywhere. This information should be passed along. A year's work in college cannot be bought, yet it has an absolute value. It increases one's earning capacity for life and herein lies its monetary value. Suppose it is only worth one thousand dollars, if you work you will have it next spring. If one does not go to college just what will he have a year from now? At least he will be a year from the habit of studying. Labor is so cheap that very likely he will not save a dollar. This year's college work is worth just as much as if wheat was worth a dollar and cotton ten cents.

Many small country schools are going now in the cotton sections. They plan to stop for the cotton picking season. I am wondering why the cotton towns both large and small cannot do this. This army of idle school children is no small item. From May to September the streets are full of them. Then when cotton picking time comes the children stop school for several weeks.

Crops over most of this part of the state is simply fine. Deaf Smith county will make around four million, two hundred and fifty thousand bushels of wheat. It has bought twenty-five hundred hogs and will likely get more from eastern states to eat this wheat and the big row crop which is practically made. Swisher, Randall, Armstrong, Potter, Childress, Hall and Donley all have wonderful crops. There are hundreds of boys and girls in these counties who want to attend college and do not have the means. There is more money piled up in the money centers than ever before. This money is idle. The college prospects will be unless a little of this great crop can be converted into cash. Mr. Reader, it looks like it is time for somebody to go to college.

'Lonesome Like' Big Wow at Dramatics

"Lonesome Like" was the name of the play presented by the Dramatic club at its regular meeting Thursday afternoon. It was one of the most difficult plays that has been presented this season for the entire play was in cockney English. The play presented a very picture of English during the Industrial Revolution. The entire plot was laid about the commonplace event of a woman, too old to work, who was being sent to the poor house or "workhouse" as she called it. The cast was as follows: Belva Walkup, Evelyn Besson, Mr. Hardgrove, L. B. Benick and was directed by A. E. Williams.

"For the Love of Pete" is to be presented next week and the very last meeting is to be devoted to giving out names of plays which are suitable for high school production. Those who are in play direction are urged to be present.

Miss Mary Boston of Hedley was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Gregory, over the week-end. Miss Boston is a 1930 graduate of W. T. and took her master's from the University of Texas in July, with mathematics as a major and physics as a minor. Miss Boston will teach mathematics in the Lamesa high school the coming year.

Misses Virginia Walters and Mary Wilson spent the week-end in Canyon with Miss Skeet Miles. The young ladies have their homes in Tulsa.

Paul Robinson



The moon exerts a strong influence over the TIDE—and the UNTIED

Exhibit of Articles Made by Education Students Interesting and Valuable

"Just think and then cut out your think," a child once said in attempting to explain the way he went about producing an original cut-paper design. A statement as simple as this would have been almost as significant had it been made concerning the exhibit of articles made by members of classes in Education 111 and displayed in Room 305 at the close of the first term. Posters, baskets, booklets, doll houses, child's size furniture, rag dolls, cradles, stick horses, jointed toys, and clay figures, beads, and dishes made up the exhibit; and one marveled at the number and variety of "thinks" that had been sawed, hampered, pasted, cut and sewed into shape.

In this case the articles were not made by children but by college students who expect to teach in the primary grades this year or at some future time. Members of the classes were instructed to make only those articles which children in the first four grades would be interested in making and which at the same time would present problems of construction simple enough for such children to cope with. Miss Mary Adaline Lamb of the education department was the instructor in the course.

To the casual observer the exhibit presented an interesting array of cleverly constructed playthings which would amuse any child. The more critical observer, while appreciating the work represented by the exhibit, looked beyond it and the adults who were responsible for it and into the sixty or more future primary classrooms to find more significant values. And a question arose in the mind of this observer. After planning and constructing these articles, what should the prospective teachers have got from the six weeks of work which will carry over into the school room? The question was asked the instructor, and the gist of her response follows:

Since present-day pedagogy is laying unprecedented emphasis upon the importance of self-expression in the educative process, upon the thinking teacher rests the responsibility of finding out how the average child's power of self-expression is best developed. While the gesture, the spoken word, and the written word are the universally accepted media of expression, ideas can be conveyed successfully through the use of the most tangible kinds of material—paper, clay, paint, cloth, wood. It is these media which lend themselves to manipulation and best stimulate the young child's thinking. Experimentation with various kinds of tools and types of materials has given the prospective teacher an opportunity to acquaint herself with many of the difficulties which the child experiences in similar activities. It also has enabled her to formulate in her own mind the method she will use in helping him to overcome these difficulties.

The young woman who took this course have been impressed with the fact that wood, clay, cloth, etc., when placed in the hands of the child, help him to meet many of his childish needs—the doll needs another dress; the wagon should have a new tongue; the playhouse must be supplied with more dishes. If he is given materials with which he can meet these needs, the resultant activities become purposeful and full of interest. Here he is allowed to use his own ideas in fashioning the dress or in molding the dishes or in constructing

a serviceable tongue for the wagon. The most valuable expression is the original expression.

Not so long ago someone very aptly said: "All God's chillun got wings but not all are permitted to use them." It is time that the day of pattern handwork came to an end. The creative urge always comes from within. The child wants to be free to express his own feelings and not be forced to reproduce the feelings of someone else. He wants to fly with his own wings, if you please!

Furthermore, class members of Education 111 have found that considerable experimentation should be encouraged when working with young children, and that crude results are always acceptable if they represent the individual's best efforts. As the child becomes better acquainted with the possibilities of his media, he will begin working for more realistic looking products. Help in technique should be given as it is needed. Technique, however, when imposed upon the young artist or artisan tends to kill the spirit and the spontaneity of the idea that is about to be born.

Another feature which has been emphasized with members of these classes has to do with the opportunities for correlation which abound in this type of work. It is needless to point out the many language values growing out of class criticisms and discussions of articles made by the children. Dressing dolls as Eskimos, Japanese, or Dutch illustrates only one of the many ways in which geography may be related to this type of expression. Very practical problems in arithmetic may be furnished by such activities as measuring the parts of a toy airplane; using the yardstick freely during the building of a playhouse; listing the prices of the doll hats made for the hat shop.

Children must know how to conserve materials. They need to learn how to eliminate all necessary wastes. They need practice in making use of odd bits of material. To this end, then, these prospective teachers were urged to practice economy and utilize odd bits of material that are too often considered valueless by the untrained teacher. A careful survey of this exhibit revealed the fact that native clay, discarded orange crates, old broom handles, small scraps of lace and cloth, spoons, pickle bottles, cereal boxes, and numerous other odds and ends had been used to advantage.

Finally, children must be taught to care for their tools. Only the teacher who has had practice in caring for equipment can help the child to learn to care properly for his saws, his brushes, and his cans of paint. And in a like manner, teaching the child to assume some responsibility in returning unused materials to their respective shelves and in clearing the workroom of all traces of untidiness will do much to develop a habit of orderliness that is desirable in any situation.

One of the regular morning prayer meetings of the town district, including the college, for the revival now in progress at the Methodist church, was held in room 116 of the Administration building last Friday morning.

Alfred Jameson will lead the singing for a revival which Mr. J. P. Patterson is to have an early date.

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