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Skating Saturday

An Evening of Fun
From 7 'till 11

Election Date Is Next Friday

Only One Position on
Long Ballot Contested
—Notice Is Short

The annual election of the Student's Association will be held Friday, April 17.

The official ballot, released at noon yesterday by President Charles Wilkerson, shows a contest only for the office of junior senator, Post No. 1, in which Jack McWhirter is opposed by Nathan Welch.

Announcement of the election date Saturday evidently found most persons politically asleep, not interested, or unable to meet the 11:30 a. m. deadline for nomination petitions Monday.

(For Students' Association election of Friday, April 17. Polls will be open from 8 a. m. to 5 p. m.)

Sample Ballot

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS

PRESIDENT

Melvin Kiker

VICE-PRESIDENT

Bill Collins

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Mary Isabelle Hanvey

SENIOR CLASS

PRESIDENT

Alvin Lee

VICE-PRESIDENT

Kathleen Dixon

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Marie Hobbs

SENATE

Post No. 1

Marshall Baxter

Post No. 2

Louise Novak

Post No. 3

Merle Myers

JUNIOR CLASS

PRESIDENT

Armand Clepper

VICE-PRESIDENT

James Speer

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Betty Jane Phillips

SENATE

Post No. 1

Jack McWhirter

Nathan Lee Welch

Post No. 2

Mae Jeanne Fritts

Post No. 3

Dennis Kern

SOPHOMORE CLASS

PRESIDENT

Mac Thomas

VICE-PRESIDENT

Kathryn Ferguson

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Elda Gordon

SENATE

Post No. 1

George Hohmann

Post No. 2

Theone Parker

Post No. 3

Katherine Mortimer

WITH THE BOYS

War Bulletins

Kenneth Hohlaus, U. S. aviator, recently was given a captaincy. He joined the Air Corps immediately after graduation. Mrs. Hohlaus is the former Margaret Esther Hill of Amarillo, daughter of Regent John E. Hill. They are in the Virgin Islands.

Vincent Lockhart, former Amarillo newspaper man, also is a captain now, like his father, W. E. Lockhart, former head of the department of business administration. William Lockhart, Alpine physician, will enter the Army soon with the rank of captain.

Amarillo fliers at Kelly field are eager to finish their training and avenge the death of Jay Pietzsch, W. T. graduate who was killed December 7 in the attack on Pearl Harbor. Jay was a state champion heavyweight boxer and former star basketball player.

West Texas State needs a service flag. It would have at least two gold stars. The other known casualty is Ray Cox, who was killed in action while flying in the Far East.

Movements of former students in Uncle Sam's forces are becoming more frequent and hard to follow. The Prairie mailing list is changing every week and it is difficult to keep the college paper going to the right address.

News about our alma mater's boys is needed for this column. Give it to The Prairie and leave addresses of these enlisted men at the office of the College News Service, Room 112.

Liamas, of South America, can be tied together by passing a single rope around their necks. They will not try to escape.

College Was Host to Girls' Conference

Three Day Meeting
Here Has More Than
200 Girls Present

Two hundred delegates attended the second Great Plains Older Girls' Conference on the West Texas campus this week-end from towns over the Panhandle. The meeting opened Friday afternoon, April 10 and closed Sunday morning, April 12.

Beginning with an opening devotional conducted by the Hereford Tri-Hi-Y, the convention moved swiftly along with discussion groups, forums, business sessions, recreation periods, and talks by noted speakers.

Friday afternoon, the subject, "What is the Greatest Problem of the High School Girl?" was debated. Friday evening Mrs. Grace Sloan Overton, outstanding authority on marriage and family relations, addressed the conference on the subject, "Civilian Girls and Soldier Boys."

Saturday morning the Amarillo Sophomore Tri-Hi-Y had charge of the devotional, and other discussions groups were held. In the afternoon Dr. A. M. Meyer spoke to the girls on "Vocational Outlook." Saturday evening the W. T. S. C. Student Christian Association provided a program and recreation.

Sunday morning the group heard Rev. Joe Finley, pastor of the First Christian Church, speak at the devotional services. The closing address was presented by Dr. Bernice Moore, lecturer and educational consultant. Her subject was "Youth Meets the Challenge of the Times." A candlelight dedication ceremony closed the conference formally.

The theme "Victorious Living" was carried out through the entire three day program. Conference officers are: president, Helen Bernson of Dalhart; vice-president, Marcella Weighley of Amarillo; and secretary, Rena Rae Renfro of Hereford.

Discussion and club leaders were: Kathryn Driskill, Amarillo; Kate Donnell, Dalhart; Ruth Barton, Pampa; Esther Rudolph, Phillips; Irene Crawford, Hereford; Olive Melin, Amarillo; Moineite Harrison, Tucumcari; Mrs. C. C. Shaller, Amarillo; Adelle Shows, Amarillo; Mrs. Elsie Deal, Amarillo; Mrs. Roy Guthrie, Memphis; Mrs. Mary Joe Foote, Dalhart; Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Nichols, Conference Directors.

W. T. High Seniors To Give "What a Life" April 23

The W. T. High Senior Class will present its play entitled "What a Life" starring Henry Aldrich, on Thursday, April 23, at 8 o'clock in the Education Building Auditorium.

The play which has a cast of fifteen seniors is directed by Miss Inez Franz and Miss Imogene Robertson, practice teachers of the college, and sponsored by Miss Helen White Moore.

"What a Life" is the story from which the Henry Aldrich radio play is taken and has become one of the most popular programs on the air.

It is a portrayal of the life of a typical American adolescent and promises an evening filled with laughter and genuine amusement. It is claimed that anyone witnessing this comedy will emerge with a better understanding of youth.

SCHOOL JOURNALISTS HONORED

Three officers of the Panhandle High School Press Association sponsored by West Texas State were guests of the Globe-News at the convention of the Panhandle Press Association last week. They were Shannon Black of Tulsa, president; Porter Brooks of Dalhart, vice-president; and John James Harter of Canyon, treasurer. Black spoke briefly at a luncheon.

COLE TO WASHINGTON

Ray Cole, recently of Canyon, has been transferred to Bremerton, Wash., where he is with the Navy. He spent four weeks in San Diego, Calif. Ray, former co-manager of Consumers Service Station here, is now in charge of his barracks. His address is: James Ray Cole, PSNY Receiving Unit, Barracks C—EI, Bremerton, Wash.

FORMER STUDENT SPEAKS

Mary Kate Brotherton, news editor of the Hereford Brand, spoke at the Panhandle Press Association meeting in Amarillo Friday. She is a former W. T. Journalism student.

Berry McCarter, student in the University, spent the Easter Holidays here at the parental T. B. McCarter home. He made the round trip by plane, leaving for Austin Monday night.

College Choir Plans Concert

Spring Program to Include
Group of Choruses by
Houston Bright, Conductor

Announcement has been made of the spring concert to be presented by the College Choir on Sunday afternoon, May 3, at 4:30 o'clock, in the main auditorium of the Canyon Methodist Church. The group is made up of 24 carefully selected voices, and is directed by Prof. Houston Bright.

Numbers to be heard on the spring concert are designed to appeal to as great a variety of listeners as possible, according to Mr. Bright, who made the announcement. There will be both sacred and secular numbers, hymns and part-songs, glees and folksongs, negro spirituals and love ballads, and also a group of the latest choruses and part-songs composed by Prof. Bright.

Notable in the repertory of the Choir this spring is its rendition of the simple hymn setting of Lanier's poignant "Ballad of Trees and the Master," called in the hymnals "Into the Woods." By subtle shading and carefully placed accents, the Choir is now emphasizing the bitter-sweet dissonances which are contained in the hymn setting, but which the listener ordinarily misses.

The group of choruses directed by Bright, which the Choir intends to include in this program, will be made up of "Lament of the Enchantress," taken from Fragment of the Unfinished Drama by Percy Shelly; "All Too Soon Comes the Night," a morbid flight of fancy which refers vaguely to the dark times which have come upon the world; and "What Can an Old Man Do But Die?" a humorous part-song called simply "Ballad," by its author, Thomas Hood.

Save Typewriter Spools to Trade on New Ribbons

Typewriter spools are valuable. Save them.

When you buy a new typewriter ribbon you must turn in a spool. These spools are as good as new, and will be sent in for use in winding a new ribbon. Spools are made of precious metal, which the government needs in munition factories.

Know Your Navy

A red stripe around the left sleeve at the shoulder is the "watch mark" of a Navy fireman.

A white stripe around the right sleeve at the shoulder is the "watch mark" of non-rated men of the seaman branch of the Navy.

One white stripe around the cuffs of a sailor's jumper is the mark of an apprentice seaman, fireman third class, fireman first class or mess attendant first class.

Chevron under an eagle on the right sleeve are the marks of a petty officer of the seaman branch.

Chevron under an eagle on the left sleeve are the marks of a petty officer of the artificer or specialist branch.

A petty officer, third class, wears one chevron under the eagle on his sleeve.

A petty officer, second class, wears two chevrons under the eagle on his sleeve.

A petty officer, first class, wears three chevrons under the eagle on his sleeve.

A chief petty officer wears a double breasted coat with eight brass buttons and eagle with chevrons.

Each slanting stripe above the cuff of a Navy man's sleeve represents four years of naval service.

Dr. Freed To Speak At Women's Business Club Banquet April 14

Tuesday, April 14 at 7 p. m., will find Dr. Conrad W. Freed as the principal speaker at the annual Husband Night banquet of the Amarillo Business and Professional Women's club to be held at the Amarillo Hotel.

The subject, requested by the club, will be "The Non-Financial Costs of the War."

Lima, Peru, was founded as the "city of the kings" by Francisco Pizarro in 1535.

More Discipline After War Seen

Dr. Grace Overton Is
Praised for Work in
Third Marriage Week

Dr. Grace Sloan Overton was praised in assembly Saturday for her series of addresses and conferences in the third annual Marriage and Family Life Conference, and her final talk was on family life after the present war.

Both Mrs. T. V. Reeves, who presided, and Dr. J. A. Hill spoke of the rich experiences of the week.

Dr. Overton, in emphasizing the importance of the family in human relations, pointed out that it is the most ideal place in which to be born and reared. She spoke for some time on the new status of women, in which the "old maid" has been replaced by the "emancipated bachelor women." No change, she declared, can replace the need for strong, gracious wives skilled in the arts of homemaking and willing to bear their share of the burden of the home.

Wifehood Not Easy

"Few women have learned to be both good mates and good mothers," she stressed. "Unhappy wives—poor mates—collect too much, emotionally, from their children. And keeping children stuffed, patched, and buttoned is not enough."

After-the-war emphasis will be upon discipline, rather than freedom, Dr. Overton believes. While this may seem to be a step toward fascism, it will be necessary in combating the difficult times certain to come. Adult education will make up for faulty education in early life. Governments will give more attention to the education and training of children. There will be some "cracking down."

"Patterns Not Clear"

"We have few cultural patterns in which we all agree," the speaker said in noting some reasons for stresses and strains in democratic living. "We are called upon to use discrimination as to what is questionable." (See DISCIPLINE, page 3)

Class V-7 Reserve Program Terminates Probably May 1

New Orleans, La.—Termination of Class V-7 program on or about May 1, 1942, has been announced by Rear Admiral Randall Jacobs, Chief of the Bureau of Navigation, Navy Department, Washington, D. C., according to information received from the Public Relations Office of the Eighth Naval District.

After that date the only method by which applicants will be taken into Class V-7, which is training for general deck and engineering duty, will be via the Class V-1 Accredited College Program.

College graduates meeting certain requirements may at present obtain Class V-7 program training, but after May 1, only young men enrolled or accepted for enrollment in accredited colleges between the ages of 17 and 19, who are of good character, who can meet the physical standards for enlisted men and who attend college at their own expense will be accepted as Class V-1 leading to Class V-7 training.

C.A.A. Student Pilot Describes Air Thrills

There are ten students on the campus who are enrolled in Civilian Pilot Training and Dick Kilgore, senior student from Pampa, is one of them. In discussing the course, Dick's green eyes assume a deeper hue that enthusiastically signals his "Let's Go" attitude toward flying.

"I like it better than anything else," he said. "I hardly know how to explain it, but there's a certain thrill that you get in flying. For example, it is fun to reach an altitude of about 3,000 feet, fly over the College farm, look down on the little draw that is there, and follow its length eastward with your eyes until you see it widen out into the Palo Duro Canyon."

"It is surprising, too," he added, "to see the hundreds of lakes spread out in little blotches upon the prairie. Until I saw them from the air, I never guessed that they were there."

In describing a typical week of air training, Dick explained, "I have ground school three nights a week. Carl York gives us these two-hour lectures and they deal with Civil Air Regulations, navigation, meteorology, and related subjects. The assignments are pretty tough, and it takes a lot of preparation to get them."

"We have two training planes out

Pan-American Fiesta Tonight Includes Program and Dancing

West Texas State Commended For Undertaking Naval Program

Eighteen Other Texas
Colleges Receive
Naval Recognition

Thirty-three colleges and universities in Louisiana, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Mississippi and Alabama were commended for undertaking the Class V-1 program of training for the United States Naval Reserve Saturday by Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, in a telegram released by the Office of Public Relations of the Eighth Naval District.

Of these thirty-three educational institutions, nineteen are located in Texas, five in Louisiana, four in Oklahoma, two in Mississippi, two in Alabama and one in Arkansas.

Secretary Knox's telegram to the various institutions reads as follows: "The Navy is proud that your college has undertaken our V-1 plan for training freshmen and sophomores as officer material. Please tell your young men who apply for enlistment and training under this plan that they will be serving the nation if they continue their college courses no less than those of your alumni who are already in active service. The Navy knows your institution and your V-1 students will do their part."

West Texas State was one of the colleges and universities to which the telegram was addressed.

Class V-1 program consists of enlisting in the Naval Reserve, young men enrolled in accredited colleges, who, after their enlistment in the Naval Reserve, may continue in college at their own expense, and in addition be given naval training in an inactive naval status.

Globe-News Gives Files to Museum

Bound files of the Amarillo Globe-News, dating from 1933, have been given to the Panhandle-Plains Museum. The volumes were brought to the museum by John McCarty, associate publisher.

The papers will be especially valuable when the new addition to the museum is completed and more materials are made available to students and visitors.

ARCHER TO AMARILLO

George Archer became an instructor of social science in Horace Mann High School in Amarillo this week. He resigned at McAdoo where he was high school principal and teacher of math. Mrs. Archer will finish the school term there as instructor of home economics.

Because of its fertile soil and almost inexhaustible mineral and other natural resources, Mexico is known as the "Storehouse of the World."

Nation Is To Recognize Young Voters

Students of West Texas State and citizens of Randall County who vote for the first time this year will be initiated into the privilege and responsibility of voting May 17. This day has been set aside by act of Congress as Recognition Day for all new voters.

The occasion will be celebrated with a special program in the Administration Auditorium. The new voters will be presented with certificates of acknowledgment. Several hundred persons are expected to qualify this year. All who become 21 years of age this year or since the last Recognition Day are eligible to receive the certificate. Recently naturalized citizens are also asked to participate.

Dr. S. H. Condrion is chairman of the program for this county. A committee to gather the names of eligible students and residents will be appointed and announced next week. Participation in this phase of the government's organization is especially vital at this time, Prof. Condrion said.

Mail Courses Offered Army

West Texas State Gets
Approval—Government to
Pay Half of Cost

West Texas State has been listed in a group of institutions approved by the War Department for the offering of correspondence courses to enlisted men. The Government will pay half the cost of text and tuition fees.

Enlisted personnel must have been in active service for not less than four months. Approved courses include English composition, English and American literature, modern foreign languages, mathematics, general science, physics, chemistry, biology, geology, geography, world history and the history of countries affected by the present war, government, economics, sociology, psychology, statistics, health, and vocational, technical, and professional work directly related to military activities.

Each student will study in his spare time. The instruction will be offered through an arrangement with the Army Institute, which will furnish application forms to business men. Organization commanders will approve the courses selected only if they will add to the applicants' military efficiency. Progress reports will be furnished the Army Institute each quarter.

Announcement of the arrangement was made by Mrs. T. V. Reeves, head of the Bureau of Public Service of West Texas State, on the basis of information received from Brig. F. H. Osborn, chief of the Special Services Branch of the War Department.

Hosea Foster Is Head Navy Relief Fund Campaign

Hosea Foster has been appointed chairman of the Navy Relief Society Citizens Committee of Randall county by Attorney General Gerald C. Mann, state chairman. Texas is asked to contribute \$210,000 to assist families of men serving in the Navy, Marine Corps and Coast Guard.

Navy Appreciation Week has been set for April 19-25 at which time funds will be sought for this cause throughout the nation.

Red Cross Knitting Quotas Must Be Finished July 1

Knitters are needed at the Red Cross Sewing Rooms in order that the yarn received recently may be put into finished garments by July 1, which is the beginning of the new fiscal year for the government.

The U. S. Navy has 21 recruiting stations in the state of Texas.

Spanish-Speaking Groups
Coming; Good Neighbor
Idea Will Be Emphasized

The event: Fiesta Pan-Americana.

The time: Tonight at 8:30 o'clock.

The place: The auditorium of the Education Building.

Admission: 15 cents.

Pan-American Day, a date being observed throughout this country and in all Spanish-speaking countries, has inspired the fiesta which will be presented in the Education Building tonight under the sponsorship of Spanish clubs of the College.

This interesting occasion, called Fiesta Pan-Americana locally, will be opened by the Buffalo Band, directed by Prof. C. E. Strain. A similar program will be sponsored by the Pan-American Union in Washington, D. C., and by various organizations throughout the nation. Encouragement of friendly relations among the nations of the New World is the main goal of the celebrations.

Dr. S. H. Condrion will be master of ceremonies tonight. In the varied program, the Ellis sisters, students of Art Quarry of Amarillo, will interpret Spanish and Mexican dances. A chorus of 25 Mexican children from the Dwight Morrow school in Amarillo will present songs and dances in costume. Linda Irizarri, Puerto Rican student, will do a native rumba and an imitation of Carmen Miranda. Ridel Reyes and Jose and Ignacio Palacio will sing Spanish numbers. A reader from the Speech Department will give a musical reading on Mexico.

Following the auditorium program, there will be Spanish music and dancing in the gymnasium. A Federal orchestra will come from Amarillo to play under the supervision of Miss Dorothea Martin. There will be oldtime and modern dancing.

Preparations for the elaborate fiesta are being directed by Allie Mae McDonald, chairman; the presidents of the four campus, Spanish clubs (Bonnie Jean Smith, Jill Cooper, Tom Knighton, and Carol SoRelle) and by the members of the clubs and their sponsors.

Persons attending the fiesta may wear oldtime or Spanish costumes; in fact, they are being urged to do so. Prizes will be given for the best costumes.

Six Pictures in Museum Salon Awarded Merit

Awards of Merit have been given six pictures from the display of picture photography in the Mary E. Hudspeth Room of the Museum sponsored by the Panhandle-Plains Salon of Photography. Those pictures receiving the award of merit are: "Entrance," M. Edquist; "First Bloom," "Embryo and Maturity," D. W. Godsey; "Wild Berries," "Dethorned," Edwin Snook; "Spring Thaw," Cy Clemmons.

Three Captains In Lockhart Family

It is now Captain Vincent M. Lockhart!

Mrs. W. E. Lockhart received a telegram from her son at Camp Blanding, Fla., Sunday giving the first news of his promotion.

Captain Lockhart is a product of Company F, where he enlisted as a private. His father, Captain W. E. Lockhart, was commanding officer. Young Lockhart advanced to Corporal, Sergeant and then passed the examinations for Second Lieutenant. After Co. F reached Camp Bowie, he was promoted to First Lieutenant. Continuing his studies and attending the officers' training school he passed the examinations for Captain.

Dr. William Lockhart of Alpine will enter the army Medical Corps in a few weeks with the rank of Captain. All three men of the Lockhart family, father and two sons, will then hold the rank of Captain. A son-in-law, husband of the former Faye Lockhart, is Colonel Chas. W. Mays of Fort Sill, Okla.

Cato Merchant, ensign in the U. S. Air Corps, is here visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Merchant. Merchant will be an instructor in the new air base near Dallas.

Mexican street vendors chant their wares in complicated songs, some solo but often in duets.

The PRAIRIE

A weekly newspaper published every Tuesday except holidays or examination periods by the Students' Association of West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Texas. Entered on November 21, 1919, as second-class matter at the post office in Canyon, Texas, under the act of March 8, 1879.

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On "Drilling" for Student Attention

It is often remarked, and with some justification, that the conduct of students in assembly is deplorable and, sometimes, an affront to well-meaning guest speakers. Such conditions do not exist without reasons. What are some of the reasons?

One psychological factor is that of compulsion. The student is compelled to attend, but not to like the offerings. Speakers have two strikes called before they appear. Another factor is that of acoustics. A robust voice, or a well-amplified one, compels attention even when there is lack of interest. It discourages that murmur of conversation sometimes heard. An inaudible voice invites indifference. Should the speaker be a stranger, with perchance a sense of humor, his chances for attention are much better. Anything suggestive of novelty is arresting. Any considerable talent for sincere oratory or a command of interesting facts spoken without reference to notes is likely to be appreciated.

Serious discussions put the speaker in the position of a wildcatter in the oil fields. He may make a lucky strike or he may get a "duster." If the students have little knowledge of his subject, he is lost unless he can dramatize it in some way. And it is a rather safe observation that anything current, and serious, is likely to involve futile drilling. The answer is found in the nature of the college scene and in the high schools also. The average student does not read a daily newspaper or news magazine regularly, nor listen to news casts diligently. His studies are likely to involve the issues of an earlier period. He would make a poor score on a current events or current issues test. The "man on the street" probably would better him in a quiz program not involving personalities and facts of the jitterbug routine.

Or are we wrong? How many students are reading current newspapers, magazines, and reports on taxation, labor issues, peace proposals, and the like? To what extent should colleges deal with current issues? What should be the awareness quotient of the student? And how should such awareness, if desirable be achieved? Letters to The Prairie on this subject of student mental traits and content will be welcomed.

Pan-American: A New Philosophy

Tune your thinking to its highest pitch, then direct it South. From this peak, we are able to realize that America has a great opportunity. Public opinion in Latin America at present is better disposed toward the United States than at any previous time. This seems to be an ideal position for the people of the two countries to lay plans and work out methods of economic cooperation in its relation to cultural action. To confirm the impression of a good-neighbor policy, we should encourage an exchange of students and should turn the eye of the tourists to the south. Once the tourist visits the Pan-American countries, he will be attracted by the outstanding yet pleasing contrast. Tourists and students can do much to accent the feeling of brother and sister between the United States and the Pan-American countries.

A policy of drawing closer, such as that now being carried out by the United States toward Mexico, cannot help producing good results in the tightening of friendly relations. It has established confidence, the indispensable factor in the smooth development of all international factors in the smooth development of all international negotiations. In the past, it was lack of confidence which caused many of the difficulties which today we are happily overcoming.

We hear a good deal about the far-reaching propaganda activities of the totalitarian states in South America. The United States can combat Axis propaganda by promoting friendly contacts. Loud propaganda is just the kind that the aggressive, bustling dictatorship countries must put out; for the basic philosophy of the modern dictatorship compels it to be a leather-lunged meddler. The bulk of the people are not easily fooled. In the long run, the nation that goes quietly ahead doing business in a friendly manner can have little to fear from the frantic and blatant campaigns of the totalitarians.

Our duty for the future is to work out a policy by which to draw the nations together. No banners of separatism should be waved; neither should discords be fomented which have for their only object the growth of that international indifference in which, until yesterday, many American nations lived. Every citizen can help the United States and other American countries develop a true international fraternity, by keeping in mind and showing due respect toward the latest trend—"Pan-Americanism."

The Only Test of College Life

Some college graduates are discovering, to their sorrow, that going to college is one thing and getting a college education is quite another. This news comes not from academic halls, but from the offices of branches of the military services and of industry.

Where precise knowledge and skills are required, no mere fact of college residence or credit hours will suffice. When an enlisted man, for instance, sights a big gun or navigates a naval plane, the lives of many persons may depend upon his ability to apply knowledge and skills to the problem acutely at hand. There can be behind him no record of loafing, dodging work, and seeking thrills instead of progress.

Each week the heads of W. T. departments receive letters from industrial plant managers who need college graduates—but not just any graduates. Personnel directors have learned that human habits do not change rapidly. A slovenly, thrill chasing student usually makes a slovenly, discontented employee. Therefore the information forms now in use frequently ask data on the student's work in his freshman and sophomore years, or even that done in high school. The inquiries are made to obtain indications of character traits. The capacity for growth and advancement is often indicated in the grades made, in certain subjects. Moreover, the difficulty or ease of the course of study pursued is indicative. Students who pick easy subjects as much as possible are establishing a permanent record of their unwillingness to face difficulties without flinching.

Such records are sometimes so costly that they assess a heavy penalty for what may have been happy, but empty hours. Take a tip from a senior: The only measure of a college education is the personal progress made. Any other standard of measurement is a "phoney."

Yesterday's . . . OVERTONES

Today

By Joe Crisler

"Words are things . . ."—Byron.

"Yesterday's Overtones and Today." Dipping back into yesterday—1938—and looking at today, will bring back memories to seniors and many juniors who will recall hearing stories and rumors of a house called "Top O' Texas." Sophomores and freshmen will only stare blankly or some may say that they have heard something about it but it wasn't much.

In explanation, "Top O' Texas" was a co-op formed by 18 freshmen and one sophomore all from the same town back in 1938. It existed one short year. The house was located at 1800 4th Avenue and is now called Yucca lodge. The house is of no importance, it is the memory of the things that happened (some better left dead) and of the fellows that lived there. It's only value is: NOTATIONS FROM THE PASSING PARADE.

It was a source of merriment to some, a headache to many. There was the night that someone borrowed 18 quarts of milk from the ice-box. . . . The Dean never really found out who did it. . . . There was the night a fellow overindulged and shot a .22 through the ceiling of the first floor. . . . Passersby avoided the house—a bucket of water tossed on them was irritating. . . . But what became of those fellows that terrorized the whole block. Who added gray hairs to the Dean's head?

The only sophomore, Rodger Townsend, is now with Uncle Sam's Flying Cadets. . . . John King, a Beta member, is now with the Army in California. . . . Pascal Massey (he spent a third of the day and half of the night building model airplanes) is now studying the mechanics of aviation. . . . Jay Plank is an instructor in the Civilian Pilot Training and so is his buddy, J. Lee Jarvis. . . . Arvo Goddard, who was elected president of the student body, is a nephew of Uncle Sam. . . . Melvin Qualls (who pledged the Beta's in '38) is or was a pilot in the Royal Air Force. . . . Jack Allison, whereabouts unknown. . . . Bob Caylor is now a student at A. and M. . . . Charles Shelton is in a defense school. . . . Zeak Merchant left his position of assistant manager of a chain Grocery store for the army this week. . . . A. C. Cox, recently married, whereabouts unknown. . . . Roy McNett is attending dental school at Baylor in Dallas. . . . Junior Williams, a laboratory technician in a gasoline refinery, also is a radio star in a program called "Adam and Eve." . . . Jimmy Hamell is a ranking officer

Ensign Merchant Visits Canyon During Leave

A modest visitor on the campus this last week has been L. C. "Cato" Merchant, former student, now an Ensign in the Naval Aviation Training School. He has just finished ten months in training at Corpus Christi and will go to Grand Prairie where he will be an instructor in primary flying.

Cato, tall, blue-eyed blonde, is on a twenty-day leave and has to report in Grand Prairie on April 24. His appearance in a Buick convertible and naval uniform has caused quite a furor among the girls (and boys) on the campus. He has a quiet, unassuming personality that belies his ability to "get around."

He was graduated from West Texas State in 1940 with a major in chemistry. He belonged to the Science Club, Epsilon Beta fraternity, and Pi Beta Gamma, science fraternity. His home was in Canyon where he has lived since 1932. Cato joined the service about a year and a half ago and prior to his training in Corpus Christi he has been in Kansas City and Jacksonville, Florida. (Yes, he likes Florida, especially, Miami). Of course, in his estimation the Navy is the best branch of the service.

Mildred Merchant, local student, is his sister.

College students may now enlist in the Naval Reserve and, under certain conditions, be deferred from active service until after graduation.

in the Air Corps. . . . Glen Maxey is in defense work. . . . Fellow, whose name has skipped our memory, is in construction work somewhere.

They are gone. So what you say? Do you know them? They are just everyday "John Doaks." Your friends, ours. Think back to your freshman days. . . . Do you remember the fellows and girls that lived at your house? Do you know where they are? What they are doing? Yes, you know all these fellows, they come and go and leave fleeting little impressions.

Perhaps you don't remember his name, but you recall with a smile something he said or did. . . . The fellow who substituted salt for sugar. . . . The fellow who put furniture oil in your hair tonic bottle and salt in your bed. . . . The fellow who took the slats out of your bed. . . . And a thousand other things that recall little memories of those fellows. . . . Yes, you know them. . . . They are part of the passing parade. . . . Gone now but you recall them.

But the 18th fellow. . . . Oh yes. This writer is that 18th person that lived at the "Top O' Texas."

One Man's . . . To The Editor . . . Opinion

Editor, The Prairie:

Your editorial "Are College Degrees 'Watered Stock'" interested me deeply. It is refreshing to know that students are being objective about their education. All too often the aim of the collegian is to get a degree. We need to replace degree seeking with sounder goals.

Since your editorial called attention to the practice of the English Department to test its majors before recommending them for teaching positions you will be interested in the similar—but I believe more rigid—provisions which the Speech Department has written into the forthcoming issue of the General Catalogue. Beginning in September all students on first enrolling in a speech course will be given a diagnostic test to evaluate their speech. Recommendations for improvement will be made and those needing remedial work will be able to avail themselves of it in a new non-credit course, Speech 111, where individual coaching will be administered. In addition to this service, the department will administer an oral proficiency examination to all prospective majors during their fourth semester of residence (last half of Sophomore year). Those who do not achieve an acceptable standard of (1) original speech and (2) interpretative speech will not be encouraged to continue as Speech majors. We feel that every speech major should be skilled in oral techniques—that it is not worthwhile to know how to speak while being unable to do so.

It so happens that the Texas Speech Association has requested me to recommend a uniform speech diagnostic test for college entrance to be used by all Texas colleges. Data from institutions throughout the U. S. has been collected on this problem and the type of testing program we are inaugurating in September will represent the best that our present knowledge will enable us to advise. It is our hope that the students of the college will appreciate this as a service to them and as one small contribution in our united effort to increase the academic reputation of West Texas State.

It goes without saying that I endorse your suggestion that oral and written language proficiency standards be demonstrated before the degrees are granted—but degree requirements are a legislative concern. If you feel so moved you might suggest to some legislator the need for this addition to our degree requirements.

If you would care to see the types of things other institutions are doing along this line drop by my office and we will go over the whole set-up together.

Sincerest regards,
Conrad W. Freed,
Head of Department.

Dr. Condron Is Busy Faculty Member As A Popular Speaker

One of the busiest men in West Texas State College is Dr. S. H. Condron, Head of the Department of Government. Besides all the work that he does in the College, Dr. Condron travels extensively to make talks to many people.

Dr. Condron is scheduled to be in Nashville, Tenn., May 19-22 for an annual 4-day meeting of the General Board of Education of the Methodist Church. One hundred fourteen people from all over the world will attend this meeting. Many missionaries and directors of missions will be present. Dr. Condron was one of three picked to represent Texas. The meeting is to set up the educational plan of the Methodist Church for the coming year. Dr. Condron works with the division of the local church program. He is interested in the elective system of the Sunday School classes and has worked a great deal on it.

Dr. Condron has been asked to speak at many commencement exercises but must turn some of them down because he does not have time. April 17 he will take part in the Forum which will be held in Tulla. April 27 Dr. Condron will be on the Grand Jury and May 2 he is to speak to the Presbyterian young people's camp at Ceta Canyon.

A trip to which he is looking forward is the trip to Mt. Sequoia this summer. Each summer the Methodist young people have a beautiful and inspirational meeting at the mountain. Dr. Condron will be the director of Adult Education.

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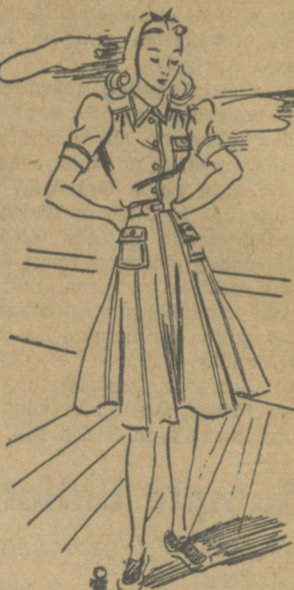
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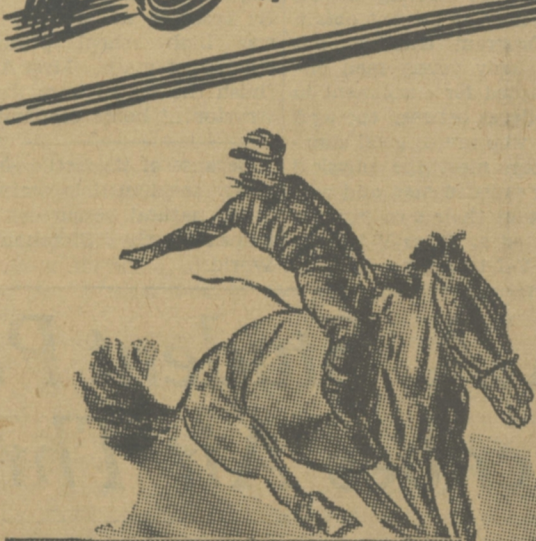
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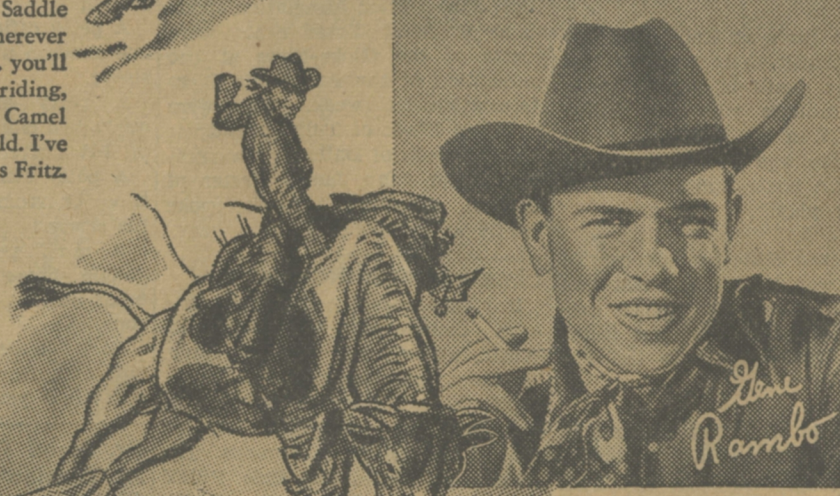
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Interscholastic League Literary and Track Events Here Next Friday and Saturday

High School Entries From 12 Panhandle Counties Expected

High school entries representing twelve counties will gather in Canyon Friday and Saturday to compete for honors in the twelfth annual Interscholastic League District 1-A Meet.

This meet which is to bring together the top notchers of their respective counties, is expected to be one of the best ever to be presented in the history of the League. Amarillo will probably have the largest group of entries in the track and field events but there will be large delegations from Dallam, Sherman, Hartley, Moore, Oldham, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Parmer, Castro and Swisher counties. Potter county has 27 track men entered to date. The list from the other places has not been completed.

Special attention is called to the fact that the one-act play will be held on Thursday, April 16. This time is only for the one-act plays. The other events will go on as scheduled on the program.

Starting the meet off, girls' tennis, singles and doubles will be held on the college courts. Preliminaries begin at 1 p. m., Friday, April 17 and will continue through Friday afternoon and Saturday forenoon. Finals are to be at 2 p. m. Saturday, April 18.

Boys' tennis will begin at the same time and will follow the same schedule.

The track and field events are to be staged at Buffalo Field and will get under way at 10 a. m. April 17. Finals will be at 2:30 Saturday.

Volley ball for girls will be in the woman's gymnasium starting at 2:30 Friday and lasting until the final elimination which is to be on Saturday.

Golf will be played on the Canyon Country Club course, starting at 2 p. m. on Friday. It will be a medal score on 18 holes.

"The two-day meet will bring together fine competition from all the schools that are to be here," said Supt. F. E. Savage, Director-General of the District.

The Literary events on Friday, April 17, will be: Boys' Debate, Room 211, Administration Building, 1 p. m.; Girls' Debate, Room 307,

Education Building, 1 p. m.; Senior Declamation, auditorium Ad. Bldg., 1 p. m.; Junior Declamation, auditorium Edu. Bldg., 1 p. m.; Ready Writers Contest, Room 311, Edu. Bldg., 2 p. m.; Extemporaneous Speech, Room 305, Edu. Bldg., 3 p. m.

3-R Contest, Room 213, Edu. Bldg., 3 p. m.; Shorthand Contest, Room 212, Ad. Bldg., 1 p. m.; Typewriting Contest, Room 202, Ad. Bldg., 3 p. m.; Music Memory Contest, Room 202 Edu. Bldg.; and Spanish Contest, Room 309, Ad. Bldg., 1 p. m.

The officers for the district meet are: Supt. F. E. Savage, director-general; Coach Leslie Van Meter, director of athletics; Prof. James Butler, play director; Prin. R. B. Norman, Amarillo, debate director; Supt. J. W. Reid, Dumas, director of extemporaneous speech; Supt. W. O. Cherry, Bovina, director of ready writers' contest; Prin. G. H. Hudson, Hereford, director of 3-R contest; Miss Maude Cuend, director of typewriting and shorthand contests; Miss Ada V. Clark, director of music memory contest; Miss Mary E. Hudspeth, Spanish contest director; Miss Hazel Evans, director of girls' tennis and girls' volley ball; Coach Gus Miller, director of boys' tennis; and Richard Kilgore, director of golf.

This district includes Dallam, Sherman, Hartley, Moore, Oldham, Potter, Deaf Smith, Randall, Armstrong, Parmer, Castro, and Swisher counties.

If vegetables cost too much, mix 'em with weeds. Those pesky plants that invade your garden can be used to cut your food bills and pep up your health. Learn how to use them by reading an authoritative article by botanical expert Orrell Rexford in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago Herald-American.

"Speech Training in the Home" will be the subject of Prof. James H. Butler's address to the Canyon P. T. A. on Tuesday, April 14 at 7:30 p. m. at the Canyon high school.

Selective Service registrants may, if qualified, enlist in the naval service at any time before induction into the army.

Tech Track Meet Is Wednesday

Wet Track and Field Cause Postponement From Last Friday

Old man weather messed things up a bit last week so that the West Texas track team was unable to go to Lubbock for the invitation tourney that was to be held Saturday.

Tech officials reported Friday night that the track on which the meet was to be run was so soaked that it would be impossible to be held. The oval was made lower than the football field so the water drained on the track.

With Wednesday set as the date West Texas will go all out in an effort to win their first meet of the current season.

In Wednesday's affair the men that will probably carry the West Texas colors are: J. P. McMahan, Beryl Clinton, Price Brookfield, Leslie Curb, Olin Reed, Frank Stockman, Johnny Thomas, "Andy" Thornburg, Weldon Dowlen, "Andy" Anderson, Berl Pruitt, Mack Winters, Virgil Kelly, Walter Word, Paul House, and Charles Halbert.

Softball Schedule Released by Prof. Mitchell Jones

Intramural softball schedule released yesterday by Prof. Mitchell Jones, director of intramurals includes the following games. The Firecrackers and Wildcats and F. F. A. and Stafford Hall played initial games yesterday afternoon.

All games are scheduled at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon. April 14, Bachelors vs. T-Anchor, Firecrackers vs. F. F. A.; April 15, Bachelors vs. Wildcats, T-Anchor vs. Stafford; April 16, Firecrackers vs. Wildcats, Firecrackers vs. T-Anchor.

April 20, Stafford vs. Bachelors, Wildcats vs. F. F. A.; April 21, Firecrackers vs. Stafford, Wildcats vs. T-Anchor; F. F. A. vs. Bachelors.

TRAILIN' the Herd

By STUART CONDRON

WELCOME HOME TO W. T.

Now that the widely known Gus Miller has come to the campus of West Texas State as the assistant football mentor . . . Mr. Gus Miller has landed, seen and been impressed . . . that is he has been impressed with the boys, but as to the prospects of losing so many of them . . . well that is a different story.

"The thing that impresses me most," he said, "is their consistent size. They might not be all giants, but they have the makings of a great club."

Of course no coach likes to come out on the limb and give an outright prediction about the coming season, but one thing that could be gotten from him was that from the looks of the boys there are some schools that better be prepared for an air attack.

Spring training starts the 15th of this month and perhaps we will learn more about the prospects of the 1942 team then.

LOOK WHAT'S HERE!

Be it known to all people that here in West Texas we have a celebrity. That person is none other than Katherine Furgerson. The other day "Kathie" wrote to Kay Kyser, about the playing of the song that took the nation by storm, "Deep in the Heart of Texas." Well believe it or not, ole Uncle Kay wrote back to her and here is what he said:

"Thanks for your nice letter and your interest in writing."

As you probably know by now, we played your request last Wednesday. We'll be rooting for you in Madison Square.

Thanks again and we'll be "thinking of you."

Sincerely,
Kay Kyser.
(the real thing too.)

OTHER TRAINING CAMPS

Albuquerque, New Mexico—Limited in number, the University Lobos will offer little competition on the cinder track this year but three or four veterans will make the running hot in their respective divisions. Those to be in the running will probably be Red Smith, 50 and 100 yard dashes, Reuben Valdez and L. Cordova, milers; Bud Brown, quarter miler; Bill Brown, 880 yard, and Jack McEwen, broad jump.

New March of Time Features U. S. Army—Streamlined

At a time when the nation is electrified by General MacArthur's arrival in Australia, The March of Time is releasing a story which shows how Uncle Sam is streamlining our fighting force.

This film, "America's New Army," which opens Saturday Midnight through Sunday and Monday at the Olympic, explains what this new realignment means to the man in the service. Scenes showing training camp activities, munitions factories, supply depots and actual combat tactics emphasize how revolutionary have been the changes.

Chief step in unification has been the centering of all military activity under General George Catlett Marshall, who heads the three all-embracing commands—Services of Supply, Ground Forces, and Air Forces.

Important Generals and their type of work shown are General Brehon Somervell, in charge of Services of Supply; General Leslie McNair, in charge of Ground Forces; General Henry W. Arnold, in charge of Air Forces; and lastly a sequence recreating the drama of General MacArthur's message upon his arrival in Australia.

DID YOU KNOW THAT:

Some of the Buffalo Courts lads have been "ailing of late," eh, Ben? Catherine Tatum's hair is three feet long? She hasn't cut it since she was six.

Eleanor Hutchins over at Cactus Lodge has been pretty severe with the Freshmen since so many bottles of milk were used to feed the cats one night not long ago?

Andy Anderson got to breakfast on time once last week because Duncan Kirkpatrick set his clock up fifteen minutes?

Roberta Nicholson got Delbert Meek's number up in the library one morning.

Alva Thornburg is trying to learn to dance? Donald Corbett, instructor, thinks that he gets to Tokyo he makes one of those slow dances.

Gussie Chesnut, the prettiest of that Imogene type, all right?

DISCIPLINE

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tionable or destructive. These patterns may become more definite after the war. When they do, discipline will be easier but we will hear much less talk of freedom in relation to democracy. Whether we like it or not, the individual must give more thought to his relation to society as a whole, and to the State, through which society acts. While the American boys are away fighting to preserve the American way of life, it is well that the folks back home consider the principles of marriage in this manner of living. Dr. Grace Sloan Overton told students of West Texas State Tuesday morning.

Mrs. Overton, nationally known author and lecturer, opened the college's third annual Marriage and Family Life Conference which extended through Saturday.

"Only you can achieve a good life, and only you can be moral," the speaker said in disclaiming any intention to suggest compulsion. "I am interested primarily in promoting straight thinking on the subject of the family."

Dr. Overton stressed the basic facts of birth, conditions and environment of birth, and training in constructive living as so fundamental that other factors were related to them. Society has developed a sensitivity to paternity and its concept of chastity is closely related to this desire to protect the child.

She described romantic marriage, with free choice of a mate, as an American way of life. In this type of marriage, society asks that children be born in wedlock. Physical integrity is a basic principle of this institution of romantic marriage. Totalitarian countries in discarding the romantic marriage idea also discarded the idea of chastity.

"But you don't fall in love," she emphasized. "You may be quickly infatuated, but love must be achieved."

Do your shopping in Canyon.

How Is Your Radio Class Prepares Students for Emergency and Amateur License

Morse Code by Now?

Five transformers, two dozen condensers, a bucket full of resistors and a couple hundred other things that go into the making of a radio. There you have the conglomeration that the new radio class has on their minds.

For the last nine weeks this radio class has been under the direction of Howard Blaker, Chief Engineer at KFDD. For the last nine weeks they have had nothing but the fundamentals of inner operations of radio. BUT, when these people finish this class, they will know much more than the average person about the inner workings and the hidden mechanism of the talking-machine. Also they will be in a better position for a technical job in the army if they happen to be drafted. Mr. Blaker said that this semester's course would qualify a person for a class "A" amateur radio license at its completion.

The course is identical with the one prescribed by the Federal Communications Commission for the class "A" license. In fact it offers more than that. Besides the fundamentals of the subject, radio code is also stressed. At the termination of the semester, a minimum of thirteen words per minute is the requirement for sending and receiving in Morse code.

One of the many benefits that one gets from the class is the general working knowledge of a radio set. He would be able to fix a broken set, or in an emergency, he would be able to construct an entirely new set.

Another benefit would come from his knowledge of the code. If there were to be a disruption of all communications lines, this person could send and receive wireless messages.

Next year Mr. Blaker is in hopes of establishing an advanced division in this field. Those who are taking the course this year are Stuart Condron, Harold Crooks, Tom Reid, Victor Valverde, A. L. Woods, Paul

Strother, Bonnie Fae Goodrich, Nola Margaret Blue, Melvin Kiker, Duncan Kirkpatrick, Beryl Clinton, Yeats Carroll, Freda Shuttlesworth, Sam Johnson.

Students Take Exams for Marine Corps Reserve

In order to keep the boys that are eligible for football next year, there is being a plan worked out whereby boys that are in school now can compete their college education before they are inducted into active military service.

The Marine Corps has a plan that is of interest to at least twenty boys and possibly more. Practically all the boys that did not register for the Naval Reserve program have taken an interest in this plan.

The system that is offered at present is to let a college man enlist in this branch now and when he has finished requirements for a college degree, the Marines will take him, and with the proper training in officers school, the enlistee will get \$183 pay and all allowances. The plan also provides for the release of all persons six months after the duration.

Those from West Texas who are prospects for the plan are: Eddie Castleberry, Berl Clinton, Doyle Ford, Virgil Kelly, Duncan Kirkpatrick, James Love, J. P. McMahan, O. C. Rampley, Jim Richmond, C. M. Teague, Johnny Thomas, Ed White, Leo Steinkoenig, Mack Winters, Walter Word, L. C. Walker, Ralph Davis, Charles Johnson, Paul House, and Bill Stockman.

The world's oldest known tree is a bald cypress growing in Santa Marie del Tula, Mexico. It is said to be from 4,000 to 6,000 years old and about 125 feet in circumference.

NAVY ANNOUNCEMENT TO COLLEGE FRESHMEN AND SOPHOMORES 17 THRU 19

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Who may qualify

80,000 men per year will be accepted under this new plan. If you are between the ages of 17 and 19 inclusive and can meet Navy physical standards, you can enlist now as an Apprentice Seaman in the Naval Reserve. You will be in the Navy. But until you have finished two calendar years, you will remain in college, taking regular college courses under your own professors. Your studies will emphasize mathematics, physics and physical training.

After you have successfully completed 1½ calendar years of work, you will be given a written examination prepared by the Navy. This examination is competitive. It is designed to select the best men for training as Naval Officers.

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If you rank sufficiently high in the examination and can meet the physical standards, you will have your choice of two courses—each leading to an officer's commission:

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