

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

## It Came Upon A Midnight Clear

It came upon a midnight clear,  
That glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth,  
To touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good-will to men  
From heav'n's all gracious King;"  
The world in solemn stillness lay  
To hear the angels sing.  
For lo! the days are hast'ning on,  
By prophets seen of old,  
When with the even circling years  
Shall come the times foretold,  
When the new heav'n and earth shall own  
The Prince of Peace their King,  
And the whole world send back the song  
Which now the angels sing.

## O, Little Town of Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,  
How still we see thee lie;  
Above thy deep and dreamless sleep  
The silent stars go by:  
Yet in thy dark streets shineth  
The everlasting Light;  
The Hopes and fears of all the years  
Are met in thee tonight.  
O holy Child of Bethlehem  
Descend to us, we pray;  
Cast out our sin, and enter in,  
Be born in us today;  
We hear the Christmas angels  
The great glad tidings tell;  
O come to us, abide with us,  
Our Lord Emmanuel.

## The First Noel

The first Noel the angel did say  
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay:  
In fields where they  
Lay keeping their sheep.  
On a cold winter's night that was so deep,  
Noel, Noel, Noel Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.  
Then enter'd in there Wise Men three,  
Full rev'rently upon their knee,  
And off'r'd there in His presence  
The gold and myrrh and frankincense.  
Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,  
Born is the King of Israel.

## Joy To The World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come;  
Let earth receive her king,  
Let ev'ry heart prepare him room,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and nature sing,  
And heav'n and heav'n and nature sing.  
He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders and wonders of His love.

## Bethlehem

Long was the road to Bethlehem,  
Where Joseph and his Mary came.  
They are travel-worn, the day grows late,  
As they reach the town with its towered gate—  
The city of David's royal line—  
And the stars of eve are beginning to shine.  
They must seek a place where the poor may  
rest,  
For Mary is weary and overpressed.  
—And It is the Sixth Hour.

They come to an inn and knock on the door,  
Asking a little space—no more  
Than a humble shelter in their need.  
The innkeeper gives them scanty heed.

Little for strangers does he care—  
His house is full. They must seek elsewhere.  
Fearing to find no place that day,  
Heavy at heart they turn away.  
—And it is the Seventh Hour.

In weariness and sore perplexed,  
To a larger house they venture next.  
Joseph for pity's sake begs again  
A lodging for Mary in her pain.  
They are poor Galileans, plain to be told—  
Their garments are worn, their sandals are old.  
The fat innkeeper jingles his keys  
And refuses shelter to such as these.  
—And It is the Ninth Hour.

Where now they turn the woman is kind,  
The place is crowded, still she would find  
Room for them somehow—moved at the sight  
Of this gently girl in her urgent plight,  
Who tells of her hope and her strength far  
spent,  
And seems to her woman's heart God-sent,  
But the surly landlord roars in wrath  
And sends them forth on their lonely path.  
—And It is the Eleventh Hour.

Still seeking a place to lay them down,  
They come at length, on the edge of the town,  
To a cattle-shed with sagging door,  
Thankful for only the stable floor,

When an old gray donkey crowds to the wall  
To make them room in his straw-laid stall.  
And the cattle low at the stifled wail  
Of a woman's voice in sore travail.  
—It is Midnight and Mary's Hour.

Over the place a great new star  
Sheds wonder and glory beheld afar,  
While all through the height of heaven there  
flies  
The word of a seraph voice that cries,  
"Glory to God, this wondrous morn  
On earth the Saviour Christ is born."

—By Bliss Carmen—



# Holidays Begin Wednesday After Classes

## WT Speech Conference Rated High By Visiting Students, Teachers

"The Speech Festival and Conference held last Saturday was the largest and most successful undertaking of its kind ever attempted in West Texas," disclosed Crannell Tolliver, head of the Speech Department.

"The entire program flowed smoothly and the usual rush of a large program was completely absent," continued Mr. Tolliver. There were over three hundred students and teachers of speech from more than twenty high schools of the plains area, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

The discussion by Dr. Ernest Rolston of the State Health Department of the counseling of students handicapped in speech and hearing was heard by a large group of teachers and administrators. Dr. Rolston demonstrated the use of the audiometer for testing hearing and discussed its value in determining the extent to which a student is handicapped.

Students from several high schools entered the radio announcing event, and their efforts were heard over Station KAMQ at 10:30 a. m. The contestants displayed a keen interest in the broadcast, the first time on the air for most.

After their noon meal, the visiting students were taken on a tour of the campus by members of Buffalo Masquers, the WT dramatics club. After spending considerable time in the Panhandle-Plains Museum, the group moved on by way of the Science Building to the Student Union for a recreation period.

At 3 o'clock in the Education Auditorium, the Speech Department presented a one-act play, "Message from Kufu," by Cottman and Stuart. Featured in the presentation were Harlan Brooks, Bill Sewell, Tom Bob Jarboe, and Mose Hale. The play was directed by Dorothy Jean Rushing.

A critique of the play was given by Dr. Keith E. Case, of the School of Speech, University of Denver. Dr. Case presented a thorough analysis which was calculated to show the delegates not only the good and bad points of the play, but also to demonstrate the manner in which a good judge evaluates a play.

He complimented the cast and director on a good job and recommended "Message from Kufu" as a contest play for high schools.

Dr. Case said in an interview that he was particularly impressed with the fine quality of work demonstrated by the high school entries.

## January Date For Speech Play

Are you eager to see a good play? Then please be patient but a little longer for the Speech Department has a production slated for January that promises to be a real treat for Panhandle theatre lovers.

The dates to remember are January 11-12-13 and 14; the place is the Branding Iron Theatre, and the time is 8:15 p. m.

The presentation is to be the celebrated three-act play, "Outward Bound," by Sutton Vane. "Outward Bound" is an intriguing drama dealing with the possibilities of the life hereafter.

The production is under the direction of Prof. Wm. A. Moore, with Prof. Jack H. Walker as technical director, and Lynette Hutchins, junior from Harrold as technical director.

The cast includes: Henry—Bill Hutchinson, Pampa; Ann—Jett Byerly, Levelland; Scrubby—Rosy Bates, Childress; Tom—Steve Self; Mrs. Clivenden—Banks—Virginia Hunter, Canyon; Duke—Del Belflower, Pampa; Mrs. Midget—Mary Harrison, Jacksonville; Lingley—Jim Short, Amarillo; Thompson—Harold Mayfield, Childress.

The cast was selected from members of Mr. Moore's advanced acting class, and all have had considerable experience in dramatics.

See you opening night at the Branding Iron!

## Concert Band Is On Air Saturdays

Initiated by an assembly program, the West Texas State Concert Band begins a season of strenuous activity. The band will start the new year off by beginning a series of weekly broadcasts over Station KFPA, Amarillo, which are tentatively scheduled for 9:45 each Saturday morning.

A series of campus concerts are planned and these will be presented at the rate of one a month.

## Ann Wofford Initiated Into Kappa Delta Gamma

Mrs. Ann Wofford was initiated as an honorary member into the Delta Kappa Gamma at the Saturday meeting of the sorority.

The Prairie wishes to extend its appreciation to Ray Nicholson, Canyon senior, for the art work done on the Santa Claus appearing in this paper.

# THE PRAIRIE

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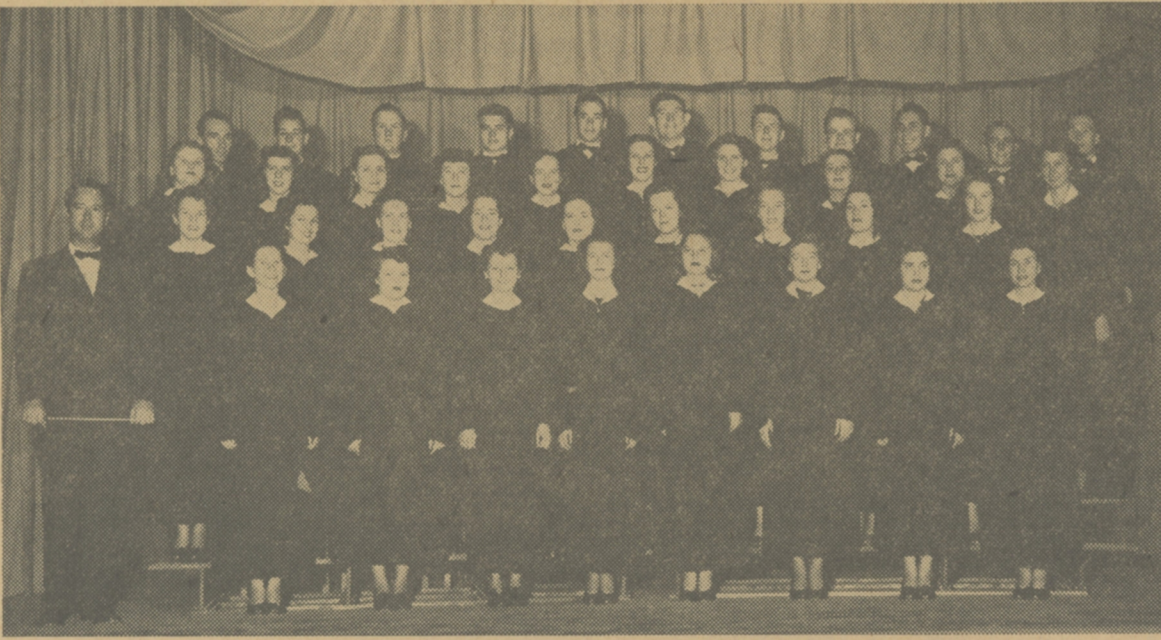
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## A Cappella Choir, Treble Ensemble and Soloists Present Christmas Concert Sunday Afternoon

### A Cappella Choir



### Treble Ensemble



### Buffalo Musicians Present Concert

The West Texas State Concert Band gave its first public performance of the season Thursday, December 9, in assembly. The band was conducted by Jerry Newman, college band director.

The program was opened with the playing of a theme expressly written by Mr. Newman for the band. Following the theme came "Orlando Palandrino," an overture to the opera of that name by Haydn.

Prior to presenting the major work of the concert which was the "First Suite in Eb" written originally for concert band by Gustav Holst, the band played "Impressions of Verona" and a "Bolero" by Moskowski.

As a closing number the band played "Jungle Jump" a modern swing arrangement.

### Frosh!

We repeat, "Lo, what slimes are these." Whether the incident was meant to attract attention or what, people could not help but be confused when reading a recent Freshman Class meeting sign.

In bold black letters the cardboard announced a forth-coming "MEETING" of the Freshman Class.

Will they never learn?

## Airport Receives CAA Approval

West Texas State's recently acquired airport has received full Civil Aeronautics approval as a flying school.

The school, under the direction of Ted Reid, now owns three airplanes for private and commercial training. Jack Nesbitt of Fort Worth, a former military, private and commercial pilot, is the head instructor. He holds four licenses and has an A and E mechanics rating.

Fourteen students are currently taking the flight instructions offered.

Used in the school are an Aeronca Champion, two-place tandem ship; an Aeronca Chief, new side by side two-place trainer and a Bellanca Crusair, four-place plane used for commercial and instrument training.

Manager of the college airport is George Webb.

The field is large enough to accommodate large planes and does a volume of cross-country business. A new floor has recently been laid in the main hangar.

### - - Calendar - -

**Friday, December 17**  
8:00—North Texas vs. West Texas, Burton Gym.

9:00-12:00—Kappa Tau Phi Christmas Dance, Randall Hall.

**Saturday, December 18**  
4:00-6:00—Annual Gamma Phi Bridge and Tea, Cousins Lounge.

7:30—Pi Omega Christmas Party, Ted Reid residence.

7:30—BSU Caroling Party, Baptist Church.

7:30-11:45—National Guard Dance, Randall Hall.

**Sunday, December 19**  
9:15 p. m.—All church caroling, Methodist Church.

**Monday, December 20**  
7:30—Christmas Party, Cousins Hall.

7:30—Christmas Party, Randall Hall.

**Tuesday, December 21**  
7:30—Freshman Class Dance, Student Union.

7:30—Mahaka Sub-Deb Sorority Dance, Randall Hall.

**Thursday, December 23**  
8:00—West Texas vs. Marshall College of Huntington, West Virginia, Burton Gym.

**December 28-29-30**  
All-College Basketball Tournament at Enid, Oklahoma

**January 4**  
8:00—West Texas Frosh vs. Wayland College, Burton Gym.

## Band Director Attends Meeting

Jerry Newman, college band director, left Wednesday, December 15, for Chicago where he is attending a meeting of the College Band Directors National Association. He will return Sunday night.

Lewis Stoelzing, Orchestra Department, has charge of the Buffalo Band during the absence of Mr. Newman.

Just what type drivers do we have here in West Texas State? \*

This question was posed by a member of the staff last week. We started on the quest for an answer and have come up with the opinion that average drivers constitute the student body.

Sixty-two students were picked at random and given a questionnaire containing ten questions based on traffic problems and preventions. We relay the findings.

Of these 62 people, 35 denoted that they owned their own cars. This is a large percentage for ownership. And, it shows the wreck potential here in this school.

Whether they owned a car or not, all but five of the interviewed students admitted that they drove a car quite often.

Fifty-one students said that they had drivers' licenses while 11 do not have a permit. This shows that some are driving at present without a drivers' license.

In the fourth query, the students were asked, "Have you ever driven without a license?" Fifty-five admitted that they had committed this violation.

Of the 62, a dozen students reported that they have been involved in serious traffic mishaps. Twenty-four announced that they have been in minor accidents. Of these totaled 36 accidents, West Texas State students were the drivers of the cars in 24 instances. Students were passengers in 12 cases.

To the question, "Have you ever driven when intoxicated?", exactly half the total interviewed admitted

that they have driven when in that condition.

The eighth query which concerned average speeds driven on the open road at night and in the day, students revealed that 50 was their average speed at night while most of them drove 60 in the daytime. Speeds reported ranged everywhere from 35 to 75.

Sixteen students revealed that they have been arrested at one time or another for violating a traffic rule. This shows that many violations were being committed without punishment.

The last question posed was, "What do you think constitutes the greatest traffic hazards?"

A majority listed drunken driving as the greatest hazard but people who drive at slow speeds on a busy highway and wrong signals were a close second.

Several listed show-off drivers and careless thinkers as the cause of a great many highway accidents.

This is a fair sampling of the West Texas State student body and we urge you to study the report and help ease some of the blacker aspects which presented themselves. Here is to a safe and sound driving group among the students of this college.

A variety of selections from the finest music in the choral field will be presented at the Christmas Concert of the A Cappella Choir Sunday afternoon.

Scheduled to begin at 3 o'clock, the concert will take place in the Education Building Auditorium under the direction of Houston Bright and will feature solo and ensemble groups along with the entire choir.

Among the numbers to be presented by the choir will be a canon of modern British composer, Benjamin Britten, entitled "Old Abram Brown." A canon is a more elaborate form of the familiar round found in all popular books and like the round is based upon the principle of several groups of voices imitating each other exactly but at different time intervals.

In addition to solos by Bill Hutchinson, baritone of Pampa, and Ruth Ann Soll, Canyon pianist, a group of ensemble numbers will be sung by the Treble Ensemble. This ensemble is made up of ten of the finest women's voices in the college.

One of their numbers is Director Bright's arrangement in four parts of the well-loved hymn, "Sun of My Soul." The group sings this hymn without accompaniment and the balanced harmonies of the ensemble undergirded by a rich alto-bass make the arrangement quite unusual and effective.

Members of the choir are anticipating a good crowd at the concert and many out-of-town people are expected to be present.

No admission will be charged.

## Placement Group Seeks Students

Students who will complete the requirements for degrees at the end of the first semester and other students who are dropping out of college and who want help in securing work are asked to enroll with the Vocational Placement Committee or with the Teacher Placement Committee before the close of school for the Christmas holidays.

Dr. Lee Johnson, who heads the Vocational Committee and Mrs. T. V. Reeves, Chairman of the Teacher Placement Committee, both state that it will be necessary to have about a month's time in which to assemble information which will be useful to applicants.

The placement fee is \$1 which should be paid in the Business Office. The receipt must be presented when asking for enrollment blanks.

When raining, sleeting or snowing—your cue is slower going.

## New Amendment Goes To Court

Just whether West Texas State will realize anything out of the College Building Program is now up before the Texas Supreme Court.

Opponents of the \$60,000,000 college building amendment recently asked the Texas Supreme Court to take jurisdiction of the suit.

They filed application for writ of error with the Third Court of Civil Appeals in Austin. The Supreme Court has not decided whether to grant the writ.

At present there are two suits involving the controversial \$60,000,000 building program for state supported institutions of higher learning, both of which seek to throw out the amendment as illegal.

One of the suits is against Secretary of State Paul Brown, charging the amendment is illegal because of irregularities in the special election in which it was adopted by the voters of the state.

The other is against Attorney General Price Daniel, restraining him from approving any bonds for the colleges under the constitutional amendment. This suit alleges the amendment was actually more than one amendment and therefore illegal.

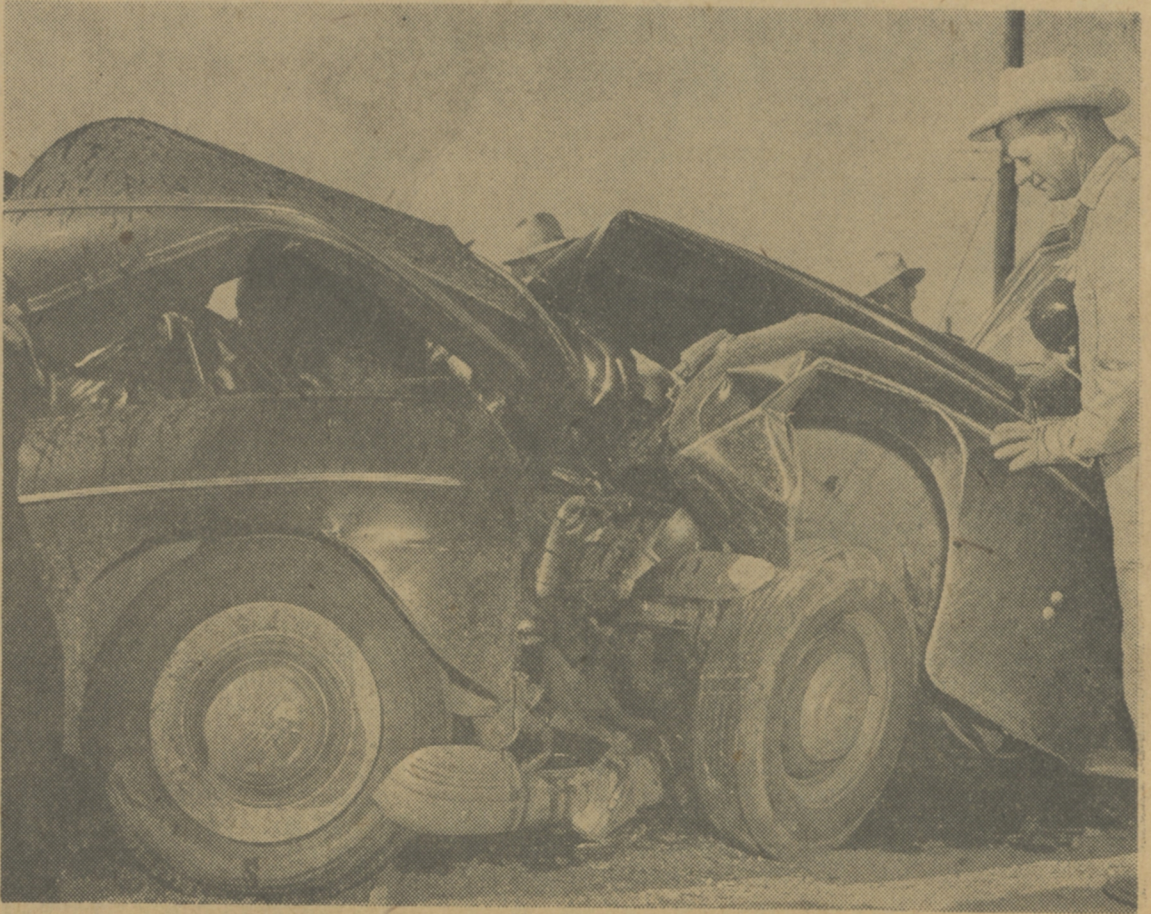
Today is the deadline for filing with the Supreme Court for a reversal of the decision of the Third Court of Civil Appeals in the case. That appellate court upheld the trial court decision that the amendment is legal.

## Pantomime Cast Thanks Workers

The cast of "Doctor of Lonesome Folk," which was presented yesterday in assembly, wish to give special thanks to their make-up artist, their technical crew and directors, William A. Moore and Mary Frances Colwell. Also, special thanks goes to the student body for what the cast said, "was a wonderfu, wonderful audience."

# WT Students Reveal Driving Habits In Prairie Conducted Traffic Inquiry

## Two Dead — Two Injured



The above photo has been published in a Panhandle newspaper before—but it will not harm anyone to take a second look. On the very day that our traffic safety

campaign started, one of our students was involved in this wreck. He was the driver of one of these demolished cars. The score from this disaster was two dead, and

two injured. How can it be impressed on us that accidents of this type can be prevented?



# Boxing Season Opens at West Texas Monday Night

## North Texas Pays Visit Tonight at 8

Coming to the end of the beginning of basketball season, the Buffs will meet the North Texas Eagles in Burton Gym tonight in the last game before the Christmas holidays begin.

The Eagles, with several games behind them against Southwest Conference teams, will come to Canyon with somewhat of a will to win, as the WT teams holds a 12-5 lead over the Birds in games played in the past.

Tickets are still available up until noon today at the Book Store. All those wishing to see the game should get tickets early to prevent a rush before the ticket sales close.

Over the holidays, Buff cagers will be busy, starting the day after school is out, December 23, when they play the Marshall College Thundering Herd in Burton Gym. It will be the first time that Marshall has played in Burton Gym, although the two teams have met before. Last year the Thundering Herd defeated the Buffs 56-55 in the Los Angeles Invitational Tournament, which they won. They are going through Canyon this year on their way back to that journey.

## Garrett, Box on Conference Team

Homer 'Buck' Garrett, senior center from Borger and Cloyce Box, senior quarterback from Fort Worth were named members of the second team and Honorable mention on the Border All-Conference squad, it was announced by Don Phillips of the University of Arizona.

Buck, who has played for the Buffs since his transfer from Baylor in 1946, was elected center on the second team, with Arthur Converse of Arizona making the first squad.

Cloyce, who played basketball as well as football up until this season, was named among those on the Honorable Mention list.

## Fish Cagers Win Two Over Junior Colleges

The 1948-49 edition of the future Buffaloes of WT was unveiled Saturday night in Burton Gym. The Yearlings celebrated before approximately 250 spectators, with a 64-50 win over the Sayre Junior College of Sayre, Oklahoma.

After Sayre had jumped ahead 2-0 on free throws, Nolan Poteet sank a gratis throw and Mose Hale canned a long one for a lead that was never relinquished.

Several times during the first half Sayre pulled within two points of the WT quintet. That was how the half ended, 26-24.

Though play was close at all times, the WT Yearlings controlled the last half and gradually pulled away to pin the fifth defeat in eight starts to the Oklahoma five.

The game's high scorer was Sayre's 6'5" center, Stretch Barker, with 21. The WT aggregation was led by Duane Stewart, former WT high star, and guard Mose Hale, with 16 and 14 respectively.

This year's Freshman team is the tallest in the last few years. With three boys 6'4" or better, it is possible for them to approach the height and fame as the world famous "Tall Texans" who kept WT in the basketball headlines from 1937 through 1946. It is only fitting that one of the former Tall Texans should be coaching this club of potentials. Borden Price, Captain of the 1946 Buffaloes is now in his second season with the WT coaching staff.

Half of this group are local boys, graduates of WT High, and only one player is an out of state student.

Following are members of the squad:

Mose Hale, 5'11", Goodwell, Okla., No. 24; Nolan Poteet, 6'4½", Samnorwood, No. 29; Austell Burrus, 6'4", Canyon, No. 30; Duane Stewart, 6'4", Canyon, No. 25; Harold Robinson, 6'2", Canyon, No. 33; Bill Price, 6'1", Briscoe, No. 23; Tom Airhart, 6'2", Canyon, No. 22; Carroll Vaughn, 6'2½", Canyon, No. 20; Joe Ogden, 6'2", Lefors, No. 27; Weldon Bassinger, 6'11", Fort Worth, No. 26.

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Frosh 72, Clarendon J. C. 25. In the second game of the season and the last until after the Christmas holidays, the West Texas Frosh slaughtered the Clarendon Junior College quintet on their home court, 72-25, Tuesday night.

In winning their second straight game, the Yearlings won in an uneventful if high-scoring fashion. After running up a substantial lead, Coach Borden Price's starters were relieved by substitutes, who continued the game. Bill Price of Briscoe went on a scoring spree to lead both teams with 21 counters. Behind him was Austell Burrus with 12.

If you stop to think you will think to stop.

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## Last Organizing Meet Scheduled

The sound of pounding feet and a basketball can be heard issuing from Burton Gym at almost any time of the day or night as the WT Intramural teams prepare for competition.

With indications of from seventeen to twenty teams to be entered, this may well prove to be the biggest, most thrilling and best Intramural tournament in the history of West Texas State.

Opening games will be played January 5, 1949. But, prior to this many hours of practice will take place, along with an equal number of hours spent on plans by the directors.

Any team wishing to have Burton Gym for practice can have it any night after six o'clock, except when this interferes with Buffalo or Frosh games, by calling Milton Morris at 584.

The first meeting of coaches will be December 20 at 7 o'clock in the Graduate Reading Room on the second floor of the Administration Building. The coach, manager, and one player—preferably the captain—is requested to be present. This is an important meeting as those present will take up rules, officials, and the drawing of brackets. This meeting will also be the deadline for entrants. All fees and rosters must be submitted at or before this meeting.

## Champions Among Entries in First WT Meet; Preludes Golden Gloves

By Bob Hembree

West Texas State and the Panhandle will pay homage to royalty Monday night in Burton Gym.

Three 1948 regional Golden Gloves champions, Buster Holman, featherweight; Johnny Hernandez, lightweight, and Alex Perez, middleweight are included on the program of fifteen three-round bouts in West Texas' first 1948-49 boxing meet.

Also to fight is West Texas' own Willis Hawkins, 1946 and 1947 middle-weight titlist, who lost to Perez last year in the tournament's and the Panhandle's greatest battle. Hawkins has fought and won two bouts this year and appears to be well on the road to regaining a championship in this year's Golden Gloves.

Contestants for the card\* come from three points in the Panhandle, Lockney, Amarillo and West Texas State.

As usual Lockney will be represented by a strong, hard-fighting

team. The last few years, Panhandle fight fans have watched Lockney make a name for itself through its wonderful competitive spirit and skill in Golden Gloves competition.

Amarillo's three boxing clubs have pooled their best and are entering them as one team.

West Texas sluggers are Clint Williams, 180 pounds; Jack London, 148; Ernest Babitski, 126; J. Roy Henry, 160; Richard Stewart, 175; Chet Reeves, 126; and Arnold "Blackie" Dalton, 148.

The meet is being sponsored by the T-Club, The News-Globe Golden Gloves, and coaches of the teams entered. Proceeds from the bouts will pay for more equipment for the boxing program.

Starting time is 8 o'clock. Admission prices are 50 cents for students, \$1 for reserved seats, and \$1.50 for ringside.

Thus WTexans and the Panhandle will be able to see their favorite amateur boxers in action in what promises to be possibly the year's best meet.

Pairings for Monday night's slugfest are: Ernest Babitski, West Texas, 126, vs. Willie McCreary, Amarillo; J. Roy Henry, West Texas, 160, vs. Robert Blessen, Amarillo; Richard Stewart, West Texas, 175, vs. Bub Barington, Plainview; Bill Thompson, Plainview, 168, vs. Kent Podges, Amarillo; Glen Duckworth, Ama-

## Bufs Take More Wins with NMU, Flagstaff as Victims

Adding two more wins to their list of games played last week at the beginning of this week, the Buffs dropped New Mexico University 54-41 in Tucumcari last Friday night, then Monday night, in a thriller, took their first conference game of the season from the Arizona State of Flagstaff Lumberjacks, 56-43.

The game in Tucumcari was not a conference game, although the Lobos are conference opponents later in the season. The Buffs never lost the lead from the first jump as Coach Miller again used his two-team method of razzle-dazzle.

J. W. Malone plunked in 15 points to be the high point man of the game, with White and Wallace of the Lobos following close behind with 13 apiece. The game was dedicated to the opening of a new gym-

nasium in Tucumcari. Monday night was sort of a proving ground for the Buffs as well as the Lumberjacks as it was the first conference game of the season for both teams.

Flagstaff got the jump on the Buffs, however, as they had scored seven points before the Maroon and White cagers dropped a single point through the hoop. Glynn Braden scored the first field goal for the Buffs.

As the slower and more precise starting squad left the court at approximately the end of the first quarter of play, the score stood at about 11-5 in the Lumberjacks' favor. Six minutes later, as the razzle-dazzle, beat - 'em - to - the - draw squad came into the game, the Buffs had taken the lead, never again to lose it. They had caught the 'Jacks off guard for the moment.

The half ended with the Buffs leading 30-25.

Bill Allen, who played most of the game, led the WT cagers in scoring as he hooped 13 points, followed closely by J. W. Malone with 12. For the Lumbermen, Cisterna led with 14 counters, with his teammate, See, following with 12.

During the last half, as sort of experiment, the Buffs held the ball for nearly 10 minutes, which is quite a feat in itself, usually tried only during the last two or three minutes when the score is close. But the Buffs, who held the Arizonans to 2 points during this, gained all the while, sinking some easy shots and taking no chances with the ball.

Last night the Buffs took on their second conference opponent, Arizona State of Tempe. Tonight they meet North Texas State in a non-conference game.

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## President Black

Student Body  
West Texas State College

I wish to take this opportunity to bring this vital message to you, the student body of West Texas State.

In quoting the Texas Department of Public Safety, 85 persons will be killed and 2,500 injured in accidents on our streets and highways in the ten days from December through January 1. Let us take all necessary precautions to insure against any West Texas State students being in that fatal number.

As you journey home December 22 to celebrate the Christmas holidays, promise yourself to drive carefully, vigilantly and sanely. Make it your primary aim to return safely to the campus on January 3. Let us not sadden the holiday season with news of a death among our collegiate family.

With best wishes of a safe and merry Christmas and a joyous New Year, I remain

George Black  
Student Association President

## Annual Gamma Party Saturday

Gamma Phi will honor the members of the social clubs on the campus tomorrow afternoon when they give their annual Christmas bridge tea.

The tea will be held in Cousins Hall Lounge at 4:00. A short Christmas program will be presented and the rest of the time will be devoted to card games.

## Christmas Choral Slated Sunday

Tom Knighton, music director at the First Baptist Church and West Texas State student, announces that the choir will present its annual Christmas cantata, Sunday night, December 19 at 8 o'clock.

The cantata is entitled "Song of the Holy Night." The choir is comprised mostly of West Texas State students.

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Dec. 19 to Jan. 2

For Christmas Holidays

## President Cornette

Student Body  
West Texas State College

I endorse heartily the efforts being made by the editors of college newspapers to encourage safe driving by students.

Too many American homes are saddened every day by disastrous accidents involving younger members of the family.

We all know that automobiles, used properly, are one of the greatest blessings bestowed upon us by our advancing technology. But that driven carelessly, or recklessly, cars become a deadly weapon.

Here's a question that might help you to keep your knowledge of what CAN happen uppermost in your mind whenever you drive.

Would you bet \$24,000,000—if you had it—on the chance of winning \$1.

Sounds silly, perhaps, but consider. The average 20-year old male may anticipate 24,000,000 minutes of life, female 26,000,000. These are the reasonable expectations, providing no accident occurs to upset the statistics.

Obviously, then, when you jump a light, cut in and out of heavy traffic or speed, you are gambling all these millions of minutes just to save one.

On the dollar basis, you'll admit the gamble wouldn't be worthwhile. Why should it be otherwise on a flesh-and-blood basis?

James P. Cornette  
President

## Newman Reveals Plans for Clinic

With the statement, "I believe that no other clinic has ever been conducted in the manner in which this one will be held," Jerry Newman, band director, announces plans for a Band Clinic to be held on the campus February 22.

The clinic, contrary to the majority, will not utilize a clinic band. The teaching will be done by top musicians on the individual instruments. Many of these teachers will be from the Amarillo and Oklahoma City Philharmonic Orchestras.

Mr. Newman contends that, "this will enable the individual person to learn about his own instrument and will abolish a great deal of time being wasted on procedural activities."

## Student Groups Go Caroling

Young people from all the churches of Canyon will gather at 9:15 Sunday night at the Methodist Church to form a caroling party. The Student Christian Association invites everyone to join the group in this old custom of singing Christmas carols.

The Baptist Student Union will hold its last social function before the Holidays, Saturday night at which time they will go caroling in Canyon. All Baptist students are invited to attend.

## Dance Orchestra Signs Contract

West Texas State's dance band, The Collegians, has just completed its second off-campus dance engagement of the year. They played at the Country Club in Pampa. After their performance there they were signed to a contract providing a dance each month for the remainder of the school term.

The Collegians are now working under an agreement with KAMQ, Amarillo, for a fifteen-minute program aired on Monday afternoons at 4:45.

His diary read: "Fix Chains Tomorrow."

## Kappa Tau Phi Dance Tonight

Kappa Tau Phi's annual Christmas dance will be held tonight from 9:00-12:00 because of the basketball game being played. Also, because of the game, it will not be formal.

The Collegians will furnish the music for dancing. There will also be a floor show and a door prize.

The place for the dance is the Randall Hall ballroom. Admission is 75c a person.

## Foreign Family Reunites Soon

Angel Portalatin, West Texas State student from Puerto Rico, will leave for New Orleans Tuesday where he will meet his wife and child who are flying there from Puerto Rico.

Portalatin will bring his family back to the campus where they will live in one of the trailer units.

He has only seen his child once, that being during his month's visit at his home during the summer.

## Kappa Omicron Holds Banquet

The annual Founder's Day Banquet for Kappa Omicron Phi, Home Economics Fraternity, was given Thursday night, December 9, in the Home Economics dining room.

Lena Mae Brillhart, alumni chapter member, was the guest speaker. She reviewed her trip in August to the National Conclave in Pennsylvania.

Members present were: Nell Baumann, Willa Mae Graves, Doris Smith, Lorraine Davidson, Emma Peterson, Jane Helm and Bethel Tompkins.

Pledges attending were: Kathryn Thorne, Mary Tate, Patricia Stearnes and Mavis Hardy. Alumnae members present other than Mrs. Brillhart were Mrs. Beulah Miller and Martha Nell Burton.

Formal initiation for the pledges was held last night in the Home Economics dining room.

After that wreck comes the reckoning.

Be Wise — Beware!

# W Texas State Needs A Powerful and Active Ex-Organization - -

Twenty-one thousand dollars would go a long way toward building a greater West Texas State College.

That much money is potentially available if every one of the 4,216 persons who have received degrees here would join the Ex-Student's Association to the tune of a \$5 yearly membership.

And this group is only a drop in the bucket as compared to the 30,000 ex-students who have passed through these halls at one time.

How many of this group belong to the Ex-Student's Association? Around 475 comprise the association this year. Broken down figures reveal 135 single and 67 double (man and wife) memberships, six single life and 10 double life memberships. There are around 30 previous life memberships.

The Ex-Student's Association tries to pull rabbits out of hats with a meager budget of some \$400 a year. Dues, which were assessed in lean years, have not been stepped up with inflated prices. So a single membership only cost a buck, man and wife wife pay a dollar fifty. Life memberships vary from \$15 for single persons to \$30. Out of this sum the member receives a copy of the Prairie and several ex-student newsletters.

Most exes now who are asked to join the association feel their one dollar would be trying to plug an ever-widening gap. But they might be willing to spend \$5 to join an organization that will show them something in return.

This writer does not mean to point the finger of scorn at the present Ex-Students' officials. The business of the association is handled by Dr. Lee Johnson, acting as Executive Secretary. The head of the Department of Business Administration, he also teaches five classes, and is a member of various committees, and so it is to his credit mainly that the association has held together at all. He spreads himself pretty thin, but even so he cannot find time to do the job he knows should be done.

We've reached an enrollment of almost 1700 this fall—the highest in history. The time has come for West Texas State College to support a full-time executive secretary.

He would have to be paid out of the increased dues from associational members. We need a person who can spend his entire time beating bushes for ex-students who want to see their alma mater grow. He should expand the present mimeographed letters to printed alumni bulletins. And he should be put in lead off faculty members.

With homecoming activities we should like to see a revival of the Homecoming Queen contest and its attendant pageantry which was a highlight of pre-war festivities. Ex-students take more interest in a homecoming that features one of their own clan rather than depending on the students still in school to provide the entertainment.

Ex-students at Texas Tech were instrumental in building a new student center and football stadium recently. East Texas State claims its ex-students raised money to build a new library and student center, the latter they are now in process of furnishing. Why can't West Texas State point with pride to some object in particular and say, "That was built through the interest and money from our ex-students." The association is supposedly helping to build the chapel which Dr. Hill promoted before his retirement this year. Little is heard about the project now.

If the Prairie is off the beam in thinking West Texas is overlooking a good thing, in not pushing a large and enthusiastic Ex-Student's Association, then

drop around and let us have a few reasons. Our columns are open to you if other ideas are forthcoming.

## Don't Quote Me . . .

By Duane Burrows

Edgar Bergen will quit radio after his December 26 broadcast—until he's had a chance to study television and program developments outside the field. The creator of Charlie McCarthy opines, "When a show like 'Stop the Music' with no entertainment value can take away listeners from other shows that are trying to do a good job of entertaining, the current situation baffles me." It puzzles some of the rest of us too, Bergen. Personally from any other standpoint other than strictly mercenary, 'Buckets of Bills' programs are second only on my list of pet hate tune-ins to soap operas like "Hattie Confronts Destiny," or "Just Ordinary Mike." Charlie McCarthy, sans Bergen's capable voice, holds more in entertainment to me than most "Mad Money" program Em Cees.

Larry Parks, of "The Jolson Story" fame, is now trying to break away from musicals. He fought against the 'Story' sequel, "Jolson Sings Again." Parks says that musicals are too strenuous and wants a spot in lighter vein movies.

How would you like a program featuring Harry and Margaret Truman? A prominent Texan from Dallas, after reading about the president and his daughter's performance before the National Press Club, has suggested a duet by them over a nationwide hook-up. This would be in a similar category, he states, to the late FDR's fireside chats. He deems that the piano melodies should be rendered on an all request basis. . . . No comment from Truman.

According to the executives of the United Press, the year's ten biggest news stories are as follows:

1. Election of President Truman.
2. The Berlin Airlift and the cold war in Europe.
3. The high cost of living.
4. Mrs. Kasenkina's escape from the Russian consulate.
5. Ghandi's assassination.
6. Death of Babe Ruth.
7. The Chinese civil war.
8. U. S. spy investigation.
9. The founding of Israel and Bernadotte's assassination.
10. Princess Elizabeth's baby.

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nette and Prof. and Mrs. Mitchell Jones.

## Cousins Hall Party Monday


Cousins Hall residents will have their annual Christmas party Monday evening, and, as is their custom, they will exchange their gifts

around their huge Christmas tree in the lounge. Cousins residents are in for a special treat, for Mr. William A. Moore will do a repeat performance and give the coeds his version of The Christmas Story.

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