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**Why I Came to W. T.**

No college student should finish his college career unless he has thought clearly, definitely and frankly upon the question: Why did I choose this particular institution of learning rather than another? With this question in mind and with a personal answer to it, I choose to attend W. T. S. T. C. during my senior year. As a freshman and sophomore I attended a denominational institution. During the past summer I came to West Texas State Teachers College in search of a particular training for one of the highest and noblest professions, that of teaching.

During my summer work here I did not have the intention of obtaining my B. A. from this institution, but during those three brief months I saw and understood clearly that W. T. S. T. C. was the college for me, for I think I broadened my philosophy of life as I studied for that profession of teaching. Out of this philosophy there grew two arrows pointing plainly and directly to W. T. S. T. C. as the college for my personal choice.

First, I realized that I could not develop into a true, broad-minded teacher if I remained in a liberal arts college. I had gained in my first education lesson here a broader, more human conception of the teacher's relations to her pupils than I had ever even thought of before. I walked out of that class one spring morning happy because I had found the Institution for which my ambitions were suited.

I descended a few steps and walked into the English room, finding there an instructor who really knew what English meant, who truly realized its broad scope, and who completely understood that the English teacher's one fundamental task is to create in her students that desire, that craving and longing for literature in its full bloom and expression of human life. Previously, I had thought my one task was to learn facts, dates, and useless titles of prose and poetical works; but suddenly there came the realization: You must correlate literature with the writer's personality and with the reader's. You must show your students that Burns' thought—"The best laid schemes of mice and men gang aft a-gley"—applies just as truly to them as it did to the writer.

Out of these conceptions there developed in my mind the idea that teaching is a science and an art. It is a science in that just as firm principles underlie it as

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are found in the sciences of physics and chemistry. It is an art because the teacher as an artist must enjoy her work, love her tools of learning, and revel in her finished product, the pupil. An institution that had so broadened one's philosophy of life and of life's work was surely the place for a future teacher.

Second, I found in W. T. S. T. C. a democratic spirit pervading the campus, the classroom, the student body and the faculty. That spirit existed in regard to financial conditions. Not what you had but what you really were was the thing that counted. Such a principle accounted for the democracy in friendship and school spirit, for out in Western Texas, W. T. S. T. C. stood for "a man's a man for a' that."

In the coming years when my pupils ask me this question: What principle should guide us in the selection of a college?—I can tell them in the words of another. I'm glad my Alma Mater taught me the genius of my profession: "to help my students grow as beautiful as God intended they should be when He first thought of them."

## Eds Become Funny

## BE YOURSELF

## Describing True Love

"In the spring a liverlier iris changes on the burnished dove; In the spring a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of love."

Just to show what a grip that love has on the lives of the "EDS" of this institution take a long lingering, listful look at some of their definitions of love. These came from the lips, yea the hearts, of those concerned when they were asked the pointed question: "What is love?" The answers reveal something of the character of each individual as you will see upon close scrutiny.

"The indefinable something that thrills your hearts."—Everitt Dison.

"I'm not going to make any rash statements, because I don't know anything about it."—Herschel Jennings.

"An indescribable reaction as a result of sentimental affection for a given thing."—Willie McCarty.

"An unknown quantity."—James Chamberlain.

"A sickening pain; a process that works on them gradually, producing a sickening grin and idleness."—Irby Carruth.

"Love is that affection which everyone should show to God and humanity."—Frank Tate.

"An inborn tendency which God gives to all normal human beings."—Jesse Barker.

"Don't ask me; I'm not in."—Don Ham.

"Love is an attraction or affinity for a person or thing."—Preston Wohlford.

"Love is two fool things after each other."—Arlin Turner.

"You kneel down on the floor And you implore and adore."—Ed Gerald.

"An outward expression of inward all-over-ishness."—Mr. Jarrett.

"Supreme good will."—Delmar Ashworth.

"It's synonymous with utter idleness and last stages of moon calfulness, inexpressibly joyful to those who are afflicted with the malady and inexpressibly odious to those not so afflicted."—Archie Lang.

"A series of habits."—J. R. Wrinkle.

"Love is longing."—Walter Cowart.

## Phi Alpha Tau Will Entertain Tech Society

As the crowning event of the year, the Phi Alpha Tau Sociological Society will meet in joint session with the Texas Tech chapter of Pi Gamma Mu society in the reception room at Cousins Hall, May 11. The visitors will be honored with a buffet dinner before the meeting, after which the program will be heard. Each society will give a review of its work during this year. J. L. Duflot, sponsor of the Phi Alphas will discuss a notorious Plains murderer from the standpoint of infamable emotions. Dr. J. C. Granbury, of Tech, is also on the program.

The characteristic of cackling after laying an egg is one handed down from the jungle chickens. The hen, after stealing away to lay her egg, cackled to attract the attention of the rest of the flock that had wandered out of sight.

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## Modern Novels

These "modern" novels, and these "modern" verses are declared by experts to be representative of our modern age, as is all literature a factor by which we determine the modes of life of the age within which it was written. We hope we're not pessimistic, but if the best sellers in this day and time are actually enjoyably read by the majority of the people of the world, then the optimists had better hope for a speedy millennium. The scenes of most of our modern novels seem to be laid on the very edge of a precipice, beneath which lies all the filth that the lewd brain can devise. The bottom of the pit is never touched in the modern novel, the reader is just suspend perilously over the cliff and each chapter of the stuff either lowers him toward, or raises him from the slime. It seems that we'll just have to trust the Lord and keep our inkwells dry.

## Roundin' the Curve

And somethin' else. The idea with lots of folks seems to be that the minimum amount of education necessary to perfecting our ability to provide ourselves with food is enough. If this is so, then let us drape ourselves with a fig leaf, pick up a club, and all look for something to eat. Again, if this is the right idea, the human race has lost ground since Christ's time, for a number of people have starved to death while pursuing knowledge that has proven a boon to mankind. If meat and bread is the ultimate aim in gaining an education, then let's make slaughter houses of our legislative halls, and use our class rooms for grain bins. Personally, we'd rather eat once a day on a Ph. D. than grow fat in a cave. On with the dance.

## The Straightaway

We're agin these time-savin', ink-conservin' birds what wants to mutilate our words, and spell through "THRU," et cetera. Words have historic color, and hidden meaning, and some are cross-bred, and have the blood of a number of races in their veins. They have kindred and they grow, and have offspring. To mutilate a word is the same principle as to lop off a man's arm, break his neck, pull out his teeth and batter his face to a pulp, and then expect his mother to recognize him, which she won't. But the little peroxide stenographer can now spell the word in its mutilated form, and by using him can fill her manicure date on time, and save her employer a dime's worth of time and paper every three score years and ten. Every word is a fusion of ideas. To shorten the word is to lose one or more of the impressions that it imprints on our minds, which is a direct loss of the basic purpose for which words were created. To utilize only the limbs of our words and to let the trunks and roots of them die is to deforest our language. If some Americans had their way with our language, our smartest etomologists would buy them a set of carpenter's tools. If they put this over we're THRU.

## Our Side Wins

Old Rip Van Winkle snoozed for twenty year, and never turned a hair, but when he woke and blinked his eyes, he found a Freshman there! Yes sir, the lowly, slimy rascal had turned the trick; and had aroused Rip from his state of seemingly eternal coma. This last word in the foregoing sentence is not a punctuation mark, it's kinda like a semi-restful recumbent position in the arms of Morpheus. There them words are, and every dadblast one of 'em will do for the word list. Let's make a bee in English 101, but never let a few besmirch the snow-like whiteness of our report cards. The grade of bee means talent and labor, while a few signifies either a mental condition that will not compare favorably with that of the moron, or a lack of—(as Andy Gump would say) intestinal fortitude. Freshman, we're gonna win this Prairie contest or bust a hame-string; we're the newest and the brightest, the workingest and the tightest, and we're cram fully of that unbeatable stuff, "beginners' luck." We thank you.

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Men claim to be leaders; wish you would look at the pretty blue shoes they enjoy wearing since the co-eds took up the fashion.

Coming to Canyon from Amarillo on the line car:

Stranger: I had a Buick like this but I have it in the shop. I have broken nine springs on it. Josephine Duflot: Sure enough! My, but you must have hit a big bump to have broken nine at one time.

Beefy Chandler is no longer studying First Course in French, but Burst Course in French.

Quoting the great—Harry Kelly: I could just walk right up and shake an old boy by the paw who can marry on a teacher's salary and live.

Gretchen Howell when asked why she wants to teach, replied: "It is this way, I know one thing and I must teach in order that the world may find out what it is."

Mr. McClendon: You see it is a blank book by a blank author published in a blank city—

No wonder the 203 people have had such a blankety blank time getting their biographies.

Mr. Baker has turned to the last hope since the recent Freshman biology test. He has apportioned out sheep brains to the students. We notice that several of the boys were given a whole brain, but the girls did nicely with only a half of one.

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Mr. Goza in giving a true-false test: It is a recognized fact that empty space exists. (Anyone who has ever taught should know that).

Miss Walker discovered a genius when she had Margaret Camp to debate. In fact Margaret was so convincing a speaker that Miss Walker was convinced that her knowledge is limited.

Dorothy and Walter were sitting on the front porch of Randall Hall (which, by the way, is an unusual circumstance?).

Claude Ivy, passing by: Dorothy, what in the world are you going to do this summer?

Dorothy: It would surprise you! Climax—deep blushes.

The ever-resourceful Mr. Sheffy has displayed fresh evidence of his ingenuity. A three day search for the dictionary in the children's library ended when it was found in one of the small chairs. Mr. Sheffy had apparently found the chair too small for comfort.

What difference does a little thing like sugar in one's coffee make at a banquet. Myrtle Hood forgot, and used nuts instead of sugar in hers. The results seemed equally satisfactory.

History 403 was discussing the Russian statesman, Tolstoy, of about 1855.

Lillie McKinney: Mr. Sheffy, I just don't think there was a thing to Tolstoy.

Mr. Sheffy: Why not, Lillie? Lillie: Well, he didn't even believe in giving women a chance.

Everybody knows that Irby believes in making things snappy. Whether he was trying to add proof to this or merely committed a social error is debatable since the Antler-Elaphelian banquet. Just after Mrs. Witt had been called upon for a speech and had taken the floor, Irby, who had been occupied with sticking a pin in someone's balloon, called out in emphatic tones, "Let's hear from Miss Swayne."

People don't really have any objections to the remarks of The Loadstone, but someone did make a rather unkind suggestion—that it would be more appropriate to call this column The Guillotine.

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# Social and Clubs

## Confederate Vets Are Honored

Honoring the Confederate Veterans and members of the College Championship basketball team, the Chamber of Commerce was entertained at a luncheon Tuesday night at the Methodist Church by the City Federation. More than sixty persons were present to enjoy the program.

Mrs. Harvey Cash presided over a program which was given in honor of the veterans, seven of the nine who live in Randall County being present at the luncheon. Mrs. Cash told of the "Stone Mountain Memorial" which is to be dedicated to the Soldiers of the South.

T. F. Reid responded for the veterans who were present. J. C. and Amos Pipkin, J. L. Steen, W. F. Heller, G. W. Aven, and Rev. T. F. Robeson, were the other veterans in attendance.

Rev. Kunze spoke the appreciation of the citizens for the veterans. Music was furnished by Miss Brewer and her students, she playing Dixie as a special number.

Appreciation of Canyon for the members of the star basketball team was given by President J. D. Gamble and C. W. Warwick of the Canyon Chamber of Commerce. Coach S. D. Burton introduced the team and spoke of the merits of each. W. A. Warren, as a representative of the Canyon Chamber of Commerce, and L. F. Sheffy, Wallace R. Clark, and Travis Shaw, as representatives of the West Texas State Teachers College, were named as delegates from the Canyon Chamber of Commerce to the West Texas Chamber convention at Wichita Falls.

President J. A. Hill gave a short talk in which he corrected some misstatements that have been given out concerning the classification of teachers colleges by the legislative committees. Mr. Hill stated that the legislators had not intended to class the teachers colleges as third class schools.

## Shanklin-Jenkins Engagement Announced

The engagement of Miss Louise Shanklin to Ira C. Jenkins was formally announced Monday evening, May 2, at a bridge luncheon given by Miss Hazel Allen at her home.

Bowls of roses were on each of the tables and a miniature May pole formed the centerpiece of the dining table. When the guests had assembled, Miss Allen asked

them to find their places at the bridge tables. The places were marked with small dolls dressed in various pastel shades that were fastened to streamers of the May pole. The bride elect's place was marked by a doll dressed in cunning bridal costume. The dolls gave the table and couple numbers. When the guests were seated and were ready to begin the first course, the napkins were unfolded and there fell out snapshots of Louise and a rolling pin, and Ira. A delicious dinner was served to the honoree; Mrs. Shanklin, Hill, Jenkins, Carruth and Sone, and Misses Dolphia Carmack, Lucille Astracan, Mable McQueen, Johnetta Anderson, Ella Lee Robinson, Grace Cammack, Fannie Cash of Plainview, Arless O'Keefe of Hereford, Lily Clark, Floy Holman, Lillian Donnell, Evelyn Shanklin, Ada Clark, Lois Lyons, and the hostess.

After a two course luncheon, bridge was enjoyed until late in the evening.

Miss Shanklin will be married June 18 at the Presbyterian Church, of Canyon. Numerous showers are being planned for Miss Shanklin, one of the most popular co-eds in the college.

## Elapheians Hold Regular Meeting

The Elapheians held their regular meeting Friday, May 7. The business of the evening was attended to after which a very interesting program was given. The Society is glad to have Hallie Adams an Elapheian; she told them of her trip to Warhachie. Josephine Duflet played a beautiful piano solo after which Bill Beavers closed the program with a violin solo. The meeting adjourned to meet again May 15.

## College High School Entertain Seniors

College High School Seniors entertained the Canyon High School Seniors with an apron and over-all picnic at Wragge's Park, Tuesday, May 3. The students hiked from the high school to Wragge's and then had their picnic. After playing several interesting games, refreshments of ice tea, cakes and sandwiches were served to about sixty students. Both classes sang and gave yells before returning to town. This was a very interesting picnic and was the first of the kind to be enjoyed by the two classes.

## Miss Lamb is Honored on Birthday

Miss Mary Adaline Lamb was honored on her birthday, May 4, with a dinner given by residents of the Hudspeth House. After a delicious dinner had been served a beautiful birthday cake was brought in and set before the honoree. The guests were entertained informally, two tables of bridge and other amusements being engaged in. The following enjoyed the occasion in addition to the honoree, Miss Lamb: Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Sheffy, Mrs. Saunders, and Misses Lowes, Swayne, Walker, King, Hibbets, and Boulware.

## L. G. A. Scholars Have Tea

Members of the Lloyd Green Allan Scholarship Society enjoyed a tea at Randall Hall Monday afternoon at 4:30. A short program was given. The first number was a piano solo by Rudolph Fuchs. Dolphia Carmack gave a reading and Hassie Davis a vocal solo. Mrs. Tip Carruth made a speech of appreciation to Miss Edna Graham for her work as sponsor for the Society, and in behalf of her services the members presented her with an electric waffle iron.

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The gift was a total surprise to Miss Graham. She expressed her delight and appreciation in a clever little speech of acceptance. Ice tea and wafers were served to the guests and a social hour was enjoyed by everyone.

## Sesames Hear of Cowboy Life

Last Friday night a large group of enthusiastic Sesames met to enjoy one of the most delightful programs of the quarter. The central theme for the evening was "The Cowboy and Early Western Life." Vernie Newman led a very appropriate devotional which was skillfully presented through a poem of service. It is not our world possessions but the service that counts, Miss Newman said.

Violet West treated the girls to an imaginary cowboy dance where "everybody was invited and nobody slighted." This was so cleverly portrayed that the members accused Miss West of having attended one of the dances. Bertie Foster gave a fitting discussion of the cowboy ballads and illustrated them by one of the best known, "The Round-Up in Glory." The program was brought to a characteristic conclusion by Inez Osborne who related the cowboy legend of "Stampede Mesa," and as a special favor Miss Hibbets gave the true experience of the "Wagons with Sails," which was in keeping with the rest of the program.

## Antler-Elapheians Have Banquet

The annual banquet of the Antler-Elapheian Literary Societies at Cousins Hall, Wednesday evening, May 4, was nothing short of a "howling success." The object of the evening was to have a good time and no one was disappointed.

Along with his many other accomplishments, Uncle Tommy Clark proved himself an A-1 toastmaster. The evening's entertainment was varied, being a mixture of wit and wisdom. The printed program consisted of a Toast to the Elapheians, Willard Vineyard; A Toast to the Antlers, Alice Dawes; Selections, Anonymous Quartet; To Alma Mater, Irby Carruth; Reading, Dolphia Carmack; Talk, Edward Gerald; Piano Solo, Rudolph Fuchs, and Remarks by Miss McLean. Several impromptu speeches prolonged the program and at a late hour all participated in our "Alma Mater" which pledges:

Alma Mater, Alma Mater,  
We will faithful be;  
Through the years that lie before us  
We'll remember thee.

## Out-of-State Club Visits Canyon

Wednesday afternoon the Out-of-State Club loaded itself in the College bus and made a trip to the Light House. It was a grand excursion, enlivened by several features one of which was the toasted marshmallow eating contest between C. W. West and Bertie Foster, (they quit tied at the end of the seventh box). Reuben Ashberry made himself useful by holding the egg yolks in his hands until the omelet was ready for them, and Allie Hanna established a world record when she ate six raw onions in ten minutes. When everything, including Miss Debo's hat, had been eaten the boys piled a cord or two of cedar on the fire and story telling began. There were no descendants of George Washington present. C. W. West distinguished himself with a story whose ending rivals that of "The Lady and the Tiger."

The chaperone heard some rather depressed person mumble "grades" and "would settle"—so she hurried us all in the bus and we left the place of temptation. However the crowd was in such jubilant spirits that they pushed the bus a mile or two to a wind mill where water was disposed of at a rate that would shame a camel; then began a musical concert which stopped not until Lena Porterfield alighted at her residence in town, with the promise of giving the club an ice cream supper.

Miss Winnie Jones, a student and member of the regular Prairie staff, has withdrawn from school on account of a nervous breakdown.

Miss Mattie Swayne spent the week end in Amarillo visiting with Miss Cleo Bradley.

An exchange says: "Just to see what heaven would be like, let's have a mind-your-own-business week."

## Dormitory Dope

### Randall Hall

Vernie Newman and Agnes Smith went fishing Saturday afternoon. They didn't catch anything, they said, because the wind was too strong.

Several Randall girls were visiting this week end. Louise Hanna visited Gladys Gross in Amarillo. Marie Miles spent the week end with Don Clinton in Tahoka. Lucy Maxwell was Alleen Lively's guest in Amarillo.

Other girls who went home were: Elva Lacey and Pauline Gilmore to Turkey; Blanche Wartes to Petersburg; Myrtle Spurlock to Hereford; Mary and Adeline Engerton, Ella Mae Bridges, Lucile Roberts, and Nona Hedgecock to Amarillo.

Blanche Boone, Beatrice and Dorothy Pronger, Eunice Walker, and Sunshine Grady went shopping in Amarillo Saturday.

Mrs. Smith was delightfully surprised on the morning of Mother's Day to find a beautiful motto on her plate at breakfast. The girls at Randall Hall had given it to her to express their appreciation to her as their "adopted mother." Besides the motto she received four boxes of candy and numerous cards from the girls. Mrs. Smith stated in thanking them for the gifts that nothing had made her quite so happy on Mother's Day as these tokens of love from the girls.

Sunday visitors at the Hall were Mr. and Mrs. Pepple, Mr. and Mrs. Pressley and daughter Irene, Mr. and Mrs. Pronger and son, Mrs. Ray and daughter Frances, and Mr. and Mrs. Holmlund and son. Mrs. Smith's mother, Mrs. C. E. Collins of Amarillo, and her brother, Mr. J. O. Collins and his family visited at the Hall late Sunday afternoon.

### Cousins Hall

The following girls spent the week end away from Cousins Hall: Hallie Adams, Eula Smalley, Myrtle Hood, Frances Evans, Jewell Foster, Katherine Curl, Hazel Barton, Mable McQueen, Geraldine Kretchmar, Ernestine Williams, June Kollaer, Nancy Teel, Elizabeth Chandler, and Frances Miller, at Amarillo; Zella Mae Walser, Blanche McDonald, Beulah Lee Rutherford, Gwendolyn Spradley, Pauline Steele, and Grace Ferguson, at Hereford; Marjorie Walters and Irene Crawford, at Tulsa; Nell Galloway, and Katherine Rankin, at Elainview; Jennie and Inez Osborne, at White Deer; Delma Pafford, at Claude; Ruby McCasland, at Wheeler; Pauline McKean at Pampa; Edith Galloway, at Friona; Bobbie Roland, at Wildorado; Gladys Wright, at Clarendon; Edna Disney, at Portales.

Out of town guests who spent Mother's Day with friends and relatives in Cousins Hall were as follows: Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Hopkins, and Miss Pogue, sister of Mrs. Hopkins; Mr. and Mrs. Bennett, and Mrs. Kenneth Beresford, all of Amarillo; Mr. and Mrs. Donald of Hereford, Mr. and Mrs. Dutton, of Panhandle; Mr. and Mrs. Ribble of Portales; Mr. and Mrs. Ray Jones of Littlefield; Mr. Sams, of Lockney; and Miss Hula Coleman, of Lockney.

A few afternoons past Frank Tate decided to play tennis. He called Gladys Wright over the telephone and said: "Hello, that you Gladys?" Gladys, who was expecting a telephone call from a brother in Clarendon, replied: "Yes, when are you coming over to see me?" Poor Frank answered instantly: "Just as quick as I can get there." The climax was reached when the doorbell rang a few minutes later and Gladys ran to the door to give her brother a welcome.

Louise: "What's your roommate like?"

Polly: "Darn near everything I've got."

Cousins Hall girls have been lucky lately. Two banquets in successive weeks have been held at the hall, and the girls enjoy the left-overs the following day at lunch time.

'Oh, some new menus, I sup-

pose?"  
"No, same stuff. The potatoes were just fixed in a new way."

### Some Tests of Memory.

Do you remember:  
1. Seeing Gretchen Howell run a half-mile race with the west wind to catch a sheet of note book paper?  
2. Hearing Beefy say: "Sorry, I can't go tonight; but I have a test tomorrow?"  
3. Hearing Mable McQueen at the table say, "No, thank you. I don't care for anything else?"  
Well, if you do, you have a good memory.

## Mitchell Jones Speaks to Antlers

At the regular meeting of the Antler Literary Society Friday night Mitchell Jones gave a short talk on the subject, "The Place of the Literary Society in College Life."

After the program an important business meeting was held in which it was decided that the try-outs for the oratorical contest will be held Friday night, and the date for the Intersociety contest was set for Wednesday night, May 18. Pins for the society were adopted and plans for the Cousin-Antler baseball games were made.

## Janette Combs Leads W. A. A.

At the meeting of the Women Athletic Association Thursday night, the following officers were elected for next year: President, Janette Combs, vice president, Jessie Mae Scott; recording secretary, Ruby Lyons; financial secretary, Ruby Combs; publicity manager, Eula Smalley; president T. O. C., Ann Smith.

All points were turned in and the various awards will be ordered immediately. A pin, emblem, sweater and a blanket are the awards offered. Quite a few pins and emblems and several sweaters will be given, but no blanket will be given as a girl has to have 1,000 points to be eligible to win one.

Plans were made for a sunrise breakfast to be held Sunday morning, May 15.

## Baseball Team Visits New Mexico Mountains

After the track meet at Roswell last week several of the boys, with Coach Jones, went to Ruidoso where they enjoyed a very pleasant outing in the White Mountains.

These mountains are 11,003 feet high and are covered with snow the year round. The boys climbed about 800 feet above the snow line. Saturday night they slept on the ground, but finding it a little chilly, they rented a little log cabin for Sunday night, located on the side of the mountain.

The boys making this trip were Red Keith, Taho Lowes, Bud Bagwell, B. F. Turner, and Ben Pearson. They returned to the Plains and to Canyon Monday afternoon.

## Heavy Hitters on Girls' Ball Team

Co-eds of W. T. are in a class all their own. Unlike the traditional co-ed, she has defied all rules and dented the field where man formerly reigned supreme, namely baseball, and from the results of the games played Thursday and Friday between the Freshmen and Upperclassmen, she bids fair to rival the best Buffalo players. The two games were exciting from the start and the heavy "socks" that the baseball received might be thought to indicate that some were really "corn-fed" girls, but one would be surprised at the personnel of the team. Ella Lee Robinson proved to be the champion base slider, while Cleo Norman was the pitcher of ability, and Ann Smith scared all fielders with her heavy batting. It would be hard to name the champion puller-of-bones, since at times all would fit into this classification.

Thursday afternoon the upperclassmen were victorious, getting away with a 37-27 victory. Friday afternoon, however, the "Fish"

staged a great comeback to administer defeat to the uppers to the tune of 35-23. The final game which is to be played Monday evening at 4:30 in the women's gymnasium, is hoped to be the battle of battles, each team determined to do, not as they would have others do unto them, but rather as they have had others do unto them.

## High School Commencement is Scheduled

Miss Maude Noyes, chairman of the committee in charge of the High School commencement exercises, announces the following activities:

Sunday evening, May 22, Baccalaureate Sermon.

Monday evening, May 23, reception to parents and High School

faculty.  
Friday, May 27, class day.  
Saturday evening, May 28, graduation exercises to be held in the college auditorium.

Dates have not been set for the numerous other entertainments between now and May 28.

## Championship Dash Man Lost to Team

ANN ARBOR, Mich., May 2. (I. P. A.)—A sprinter of championship ability is being tutored on the University of Michigan track, but he will never wear the colors of the Wolverines.

R. A. Robb, a Scotch youth, is studying insurance at Michigan on a scholarship. Because he has a degree, won at the University of Glasgow, he is barred from intercollegiate competition.



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## Italian Castle Holds Painted Thrill For Mae Aiken, Former Instructor

Adventure is much desired, but when it takes on the nature of reality one is likely to long for the even tenor of every day life. It is to be imagined that Miss All Mae Aiken, who was head of the art department in this college several years ago, felt that way when, not long since, she experienced an exciting adventure in Italy.

After leaving here Miss Aiken studied in Columbia University, then accepting a teaching position in Roanoke, Virginia. Two years ago she went to Italy to continue her study of art.

Possessed of a very independent disposition, Miss Aiken, one day not long ago, went alone to the ruins of an old Italian castle to paint. She was working in the patio, when she heard a crashing noise, and turned to see that a man had jumped to the patio from the balcony above. The man was killed by the fall. Almost immediately a boy of about seventeen years of age rushed down the stairs. Crowds began to gather, and of course, called in officers. In spite of Miss Aiken's protestations, she was taken into custody. The officers asked her numerous questions which she tried to answer, but she found that her lack of knowledge of the Italian language was only getting her more deeply involved. Therefore she de-

cided to say no more. Just as matters were becoming more exciting and the situation looked rather critical, the boy who had first appeared on the scene, re-appeared. He explained that the dead man was his father who had been ill for a long while and had been threatening to kill himself. He had at last escaped vigilance and ended his life by jumping from the balcony of the ruined castle.

## Soph Singers Heard In Chapel Tuesday

The chapel exercises for Tuesday morning, May 3, were in charge of the sophomore class.

The sophomore quartette, consisting of Earle Sparks, Clyde Norman, Vida Savage, and Marie Stalcup, gave two selections. "The Christmas Chime," a one act play was given by Earle Sparks, Bob Foster, Ernestine Williams, and Josephine Dufiot.

Country roads are not what they seem to be. They seem lonely and deserted.

Senator Bowers got in quite a conversation with one of the W. T. S. T. C. students while here with the House Committee. While talking to Pat Gerald, he asked him: "Arm many great men born in this city?"

Bright Pat replied: "No, only babies are born here."

## SIXTY DEGREES TO BE GIVEN AT END OF QUARTER

### Fifteen Married People On List to Be Graduated

### VARIETY OF MAJORS

### Fifteen Specializing In English In the 1927 Class

Sixty-eight young men and women will receive degrees from the West Texas State Teachers College when the present session ends on June 1. There are 29 men and 39 women in this year's class.

The oldest member of the class is B. B. Chamberlain, who is 57 years old and who has taught 25 years in the schools of Texas. One the youngest in the class is his son, James Chamberlain, who is just nineteen and has his first public service still before him.

Besides Mr. B. B. Chamberlain, there are 32 members of this class who are already experienced teachers. The experience record of the group varies from eight months to 160 months.

### Large Number are Married

The class of 1927 has in it fifteen married people; nine of these are men. Mr. and Mrs. Irby Carruth will receive the Bachelor's degrees within a few minutes of each other. Mrs. Vernon Baker will receive her degree at the same time that her husband is finishing his freshman work.

### Far-Flung Territory Represented

The senior class of the Canyon College is made up of a cosmopolitan group. Three states besides Texas are represented; these are Kansas, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.

The student from the farthest point North in Texas is Miss Opal Dutton of Panhandle. The one from the farthest point South in Texas is Miss Audry Hall of Emory, Wharton County.

Twenty-nine give their home addresses as Canyon, but this figure is not strictly correct, for most of these are married people who have moved to Canyon for the College and who will move their families to some other location immediately after graduation and several of the others belong to families who have come to Canyon because of the school advantages which it offers.

### Wide Range of Interests in Class

Four of the members of this class have majored in Home Economics; part of these will do home demonstration work, others will teach vocational home economics in the schools of the territory. History is a favorite major subject with five men and six women choosing it. English is always a favorite with college students, perhaps because most of them abuse it so much. In this class ten girls and five men have majored. Careful preparation for teaching in the primary grades has been made by four women. Spanish claims five; Latin 2, chemistry 5, mathematics 1, educational administration 3, manual training 4, public speaking 2, agriculture 3, physics 2, art 4, sociology 2, music one.

With the exception of those majoring in elementary education practically all members of this class will teach in the high schools of Texas with a few of them as superintendents of school systems.

### Class Standards High

Men and women of the class of 1927 belong to the Lloyd Green Allen chapter of the Scholarship Society of the Southern States which was formerly known as the Texas Scholarship Society.

Two members of the class have received graduate appointments which will enable them to study next year. These are Fred Oberst, Canyon, who has been granted a scholarship worth \$200 and exemption from fees and tuition at the University of Iowa. He will continue his work in his chosen field of chemistry.

Preston Wohlford who is a Mathematics major, has been granted a teaching fellowship at the University of California. He will receive \$700, will work half time on his graduate study of chemistry and will teach half time.

Being up-to-date doesn't get you anywhere. We have several calendars in our office that are right up to the minute and we've been in the same place since September.

The undergraduate work bench—the back seat of a sedan.

## TUNING IN With West Texas Exes Everywhere.

### Florence Smith Directs Spanish Program

Students in Spanish at the Las Cruces (New Mexico) High School under the direction of Miss Florence Smith, B. A. '26, presented a Spanish play recently which brought forth the following comment from "The Union," a student publication of that school: "The players acted their parts so well and the songs, dances and costumes were so fascinating that even those who did not understand Spanish were able to enjoy it, and those who understood everything were delighted. Miss Smith, Spanish teacher in the high school, directed the play and deserves a great deal of credit."

### Payne to Deliver High School Address

A. D. Payne, A. B. '22, will deliver the commencement address to the senior class of the Canyon High School Friday, May 13. Mr. Payne, who is now practicing law in Amarillo, was superintendent of the Canyon public schools for four years.

Miss Esther Rudolph, a former student of this institution and for several years a popular teacher in the Canyon public schools, has enjoyed a successful year of work at Sharyland. Miss Rudolph teaches English and mathematics. She will return to Canyon for the summer.

Miss Mildred Chamberlain, who has been teaching at Weinert, Texas, for the past year, will return to W. T. S. T. C. this summer. She was a student here in 1924-25 and 1925-26.

J. Evetts Haley, B. A. '25, was elected Councilor of the Texas Folk-Lore Society at the annual meeting of that organization held in Austin recently. He was also made Councilor of the Texas State Historical Society.

Deskins Wells, editor of the Wellington Leader, sends greetings to his Canyon friends. He is a former student of this school.

Miss Myrtle Johnson, who has been a member of the Farwell school faculty this winter, has been re-elected to teach in Farwell for the coming year.

Miss Ruth O'Donald, of the class of '26, will attend school in Durant, Oklahoma, this summer.

Everett Sherman was in Canyon last week with his stock judging team from Spring Lake. He was a student here in 1925 and was a winner of stock judging honors that year.

Mr. and Mrs. H. D. Aiken of Amarillo announce the arrival of a son, David, Jr., on May 2. Mrs. Aiken will be remembered as Miss Katherine Clark, sister of Misses Mary and Lily Clark.

Frank Hill, B. A. '24, was a recent visitor in Canyon. Mr. Hill is associated with his father in editing and publishing the Tahoka News.

Miss Marion Atkins, who was a student here during the fall quarter, has been teaching in Wellington since the first of the year.

## Will Watchers Remarks

NEW YORK, May 2. (I. P. A.)—It is said that the chief problem of the present administration is to find some quiet and secluded spot for Senator Borah.

Why not send him to Haiti?

Yours,

WILL W. WATCHERS.

P. S.: I cannot keep out of world affairs. Have entered my new flea plane in the New York to Paris flight. My only real competitor is Arahur Brisbane.

## Prof Becomes Czar of Cloak Makers

NEW YORK, May 2. (I. P. A.)—Prof. Lindsay Rogers is going to be given an opportunity to practice what he preaches, perhaps proving that college professors are far more practical than is commonly believed.

Prof. Rogers is, or rather was, associate professor of government at Columbia university. He has been appointed to the recently created position of executive director of the National Women's Wear

## CO-EDS ACTIVE IN CAMPUS LIFE

### Sixteen of the 24 Prairie Writers Are of Co-ed Variety

The Co-eds really do find a place on the college campus and in college life. This is evidenced by the extensive and varied field of activities in which the girls work.

Mae Simmons is the Editor-in-Chief of "Le Mirage," and has on her staff several girls, while sixteen of the twenty-four members of The Prairie staff are Co-eds.

Sadie Anderson is a matron of Randall Hall.

Myrtle Hood is President of Consins Hall, while Mary Estes, Effie Savage and Julia Morris have served as presidents of Randall Hall during the year.

Tip Carruth is president of the L. G. A. Scholarship Society.

Louise Walker is president of the Y. W. C. A.

Tip Carruth, Lucille Astracan, Alice Dawes, Sadie Anderson, and Gretchen Howell served as presidents of the two girls literary societies.

Josephine Thurman, Lucille Astracan, Marie Miles, Mary Smith, Elizabeth Cherry, Flora Dorris, Dolphia Carmack, Myrtle Hood and Price Moorman have proved to be efficient office helpers.

Mrs. Walden, Tip Carruth and Johnetta Anderson are serving as student-assistants in the department of their major subject.

Violet West, Lois Goodrich, Lucille Astracan, Dona Hardin, Sammie Jones and Emma Sue Buchanan represented the college in girls' debate this year.

The Student Council has for its president Lucille Astracan, with several other girls working to solve the students' problems.

Eula Smalley is president of the W. A. A. Through this organization girls' athletic teams have been chosen as follows:

Basketball: Annis Smith, Cleo Norman, Louise Gillham, Jessie Mae Scott, Ruth Bennett, Eula Smalley, Johnetta Anderson and Ruth Kennedy.

Volleyball: Cleo Norman, Jeanette Combs, Jessie Mae Scott, Dora Sams, Eunice Coleman, Loyena Guthrie, Ruth Kennedy, Gladys Sweazer, and Irene Ward.

Tennis: Gladys Sweazer, Cleo Norman, Helen Duke, and Marsene Smith.

Aesthetic dancing is also featured by the co-eds. Jo Dufiot, is our most popular toe dancer.

Among the lady songbirds are Marie Stalcup, Mrs. White, Eula Smalley, Louise Walker, Hassie Davis, and Grace Ferguson.

These singers are often accompanied on the piano or the harp by Alice Dawes, Lily Clark, or Lorna Stock.

Bill Beavers, Bessie Perkins, Hallie Adams, Myrtle Hood and Helen Duke are often seen with their violins.

In the College Band the co-eds are represented by Graciva Myers, Helen White and Bobby Roland.

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Some one has broadcast a literary rule to the effect that anything easy to read is hard to write and anything hard to read is easy to write, and we ran across that rule after one of our suffering subscribers had told us he found this column "awful hard to read."

## 20% Students Study Newspapers at U. of C.

LOS ANGELES, Calif., May 2. (I. P. A.)—Nearly 20 per cent of the students enrolled at the University of California at Los Angeles are engaged in journalistic pursuits, according to a census taken at the college. The students are engaged in various capacities on college publications. A similar investigation at the University of California at Berkeley revealed that only one-tenth of the student enrollment is interested actively in campus journalism.

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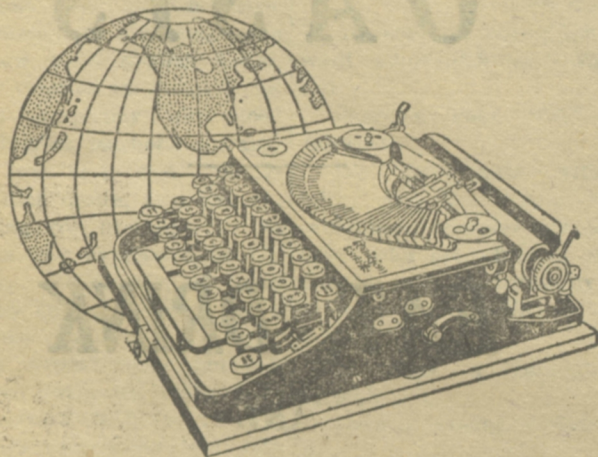
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