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## All-Out Reception for Buffaloes Tonight Is Planned

### Speakers For Meeting Sought

Northwest Texas Conference For Education to Have More Noon Luncheons

Although transportation costs for attendance at the Northwest Texas Conference for Education will be greater, there is no opinion favoring cancellation of the big meeting according to President W. B. Weathered of Pampa. The dates are March 20 and 21.

The convention, largest which regularly convenes in the Panhandle, will be held in Amarillo this year.

Difficulty of obtaining speakers has been worrying Mr. Weathered and delaying completion of the general sessions programs. Speakers already obtained include Dr. Homer P. Rainey, president of the University of Texas; Prof. A. D. Zanzig of the University of Texas music department; and Dr. Zebulon Judd of Alabama Polytechnic College.

General sessions will be held only on Friday morning, Friday evening, and Saturday morning. The accent Friday will be on sectional luncheons from noon to 2 p. m. Sectional meetings will be held from 2:15 p. m. to 4 p. m. Chairmen of sections will be given more financial support this year than usual.

President Weathered has conferred with Supt. C. M. Rogers of Amarillo and started local arrangements. The general sessions will be held in the Municipal Auditorium and sectional meetings in churches and schools.

### First Semester Art Work Now On Display Here

An art exhibit of work done by first semester students was placed on walls of the second floor hall yesterday. The display will remain in place about ten days.

Among the most striking exhibits are life drawings, some of them being of Dallas Milner, a college janitor. Mr. Milner gave a one dollar prize in defense stamps to the winner, who was Marie Billingsley, in the life drawing contest. Mr. Milner was the model.

Other exhibits show charcoal, designs, lettering, and other work, both by advanced students and freshmen.

In cases are examples of work in the crafts.

### Prof. Butler and 3 Students to Give Amarillo Program

Prof. James H. Butler will participate in an observance of the National Drama Week next Sunday in Amarillo. The event will be sponsored by the Panhandle Speech Arts Association.

Prof. Butler will read a one-act play and will present three students, David O'Keefe, Nancy Colley, and Thelma Franz, in a one-act play.

### Dr. Hill Is Given Boy Scout Office

Dr. J. A. Hill has been elected national commissioner for the Liano Estacado council of the Boy Scouts of America.

Lon D. Edwards of Amarillo was re-elected president. Clay Thornton, former student, was elected vice-president.

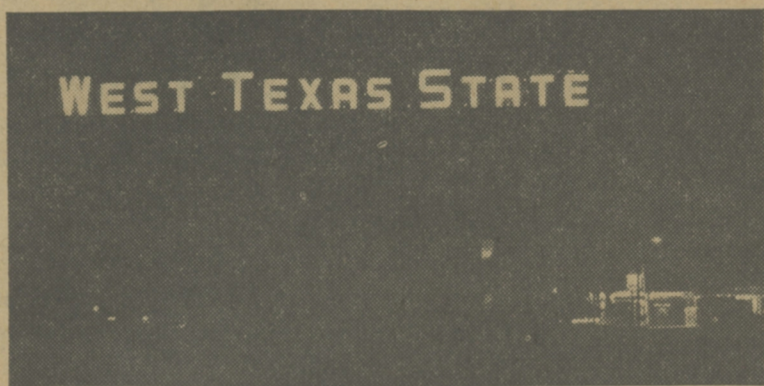
Special emphasis is being placed on defense work by the boys. Collecting of waste paper is a current project.

Ozella Hunt, '32, is now county home demonstration agent of Ward County, her headquarters being at Monahans. An interesting recent exhibit of the work of her women was one showing andirons and other useful and decorative objects made for their homes from pieces of scrap iron and piping picked up around their farms.

Irene Angel, '34, has shown her organizing ability in connection with the sale of tickets for the President's birthday celebration. Miss Angel, who lives in Canyon, is president of the Woman's Book Club and an active worker in the Christian Church, one of her tasks being connected with "feeding the Lions" each Thursday.

Maxine Sloneker, '40, who teaches third grade in Wolfen School in Amarillo, is among those who have mumps.

### Huge Neon Sign Completed



Standing out majestically in the Canyon skyline now is the huge neon sign sponsored by the summer graduating class of 1941. It glows from dusk to dawn, being operated by clockwork at a cost of about 30 cents a night. The sign cost about \$500, with NYA and department of industrial arts workmen doing much of the construction. It is 70 feet long and 40 feet high. The grounds about it will be landscaped.

### Panhandle High School Press Group to Come Here Saturday

Transportation Problems To Reduce Sizes of Some Delegations This Year

Representative groups will be present from most member schools, but total registration at the Panhandle High School Press Association meeting here next Saturday will be affected by transportation problems.

Advanced registration reached 175 yesterday, although some schools which usually bring bus loads of students will send cars this year. West Texas State is the permanent headquarters of the organization.

Members of the organization were saddened last week on learning of the death of the father of the groups' president, Mickey Rafferty of Pampa. Other officers are Jacquelyn Simmons of White Deer, vice-president; and Sam Johnson of Canyon, secretary-treasurer.

Registration will begin at 9 a. m. at the Education Building and the first session will open at 10 a. m. Prof. Joseph B. Cowan of Texas Technological College will speak at the first session, talking on the place of journalism in high schools. At 11 o'clock the convention will adjourn to College Assembly to hear Frank King of Dallas, bureau chief of the Associated Press, in a talk on newspaper problems in wartime.

After luncheons and museum trips during the noon hour, the delegates will open another session at 1:30 p. m. There will be entertainment features and a talk by Raymond Ramsey, manager of KFPA, on radio journalism. Sectional meetings will begin at 3 in a program arranged by President Rafferty and the Pampa journalism sponsor, Miss Margaret Tomberlin. In these sessions the delegates will air their problems and will hear talks by specialists in the fields of sports, yearbooks, editing, and others. Among the speakers will be Harry M. Crenshaw of Southwestern Engraving Company, Dallas.

In a final business session opening at 4:15 p. m., delegates will elect officers, accept new members, and hear announcement of awards by Olin E. Hinkle, general sponsor. At 5 o'clock the group will be served a light lunch as a courtesy of the Canyon Chamber of Commerce.

Type High, the College press club, will entertain the visitors at a post-convention reception and dance at Cousins Hall, beginning at 6 p. m.

### Pruitt Undergoes Tonsillectomy; Okay

Berl Pruitt, resident of Buffalo Courts and member of the Buffalo grid team, underwent a tonsillectomy Saturday morning in the Neblett Hospital.

Dr. Neblett reported that Berl was doing nicely, and would not be on the sick list long.

T. F. Welty and T. G. Wright, members of the Center School Board in Wheeler County, visited the campus Wednesday in search of a teacher.

Daltis Rea, '30, teaches in the Floydada High School where in addition to her teaching duties, she is also dean of girls.

Jim Foust, '41, and D. C. Arthur, '29, who teach in Plainview High School, evidently rank with the students. Foust was voted best-looking man on the faculty, and Arthur the most understanding teacher there.

Anita Cleland, '41, is recovering from a recent appendectomy.

### Speaker



Prof. Joseph B. Cowan of Texas Technological College will be among the speakers at the Panhandle High School Press Association meeting here next Saturday. He is a graduate of the University of Missouri.

### Staff Workers Seek Case History Of Every Senior

Seniors whose pictures will be in Le Mirage next spring are asked to visit the Publications Office this week and fill out information blanks that will be furnished them. These blanks will list information as to clubs, sororities or fraternities, and other honors the senior students won here.

This data should be furnished as soon as possible, so as to facilitate work on the yearbook, the editors assert. Make-up sheets must be in the hands of the printers soon.

### Spanish Majors Find Jobs With U. S. Army

Two W. T. graduates are able to serve the U. S. government in an important and unusual way because they majored in Spanish when here. They are Orline Clinkscales, '29, and Helen Van Deveny, '26. They are employed as Spanish translators for the U. S. War Department and are stationed at San Antonio.

### ROGERS IS YMCA PRESIDENT

Joe Rogers of Amarillo, former student, has become president of the area council of Young Men's Christian Associations. The area includes Texas, Oklahoma, and Arkansas. He succeeded to the presidency when the president moved from the area.

### This Semester Alters Scenes

New Faces, New Students Mark Progress of W. T. In Wartime Months

War came to the United States during the last semester.

Today a semester greatly affected by that war will reach the classroom assignment stage. Missing from the campus will be many college men who have joined the armed forces. Other college men and co-eds who finished work for degrees at the end of the fall semester have gone into business, some into school rooms, and others into the military branches.

There is a two-way procession but the goal is the same—service to this country. Men will continue to join the Army, the Navy, the Marines. But others, younger, will try to remain in college continuously until they are graduated. The Navy is encouraging this step because of its need for officers. Men enlisting in the Navy are being permitted to remain in college until graduation.

An acute shortage of teachers, so serious that the nation's educational standards are threatened, will cause many students to hasten their graduations and will bring some former students back to the campus. The teacher shortage includes all subjects and all levels of instruction.

New defense courses in industrial arts, safety, nursing, first aid, photography, cooking, conversational Spanish, and business administration show the extent of West Texas State's war effort. Other new classes will be added next summer. In an effort to give students a better understanding of world problems, slanted courses in such subjects as history, government, economics, and geography are offered.

President Hill and his staff are in frequent conference on ways and means to broaden the College's war aid program.

### Spanish in Grades New Development—But Old Here

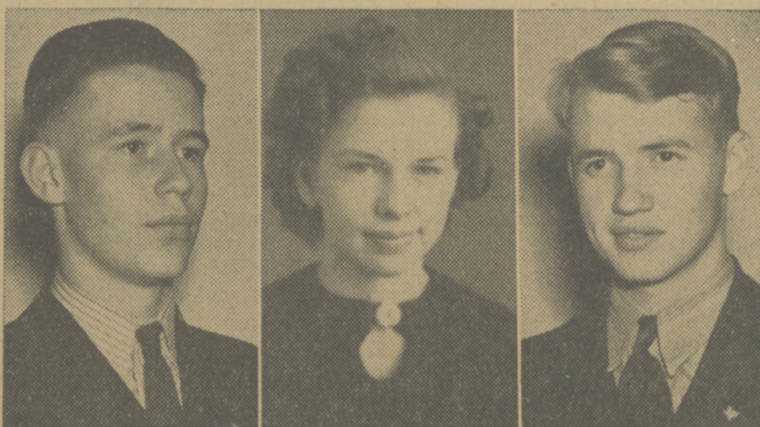
Texas public schools this week will start the teaching of Spanish in the elementary grades.

Free textbooks for 75,000 students of the third, fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grades have been sent to interested schools.

Such instruction has been offered in the seventh and eighth grades of the W. T. Demonstration School for two years. The problem of other offerings, according to Prof. F. E. Savage, is that of finding teachers qualified to teach Spanish in the grades. This difficulty will be rather widespread over the state, he added.

The College is offering conversational Spanish as a defense course.

### To Direct Convention Here



Pictured above are the officers of the Panhandle High School Press Association which will hold its annual convention here next Saturday. Left to right, the officers are Sam Johnson of Canyon, secretary-treasurer; Miss Jacqueline Simmons of White Deer, vice-president; and Mickey Rafferty of Pampa, president.

### Drilling to Start Again Thursday

Lieut. A. R. Donnell Wants 150 College Men to Begin Informal Training Here

Believing that the unofficial military drill has much value for college men, Lieut. A. R. Donnell of Amarillo, instructor, is calling for a big turnout of men when training is resumed at 7 o'clock Thursday evening.

"I would like to see 150 men at the Education Building gymnasium Thursday evening," Lieut. Donnell said. "With this number we could

have a truly impressive demonstration at the end of the spring semester.

Eighteen men of the 60 who reported for the course were granted physical education credit for the month of training just closed. Twenty-eight men were present at most sessions, and 14 only a few times.

An increased enrollment would make it possible, and even necessary, to appoint cadet and non-commissioned officers to direct the recruits, adding much to the inter-

### Safety Tests Made by Students



Saving lives at home is one goal of a defense course in safety. Students in the picture above are using a device they built to test depth perception of the eyes. Merle Montague is attempting to even up pegs in a box, using two lines, while Helen Holloman and Roberta Addington check results. Most students tested have good eyes but poor knowledge of traffic regulations.

### Can West Texas State House 500 Aviation Cadets -- Somehow?

#### Applications Are Still Accepted For C.A.A. Course

All positions in the C. A. A. flight course have not yet been filled, and persons interested should contact Dean R. P. Jarrett in his office, Room 109, Dr. Jarrett stated last week.

Several students who have applied for the flight course will not be able to attend because of failure to obtain their parents' signature, or because they have left college.

There will be no charge for the course this semester, as the cost of the Army physical examination and of insurance will be refunded to the students accepted. Should a person fail the physical test, however, he will be assessed the regular cost of the exam.

The course is an excellent prerequisite for admission to the Flying Cadets, or to the Army Photographic Corps. Any student who has 60 college hours of credit is eligible for admission to this training.

Lilly May Taack, '38, and H. M. Baggary, '38, have been in charge of Junior Red Cross activities and the annual Red Cross roll call respectively in the Tulsa schools. Their work in this connection has been well organized and successful.

#### "Yes," Says President Hill After Checking Buildings On Campus, in Community

From the office of the chief of the U. S. Air Corps came a rather startling question last week:

"Could West Texas State undertake to house, and probably feed, 500 air cadets?"

With Cousins and Randall halls nearly full and Stafford lacking only a few men, the answer seemed a negative one until the request was studied at length. The government, in its exploratory survey of educational institutions, asked that 60 square feet of floor space be available for each cadet. The housing is needed "for the duration." Fifteen acres of land for a drill ground also was asked. Nothing was said about airport facilities.

After meeting with college authorities and leading citizens, Dr. Hill was able to find 30,000 square feet of housing in the community which would be available, including vacant buildings, large houses, the space under Buffalo Stadium, and other structures. Completion of the annex to Randall Hall next fall likely would make some boarding places available.

There are only 395 students housed on the campus at this time.

But in doing its utmost to help out in the emergency, West Texas State could assume the emergency obligation, President Hill informed the government. Additional details were furnished Texas congressmen Sunday by Athletic Director Al Baggett while he was in Washington, D. C. Perryton citizens, seeking to house a similar group in a CCC camp and other locations, also were in Washington.

What the Air Corps will do with the survey is not known. Regular college activities would not be affected, and the cadets would do no class work.

#### Ples Harper Offered Diplomatic Position

A Spanish major, Ples Harper, '29, has the distinction of being the first Texan to receive a Ph. D. degree from the University of San Marcos, Lima, Peru. He recently was offered a place in the diplomatic service of the United States.

Recent history of the Pampa Junior High School has been largely influenced by four W. T. exes. L. L. Sone, '27, the present superintendent at Pampa; Ernest Cabe, '33; Frank Monroe, '33; and Winston Savage, '34, have been principals of the school.

Items in the Lubbock High School paper show that G. E. Dawson, '26, and Gordon Thompson, '30, are among the faculty members there who are counselling high school boys and girls to serve their country by staying in school just as long as they possibly can.

Kate Donnell, '41, is sponsor of the Future Homemakers Club of Dalhart High School. This club is considered one of the most valuable organizations in the school.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps daily.

### Courts To Have Open House

Students Are Invited to Play Games Until the Buffs Arrive, 12:30 p. m.

New York and Philadelphia gave the Buffaloes impressive receptions on the eastern victory tour.

And tonight West Texas State will stay up late to welcome the World's Tallest Basketball Team. The Buffs are scheduled to arrive at 12:30 p. m. by train.

A committee of faculty members, citizens, and students will welcome the trippers at the Santa Fe station, then will bring them immediately to Burton gymnasium for a brief program and rally. All students and citizens will be urged to attend this celebration.

Prior to the arrival of Coach Al Baggett and the Buffs, students and citizens will attend an open house at Buffalo Courts, beginning about 10 o'clock. There will be games on the first floor of the recreation hall, and dancing on the second floor. Coach and Mrs. Leslie Van Meter are directing plans for this event.

"Late permission" will be granted W. T. co-eds who wish to attend the party and rally.

The group at Buffalo Courts will move to Burton gymnasium at midnight to await the coming of the Buffs. Music and other entertainment will be provided.

It will not be a reception to compare in size with the fanfare which has greeted the Tall Texans everywhere, but it will not lack in enthusiasm. It will be the College's recognition of the fine way the Buffs represented this institution on their trip to New York, Philadelphia, and Buffalo.

### Play Tryouts For "Alison's House" Thursday

Tryouts for the production, "Alison's House" will be conducted by the speech department from 3 to 5 o'clock Thursday in Room 1E. Prof. James Butler's office in the basement of the Education Building. Tryouts are to be open to all students.

Five male parts and six female roles will be filled at this casting time. The directors hope that a cast may be found for this vehicle that will be able to remain until the play has been produced. A cast was selected for "The Doll's House," and rehearsals were started, then several of the main characters were forced to drop from school because of induction into the army. Production hopes on "The Doll's House" have been abandoned.

"Alison's House" was a Pulitzer prize play for 1931. It is based on incidents in the life of the American poet, Emily Dickinson. It has been popular with students and faculty alike wherever it has been produced.

The speech department this year has presented "The Late Christopher Bean," and "The Cradle Song." "Alison's House" will be presented in March for a two-night stand.

### Students Buying Atlases To Follow War Problems

Students of West Texas State are reading their newspapers with more intelligence these days.

An evidence of their keener interest in world affairs is the fact that they have purchased more, than 200 atlases.

With a newspaper in one hand and an atlas in another, these students are learning the geography of war and related problems. They also are attending informational programs in the main auditorium on Thursdays, when current war-time problems are discussed by faculty members or guest speakers.

Next Monday will be the last day for changing programs. An additional fee of three dollars will be charged those enrolling after February 11.

Jennings H. Flathers, '37, is faculty sponsor of the Hi-Y organization at Pampa; and Madge Rusk, '32, is sponsor of the Junior High Student Council in the same school.

Lawrence McBee, '38, who since his graduation has been employed by the Amarillo Hardware, will leave soon for Kelly Field, San Antonio.

The guy who relaxes is helping the Axis.



EXPERIMENTAL  
A COLUMN  
TEMPERAMENTAL

By E. M. and J. H.

JUDGMENT DAY FOR FISHY

Many a freshman has an entirely different angle on this college business now that the folks back home have received the first report on little Willie's school work.

Dates and dances may be fine, but the little Fish is beginning to realize that those hard-boiled Profs mean business when they tell him to study his lessons. Yes, Fishy is a little blue, a trifle disappointed and a great deal disillusioned. For he has found that college isn't just a dance, a basketball game, and a coke with the girl friend. He has found that a person must study to pass and must pass in order to stay in school.

Now the Dean saw that Fishy wasn't helping himself, so he decided to take the little one under his protective wing. But Fishy, like many another Freshman simply got his start on the wrong track, and a little careful guiding was all that was needed to straighten him out. The coat of green has now worn off, and Fishy now realizes with a flash how he has erred, and how some wiser person has tried to help him through the crises. But after all, he's really not a bad sort of a fellow, just a trifle confused, that's all.

OUR SENTIMENTS TOWARD JOHN L. LEWIS AND THE JAPS.

NOTICE

Long Island University authorities are discouraging the dropping of water-filled bags on pedestrians passing the men's residence halls. Somebody must have beaned a Dean.

OUCH!!!

Yours truly, Inc. were slightly disturbed a few nights ago over a radio announcement which went thusly: "If Mrs. 'A', will call this station immediately, he, or she, will receive a free ticket to the picture now current at the —. The picture—'Hello Sucker.'"

THE WEARY MIND

It was the season of Watch Parties in New York City and if you've ever been in Gotham, you may appreciate the fact that almost anything is apt to happen during these periods. We can vividly recall witnessing a light-headed "New Yorker" come zig-zagging along Fifth Avenue in a manner found only among men in his circumstance. He was guided by an alligator—a gift received at one of the parties—and the only element between him and the animal was a dog leash. Their tangent-like wandering was halted at one of the main arteries and it was then that the critter made things complicated; he had decided to walk in circles and in the process he became entangled in the top-heavy gent's legs. The weary chap looked down at the irregularly coated organism and with a disconcerted tone of voice, "Listen here, you rugged individualist, you pull another caper like that I'll be forced to take some ASPIRIN and that'll be the end of you.

IN THE MAIL

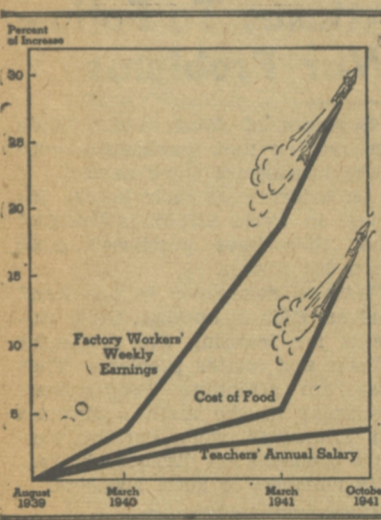
My old man once said  
Son he says  
The biggest room in the world  
Is that for improvement.

TO THE BUFFS

As far as we're concerned that game against Long Island University was a victory. We're behind you 100 per cent and we feel that we witnessed the most unhappy moments of our life during those last 15 seconds or more.

Any criticisms, conservative or destructive, will be duly appreciated.

—Gene and Joe.



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West Texas Teachers—Of Cage Lore

Cropping up as regularly as the income tax problem is the complaint by some wellwishing students and exes that the name of the athletic organization at West Texas State be changed. Just changed to something more appropriate, these people say, than the name of a now-extinct animal—to something other than a shaggy beast of the early plains. If our teams were called the "Pioneers," these contend, then the backers of this institution could dress to represent that name on Homecoming and on other occasions.

There might have been a time, directly after this name was applied, when a change could have been made without attracting much attention. But it can never be so now. We defy any student to deny that when the Mutual sports announcer spoke Wednesday night of the "West Texas Teachers, nicknamed the Buffaloes," a chill of pride didn't run up his spine and that he sat a bit straighter in his chair.

The largest crowd to watch a basketball game in Madison Square Garden for several seasons, the announcer said, filled every seat to overflow to standing room five persons deep. And the game was broadcast in its entirety in the East, with 28 minutes of play coming over an Amarillo station. Articles by the top sports writers of the nation and stories printed in the top magazines of the country are making the name of the West Texas State Buffaloes mean in the basketball world what the New York Yankees mean to baseball and what the grid machine of Minnesota means to football.

No, the name of our W. T. team is implanted on the minds of the sport world. And we believe that every supporter is proud to call this team "The Buffs, tallest team in the world!"

Our 'Don't' Department

Students who come to Canyon to attend W. T. sometimes fail to realize that while here they are citizens of this town. The churches, the public buildings, the same things that were constructed for their benefit at home are here for the same purpose.

The Post Office building has been remodeled. New paint, and some new fixtures have been added. It should be used by students of Canyon with pride, and care should be taken to protect it as much as possible. Recently some ink spots appeared on the large, painted mural on the wall inside the lobby. This ink cannot be removed without removing the paint also. Some careless person who didn't think was responsible for defacing that federal property.

Students are citizens of Canyon while residing in Canyon. Let's not give the townspeople an opportunity to say that those attending West Texas State are unappreciative of the property here.

Basketball—in the American Way

Unstinted congratulations go to the traveling Buffaloes for their great job of entertainment in the formerly skeptical East. The great American sports fan, loving uniqueness no less than skill, has been forced to recognize that the West Texans have both assets.

We bare no secret in mentioning the entertainment phase of college sports. Basketball is now the greatest crowd producer in the country. Fans in the New York area paid up to \$4.40 for tickets at the Garden. And that figure, one may candidly admit, is not paid out for mere education in the fine art of dropping an inflated ball through an elevated basket while being harassed by five opposing men. The fans went to see the unusual height, color, and skill of a small band of West Texas cowboys and small town youths. They saw and they were delighted. The Buffs were the talk of the town—and what a town!

West Texas State's representatives drew 35,183 admissions through the gates for Basketball Promoter Ned Irish in three cities. Many thousands were turned away and others had only standing room. In return, the Buffaloes got an enormous amount of publicity. And no team which plays for Irish ever loses any money on a trip.

It was a triumphant tour supporting a standing already achieved among the college teams of the country. Esquire and Collier's magazines already had illustrated stories on their presses when the Buffs started eastward. Last year the Buffs were rated as the best team in Texas, No. 2 in the South, and one of the best in the nation. This season the Baggett-coached boys already have beaten Arkansas, the Southwestern Conference leader. Where, in the South, is a team which ranks above the Buffs this year?

If such interest in a clean sport is not a morale builder, if such tours are not educational value for the boys, if such national publicity is not desirable, then the whole sports program in this country is wrongly conceived. If the program is worthwhile, it is worth doing well. That it is not without some disadvantages may be conceded; there are debatable features about any program which is carried through to its logical end.

There was a time, before Pearl Harbor, when some educators denounced morale building, public displays by energetic youth, and development of brawn and the competitive spirit. But today the fate of the nation rests on such things. Basketball is the great winter sport. Thousands participate. Other thousands of young men will do so if the Army gets its way. And public performances, concededly by the more expert, have a definite function in heightening interest in the game on the part of both public and participants.

That the public pays well and willingly to see great teams in action is merely another typically American phenomenon. And a college-born one. For the colleges gave basketball its birth, fifty years ago, and have gradually developed it to its present national popularity. West Texas State's position is that of a brilliant exponent of this clean American game, played in "the American way."

Bureau Seeks Most Popular Magazines

A research bureau in New York mailed questionnaires to college newspapers last week, with the following statement: "Because of the war, some of the best known magazines in America may have to suspend publication within the next twelve months." They sought the names of those magazines which students believe are the most important to the American way of life—ones which should continue publication throughout the war. The letter requested that a choice

of three magazines be made. The following three were picked: The Readers Digest, The Saturday Evening Post, and The American.

What magazine does the student body as a whole read, and consider the most important on subjects of American affairs? Perhaps these three would have been on the bottom of the list. It will be interesting research in seeking a cross section of student opinion here.

**THISA AND THATA**  
Old age brings many charming experiences and many charming experiences bring old age.

Teacher Shortage Becomes Serious As Rising Cost of Living Forces Change

One Man's Letter to the Editor

THE WAR

Editor, The Prairie:  
One phase in the war, it seems to me, is being overlooked. The war is absorbing our thought and energies exclusively, to the neglect of other duties and tasks that confront us now and here at home. Then there will be duties and tasks that will confront us after the war is ended and victory won. These duties and tasks should be studied now and plans be made in advance of the event. This is a plea for level heads and a disposition to see the war as a whole and not to view it with distorted perspective.

—J. S. Humphries.

Editor, The Prairie:

In a modest and sympathetic effort to defend a few of the more liberal elements in our American society I offer this letter.

Recent observations have rather definitely convinced the writer that many of us merely offer lip-service to that cherished civil liberty, free speech. We are all undoubtedly guilty of hasty ridicule of seemingly eccentric remarks of others, especially when such remarks appear contrary to ours. Our condemnation of the more liberal elements have been many, and the writer suspects that the masses are fearful of truth. In the past we have condemned our scholars more than our criminals and the passive mind is seemingly more desirable than the critical. It is pertinent to inquire whether American society needs to fear the glib and ignorant more than its thinkers.

It is a well known fact that there has always been a ceaseless attempt, on the part of those more liberal elements in society, to free it of the seemingly unfortunate circumstances in which it has found itself. In reality the attempt is not new; it dates back to the days of Plato. Great minds, who dream of the world in terms of improved social ideals, ordinarily become annoyed at the prospects of man allowing these very elements of destruction to continue. It is these very thoughts that have been exceedingly strong forces in moving these so-called pioneers of social reform, just as it moved the inventors of social ideals in the past.

We certainly cannot deny the fact that the majority of individuals, especially in ordinary times, go through life without contemplating or understanding their own conditions or those of the world about them.

There is, however, a certain small percentage, guided by personal ambition, that put forth effort, thought, and ambition necessary to place them among the more fortunate members of society. Among these we will find very few who will seek the benefits for society as a whole. There are, indeed, very few men who possess that kind of love and sentiment toward mankind at large. Those very men, driven by sympathy, will eventually seek, first by thought and then action, some reform practices in society by which life for the masses can be richer. In the past, such men have failed to interest the very victims to which the injustices have been cast and the condemnations and ridicule they have received is better not written. This is obviously not a scholar's age and yet without them America will regress. Not war or conquest, not King or Emperor or President, it is the ideas which they represent, which they stimulate or repress, that change the face of the world. "Actions fade into memories, but ideas live as long as there is a brain to think them." Over them alone time has no sway, but they give time its meaning. Ideas are winged and seek all over the world for the receptive soil, just as the germ mysteriously appears where its appropriate breeding place is prepared. Wherever the spiritual soil is favorable, the idea finds its way, but the sacrifice is terrific. Yet, foundations of all society can never fall while truth stands, and we must remember that the essential needs of men are best fulfilled in mutuality and cooperation. An

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Decreased enrollment in teachers' colleges is aggravating a serious shortage of qualified teachers, it is announced by the National Commission for the Defense of Democracy through Education. The Commission, which was created by the National Education Association at its Boston convention last July, points out that this teacher shortage threatens to undermine educational standards.

Enrollment in teachers' colleges has declined as much as 29 per cent in one state, with an average decline of 11 per cent throughout the nation. An average of 8 per cent drop in enrollment at university schools of education is also reported.

Qualified teachers are forced to leave the classroom for defense industries to obtain income in keeping with the rising costs of living, Alonzo F. Myers, Commission chairman, states. Since the war began, costs of living has gone up 11 per cent, with food prices up 19 per cent. During these two years, 12 million factory workers have received an increase of 30 per cent in average weekly earnings. Cash income from farm products has gone up 45 per cent. Teachers' salaries, for the most part, have remained static.

In the nation as a whole, an acute shortage of teachers in rural village and elementary schools exists. The shortage is particularly acute in certain subject areas such as science, industrial arts and business education.

Dr. Myers points out that the shortage is already decreasing the quality of school work, since, in order to eliminate the shortage, many communities have reduced teacher qualifications. It is expected that between 5,000 and 10,000 emergency certificates will be issued during the current year to unqualified and partly trained teachers, many of whom will remain in the profession after the emergency is over.

As a partial solution to this problem, the Commission recommends that salaries of teachers be increased to meet the rising cost of living. It proposes that communities raise teaching salaries from 10 to 25 per cent, depending upon the particular district, with an average nation-wide increase of 15 per cent. Such a move would hold many qualified teachers within the educational field and would induce students to consider teaching as a career. Unless such an increase is made, Dr. Myers warned, the existing shortage in teaching personnel is certain to become worse.

The commission points out that some boards of education are already meeting the situation by salary adjustment. In some cities a 10 per cent "cost of living bonus" has been added to existing salaries. This action, according to the Commission, can be taken in many other communities, since "the times permit a more generous financial support of schools."

Only a period of two hours was given to clear Madison Square Garden from an ice skating arena into a basketball court Wednesday when the Buffs played there. Ned Irish said that was the closest margin ever tried in the Garden. He relinquished his claim on the Garden Wednesday afternoon to the Red Cross so it could show Sonja Henie's ice program, proceeds of which went to charity.

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exchange of ideas is essential and we must not choose intolerance and condemnation as the way of life. New ideas widen the bounds of society; the forces of nature are mastered, and the welfare grows more real.

Liberal elements are essential to progress and though some ideas may shake society to its foundations, the foundations themselves remain. The super-structure may be shaken, but the foundations are in the hearts of humanity. While this endures, and though men hunger and thirst while they love and fear, their wants and strivings can be satisfied by obedience to the abiding laws of their own nature.

—Eugene A. Mielcarek.

Laura V. Drew, who is completing the requirements for her degree this semester, has accepted a teaching position at Wayside.

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# Bufs Finish Eastern Schedule With 59-56 Win Over St. Josephs

## Brookfield In Old Form Again

Hawks Close in Dangerously In Final Minutes With Looping Long Shots

St. Joseph's Hawks were just as tough as Long Island State. The score was tied at 26-all at half time. The Hawks were adept at long shots such as beat the West Texans by a single field goal at Madison Square Garden. But the Bufs were determined to win and All-American Price Brookfield was right. Result: West Texas State 59, St. Joseph's 56 at Philadelphia Saturday night. Such was the brilliant wind-up of the locals' most ambitious road trip. Against two of the most formidable clubs in the East, the Bufs scored 115 points to 114 for the opposition. And that isn't counting the 105-41 win over New York State.

Brookfield, who could get only 9 points against Long Island's Blackbirds, doubled this score against the Hawks. The high score of the game, however, was Center Norman Butz of St. Joseph's, who made 19 points. Runty little Frank Kelleher kept the West Texans scared in the last half by scoring five especially long shots, according to Jerry Malin, Globe-News sports editor who accompanied the team. Malin had praise for Charlie Halbert, who was all over the court in an inspired game, besides scoring 11 points.

The Philadelphia game was tied many times, and while the Bufs were ten points ahead with eight minutes left to play, the Hawks had moved up dangerously in the final minutes as the Bufs disdaining a delaying game, continued their slashing offensive as the answer to St. Joseph's miraculously long shots.

The box score:

WEST TEXAS	fg	ft	pf	tp
Brookfield, f	8	2	2	18
Jacobs, f	2	0	0	4
Maddox, f	5	0	0	10
Clark Johnson, f	0	0	0	0
Halbert, c	4	3	3	11
F. Stockman, g	5	0	0	10
Trimble, g	1	0	0	2
Groom, g	0	0	0	0
W. Stockman, g	1	0	0	2
Chas. Johnson, g	1	0	0	2
Totals	27	5	5	59

ST JOSEPH'S	fg	ft	pf	tp
Senesky, f	5	3	3	13
Kraft, f	0	0	0	0
Stahl, f	4	0	0	8
Butz, c	9	0	1	19
Kelleher, g	7	0	0	14
Boylan, g	1	0	0	2
Totals	26	4	4	56

Fouls—Texas, F. Stockman 2, Brookfield 2, Jacobs 1, Maddox 1, Stockman 1, Trimble 1. St. Joseph's—Boylan 2, Butz 2, Kelleher 2. Fouls missed—Texas, Brookfield 2, Jacobs 1, Halbert 1, W. Stockman 1. St. Joseph's—Boylan 2, Senesky 2, Kelleher 3. Half-time score — West Texas State 26; St. Joseph's 26. Officials—Harry Litwack and Sam Schoenfel.

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## As New York Saw Them



The Buffaloes' eastern invasion resulted in a tremendous output of pictures and stories about the tall team. Above is a picture distributed widely by the Newspaper Enterprise Association. Riding a gymnasium "horse" are Frank and Bill Stockman, Price Brookfield, Jack Maddox, and Charles Halbert.

## Bufs Lose to Long Island by Single Goal in Overtime Game

Thousands Turned Away at Garden as Tall Texans Capture Gotham Fans

A climactic point in the Buffaloes' basketball season resulted in a heart breaking two-point defeat at the hands of Lon Island University Wednesday night in Madison Square Garden, where more than 18,000 fans screamed their delight at a drama which saw the Buffaloes lead most of the way and then go down in the final 10 seconds of a five minute overtime.

Two of the most exciting halves in basketball, even in the Garden, preceded the five-minute overtime which was packed full of emotion stirring action.

Radio reports heard here indicated the Blackbird-Buff game was not the best the Buffaloes have played this season—by far. Price Brookfield, especially had an "off night." "Brookie" scored only three field goals and three free throws for nine points.

Delayed Shot Wins  
A field goal by Stan Waxman, medium-sized forward, was the shot that won the game. On the Bufs' part it was simply tough luck in the waning minutes and seconds of the extra period.

## Cowboys Coming Here on Friday

Naismith Memorial Fund to Get Net Proceeds—Youth of 52 Nations Know Game

The Tall Texans who charmed New York and Philadelphia will go into action before the home folks next Friday evening when, in a change of schedule, the Hardin-Simmons Cowboys play here.

The Cowhands asked for the change to permit them to play both the Bufs and Texas Tech on their road trip.

Net proceeds of the game will go to the Naismith Memorial Fund being raised to erect a Temple of Basketball in honor of the game's founder. Dr. James Naismith invented the game when he was a young instructor at Springfield (Mass.) College in 1891.

The memorial will be a museum and hall of fame. There will be kept the records of past, present, and future cage games. There will be told, for instance, the story of "The Tallest Basketball Team in the World."

The 50-year-old game is now played by the youth of 52 nations. And the youth of these nations are, where conditions permit, holding benefit games to build the Naismith memorial museum.

The Hardin-Simmons Cowboys are gaining strength as the season rolls on although they are not rated as contenders for the Border Conference championship. Theirs is a nothing-to-lose ambition to topple the circuit leaders if they can. And football rivalry between the two schools always colors the cage contests.

## TRAILIN' the Herd

By HUD PRICHARD

Instead of the West Texas Bufs being amazed and awed by the bigness of New York on their trip there, it was the other way around. Before any of the party of fourteen could emit even a single "gosh" or get one crick in his neck, New Yorkers began gasping when they saw the Buffaloes.

The box score:

LONG ISLAND	fg	ft	pf	tp
Beenders, f	6	2	2	14
Sapan, f	0	1	0	1
Polub, c	5	2	0	12
Rotenbert, c	0	1	3	1
H. Rader, g	2	2	4	6
Lewis, g	4	0	2	8
L. Rader, g	1	0	0	2
Cohen, g	0	0	0	0
Waxman, g	6	0	2	12
Schneider, g	1	0	0	2
Totals	25	8	13	58

WEST TEXAS	fg	ft	pf	tp
Brookfield, f	3	3	2	9
B. Stockman, g	3	1	1	9
Chas. Johnson, g	1	0	2	2
Jacobs, f	0	0	0	0
Halbert, c	3	2	1	8
Maddox, f	6	3	1	15
F. Stockman, g	6	1	1	13
Trimble, g	0	0	0	0
Groom, g	0	0	1	0
Totals	23	10	9	56


Following the Philadelphia game,



Here is a picture of Price Brookfield distributed throughout the country by a telephoto service. The All-American forward is probably the top scorer of the better basketball teams of the country.

Coach Baggett, Ralph Davis, and Jerry Malin took the team to Washington for a few hours Sunday. They will get here tonight on the 12:30 p. m. train.

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## Bufs Coming to Local Screen

Paramount News Reel to Show Garden Game at Olympic This Week

You can see the Buffaloes as they played in Madison Square Garden in New York City, January 28! In the Paramount News at the Olympic Wednesday and Thursday will appear the Buffaloes in action against Long Island University.

Their appearance on the screen is headlined "SKYSCRAPER BASKETBALL" and is covered by Bill Slater, nationally known sport commentator, who gives the team the title of "The Tallest Sports Aggregation on Earth." This game drew record attendance at the Garden and was the largest crowd ever to see a basketball game. It can be seen in the newsreel why New York went wild over the Buffaloes.

The Buffaloes have brought national recognition to West Texas State and Canyon in being recently acclaimed the nation's number one basketball team.

"This is the first time," said Charlie Donnell, manager of the Olympic, "that any individuals from Canyon have appeared on the screen in a newsreel."

Also on the same program will appear Rosalind Russell and Walter Pidgeon in the comedy picture "Design for Scandal." Other shorts include a Fitzpatrick Travel Talk in technicolor and another popular short which caused much comment when shown here last year.

This is "More About Nostradamus" which presents predictions of the future from an amazing oracle of the past. Nostradamus, "16th century seer, foretold the rise of Hitler and the fall of France. The predictions now include America's entrance into the war and Germany's defeat.

"It was the most thrilling basketball game ever played in the Garden," said Bob Howard of the New York Sun, still talking of the Buff-L. I. U. game.

Tom Meany, veteran New York sports writer had this to say: "There never has been anything like the way New York has gone for these Buffaloes."

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## New West Texas Football Coach



Leslie Van Meter, burly young Kentuckian, unanimously selected by West Texas Committee on Athletics to move up from the assistant's position to Head Coach of the Buffalo gridders, not only fills the brief vacancy but brings with him a personality and athletic record to please the fondest wishes of West Texas exes and fans.



## Miss Chambers, Elver Brown Are Wed Thursday

Two W. T. seniors, Miss Lillian Chambers and Elver Brown, were married Thursday evening in a double ring service at the Canyon Church of Christ, Rev. J. L. Banks, read the nuptial vows.

Pre-nuptial music, "I Love Thee" by Greig, was sung by Mrs. Leslie Hinds and Mrs. Edwin Dutton.

Miss Margaret Stewart served as bridesmaid, and the bridegroom's attendant was Gerald Matlock. Kenneth Smith and Harry Davidson served as ushers. All are students in West Texas State College.

**Both WTSC Students**  
Mrs. Brown is a daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Chambers of Canyon. She is a graduate of Canyon High School, from which she received the Balfour Plaque for being the best all-around student during her senior year. She is to be graduated by West Texas State College in June. The bride has been employed by the Canyon News during the last four years and will continue her work there.

The bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Brown of Follett. He is a senior in West Texas State College, to be graduated in June. He is president of the International Relations Club and is employed part time at Bob's Coffee Shop.

**To Live at Canyon**  
The couple will be at home in the Cochran Apartments.

Following the wedding was a reception in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde W. Warwick for members of the bridal party and 45 other guests.

## Delta Zetas Sponsor All-College Dance

Delta Zeta Chi sorority will sponsor an all-college dance Friday night at Cousins Hall ballroom. It will begin at 9:30 o'clock and last until 11:45 p. m. with no intermission. This will make it possible for students to attend the basketball game and come to the dance afterward. Part of the proceeds will go for defense stamps. Everyone is invited to attend whether stag or drag. Admission is 35 cents.

## New Publication to Feature Culture

A new publication has been announced by the Department of Supervisors and Directors of Instruction, whose central offices are in Washington, D. C. The new periodical will be published in February of each year, will contain 400 pages, and will sell for \$2. Its title will be "Americans All: Studies in Intercultural Education."

The purpose of this book is to point out, through discussion and descriptions of practice, how schools and communities may contribute to our national strength through programs of intercultural education.

Ernest Kelly, '41, is teaching at Floydada, where he is assistant coach—the head coach being Floyd Murry, '39.

Dr. A. M. Meyer spoke at the First Christian Church in Amarillo Sunday morning.

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### Poem—A La Odgen Nash

Life deals hard blows at times  
Such as like examinations  
And bum thirty-cent movies.  
And when you want to do one thing  
And someone in authority is sure  
You had much rather do something else.

But I guess I just don't know when  
I'm well off—  
Such as like my health.  
But it isn't doing me a whopping  
Amount of good because there  
Isn't much to expend my energy  
On—except study which amounts  
Practically to the same thing  
Really.

And besides, everytime I get to  
feeling like the world is all right  
and everyone is nice,  
Along comes someone with a face as  
long as from here to there  
And tells me some sad tale  
And even if I don't believe him  
The tale is told anyhow.

Life deals hard blows at times  
But the hardest one I know is when  
some smart person just knows  
she is going to flunk the final  
and then makes an A  
And the only one, too.

Sometimes the radio misbehaves  
too—

Like as when I want to hear a  
symphony program and there  
are about a dozen stations on  
the one I want to hear and if  
I wanted to hear any one of the  
dozen all I could hear would be  
the symphony program.

Or when my favorite movie star  
makes one of his rare radio  
appearances on a program that  
I've listened to for weeks in  
hopes that—and decide not to  
listen to this week because I'm  
disgusted.

I am.

But in spite of all the discouragements  
and set-backs and all  
that sort of stuff that people  
who don't have anything else to  
talk about talk about

I'm happy—  
It's better to have your health and  
nothing to do with it than not  
to have it and have everything to  
do with it.

Which is a rather tarnished silver  
lining  
But a lining nonetheless

And besides,  
It's too much fun to see how other  
people are doing things that you  
never would do that way at all  
To get bored.  
So I'm not.

Betty Brandon, Plainview, began  
teaching physical education and  
allied subjects recently in the  
Floydada Public School. She will  
have the sixth, seventh, and eighth  
grades. She receives her degree at  
the end of this semester.

Marie Bain, a senior this year,  
has accepted a position in the high  
school at Balke, Oklahoma. Marie's  
home is in Clarendon.

West Texas State home economics students pictured above are among the 23 girls who recently made coats or suits for themselves in a class taught by Miss Elizabeth Cox. Standing, left to right, are Lucille Kirkpatrick of Dimmitt; Kathleen Dixon of Booker; Vera Pearl Ross of Dun-dee, the model; and Esther Oren of Erick, Okla. Kneeling is Kathryn Phillips of Hale Center.

Miss Ross' coat was made of woolen material in a grey pastel plaid. Girls of the class developed the patterns, bought the material, chose the buttons and clasps, and made up the garments. Eight of them bought materials from tailors. Costs of the suits and coats ranged from \$7 to \$17 for materials.

At the end of the semester, the girls held a style show in which they modeled their garments.

## Exams Prove To Be Nightmares For One

At last my exams are finished. And so am I . . . almost. The horrors of sleeping with books under my head, drinking coffee to keep awake, taking aspirins to relieve my headaches, walking around with inky fingers, and repeatedly answering the question, "How did you come out on that one?" are over. That is, until the end of the next semester.

For awhile, I had firmly resolved to forget all this past week and remember pleasant things like the future. Then I found out that the greatest resolves could be broken, just as my heart, when I visited the Registrar's office and saw that most of my instructors had forgotten the first four letters in the alphabet when they turned in my grades.

Of course, the examinations did it—which brought me right back to the subject of exams. But since I've had a cross-examination by my parents, a re-examination by my instructors, and a psycho-examination by an expert in the right field, I am ready to begin the new semester. Now I am earnestly hoping that I won't forget examination week, so that when it comes again I can meet it with the courage Daniel had in the Lion's Den. But shucks! what is a lion compared to some of these exams?

## Schedule of Events

February

- 6—Delta Zeta All-College Dance.
- 7—Panhandle High School Press Association. Dancing starting in Cousins Hall, 6 p. m.
- 12—Conference basketball game, between Buffaloes and Texas Tech Red Raiders.
- 13—Lyceum program, featuring the Chekhov players in Shakespeare's "Twelfth Night."
- 14—Conference basketball game between Buffaloes and Hardin Simmons Cowboys.
- 17—Conference game, W. T. vs. Arizona State of Flagstaff.
- 19—West Texas State vs. Arizona State of Tempe.
- 20—Gamma Phi presentation.
- 20—Basketball game with Arizona University.
- 23—Basketball game with New Mexico University.
- 24—New Mexico A. & M. vs. West Texas State.

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### SPEAKS AT WHITE DEER

Dr. A. M. Meyer recently spent a day visiting schools at White Deer and Skellytown. In the evening he addressed the Parent-Teacher Association at White Deer. He found much to commend in the White Deer system, he reported, including a most fortunate financial basis.

Miss Loma Groom Harrison, '35, is now a member of the staff of the Borger Public Schools.

## Winner of National Typing Award



Shown holding the trophy he won recently in a national typewriting contest is Tom W. Langston, secretary to President J. A. Hill. Mr. Langston made 98.68 words a minute, with only one error, to place first in the stenographers' division. The award was made by the Gregg Publishing Company.

## Beautiful Girls Scare Studious Chem Student

Meet Cecil Davidson!

Cecil Davidson, junior student from Dumas, likes the strangest things—like muddy, rainy days, going after the mail, his roommate, and chemistry. He likes brunettes too, if they aren't too beautiful.

"Girls that are too pretty scare me," he explained. "They usually wrap men around their fingers, and I don't relish being in that shape."

This studious junior believes that modern education sets its standards for excellence too low, and that most students don't take going to school seriously enough. He feels that the colored race in the United States should be given more educational opportunities. He likes Harper's magazine better than any other because of its educational tone.

Cecil used to like to debate, but now he says, "I have begun to believe that debating is impolite and unethical."

He doesn't like to smoke nor drink tea, coffee, or coca colas, but he does like candy and gum. His pet peeve is girls who smoke, use strong language and wear "that hideous, red-black finger-nail polish."

## Former Instructor Donates to Victory Book Campaign

Miss Jennie C. Ritchie, formerly a member of the West Texas faculty, is still interested in West Texas college projects. She showed this interest by donating four books to the Victory Book Campaign recently. These books are: Mrs. Miniver, by Jan Struther; Twenty Years A-Growing, Maurice O'Sullivan; The Turning Wheels, Stuart Cloete; and Escape, Ethel Vance. Other donations will be appreciated. The U. S. O. and the government will take care of the expense of transportation for these books. They will be accepted by the college library.

## Scientist Issues Plea For People To Wear Hats

"Going without a hat is one of the quickest and surest ways to develop sinus trouble," says the Institute for Scientific Research of Hospital Age Publications in a statement urging the men, women and children of the country not to expose themselves to the dangers of hatlessness.

"Perhaps no more powerful indictment of the rapidly disappearing fad of hatlessness has been made than that of a broadcast by the New York Tuberculosis and Health Association," the Institute says. "On its network hook-up, Dr. Joseph Mandelbaum stated that, 'Going with the head uncovered in the fall, winter and early spring is unhealthy. It has been definitely proven that thousands of persons have been needlessly subjected to attacks of sinus by exposure of the uncovered head.'"

"It may be significant," the Institute states, "that the history of sinusitis in this country is showing a decrease with the decrease of hatlessness."

## Unique Methods Of Cribbage In Exams Plentiful

Although this story would have been more timely last week it was not printed for obvious reasons. Information worked out by Mr. James Scheer was printed by the magazine Ken, relative to the method of cribbing, or "fudging" in college exams.

A unique method used by one student about to fail a Spanish test was to remove the insides of his pocket watch, install a small spool, and connect it with the stem. On the spool he wound a tiny scroll bearing all the tough verb conjugations. Seated in the back of the room, he consulted his watch often, copying the necessary information. His semester grade was raised to a "B." This method has been taken over by a "professional" who manufactures these watches for \$35 each.

One lazy student of geography found that he didn't remember the rainfall statistics of all the different zones, so the night before exam time he shaved a portion of his leg and carefully inked on the vital numbers. The next day, he chose a seat in the back of the room, with two helpers on each side of him as shields. When the mimeographed sheets of the exams were passed out, however, his feathers fell. This information wasn't asked.

The feminine angle was brought into play when one girl wrote the necessary information on two slips of paper, and neatly inserted them into the tops of her sheer stockings. When exam time rolled around, she slipped into a corner, slid the hem of her dress slightly higher than usual, and zipped through the exam easily. Cribbing of this type, as one could easily see, would leave a gentlemanly professor helpless.

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