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## NORMAL BATTLES WITH BULLDOGS

Normal Quintet Took First Game but Tenacity of Bulldogs Won Second.

Playing on an outdoor court for the first time this season, the Normal team took the Clarendon Bears to a good drubbing Jan. 28, the score being 29 to 13, upsetting the "can't be beaten on our home court" dope of the Methodists. They came back strong in the second engagement, winning a three point margin, 33 to 30.

Cars met our aggregation at the station, and took the team to the Boys' Dormitory. An invitation to be present at a joint meeting of the Pan's and their sister society was accepted. After each man had been introduced and the program given, ice cream and cakes were served by the matchless entertainers.

### First Game

From the tip-off the ball passed back and forth until Mitchell threw the first goal. Remembering the events of Nov. 27, our athletes fought furiously, making 13 points to the Bulldogs' 6 in the first half.

The desperate Bulldogs came back for the second spasm determined to win, but they could not break up the short pass game developed by Coach McCorkle. Score: Normal 29, Clarendon College 13.

NORMAL	FG	FT	F
Hill, F.	2	3	0
Mitchell, F.	8	0	0
Simms, Capt., C.	2	0	1
Lancaster, G.	1	0	1
Wells, G.	0	0	1
Golden, G.	0	0	0
Totals	13	3	3
CLARENDON	FG	FT	F
Maples, F.	1	0	1
Smalley, F.	3	1	0
Bates, C.	1	0	3
Verner, G.	0	0	1
Joplin, G.	0	0	1
Xanglitter	0	0	0
Key	1	0	3
Marmon	0	0	0
Totals	6	1	9

Referee, McCorkle.

### Second Game

The Normalites entered the fray seriously handicapped, for Hale, our brilliant forward, and Golden, trusty guard, were numbered among the ill, and could not play. On the other hand the Bulldogs were straining at their leashes in an attempt to get revenge for the defeat of the night before. Smalley made the first score, and when the half ended, Clarendon led, 17 to 12.

Spurred on by rooters and the fact that they led in scoring, the Bulldogs faced the determined teachers fearlessly. On the Normal's part, her cohorts were not true to form, many free throws and field tosses failing. To Mitchell must go the honor of being high point man, as he made 18 of our 30 points. Although we lost, our team contested every move the Methodists made, and had the whole team been in condition the result would probably have been different. Considering everything, the dope still points to the McCorkle host as the best in the Panhandle. Final score: Clarendon College 33; Normal 30.

NORMAL	FG	FT	F
Hill, F.	1	0	0
Mitchell, F.	9	0	2
Simms, C.	3	0	0
Lancaster, G.	0	0	0
Wells, G.	2	0	1
Totals	15	0	3
CLARENDON	FG	FT	F
Maples, F.	5	1	4
Smalley, F.	6	0	1
Marmon, C.	3	0	4
Joplin, G.	1	0	5
Verner, G.	0	0	1
Totals	15	1	15

### Y. W. C. A. Studies China

On Friday, Jan. 29, the Y. W. C. A. gave a program on China under the direction of the World Fellowship Committee. The association learned many interesting things about Miss Edith Wells, the missionary that our Y. W. C. A. is helping to support in China. Miss Mary Isaacs read a letter from Miss Wells in which she told many startling facts about conditions in China. The Cousins Literary Society were guests at this meeting.

### Among Home Economic Folks

The Home Economic Club met on Friday, Feb. 4, and elected officers for the spring quarter. The election was held early on account of arrangement of material for the Annual. The following officers were elected:

President—Corrie Rankin.  
Vice President—Winnie Pool.  
Secretary—Treas.—Elvia Pierce.  
Prairie Rep.—Genevieve Lightfoot.

## MISS EVELYN HANSON SPEAKS IN CHAPEL

On Thursday morning, Jan. 27, Miss Evelyn Hanson, representing The Chicago Art Institute, spoke to a large crowd of students and town people in chapel. Miss Hanson was one of the lecturers on the program of better homes week conducted in Amarillo Jan. 24-28. She lectures on costume design and demonstrates the principle with living models.

Miss Hanson gave a frank, and very interesting discussion of Art in Costume. She began her talk by asking, "I wonder what art really is?" She told the story of the little boy who asked his mother, "Why are the figures in the art museum without heads or limbs, or—?" "Hush, son," the mother replied, "that is art." "I am making a plea for art in dress," said Miss Hanson. "If you can select things so that you are pleasingly dressed you are an artist. The most perfectly dressed woman is the most inconspicuous. A woman should be a picture and not a cartoon." She distinguished between prettiness and beauty by saying, "Prettiness is from the outside in, and beauty from the inside out." She divided people into three types according to coloring: the tanned type, the Bulgarian type, and the clear-skinned, rosy type. She said that people should choose colors to harmonize with their own coloring. "The abuse of color is everywhere," she continued. "This is a guiding principle: the larger the space to be decorated, the duller the colors should be, and the smaller the space the brighter the color." In her discussion she said that every color means something; that yellow means sunshine and happiness, blue means coolness and quietness, red means excitement, "Fire! Danger!"; green means restfulness, purple means loyalty and distance, and orange means warmth, the combination of heat and sunshine. She said that red, orange, and yellow are warm colors; blue, green and purple are cool colors. She told the girls to decide to which group they belonged and to dress accordingly. "You should put color where it will emphasize your best points, but do not have too many color spaces," she said. She recommended that women wear dull colored garments, changing some small space of color often. She said that bright irritating colors in large areas, as in sweaters and middies, should only be in evidence on the athletic fields or places of similar nature. Miss Hanson believes that a design is only beautiful if it combines the principles of art and utility.

## W. T. S. N. C. TO PARTICIPATE IN INTER-SCHOLASTIC BOXING

Coach McCorkle expects to take several men of different weights to the boxing tournament which is to be held at Austin in the early spring.

These men will be chosen through a process of elimination, entrants being required to win over their fellow contestants of the same weight in a series of preliminaries. By training these men thoroughly, on the track and in the gymnasium, we hope that they will make a creditable showing for the institution.

Boxing seems to be gradually assuming a place of prominence among college sports. The University of Texas has a professional to coach its team, and he has given out the report that three of his men are the best amateurs in any Texas college.

### Pete Plays Western Role

"Fifteen men of a dead man's chest," Not fifteen, but three, were the famous gold sharks that one of our own boys took the leading part in capturing. "Pete" Norfleet is the hero that held up the gang. Furey, the master mind, was wanted by more men than "Pete" and his father. The police had been on his trail for years and had given up, when "Pete" and his father stepped down to Florida and handed Furey and his accomplices over to the law.

The story is long and involved and the search began two years ago when Furey and his gang swindled Mr. Norfleet out of \$45,000. The chase ended when a few days ago the capture was accomplished in Florida.

No more do we pour over the wild adventures of "Treasure Island," for we have a thrilling tale of our own and local hero.

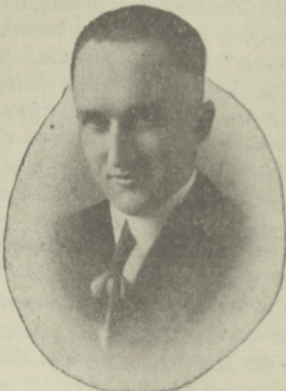
### Home Ec. Girls Hear Ross Crane

A large number of students of the Home Economics Department attended the lectures given by Ross Crane and Miss Hanson during The Better Homes Week in Amarillo. About twenty of the girls, together with the Home Economics staff members, and other members of the faculty went to Amarillo, Thursday, Jan. 27, to hear the lectures on interior decoration, dress, and Dr. Crane's cartoon lecture, "From The Eye-brows Up."

## SANDERS CHOSEN AS DELEGATE

Misses Harriet Graham, Y. W. C. A. Secretary, and Esther Fogarty to Attend Convention.

Dan Sanders has been chosen as the delegate of the West Texas State Normal College to the Students' Volunteer



Convention meeting at Denton, February 2nd. Miss Harriet Graham, the Y. W. C. A. Secretary, will also attend the convention. The Presbyterian church is sending as their representative, Esther Fogarty, since the members feel the importance of the convention and Esther's worthiness as a delegate.

Every school in Texas has been invited to send delegates. They will be entertained by C. I. A. and the Denton Normal.

No better delegate could have been chosen as the representative of the College than Dan Sanders. He has unselfishly devoted his time and energy to the various activities of the school. His influence and effort have been especially felt in the Y. M. C. A.

## JUDGE BEN LINDSEY CANCELS ENGAGEMENT

A communication has just been received from Judge Ben Lindsey cancelling his engagement here on February 7.

Judge Lindsey has recently been appointed chairman of the committee on child-welfare legislation in Colorado; and since that Legislature is now in session, Judge Lindsey feels it imperative that he be in Denver.

It has not yet been determined what substitution will be made, but the Lyceum Committee announces that some lecturer of equal merit will be secured during the session.

### The Antlers

The Antler Literary Society met in regular session Thursday, Jan. 27, 1921.

Only a few members were present, but each one enjoyed the program.

The following program was rendered:

Stump Speech—Pres. R. E. Cary.

Debate: "Resolved, That the Open Shop should be guaranteed by State and Federal Statute."

Affirmative—D. T. Tarlton, I. C. Baucum.

Negative—Lester Hill, M. C. Boatright.

In the business meeting the Antlers challenged the Cousins for an inter-society basketball game. All men from either society will be eligible to play. The Antlers felt that society spirit was at a low ebb and that perhaps an inter-society contest would put more spirit in both societies.

Messrs. Boatright and Hill from the Cousins Literary Society were present at our meeting. In order to show our appreciation of their presence we drafted them to take part on our program.

—Antler Reporter.

### Sesames

On Wednesday, Feb. 2, at the call of President Frances Ramsey, the Sesame Literary Society met in room 207 and elected officers for the spring quarter. The following officers were chosen:

President—Lucile Gill.  
Vice President—May Hood.  
Secretary—Faye Kirk.  
Treasurer—Mable Faulkner.  
Serg.-at-Arms—Marie Dodson.  
Prairie Rep.—Joyce Mills.  
Critic—Frances Ramsey.  
Yell Leader—Ellen Smith.

### Anniversary Party

Last Friday night, February 4, the Juniors and Seniors, together with the "ruderless" members of the faculty, were entertained at the home of President and Mrs. Hill, celebrating the anniversary of the building of the Normal, of Washington's birthday, of Benjamin Franklin's birthday, and Lincoln's birthday. Several games were played and several contests held, and then a general good time. Refreshments of hot chocolate and wafers were served to the "dignities."

## SECOND TEAM DEFEATED TULIA

Second-string Men Were Too Fast For Tulia Commercial Club.

What was expected to be a stiff game proved to be a walk-away for the Normal second-team when they gave Tulia Commercial Club the small end of a 48 to 24 score in the Normal gymnasium January 25. Jenkins threw two field goals during the first minute of play, and at frequent intervals throughout the game. Terry tossed ringers from all angles. Tulia could only annex 8 points to the second-team's 16 in the first half.

The second half was distinguished by closer guarding. Service's guarding and aggressiveness was a feature. Baldwin played consistent ball at center, besides caging a field goal. Henry, at guard, and Hoskinson, who relieved him, kept the ball out of the dangerous territory most of the time, for Hale, standing forward of the Tulia aggregation, made some good shots what few times he had the ball. The Club's cohorts played gamely until the whistle, and while they made the only two fowls of the game, their tactics were above reproach. Referee, McCorkle.

## The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society

The purpose of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, which has recently been organized, is to collect valuable historical material relating to the life of this section. The society wants to do for the Panhandle-Plains region just what similar societies throughout the country are doing for other sections. It is imperative that this work be done at once. Otherwise, one of the best opportunities will be lost, since the pioneers, the source of first hand knowledge, are rapidly passing away. Every death notice means one less opportunity to preserve the romantic story of our early life. Not only is this method of obtaining knowledge being rapidly closed, but practically all of the wild animals and many of the plants have disappeared. The organization will attempt to secure specimens of the remnant left.

The Society can do this valuable work only if it is able to enlist the support of the citizens of the entire Panhandle-Plains region; therefore it will make an effort to secure their membership and co-operation. The secretary will try to get into communication with all people who have any knowledge of the early settlers and the conditions they found when the region was a frontier country. It is hoped that a large and, as far as possible, a complete record will be secured. Many citizens of this region have private collections. The Society hopes to secure the co-operation of these people in an attempt to assemble all this material in one collection, under the care of a capable guardian. Plans will be formulated under the direction of the custodian to carefully preserve all material collected in a fireproof building. No effort will be spared to insure the preservation of this valuable collection, and at the same time make it available for use by anyone in the future.

This historical material may be obtained through gifts, loans, or purchase. The Society already has the virtual promise of the gift of one valuable collection. Much material has already been lost because of lack of interest or ability to preserve it. From now on this should not happen. The collection should contain books, newspaper files, letters, or duplicates of letters, diaries, and cow boy songs. Pictures, whether taken during an earlier period or recently, will be of value. Specimens of early animal life and plants, now fast disappearing, will be highly prized. Surely, a complete collection of Indian relics can be obtained. No collection of historical material of this section would be satisfactory without hair ropes, hair bridges, hair quirts, cowboy hats, spurs, antelope horns, buffalo horns, and long horns—all symbolic of the first days of the plains.

The scope of the activities of this organization also includes collecting geographical and geological material. Doubtless there exists archeological material of great value. If it exists, the Society wants to preserve it for the benefit of the Panhandle-Plains section—for the people who should have most interest in its preservation. Not only should the above be secured, but a copy of every book or article (Continued on page three.)

## BAPTIST STUDENTS ATTEND B. Y. P. U. MEETING AT HAPPY

At 8:30 on Sunday morning, January 30, forty-one young people of the Canyon B. Y. P. U. went in cars to Happy where the Associational B. Y. P. U. was in session. Representatives from Hereford and Tulia were also present.

Because of the crowded program of the day, the Sunday School classes did not meet. After a song service in which every one heartily joined, the following men were called upon by the chairman to speak briefly upon the work of the Sunday School: Rev. J. R. Smith, the local pastor, Prof. Rice of Wayland College, and Rev. Woodson, the district pastor. Following these talks, Rev. Fronabarger introduced Dr. Atwood, the president of Wayland College, who gave the address of the morning.

At the close of the sermon, Rev. Smith announced that dinner would be served on the grounds. A veritable feast was spread on a long table. Everyone helped himself in picnic style to the chicken, ham, salads, pickles, fruit, sandwiches, coffee, pies and cakes heaped upon the table.

At 1:30 everyone re-assembled for the B. Y. P. U. program. The program consisted of addresses by people from the different towns represented and musical numbers. Among the several good talks made, those of Miss Ruth Thompson of Canyon and Mrs. Baggarly of Happy will be remembered with special favor.

After a business session, the association adjourned until the next Fifth Sunday meeting, which will be held at Tulia.

### A Triple Birthday Celebration

"Come to the cutting of the birthday cake," rang through the corridor on the third floor of Cousins Hall, just after dinner Monday evening, January 31. Immediately every one rushed forth. In front of Miss Malone's room stood a table on which had been placed a lovely cake with the red candles all lighted and gleaming like stars above the snowy white frosting. The girls trooped down the hall and formed a line on each side of the table. The cake was to celebrate a triple birthday, the birthday of Miss Malone, Pearl Voverie, and Marie Gardner. Miss Malone explained that they were all eighteen thus accounting for the eighteen bright, little candles placed on the delicious looking cake.

Miss Malone's cutting of the cake into forty-eight pieces was witnessed with breathless interest. Much speculation was made about where the magic ring, the coveted dime and the fateful thimble were placed. Pearl Boverie was asked to choose the first piece. With abated breath everyone watched her lift a piece from the center of the cake. Would she be the lucky girl, the first bride, the most envied and talked-of girl in the third realm of Cousins Hall? Or, by chance, could she have chosen the dime, thereby being set aside as a lady of leisure and luxury? Or, was it possible that her tempting piece of the delicacy would condemn her to the destiny of an old maid? An agreement had been made that no one was to tell whether she was the lucky or unlucky one until all had selected a piece.

The knife was passed down the line. Each girl stepped forward with a smile on her lips and a prayer in her heart that she, through some special favor of the goddess Venus might get the circlet of gold. If not so fortunate, she entreated that at least the gods of peace and plenty would smile on her by slyly slipping the silver into her slice of cake. But if not so favored, she wildly hoped, as she took her place back in line, that all the bulk she held in her hand was cake and not part thimble.

When the last slice had been removed from the plate, confessions were called for. It was discovered that Virginia Ellis held the coin and Maysel Geary the piece of domestic artillery. "Who has the ring?" was the question asked by all. Every morsel of cake was eaten and still no ring was to be found. Much concern was manifested and suggestions as to the location of the ring were made and rejected. Finally, after a thorough search, it was discovered that in cutting the cake the knife had struck the ring and had pressed it down flat against the plate; so it is still a matter of speculation as to who will be the first bride of Cousins Hall.

### If You Are Hungry

The Home Economics Club will serve lunch, Friday, February 11th. The proceeds are to be given to the Y. W. C. A. to assist that organization in the equipment of The Cozy Cottage Lunch Room. Buy your ticket early so that you will be certain of both a good lunch and a good cause.

## LOAN FUND HELPS MANY STUDENTS

Seventy-Three Students Helped By Fund Since its Founding in 1912.

The Gregg Cousins Memorial Fund has functioned since its establishment as a great boon to students unable to attend school without assistance. Loans have been made to seventy-three different individuals. Twenty students have received money from this fund during the last twelve months. The amount loaned since January, 1920, totals \$2,865.

The Gregg Cousins Memorial Fund was established in 1912, the fund having its beginning in contributions from members of the faculty. Gregg Cousins, the son of President Cousins, died in that year and the fund was named in memory of him. It now amounts to \$2,100. However, since so many calls have come from deserving students, money has been borrowed and applied to the fund so that loans amounting to \$2,865 are now out.

According to the plan of the loan fund, students who have attended the college for at least one year and who have the approval of the Committee on Loans, can obtain the money at the rate of six per cent for not more than two years.

Contributions from over 125 persons have been made to the fund. The faculty has contributed very liberally. Students paying back the fund have also made gifts, yet it is very much desired that the fund be increased.

President Hill, at the Thursday chapel period, made an appeal to the student body, asking that contributions be made. He urged that the students might help by influencing others to make donations if they were unable to do so themselves. A suggestion was made that the county clubs were admirable fields for work along this line.

## DISTRICT INTER-SCHOLASTIC MEET APRIL 15 AND 16

The District Inter-scholastic Meet will be held at Canyon on Friday and Saturday, April 15 and 16. Already reports are coming from over the district that large delegations from most of the counties are planning to enter the various contests. Announcements of programs and arrangements will be made in a later issue of "The Prairie."

### College Freshmen

On January 11, 1921, the College Freshmen class met for the purpose of electing officers for the winter quarter. The following officers were elected:

President—Dean Crawford.  
Vice President—Allen King.  
Secretary—Ruth Knight.  
Treasurer—Mildred Johnson.  
Sergeant-at-Arms—Elvia Pierce.  
Annual Rep.—Lyman Johnson.  
Prairie Rep.—Bill McClellan.  
Representative to Student Council—Robert Hill.

The newly elected president gave a brief but "peppy" speech concerning the plans for the quarter. The Freshmen are a lively all-round bunch, and when they attempt to do something, they do it. "Watch 'em."

### Can You Talk Intelligently?

You cannot unless you are informed on questions of present day interest. At the History Club events and movements that are vital to the life of every one of us are discussed. Come and take part in these meetings.

On Monday, Feb. 7th, the regular meeting of the History Club will be held.

The following is the program:  
Origin of Labor Unions—Amy Daniels, Winnie Mae Crawford.  
Labor Unions—William Falls, Charles Wilson.  
Origin and growth of open shop movement—D. T. Tarleton.

### Have You Had Your Picture Made for the Annual?

Most of the enterprises undertaken by a school depend upon the support of the student body for their success. Especially is this true of the Annual.

The Annual is the publication of the student body that proposes to mirror every phase of student life at its best. It is the herald which is sent forth showing what we think ourselves to be. It is taken by the public at its face value, and the standards of the school are judged accordingly. From this judgment there is no redress.

We must, then, make this Annual the very best that we can—one that is representative, consistent and accurate. You can help to make it so by having your picture made and by co-operating with the Annual Staff when they appeal to you for help.



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## The Courtesy of the Amarillo Board of City Development.

The progressive spirit of the Amarillo Board of City Development was exemplified in their bringing to that city such noted and constructive artists as Ross Crane and Miss Hanson. The better homes week in Amarillo cannot but accrue to the lasting benefit of all who attended the exhibitions.

The liberal spirit of the Board was exemplified in their conduct toward this institution. Not only were members of the student body and faculty admitted free to all the exhibitions; but it was through the courtesy of the Board that Miss Hanson was enabled to speak to us here. This merely suggests opportunities that might be realized by closer co-operation between similar organizations and the College.

## Gallery of Basketball Rooters

Basketball is a game which most people understand and which practically all people enjoy. The liabilities of danger to which a few people object in football are practically negligible in basketball. The success of the game depends primarily upon speed, accuracy, and good judgment. These are qualities which should be cultivated in young people.

But present arrangements do not provide accommodations for a sufficient number of students to see the basketball games. The gymnasium is deplorably lacking in space for sight-seers. As a result of this condition many students stay away from the games because they fear that all the available room will be taken before they arrive for the game.

If receding elevated seats could be placed in the gymnasium around the entire wall, more students and visitors could see these games. This additional accommodations for spectators would add much to the enthusiasm of the game and the spirit of the players.

## Boxing as a Sport

Is boxing an appropriate sport for schools and colleges? Is it equal to the more popular sports in developing the muscles, the mind, and the character?

It has long been an outcast of public opinion. Lawmakers have often made it a part of their political policy to object to it; and for some peculiar reason it has been either prohibited or rigidly regulated by law. Perhaps this attitude towards it is due to the culpable promoters and gamblers, but boxing is not the only sport infested with objectionable characters.

People shudder at the sight of blood in the ring, and when a man is knocked out, they turn away with horror; but they think little of an accident of a far more serious nature on the football field. Two trained men can go in the ring for five or ten rounds with half the physical strain that twenty-two men undergo on the gridiron, and the danger of sustaining injury is not so great.

Boxing carries with it some very fine principles of honor: "Never hit below the belt." "Don't strike a man when he is down," etc. These fundamental rules are applicable to every phase of life, and are good corner stones for an upright, substantial character.

The Kansas Legislature has introduced a bill to legalize boxing. The Army and Navy did more than anything else to stimulate an interest in boxing during the war, and very recently the schools and colleges are beginning to take it up. It is probable that within the next few years boxing will take a prominent place among popular college sports.

Misses Edna Dyche and Oma Irons, former Normal students, visited here last week.

## Friendly Advice

It is always easier to criticize a thing than to do it. Although the management of "The Prairie" is efficient and well appointed, the staff cannot get out a paper that expresses the student life of this school unless the student body puts forth some effort to assist in its publication.

There are several particulars in which "The Prairie" could be improved. In the first place, the heading is too small for the size of the paper, this giving the whole page an unbalanced appearance. Some background to the title, characteristic of the plains, would make a pleasing heading for the front page.

A few large head lines near the center of the first page would break the monotony of the long columns.

It often happens that events of most interest to the students are given an unimportant place, while articles of a general nature are put on the front page. Students like to find school life and school activities featured on the front page. If college activities were given more prominence, "The Prairie" would have many more interested readers among the students. People like to read in print accounts of affairs in which they have taken part. The students cannot expect the staff to do everything, therefore, let us all do our part in getting out the paper.

The editorial page is intended primarily for editorials. The students would like to read the opinions of the staff on more questions of school life.

## County Clubs in Our School

Every county that has sufficient representation in this school should organize a county club. One reason for organizing the club is to inform the home-county-folks, through the publicity committee, of the accomplishments of their students. At the club meetings the students become better acquainted, and are less apt to become homesick. The old students can help the new in getting "lined-up." The occasional entertainments given by the club serve to break the monotony of just studying, and make school life more enjoyable.

## Why Not The West Texas State Normal College?

The enrollment of Western Kentucky State Normal School is larger than it has been since 1915. It is unique in that 48 per cent of the students are men. This is generally regarded as a very wholesome indication.

The Department of Extension and Correspondence, recently organized, is growing rapidly, over two hundred being enrolled for courses by correspondence.

The most serious handicap engaging the institution at present is the pre-falling room shortage. Bowling Green is the center of the oil industry of southern Kentucky, consequently, available rooms are hard to find. A large and thoroughly modern girls' dormitory will be ready for use February 1. In addition, the institution has erected thirty small homes on the campus. All of these have been sold to students for exact cost, \$200.00 for one room houses, \$300.00 for one room and kitchenette, and \$500.00 for two rooms and kitchenette. Under the arrangement the student becomes the owner of the house for four years, after which, it reverts to the Normal. Electric lights, community laundry, and bath house have been provided. "The Village" is an organic community. It has formulated its own rules, and elected its own officers. An analysis of costs shows that the inhabitants live as comfortably and more cheaply than any other students of the Normal.

The Mid-Year term begins February 8th and it looks now as if fully a thousand students will enter at that time.—The National School Digest.

Using "what is" to an advantage is the secret of success.

Using "what might have been" to a disadvantage is the secret of failure.

"What is" is reality.  
"What might have been" or "might be" is romance.

All nations have rights except those who are guilty of the unspeakable crime of being little.—Buffalo News.

## Failures and Achievement

When you are discouraged, down in the mouth, and your little world looks all upside down, the Praetorian Guard asks you to think on the career of failures in the life of one who achieved.

When Abraham Lincoln was a young man he ran for the legislature in Illinois, and was badly swamped.

He next entered business, failed, and spent seventeen years of his life paying up the debts of a worthless partner.

He was in love with a beautiful young woman to whom he became engaged—then she died.

Later he married a woman who was a constant burden to him.

Entering politics again, he ran for Congress and again was badly defeated.

He then tried to get an appointment to the United States Land Office, but failed.

He became a candidate for the United States Senate, and was badly defeated.

In 1856, he became a candidate for the Vice-Presidency and was again defeated.

In 1858 he was defeated by Douglas. One failure after another—bad failures—great setbacks. In the face of all this he eventually became one of the country's greatest men, if not the greatest.

When you think of a series of setbacks like this, doesn't it make you feel kind of small to become discouraged, just because you think you are having a hard time in life?—The National School Digest.

## "Vaccinated"

"No, I'll just mope here and growl. Things are all a-goin' wrong; And maybe my sneer and scowl Will just help the case along. My, this surely is a grouchy day! Say, I feel worth about a dime— Seems like nothing comes my way— Just get hard knocks all the time."

"That fellow there has got a letter; I s'pose mine must all be dead; Or maybe luck has gone me one better, And they are vaccinated instead. Do letters get quarantined—I wonder— Now by all that's good and great, Wouldn't that be a crowning blunder To top-off all my ill famed fate?"

"While I'm feeling this a-way, It's an awfully slow and lonely go To have to shake my head and say, 'Can't do it. Crippled wing, you know.' Sore arm is bad, but what is worse Is my cross-grained disposition. Now, tell me, could any greater curse Fall upon one in my position."

No letter from home or from sweet-heart; Not much practice at Basketball; A fellow must needs play a minor part If he falls in line at all. So don't get down on my bones, boys. I'm not doing any harm— I'm only enumerating the joys Of a vaccinated arm."

## The Trail of the Red Man At Elaphian Society

The "Trail of the Red Man" was the theme of a program rendered by the Elaphian Society Thursday evening, Feb. 3. This program is one of the series that is being given in "See America First." It included a study of the Red Man as he is today and some of the traditions, customs, and music that are characteristic of the Indian. The program follows:

Indian Lullaby—Mary Meinicke.  
An Indian Girl's Lament—Illa Simms.

Some Old Indian Traditions—Sara Thompson.

In the Glimmer of the Camp Fire—Lizzie Kate Smith.

The End of the Trail—Verle Fletcher.

Mr. A. D. and Miss Bernice Parker were called to Tulsa last Saturday on account of the death of their sister, Mrs. Hodges.

Miss Hibbitts, of the Expression Department, has not yet returned from her home at Washburn, where she has been at the bedside of her mother since her father's death, several weeks ago.

## WORK OF ARTISTS CANYON NORMAL ON EXHIBITION

The Art Display of the West Texas Normal College is not alone an advertisement of the college, but is truly educational.

"Working for space and harmony of line and shape is the beginning of all art," said Miss Aiken, head of the art department of the college.

Illustrating this thought by pointing out the simplest of designs with pencil and brush, Miss Aiken carries the visitor through a bewildering maze of exhibits, down to specimens of the art of the modern futurist.

The collection is on display in the Mayor's office at the city hall.

Especially attractive are the "tied and dyed" textiles and specimens of Batik work in hand bags and table runners.

The pottery is of special interest, as some of it is made of native clay found near Canyon—"Some of the best clay in the world," Miss Aiken said. The pottery is made without a potter's wheel and without a mold. The coil method, known to the Indians, is used by Miss Aiken's pupils, and the designs show beautiful simplicity of line and depth of coloring.

Interior decoration and costume designing are also taught at the Normal, and are shown in the display. In the latter department, the designer sketches the human figure and develops the costume accordingly.

Linoleum printing and posters of wondrous beauty, inviting the beholder to follow the "lure of the Plains and see the mysteries of the canyons," are objects of great interest in the collection.

Miss Aiken returned to Canyon Monday afternoon, leaving the exhibit in charge of one of her pupils, Miss Zora Johnson, a Hale County girl, whose home is five miles north of Plainview.—Plainview Herald.

## Unanswered Ifs

If Floyd Trowbridge should wear a Norfolk suit and a bow tie—

If Paul Calliham should use rouge—

If "Red" Hawkins should wear a pink shirt—

If Dollie Clark should wear a crimson sash—

If the rug in the College dining room were a bright red—

If Gary Simms should part his hair in the middle—

If Viola Vetesk should wear cerise—

If the faculty members should be used as models—

If the library should have a picture loan department—

If there were famous paintings in every class room—

If credit in one of the fine arts should be required of every student—

If real art prevailed in the student body—

## INFORMATION COLUMN

### Why the Tank Was Called a Tank

Many have perhaps wondered why the land battleships developed by the British and Americans in the late war should be called "tanks." This secret is revealed by Major Raymond E. Carlson, U. S. A., writing in the "Army Ordnance." He says:

"The first tanks were built with the utmost secrecy. Not even the workmen in the shops knew the real purpose of the machine they were building. This was accomplished by spreading broadcast the information that the machines were to be used for carrying water in Egypt, and the name 'water-carrier' actually appeared on all correspondence and records. For various reasons, among them the tendency to abbreviate, this name was gradually changed to tank and has clung to the machines ever since."

Rev. Dr. Starke preached his farewell sermon Monday night, February 1st, at the Methodist church, ending the three weeks revival.

Miss Malone gave a birthday party at Cousins Hall last Monday night in honor of Misses Marie Gardner and Pearl Boverie.

Mrs. Joseph Cathrine Bishop of Gunter, Texas, entered the Normal last week.

Frank Lohn, a former student and foot-ball star, visited here last week.

## News Items

Messrs. A. S. Stinnett, president of the Panhandle-Plains Chamber of Commerce, and Frank Jamison, Secretary of the same, visited President Hill last Tuesday on matters of business.

A golf course is being made just north of town under the direction of Mr. W. R. Clark. Several faculty members intend to learn the game.

Miss Katherine Carlock, a former student, was down from Amarillo last week.

President Atwood of Wayland College, Plainview, preached at the Baptist church last Sunday night.

Miss Sadie O'Connell, of the Expression Department, will attend Emerson College, Boston, next summer.

Mr. Paul Foster and wife, nee Laura Easley, both of whom were former students of the Normal, visited here last week.

Mr. Morelock delivered a series of interesting lectures in chapel last week on "Job."

Miss Mildred Keffer has returned to school after a week's absence.

Officers of the college are receiving a great many requests for literature on the summer school. From the prospects, it appears that there will be a larger number of summer students in the Normal next summer than ever before.

Mr. and Mrs. McCorkle are the proud parents of a baby girl, born on January 31.

Jake Crudgington of Amarillo, a former Normal student, was in Canyon last week visiting old friends.

Miss Lucy Dean Hamilton, who has been sick with inflammatory rheumatism, was carried to her home in Canadian last Monday. She is now on the road to recovery.

Mr. J. B. Jordan, Superintendent of the Loraine Public Schools, writes that he and his wife will be back in school at the Normal next summer.

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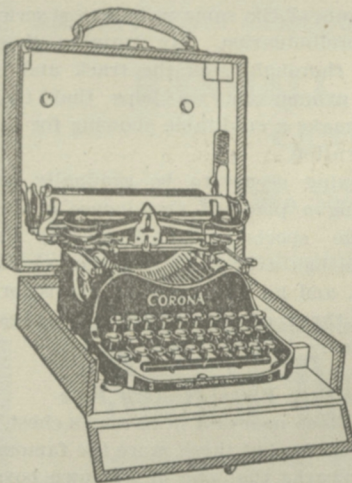
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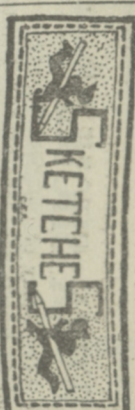
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A Church Service on the Sea

Assembled in the main dining room of the English ship, "Melita," were three hundred or more American soldiers. Although here and there about the room could be seen little groups engaged in cards and poker games, the hilarity so common among soldiers was not observable on this occasion. A storm was raging on the sea. Time and again the great ship in fighting her way would rise and mount the crest of a mountain of water where for an instant she would shake and tremble like a thing afraid. It was not surprising then that the majority of men were silent with their thoughts. I was seated in the rear of the room, deeply engaged with thoughts of home and loved ones, when I was startled by the sudden presence of a woman. By the dim lights I could scarcely make out her features; but her voice was so sweet and her movements so graceful that she appeared more like an angel from heaven than the skipper's wife, as she proved to be. Without ceremony she began to sing an old familiar hymn. Instantly all gambling and talking ceased, and cigarettes were extinguished. Her voice was like oil on the troubled water, for in less than five minutes, even those men who had followed life's rougher paths, and who had not been inside a church for years, found themselves joining in the choros.

Between songs, the skipper's wife, in a few words made us realize how wholly dependent we were on the protection of the Divine Ruler of the Universe. The prayer which followed was a memorable one, for where before or since have men from all walks of life knelt down together and offered up a prayer that was so real and heartfelt? They arose and sang, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," seemingly with perfect assurance that they would be carried through their voyage in safety. As they filed out I noticed that many showed signs of tears, yet in the eyes of all a new light shone—the radiant light of hope.

—L. H. J.

The Old Home Place

I was sitting on the old wooden gate that led into the lane. AWAY across the Leon river lay the cedar breaks and the blue, rugged hills. The Leon, marked by a long line of fertile trees, wound his way to lower lands. Still nearer were the cornfields, scorched from the heated sun. I looked closer; there came the farm hands riding the weary beasts of burden up the fence row from the harvest fields; after a day of strenuous labor. Here lay a meadow, there an orchard of old and knotty fruit trees, there a wild garden on the banks of a little stream.

But the center of my attraction was the mansion of yesterday that sat under a cluster of trees two hundred yards in front of me. It was the home of my grand-parents, the old dwelling that had housed General Sam Houston for a fortnight had seen the fall of the Alamo, the freeing of the slaves, and the end of the World War. It was built of hand-sawed planks and shingles. Small ante-rooms adorned each end of the long front porch, and old stone chimneys of marked durability stood at the two sides of the house. Behind were the sheep sheds, the log barn, and the lots. Under an old oak tree three little negro huts stood, one of which was still occupied by a loyal old negro of the "peto de wab" type, still living there in celestial happiness. My attention being drawn to the large mulberry tree in front of the house, I smiled when I imagined myself a small lad in an unpopulated branch of the old tree, a mulberry stem from ear to ear, and a typical "boy-girl" on my face, eating the fruit by the handfuls; but stopping occasionally to give a watchful glance at the bee hives almost hidden from view in the fragrant sweet-cedar bushes below.

To my left, the goats grazed peacefully beneath the sheltering oaks in the goat pasture, which was surrounded by a partly torn down rock fence. And to my right, the sheep jumped the lowered rails of the rail fence, pursued to their sheds by their commandant, the collie.

But as I dream, "Now fades the glimmering landscape of the sight, And all the air a solemn stillness holds, Save where the beetle wheels his droning flight, And drowsy tinklings lull the distant folds."

—F. H.

One's Feeling When Shaving  
Have you ever tried to shave with a dull razor? If you have not, there is something coming to you in the way of a new feeling; I mean the sensation you experience while running a dull razor over your face. Walking into a dentist's office with a tooth aching to be pulled does not compare with having to shave. The first experience does not come very often, but the lat-

ter comes as often as the days. It's funny, but you are the one who has the pain, and you are the one who does the pulling. Before starting to shave you stop your razor and think you have got everything in fine condition, but behold your disappointment when you find out your razor is much duller than it was before you tried to sharpen it. It was lucky that your mother did not look up and see the expression on your face, because she would have thought that you had either lost your reason or had been taken violently ill. You could have felt sorry for other men who have to shave if you had not been so busy feeling sorry for yourself. This feeling of self pity abates just enough for you to see a mental picture of the daring aviator doing the loop. With this example in your mind you make one more heroic effort to finish shaving. That evening you tell your girl your sensations while trying to shave. And one thing certainly: She will only laugh at you. But what's the difference? Such things just naturally will happen in life.

—F. T.

The Home Coming

On one afternoon, following the signing of the armistice, I sat by the side of the road leading from Metz to Verdun, to watch the steady stream of liberated peasants making their way slowly back to their homes. Most of the refugees were old men and women, or little children. First a group of some fifteen or more appeared. They were dragging behind them a heavy wagon on which was loaded all of their worldly goods. Close behind them an old man and his aged wife slowly shuffled along the road. The old man bent under the weight of a large sack on his back, which I have no doubt contained all their earthly possessions. They were indeed pitiful to look upon; hunched and with clothes that were not fit for tramps. Their shoes were so worn that they had as well been barefooted. Although their faces were pale and drawn from exposure and fatigue, they moved on with a real determination, for they were going home. Little did they realize that what was once their peaceful little home was now a pile of ruins; that their little farm that they loved so dearly, was now a worthless waste, a part of No Man's Land.

Soon another group came into sight. This time it appeared to be what remained of a happy French family. Some five or six ragged little children trudged along in the rear of their parents, who were pushing a crude cart on which was carried all of their worldly goods. Although the children showed signs of hunger and cold, they still clung to fragments of crude toys or bits of American souvenirs that they had doubtless picked up by the roadside. As the group passed I was suddenly brought to attention by the clear, quick tones of the Marseillais, as these damnable children sang that most stirring of all national songs.

—L. J.

THE PANHANDLE-PLAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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written in the future concerning this region will be preserved.

All this can be done if the citizens of the Panhandle-Plains country make this Society their organization and use it as a custodian for all relics. The Society will depend upon its members to keep it informed concerning matters of historical interest and to aid it in collecting this material.

According to the custom of similar organizations a small membership fee will be charged. The Society expects a number of people will be sufficiently interested to take out a life membership. This money will be used in the purchase of valuable relics. It desires to be given an option on all historical material. To begin with the Society hopes to obtain the membership of the faculty and student body of the West Texas State Normal College. Accompanying this campaign among the faculty and student body, the organization will conduct a campaign among the citizens of the Panhandle-Plains region. As fast as he secures the names and addresses of persons who are likely to be interested in the Society, the secretary will communicate with them and try to obtain their aid in this valuable work. The Society hopes to secure the co-operation of publishers, and commercial clubs and other civic organizations. These can be of much material aid in this work, which is destined to prove more and more valuable as the years go by.

The Society is freely offering its services for the good of this section and the only compensation it desires is the willing assistance of every citizen. In that case success is assured. This work is an unusual opportunity to do co-operative, constructive work.

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## COMPOSITION WORK SHOULD FUNCTION PROPERLY

There is too much indefiniteness, too much lack of purpose in composition assignments. The teacher of English should not only know the purpose of each assignment, but he should give specific directions as to what he expects his students to do. He should try to determine what natural difficulties a student will encounter in writing upon a given subject, and he should give specific and helpful suggestions for meeting these difficulties. Students often lose too much time trying to determine what the teacher wishes done in a given assignment. Such indefiniteness is criminal on the part of the teacher. Let us suppose that the subject is "Report of a Lecture." If this assignment is unaccompanied by any suggestions from the teacher, how many different kinds of "reports" do you think a given class in composition would write upon this subject? If the purpose of this assignment is purely "reproduction," say so. Some such suggestions as the following might be helpful: Give a straight-forward account of the lecture; do not comment upon it. Try to reproduce the spirit of the occasion. To illustrate the other phase of this point (the inherent difficulties in a given assignment), let us suppose that a student is to develop a given outline into the finished composition. Most students have difficulty in securing smooth and effective transitions. A study of models in effective transitions (such as Copeland's "Robert Louis Stevenson" in "Specimens of Prose Composition") will be helpful. Students, too, often allow the bony structure of the outline to protrude through the finished composition. Training in the use of good concrete illustrations will aid materially in remedying this defect.

### Purpose of Composition Writing

The larger purpose of composition writing should be to develop taste and judgement in the pupil by well planned and well directed practice in writing. Too often do we assign subjects for composition in which our pupils are but little interested; sometimes we assign subjects upon which they have no opportunity to get information; at times, I fear, we assign subjects that have within them no possibilities. A good composition subject should demand of the pupil some constructive thinking; good composition writing means the organization and development of something worthwhile. Make a list of all your composition assignments for one quarter. Upon how many of them do you, the teacher, think you could write a respectable composition? How varied and important are the natural interests of student life to which they make an appeal?

### Make Your Assignments Momentous

Every composition assignment should involve a momentous idea, the correct development of which is vital to proper mental growth. Slipshod thinking is more detrimental to the mind than improper physical exercise is to the body. We English teachers are not exacting enough in the character of thinking we demand of our pupils in their compositions. There is no reason, for example, why students in composition should not do the same quality of thinking demanded of them by the algebra problems which they may be studying at the same time. If we are studying Exposition, for example, why give such subjects as "How to Sharpen a Pencil," "How to Play Basketball?" The first subject is relatively unimportant; it does not contain a single idea demanding constructive thinking. The second subject is too comprehensive for a short composition. Besides, it would be difficult for the average student to make this subject interesting. But the greatest objection to such a subject is that students will get their information from some book rather than from observing a game of basketball. The student simply takes this information and substitutes his own language for the information before him. To illustrate this point from another angle, let us suppose that my physician is inaccurate in his prescriptions. A given prescription, though it may not kill me, may injure me permanently. Inaccurate thinking will injure the mind in the same way that the doctor's prescription will injure me physically.

### Every Composition Should Set a Problem

I should be most unwilling to reduce composition writing to the level of the purely mechanical; but I insist that students should be trained to do some accurate, consistent, and sustained thinking. How many people in an average audience today can hold the main points of a well-planned lecture in mind until the end, and then determine the relative importance of these points and the value of each point? In English we have our pupils memorize too many facts, and give too little attention to the difficult but important problem of thinking. Composition subjects for beginners should

be stated in such a way that the main idea to be developed will be evident: "A Lonely Drive," "A Deserted Mill," "A Dingy Court-room," etc. In developing such subjects, we should give chief emphasis to the fitness of a given detail for developing the idea in hand—"Deserted," "lonely," "dingy," etc. We might label our subjects in Exposition with such terms as "why" and "how." "Why I Like Skating," "Why I Like Treasure Island," "How to Make Money with Hogs," "How the Rotary Club Helped my Town," etc. Such subjects as "An Exciting Night in Camp," "My Most Interesting Experience," etc. might be helpful. Most subjects for Argument should state a problem which has not already been solved by public opinion or by writers of authority on that subject: "The Effect of the World War on Christianity," "The Probable Effect of Adhering too Strictly to the Monroe Doctrine upon our Future Relations with South America." Are such subjects too broad, too big? They at least demand some original thinking. I am not interested so much that my students draw conclusions which time may verify as that they do thinking which shall be consistent with the logic of events. Too many debates are nothing more than a re-statement of book-information, a re-hash of old arguments. And yet students are allowed to believe that they have done a constructive piece of thinking in such performances. Such a procedure is dangerous and nets us only a student body of mollycoddle thinkers.

### Order of Material for Composition Assignments

Since interest in composition assignments is fundamental and since first-hand information on a given subject is most conducive to a lively interest in that subject, it naturally follows that our first composition assignments should be based upon local material. The teacher of English should familiarize himself with bits of scenery, buildings, etc. good for descriptive purposes; he should learn all he can about incidents of local interest; he should study the possibilities of material in his community that will lend itself to expository treatments. Several reasons argue for this method of procedure. In the first place, we must train our students to react intelligently upon the life immediately about them. Besides, many of the barriers between student and teacher will be removed, and students will take a livelier interest in the subject of composition if they can feel that many things in their own life are good subject matter and that the teacher is interested in them. Much has been written about correlating English with other subjects in matters of composition: Nature study, Geography, History, etc. I shall dismiss this subject with one caution: state your subject in such a way that it will be impossible for students to copy the subject matter found in the book. I remember a little girl thirteen years old in the public schools. "A Trip Down the Nile" had been assigned as a composition subject. The following is a rough outline of her composition: She represented the two branches of the Nile as being cousins; the noise which these two streams made flowing over the Nubian Desert she turned into a dialogue. Each stream told of its home life and what it saw on the way to the meeting point. When the streams had reached the broad plains of the Nile, they naturally became quiet, and, besides, they were attracted by the wonderful things they saw on the banks. At last the two cousins reached the Mediterranean Sea and there they told each other good bye forever. This is a beautiful piece of imaginative composition, and it is more valuable than all the copy work that can be done.

A discussion of composition subjects based upon literature and invention will follow in a later issue of "The Prairie."

### The Pessimist

The pessimist's a funny man,  
He always looks around;  
He never sees the pretty girls,  
But only sees the ground.

And when he goes to see a girl,  
He wrings his hands and cries;  
He always sees the freckles,  
But never sees her eyes.

And when he sees a picture,  
He almost makes me faint;  
He never sees the picture,  
But only just the paint.

And when at last he comes to Yale,  
He is most awful blind;  
He doesn't get the "pep" at all,  
But only gets the "grind."

—Yale Record.

To dwell in the realms of the unreal might be pleasant, but to stay too long is unfortunate.

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and all prices have been reduced to basis of new low costs.

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## GETTING READY FOR COMMENCEMENT

Last spring the Randall County News furnished more than twenty high schools of the Panhandle-Plains country with their

## COMMENCEMENT INVITATIONS

This year we hope to increase this number very greatly. Our supply of samples will be ready January 20th, and we want to send them to graduating classes in all towns.

The Randall County News specializes in school printing, and we are therefore in position to give the very best service with Commencement Invitations.

Write today concerning Invitations. Do not put this matter off until Commencement time rolls around. Those who order early always get the best service and are never disappointed by late shipments.

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CANYON, TEXAS

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## REDFEARN & COMPANY'S Half Price Offerings

On Ladies' Suits, Coats, Dresses, Boys' School Suits, Shoes, Etc., have astonished many people.

The values in many instances are below pre-war times and many people have seized the opportunity to supply their needs.

We still have a few items left in each of the lines mentioned which represent real bargains.

### NEW GOODS

New goods arriving now and replacement values prevail throughout the entire stock. The needs of the public will be looked after with the same care as heretofore.

Remember that our prices positively will be as low or lower, on the same merchandise, than elsewhere.

Its to your interest to look before you buy.

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## School Days Begin Again

Another school year opens, and we welcome the Teachers and Students on their return to work.

Students will find us always ready to advise them on money matters without charge of any kind.

Teachers are invited to make use of our helpful banking facilities. Courteous attention is ever accorded.

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