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Northwest Texas Methodist Conference Opens Here on November 11th; Three Hundred Expected

Unification Proposal Expected to Feature Convention of Ministers and Laymen Here; Bishop Dickey Will Preside Over the Meetings.

The sixteenth session of the Northwest Texas conference, M. E. Church, South, when it convenes at Canyon, Nov. 11, will have as its outstanding business the taking of the vote on the unification plan of American Methodism, now coming before the annual conferences of the southern and northern branches for their ratification.

Between the calling of the roll Wednesday morning, Nov. 11, and the reading of the appointments on the following Monday, many important interests will come before the Northwest Texas conference. Sharing an importance with unification, matters which will claim attention of Texas Methodists of this section include the election of delegates to the approaching general conference next May; hearing reports of the various activities as represented by the Northwest Texas conference; the presentation of connectional interests by official visitors from headquarters at Nashville, Tenn., Louisville, Ky., St. Louis, Atlanta, and Dallas, where are located central offices of the denomination's board of missions, Sunday school, Epworth League, education, lay activities, Church extension, finance, hospital, and publishing houses.

Daily and evening sessions will be held at the Methodist church at Canyon, of which the Rev. M. M. Beavers is pastor. Bishop James E. Dickey, whose episcopal area includes the Central Texas, West Texas and New Mexico conferences, in addition to the Northwest Texas, will preside.

On Tuesday preceding the organization of the body, there will be meetings of various committees and boards, and of Bishop Dickey and his cabinet of eight presiding elders, who sustain an advisory relation to the Bishop. The presiding elders and their districts are as follows: Rev. W. E. Lyons, Abilene district; Rev. W. M. Lane, Amarillo district; Rev. J. T. Griswold, Clarendon district; Rev. E. E. Robinson, Lubbock district; Rev. G. S. Hardy, Plainview district; Rev. A. L. Moore, Stamford district; Rev. R. A. Stewart, Sweetwater district; Rev. O. P. Clark, Vernon district.

The opening sermon will be preached Tuesday evening by Rev. Virgil Fisher of Amarillo, and the first business session will be held Wednesday, Nov. 11, 9 a. m. Bishop Dickey will call the body to order and preside over all the sessions. In addition to Bishop Dickey, the president, other officers of the conference are: Rev. A. L. Moore, Stamford, secretary; Rev. W. B. Hicks, O'Donnell, statistical secretary; educational secretaries, Revs. G. S. Slover, Clarendon, and J. W. Hunt, Abilene; Conference Sunday School superintendent, Mrs. W. E. Lyon, Abilene; conference treasurer, J. E. Eldridge, Tahoka.

On Sunday during the conference, local pulpits will be filled by visiting Methodists. On Sunday afternoon there will be a memorial service for members who have died during the year.

It is expected that the vote on unification will be taken early in the session, probably the second day, and the method of voting will be by secret ballot. However, the method of voting will be decided by the conference body. Sentiment in the conference is strongly divided among the pros and the antis. Bishop Dickey, it is known is strongly opposed to the present merger plan.

Following the vote on unification, it is expected that the conference will proceed immediately to the election of delegates to the general conference. The conference is entitled to five clerical and five lay delegates to that body, which is the supreme authority of the M. E. Church, South.

Introduction of official visitors from connectional headquarters will prove an interesting feature of the session. Officials and the causes they represent include: Dr. Stonewall Anderson, Nashville, board of education; J. E. Crawford, Nashville, board of lay activities; Robert H. Ruff, Nashville, missions; J. H. Shackford, Nashville, Sunday School; P. F. Turner, Dallas, publishing house; Dr. D. L. Mumpower, Nashville, Epworth League.

Of special interest will be the address of the Rev. Robert H. Ruff, who will explain the purpose of the million-dollar fund-for-missionary-maintenance movement now sweeping the church. (Continued on last page)

Praises Le Mirage and School Spirit

Student Publications, West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Texas.

Dear Sirs: I find on my desk a copy of "Le Mirage" to be placed in our public school library. It is an excellent publication and represents the talent and hospitality that I know exists in your student body.

As I viewed the pages of your College Yearbook I recalled the courteous and hospitable treatment accorded me on my visit to your school in 1924 as a debater representing N. T. S. T. C. Never in my life have I had a warmer welcome than accorded me by your student body and faculty.

Yours respectfully, (Signed) Albert L. Bentley, Supt. Hamilton Public Schools.

PIERLE CONTINUES STAIN EXPERIMENTS

Much Interest Aroused by Experiments of Chemistry Department Head

By Edmund Dyche

Dr. Pierle, head of the chemistry department of the College, is trying several new experiments in an attempt to learn what causes stain to appear on the teeth of so many people. He is using white rats and guinea pigs because these animals develop so rapidly that the test can be made in a comparatively short time.

In this practical test, there are two sets of animals: those of which particularly good care has been taken; and those that have been neglected. The first group is fed milk and green vegetables every day, while the others get vegetables once a week and no milk. In this way, the unprotected ones get practically no mineral matter except that which is in the water. This lack of minerals causes a diminution in size, and a weakness in the bones that finally results in stain on the teeth. This is merely an external warning of an internal disorder, or lack of the proper nutrition.

Other pigs and rats are given distilled water, absolutely void of any mineral content. Still others are given water rich in calcium carbonate, which is also lacking in minerals. In all cases the result is the same; the tooth in the pig becomes stained, much like the bluish that is visible on so many human teeth, and the tooth of the rat becomes chalky and at times breaks off.

Evidently, Dr. Pierle has definite results. He concludes that it is what we do not eat rather than what we do eat that causes the appearance of the stain. In each experiment it is manifest that the mineral content found in milk is actually essential to a balanced ration.

Could he find some method of obtaining several of these defective teeth, Dr. Pierle would be able to determine the exact chemical analysis of the stain. He received a letter from a histology man requesting twenty of these teeth.

The chemistry professor is acting as a sort of pioneer in this field, and is having remarkable success. When this test is off, and he has more room, Dr. Pierle proposes to perform a number of other practical researches.

BOOKS

By Ex-President Chandler Emory University

Thomas Carlyle says: "The true university of these days is a collection of books and certainly a bookless university would be an institution greatly disabled by such destitution."

One of W. T.'s greatest needs is adequate library facility.

WIDENED ROAD; NEW TREES AND VINES PLANNED

ROAD NORTH OF COLLEGE TO BE WIDENED AND SURFACED IN FUTURE

IVY TO BE PLANTED

Campus Workers Hope to Cover Front of Administration Building With Clinging Greenery

During this week, and until the work is finished, will be carried on a rather extensive improvement program on the college campus. Roads are to be widened and smoothed and a graveled parking place behind the building constructed. One hundred and four trees, 25 grape vines, and 20 ivy plants are to be set out.

The trees are now on hand and will be set out as soon as possible. Forty four fruit trees will be set out near President Hill's residence and on the twenty acre tract back of the Buffalo Park near the Bob English residence. These trees have been carefully selected for their adaptability to the climate of Canyon. Besides being a campus beautifier these fruit trees may become a source of income.

Seventy shade trees will also be placed on the campus where ever they will be of greatest benefit. Work has been going on all summer to get the old stumps out of the way so new trees can be easily cultivated and tended to. It is the intention to have all passageways behind the building as well as in the front, lined with trees.

The 25 grape vines will be placed in the rear of the president's home in the garden space that is now vacant there. There are a few vines of this same specie there and are so well adapted to this climate that it is thought advisable to cultivate more of them.

Campus supervisors think that ivy would help the appearance of the front of the administration building so are going to set 20 ivy plants there for trial. If these prove successful it is hoped that the entire front of the building will eventually be covered.

Work has already been started on the roads. The driveway leading north from the building past the Buffalo pens was widened 10 feet last week. The road in front of the power house and leading back of Cousins Hall and around the President's home to the pavement will next be widened and the surface smoothed. In turn all of the driveways will be smoothed and, if money holds out, surfaced with gravel.

The large space immediately behind the building will also be graveled for parking purposes. In the past this large space has been rendered almost useless in times when rains were prevalent. Besides being a great help to motorists, this improvement will help to present a more refined and painstaking condition.

New fences have also been constructed accordance with the best appearance of the campus. These fences are all made of pipe like the fences that are now on the campus. One was placed in front of Cousins Hall from the back fence of President Hill's garden to the fence of the East drive way. The other was placed along the East side of President Hill's lots except for the garden space where a newly constructed fence already stood.

With these improvements, and a few more not definitely decided upon, the college campus will assume a much more presentable atmosphere.

Collins' History of Kentucky Presented by Buie

Judge B. Frank Buie, who has been a resident of the city of Canyon for many years, presented to the West Texas State Teachers College last Thursday in chapel a copy of Lewis Collins' History of Kentucky. This book is considered one of the most valuable state histories ever written, and Judge Buie said, "In presenting this book to the college it is my hope that it will prove interesting to that large body of students whose forefathers helped to build the great commonwealth of Kentucky, and to all students who wish to study the development of that great state." The Judge is a native of Kentucky.

A letter from Yoakum County gives a very pleasing account of the splendid work in the Moreland school in that County. Miss Lorena Jones, who is the teacher, was a student here last summer.

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PLANS FOR LE MIRAGE TO BE OUT IN FUTURE

GENERAL PLANS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BUT WILL NOT BE GIVEN OUT

MAE SIMMONS ASSISTS

Le Mirage is Fostering Kodak Week For Improvement of College Life Section of Book

There has been much progress in the preparation of the 1926 "Le Mirage." The organization of the staff has been completed by the election of Miss Mae Simmons as Associate Editor. Miss Simmons, who will be a member of the class of '27, will be Editor-in-chief of the 1927 "Le Mirage." The "Le Mirage" Staff feels confident that Miss Simmons will make an able editor because past experience has shown not only her willingness to work but also her ability.

The general plans for the Yearbook have been completed but will not be given out at this time, but the following should be of interest to the student body.

The main division pages have been submitted by the engravers and apply on the subdivision pages. This is proved. Work is going forward rapidly under the supervision of Rudolph Fuchs. All Senior pictures have been made and most of the Juniors. The Sophomores will start this week and will be expected to finish as scheduled by the middle of next week. The schedule for the Freshmen to go to the photographer will be posted sometime this week. All students who have their pictures made on schedule will receive one vote in the celebrity contest which will be held soon after the holidays.

The "Le Mirage" Staff is fostering "Kodak Week" and greatly desires and urges the support of all students in the institution. Remember that eight people working alone on an undertaking as great as this one, the publishing of a Yearbook, will be unable to make a success of it without your help.

If each student in College will take it upon himself or herself to do his or her part, the task will not be a hard one; and you will have the joy of feeling that you have had a part no matter how small in compiling the "26 "Le Mirage." This Staff belongs to and is working for the student body of West Texas State Teachers College. The plans are to compile the best yearbook that has ever been published by the students of this institution, and as a loyal supporter and student of West Texas State Teachers College it is your privilege and duty to aid in doing this. More than your moral support is asked for. Get behind this work and help put it over.

Further announcements of the progress made will be given out from time to time.

Seniors Entertain Fish—Junior Class Version

BY A JUNIOR

Winding up a dull evening by handing out coffee and sinkers to their guests, the Seniors of '26 scored another dismal failure on last Thursday evening in entertaining the Frosh. The favor attached to the gastric tantalizer read:

"We're the Spider, You're the Fly, That we can get you goin' Is our wish. So we are here to welcome you When you arrive, And hope that sadness and misery Will be with you all your lives."

Radio stations, like funny tin lizards, equipped with brazen lunged, coarse and unpolished announcers from the Senior ranks, brought tears to the eyes of the Fish with illusive language and honey and milk words. Station S O L won the prize for being the best station because the announcer had the hottest line of Sing-Sing gab. The rest of the stations, having Sunday School boys for announcers, were considered rotten.

After a dozen or two games of "ring around the rosy" and "London bridge" et cetera, in which the Fish did all the dirty work, the Seniors led their unsuspecting guests in a dazed sort of way up to the third floor and made them hungry by showing them lots of foods and serving java and newly-wed sinkers. This indigestible ration on top of the agonizing program caused the Fish to rebel and go home.

And that is all there was to it.

Miss Beatrice White is the principal of a two-teacher school at Ware, Texas.

Armistice Day Will Be Observed Quietly in Canyon; Legion Plans Program --- Football in Afternoon

Buffaloes Will Meet N. M. M. I. at Roswell on Armistice Day. College Will Observe Holiday; High Schools Play.

On November 11 the Buffs meet the N. M. M. I. Cadet football team on their home gridiron at Roswell. The dope favors the Buffaloes on the coming contest, for the army boys lost to the Clarendon Bulldogs, and Montezuma defeated them shortly before their contest here with the Buffs. N. M. M. I. is handicapped by the loss of several of their best men through graduation this last spring, though they are still the fighting aggregation that they used to be, and for which they are noted.

This last week has seen a change or two in the Buff line up, for Crump is again working in his old stall at right end, though he will not play at Roswell unless it becomes necessary. Since the scrappy Bagwell is out, Thompson has been shifted from the hub position to fill his place, and Boyles has stepped in to play the center position. Boyles, like Elkins, is an old Golden Sandstorm man, and has been fighting consistently all season for a regular berth on the picked eleven, and promises to make some of his opponents decidedly unhappy on the line plays. Anderson, too, is a fairly new addition to the squad, and was greatly needed by Coach Eckhardt since both Vaughn and Crump, his two ends, were out of the game because of injuries. Santy, is back in the game, but it is doubtful if McVickers will mix it with the Soldiers, for his knee and foot are still giving trouble.

The Buffs leave this morning via the Tonte Suite route, the weather permitting, and play tomorrow at three thirty o'clock.

Redmen Observe Usual Meeting on Last Tuesday Evening

On last Tuesday night the Red Men met as usual to discuss matters of importance concerning the tribe.

The tribe was unanimous in extending its sympathy to Bud Bagwell, who is now in an Amarillo hospital with a broken arm, and will do everything possible to cheer him on his road to recovery. Here's hoping we see you back in school soon, Bud.

Buck Black Bear was elected representative of the Red Men to the Annual, and Rosser Rudolph was appointed reporter to The Prairie.

There were the full twenty-five membership present at the meeting.

CALENDAR

Tuesday

M. Moss Richardson will address the student body.

Wednesday

Nov. 11--Holiday. Buffs meet Cadets at Roswell. Armistice Day Program starts downtown at 10:30.

Canyon Eagles vs. McLean Tigers, 3:30, Buffalo Park. Home Economics Club picnic.

Richard Dix in the "Lucky Devil" at the Olympic.

Friday

Important meetings of all Literary Societies.

Saturday

Light of the Western Stars at the Olympic.

Elizabeth Benton Married to DeWitt Leachman Recently

The wedding of Miss Elizabeth Benton and DeWitt Leachman took place at the home of the bride's brother in Amarillo on Thursday, Nov. 5. Mrs. Leachman is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Benton of Amarillo and is a graduate of the Amarillo High School. She attended the College in 1923-24 and was acclaimed by popular vote of the student body as "Gladdest Girl." Her picture appeared in the Celebrity section of Le Mirage for that year. Miss Benton was one of the most popular students in the College during her attendance here.

Mr. Leachman is a graduate of the Amarillo High School and also of the University of Texas. At present he is a member of the circulation department of the Amarillo Daily News and the Evening Post. Mr. and Mrs. Leachman are now spending their honeymoon in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and points of interest in Texas and New Mexico. They will make their home in Amarillo.

Armistice Day will be observed in Canyon next Wednesday in a program which will start at 10:30 o'clock a. m. and will continue until noon. President J. W. Hunt, president of McMurry College, Abilene, will deliver the principal address of the program.

The business houses of Canyon are requested to close Wednesday morning at 10:30 and remain closed until after the program.

No parade will be attempted this year.

A stag feed will be held for all ex-service men Tuesday night at 8:00 o'clock at the American Legion Club. A good program and good feed is being planned, and all ex-service men in the county are urged to be present.

The program starts Wednesday morning at 10:30 o'clock with a band concert by the College Band under the leadership of Prof. C. E. Strain.

At 11:00 o'clock silent prayer will be observed in memory of the men who gave their lives for their country during the war.

At 12:02 invocation will be pronounced by Rev. W. C. Kunze.

A quartet composed of Mrs. L. F. Sheffy, Mrs. A. W. Hamill, J. F. Mead and C. W. Warwick will sing.

Miss Agnes Thomas will give a reading.

The address of the day will be given by Dr. J. W. Hunt at 11:30 o'clock.

All ex-service men are urged to attend the services in uniform.

There will be no program in the afternoon, but the Canyon high school Eagles meet the McLean Tigers in Buffalo Park and many student groups will concentrate at points where the Cadet-Buffer game is being received.

Seniors are Hosts To Frosh Thursday

"We're the Seniors, You're the Fish, That we want to know you Is our wish. So we are here to welcome you When you arrive And hope with joy that you'll remember November fifth, twenty-five."

This pleasant little inscription on the refreshment trays at the Senior entertainment given the Freshman class gave the keynote of the party. It was a jolly, enthusiastic crowd that enjoyed the hospitality of the Seniors of '26 in the old gym last Thursday evening, and every possible effort was made by the Seniors in getting acquainted with the newest class in W. T.

The gymnasium was beautifully decorated in Maroon and White, the Senior colors, and a clever and entertaining program was furnished for the guests at the first entertainment of its sort ever given in W. T. An immense banner, running across the gym, gave a welcome to the Freshmen, and streamers of maroon and white were fixed in lattice fashion across the ceiling of the room, adding much to the beauty of the decorative effect. Buffalo blankets covered each window and the buffalo head was hung in one end of the room, the entire decorative scheme converging on the athletic mascot of the College.

Talks were made by J. A. Hill, once a Freshman, once a Senior, and now the beloved Prexy of the Buffalo domain; Ray Daniel, Senior President, and "Red" Keith, Freshman president, in which each expressed pleasure in taking part in the attractive affair in progress.

The feature of the evening's program was a "raido" program from four different stations. The crowd was divided into four groups and each retired behind the screens and gave a program which reached the audience by means of a loud speaker.

The first station was B U L L, Kansas City Stock yards. Felix Phillips, announcer, and his assistants kept the audience in uproar with a series of "wise cracks" and a varied program. Station H I C, Texas Tech, Lubbock, was next. Earl Lewis and his associates furnished a "heavy" program dealing with the advantages to be in the land of "milk and honey."

Station B U N K, Clarendon College, Clarendon, was on the air next and furnished more laughing gas for the (Continued on page four)

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ANSWERS EDITORIAL ON TEACHING OF HISTORY

Canyon, Nov. 6, 1925.

To The Prairie:

Will you please give me an opportunity to protest against the dishonest and superficial sort of history teaching advocated in the article quoted from "The Dallas News?" I did not pay much attention to the article until I found that the students were taking it seriously and that a number of them—not history majors, I hope—were upholding it.

I resent the statement that the truth would be disastrous to the patriotic life of the children. Is it possible that the writer believes that the history of his country is as sordid as that? Are there no actual achievements of the American people that can develop patriotic pride? But I do not suppose the writer realizes that he is discrediting his country's past when he makes such an assumption. Probably he knows little history and therefore has no appreciation of the magnificent epic that is the true story of the American people. But the one who cannot see this romance is so dull of soul that he is not worthy to teach any subject.

A person of this kind can do the most good to future Americans by refraining from teaching any history at all, because his attitude toward truth will destroy the intellectual integrity of his pupils. I am willing to teach young people who have not been taught at all, but I have great difficulty with those who have been mistaught, or worse still, allowed to think that accuracy does not matter. I am sure it is better not to teach the multiplication tables at all than to teach that two times seven is fifteen, or eighteen, if preferred, because the latter number is so much more interesting. The same regard for truth applies to history teaching.

It may be argued that the history teacher may be honestly mistaken and may unwittingly teach "history" that never happened. But this does not have the vicious effect that down-right misrepresentation has. It does not harm a child to learn that his teacher made one mistake, if she has been able to inspire him with her own zeal for truth, but it harms him past mending if she shows him that truth is not important.

As for Washington's temper or Franklin's illegitimate son, of course it would be absurd to drag them into the story. But this is not suppressing truth in the interest of patriotic fraud; it is simply omitting matters of no historic importance. For the same reason I should probably omit the maiden name of Christopher Columbus' mother-in-law.

I am not censuring The Prairie for printing the offending article; the discussion it has provoked has justified its publication. But I am sure any historian in the world would agree with me in giving such an article the strongest condemnation. I am grateful to The Prairie for this opportunity of expressing the strong conviction that history teachers have on this subject.

(Signed) ANGIE DEBO,
Department of History.

The Prairie acknowledges with pleasure the receipt of several high school papers, all of which are worthy of commendation. The Willie Wan, Farwell High School; The Pied Piper of Hamlin, Hamlin high school; the Tom Tom, Miami high school; The

Longhorn, Big Spring high school; the Hi-Talk, Central high school, Sherman; The Lynx, Spearman high school; The Roar, Brownwood high school.

The filed of newspaper publication is one phase of extra-curricula activities that each participant can cash in later in life. The profession of Journalism is one of the most attractive in the world to-day. We are glad to see the high schools take an active interest in the work.

WHY JOHNNY GOES MARCHING HOME

One out of every three. Only thirty-five percent of those annually admitted to college ever achieve the goal of a degree.

Outside circumstances interfere in many cases, but university officials say that one-third of all casualties are simply a matter of Johnnie's having flunked out. Extra-curricular activities, more than all other things, are blamed.

Dr. John Grier Hibben, president of Princeton University, says moving pictures, possession of automobiles, too great indulgence in outside activities and over-generosity of parents are the outstanding causes contributing to the failure of undergraduates.

A Williamette University professor says that ten percent of all freshmen are mentally unfit, and should never enter the classroom. "Formerly," he says, "only bright-minded pupils came to college; now, forty percent of the high school graduates enter. Too many come not to grasp knowledge, but because a college education is considered a social necessity."

"Too little sleep, too much play, not enough study, too much leisure, fast eating and diversified thinking are factors that devitalize students and are responsible for the delinquent groups in every university," is the conclusion reached by Professor Howard of Northwestern University.

The Trinity Chronicle, while recognizing that lack of preparation and poor training are frequently responsible, points out that most failures result from a "wrong conception and attitude on the part of entering freshmen." "The thought of hard work has been banished by what they have heard from college acquaintances who have returned home during holidays, primed to the gills with athletic news, and with tales of pranks, jokes and boasts of idleness. Hard work is never mentioned. The erroneous idea is formed that college is a place where one spends four years in ease and enjoyment, with athletics, social life and practical jokes as the major attractions."

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chine. Activities nowadays leave so little time for studious pursuits, that it is important for the student to learn to use to the greatest advantage whatever time he does save for this less-popular but necessary side of college life. Interesting in this connection is a recent book by William Allan Brooks on "How to Study" which has been issued by the American Student Publishers, 22 West 43 St., New York.—Frim "American Campus," October 20, 1925.

AUTUMN

By Rosser Rudolph

Wild geese

Honking up in the deep blue.

Gray plains

North winds sweeping over them.

A cold wind.

Hovering shadows

When sun light fades

Gray twilight

A prophecy of frost

In the air.

Silver stars

Cold, haunting, silver moon.

A soft wind

A rustle of dead leaves;

Autumn.

JUST A SMILE

By C. W. West

Why not smile just a little bit,

As in your chair you sadly sit?

One that will cheer very many,

Though it costs you not one penny.

If you can't give us a good smile,

Let's hear you whistle now awhile,

And if you desire you may sing;

So that the plains with joy will ring.

Someone will see your gallant joy,

And begin this life to enjoy,

For a smile will go very far,

Like a pretty shooting star.

Someone's heavy load of sorrow,

Or the many cares of tomorrow,

Which linger like mighty boulders

Will be lifted from tired shoulders.

So now just send a liquid smile

Every constant once in a while,

And it will never, never stop,

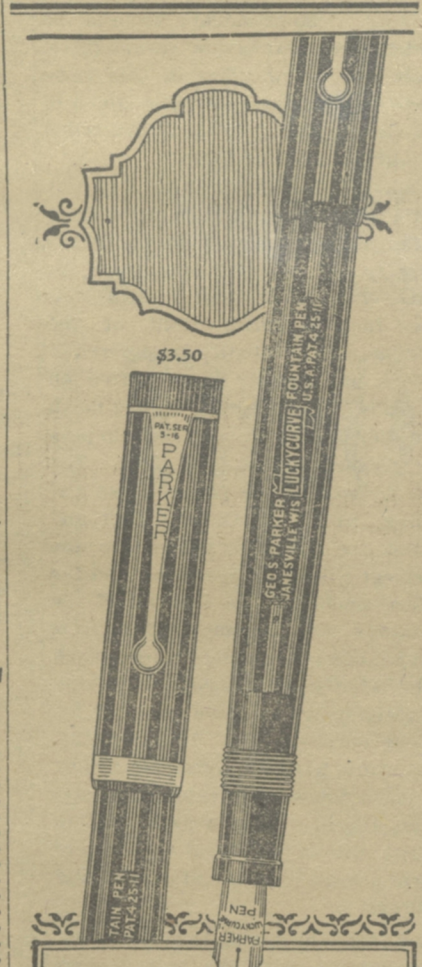
But will gaiety forever drop.

Pigskin, a synonym for football is one of the most interesting misnomers in the language. With attention the country over centered on the game, this term is on the lips of everybody as well as in the sport columns of newspapers. A false impression is general as to the materials of which a football really is made, and is strengthened by general public ignorance of leather goods. Ninety per cent of the crowds in the stadiums think that the leather used in the manufacture of the ball comes from a pig's back.

Footballs as well as basketballs are made from cowhide, of the best double grained quality. The process of their manufacture will be featured by the American leather producers in a big public exhibition to be held in the Marshall Field building, November 2 to 7, on connection with the national convention of the Tanners' Council of America.

The first football was the bladder of a hog. Later, to make the ball wear longer, it was encased in the skin of that animal. For a time then, it really was a pigskin that the sturdy lads of Devonshire kicked around the town square, and it was oval shaped because that was the form of an inflated pig's bladder.

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Sesame-Elapheian Manless Dance is a Wow

Jelly-beans, sheiks, pip-squeaks, he-flappers, cavemen, asphalt Arabs, drug-store cowboys, lounge lizards, big-sister boys, and other "new kinds of men," all members of the Sesame Literary Society, entertained their Elapheian girls with a dance in the college gymnasium Friday evening.

Programs given at the door showed, in addition to the customary one-steps and waltzes, the Virginia Reel and the "Paul Jones." E. Ellis, in dress suit and derby, with Mrs. Montfort, led the grand march, in which there were 114 couples.

The Sesames proved that the West is not only the land where men are men but where women are men, too, at least so far as dancing is concerned. Their first attempts at leading were more successful than had been anticipated by jeering Antlers and Cousins who had furnished the masculine garb for the evening.

Misses Edna Graham and Tennessee Malone served punch to thirsty hordes between dances. Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Shaw, and Mrs. Richardson, Anderson, Foote, Robinson, Clark, Holmes, and Boulware were chaperones. They served adequately. A few couples sought the seclusion of the big curtain to do the Charleston. Music was furnished by Mrs. Knighton, Mildred Huckabee, and Rudolph Fuchs. Mr. Shaw made a picture of the crowd.

By ten o'clock the walls were lined with voluntary wall-flowers, all too weary to do another thing but to give and receive goodnight kisses.

The Elapheians declared that they all had a peach of a time but regretted that their ardent swains were men for that evening only.

After the dance the erstwhile rivals in literary society work knew for certain that they were sisters in spirit—friends and comrades.

Y. W. C. A. Enjoy Real Inspiration

Those present last Wednesday afternoon at the Young Women's Christian Association learned how they could help develop the Y. W. C. A. in to a progressive and efficient organization. Several suggestions were made by the speakers on how we may serve the Y. W. C. A. with our talents, with our presence, with our time, and with our influence. Mrs. Hill, always a loved friend and enthusiastic worker for the organization, gave a very interesting talk on what the letters Y. W. C. A. meant to her. The meeting was closed by a prayer. All in all, it was one of those enjoyable hours that makes Wednesday afternoon eagerly anticipated by Y. W. C. A. girls.

Freshmen Have Picnic on November 9

Friday morning at the chapel period, the Freshman Class met, and President Keith explained the purpose of the meeting, which was to determine when the anticipated picnic was to be held. The date decided upon was Monday, November 9, at five o'clock.

At the scheduled time, a goodly number of the Freshman Class assembled at the college building fully prepared for an enjoyable time—and they were not disappointed. The group then proceeded to Wragge's Pleasure Park where refreshments were served, and games were played, furnishing amusements for all who were present. As has been said before, a large number of Freshmen were there, but by no means all of them.

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Kindergarten Class Enjoys Hallowe'en Party

The spirit of Hallowe'en prevailed in the kindergarten room Saturday, October 31, when the kindergarten children were hosts to the first grade children from 11 to 12 o'clock in the morning. Colorful hats and black and orange masks made and worn by the little guests, added much to the festive atmosphere. A short program of songs and games, planned by the children, with a violin solo by Miss Hallie Adams as an additional feature was enjoyed by the children. Then the shades were drawn, the jack o'lanterns lighted, and each guest was presented with a miniature Brownie Man who carried with him a surprise package of refreshments.

Other guests besides the first grade children were: Bernilde Vaughn, Geneva Whitman, Misses Elliston, Children, Vivian Adams, Hallie Adams, Mae Simmons, Mrs. Pate, Mrs. Walling, Mrs. Wooten, Mrs. Shuman, Miss Richardson, Miss Fronabarger, President Hill and Mr. Jarrett.

Bison Bull

By Squint

From the Black and Blue Jay

If all the safes cracked by burglars in the year 1924 were placed in a heap in the middle of the Atlantic ocean, they would sink.

One historian says that Abe Lincoln built the cabin in which he was born, but this is generally believed to be an error.

Green Caps

Believe us, that Freshman gang has got the right spirit. We don't have a chance in the world to MAKE them wear those green caps as they do in other schools. We'd have about as much chance in forcing them to do anything as Benny Leonard has of whipping the British navy. But when they adopt the custom of wearing the slime headgear themselves, it's going to imbue the spirit of school and class pride into every student on the campus. And maybe you think the freshmen don't like to wear them, and perhaps you have other mistaken ideas—but just you try to permanently separate an apparently spineless fish from his cap, and if you live you'll regret it.

Puzzle

Questions. What is the result of: work and talent; work; some work; some talent; time wasted or just plain loafing; girls, boys, late hours, neglect? Answers: A, B, C, D, F.

Celebrities

Celebrity election is almost upon us. We've often seen it come and go, and sometimes it was funny, and sometimes it was just plumb pitiful. Some candidates immediately got the swell head and others went right along in the same old way and studied their jometry, and didn't change any even if they got elected (which they generally did). Listen to reason, folks, and

here it is: if the students elect you like you are now, and you change your mannerisms, ways, and general tactics, then you are not now the same person that they elected, and they have a right to impeach you, and we hope they do.

Vote for Chester Napps for the most typical jelly-bean.

Give me your vote for the most studious college man, Hardin Boyles.

Davis Hill wants your vote for the handsomest man.

Note—Miss Fay Jordan still owes us twenty-five cents on this last advertisement, and we wish that she would settle this small account at her earliest convenience.

Buttons 1776

Do you know why the boys have a button or so on their coat sleeves? Well, if all happened like this. In the olden days the dandies wore long lace fringed sleeves, and the lengthy sleeve and folds of lace interfered with their sword play, so they had buttons on their sleeves to hold them back out of the way. The buttons still remain with us. The useless buttons on the back of the present day swallow-tail dress coat are also a relic of days gone by. This style garment used to be of the prevailing mode, and incidentally, horseback riding was the principal means of travel for men. To prevent the tails of the coat from flapping in the antique breeze, they were buttoned to the back of the coat with the buttons about the waist line.

Riley Says

I know what I would rather do, If I could have my ruthers, I'd rather do what I wanted to Than be bossed around by others.

Bow-Wow

She had been married only a short while, and Clematis was forced to acknowledge that she did not cook well. Nevertheless she prepared his supper with the greatest care, for her ability as a successful housewife was about to be tested. She placed the victuals upon the plate with the utmost care, for one must be tired after a long day of hunting. She heaped the plate with meat, potatoes, gravy, and all the goodies she had concocted, and which the book of recipes had given her the minutest directions for preparing. She had worked hard on the meal and was tired. As a little delicacy, she placed a pair of her biscuits upon the plate, which biscuits were rather soggy in spite of her prolonged attempts to crisp them. Clematis set the plate of food before him with a touch of pride, but what did he do but turn and walk disdainfully away, for even a bird dog has his tastes.

OPINIONS

Mr. Humphreys recommends the three following principles for learning which is but formation of habits: "Interested Attention, Vividness of Apprehension, and Frequency of Repetition."

Raymond L. Thompson

Old Giving Way to New

In an article recently published in this column a statement was made that "the American colleges and universities were gaining more prestige in the world than the colleges and universities of Europe." It appears that the seat of learning is about to be shifted to a place not so old and not so strongly held in traditions as are the old European Universities. To give one of

the many illustrations of this changing we find that every year we have fewer and fewer American students going abroad to study. They are finding what they want right here in America and what is the use in going some where else.

At Oxford University in 1922 the American men students numbered 266. Last year the total was only 170. Of these only 90 are Rhodes Scholars, as compared with 141 two years ago and 109 last year.

Of the 170 students in attendance last year, 80 came from five of the larger American Universities. Harvard comes first with 39, Princeton second with 16, Yale third with 13, and Cornell and the University of Virginia tie with six each.

Exeter College is the most popular of the Oxford colleges with the American students.

A Universal Language to the World

Within two years over two million students in Hungary will be speaking the only universal language in existence, the Esperanto.

There is a real need for this language, or any universal language in Europe where there are so many Nations, and each with a different tongue.

This language has not only proved a useful means of communication between the nations of Europe, but has put the communication between America and Europe over the radio on a level plane. So much so that this language is broadcasted for one hour each day from all big stations.

Since the League of Nations gave the language official recognition, and as this language is used in the League courts, Esperanto is gaining a measure of popularity in this country. Many of the eastern universities are adding it to their curriculum.

The language is simple, and because all endings of verbs and adjectives are regular, it is very easy to master.

Although it is said that Esperanto can never become a living language because it is entirely artificial and cannot acquire that flavor which comes only with tradition, as an auxiliary it can serve a worthy purpose.

Of the 100,000 blind persons in the United States approximately 15,000 lost their sight in industry. Coal mining is the worst offender and hand work the next in eye injuries.

Roberts County Organizes Club

The students of Roberts County met Friday morning for the purpose of organizing a club. The following officers were elected:

Pearl Simmons, president.
A. G. Hopkins, vice president.
Winifred Carr, secretary.
Hazel Lowery, publicity.
Chester Gill, yell leader.
Prof. T. M. Moore, sponsor.
A regular meeting time for the club has not been definitely decided upon.

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CONFERENCE

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In this connection, the Northwest Texas conference will be asked to assume its share of the million dollars needed to supplement the support of Methodist missions during 1926. Of this amount it is expected to raise \$750,000 by a church-wide free will offering, and \$250,000 in assigned missionary specials. The Rev. J. W. Story, president of the conference board of missions, will supplement Mr. Ruff's appeal in behalf of the denomination's missionary program.

The Northwest Texas conference represents a constituency of approximately 50,000 members; 179 Epworth Leagues with 5,362 members; 207 Sunday Schools with 3,135 officers and teachers and 42,710 pupils enrolled; 168 woman's missionary societies with 4,482 members.

Educational statistics show two institutions of learning, Clarendon college at Clarendon and McMurry college at Abilene, with a property value of \$600,000. The conference also has an interest in Southern Methodist University at Dallas, a connectional institution, and the Wesley Bible Chair at the State University at Austin, which is supported by the five Southern Methodist conferences in Texas.

The official organ of the Northwest Texas conference is the Texas Christian Advocate, published at Dallas. Rev. P. F. Riley, is editor.

The approaching sixteenth session of the Northwest Texas conference brings that body to Canyon for the first time in its history. The Rev. A. L. Moore, has been secretary of the conference from the beginning, and he is practically certain to be re-elected.

The climax of the conference is expected for Sunday night service when the appointments for the ensuing year will be read. Interest will center about the men who have served the same charge continuously for four years or more, since under Methodist ruling, they are more than likely to be changed. In the last four years the old "four year limit" has been removed from the pastorate, although remaining in force for the presiding elder's office, and it is possible that some of the pastors who have served four years may be returned to their same charges.

SENIORS ENTERTAIN FROSH

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amusement of the guests. According to John Randolph, announcer for B U N K, Aurora brings the sun up each morning for the especial benefit of that territory which is bounded on "the north by the Polar Bear, the East by the rising sun, the West by the Golden Gate, and the South by the yellow fever."

Station S O L, Drake Hotel, Chicago, added a little modern jazz to the varied evening in addition to more more "gas." Weldon Thompson, announcer, arranged a clever musical number in his "Swiss Navy" band, with that "awful horn."

Station S O L won the prize for the best program.

Games were played in which opportunity was given for general acquaintance making, and the guests were served refreshments in the home economics department, at the close of the reception.

The Seniors made good the message on their card "That we want to know you, is our wish" and few persons left without having met a large circle of new friends.

B. Y. P. U. Extends Invitation to Non-Churchmen to Participate in Work for Year

The Baptists are in the midst of a great program. We are now organized in such a way that great things can be accomplished in enlistment. The campaign for raising the funds necessary to start the new church is in full sway. The Baptist students thank the people of the other churches for their co-operation to date, and earnestly ask for the aid of these beloved friends in the future for the carrying on of religious activity.

A cordial invitation is extended to all Baptists, or non-church members to be with us in Sunday School, B. Y. P. U., and Church. You need us, we need you.—Reporter.

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Tuning In With Our EX-STUDENTS

Lamb County Ex-Students Organize

The ex-students who are now living in Lamb County organized recently and are now ready for business. Paul Johnson, B. S. '24, is president of the new organization and Garland Lewis is vice-president. They are ably assisted by Lois Graham and Elizabeth Boeten who are secretary-treasurer and corresponding secretary, respectively.

Friends of the College will watch with interest the activities of this group of Exes.

Bessie Walker Sponsors High School Paper

A copy of the Will Wan, the weekly publication of the Farwell, Texas, high school, has been received. The paper is now in its second year. The staff, which is made up of high school students, is advised by Miss Bessie Walker of the Farwell faculty. Miss Walker was graduated here in 1924.

Miss Vera Roberts, who is teaching at Allanreed, is spending two weeks at her home in Canyon. Her school was dismissed in order that all available help might be used in the fields.

Miss Jewell Foster is teaching music and language in the intermediate grades at Dalhart. Miss Foster's home is in Dumas.

Miss Mary Gregory, a member of last year's Senior Class, is teaching mathematics in Quitaque, Texas.

Mrs. Fern Shackelford Wilmoth, who was a student here in 1916, read a paper on "The Value of Latin in the High School" before the annual Dallam County Teachers conference last Saturday.

Homer A. Pool, a member of the 1923-24 student body is teaching at Idalou.

R. S. McAdams of Lakeview came in one day last week and subscribed for The Prairie. He thinks "The Student Newspaper" will be like a letter from home.

Miss Opal Walkup of Acme, was here home coming day. She was a member of last year's Freshman class. This year she is spending the winter at home at home and serving as a book-keeper in her father's office.

Miss Nell Galloway passed through Canyon Thursday enroute to her home at Claude. She has been teaching at Petersburg, but her school has been dismissed until the cotton season is over.

Mrs. Frances Park Sullivan is teaching the fifth grade in her home town, Texline.

Miss Pauline Stovall, a student here last year, writes that she will be back at W. T. for the beginning of the winter quarter. Her home is at Floydada.

Miss Leah Amend, who was here in 1923, is a member of the Pampa high school faculty. She is instructor in home economics.

Miss Fern Bowman is at home this week from her school at Friona which has closed so that the students may work in the fields.

Miss Lorena Frieze spent several

days at her home in Canyon recently. She is teaching at Abernathy.

Miss Emma Lou McKinney is teaching the third grade in her home town, Floydada. She was a member of the 1923-24 student body and an enthusiastic participant in student activities.

Professor L. F. Sheffy Visits Panhandle Schools

Prof. L. F. Sheffy and Mrs. T. V. Reeves returned last week from a week's visit in the schools of Canadian and Miami and in the rural schools of Hemphill County. The purpose of the visit of these schools was to make a study of the school conditions as they actually exist and in order that the College might know how to better fill the needs and understand the conditions of the rural as well as the city schools. There was also another purpose in mind in making this visit, that was to come in touch with the ex-students of the institution who are teaching and to find out how they are progressing and also find out what they did not get here that they should have received.

Another group from the faculty is this week making tours over other counties of the Panhandle, and it is hoped that by the time the year is over a complete survey will have been made of the Panhandle and of all the territory falling under the influence of this institution. This is being done in order that the college may better know and serve the needs of the people.

Resolution of College Faculty

WHEREAS, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst Miss Helen Lamb, a member of the Education faculty, therefore be it resolved:

I. That in her going the faculty and the students of West Texas State Teachers College have sustained a deep loss. Though her life in the College was brief, her intrepid spirit and steadfast devotion to duty have impressed the faculty and her classes.

II. That no life is more potent for good or more far-reaching in its influence than the life of a faithful, joyous teacher such as she was. Her wealth of knowledge was invested with power for her students; her sympathetic understanding won their respect; and her willingness to forget herself in her work enriched her associates.

III. That our profound sympathy be extended to Miss Mary Adaline Lamb, her faithful sister who has taught in this institution almost since its beginning.

IV. That a copy of these resolutions be furnished The Prairie, The

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Respectfully submitted,
M. MOSS RICHARDSON,
MATTIE SWAYNE
EDNA E. HAINES,
Committee.

New and Interesting Relics Added to Hist. Collection

A huge rattlesnake is the latest accession of the natural history museum of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society. It was killed a few weeks ago in the Lighthouse region of the Palo Duro canyons, and is five feet inches long and ten inches in circumference.

The snake has been well mounted and has been the center of much excitement among those people who come upon it unexpectedly in the show windows of the Randall County News office where it is being displayed.

Mrs. M. J. Douglas of Sulphur, Oklahoma, has recently added to the historical society's collection of documents, a copy of the Ulster County Gazette, published at Kingsville, New York, January 4, 1800. This paper, which contains a notice of the death of President Washington, and a description of the funeral services, as well as interesting foreign news, has been in the family of Mrs. Douglas for more than fifty-five years.

D. N. Redburn of Randall County, has added a metal Indian arrow head and a metal tomahawk blade to the Society's large collection of materials showing Indian Life. The two pieces given by Mr. Redburn are unlike any others already in the Indian collection.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society is only four years old, but its collection has grown so rapidly that it is badly in need of a building in which to house it. Several pioneers of the Panhandle section are suggesting that a museum be built upon the campus of the West Texas State Teachers College, which is the headquarters of the organization. Such a building would carry the name of the donor and would be a lasting and fitting memorial for some man who has lived many years in the Panhandle and whose efforts have been crowned with financial success.

The Society numbers more than two hundred strong are scattered over northwest Texas, and New Mexico and one lives in Missouri.

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