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Back-Trail' in the Southwest

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Old Tascosa

No more interesting town of the early Panhandle can be found than Old Tascosa. Begun in 1877, it has the distinction of being the second oldest frontier town in this entire section. It was the capitol of Oldham County, the second oldest county from the standpoint of organization in this section, and the one to which Deaf Smith, Randall, Potter, Hartley, and other counties were attached for judicial purposes. Prior to its organization all the Panhandle sub-divisions had been attached to Wheeler, and all matters of local government were disposed of at Mobeetie. It has been many years since the last county organization was effected. Mobeetie is but the shell of its former self, and Tascosa is dead. The railroad failed to find it practicable to run its line through the town, but passed south of it and the "Dodge City of the Panhandle" passed into memory. No more does the stage bring the mail from Dodge. The buckboard and the mules that furnished the connection between the Kansas town and Tascosa served well their purposes, but where they brought the mail twice a week, now the clerk on the Fort Worth and Denver kicks off a dirty sack at the little station south of the Canadian twice a day. The cattle business made the town. And now that it is deserted, it is only vestiges of the cattle business that remains.

Fight for the County Seat

The Panhandle has witnessed many county seat wars. Some bitterness has grown out of these, but after the fight is over, each of the contestants, whether winner or loser, has usually settled down to steady and co-operative growth. In 1910 the fight for the removal of the county seat of Oldham from Tascosa to Vega was started. This move was vigorously opposed by a northern land and development company, which possessed interests in the county, and which is said to have employed means a little beyond the ethical to defeat. But in 1915 the town of Vega won out, past animosities were forgotten and the county continued to grow.

Farming in Oldham County

There was practically no farming in Oldham as late as 1906. What few farms existed, for the most part, were carried on in connection with the ranches, and little other than feed crops were raised. The cattlemen were not particularly anxious to see the farming settler come into their domain. But a few "nesters" came in 1906 and 1907, and the farming frontier began its encroachment upon the pastoral in Oldham. The first to achieve reasonable success at farming were those who possessed capital sufficient to attempt operations on a large scale. At first it was the "big farmers" who blazed the way, thereby reversing the order usually followed in pioneer farming. After the big men had shown that there were agricultural possibilities, the little men came in and took up land. These began coming about 1910, and have since proved beyond cavil that that section is a great agricultural country.

"Where cowboys rode the darkest night,
The milling herd to hold,
Combines reap the ripened grain
And turn it into gold."

Blacksmith and Coroner

There is something of grim humor in the fact that one of the first coroners of Old Tascosa was a blacksmith. That the "smithy" trade fitted one well for such a position in the early day, we have little doubt. But another side presents itself. In this fact alone we may see something of the resourcefulness of the old frontiersmen. They were quick to find expedients. At a marriage or at a death, if a minister or a coroner were not available, then the county surveyor or the village blacksmith was drafted.

Pioneers of Vega

Among the interesting characters who helped to blaze the way for settlement in the western Panhan-

GRABILL AND CLARK HEARD IN PROGRAM

Members of Music Faculty Give Joint Program Saturday

E. W. Grabill and W. R. Clerk were heard in a joint program in Chapel of last Saturday. Mr. Grabill, famed teacher of piano who is a member of the music faculty here the first term, played Mr. Clark's accompaniment to four songs, the music to which was composed by Mr. Grabill.

The program:
"O Come Not When I Am Dead," words by Tennyson.
"A Love Song," words by Lanier.
"Thou Art So Like a Flower," words by Heine.
"Lullaby," words and music by Grabill.

BRYAN GOES TO OKLAHOMA UNIV.

Professor of Public Speaking Resigns to Accept Professorship at Norman, Oklahoma.

Professor Earl C. Bryan, of the department of Public Speaking, has announced his resignation to take effect at the close of the present session. Mr. Bryan will teach in the department of Speech at the University of Oklahoma next year.

Mr. Bryan has taught here two years and has established an enviable record in connection with his work in his department. During the last session the debating teams of the College under the direction of Mr. Bryan established a record of five wins and no losses in intercollegiate competition. He has also been prominent in dramatic club and recital work.

At Oklahoma University Mr. Bryan will be one of the coaches of the university debating teams in addition to his work in the department of Speech.

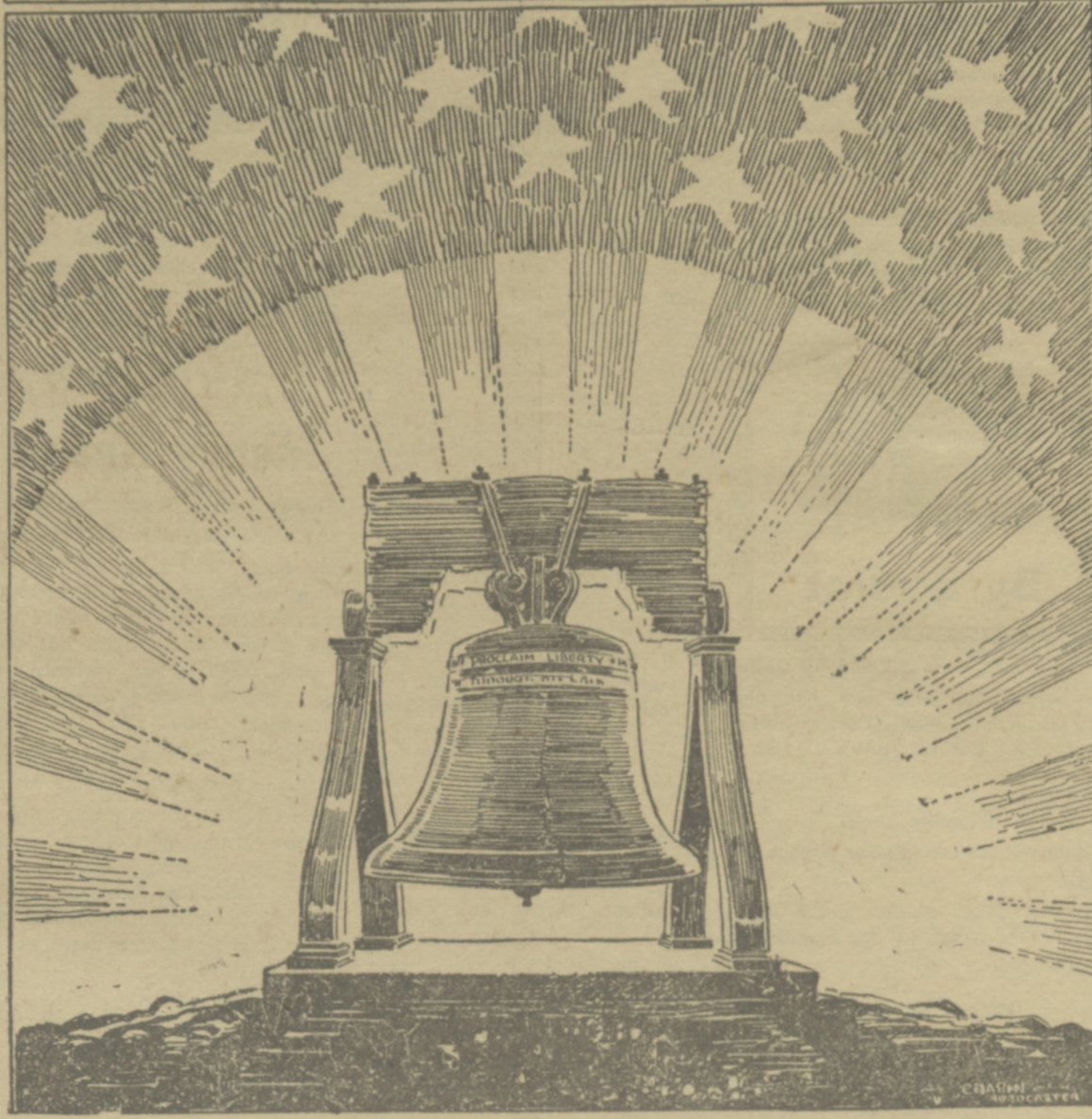
He may be mentioned Judge Wm. Balfour, better known as "Scotty." He came to Tascosa while that village enjoyed its balmy days, and has followed the well known advice of Horace Greeley about going west and growing up with the country. He lives on his farm to the west of Vega, and recently showed his interest in the work of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society by donating two steel, Indian lances, a bayonet brought from the Custer Battlefield on the Little Big Horn by an old trail driver, and a collection of arrowheads.

Judge Balfour relates that the Mexicans of Old Tascosa used to hunt buffalo on horse-back, and kill them with the long steel lances in the same manner as the Indian. He recalls one incident where a Mexican rode up beside a buffalo, drove his lance into the animal's side, but, in the thrust, the long wooden handle broke, and the horse, pressing close to the buffalo, thrust the broken end through the hunter's side, thereby killing him. It was evidently great sport to hunt buffalo in this manner, though dangerous. Certainly the element of sport placed this form of hunting upon a higher plane than that followed by the white buffalo hunters who exterminated the immense herds as a business enterprise.

From the occupation of "wolfing" to that of abstractor may be quite a far call, but that it has been made with success is but another instance of adaptability for which the West has long been noted. Allen Stag was a native of Missouri but departed from the old adage too often applied to natives of that state, and came to Texas to do a little "showing" on his own account. He worked as a cow-puncher on several big ranches of this section, but when he took up the business of "wolfing," he chose an occupation that was not over-crowded for obvious reasons. Benedict Arnold, if our history isn't mixed, achieved considerable notoriety by reason of his having crawled into a wolf's den and shot the animal "by the light of its eyes." With the old wolf hunters of the Panhandle, this was a common occurrence. To a considerable extent Allen Stag is responsible for freeing the country along the Canadian, in Oldham County, of lobo wolves, thereby saving the

THE NATION'S SHRINE, 1776—1926

By A. B. CHAPIN



Seniors Picnic In Palo Duro

The senior class spent yesterday in the Palo Duro canyon in a general hunt for excitement, pleasure, and out-door exercise. About twenty-five people were in the party that left yesterday morning in cars for the canyons and returned late last evening. The crowd was accompanied by Miss Jennie C. Ritchie, dean of Women.

A. D. Payne and Grady Hazlewood Open Office

A. D. Payne and Grady Hazlewood have opened a law office in the Insurance Building on West Sixth Street, Amarillo. Mr. Payne, who received the B. A. degree from this institution in 1922, recently moved to Amarillo after serving for four years as superintendent of the Canyon Public Schools. He is a candidate for the Texas Legislature from this district. Mr. Hazlewood was granted the B. A. degree from W. T. S. T. C. in 1923. After spending one year in the University of Southern California, he entered the University of Texas, graduating from the Law School there last month.

World Fellowship Is Topic of Y.W. Session

Miss Mary A. Lamb led a meeting of the Y. W. C. A. Wednesday afternoon, June 30. She read selections from Christ's teachings, emphasizing the brotherhood and the fellowship of His life. She stressed the fact that the Christian life is self-forgetting, self-giving. Hazel Mathis, who has just returned from the meeting of the Y. W. C. A. at Monte Ne, Ark., gave a report of the conference there. Miss Mathis brought back many beautiful thoughts from the lecturers tending to lead toward a stronger Christian fellowship. The Y. W. meeting will be held Wednesday at the usual time, and place unless otherwise announced from the bulletin board.

Additional Names Added To the Spring Honor Roll

Dean R. P. Jarrett announces the addition of two names to the spring honor roll following a check of averages. The two are: Alva Beach, Wellington. Agnes Childre, Memphis.

cattlemen much loss in calves. Judge J. E. May and G. W. Roberson are two more old trail drivers who helped carry Texas cattle to market long before adequate rail facilities existed. Judge May did considerable driving for the Capitol Syndicate, or the XIT ranch, and both he and Mr. Roberson contributed valuable information to the Historical Society.

Swallows Nesting Here by the Scores

Swallows by the hundreds are building their nests around the terra cotta cornice of the Administration building. These graceful birds are not of the pure swallow strain, being known as the Martin, or bank swallow. Their nests are constructed of mud with a fiber reinforcement, and greatly mar the appearance of the terra cotta trim around the building.

No Hill Around College Handicap Canyon—Distressing

West Texas State Teachers College has one drawback that there is no possibility of overcoming, students from Central and East Texas report. Unlike all the other schools in the lower sections of the state West Texas State Teachers College is not built upon a hill. In fact, it is said that every likely hill in Central Texas is fenced off and its owners start looking for a college to put on its crest.

When the locating committee inspected Canyon they found no hill and it was a good two miles to the top of the slight sink in which Canyon nestles. So there was nothing else to do but stick it on the bleak prairie and hope for the best.

You've heard of a lot of famous hills, among them "Blue Serge Hill," in which half the glamor of that name is absorbed by the hill; you couldn't dream of any touch of the romantic in just plain "blue serge plot"—the "hill" is indispensable. Some people have even suggested that Bunker Hill and Hill and Hill (B. P.) be included in this story, but that would be an attempt at witicism.

How West Texas State Teachers College is going to overcome this natural handicap is, as yet, an unsolved problem. Some genius has suggested that its the only big thing about Canyon anyway, so that a hill is unnecessary. Perhaps that argument takes the cake.

T. M. Moore Glad to Hear of College Day

T. M. Moore, professor of vocational agriculture, who is doing graduate work in Texas A. & M. College writes that he is very glad to hear of the success of College Day at the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention.

Mr. Moore reports that his Master's thesis on Agricultural Education is nearing completion and will be submitted within a short time.

Seniors Present Gift to Ritchie

Miss Jennie C. Ritchie, dean of women, was presented with a beautiful floor lamp by the senior class last Thursday evening when the class met at Miss Ritchie's home. The gift, according to members of the class, was in appreciation of the interest Miss Ritchie has taken in the activities of the class and the assistance she has given it during the year.

Out-of-State Club Holds First Summer Meeting

A jolly bunch of out-of-staters met on the campus for their first session of the summer on last Monday evening.

A business session was held with the president, Mr. Bice, presiding, and the following officers were filled: Emma Brason, secretary-treasurer; Lena Bratton, yell leader; Thelma Swanson, Prairie reporter; Della Wyson, Alice Bratton, Marie Andrews, social committee; Joe Weaver, Nellie Halstead, Miss Cannon, program committee.

After the business had been finished the group spent a pleasant hour in playing games and having a general good time.

The Club adjourned to meet next Monday night, July 5, in room 205 at 8 o'clock. All out of state students are invited to attend.

Presbyterian Pastor is Chapel Speaker Saturday

Rev. W. C. Kunze, pastor of the Presbyterian Church of Canyon, speaking at Chapel Thursday extended a cordial invitation to students not affiliated with other churches to meet with the College Class of his Church.

"Development of Character" was the subject of Mr. Kunze's talk, and he stressed especially the value of responsibility in this process. He also discussed the attainment of success in spite of obstacles rather than by an easy method, stating that the latter rarely came to pass. Mr. Kunze said that wealth and talent were like physical perfection, incomplete and unreal unless the luster is lighted up by character and spiritual beauty. He concluded with an earnest appeal for the development of character by the youth.

Mr. and Mrs. Mody C. Boatright of Alpine announce the arrival of a daughter, Frances Modelaine, on Wednesday, June 16. Both Mr. and Mrs. Boatright are graduates of W. T. S. T. C. Mr. Boatright has been a member of the English department at Sul Ross State Teachers College for the past two years.

Wallace Buttrick Dies in Baltimore

Wallace Buttrick, chairman of the General Education Board, died two weeks ago at Johns Hopkins Sanitarium. Mr. Buttrick had been chairman of the General Education Board for a number of years and has promoted education all over the United States. Mr. Buttrick was 73.

The General Education Board is a Rockefeller foundation with resources of approximately \$100,000,000, and its resources have been used for the promotion of better education since the establishment of the fund in 1902. The General Education Board inaugurated the system of state supervision of the public schools in Texas and has done numbers of other valuable services for Education in Texas.

Mr. Buttrick, especially, was concerned with the development of the ideal teacher and much of his influence and that of his board was turned in the direction of the cultivation of better and more efficient teachers.

COACH ECKHARDT LOOKING FOR MEN

Football Mentor Will Make Field Trip Over Panhandle For Grid Prospects.

Coach Oscar Eckhardt is planning on a field trip over the Panhandle territory during the next two weeks for the purpose of becoming acquainted with the high school graduates who are likely material for the 1926 Buffalo football squad. Coach Eckhardt states that the 1926 squad will be largely new material as nine out of the eleven regulars of the past season took their degrees at the spring Commencement.

The Panhandle high schools graduated a large group of star grid men the past spring and West Texas State Teachers College wants the cream of the lot for its own squad.

Department Education Praises Latin Work

Mrs. T. M. Montfort, instructor in Latin in the high school, has received a letter from Miss Margaret Cotham, of the State Department of Education, praising the work done by Mrs. Montfort's classes in high school Latin during the past year.

In part, Miss Cotham says: "It is only lack of office space that prevents me from asking to be permitted to retain your exhibit for display purposes. * * * I arranged the things on my desk and they were the center of much interest all day. It is with real regret that I consign the winning little legionary soldier to his paper wrapping. I enjoyed his visit."

"I am retaining the photograph you sent; also, I am confiscating the copy of the constitution of your Latin Club."

"With appreciation of the good work you are doing, I am,

"Very cordially,
"MARGARET COTHAM,
"Latin Supervisor, Department of Education."

Mary Clark Chosen to Lead Randall Exes

At a meeting of the Randall County Ex-Students Association Wednesday, Miss Mary Clark was elected president of the county group for 1926-27. Other officers elected are: Hazel Allen, vice-president; Ruth Lowes, secretary; Mary Hill, treasurer.

Stop Thief!

The Prairie office was visited some time ago when everyone was out and a copy board worth about \$2.50 disappeared. This board is of stained pine material, approximately 7 1/2 inches by 10 1/2 inches, and is equipped with a bulldog paper clamp that is the full width of the board.

The Prairie staff will appreciate information as to where this board can be found and will ask no questions.

C. J. FINGER TELLS VALUE OF LITERATURE

Noted Editor Speaks Here On First Lyceum of Summer

Charles J. Finger, editor of "All's Well" and well known lecturer, spoke Saturday evening on "How to Know Good Books," this program being the first number of the lyceum attractions to be offered by the College this summer.

Mr. Finger briefly outlined the field he planned to cover under four heads: first, why do we have critics? Second, are critics to be relied upon? Third, why should not each be his own critic of art and literature? Fourth, what are the qualities that a book should possess if it is to be permanent?

"Critics, like most people, are often afraid of their own opinions," said Mr. Finger. "Before they dare pass judgment upon a piece of work, they wait to see what others think about it and then follow the crowd." He told of a hoax two poets practiced on the critics by putting out a book of nonsense poems under assumed names. At first the so-called poems were given serious consideration by our most noted authorities on modern poetry; but when the truth came to light, it was proved that critics are not always to be relied upon.

Mr. Finger discussed other fakes that have been passed on to the gullible public by futurist painters, exponents of "absolute poetry," "expressionists," imitators of the Chinese method, and others who seek to express personality. "Of course we want personality," said Mr. Finger. "Everybody does. But who wants a crazy or insane personality?"

"Richard Corey," by Edwin Arlington Roberts, was read by the lecturer as an example of a real poem which owed its value to being the flowering of an idea into words.

"The essence of art is intelligibility," said Mr. Finger. "I will listen to things I do not like, but I refuse to listen for five minutes to that which I do not understand." He urged everyone to be his own critic, to refuse to accept the ready-made opinions of professional critics, and to cease pretending to enjoy the unintelligible. The quality second in importance that literature should possess, he stated, is beauty.

Whether a work is to live depends upon its characterization, Mr. Finger believes. Its characters must not be puppets nor pawns nor types but should be so real to the reader that "he would recognize the character if he should ever meet him on the street" and "would know him as well, if not better than his next-door neighbor." The action of a story, the speaker pointed out, must be the logical outcome of the "collision" of character on character. He read "Eric," which was judged to be the best short story written in 1924, as an example of characterization.

Mr. Finger appealed to his hearers to write. "Everyone of you has a story in you, if you are worth anything at all," he said.

Mr. Finger is a former Texan. He has been editor of the St. Louis Mirror, "All's Well," a literary journal published at Fayetteville, Arkansas, and other papers. Last year he won the Newberry prize awarded by the United States Library Association for the best literature for children produced in 1925. His short stories have found a place in O'Brien's annual collections of best short stories written in America. Extensive travel and wide reading have helped to make Mr. Finger the authority that he is in the literary world today.

A large audience attended the lecture, many out-of-town guests having been present. Because the program was one of especial interest to writers, the Panhandle Pen-Women were invited to attend as guests of the College. That organization was well represented at the gathering Saturday evening.

GOOD FISHING

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Poking About
at Random

The Prairie Staff has a gen-
uine case of the bass ale blues.
Bozo, the perennial news hound
belonging to the staff, happened in
the office last Saturday afternoon
for the usual sniffing about, and
the crowd trampled him to death.
The staff is looking for another
news hound and hopes to find one
that will be able to stand the
stress and strife of our multi-com-
bination office de-luxury.

The swallows who have been
building nests around the trim on
the Ad building were given a sur-
prise party about the middle of
last week when the campus force
happened along with the fire hose
and began washing the nests down.
It was a muddy affair, but water
cleans all such things, as Aunt
Mirandy was fond of saying.

Over at Hereford last Sunday
the home talent had a tough time.

The score was 9-0 but it wasn't
the fault of anyone in particular.
A fellow by the name of Eckhardt
was doing the pitching and he
strong-armed the pill down the al-
ley so consistently that a sextet
of clean hits and one scratch was
the sum total of his defectiveness
in that particular game. The fans
over at Hereford are about the
best bunch of sports you'll ever
rub shoulders with in towns around
these parts. Over there when the
umps holds up the third finger of
his right hand when the bases are
loaded and two out, nobody says
a word. That's sportsmanship—
when the home team is several
runs behind.

The little trip over to Hereford
was made in 39½ minutes and was
a mooning affair from start to
finish, and Ray Daniel can drive
that Moon car of his, too. The
roads were so good that Zeke
Blakely slept throughout the 39
minutes without snoring.

With the aid of Dock McVicker's
personality we managed to get to
talk to a few of the exes over at
Hereford who are spending the
summer at home before taking on
another nine months of higher
education. Met Eloise Pitman,
Skeet Skelton, Kat Hawkins, and
Mary McDonald, tucked in a brand-
new sedan, and obviously enjoying
their vacation. Eloise is going to
teach next year and she is already
making out her lesson plans! The
rest of the bunch say they are go-
ing to enjoy the summer despite
the industry on the part of their
serious friend.

The addition of the new gymna-
sium which has recently been oc-
cupied by the department of physi-
cal ed, makes the new gym 50%
more useful. When the building is
stuccoed and the floors stained and
a satisfactory seating arrangement
made, the gym will be the best in
the Panhandle. The addition is
equipped with offices, locker rooms,
and shower baths, and will save

visiting teams the trouble of going
out into the park to dress and hold
their between-period conferences.

Madeline Obenchain, who fig-
ured in the headlines for several
weeks a couple of years ago while
she was being tried in Los Angeles
for the murder of her husband, an-
nounced last week that she is to
leave civilization forever. Bush,
the man who was tried jointly
with Mrs. Obenchain, has married
another woman. Whether or not
the two events have any specific
connection is a matter of small
conjecture. Madeline's love seems
to be of a different sort than the
usual.

BISON BULL
(PEDIGREED BRAND)

By Squint

All right, fellows, let's all gath-
er round and sing that old, old
hymn, She Was the Printer's
Daughter, But We Didn't Like Her
Type."

Flaming Youth

Please, mister, gimme a shot of
gin?

Good grief, youth, pretty soon
you'll be askin' me for cigarettes.
—Ollapod.

Economics (Home)

A fellow in Missouri says you
can prevent the cake from falling
by tying it to the chandelier with
a clothesline. This guy is pretty
smart, but he'd find more hearty
co-operation if he'd tell these
boarding house keepers in Canyon
how to keep the biscuits from dis-
appearing.

They have a good school for
teachers in Boulder, Colorado. One
of our co-eds told one of our sen-
iors the other day that he ought
to be a Boulder Graduate. The
situation is gettin' awful when the
girls here talk to our men folks
in such a manner. Somethin'
ought to be done, men, somethin'
ought to be done. There ain't any
use takin' such flagrant advantage
of our Free Speech Law.

Amarillo vs. Lubbock

Amarillo and Lubbock had three
ball games, Lubbock winning one,
Amarillo winning one, and the
third was a forfeit game to Amar-
illo after a long managerial argu-
ment. The last game was just
getting good when the argument
started, and was fairly heated for
about forty minutes. The man-
agers of the opposing teams got
just a little hoarse, then, and the
people in the grand stand couldn't
hear what they were saying to
each other, so all the spectators
went home. The players went to
the showers after an hour and
fifty minutes of debate, and the
two managers and the umpire had
supper served on the grounds by
lantern light. About eleven that
night the umpire announced to the
dark and empty grandstand that
the game was forfeited to Amar-
illo, for Sled Allen, the Lubbock
manager, had fainted from a se-
rious case of throat exhaustion.
The sports writers in the two
towns are still having lots of
fun joking each other about the
outcome, and it appears that noth-
ing but a governmental order for
national military mobilization can
stop the argument. Why doesn't
somebody start a war?

WHERE THE STUDENTS FEEL AT HOME

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(Heard at the McGuire House
table. Read the following contem-
poraneously in twelve-ate time).

Red Keith—What's that stuff
over there by you, huh, pass it.
J. C. Mott—Is it sold in cans or
bottles, and if so why, and how
much for how much?

Tige Elkins—I done well till the
fifth innin' and then my support
weakened, and then I came out.

Paul Enlow—Pass the food, fel-
lows.

Buck Johnson—Mrs. McGuire al-
ways makes the tea weak like this
so if you, don't like tea you can
still enjoy this.

Pud Thompson—Yeah, I have
opportunities to go into teaching
or the oil game, and I don't know
which I'll choose. (And on and
on, far, far into the night.)

Kunseat

Whenever a man exhibits a pe-
culiar trait of character, in the
eyes of women he's conceited. If
he's absent minded, he's conceit-
ed. If he walks uprightly, and
carries himself as a man should,
he's conceited. If he sings bass,
he's conceited, and if he is pos-
sessed of a high tenor voice, he's
even more conceited. If he uses
a different kind of tooth paste,
he's conceited. This word is over-
worked, young women, for you
apply it to every man who walks on
two legs in this town. If there's
something about a man that you
can't explain, you decide he's con-
ceited, and—he generally is.

Buy a Bottle

We imagine that this stuff they
mix up in the chem laboratory is
one of the strongest chemicals
known to science, but the things
we do and say are stronger than
things we mix. The most power-
ful and yet the cheapest drug in
the world is found in a bottle
labeled Praise. It's a bad idea to
administer this medicine to your-
self, but to give it to someone else
helps both the patient and the
doctor in a wonderful way. Most
of us are afraid to give it to our
friends because we are afraid of
an overdose, and a consequent
complication of Pride setting in,
but actual cases of this complica-
tion are few in the world of
medicine. Give this dope to your
friends, for it isn't expensive, it
isn't habit forming, the bottle isn't
unhandy to carry in any pocket,
it doesn't have to be taken with
water, there are no messy cap-
sules, and lastly, it will greatly
increase the efficiency, productiv-
ity, and happiness of the patient.
We thank you.

Flanigan Smith is home from
Austin where he has attended the
law college of the University. He
will return the second quarter of
the summer session to complete his

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Snappy Humor

There's One in Every Fraternity

"When I was in India," said the
culb bore, "I saw a tiger come
down to the water where some
women were washing clothes. It
was a very fierce tiger, but one
woman, with great presence of
mind, splashed some water in its
face—and it slunk away."

"Fellows," said one of the broth-
ers in an arm chair, "I can vouch
for the truth of this story. Some
minutes after the incident occur-
ed, I was coming down to the
water. I met this tiger, and as is
my habit, stroked his whiskers.
Fellows, those whiskers were wet."
—Purple Cow.

Oculist: "Your drinking has af-
fected your eyes, my good man;
you should get glasses."

Patient: "Won't illy-cups do,
Doctor?"—Voo Doo.

Amateur Hunter: "What is the
name of the species I have shot."

Guide: "I've just been investi-
gating and he says his name is
Smith."—Royal Purple.

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SOCIETY

With the hot summer days upon us, many students are going on picnics, hikes, and various other forms of recreation.

A party of hikers composed of Grady Hazlewood, Florence Smith, Miss Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. T. V. Reeves, went to Wragge's on a sunrise breakfast last week.

Miss Faye Christopher entertained her guest, Miss Bohannon, with a sunrise breakfast at Wragge's last week.

The Society Editor has been informed of the fact that three young ladies of more or less high social position, were seen out at Wragge's at the late hour of sunset—that the young ladies went in swimming was quite evident from the dripping hair. The editor regrets that the names of the ladies are not known. Better luck, next time.

Y. P. M. S. girls were entertained with a social at the home of Mrs. A. A. Walker last week.

Mrs. Tardy is visiting with her parents in Dallas.

Miss Pauline Brigham gave a studio tea last Monday afternoon, honoring Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Grabill of Los Angeles. The pupils of the music department were the guests. A very pleasing program was enjoyed.

Miss Willida Neely visited her relatives in Amarillo last week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. W. Grabill entertained a number of their friends at the Amarillo Country Club with a six o'clock dinner last week end.

Frank Stafford, Earl Lewis and John Randolph left June 28 for Denver where they are to attend the Citizens Military Training Camp.

Miss Billy Jones of Lubbock is visiting at the home of Miss Geneva Lowes.

Mrs. J. A. Hill entertained new members of the faculty Friday afternoon with a tea from four to six o'clock.



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What Happened
To Jones

Teachers Institute To be Larger Than the One Last Year

The West Texas Teachers Institute will be held at the College August 30 to September 3, according to announcement made by F. E. Savage, conductor. Mr. Savage is taking the work of conductor, succeeding R. P. Jarrett, who has charge of all the work in the dean's office during the summer.

Last year 1150 teachers from 24 counties attended the institute, and unanimously voted to return to the institute this year. Several other counties will come to the institute which have not attended in the past.

A few of the lecturers have been announced by Mr. Savage as follows:

J. R. Grant of Little Rock, the foremost authority on rural education in the south, will have charge of this class of work.

Miss Florence Parker, State College for Women, Columbia, Mo., will have charge of the primary work.

Dr. C. H. Winkler of A. & M. College will have charge of the vocational agriculture work.

Several more educators will have a place in the institute.

FINDS LIVING CHEAPER IN CANYON—TO MOVE

H. B. Lyon is moving his family to Canyon from Amarillo because the living expenses are so much cheaper. He believes that if Canyon could build a hundred five and six room houses all would be filled this summer by Amarillo people who are seeking lower living expenses.

"Well, I came down with flying colors," said the painter as the scaffolding broke.—Evansville College Crescent.

Republican Party Will Hold First Primary in County

The first primary to be held by the Republican party in Randall county has been called for July 24th.

Leaders of the party yesterday stated that while no movement had been made to put out a county ticket, the state and district ticket would be complete, and if county nominees are named in the primary they will be entitled to a place on the general election tickets in November.

Proud Father (over the telephone): "I want you to insert that notice of the birth of my twins."

Editor (not understanding): "Will you repeat that?"

Proud Father: "Not if I know it."

—Clemson Tiger.

Some scandal is positively worthwhile. Just think, "turpitude" has now been added to our vocabulary.

—Voo Doo.

Frosh: "Jack's got a girl in every port."

Soph: "He's not a sailor, he's a wholesaler."—Tiger.

Stude: "Say, Peter, how long is a million years to you?"

St. Peter: "Oh, about a minute."

Stude: "How much does a million dollars mean to you?"

St. P.: "Oh, about a cent."

Stude: "Lend me a million, will you?"

St. P.: "Yes, in a minute."—Ohio Green and White.

One: Think I'll bet on this fellow Plumber in the mile run.

Two: Don't be a fool. A fellow with a name like that would get half way around the oval and then have to go back after his track suit.



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Ex-Student to Get Army Commission

Earle G. Standlee of Dallas recently qualified for a commission in the regular army as second lieutenant in the medical corps, according to an announcement sent out from Washington. Mr. Standlee was a student here in the summer of 1914.

Former Faculty Member Married

Friends of Miss Adeline White, a former member of the Education faculty, will be interested to learn of her recent marriage to Patrick Scott. Mr. Scott is an auditor for the Santa Fe railroad. Mrs. Scott is in Austin this summer completing the work for the Ph. D. degree which will be conferred by Columbia University. She will teach at Texas Tech this winter.

Rayzor-Sutton

Mrs. W. H. Rayzor announces the marriage of her daughter, Louise, to Earthman A. Sutton on Friday, June 25. The wedding took place in Texas City at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. L. J. Conant.

The marriage of Miss Bessie Elliot and Harley Terry occurred Saturday, June 12, at Spur, Texas. Mr. and Mrs. Terry are at home at Dickens, Texas. Mrs. Terry is a former student of W. T. S. T. C. She was here last in the summer of 1925.

Barger-Lovell

Miss Velma Barger and Sylvester Lovell were married at Robert Lee, Tuesday, June 8. The bride was in school here in the summer of 1924. Mr. Lovell was here last in the summer of '25. Mr. and Mrs. Lovell are at home now at Dickens, Texas.

Word-Wescott Wedding Announced

The approaching marriage of Miss Winnie Mae Word and Curtis Wescott was announced at a bridge luncheon given by Mrs. Millard Word and Miss Lola Word in Amarillo Tuesday. The wedding will take place July 7. Miss Word was a student here in 1922-23. For the past three years she has been

teaching public school music in the Amarillo schools.

Miss Bettie Smalley, B. A. '26, is studying this summer at Northwestern University, Evanston, Illinois. Miss Smalley will have charge of the public speaking department in the Canyon High School this winter.

Miss Mittie Lee Allen, a student here last winter, is spending the summer at her home in Midland.

Miss Bertha Hicks will teach in the intermediate grades at Post this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Powell, who have been in New York for the past two years, are spending the summer with relatives in Texas. They were accompanied home by Mrs. Powell's sister, Miss Byrd Mitchell, who has been visiting in New York since her school closed this spring.

Miss Agnes Charlton, B. A. '25, is attending the University of Mexico at Mexico City, this summer.

Miss Ethel Rice, a member of the Class of '26, will teach science and mathematics at Lockney this winter.

Davis Hill, a member of last year's Junior class, and a Buffalo of football, basketball, and track fame, will coach athletics in the Junior High School at Breckenridge this winter.

Miss Mary Lucille Kendall, who was in school here last year, has been elected to teach in the primary grades of the Dalhart schools during the coming year.

Miss Reba Brown of Silvertown, a former student in the sub-college division, and Mr. Lee Thomas were married April 8, 1926 and are now living in Dallas.

His Inspiration

The Friend: "And where did you get the idea for the book you're writing now?"
The Author: "From the moving picture version of my last one."

The Absentee Voting Law

The law contemplates that absentees from their home counties may appear before a notary public or a clerk of a court from twenty to ten days before a primary election.

He or she shall present notary or clerk a poll tax receipt, or make affidavit of its loss, or if you have left it at home and can't conveniently get it, you can make affidavit to that fact, and said notary or clerk shall forward your poll tax receipt or affidavit to the clerk of your home county.

Upon receipt of same the clerk of your home county will at once forward to said notary or clerk one ticket; said clerk or notary will notify you and you will again appear before notary and make out your ballot, and which shall be by said notary returned to clerk of your home county.

The clerk of your home county will two days before said primary forward said absentee votes to the various voting boxes of county where they will be counted, same as if you were personally present and voting.

Absentee voters in Randall County, Texas, may begin voting next Monday, July 5, as set out above, that is, they may appear before notary or clerk with their poll tax receipt, and send for ballot and will take something like a week to get it back here to be voted.

You must use your absentee privilege from July 5 to July 14th.

J. L. Wohlford,
County Attorney, Randall County.

"Soup" Truck Hits Wheat Truck—Drivers Are Unharmed

A truck load of 500 quarts of nitroglycerine, known in oil parlance, as "soup," collided Tuesday evening at 7:00 o'clock on the highway west of Canyon, with a truck load of wheat. Both trucks were badly damaged in the impact, but fortunately the explosive was not sufficiently jarred to be set off.

R. A. Franks of Amarillo was bringing the load of explosive from Artesia to Borger, north of Amarillo. In passing the truck driven by F. W. Turner, the two drivers seemed to become confused as to signals Turner was making, and hence the accident.

Franks has long been handling high powered explosives and has been engaged in the business of "shooting" oil wells, but this was the nearest he ever came to a premature explosion, which would certainly have meant death to himself, Turner, and a young man riding with Franks.

The car of Franks was repaired, and the 500 quarts started on the trip to Borger again this morning.

INCREASE AT COLLEGE FOR SECOND HALF

NEW COURSES WILL BE OFFERED IN SUMMER SESSION.

Second Quarter Opens July 19th With Promise of Increase in Attendance at College.

With the beginning of July, the West Texas State Teachers College is beginning to make preparations for the students who will enter for the second summer term which opens July 19. Many courses are offered during the second six weeks which have not been offered during the first half of the session. For these are mostly designed to be of immediate service to the teacher.

The department of Agriculture, with Professor R. H. Howell in charge will offer a course in Farm Marketing which will be of value to every rural teacher. This course will allow the teacher to help his community to arrive at an intelligent marketing plan, and thereby save hundreds of dollars. The study marketing will also offer a basis on which to build much of the Arithmetic work in the school.

Teachers who expect to work in the high schools of Texas will find the course called English 310, which is the Teaching of Composition and Literature in the high school, one of help and inspiration; teachers who have it will be able to do their work with greater interest on the part of their pupils. This course will be especially valuable to the teacher of schools that are seeking further affiliation from the State department of Education. The department of History, headed by Professor L. F. Sheffy offers similar work for teachers of high school history.

One of the most popular cultural courses is that of Modern Drama which interprets modern life thru the eyes of the dramatist.

With the constant increasing interest in the welfare of boys and girls there has been a corresponding growth in the interest in scout craft. So W. E. Lockhart, who is a member of the executive council of Boy Scouts of the Panhandle is offering a course for young men who are training for work as scout masters. Professor Lockhart is assisted in this course by such authorities as Thomas Nelson of Amarillo.

With a generous vacation period since the close of the public schools in May, a large number of teachers and others are planning to enter the Teachers College, July 19, taking the courses which will carry full credit and close for the opening of the various Texas institutes the first of September.

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