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Amarillo Brings Eleven Boxers

Of the Eleven Fast Bouts, The Normal Took Five; Amarillo Four, and Two Were Draws.

A delegation of several score Amarillo rooters invaded the Normal Friday evening, but her battered warriors could carry away but four of the eleven bouts. Several of the contests were close, but youthful skill and endurance won over experience minus the punch. Most of the Amarillo pugilists were much older than our boys, and better developed, but they were evidently out of condition and untrained in foot-work. Trowbridge of the Normal scored the lone knockout. A brief account of the bouts by weight follows:

Light Heavy-Weight

K. O. Brown, Amarillo; Floyd Trowbridge, Normal—Trowbridge had slight advantage in first round; won second and third easily. Referee stops bout in fourth to save Brown from further punishment. Technical knockout.

Jack Johnson, Amarillo; Ralph Jones, Normal—Johnson older and more experienced. Won first and second rounds. Third and fourth rounds resulted in draws. Fifth round was slow; Johnson was out of breath. Jones showed superior foot-work; lacked a heavy punch, but was ready for more fight at the gong. A draw.

P. B. Fugua, Amarillo; Garland Taylor, Normal—Fugua led the fight with good boxing, winning first two rounds. Taylor won the next two by heavy hitting. Fugua won fifth round on points. Fugua's bout by a shade.

Welter Weight

Joe Croft, Amarillo; Roy Golden, Normal—After the first exchange of blows both boys were inclined to be cautious, and clinched frequently. Golden was the aggressor, and won all rounds on points by his superior headwork.

Bill Buvens, Amarillo; Alvis Lynch, Normal—First round was fast with exchange of heavy blows. Lynch fouled accidentally when Buvens knocked down a stiff uppercut, deflecting it below the belt, in the second round.

Cass Davis, Amarillo; Frank Farmer, Normal—This was by far the fastest match of the evening. Both landed rights and lefts frequently. A draw.

Light Weight

Clarence Kraff, Amarillo; Mack Nobles, Normal—Nobles was not in condition for the bout, but he put up a good fight every minute. He was out-weighted by an experienced man, who won from him in the last round on points.

Milton Richardson, Amarillo; Foy Terry, Normal—Both men fought cleverly, Terry being the aggressor. Terry won every round, and tried for a knockout several times. Terry's bout beyond any doubt.

Feather Weight

Bill Hutchins, Amarillo; John Vetek, Normal—Bill was the rushing bulldog type, but John made it a point to avoid the rushes, and turning quickly landed many stinging right swings. Vetek's speed, accuracy, and science won the bout for him on points.

Frank Formsy, Amarillo; Basil McCormick, Normal—Formsy was older and had a quick powerful attack. He met a stiff resistance, but won all rounds on points.

Zane Smith, Amarillo; Wallace Buster, Normal—It was 23 years against 14. The result was never in doubt after the first round. Smith had injured a hand, and in shielding it, he lost the contest.

The bouts were for practice merely, as our boys expect to meet the University next month. The officiating by Harry Mayers met the approval of both the spectators and participants.

Mr. Travis Shaw, Secretary of the College, and son Travis Jr., left Sunday morning for Detroit, Michigan, in response to a telegram announcing that his wife was seriously ill. Later a message was received telling of her death. The entire faculty and student body extend their sympathies to Mr. Shaw and his children in their sorrow.

Fourteen boys and girls accompanied by Misses Miriam Anderson and Harriet Graham went to the creek north of town last Thursday evening on a picnic. Of course they had a good time.

ANNUAL CLEAN UP DAY CELEBRATED MARCH 26

Saturday, March 26, was observed by the College as Clean Up Day. At 9 a. m. the students and faculty met in chapel to hear the plans and instructions for the day's work. When all had gathered in full uniform, bearing arms and carrying various kinds of equipment, Mr. Shaw made a picture of the assembly.

President Hill appointed Mr. Guenther General of all the forces for the day. Gen. Guenther commissioned from the faculty a capable staff of officers to assist him. Each officer recruited a company of workers and was detailed by Gen. Guenther to different points of the campus. Mr. Duflot was commissioned to military police duty. Mr. Morelock and Mr. Shaw were appointed secret service men. Because of special qualifications, Miss Harriet Graham and Mr. Shirley were appointed mess-sergeants.

About ten o'clock rethrops marched to the front lines of defense and were thrown at once into action. When the smoke of the fray cleared, about two hours later, evidences were plain that the troops of W. T. S. N. C. had won the day; order reigned where chaos had ruled. Rocks, trash, grass and weeds had been raked and piled and hauled away. The trees were pruned, flower beds ploughed, ball park improved and the tennis courts cleaned and repaired. Notable work was done by Capt. Johnson and his company, the Training School, on the play grounds at the east side of the campus.

At 12:30 the mess call was heard. A bread line was rapidly formed and each person given a mess kit which was passed down the line of toiling K. P.s and generously piled with sausages, rolls, pickles, sandwiches, fruit and cakes. At another table each was given a cup of Serg. Shirley's home brew. Then ensued an hour that could be well appreciated by the sons of toil before they departed for their homes.

Y. W. C. A. Hike

Ho! All ye members of the Y. W. C. A. Don your picnic garb and with carefree stride, let's hike to aplace where the water nymphs dwell.

Bring a cup to be sure and fruit or cakes, and meet, be prompt, at the Western gate, at four-thirty o'clock on March twenty-ninth.

Surely only dire necessity could keep one from accepting such an alluring invitation.

The fifty members of the Y. W. C. A. who gathered, as specified, at the west gate on Tuesday afternoon will always remember that hike as one of the jolliest and best ever. Clad in comfortable outing clothes, and burdened only with tin cups and interesting looking packages, they set out. The picnic ground was reached without mishap, and the business of making way with the contents of said packages was promptly begun. Exact statistics are not available, but it is estimated that enough bacon, onions, bread, pickles, cake, fruit, and coffee was consumed to feed the inmates of Huntleigh Hall for several days. The studious ones had to "eat and run" but a little group stayed to tell "thrillers" around the camp fire till only the embers remained.

Altogether it was a most enjoyable affair, and those who were compelled to miss it are very unfortunate individuals.

Big Prairie Fire of 1908

March the fifth, nineteen hundred and eight, is a day that will long be remembered by pioneer plainmen of the Panhandle community, as the day of the big prairie fire.

The fire started from a steam tractor that was plowing sod; a spark escaping from the smoke stack ignited the dry grass. The wind was blowing a gale from the southwest which spread the fire quite rapidly.

Farmers could see the smoke for miles around, and began to plough fire guards around their farms and farm buildings. The fire burned all night with a high wind sweeping it on.

About nine o'clock the next morning it reached territory that had been burned two weeks before, and as the wind changed to the north, the fire headed in the opposite direction, but it was soon under control.

The fire had burned over sixty thousand acres, the two together comprised about eighty thousand acres.

Several farm homes were destroyed, feed and livestock were burned, and miles and miles of fences ruined; but no lives were lost.

Panhandle-Plains Historical Society

Enthusiasm and Breadth of Vision
Characterize Purpose, Scope and
Plans of Members.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society was formerly organized Feb. 5, 1921, though for three or four weeks previous the plans were being formulated by a small group of students and faculty members. The following officers were elected:

President—Mr. L. F. Sheffy.
First Vice-President—Mr. T. M. Clark.

Second Vice-President—Mr. Robert Hill.

Recording Secretary—Miss Amy Daniel.

Corresponding Secretary—Mr. Mody C. Boatright.

Treasurer—Miss Lizzie Kate Smith.

Custodian—Miss Malone.

The Society was organized to collect data concerning the life of the first settlers in the Panhandle-Plains region, while some of these people are still living, that first hand information might be obtained. Thus there will also be some opportunity for receiving corrections. Those interested were convinced that the longer the matter was delayed the more difficult it would be to secure reliable information. This organization hopes to secure material which may be incorporated later into a book or books giving a vivid description of the early life here which will be an example of the dangers, the hardships, the sorrows and the simple pleasures of the pioneer in all similar regions in the United States. To give local color and vividness to such work, access must be had to full descriptions of the every day life of the pioneer. No one can give these so well as the pioneer himself. Therefore this Society will spend its energies for some time in collecting material with little or no attempt to classify or verify it, for this work can be done later. Just now an attempt is being made to persuade the remaining early settlers to write memoirs. Many of them are unwilling, usually through diffidence, and cannot be persuaded that their experiences are unique and should be preserved for future generations. However, not all have this false modesty; so gradually information is being collected. Mr. Sam Goldston, Quay, New Mexico, has promised to write his memoirs and thinks he can do it in two or three months. Others are willing to be interviewed. Valuable aid has been offered by Judge Browning and Judge Turner, of Amarillo, and by Miss Hammer, of Claude, in collecting this data. Thus slowly the desired information is being collected. The amount collected does not seem so small when one considers the fact that the officers are all busy people who can give only a minimum of time to the work of the Society.

Through the intelligent efforts of Mr. Baker and others who have volunteered their services, the Society expects to collect a specimen of every animal now on the Plains. The first efforts will be made to procure those that are in most danger of disappearing. The Society will have these mounted and carefully preserved. Mr. Baker will welcome aid in procuring these, and wants everything from the tiniest animal to the largest, from the most common to the most rare. A like effort will be made to collect the flora of the Panhandle-Plains region. This work is also under the direction of Mr. Baker. As material is collected, both fauna and flora, Mr. Baker will carefully classify it and see that this classification is recorded.

From time to time we read of groups of men going to European countries, but especially to the Near East, where they expect through the science of archaeology to learn more of the history in the dim past, thousands of years ago. We, too, hope to do the same thing though we grant it is on a smaller scale. Later students may not be amused with "squeezes," but something equally interesting and valuable will be secured. Archaeologists of repute have stated that the Panhandle offers the best known field in the United States for archaeological investigation. These men offer their services if only the money can be found for absolutely necessary expenses. Moreover, all archaeological specimens thus discovered will be turned over to the person or organization.

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Mrs. I. N. Hicks, Early Settler, Interviewed

Mrs. Hicks Tells of Early Days in
Canyon and Surrounding
Country.

The reporter for the "Prairie" spent a pleasant hour with Mrs. I. N. Hicks, listening to reminiscences of early life in Canyon and on a nearby ranch. Mrs. Hicks and her husband came here in 1890, just one year after the town was founded. They arrived in town in time to witness the first celebration of the founding of Canyon. There was a barbecue with plenty of meat, cooked as only people of that time could cook it. There were probably eight families living here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hicks lived in town at first because they could not get possession of the four sections on which he had filed, until the cattlemen gave up their leases of the good land. Mrs. Hicks built the first house east of the square; Mr. Conner, the founder of Canyon, had given her two lots provided that she build.

Near the forks of the Terra Blanco and Palo Duro, now the home of J. L. Prichard, is a log house which was built before 1890. This was the ranch house of the T-Anchor ranch, owned by an English syndicate, represented here by Mr. John Hudson. Mr. Will Beard was foreman of this ranch.

The present American Hotel was first built as a court house. Its services were so varied that we might call it a real community center. There were no churches, therefore the court house was used by various denominations. Then when the needs or desires of the time called for a dance, the court house of course must be secured. Sometimes the church people objected to having to clean the court house after a dance, for this was necessary before religious services could be held. Mrs. Hicks thinks a majority of the citizens were opposed to the dances.

In the first year there was the inevitable saloon, and later practically every other door was a saloon. All this happened, though Mr. Conner opposed the establishment of the first saloon and continued to do so until saloons were abolished.

The little calaboose, of which we heard a great deal recently, was built in the first year, but Mrs. Hicks does not think it was often used—probably because summary justice was meted out to offenders by cowboys without resort to legal forms.

The wagon house and yard must have been an interesting place. Here freighters could leave their wagons and teams for the night and could find a bed in a nearby house. Some very interesting stories must have been told as these travelers sat together before going to bed. Mrs. Hicks remembers a Mr. Warwick who freighted through here coming from the south usually, though sometimes he got his supplies in Wichita Falls. He drove perhaps thirty head of oxen hitched to a wagon and there were probably twelve wagons, one fastened to the other. Mr. Warwick always took his wife along with him. A small house was built on the running gears of a wagon. There were windows and, though it was not very commodious, it was arranged with shelves so that there was a place for everything. A cow was led along to furnish them with milk. Mrs. Warwick seemed to be well satisfied with this life.

Canyon, too, had its Indian scare. A stage driver from Amarillo reported that a band of five hundred Indians were on the war path and were sweeping up the canyon with the intention of destroying this town. Earthen breastworks were hurriedly thrown up around the court house. Women brought their guns intending to help defend the place. Some of the people, especially women, hurried to Amarillo as a place affording better protection. However, the Indians did not come. They had quarreled with some whites, killed a few, and burned a hotel, but they did not go on the war path.

The loneliest and hardest time, especially for the women, was that spent on the ranch. A woman might be alone with her children for days. She had nothing to fear, however, because every cowboy on the plains treated the women with the greatest respect. There were times when the men on the small ranches, "nesters," found it difficult to make a living. Mrs. Hicks says they made the mistake of trying

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APRIL 14 DATE ANNOUNCED FOR GIVING "THE CREATION"

The Music Department of the West Texas State Normal College will present Haydn's "The Creation" on the night of April 14th. The production will be sung by local soloists, a chorus of fifty voices, accompanied by an orchestra of twenty pieces, under the direction of Wallace R. Clark, head of the Music Department of the Normal.

The chorus and soloists started work on the production in November and are now practicing daily with the orchestra.

Miss Ada Clark, a student from Plainview, will sing the soprano solos. Miss Clark has an exceptional voice for this score and has evoked great praise in her rehearsals.

Mr. J. J. Powell, a student of the Normal, will sing the tenor solos. Mr. Powell has a very fine tenor voice which carries well the beautiful solos of this production.

The bass solos are sung by C. W. Warwick.

Mr. Clark is making the work of the chorus and orchestra a strong feature in the life of the Normal. These organizations gave a very highly commended presentation of two productions from Longfellow's Hiawatha, "Hiawatha's Wedding Feast" and "The Death of Minnehaha."

"The Creation" will be presented this year for the benefit of the Gregg Cousins Memorial Fund, which makes loans to worthy students during the college course.

Contributors to Historical Society

Friends of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society have made a generous response to the call for historical materials. The following articles have been presented:

"Life of Billy Dixon," given by Mrs. Olive Dixon.

"A Sketch of the First Settlement of the Panhandle" by Col. C. Goodnight with corrections by F. D. Hobart, Pampa, Texas.

"The Comanche, Kiawa, and Cheyenne Campaign in Northwest Texas and MacKenzie's Fight in the Palo Duro Canon, September 26, 1874" by Col. Chas. A. P. Hatfield, U. S. Army.

"Western Texas Ranch Life in Indian Times" by James M. Browning, Amarillo, Texas.

"A Letter written to J. L. DeGroot, Times Publishing Company, Wichita Falls, Texas" by James M. Browning, Amarillo, Texas, giving information of early history of the Panhandle Plains.

"A Day of Days" by Laura V. Hammer, Claude, Texas.

A copy of the "Canadian Record" containing an account of the scene of "The Buffalo Wallow Indian Fight."

A silver-mounted Mexican spur given by Tony Vaughn, Kress, Texas.

A part of an Indian pipe stem found in an Indian grave and presented by Omar Owen, Lipscomb, Texas.

A Mexican sombrero, by Tony Vaughn, Kress, Texas.

An Indian mortar loaned by James Mank, Hereford, Texas.

A ram's horn and a bird's nest by Mrs. R. B. Jones, Runningwater, Texas.

Deer horns, antelope head, buffalo horns, eagle claws, a snake, a haw-lina's hide, petrified wood, arrow heads, and a collection of unclassified rocks, by Mr. F. H. Britain, Hereford, Texas.

A bloated water snake, a western hog-nosed snake, a water dog, grasshoppers, and a crawfish loaned by the Biology Department.

A lobo wolf by Mr. Ed Harold, Canyon, Texas.

Mrs. Olive Dixon, is to present a Springfield rifle of the 45-70 type (it being engraved as an officer's gun). The gun was probably used by Billy Dixon in the Indian fight at Adobe Walls, June 28, 1874. Mrs. Dixon has given also a re-loading outfit and an old army cap and ball pistol, discarded by the Government in 1868.

Prof. R. P. Jarrett spent last Monday at Hereford where he spoke to the graduates of the Hereford High School, for the purpose of enlisting interest in teacher-training. He reports that several expressed their intention of attending this institution next year.

Mr. Sheffy, Miss Ritchie, and Miss Watkins were judges of the Armstrong County Interscholastic League meet at Claude last Friday and Saturday.

Tractor School Has Big Attendance

Date for 1922 Tractor School Set—
Factory Men and Farmers Highly
Pleased Over School.

The Second Annual Tractor School held by the Department of Agriculture of the West Texas State Normal College, Canyon, Texas, on March 22, 23, and 24, was a great success. In spite of bad weather and very muddy roads there was a total attendance of nine hundred and twenty people at the nine different meetings during the three days of the school.

More than sixty per cent of the attendance was farmers, and twenty-five per cent college students. Many of these students will study farm tractors in regular classes this spring. Visitors attending the school were registered from Canyon, Happy, Washburn, Amarillo, Umbarger, Tulla, Hereford, Memphis, Higgins, Plainview, Pampa, Shamrock, Claude, Silvertown, Lubbock and Stamford. These men own forty tractors, including nineteen different makes and sizes.

The following tractor and lubricating oil companies were represented in the school: J. I. Case Threshing Machine Co., Avery Company of Texas, International Harvester Co., Cleveland Tractor Co., Moline Plow Co., Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., ToRo Tractor Co., John Lauson Mfg. Co., Magnolia Petroleum Co., Gulf Refining Co., Pierce Oil Corporation.

These companies were represented by speakers, motion picture films, or tractors on exhibition. Fifteen speakers addressed the different meetings of the school. Some of these representatives came from Amarillo, Dallas, St. Louis, Ft. Worth, Houston, San Antonio, and all were specialists in their line. Their addresses were full of practical information for the school.

The Magnolia Petroleum Co. had six dealers here and the Pierce Oil Corporation had fourteen dealers in attendance to hear the lectures, study the questions of tractor lubrication, and benefit from the work of the school.

In the motion picture show every night the Case, Avery, Wallis, Lauson, and Titan films were shown to a total attendance of 375 people. These films showed complete factory construction work of the tractors, and also all kinds of field operations and belt work.

Eight tractors were exhibited on the college grounds during the school. The land was too wet for any field demonstration work. Most of these tractors are to be kept by the Department of Agriculture of the college for use in teaching the classes studying farm tractors during the Spring Quarter. Other tractors will be added to the equipment at an early date.

Every man who attended the Tractor School this year was very enthusiastic in his opinion of its value. The tractor companies all favor this method of work instead of the competitive tractor plowing demonstration. This meeting is now firmly established as an annual event and promises to grow very rapidly in attendance and influence each year.

The Third Annual Tractor School will be held by the Department of Agriculture of the West Texas State Normal College on March 21, 22, 23, 1922.

Miss Ada Clark in Song Recital

Miss Ada Clark, soprano, assisted by Miss Dessie Mae Steele, pianist, was presented by the department of music in a song recital on Thursday afternoon, March 31. The following is the very beautiful program given:

O No Longer Seek to Pain Me.....
-----Scarlati (1659-1725)
The Blindfold Boy.....Scarlati
Though Not Deserving.....
-----Caldara (1671-1763)
Should Floinda.....Scarlati
Accitative and Air—from "The Creation".....Haydn
And God said, Let the Earth
With Vendure Clad
Waltz in D flat.....Godard
March Grotesque.....Sinding
Air from Madame Butterfly.....Puccini
One Find Day
The Land of the Blue Sky Water
-----Cadman
The White Dawn is Stealing.....Cadman
The Joy of Morning.....Harriet Wane
Boat Song.....Harriet Wane
Spring Came With You.....Mama Zucca

Davis Hill has returned from Austin, where he acted as a page in the House of Representatives during the last session.

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THE PANHANDLE-PLAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

As I understand the purpose of this body, there is no more important organization connected with this college. The importance of the work of this society appeals not alone to the faculty and student body of the West Texas State Normal College, but to every resident of this great plains country.

There are many things of historic interest and value that should be preserved for the pleasure and instruction, not alone of the present, but of the coming generations. These things are scattered far and wide, a few here, a few more there, in the homes of the old settlers. It is the purpose of the society to collect these relics of early days, to provide suitable receptacles for them, to appoint careful and interested guardians for them. In short, to safe-guard them against loss or destruction, and to make of them an interesting and instructive feature of the College.

The purpose of the Society was clearly set forth in a recent copy of the Prairie, in an article by Miss Anderson, to whom is really due the credit of having started the movement, and who has been most active in carrying forward the details of the organization. It is my purpose only to emphasize the importance of the movement, and earnestly to solicit the co-operation of every resident of the Panhandle-Plains district.

Already several valuable articles have been presented to the society, mostly through the earnest efforts of Miss Anderson and others, which articles are now in the care of our Custodian, and which will be placed on exhibition as soon as suitable receptacles can be prepared for them. We are at the beginning of what we believe will become a most interesting and helpful feature of this rapidly growing institution. Help us to make it a success.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

We are grateful to The Quannah Observer, The Amarillo Daily News, and The Amarillo Daily Tribune for their kind editorials on The West Texas State Normal College and what this institution is attempting to do educationally for this section of Texas. This institution has only one ambition—to serve in the best way possible every county of the Panhandle. We are glad to note that the newspapers

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"He who knows nothing of history may be likened to a blind man who passing through a wonderful gallery none of them."

Indebted to Goodnight

Ever since that early day when Colonel Goodnight and his good wife came to the Panhandle Country, the debt that this section owes them, has been steadily increasing. Colonel Goodnight was a prominent figure in the events of that stirring and soul-trying time and gave liberally of his time, means and influence for the good of the country.

It has been most gratifying to his friends to see this debt acknowledged and some appreciation of the great service he has rendered the Panhandle shown him while he is still with us. Even the State of Texas has finally come through tardily, to accord him some of the honors he has so richly deserved. Were it not that he belongs to the Panhandle, his name would be recorded in history of the state along with those of Sam Houston and other illustrious pioneers. In that day, perhaps not so far distant, when the Panhandle shall be given its just due in the histories by reason of being a state by itself, Colonel Goodnight and our other Panhandle pioneers will receive the credit and honor which is justly theirs.

And now comes the Government at Washington, acknowledging that it is indebted to Colonel Goodnight for an idea by which the herds of buffalo belonging to Uncle Sam will contribute to their own support.

Most of "our" folks have seen the splendid articles made from the wool which the buffalo shed in the spring. Colonel Goodnight has gathered it from the trees and bushes and had it woven into blankets and spun into yarn at considerable expense. It makes cloth that is at once very warm and very light in weight, a blanket six by seven feet, weighing but a little more than four pounds. The Colonel, himself, has a sweater made from the yarn and during the war he sent General Pershing socks knit from it which were gratefully acknowledged by the World War veteran.

The spinning and weaving of the Buffalo wool is but one of the lesser services which Colonel Goodnight and his wife have rendered the Panhandle, the state, the nation, and humanity. It was they who preserved for posterity the remnant of the great Southwestern herd of buffalo; it was through Colonel Goodnight's indefatigable and painstaking efforts that the cattelo was developed and more recently, and as yet unnamed animal resulting from crossing the karakule sheep and the hog.

The Panhandle is proud of this redoubtable pioneer and hopes that he may yet be persuaded to lay aside his personal aversion to publicity and give to the youth of this section the story of his life. It would be an interesting and thrilling tale and put many of the modern "best sellers" in the shade.—Printed in the Hartley County News.

From "Our School"

A good paper coming to our exchange list is "The Prairie" published semi-monthly by the students of the West Texas State Normal College at Canyon. They are studying journalism at first hand and publishing an excellent sheet. Their special edition of March 7th, was unusually interesting.—Quannah Observer.

That the West Texas State Normal College is "our school" to all this vast territory is evidenced in many ways, constantly. This is one institution against which there is no jealously evidenced, and the spread of its influence for good is large. We too, enjoyed "The Prairie," for it's worth the money.—Amarillo Daily News.

Oscar Easley, a former student, visited friends here last week.

Coach McCorkle and wife were visited last week by the latter's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Roland.

MRS. I. N. HICKS, EARLY SETTLER INTERVIEWED

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to farm instead of devoting all their land to cattle grazing. One year the grasshoppers took everything, even eating big holes in a coat when left lying on the ground. This year was followed by two droughts. It was a discouraging time for the "nesters." Then sheep raising was tried but proved a failure. At last the lesson was learned, that cattle grazing was the surest and best.

Mrs. Hicks remembers the cowboys as the best people in the world. Now and then they fought among themselves, but they did not hurt each other much, though of course, sometimes a man was killed. They were honest, much more than the people of today. There was no petty thieving, though cattle were stolen at times. Mrs. Hicks remembers the county treasurer, "Uncle George," bringing her a bag containing several thousand dollars. He threw it down on the trunk and asked her to take care of it, for he was going away for a few days.

English Club Meets

On Saturday, March 19, the English Club held its first regular meeting at the home of Mr. Morelock. Final examinations and grades were entirely forgotten while the following program was rendered by the Journalism department:

Evolution of Printing Machinery—Frank Hill.

Organization of the Staff—Lizzie Kate Smith.

The Reporter and the News Story—Mody C. Boatright.

After the program a social hour was enjoyed. Delicious candies and apples were served. The Club admitted several new members. The next meeting of the Club will be at the home of Miss Ritchie on April 4.

School Does Good Work

The West Texas State Normal College is doing a great work for all this section of the state and adjoining territory in other states. There is one peculiar feature in connection with the school at Canyon, and that is the absolute absence of any sectional, or community feeling about it. The people from all this portion of the state look upon it as "our school," and not the institution of any given town.

Just how much the management of the College may have had to do in the planting of this feeling may remain a matter of surmise, but the fact that it exists cannot but reflect creditably on all concerned. Dr. Hill's policy has been the basis of much favorable comment. It is said of him that he has not remained securely seated as the head of the school and waited for the patronage to come to him. He has, on the other hand, gone out and established contact with the people, and interested them in the institution.

Nor has this democratic tendency been confined to Dr. Hill alone. Other officers and members of the faculty have demonstrated a keen interest in the people from which the student bodies are gathered. They have fallen in readily with the policies of Dr. Hill and have stood back of his programs in such manner that to speak of the West Texas State Normal College is to speak more of the officary and faculty as a whole, rather than of any one individual.

Texas planted wisely and well in connection with this institution. It made a great investment, and in no one other thing has the government brought itself into more intimate contact with the whole Plains Country than through this school. While there was some criticism, some unfavorable comment following the destruction of the former building by fire, even that disaster was unquestionably a good thing for the institution, for it was constructed better after the conflagration than before. When reference is made to criticism and unfavorable comment, attention is called to the attitude of some of the self-constituted "watch-dogs of the treasury" of the state, who even in the first place, were against spending the money to establish the school.

No school in Texas is doing a better work than is the West Texas State Normal College, and its graduates are going out all over the country, as an endorsement of the character of the finished products of the institution. Every community in all this general portion of the Southwest, is proud of the school located at Canyon.

"Our school," is the way that the people throughout this territory refer to the West Texas State Normal College located at Canyon.—Amarillo News.

First Year Normal Students Entertain

The First Year Normal students were delightfully entertained at Cousins Hall Saturday night, March 18, by President and Mrs. Hill. The Hall was decorated with green shamrocks which were representative of St. Patrick's Day. Many interesting games were played, but the fortune of each shamrock was most interesting. Each one grabbed for his three-leaf clover, and many were over-joyed with the fortunes which it gave them. As we were musing over these, an abundance of chocolate candy was served—then—the lights blinked, which of course, meant that our good time was almost at an end. We bade our host and hostess goodnight, and said on the sly that we hoped another entertainment would be given us soon.

PANHANDLE-PLAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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tion furnishing the money for expenses. While it still seems visionary, the officers hope sometime to have this work done and secure fruits for the Historical Society which, in other words, means its preservation within and for the Panhandle, where it should be retained. Miss Olive Dixon, of Miami, is interested in this phase of the Society's work and will doubtless be able to accomplish something.

Miss Walker will take care of the geographical and geological division of the Society's work. She will need help in securing this collection but when the nature and scope of the Society's work become better known we are confident that a valuable collection will be secured to supplement the nucleus we now have.

The Society is expected to arouse the interest and secure the co-operation of all holders of relics and curios in the preservation of this very valuable material, which will go far to interpret the life of the people. If left in the hands of private individuals such material will soon be destroyed or lost. If it is placed with the Society thru gift or loan, it will be carefully preserved, it will be open to students who are doing research work, to mere visitors, the curious, and thus it will be where it will give the most pleasure and will be of most benefit.

This Society expects to be a permanent organization, though the personnel will change. It will not only collect material of the past which seems valuable but will try to select that of today which may become valuable in the future. Thus its work should continue through the years, growing more valuable as its officers become more experienced. When the funds become sufficient to warrant such an outlay, the Society will publish a journal, to be distributed among its members. The membership fee is now \$2.50 per year or \$25.00 for a life membership. Thus being a member, though not active, will help in furthering a worthy cause.

A number of mistakes will be made since the membership is composed of amateurs, but these errors will be corrected from time to time as they are detected. The Society welcomes suggestions, from non-members as well as members, and will adopt such as seem feasible. The Society's roll of the earliest settlers, now living, is incomplete. Help is needed to make this complete.

The Last of The T-Ancor's

The T-Ancor Ranch was composed of over a hundred sections. It extended from the Palo Duro to Terra Blanca creeks. Headquarters were about one mile north of where the West Texas State Normal College now stands. In 1885 Mr. Munson of Deming, Texas, the owner, sold the ranch together with twenty-five thousand head of cattle to an English syndicate for one and a half million dollars.

Over on Dixon creek near Panhandle, three thousand head of steers were kept in a large pasture. About fifteen punchers, among those who still live in Randall County are Bill Baird, Ed Baird, and Isa Jenkins, were sent over to get them. Just as the last steer was driven out of the gate, Tom Sanders tied a buffalo head to the end of his rope and threw the loop over the head of the largest steer. The maddened animal struck out thru the whole herd with the buffalo head flying behind him. The cattle became excited, and the herd stampeded. The lead men did not try to stop them, but turned them toward camp. The leaders reached Chalk Hollow, which is about fourteen miles east of Canyon, about noon, but it was dark before the last of the stragglers were brought in. The next day the entire herd was turned loose at the fork of the two creeks, about one mile northeast of Canyon.

One man was sent to Greer County, Oklahoma, another to the Pecos River, New Mexico, and another to Big Springs, Texas, to work the ranches this way.

The wagon-boss, Charley Clark, was so anxious to have every head rounded up that he had the boys rope and lead out of the canyons the cattle that they could get in no other way.

By fall the manager had turned over the twenty-five thousand head of cattle and was ready to give possession of the ranch. The owner was so well pleased with his manager's work that he presented him with five thousand dollars and the best two horses on the ranch.

The Palo Duro Post of the American Legion is preparing to build a new home north of the public square.

Miss Mattabel Jack of Amarillo is among the new students who entered this quarter.

Mrs. Mary Higginbotham, a former student, has returned to school.

Margaret Hawkins, having recovered from her illness, has returned to school.

The new process refrigerating plant is being installed at Cousins Hall by the Johns-Mansville Company.



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1 gallon can Prunes	.75
1 gallon can Cut Stringless Beans	1.15
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"Pioneer Days in the Panhandle"

"Pioneer Days in the Southwest" is the title of a book recently secured by the Panhandle Historical Society. The volume contains thrilling descriptions of buffalo hunting, Indian fights and massacres, cowboy life, and home-building during the period from 1850 to 1879. Two or three characteristic chapters will introduce us to the contents.

In the first chapter is a brief account of the work of Mr. Charles Goodnight, who was the first settler in the Panhandle, and who has played such an important part in the development of this section. The chapter closes with an account of the Goodnight plan to preserve to Texas and the nation a few of the Panhandle buffaloes. The winter of '77 and '78 closed out forever the great herds; only a few scattering bunches were left. Mr. Goodnight captured four buffalo calves and conveyed them to the ranch. Each was adopted by a milk cow. They soon became tame and were allowed to run with their adopted mothers on the range with the other milk stock. "Here," says Emanuel Dubbs, "was the beginning of the present Goodnight herd which has preserved to Texas this noble animal and has made the Goodnight ranch famous."

Another chapter of special interest is that in which Mr. Dubbs recounts his experience at Adobe Walls, Lelia Lake, and at a point near Clarendon (the confluence of Barton Creek and the Sadler). The most harrowing experience of this period was his return to camp, at the place last mentioned, to find the naked body of one of his men thrown across a wagon tongue that had been elevated by putting under one end of it an ox yoke. An examination of the body revealed the fact that the man had been tortured to death. The savages had driven splinters under the skin and set fire to them.

The County organization of this time reveals the vastness of the sparsely settled Panhandle territory. In 1879 Wheeler County was organized and Mr. Dubbs was elected County Judge. Wheeler then had attached to it for judicial purposes 26 other counties.

Mr. Dubbs closes his reminiscent account of these early experiences with the following significant prophecy: "I desire to add in conclusion that this great country, the Panhandle of Texas, which was virtually reclaimed from savagery and opened up to settlement by buffalo hunters and pioneers, will team with thousands of happy homes, whose occupants will once in a while give a kind thought to the memory of those who braved so many dangers, blazing the way for future progress and greatness."

"The Life of Billy Dixon"

Mr. Dixon was born in West Virginia during the first half of the past century. His parents died when he was ten years of age.

At the age of thirteen Mr. Dixon, with a boy only a few years his senior, started for Missouri, the frontier of the United States.

While in Missouri he worked with logging gangs until the call of the wild became greater than he could bear. He then prepared to make a trip across the great plains.

He made the first trip at seventeen years of age. The train which he joined passed through Texas and into central Colorado. On this expedition Mr. Dixon killed his first buffalo. On the return to the border he sighted his first Indians.

From this point Mr. Dixon's life was the life of the trail. He did much to bring about the subduing of the West and the placing of it in a condition suitable for settlement.

There are perhaps few more thrilling incidents in the life of a man than the Fights at Buffalo Wallow and Adobe Walls. At both of these places Dixon's rifle lived up to its border reputation.

Much more might be told of this great frontiersman and it is told in the "Life of Billy Dixon."

Much Depends on the Viewpoint

As I walk down the corridor, I usually pass from two to five corridor classes. And since I have received my master's degree in this art, I look the other way. There is nothing else to do.

We all know this course is as important as any given by the West Texas State Normal College. In fact I think some of the students are "crazy about it." At least, you frequently hear them exclaim, "Oh, how wonderful!" "Isn't it fine?" "I would just love to." "Etc."

As I pass by, these specialists look at me pityingly. Their half-shielded glances say, "Poor thing. Life doesn't mean much to her; she doesn't have any fun." And I? Well, I am reminded of a cartoon I once saw, "Before takin' and after takin'." When they are where I am now they will understand that the joys of life have just begun "After takin'."

—L. P.

News Items

Mr. T. M. Clark left Thursday for South Texas, where he will act as a judge of some declamation contests.

Wallace O'Keefe, who has been absent for some time on account of sickness is back in school.

Miss Leona Steagall of Goodnight, a former student, has re-entered school.

Barto Johnson, a former student and athlete, is back in school.

Jack Robertson, who has been attending Wayland College, entered the Normal this quarter.

Prof. M. B. Johnson left Wednesday for Fort Worth, where he was called to the bedside of his daughter.

Andrew Allen spent last week end in Hereford.

Mr. Phillips of the Agriculture Department acted as one of the judges at the McLean High School meet last Friday and Saturday.

Miss Hazel Mathis, a former Normal student, has returned to school. She has been teaching near White Deer.

Mr. Baucom has been sick for several days.

Miss Reta Baldwin, Secretary to the President, is said to be recovering rapidly for her recent operation for appendicitis.

Kiber Goodner, a former student, is back in school.

Mr. and Mrs. McCarter and Miss Hattie Anderson were judges at the Oldham County Interscholastic League meet at Vega last Friday and Saturday.

Orlean Arrington, who was operated on for appendicitis last quarter, is in school again this quarter.

Zee Foster has returned to school.

Lemandy

Where the broad Canadian river
Winds its way thru hills of sand,
Where the double-M commander
Had come and stamped his brand.

There in chaps and wide sombrero
Was a lad of scant eighteen;
He'd ridden the range with veterans
And their friendships he had gained.

He'd ridden there in the summer;
He had worked there 'till the fall;
He'd asked them for their bronchos
He'd ridden them one and all.

On one joyous fall morning
He had heard the cowboys bet
That upon the camp at Tar Box
Was a bronc he couldn't "set."

He had seen the boss that morning;
And he made this boast to him,
That the horse to throw Lemandy
Didn't run on double-M.

When the grinning group of cowboys
Heard the bossman tell the story,
Then at once they rounded Tar Box
And they caught in all his glory.

Chateau Thierry, the wild broncho;
He, the horse as black as night,
Won the title he was wearing
Through his aptitude to fight.

When at last he was corralled,
When a cowboy threw the loop
That had settled over Chateau,
There was heard a deafening whoop.

They had conquered him at last;
By his ears they held him tense
As they beckoned to Lemandy
From his seat upon the fence.

He then came from his position
With his saddle in his hand;
He had made a reckless boast
And would back it like a man.

With a sure hand and steady
The saddle to its place he flung;
Then, when everything was ready,
Astride the vicious black he swung.

The wind had ceased its moaning;
Every cloud had donned a frown;
When the cowboys shrilled "ye ready?"
And Lemandy said, "I am."

Of this wild and wicked bucking
That was staged upon the range
This had been the roughest ever
This had been a complete change.

Now old Chateau grew his wildest;
Between his feet he waxed his head;
Now Lemandy rode his boldest
And his spurs brought streaks of red.

But old Chateau turned the saddle,
Threw Lemandy o'er his head
Where he lay as pale as lillies,
Still and silent, but not dead.

Then as quick as forked lightning
Sounded loud the battering raps
Of the cruel and hardened hoofs
As they struck the bat-wing chaps.

Then he turned as if to run,
But his mind he changed instead,
And he made a final blow
At Lemandy's pallid head.

When Lemandy had recovered,
To his friends he said; and smiled,
"You can ride old Chateau Thierry,
But to me he still is wild."

—By Virgil Matney.

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The Panhandle Twenty Years Ago

In an old settled section of country changes are made very slowly. The population remains largely the same from decade to decade and in conditions in the country in general change very slowly. In a sparsely settled section of country, especially after settlement begins, changes are made very rapidly both in population and occupation of the people. The Panhandle-Plains section of the country is a splendid example of the latter.

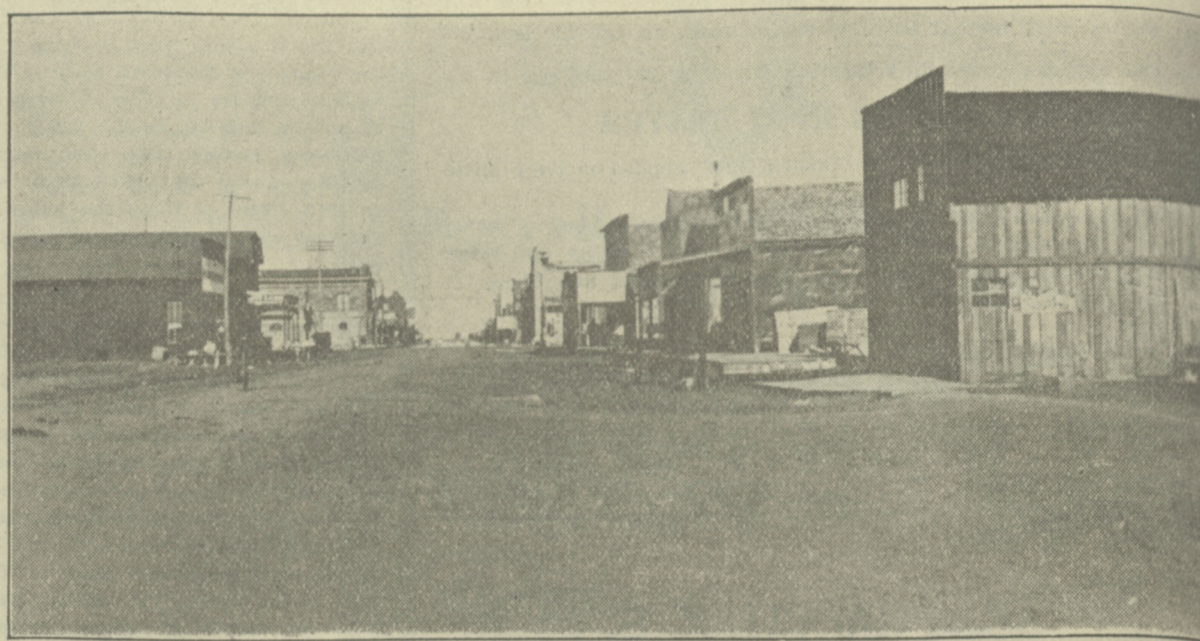
Twenty years ago the Panhandle was a sparsely settled country and was almost unknown, except as a cattle country and was generally regarded as a part of "The Wild West." Twenty years goes back almost to the early days in the history of the settlement of this section. At that time there were several large ranches here and others had been broken up just a few years before and the cowboy had moved further West. However the whole country was practically an open plain and there was very little wire fence which today forms a network over the whole country, especially from Amarillo to the south. No man had less than a section of land (he did not think that he could make a living with less) and the average man held from two to four sections. As mentioned above stock raising was the principal industry. Previous to 1900 what crop was made consisted principally of sorghum, milo maize and millet.

At that time Amarillo, which was but a small town as shown in the cut in this issue, was the chief center of trade for a very large section of country reaching to the south below the Lubbock country. Canyon, Tulia, Plainview, Hale Center, and Lubbock were but mere villages and the towns of Happy, Kress, Abernathy, Slaton, Post and many other towns in the section were not in existence. The post office at Happy was located about two or three miles Southeast of the present town and was one of the rendezvous of the freighters of that day. The present town of Kress was called Wright and consisted of a post office and general merchandise store combined. Hale Center which was then a rival of Plainview was the chief center of the Abernathy section as Lubbock was for the country surrounding it.

The people who were living in this country at that time did not dream that within two decades the places would become the thriving little cities which they are today and that this whole country would be changed so rapidly from a stock raising country to an agricultural section which produces an almost unlimited supply of small grain crops, and one of the leading wheat producing sections of the nation.

The people who were living here years ago were made up largely of the old pioneer type of families which played such an important part in the early development of the West in every part of the United States. They saw very little of each other in those days except on Sunday, which was the day for visiting for the country folk, provided there was no preaching to attend. People did not wait for an invitation to visit a neighbor, but "loaded" the family into a wagon or hack in the early morning and drove over to the neighbors (sometimes ten or twelve miles) and stayed until late in the afternoon. Any travelers who chanced to pass through the country, whether a coffee agent or what not, were always welcome to spend the night and longer if they desired to do so. These visitors were never charged for their lodging.

The occupation of hauling supplies from Amarillo first, and later from Canyon, furnished a means of livelihood for quite a number of people. As a lad, the writer was for several years, a member of that group and was almost a weekly visitor either to Canyon or to Amarillo. It usually took six full days to make the trip from Plainview and three or four days longer from Lubbock. The "freighters" were paid from twenty-five to thirty cents per hundred weight for hauling and one wagon and team could haul about thirty-five hundred at a trip. However, one wagon and team was a rare thing in this business. As a rule each man had four horses and two wagons. It was no uncommon thing to see ten and twelve horses strung out in pairs drawing four wagons. The whole outfit was driven with a single line attached to the lead horse. This was known as the "jerk" line because by a few rapid jerks on the line the lead horse would swing rapidly around to the right and the other teams would follow. By a slow pull on the line the teams could be turned to the left. Enough food supply both for the driver and the teams was taken on each trip with the exception of a few canned goods. These freighters did not follow a section line as people are forced to do today, but after they got a few miles south of Canyon they would make a



POLK STREET, AMARILLO, IN 1900

straight cut to Happy and to Tulia. About the only thing which broke the monotony for these freighters was the fast mail hacks which whizzed by each day, one going north the other south. These hacks were always heavily loaded with express and passengers. They were drawn by two little mules which were driven in a half run for fifteen miles, then they were exchanged for a fresh team which was driven at the same rate for another fifteen miles and so on until Lubbock, the destination, was reached.

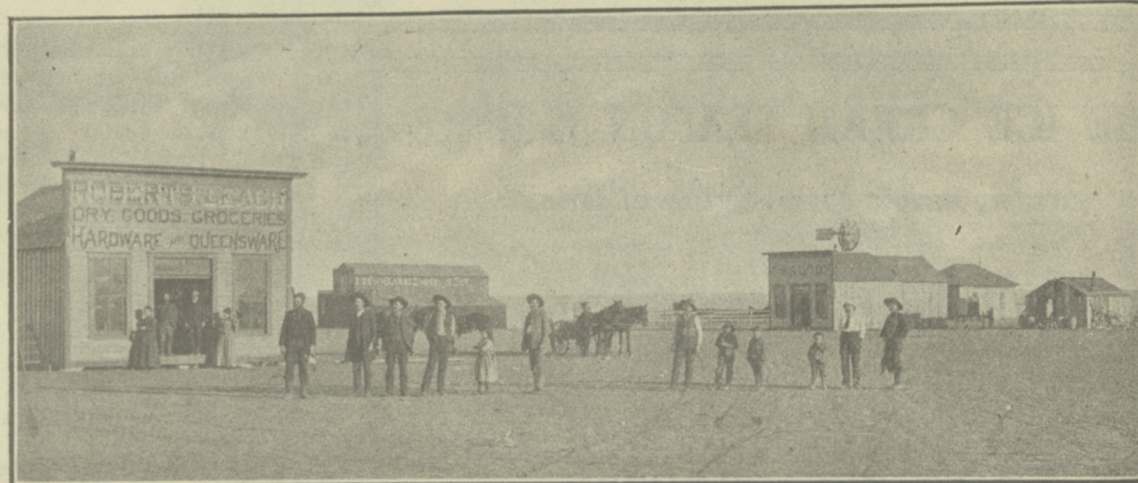
About 1907 and 1908 this occupation was made a thing of the past by the completion of the railroad to Plainview and on to the south. Prospectors were brought in by the hundreds on special trains from every section of the United States. The towns began to grow; farm houses began to be built on

every section and later on every section and within a few years the Panhandle was made a completely changed country. An old settler said to the writer just a few days ago, "Those were hard days but they were good days and we enjoyed living them in spite of the hardships." It is with equal pride that we have witnessed the rapid progress and development of this country in many fields of endeavor.

In our progress the people have not neglected to provide the education of its future citizens. Schools all over this country have made much progress during recent years, and within the past decade the West Texas State Normal College has been made the "Educational Home of the Plains." The chief desire of this institution is to serve the people of this section in

every way possible. The Panhandle Historical Society which is enthusiastically supported by the whole faculty and the entire student body of this institution now offers its services to the Panhandle, not only for the purpose of collecting relics native to this country, but it also earnestly solicits the sympathy and co-operation of every old settler in this country, and all others who are interested, in the collection of the material for a true history of the early Panhandle. The society would be glad to get in touch with every old settler who reads or hears about this article.

It has been announced that the building which the American Legion now occupies will be opened as an eating house in time for the summer session.



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