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## BASKETBALL MEN TO TRAIN EARLY

FIVE LETTER MEN WILL BE BACK THIS FALL.

## CAPTAIN IN CHARGE

College Cage Artists Will Make Very Strong Effort to Annex Another T. I. A. A. Championship.

Captain Davis Hill of the 1925 basketball squad is not letting the football enthusiasm crowd out consideration for his own team. Memories of the T. I. A. A. unofficial championship team are still very deeply impressed on the minds of the fellows who will attempt to repeat the triumph of the great machine of last year.

With these thoughts in mind, the basketball aspirants will start practice the first week of the fall session. Three days a week will be given to goal shooting, dribbling, passing, and general preparation. Captain Hill will direct the training during the first three weeks.

With five letter men back in the lineup and many high school stars expected to enroll, the prospects for another winning team are admittedly very good. When the coaches turn from football to basketball after Thanksgiving, they will find a big squad of men already used to the court and eager for training in team work.

The 1925 schedule will be exceedingly difficult if present plans materialize. A schedule will not be completed, however, until the T. I. A. A. meeting in December. It is believed that two strong university teams will be met next session. One road trip will be made, on which North Texas and East Texas Teachers will be played. At the end of the trip the boys will spend a day at Galveston prior to the return home.

## Student Expresses Confidence in Billie Stiff's Character

Billie Stiff, the hero of "The Prairie," is undoubtedly a typical college Freshman. Of course his characteristics are overdrawn, but elaboration is always necessary to any art. In music, painting, sculpture, or architecture, the natural must be enlarged in order to attract and to emphasize.

So it is with cartooning. Billie is represented as being exceedingly "green," which is very true to life. All people who are energetic enough to seek new experiences, and who attempt to adjust themselves to new situations, make many errors which seem useless and absurd to the more experienced. Nevertheless, all have been, some time in the past, a "green" Billie Stiff. Some people are just too ashamed to acknowledge it.

Sombody made the statement last week that Billie is a lover of himself. Well, that is true, and nobody would respect him if he were otherwise. Love for one's self is a satisfactory explanation of why we love other people. We love other people because we see in them something of common interest, something we either possess or would like to possess; and the whole feeling is a result of love for ourselves, or what we would like to be. Therefore, Billie is capable of loving other people and appreciating nature.

Billie is an athlete, which shows that he has bodily energy. He never repeats an error, which proves that he is mentally efficient.

He is "green" but that is a result of inexperience which time alone can remedy.

He is egotistic but will not be so as soon as he learns to hide it like other people do.

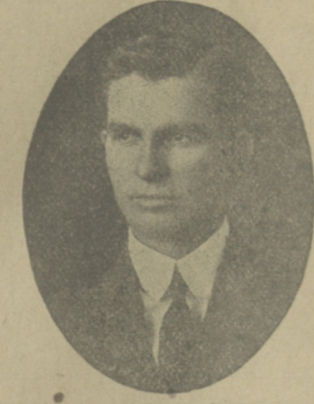
He is now a Freshman but next year he will be a Sophomore and all will be well.

(Signed) A. D. FENCE.

## COLLEGE TO CLOSE ON 23RD, NO SOONER

All reports that the summer session may close a day earlier than the schedule are without foundation. President J. A. Hill states that the session will continue through Saturday, August 23. Proposals to have school on Monday in order to conclude the term on the 22nd, are found to be impracticable.

## REPLACES SUPT. JOHNSON



PROF. F. E. SAVAGE

## Girls' Association To Present a Play Next Wednesday

A program entirely different from any given by the Y. W. C. A. this summer has been planned for Wednesday afternoon from 4:30-5:30. A one-act play, Columbine, by Colin Campbell Clements, will be the interesting feature of the hour.

The play deals with the contrasting ideals of true living as found in the lives of modern young women and with the eventual proof of the superiority of the one ideal over the other.

The presentation of Columbine Wednesday will be under the direction of Miss Vernita Stewart. The Y. W. C. A. extends a cordial invitation to students and faculty members to attend.

The program in full follows: Leader, Annie Williams. Scripture lesson, Philipians 3: 7-14. Play, Columbine. Cast: Minnie, Frances Croson; Sally, Winnie Mae Crawford; One Unseen. Song, Follow the Gleam. Closing Prayer, Mattie Swayne.

## Local Cowboys Find Buffalo Mascot Is Tough Proposition

How "Charles C", one of the two mascots of the College, gave three experienced cowboys the tussle of their lives has been the subject of much discussion lately. Like the football team, the sturdy Buffalo is no respecter of cowboys.

The difficulty arose from the fact that the buffalo had a rope around his neck which was obviously too tight. Knowing that there would be trouble when an attempt was started to remove the rope, the keepers of the animal obtained the assistance of three of the best cowboys of this section. Secretary Shaw was official photographer.

With their ropes and cow horses the punchers tried to rope the buffalo as is the style on the range. Their horses were stubborn about approaching the queer looking cattle and the buffalo took advantage of an opportunity to break through the fence. For several miles the animal distanced the horses and plunged through fence after fence. Three horses were exhausted before the rope settled over the buffalo's neck. At length he was returned and freed of the trouble-making hemp. Excepting a few scratches, the mascot shows no effects of the experience.

But the cowboys are not candidates for the position of buffalo punchers.

## ARE LIFE MEMBERS

J. A. Hill, president of West Texas State Teachers College here, and Senator J. W. Reid, formerly of the College faculty, are life members of the Texas State Teachers Association, according to an announcement just received from Ray M. Camp, director of publicity for the association.

Life members in the teachers' body now number 361. The fee is paid into the "permanent fund" of the association, which now amounts to more than \$60,000, as collected from several sources. It is used as a stabilizing fund to guarantee the work of the association should some emergency overtake the educational program.

Some of the life members are not teachers, but are persons in various walks of life who have taken this means of having a definite part in the educational work of the state.

## WORKING ON ANNUAL

J. Evetts Haley, editor of the 1925 Le Mirage, is going soon to Fort Worth to consult with the engravers concerning the next year book. The engraving company has promised to send a man to assist the staff with the annual whenever aid is needed in working out the historical theme.

## PIONEER TELLS OF EARLY DAYS

CAME TO PANHANDLE IN FALL OF 1880.

## OLDER TYPES MISSING

Although a Shrewd Observer, Fred A. Scott is Not Harsh Critic of Present Customs.

Fred A. Scott came to the Panhandle Plains Country in the fall of 1880-81, when he took a place on the old J. A. ranch under Goodnight and Adair. The situation of the country, the customs of the people, and the types prevalent at that time but now largely passing away, are all more plain to Mr. Scott than the young college men and women who eat at his bountiful table and heed his sage advice. In 1881 he made a trip with cattle through to Dodge City, Kansas, when there was not a fence between that town and Colorado City, Texas.

## Women Were Modest

Mr. Scott says that the western women of that time were of a uniformly modest and refined type. They worked hard as all pioneer women have done; they bore a noble part in the hardships of the windy plains; but they did not ride in rodeo contests or roundups, nor dress in masculine attire. Mr. Scott is not a harsh critic of the present customs; he believes thoroughly in the Panhandle, but he notices the differences in people as well as in customs. For five years Mr. Scott worked with substantially the same fifteen men in one outfit. Though guns were common, they were used for protection and not for fighting. During that extended period in the closest association, he can not remember hearing even a short word. The country at that time was full of game—antelope, bear, prairie chickens, and occasional bunches of buffalo or herds of wild horses were seen. Mr. Scott was with Colonel Goodnight when the latter began collecting buffaloes for the famous Goodnight herd.

## Typical Westerner

Mr. Scott is a typical Westerner, terse of expression, shrewd of observation, and independent of thought, characterized moreover by a quizzical humor. Responding to a criticism of the Dean of the College he said, "I have noticed that those who criticize the dean are generally the ones who are trying to put something by him and are failing." "How many children have you raised Mr. Scott?" asked one of the college professors. "I have five that are grown, but I haven't raised any. They have just grown up." (Editor's Note—This is one of a number of articles about local pioneers written by Mary Moss Richardson for the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society.)

## PLANS FOR NEW GYM TO BE DECIDED THIS WEEK

More definite arrangements for the building of an adequate gym were made at a meeting of the Athletics Committee last week.

While no plans are yet ready for announcement, the work is expected to begin within the next sixty days.

Students will have a part in the construction of the gym, it is said. Details of the proposed structure will be given out during the current week.

## EX-STUDENT SUPERINTENDENT IS MAKING GOOD IN THE EAST

Ivan C. Baucum, a degree graduate of W. T. S. T. C., is on the plains again for a visit after teaching in the high school of which he is superintendent, near Paducah, Kentucky. Prior to taking his present position, Mr. Baucum took his Masters degree at Peabody College for Teachers.

While the curriculum of his high school is limited in extent, Mr. Baucum says that the subjects taught are thoroughly mastered by the students. As a result of this policy, the school has the official recognition of every big university and also the American Association of Colleges.

## SPONSOR SHOW

"Judgment of the Storm," a moving picture shown at the Olympic Theatre Wednesday and Thursday, was given for the benefit of the College Y. W. C. A. The "Y" budget is financed by entertainments of this kind and small donations of students and friends.

Mrs. W. E. Lockhart and William and Lynna Lee Lockhart left Saturday for Hope, New Mexico, to visit relatives.

## STUDENTS MAKE GOOD AS AGENTS

COLLEGE MAN BRINGS REPORT OF MEETING.

## WIN SEVERAL PRIZES

Professor Frank R. Phillips Attends Meeting of Demonstration Agents at A. & M.

Some of the most successful Home Demonstration Agents of Texas are being furnished by the West Texas State Teachers College, according to views expressed by Professor Phillips who has just returned from the County Agents' Conference at A. & M. County and Home Demonstration Agents with several hundred of their boys and girls spent last week in conference and study at College Station. While at A. & M. Mr. Phillips was informed by those in charge of the Home Demonstration work that the students sent out from this school are rendering excellent services. The extension people expressed a desire to secure additional specially-trained young ladies for this work.

## Department to Train Agents

At the suggestion of Director Walton the Agriculture Department will offer special courses in poultry, dairying, and home gardening work for students who wish to train for this particular type of service. These courses will be offered next fall.

## Ex-Students Successful

Miss Leola Cox, one of our former students, who is now Home Demonstration Agent in Canton, Texas, had the distinction of having the best trained girl in the state in the sewing club. This girl is Eve Roscoe of Canton, who won first prize for the best home-made dress. She also won second prize on an additional garment that she entered in the contest.

Mrs. Julia Kelley, Mabel Faulkner and Birdie Lee Burkhalter, other former students of this College now doing Home Demonstration work, also attended the conference at A. & M. last week, and are doing excellent work.

Miss Sallie Hill, who was graduated from Canyon a few years ago has been promoted to the place of Extension Specialist in the Department at A. & M.

## Calendar

Tuesday, August 12

Coyotes play Badgers at 4:00 p. m.

Wednesday, August 13

Y. W. C. A. presents short play at 4:30.

Dr. W. S. Sutton speaks in chapel.

Friday, August 15

Baseball game at Buffalo Park.

## HISTORICAL SOCIETY GIVES INFORMATION ABOUT BATTLE

Tom Mann, field editor of Farm and Ranch magazine, was a caller at the College last week. He was here to obtain information regarding the famous McKenzie battle. Data in the files of the Panhandle Plains Historical Society were placed at his disposal.

The McKenzie battle ground is a matter of dispute at the present, due perhaps to the fact that the collecting of authentic information has been begun very recently. It is thought that the battle ground will be definitely located and appropriately marked in the near future.

Miss Birdie Lee Burkhalter drove up from Littlefield last Sunday. She is demonstration agent in Lamb county.

## BILLIE STIFF



Above is the likeness of B. Stiff, comic character whose traits are of disputed reputation among our readers.

Billie asks The Prairie to state that he appreciates the support of his friends in this crisis—and THAT HE EXPECTS TO MAKE CAPN HILL'S BASKETBALL TEAM!

## LEAVES COLLEGE



SUPT. M. B. JOHNSON

## Luncheon Is Given At Cousins Hall for Panhandle Retailers

Delegates to the Panhandle-Plains Retailers' Association meeting were given a luncheon at Cousins Hall last Tuesday. The College band furnished music.

The retailers' meet held its business session in the high school auditorium and later enjoyed an outing in Cooley canyon. Prominent speakers were J. Tom Mann, field editor of Farm and Ranch; B. F. Bennett, organization manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce; C. J. Blackburn of Amarillo Ad. Club; R. O. Walkup, secretary of the Amarillo Business Mens' Association; J. A. Hill; T. J. McGehee, Wayside, representing Mrs. Phebe K. Warner; and S. J. Cole, district manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, Amarillo. That all Texas, including the Panhandle-Plains territory, is facing a year of unexampled prosperity was the expressed opinion of Editor Mann, of Dallas.

## Cousins Hall Rooms Are All Reserved by Former Occupants

Every room in Cousins Hall has been reserved by the girls who will occupy the dormitory next term.

Of the girls who have spoken for rooms, sixty of them have stayed at the hall before. Of particular interest is the fact that eight of the girl boarders will be in the hall due to the influence of sisters who have boarded there. Only twelve girls will come to Cousins Hall for the first time.

## FORMER STUDENT TELLS OF SCHOOLS IN FLORIDA

Miss Lillie Leonard, who graduated from this institution in 1916, is here again after having taught a number of years in Florida. During the school term of 1920-1921, Miss Leonard taught in the primary department of the Dowling Park school. The last three years she taught at Sorrento, Florida. She spent her vacations at the University of Florida at Gainesville. She received her L. I. degree from that institution this summer.

Miss Leonard tells interesting things about educational conditions in Florida. When she first went there, the Florida laws made it necessary for her to take an examination. Against the advice of friends she attempted to qualify for a first grade certificate. Much to her surprise she discovered that the test was similar to the Texas second grade test.

She states that the Florida city schools are following a high standard. Rural schools, however, have terms averaging only four months.

## VOICE PUPILS RECITAL WAS VERY WELL RENDERED

Those who failed to attend the voice recital at Cousins Hall Tuesday evening missed an interesting program and a well rendered one. The reception room at Cousins Hall was a delightful place for the recital and it was filled to capacity by the appreciative students. Violet Goad, soprano, and Will S. Kerr, tenor, voice pupils of Prof. Wallace R. Clark, were presented in an open program. Tate Fry accompanied the soloists on the piano.

## READS ESSAYS

President J. A. Hill occupied the stage during the chapel period last Thursday. Mr. Hill read several of Dr. Frank Crane's Four Minute Essays and commented on their content.

## LOCKHART AT SAN ANTONIO

Professor W. E. Lockhart is now attending the Reserve Officers' Training Camp in San Antonio. He will return at the end of the fifteen day training period.

## TRAINING SCHOOL HEAD TO LEAVE

SUPT. M. B. JOHNSON ENTERS BUSINESS WORLD.

## MANAGE GREENHOUSE

Concludes Long Service in Schools of State; Here Eight Years Continuously.

Prof. M. B. Johnson will at the end of the present summer session terminate his long period of service in this institution. He has filled his office as Superintendent of the Training School during every session for the last seven years. He began teaching in the College in the summer of 1912.

He has resigned his position to become supervisor of the Amarillo Greenhouses. Prof. F. E. Savage will temporarily take the work of the retiring superintendent; he wishes to do work on his Masters degree after Christmas. Mr. Johnson will return to Canyon next month to assist in the training school enrollment on the 17th.

## Greenhouses Change Hands

P. B. Butcher has purchased the Amarillo Greenhouses from owner Alenus and will operate them under the same title. He is Prof. Johnson's son-in-law. The new owner expects to build up a large wholesale business, dealing particularly in florists' specialties. Property obtained near Amarillo will enhance the already extensive resources of the company. Mr. Johnson will be manager of the city office.

## Ends Long Service

Supt. M. B. Johnson is retiring from the school teaching profession after many years of active service. He obtained his preparation at the Huntsville Normal, Trinity University, University of Texas, University of Chicago, and Columbia University. He taught school and in a few years became superintendent of the Sweetwater schools. When he resigned his position in Sweetwater High School in 1912 it was one of the twenty-eight high schools in Texas affiliated with the Southern Association of Colleges.

He was president of Seth Ward College, a Methodist junior institution maintained for a time at Plainview. For the past eight years he has taught continuously in this institution. Seven years of the time has been spent in the Training School department.

During his long period of administration Prof. Johnson has continued to teach, and hundreds of teachers and students know him as an instructor of unusual ability and a man of inspiring personality. Many progressive ideas in education have come from his department and become state-wide in their influence and adoption.

## OLD LETTERS AND CLUB ARE GIVEN HISTORICAL SOCIETY

William H. Bush, of Amarillo and Chicago, has donated to the Panhandle Plains Historical Society two letters of historical value. They were written by Gen. Sam Houston. The first, a photographic copy, is addressed to President Jackson. The date line is February 17, 1844. The other letter is an original copy. It is written to L. L. Edwards in regard to pensions and is dated July 21, 1824.

An Apache war club is a gift from Mrs. A. L. Overton of San Carlos, Arizona. It was given to her by an old warrior of the Apache reservation. The club is made of materials easily accessible to the Indians, and the warrior stated it was used to "finish up" the victims even after fire arms came into general use. It was made by covering a hard rock with raw hide and binding it to a handle also similarly covered. A horse hair tuft was added as an ornament.

Y. W. C. A. girls sold ice cream near the campus thoroughfares Friday. It is planned to sell cream or confections one day each week.

## BLUE EYED GIRLS WIN GAME BY POINT

One point separated the scores of the Blue Eyes and the Brown Eyes in the co-ed basketball game last Wednesday evening. The score was 19-20 when the last whistle blew. Until the last minute of play the Blue Eyed girls were leading by five points. A final spurt by the brunettes almost won for them. A large and enthusiastic crowd of students saw the game. Jimmie Webb was referee.

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## SENIORS OF '25

It is the long-standing boast of the Class of '25 that it will "act the part" of its conception of seniors—a conception which is considered by some to be rather high flown.

In other words the seniors of the coming term think they amount to quite a bit and will attempt to impress that fact upon the College. More accurately put, the aim is to dignify the senior class and to establish some traditions.

Considerable encouragement has been given by those who have been entrusted with the class plans, and it is the intention of many to honor the graduating class more than has been done in the past. While genuine egotism is not an admirable trait in seniors—being usually relegated to the freshmen year, where it is overlooked—a certain degree of class pride is desirable, it seems to The Prairie.

The Class of 1925 is in many respects admirably fitted to start some new traditions. It has been the largest class in the history of the College for its year since the members began activities in the "First Year Normal." The Second Year class was very active. As freshmen the students began to take the lead in many College affairs. Since that time the class has furnished more leaders in every phase of institutional life than any other class. More than any other senior class, the Class of '25 will control the organizations, etc. of the College. Its membership will be welded by long years of associations. Having arrived at the highest peak of student life and further having developed talent to meet outstanding obligations, the class will do well to assume its place of leadership. The other students are eagerly looking forward to the day when the long-standing boast will begin to take effect.

## BREVITIES

One of the worst things about brevity is that it will not fill many columns.

And a paragrapher would never succeed as a platform orator.

There's only one more chance to get your name in print this summer.

The writers who call Billie Stiff "green" probably owe us Irish an apology.

Those impudent Fish of last year will soon adopt the slogan, "Make W. T. S. T. C. safe for the Sophs."

We hope they make it safe for the Seniors—to carry their canes.

The tired faculty member hasn't anything on the student who waited until he saw the fire in his prof's eyes to start cramming.

If some people around here don't speed up their Corridor Art courses some one is going to land a "W."

After watching the veterans try out their skill, one is tempted to advocate some kind of student self-government.

An East Texas college editor wants soap boxes erected for itinerant speakers—which would be all right if one could limit the supply of soap.

## The College Dictionary

By Philosophie Phil

QUIZ—A short, unexpected test; derived from inquisitive, a word describing the prof when he wishes to determine who knows his lesson and who merely knows how to look as if he knows it.

SENIOR—The cream of creation; one who walks through the corridors with his chin higher than his nose; he practices all the arts of getting by and lords it over the mere student.

SOPHOMORE—What you become when you quit being a Freshie; one whose hobby is to start class fights; the average Soph is a hard working creature because he has to remove the conditions of the previous year and doesn't yet know how to make "Ts" without studying.

## BILLY STIFF



## Billie's Aim Was All Right!

By Alexander

NOTEBOOK—Students best substitute for brains; container of the other fellow's knowledge; cause of anger, grief, f's and e's when it disappears just before exams.

ATOMIC EDITORIAL: Friends bring optimism; the pessimist draws gloomy conclusions about people whom he does not really know.

## STUDENT OPINION

THE STUDENT WHO ASKS QUESTIONS ON A QUIZ  
(By a Sufferer)

We are approaching our summer finals and all our nerves are taut, our hayfever is sneezing its way toward frost, our next term teaching is at our elbows, our minds are weary and frazzled, our self-respect is the size of a shriveled pea. Before we are ushered into the torture chamber where the kindly Medusa of a teacher presides over our demise, perhaps it would be feasible to utter a protest against one avoidable form of persecution.

We, let us say, are in the star chamber. The questions are on the board at an angle which causes our tormented eyes an extra pain to see them; the bobbed head in front of us makes us crane our aching necks and pray for a barrel hoop. Suddenly the merciful quiet is broken by a worried, "Please tell us what you mean by the fifth question?" Then rapidly follow, "Oh, did you mean for us to use blue books?" "Do we HAVE to copy the questions?" "Should we outline this?" "What is that third word on the fifth line from the bottom?" "Would you please explain what you mean by LIST in the third question?"

By this time the patient teacher says, "Only freshmen ask these questions. Upper classmen have learned better. A part of the test is understanding what the questions mean."

By the shades of Socrates, in the approaching finals let us have a minimum of this type of persecution. Yea, let us, if driven too far, rise in our might and demand a mimeographed slip of minimum requirements for examination posted conspicuously and then let us nail by its side to the wall, as an example, the body of the one who persists and insists and exists only to ask questions when the class longs to pour out its erudition on innumerable pages of blue books.

## BIG SISTER MOVEMENT

The Sam Houston Teachers College of Huntsville has adopted the "Big Sister" move among the women of the college. The move makes for better understanding between the students and for better feeling. It was adopted at Southwest Teachers College last year and proved to be a success in the strict sense of the word and it is predicted that it will be equally as successful in Sam Houston.

It is a move that makes the upper-classmen responsible for the welfare of the freshmen and makes the freshmen have a regard for the feelings of the upper-classmen. Each girl adopts her sister and does everything in her power to make that sister have a good and profitable time while in school.—The College Star.

## The Four of Us

(To My Three Team Mates)

While I am sitting all alone,  
I think of days just past,  
It's hard for me now not to groan  
For I have played my last.

The four of us who played so long—  
We are to leave together;  
Yet when we sang our farewell song  
No heart was as a feather.

For we have been the best of friends,  
Just men to one another;  
But now I see the road: it bends,  
And down it goes my brother.

The noted guard, our Captain Joe,  
I hate with him to part.  
And dear old Nay, I see must go  
With Lewis, to break my heart.

The things of note we can't forget,  
Ideas which came from each.

And if you knew the game, I bet  
You'd laugh at things we'd preach.

Our captain Joe would always say,  
"Now boys we need defense."  
"We can but win," would say old Nay  
"If we will use our sense."

Our Lewis Hill had naught to say—  
Unless he told a joke.  
"I'll pass some more," he said to Nay,  
"Now you just watch my smoke."

We seldom went with heavy hearts  
To play our rival teams,  
For each of us did know our parts  
With ease, to me it seems.

But once in life our hearts felt sad  
As we walked on the floor;  
I think we felt as son and dad  
Who part to play no more.

"I wish I had just one more year"  
Today, I heard one say;  
And in his eyes was 'most a tear  
Since he no more can play.

But we have things consoling us  
Since that last night of play  
"Cause over us they made a fuss  
That's equalled not this day.

The final whistle had just blown  
And yet the crowd remained,  
I think the whistle had a tone  
That told them we were pained.

Then all was quiet, as quiet as death,  
While we just stood and stared;  
Then each of us took one long breath  
And yet we were not scared.

Then on the floor a man appeared  
A man who's loved by all,  
A man to us himself endeared  
With words both great and small.

He talked to us of things we'd done  
For our own Alma Mater,  
Until my eyes, not mine alone,  
I think did need a blotter.

And then to us, I tell you friend,  
He gave a pretty token.  
It was the book our friends did send  
To men whose hearts were broken.

Besides this priceless memory book  
We got another prize,  
Pencil, gold, and pen, just look,  
It's hard to realize.

Now just that thing and it alone  
Is worth so much today,  
That could I play four other years  
I never could repay.

And now I say to all concerned  
The things you did were grand  
And if one thing I've ever learned  
It's honor of this band.

And now we go, a place to fill  
Out in this world with others,  
But we will miss our Mr. Hill  
And I will miss my brothers.

ODUS MITCHELL.

(Editor's Note: The verse above is reminiscent of the last game played by the T. I. A. A. champions. At the end of the contest the athletes were duly honored as described. Most of the wonder team played together each of the four years.)

"Are you laughing at me demanded the professor sternly of his class.

"Oh, no, sir," came the reply in chorus.

"Then," asked the professor even more grimly, "what else is there in the room to laugh at?"—East Texan.

# 'SEE OUR NEW LINE OF STATIONERY

## J. J. WALKER DRUG STORE

## Of a Literary Turn

## LAUGHTER AS SOCIAL ASSET

I think there is nothing that can help a person more in social life than to possess a laugh ready at the opportune time. Now by laughter I do not mean the forced or the voluntary kind, but laughter that is so spontaneous as to make other people feel happy from the mere sincerity of it. The real life of a social gathering in many instances is a person who has a laugh ready and also the ability to make someone else laugh.

Sometimes a person may not have any other outstanding characteristic, yet when he enters a room, where there is a group of boys and girls, he is generally greeted, "Hurrah for Harry, now we shall have some fun."

—G. G.

## BREAKING INTO PRINT

I have always wanted to see my name in print. I have tried many times to write something that the editor of some paper would print, but he never printed it. Finally, I hit upon a plan that was sure to bring about the desired publicity. I gave this note to a local paper:

LOST—One white pup; bob tailed, pug nosed; and wearing a leather collar. Finder return to Sam Barker.

Of course, I owned no pup, but nevertheless that evening I found the pup sleeping peacefully on my front porch. As a matter of fact, the editor, being a good and well-meaning man, found a pup which exactly resembled the one I described; therefore he brought it to me without inserting my advertisement.

At last I succeeded. A tent show came to town one week, and because one of the stage hands was sick, I was put in his place. Before me lies a copy of our town paper, on the first page of which I find the headlines: "Show Comes to Town; Local Man Takes Part." In the cast of characters appears the line, . . . Sam Barker—Stage Hand.

Dear Reader, if your name has never appeared in print, you cannot realize what the world holds for you.

—C. S.

According to a report recently made public by President Butterfield, of the Massachusetts Agricultural College, there is a marked decrease this year in enrollment at agricultural institutions throughout the country. Out of thirty agricultural colleges reporting, only eight show an increased enrollment over last year, and the total gain for all eight is but fifty-six students. The other twenty-two colleges show a loss in enrollment, the total decrease amounting to four hundred and ninety-four. The Massachusetts Agricultural College is among those showing a decrease, and its class of 1927 is about forty smaller than the class which entered a year ago last September.

A fellowship to any university in the American Middle West which the candidate may select has been established by an American banker living in London. It will be open to unmarried men, graduates of Oxford and Cambridge. The fellowship is for one year and will provide £250 and tuition. The purpose is to foster a better understanding in Great Britain of social conditions and currents of opinion in the United States.

## VOICES

There are voices and voices; loud voices, harsh and high voices, calm, cool voices and voices that are blustery and breezy.

Some voices grate on your nerves as do the wheels of a wagon on a gravelled road. Others remind you of a clock; words are spoken at regular intervals with no variation of tone, becoming monotonous. Some are screechy and give you a feeling similar to that of hearing the fire alarm. And voices are heard which remind one of water gurgling from a jug.

To explain to you the voice which helps to vanish your troubles I would call to your mind the trickle of water from the gutter after the shower has gone; the ripple of the wavelets on the pebbles of the shore; the tinkle of the bell as the herds wind their way down the homeward path when the day is done.

But the voice which soothes you to rest and gives you perfect contentment is the "still small voice" which says "well done."

—H.

## SILENT TALKERS

Silent talkers are everywhere. You see them every day, you are with them every day, and in fact you are one of them yourself. You pick them out by their faces. Some of them have become accustomed to this particular phase of speech through habit, while some have inherited it through their disposition; but all have their individual way of silently talking by the skillful pictures they draw on their faces.

These silent talking people reveal their character as well as their personality and their disposition by their silent language. No matter what a person may be thinking about, his countenance translates his thoughts into words expressed by the drawn, changeable, facial-expression pictures; which mark the silent talker.

—D. L.

It is announced from Pittsburg that sixty-five sheet metal union apprentices have begun a four-year training course at Carnegie Institute of Technology, and will be paid their regular wage by their employers for the time spent in school.

## LIBRARY WANTS OLD PRAIRIES FOR FILES

Several numbers of The Prairie are wanted by the College library to complete its file. It is very important that the file be kept intact; therefore, if students or faculty members have copies of the following issues of The Prairie they will be doing a favor to the library and the future students by donating them for the purpose named.

Nov. 10, 1919.  
Dec. 22, 1919.  
March 1, 1920.  
Oct. 2, 1923.  
December 4, 1923.  
In addition the file of Le Mirage lacks the 1917 edition. This book is also much desired for the library file.

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## SOCIETY AND CLUB NEWS

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### STUDENTS ENTERTAINED BY MRS. J. A. HILL

Thirty students enjoyed the hospitality of Mrs. J. A. Hill on the evening of August 2. Puzzles, progressive games, and an onija board offered entertainment to the guests. Refreshments of ices and cake were served.

### TEACHERS GIVE DINNER SUNDAY

Misses Burton and Anderson entertained the members of the History Department at dinner Sunday at the home of Miss Mary Hill. The guests were Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Sheffy, Miss McLean, Miss McDonald, Miss Swayne, and Mr. Horton.

### STUDENTS HAVE "42" PARTY

On the evening of August 1, at the home of Mrs. L. W. Huber, Misses Vera Denton, Maude Keese and Lena Huber, entertained a few of their friends with a "42" party. During the evening Miss Huber beautifully sang two vocal solos, and Miss Keese read several selections. Refreshments of punch and cake were served the guests. Those present were: Misses Verdie, Birdie, Margaret and Vera Denton, Lena Huber and Maude Keese, and Messrs. Lee Johnson, Gideon Tyler, Bunyan Carnes, William Graves and Fred and Joe Schuler.

Miss Joye Mills was the guest of Misses Burton and Swayne at dinner Tuesday evening.

Students from Knox, Baylor, and Haskell counties met at Mrs. Anderson's at 6:00 Wednesday evening and went to Wragge's for a swim and watermelon feast.

Mrs. Susan Gullede, who has been spending the summer in Houston, is here now on business.

Miss Josephine Thurman has been visiting Alma Burks and other friends in the college. Miss Thurman has been teaching in Clayton, New Mexico, for the past two years.

Elizabeth Shaw is visiting Miss Versa Odum at Memphis, Texas.

Griffith Witt of Amarillo spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas.

Grady Burson, captain of the football team, came up from Silverton Friday to help plan football work for the fall.

Gordon L. Lang and Martha Nell and Archibald Lang spent the week end in Quanah with Mrs. Lang, who is in the sanitarium at that place. They report that she is improving rapidly.

Dean L. G. Allen and family took an auto trip to Roswell, New Mexico Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. T. C. Delaney, Methodist Student Secretary, is spending the vacation at her home in Memphis.

Margaret Lowndes of Amarillo came down one day last week.

Nina Sherer has withdrawn from school to go with her family on an extended trip to Illinois.

Mrs. P. A. Griffin and son, and son-in-law, Aubrey Shelton, all of Coleman, Texas, have been visiting the past week at the home of Mrs. Griffin's brother, Dean L. G. Allen. Mrs. Shelton was formerly Miss Esther Griffin and attended school here several years ago.

Miss Flora McGee spent the week-end in Amarillo with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. T. F. McGee.

Thelma Bivins of Tulsa was in Canyon last week. Miss Bivins received her degree from this institution last summer.

Miss Jennie C. Ritchie gave a swimming party Wednesday afternoon at Wragge's, the guests being Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Powell, Mrs. Reeves, Pearl Davis, C. W. Howard, Garvis Swafford and Frank Steen.

The Cottonwood school of Collingsworth County will be taught this year by Lula Mae Cook of Wellington.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Steen gave a delightful six o'clock dinner at the club grounds honoring Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Powell, who will soon leave for Columbia University, Mr. and Mrs. Reeves, Mrs. Montfort, Miss Hudspeth, and Miss Ritchie were present.

Miss Joye Mills was honor guest at a theatre party given by Miss Brown Wednesday evening. Misses Mills, Brown, White, Brigham, Stewart, and Mrs. Montfort. After the show they went to Stafford's and visited until a late hour.

Mrs. Millard Word was hostess at a lovely bridge party Monday afternoon. Guests from the College were: Misses Burton, White, Brigham, Witt, Stewart, Harrison, Guenther, and Mrs. Reeves.

Mrs. Will Haynie of Alabama and Mrs. Henry Horn of Channing visited the college one day last week. They both expressed admiration for our excellent building.

Helen Story will teach in the Adobe Walls school near Plemmons. Delbert Bivens will teach manual training at Slaton the coming year.

Jettie Mae Barber is spending the summer at Raton, New Mexico.

### KINDERGARTEN HAS "GOODBYE" PARTY

Thursday morning the children of the kindergarten had a "goodbye" party for their little friends in the first grade. The children sang songs, gave a dramatization, and heard a story told by Elizabeth Webb. Misses Boyd and Simmons served refreshments of milk, graham crackers and angel food cake.

### BAND GIVES SACRED MUSIC CONCERT SUNDAY

At the Baptist Encampment grounds Sunday afternoon the College band gave a concert of sacred music. The large number of Baptists thoroughly enjoyed the excellent rendering in band music of religious songs which have become classic in the denominations.

Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas entertained some students at dinner Sunday week in honor of Charles and Grace Robbins of Lipscomb county. Charles is a former student and football player of the college. The party of twelve enjoyed a chicken dinner finished with delicious sherbet and angel food cake. After eating, the young people sang popular melodies for a while.

Miss Elizabeth Brown, formerly head of the Department of Biology of this College, passed through Canyon Saturday enroute to Colorado. Since leaving this place, Miss Brown has made a trip to Europe and has been teaching biology in the Junior High School of Wichita Falls, Texas. She taught in the University of Texas this summer.

Mrs. Nellie D. Clements, who taught Art here the first half-term of the summer school, passed through Canyon Saturday on her way to Artist's Colony, Taos, New Mexico. Mr. Ray, the famous painter of animals, and several other artists of Dallas were in the party.

### ASSOCIATION GIRLS STUDY BIBLE WOMEN

The Y. W. C. A. group enjoyed a study of three beautiful women characters of the Bible last Wednesday afternoon.

From the lives of Rebekah, Esther, and Ruth, the girls learned women's place in the lives of Biblical peoples and the wonderful truths and examples of Bible women.

After the sories were told a cornet solo was played by Charles Strain, accompanied by Ruth Strain.

This was one of the most interesting and profitable of the recent programs.

### STUDENT IS RADIO OPERATOR

D. C. Rudisill, a student of 1920, is now a radio operator on the battleship Texas. He has written to former teachers from various points on the globe to which the ship has gone.

Aubrey Smith will teach the third and fourth grades at Hale Center during the coming year.

Alleen Stoval will teach the fourth grade in her home town, Floydada, this fall.

Tandy Smoot is spending the summer farming near White Deer. He will probably return to W. T. S. T. C. in January.

### REFLECTIONS OF A FRESHMAN

Last summer with my string of "A's," I was no "small pertater," But what is that meets my gaze? Good bye, dear Alma Mater.

I have done all I thought would aid To please my teachers, kind or cold. But when I go and get my grades, A flush of "D's" is what I hold.

I've worked and sweated, dug and plan'd; And over problems long have pondered, I've puffed and blowed to beat the band; And lots of midnight oil I've squandered.

My teachers say, "You will observe The grades must needs be arbitrary; That we may get the normal curve Of distinction. (I should worry)."

I'm going back were the brooklet plays Where horn and gong and girls can't pester;

Of College life and all her ways, I've come to be a strong "detester."

Later

Oh, no! By heck, I won't stay home; These things, it seems will come to vex us;

I'll smite old Worry on the dome; Then bust his solar plexus.

—J. B. L.

It cannot be too forcibly inculcated, nor too generally understood, that in promoting the great interest of moral and intellectual cultivation, there can be no prodigality in the application of the public treasure.—DeWitt Clinton.

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We are going to have another basketball team of championship calibre. Lets make it next year.

Walter Meanwell, the greatest basketball coach of all time, says, "The emphasis in the equipment of a basketball player should be placed in the footwear." Of course, "Piffle," "52," "Stacato," and Lewis left four of the biggest pairs of basketball shoes in the state to fill; but with such feet as those possessed by Tubby Herm, Law Sone, Preacher Fuller, Roger Pearson, and Babe Bivens it looks as though the old shoes might pinch. Besides, this array of corn-laden extremities, (corns due to too much hard work and use) we know of some other big feet that intend to take their place in the cage. Some of the biggest of these are Alex Hale and Vester Hill, who hail from the same families respectively as "Piffle" and Lewis. It ought to run in the family—I mean feet. Then everybody remembers the famous toe dancer, Mr. "Tucumcari" Nations. His own shoes are still waiting for him. Abe Sone is another prospect that is liable to sprout horns before the season ends. Ralls think they have some real shoe-fillers also, and it is likely that Theo Powell, all-star forward in the interscholastic league, will come to W. T. S. T. C. and stretch the biggest pair of the lot. Lets hope he brings the whole Ralls high school team with him. Along with all of these we expect many more high school and Junior College stars.

With an addition to our already efficient coaching staff, the new Gymnasium, hard work, and strict training, it is both possible and probable that another T. I. A. A. championship team can be developed. To do this, however, the coaches, captain, and men want the closest co-operation of the students, ex-students, and faculty. Use your influence in getting good material and do your part to help the players obey the training rules. "Captain Billie Stiff" assures the whole crew that he will do his best to make even a greater Captain than Joe Lancaster and to help make a winning combination in 1925.

Sincerely,

J. DAVIS HILL, Captain.

Buffalo Basketeers  
Expect to Schedule  
Many Strong Teams

Although the regular schedule of the Basketball team will not be officially made until the December meeting of the T. I. A. A., it is not impossible to review the teams with whom it is likely the Buffaloes will play this coming season.

Simmons, Roswell, Denton, and East Texas State Teachers College will in all probability be seen in the Buffalo territory. Each of the teams will play two games here. The hardest contest at home will be with Simmons. The Cowboys slipped up on Captain Joe and his crew and edged out on one game last year. They were the only T. I. A. A. team to defeat the Buffaloes last year. Roswell will give a hard fight, as will Denton, who is to be feared because of her uncanny way of winning at the most unexpected times. E. T. S. T. C. always has a wrecking crew and should play a tight game.

It is planned to take quite a trip over the state this year during which time the Buffaloes will meet San Marcos, Sam Houston, and play two games each with two of the following teams: Texas A. & M., Rice Institute, Southwestern U., or the Houston Triangles. Provided this schedule is made, it will undoubtedly be the stiffest any Buffalo squad has ever faced. San Marcos and Sam Houston are both ambition wrecking teams on their home courts. San Marcos is to be feared more than Sam Houston, however. With the announcement from the coaches offices that the Buffaloes will meet at least one team in the Southwestern Conference comes a cry of joy from the throats of the Buffalo lovers. For some time it has been the secret hope of the Buffaloes to invade the "higher ups" and start rampaging in true Buffalo style. Two of the four teams mentioned above will be played, and in these games the test of tests will be made. Opinions differ as to the ultimate outcomes, yet one thing is certain and that is no matter which of the teams the Buffaloes play, they will come out of the game with a profound respect for the Maroon and White standard bearers and will realize that the Buffaloes always fight and fight hard until the final whistle.

Five Letter Men to  
Form Nucleus of the  
'25 Basketball Squad

Coach Burton and his assistants will have five basketball men out for the team that have been tried and found to be worthy of the highest honor Buffalo-land can bestow. These five basketball letter men are Captain J. Davis Hill, Law Sone, Ray Bivens, Otello Herm and Wyatt Nations.

Captain Davis Hill needs no introduction; yet something must be said about the spirit of Davis. Davis is the only surviving member of the famous five that brought to the Panhandle a state championship. Early in the season he came out for guard; he worked, fought, and thought basketball until he was assured a regular berth on the team, and then, he got down to business, surprised everybody by his superior playing, and became one of the most feared guards in the T. I. A. A. That's the man whose hand is at the wheel and it will be well for the rest of 'em to hang on tight or they'll be lost in the wild ride for the T. I. A. A. championship.

Law Sone is a man to be depended upon. You can count on Law to get in there and fight at any time. Ray Bivens, better known in elite society as "Babe," is a real scrapper and somebody is going to have a hard time trying to keep the little fellow off the first squad. Otello Herm, or Tubby, whichever you prefer, is a big man, a powerful man, a good basketball player, and, best of all plays the game for the love of the sport. Wyatt Nations—his nickname is "Tucumcari"—will only be expected to keep up the stellar playing that made him a regular Buffalo in the past.

Of course, there are stars from the Yearlings to be contended with this year, besides many high school and Junior College stars are to appear in suits when the whistle blows.

With this unusual talented mass of material from which to select the team, the coaches will not be handicapped by lack of men. The only thing that will stand in the way of a great team will be the lack of an adequate gym. However, even this handicap may be removed for plans are under way to build a large, accomodating gym—support from the exes, present students, and faculty can easily eradicate this one menacing handicap.

As the situation is viewed now from the peak of optimism, the prospects for a winning basketball team are the best possible. We have a wealth of experienced material; we have three great coaches; we have a reputation to live up to; we have a student body that is behind the team with heart and soul; and too, the team has a wonderful captain. So, whats to prevent the Buffaloes from roaming the state and bringing back again the coveted T. I. A. A. crown that now rests within the walls of the Maroon and White?

Coyotes Slaughter the  
Badgers in Two Games  
Played Last Week

The lowly Coyotes, inspired by their first victory of the season, came back strong last week and took both games played. The first game played Tuesday was a game of errors for both sides. The Coyotes outplayed the Badgers and earned their victory, yet the Badgers managed to score eight times on three lone hits and nine errors. This game introduced a new member of Lockhart's pitching staff, Wade Boatwright. Not only did Wade hold the Badgers to three hits, but also had a wonderful day at bat, getting two home runs and a single out of five trips to the plate. "Invincible" Hale broke down and was relieved by Mitchell in the sixth.

Score by Innings: R H E  
Badgers\_ 2 0 0 0 2 4 0—8 3 6  
Coyotes\_ 2 0 3 2 3 1 3—14 12 9  
Summary: Home runs, Boatwright 2; three base hits Key, Hancock, Miller, Sone; two base hits Hale, Key, Tabor, Sawyer, Cherry. Runs off Hale in five innings, 8; off Mitchell 4 in two innings; off Boatwright 8 in 7 innings. Hits off Hale 10 in 5 innings; off Mitchell 3 in two innings; off Boatwright 3 in seven innings. Struck out by Hale, one; by Mitchell, none; by Boatwright, seven.

Umpires—Whitman and Wiggins.

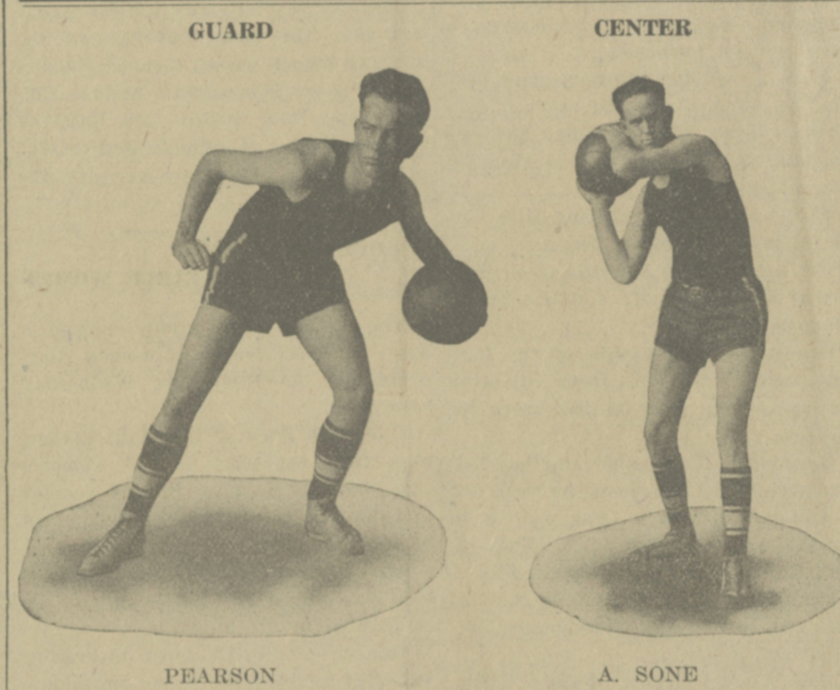
Friday's game started off with a

## Basketball Captain



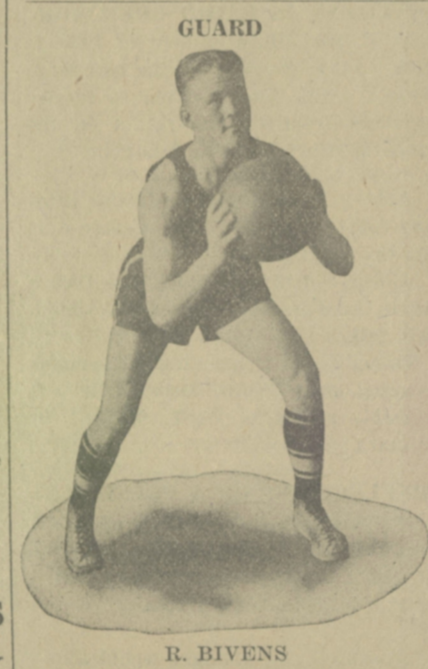
J. DAVIS HILL

Captain Davis Hill, remaining member of the 1924 T. I. A. A. champions, is a stellar basketball player and worthy in every respect of the laurels bestowed upon him by his teammates. Davis was a capable running-mate of Captain Joe and it is his ambition to fill the place left vacant by that gallant Buffalo as successfully as did Joe, himself. Everyone who knows Captain Joe realizes that to successfully carry on his work is a man-sized job. And every one who knows Davis believes that he is capable of this task. W. T. S. T. C. as a whole looks forward to a great team and another championship under the guidance of Captain "Davis."



PEARSON

A. SONE



R. BIVENS

bang. The Badgers batted first and scored two runs off two hits and an error by Tabor. The Coyotes started the last half of the first by slamming the pill for four safeties which netted them five runs. Every Coyote was up in the first inning. Two errors and a walk gave the Badgers two runs in the second off no hits.

The Coyotes scored once in the second on errors. Neither side scored after the second until the last inning when the Badgers marked one lone tally while the Coyotes chalked up two. Lem Sone started for the Badger team but was relieved by Garner in the third inning. Big Gus Miller was up to form and had the Badgers swatting the air most of the time.

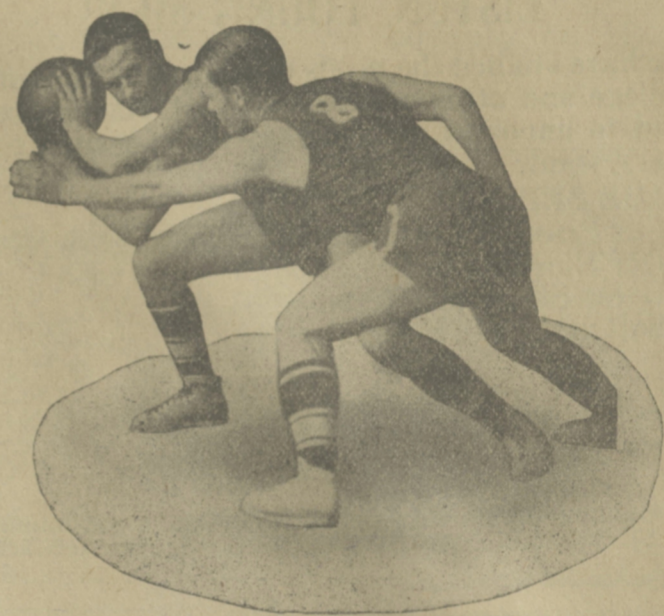
Score: R H E  
Badgers\_ 2 0 0 0 0 1—5 7 4  
Coyotes\_ 5 1 0 0 0 2 x—8 5 3  
Summary: Two base hits, Hancock, Sawyer, Cherry, Mitchell 2; Struck out by Sone 1; by Garner 5; by Miller 10. Umpires—Whitman and Wiggins.

## HERE'S HOW THEY STAND

	Played	Won	Lost	Perc
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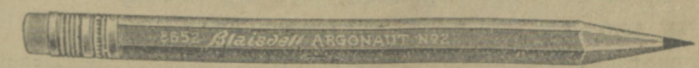
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