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## Poking About At Random

### HALF-MINUTE INTERVIEWS

James Wilson: "We matched pennies to see whether or not we would go to the show, and had to flip eight times before it would come out right."

Coach Burton: "There are usually two ways of doing a thing, and no matter which way you do it, you wish you had done the opposite."

Bill Collector, August 1: "— (Same old stuff.)"

All of us, a little louder each day: "Ain't it hot?"

Walker Todd: "This Canyon ice cream doesn't seem to get quite done. Why, some of it is actually served cold."

### On Grouches, Principally

This may sound to you a great deal like a grouch column. Maybe it is. It has been said or rather good authority that there is a time and a place for all things. It seems to us that the existence of this corner provides an unusually good opportunity for giving vent occasionally to a real, old-time, thirteen mule power grouch. But of course, dear readers, you must not let the example set by us in this matter. As the Arkansas pater familias said as he whaled his son for profanity, "I do all the swearing on this place. One of our main grouches is that everybody grouches too much."

Fellow students, we have made a great discovery. Although we have always heard the word "stop watch" used, we had never been able to learn just what kind of a timepiece a stop watch is. But the other day, while in an abstract mood, we dropped our own ticker on the concrete walk. And behold! we know.

Now that the Moody-Ferguson war is over, we are curious to know what kind of arguments will engage the demosthenes Club at the west entrance of the Ad Building every mornnig.

Often a woman finds that the bridal veil has blinded her to the sort of man she was taking for better or for worse.

One of the queerest things in the world is why a man is too tired on Sunday morning to get up and go to church, but on another Sunday will readily rise at five o'clock to go fishing.

Mary ata hunka ple;  
Ate a little more;  
Time elapses, pie rebels;  
• Doctor has the floor!

Back in the Age of Beer, the all-important question was how many cans one person could hold, but in the present Age of Gasoline the vital problem is how many persons one can hold.

An advertising booklet issued by a motor bus concern, in referring to Mineral Wells, says:

"Where you can enjoy all outdoor recreations, fish in a thousand acre bass lake, swim, golf, climb mountains, or motor over the finest of roads while drinking the waters and taking the baths... ?!!!!"

Shocking! Immodest! Impossible! Unbelievable! How do they get that way?

Annadel Guenther is Honored  
Honoring Miss Annadel Guenther, whose approaching marriage to Horace Albert Ward of Silver City, New Mexico, was announced recently, Mrs. C. R. Burrow, Mrs. C. W. Warwick and Miss Mary Clark entertained with a bridge luncheon on Thursday at the home of Mrs. Burrow. After a number of games of bridge the honoree was presented with dainty gifts by the hostesses.

Friday afternoon Miss Guenther was the honor guest at a linen shower at the home of Mrs. D. A. Shirley with Mrs. Shirley and Mrs. B. A. Stafford as hostesses.

Monday Mrs. T. V. Reeves and Miss Anna I. Hibbets entertained at the home of Mrs. Reeves. Each guest presented Miss Guenther with a dainty handkerchief, and tea towels for the bride-to-be were hemmed during the afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Uriel Vincent announce the arrival of a daughter, July 21.

## Prices for Games Set by Committee

Coach S. D. Burton stated yesterday that prices have been set for the Buffalo football games this fall as follows: \$1.00 admission to all games excepting the homecoming game with the Simmons and the Thanksgiving game with Tech. These two games will be \$1.50.

New bleachers are being made, and will add 1200 more seating capacity to Buffalo Park. Seats will extend along the entire north and south sidelines, and will be erected at the east end of the football field.

The football ground is being carefully prepared and the seating arrangements made for the biggest season the Buffalo squad has ever had.

## Midgets and Snubs on Top Basket Row

After a week of preliminary work, the six teams comprising the Basketball League began a four weeks tournament Tuesday. Those who attended the games of the past week witnessed a true interpretation of the game in its original form. But much of the rough edges have been worked off and the teams have trimmed themselves to fair form. A number of new men have been added to the original teams and more are needed.

The results of the games so far and the standing of the teams are as follows:

### Tuesdays Games

Midgets 15; Gas House 7.  
Snubbers 31; Tornadoes 13.

### Thursdays Games

Badgers 18; Kangaroos 14.  
Midgets 22; Tornadoes 13.

### Friday's Games

Snubbers 24; Badgers 8.  
Kangaroos 22; Gas House 17.

### Standing of Teams

Midgets	1000
Snubbers	1000
Kangaroos	500
Badgers	500
Gas House	000
Tornadoes	000

### Personnel of Teams to Date

Midgets: Pool, Mgr.; Adamson, Boone, Enloe, Hazelwood, Heath, Shearer, Wallace.

Snubbers: Wrinkle, Mgr.; Carnes, Hardgrove, Herm, Phagan, Stewart, Turner, Wilson.

Kangaroos: Dawson, Mgr.; Allen, Baker, Bice, Ming, Sherman, Vernon.

Badgers: Miller, Mgr.; Chamberlain, Beavers, Manley, Key, McCarty, Price, Todd.

Gas House: Thompson, Mgr.; Beasley, Head, Nipper, Sloane, Stanley, Tibbetts.

Tornadoes: Younger, Mgr.; Brown, Graves, Hill, Pinkerton, Kistler, Starkey.

Schedule for the second week of the Basketball League:

### Tuesday

4:30—Midgets vs. Snubbers.  
5:15—Tornadoes vs. Kangaroos.

### Wednesday

Work-out day for all teams. Members of the Coaching Class are especially expected to be present from 4:30 to 5:30.

### Thursday

4:30—Gas House vs. Badgers.  
5:15—Midgets vs. Kangaroos.

### Friday

4:30—Snubbers vs. Gas House.  
5:15—Badgers vs. Tornadoes.

## New Gym Given Basal Stucco Coat

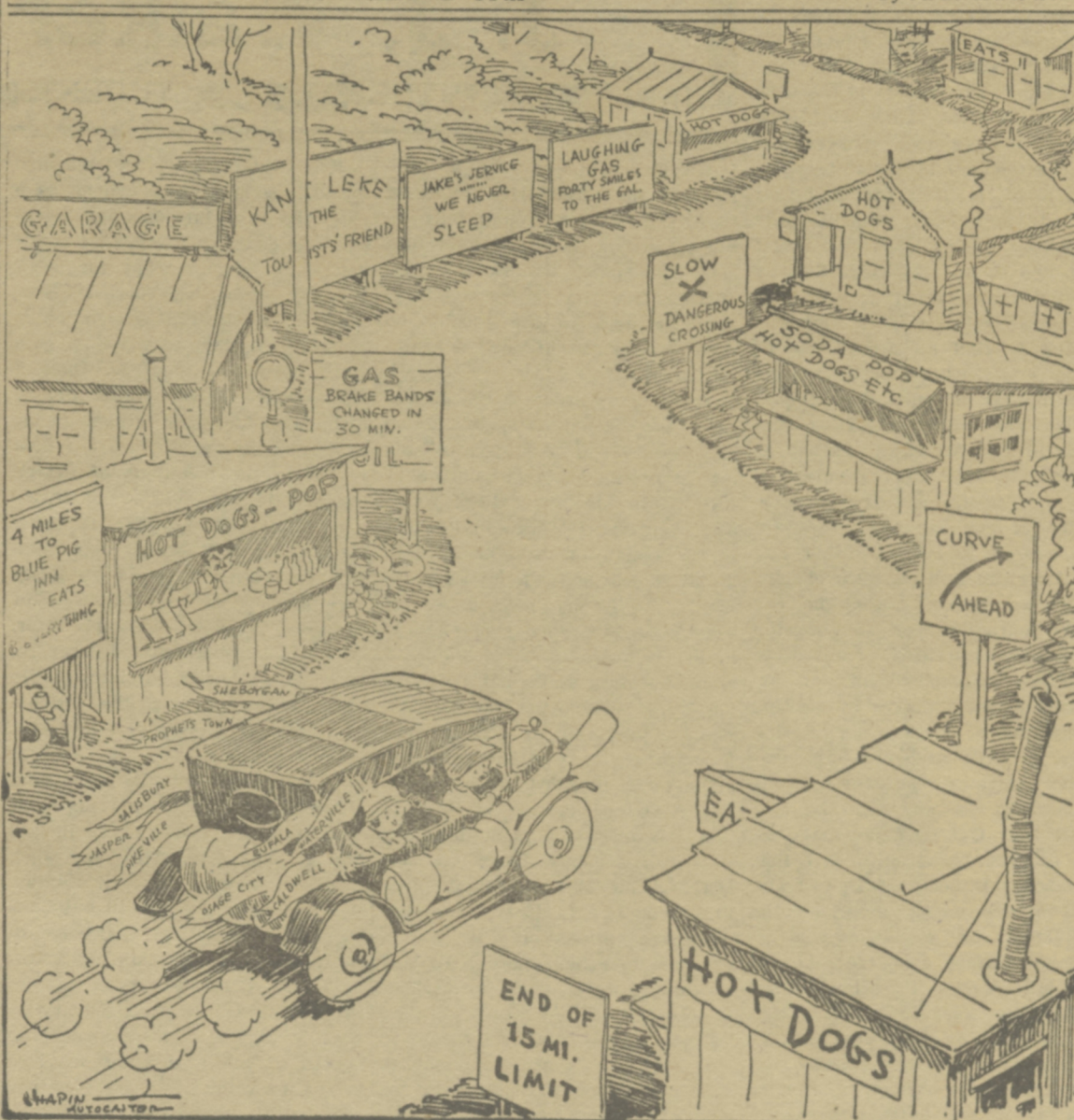
The stuccoing of the new gymnasium going on at present is an improvement which will add greatly to the general appearance of the campus. The building was given the basal coat of gray stucco last week, and the work of applying the dash is now well under way.

The gym will be pleasing to the eye, as it is to conform in color to the Administration Building and other College structures. It is conceded to be the best gymnasium in the T. I. A. A. in size and convenience. Showers, locker rooms, and offices are located back of the large playing floor.

Steam heat and hot water fittings have been contracted for, and work on these will begin in the near future. Athletes will welcome these features during the ensuing fall and winter.

## THE ANNUAL SIGHT SEEING TRIP

-By A. B. CHAPIN



## Nine Additional Speakers Announced

Nine out-of-state men nationally recognized as educational leaders have been engaged for the program of the annual convention of the Texas State Teachers Association. The group includes specialists in various fields, according to President J. M. Biedsoe of the Association who made the announcement Wednesday from Fort Worth offices. The convention meets in El Paso, November 25, 26 and 27.

Speakers announced today are: Dr. Frank D. Boynton, Ithaca, New York; Dr. Ellwood P. Cabblerley, Stanford University, California; Dr. George W. Frasier, Greeley, Colorado; Dr. J. Paul Goode, Chicago; Dr. J. R. Grant, Little Rock; Dr. L. Thomas Hopkins, Boulder, Colorado; Dr. Ernest Horn, Iowa City, Iowa; Dr. H. L. Kent, New Mexico A. & M. College, and Dr. Marion J. Mayo, Saint Louis.

Group conferences will be conducted by some of the speakers.

## Slash in State Aid Predicted

The Canyon Independent School District will suffer considerable financial loss as a result of the reduction in the state tax rate, which will make impossible an increase in the school apportionment by the legislature when it meets in September, provided the Governor gives the legislature a chance to take up appropriations of any kind. It has been hoped that the legislature would supplement the school fund so that the apportionment might be at least \$14 for the coming year. But that hope has been dispelled by setting the tax rate to take care of only the present needs of the state.

The decrease in apportionment will cost the local district \$2.00 on every child in the district, or about \$1500.00. The school was forced to add two new teachers for the coming year owing to the increase in attendance, which will add about \$2500.00 to the expenses.

The district will be forced to raise about \$4,000 more money the coming year than it did last year, as a result of increased expenses and decrease in revenues. The Board of Equalization will soon start to work and will be advised of the situation confronting the trustees.

Mrs. R. I. Stalling of Paducah, sister of Mrs. C. E. Strain, has been visiting her here during the past week. Mrs. Stalling was accompanied by her children.

Theodore Swift, a student here several years ago, was elected county superintendent of Hall county Saturday.

## County Superintendents Invited to Association

Every county superintendent in Texas should attend the third annual conference of county superintendents at the Texas A. & M. College, August 2 to 6, says Secretary R. T. Ellis of the Texas State Teachers Association in a statement made today. It is his belief that one of the prime factors in the improvement of school conditions is the development of higher professional standards. The county superintendents' conference will discuss "What the Superintendents Can Do to Improve the Schools of Their Counties."

The program for the conference includes addresses by the South's leading rural school men and women. Group conferences will be held for the discussion of particular problems. Every interest of the county school system will be considered.

W. L. Hughes, head of the rural education department of A. & M. College, organized the county superintendents' conference three years ago and is general chairman of this year's conference. Mrs. Daisy Bible, superintendent of Bosque county schools, is secretary.

## Lyceums Cancelled; To Sing "Revenge"

Members of the college chorus and orchestra are now at work on "The Revenge." This production is to be an open number, and will probably be given about the twentieth of August, according to Mr. Clark, but a definite date has not yet been set.

Two of the planned lyceum attractions for the summer session have been postponed. Mr. Harding, a popular lecturer on astronomy, canceled his engagement to lecture here on account of illness in his family.

Dr. Q. W. Kuo who was to make an address on Chinese life and customs also telegraphed Mr. Clark early last week that he would be unable to fill his engagement. No definite arrangements have yet been made to substitute for these numbers on the lyceum program.

Miss Agnes Childre will teach in the primary grades at Hamlin this winter. Miss Childre was a member of last year's sophomore class. She is spending the summer at her home in Hereford.

Miss Fay Lockhart, B. A. '26, has accepted a position in Amarillo as secretary to J. E. Blasdel, dealer in investment and bonds. She began work August 2.

Miss Ada Alexander, a member of last year's student body, passed through Canyon last week enroute from Plainview to her home in Memphis.

## Clyde Whitlock Is Heard in Program

E. Clyde Whitlock, of Fort Worth, held his audience spell-bound Monday night in the second lyceum number of the summer. In his violin recital Mr. Whitlock used a pleasing variety of selections, ranging from standard compositions to folk music, and including one of his own. This interesting to note among these a musical production of Charles G. Dawes.

One very much appreciated feature was the accompanying comment-lecture, which gave the hearers a historical and technical background.

Those present were fortunate in being able to attend, as the opportunity of hearing such a masterful rendition is no common occurrence. It is to be hoped that this is not Mr. Whitlock's last visit to the College.

## Miss Haines Honored at Unique Entertainment

In honor of Miss Edna Haines of the Education faculty who will leave in September to teach in the Oberlin Kindergarten Training School at Oberlin, Ohio, Miss Lamb, Miss Simmons, and Miss Loves entertained at the home of Miss Lamb Thursday evening.

The guests were greeted at the doors by Mother Goose, Bo-Peep, and Boy Blue and were transported immediately into Mother Goose Land. After a delightful half hour of conversation each one was invited to partake of a piece of black-bird pie—the pie that was made of four and twenty black birds. As tradition would have it, these birds too sang a song, the substance of which revealed the good fortune of Oberlin Kindergarten Training School. Humpty Dumpty, who up to this time had reposed on a shelf in his corner, received the news with no small concern; for he immediately took his famous fall, lighting at the feet of the honor guest and divesting himself of a large number of parcels. These proved to contain a variety of lovely "going-away" gifts.

With the ice course that was served later the guests found cards on which were printed charming bits of verse on friendship. They were read aloud and then collected and presented to the honoree.

The guests were Misses Haines, Hibbets, Ritchie, Fronabarger, Swayne, Orr, and Mrs. Hill, Mrs. Saunders, Mrs. Dufflot, Mrs. Jarrett, Mrs. Montfort, Mrs. Reeves and Mrs. Lowes.

Amos Howard, a student here in 1914, was elected county clerk of Lubbock county last Saturday.

## Clowns Disband After Lockney Game

The Canyon Clowns played their last game for the summer Sunday at Lockney, beating the South Plains crew 13-2. Immediately after the game the clown squad separated, some of them going home, and the rest coming back to finish out the summer school. Oscar Eckhardt pitched for his team until the sixth inning when he retired after circling the bases twice as a result of two long clouts. Harrelj took his place and finished the game.

## Professor Dufflot To Give Lecture

Prof. Joseph L. Dufflot will lecture on ways "To Turn a Student Liability into a Student Asset," this afternoon at 4:30 in room 211. The lecture this afternoon will be the second in a series. Prof. Dufflot is giving on "How Teachers Pass the Buck to the Student."

Prof. Dufflot intends to stress, he says, "the 100 per cent responsibility of the teacher to make a subject interesting to the student."

He plans also to include a criticism of the instinct theory as a rational education principle as applied and described in Education courses at the present time. He will evaluate the stimulus-response theory.

One of the most interesting things in prospect from Prof. Dufflot this afternoon is his promise to briefly discuss the "Origin of the Mind." He will describe factors in the process of inoculating the mind with an idea or a technique; the point here is expected to bring out clearly the difference between a good teacher and a poor one. The intelligence test as a measure of native ability will be evaluated without favor.

## S. M. U. Quartet to Be Here Thursday

"The Spectacular Four" of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, making their third annual tour of the South, are scheduled to arrive in Canyon Thursday for a program that evening at the Methodist Church under the auspices of the Ladies Missionary Society.

The quartet comes to Canyon with a long trail of successes behind them in every town they have visited. Hubert Hamilton, 1st tenor, Clarence Ridge, 2nd tenor, John Monk, pianist-baritone, Paul Goodwin, bass, are the young fellows who make up this snappy group. Their program is entitled "The Other Side of College Life," and in addition to many of the modern popular selections, such favorites as "The Lost Chord," "Will You Remember Me," are on their program. "The Lost Silk Hat," a one-act comedy by Lon Cheney, is also included in the program of "The Spectacular Four."

## Y. W. C. A. to Sponsor Frolic on the Campus

Under the direction of the Young Women's Christian Association an all-round school frolic has been planned for Thursday, August 5, from seven to eight in the evening. Other organizations that have been active this summer will co-operate with the Y. W. C. A. in carrying out the plans for the hour of genuine fun. The band will furnish music for the occasion. A cordial invitation is extended to all students and faculty members to attend.

Arthur Baer, who is spending the summer at his home at Texline will teach the seventh grade and have charge of grade school boys athletics at Ralls this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Harris of Haskell, Texas, announce the birth of a daughter, Frankie Ann, July 15, 1926. Mrs. Harris was Miss Annie Mae Caldwell before her marriage.

Miss Mary Elizabeth Gregory, B. A. '25, is attending school at Greeley, Colorado, this summer. She will teach science in the Shamrock High School during the coming winter.

## McKENNY TALKS ON CRIME WAVE IN 3RD LECTURE

Michigan Teachers College President Tells of Social Problem

## BELIEVES FREEDOM THOUGHT NEEDED

Teachers of All Classes Should be Untrammelled in Activity

President Charles McKenny of the Michigan State Teachers College of Ypsilanti, completed his series of addresses here Wednesday morning at the chapel period. Dr. McKenny addressed the assembly on the subject "Shall We Stop the Crime Wave or Shall We All Be Murdered?"

"The greatest stain on the stars and stripes in history is the lack of respect for law and the disregard of life," declared Dr. McKenny. As measures for the improvement of the present crime situation he suggested a revised criminal code and a supplementing of the home with organization intended for its protection.

Dr. McKenny cited the period 1875 to 1925 as one of the greatest periods in American history. "What kind of a world are you living in? Will future generations look back on the period 1875 to 1925 as the golden age of American history?"

The greatest question in the United States today, according to Dr. McKenny is "Shall we or shall we not have respect for law?" The present crime situation was described as not merely a wave, but "an inclined plane continuing upward." One hundred people out of every million die each year as a result of crime, according to Dr. McKenny, as contrasted to thirteen to the million in Canada and nine to the million in England, and Ireland.

In most all respects the present status of American life is higher than at any previous period, Dr. McKenny said. Business life is on a higher ethical plane than any other place in the western world. The conflict and the shame of the present civilization is in the realm of personal relationship. We are murderers and thieves, said Dr. McKenny. Seven hold-ups a day in Chicago as compared to forty a year in London, show the extreme lengths to which the crime element has been carried in American life, he said.

"Americans are still relatively frontier people," said Dr. McKenny, "moving from state to state. When we get away from home the inhibitions are let down, and we are permitted to do things that we of police forces and an adequate would not otherwise do." Lack system for keeping track of criminals were given by Dr. McKenny as one element entering into our failure to cope with the crime situation. America needs a central clearing house for criminals, similar to Scotland Yard in England, he said. It is easy for a criminal in the United States to go from one state to another and escape the consequences of his crime, he said.

"The automobile has scrambled the eggs of civilization; it is one of the blessings and the curses of the modern day," said Dr. McKenny, citing the ease with which criminals conducted their raids with the aid of the automobile.

"In fifteen years the age of the criminal has decreased ten years," Dr. McKenny said, citing this fact as proof that the youth in America is taking rapidly to criminal practices. Dr. McKenny blamed the moving picture for bad influence on the youth, and laid the increase in crime to the "breaking down of the American home."

"The home is breaking up because it is afeeling new and trying situations that were not faced when the Americans were comparatively a rural people." The school is second in its influence only to the home, and the home should and ought to be a place for training in citizenship, Dr. McKenny believes. He cited the change in home life since the American family has moved into the city. Fifty per cent of the families in America now live in cities, Dr. McKenny said. The children are affected.

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## Just Foot Paths

Has it occurred to you that foot-  
paths tell a very human story?  
They do.

Wherever foot-paths are found  
and used by any large number of  
people you will notice that while  
one is now in use there are others  
close by that have been abandoned.  
Hurrying students formerly cut  
across a vacant lot to the east  
of the main building. Then busi-  
ness houses were erected on that  
block and the old paths covered  
up. A new path began to appear  
where the students left the side-  
walk, hoping to save a few steps.  
The first path was abandoned and  
a new and a shorter one beaten  
out in the hard soil. To-day there  
are three abandoned paths and one  
that is in use. The first three  
were longer routes than this last  
one, but the last one will remain  
for it is the shortest route possi-  
ble.

Who started these foot paths?  
Who caused them to be abandon-  
ed? Some conservative fellow,  
perhaps, impelled to stay on the  
walk as long as possible, started  
the first one. A fellow in haste  
to reach a class may have started  
the second, and even the third.  
People followed their lead in do-  
cile parade, taking the first path  
offered them, and the longer  
paths ceased to be useful.

Humans are like that. The  
conservative soul often loses as  
much as he gains by his conser-  
vatism. The more hurried chap  
wasn't conservative but his mind  
was working—he saw a shorter  
route by making a new trail. Peo-  
ple followed him. Another fellow  
saw possibilities of saving even  
more steps and he took a new  
direction. People followed him.  
Even the conservative man was  
forced into the new path. Does  
all this tell you anything?

Do you pride yourself on your  
conservatism? Do you feel that  
your every action is carefully pre-  
meditated? Have you that sat-  
isfied feeling that you "look before  
you leap"? that you, at least, are  
one who thinks things through be-  
fore taking a new step? Have you  
stopped to analyze the quality of  
your thought? The man who made  
the most recently opened path did  
a better job with his brain than  
the fellow who started the first  
one. Which type of mind had  
you rather have, the type that  
thinks, but not enough, or the  
mind that finishes the job with  
one operation and escapes becom-  
ing a part of the herd that fol-  
lows?

As Mr. Stansifer remarks in the  
papers each day: "Think it over."

## UNSHAVEN SAINTS

English artists in stained glass  
have been perturbed by the com-  
plaint of the Chancellor of the  
Diocese of Chester that ecclesi-  
astical windows do the saints sparse  
justice in presenting these holy  
men wearing beards. Artists in  
stained glass retort that they as-  
pire to present their subjects with  
as much accuracy as possible, and  
that history shows most of the  
saints wore beards, especially as  
they labored in countries where  
conditions rendered shaving diffi-  
cult and unusual. Thus, despite  
protests of the offended Chan-  
cellor, stained glass windows in  
churches will in future, as in the  
past, present views of saints  
"bearded like the pard."

## BILL DAY MATHEMATICS

Six and six are seventeen,  
Two and three are seven,  
Eight and nine are twenty-one.  
Four plus four, eleven.  
Five and eight make twenty-three  
Two and two are five;  
This is what I find each month  
When the bills arrive.  
—R. C. O'Brien in Judge.

The temperature of the moon at  
its noon time is 250 degrees Fah-  
renheit.

BISON BULL  
(PEDIGREED BRAND)

## By Squint

One wise bird said he found the  
weather easy in Florida. He said  
it was just outside the house.

A fellow who lives in Amarillo  
has just returned from Europe  
via the water route. He said the  
accommodations on board ship  
were wonderful. The meals were  
excellent, he said; in fact they  
were so good that he had six each  
day, three up and three down.  
He said that even while standing  
at the rails the meals went over  
good. He said that the captain  
was just as nice as he could be to  
him, and talked to him several  
hours every day. He learned lat-  
er that he wasn't talking to the  
captain of the ship at all, but a  
retired Confederate soldier. The  
chief mate showed him the stew-  
age passengers and another ship  
officer let him steer the ship for  
awhile, until he found that the  
wheel he was turning was just  
raising and lowering a window,  
so he quit. He said he'd always  
heard of a ship's hatches, and  
that he really found where they  
had been, but all the eggs had  
been taken out already yet. Travel  
surely broadens one.

Bill—Were the girls pretty wild  
in Paris.

Board—No, Nice. — Michigan  
Gargoyle.

"Dam this flood of sin that is  
sweeping o'er us," said the preach-  
er—and the next day he lost his  
job.—Ames Green Gander.

## Harley Sadler's

Well, Harley Sadler, you left us  
poorer, and not much wiser, but  
we enjoyed it in places. One  
place we didn't enjoy was the  
bottom of those wooden chairs  
along about the fourth act, for  
they were hard like the fifth  
reader used to be. If they had  
called a halt in the action of the  
play about the time that we got  
interested, they could have sold  
us enough soapy pillows in one  
night to buy the Rock of Gibrat-  
ler and the Buffalo Confectionery.  
Another thing, Harley, it's a good  
idea to camp that tent on a hill  
next time, cause you can't see a  
thing from the back of the thing.  
We thought those thirty cent seats  
in the back were reserved seats  
there were so few of them. One  
German family from east of town  
sat back there, and there wasn't  
room for anybody else in that sec-  
tion. And when your boys got to  
selling that pop-corn, etc., it was  
really a fifty-cent show. We  
liked it.

Any fool can go to bed, but it  
takes a man to get up in the  
morning.—Centre Colonel.

Speaking of shy girls, there are  
still a few left. They are gener-  
ally shy about ten years when  
you ask them their age.—Kittykat.

This summer is over two-thirds  
gone, and some of us haven't had  
a thought yet. We eat, and sleep,  
and gripe, and sleep-walk, and  
show no more signs of human life  
than does the proverbial jelly-  
fish. The two things that dis-  
tinguish man from the so-called  
lower animals are his soul, and  
his power to reason. We don't  
really know much about souls, but  
we know what a brain is for. The  
ancients used to think that its  
sole purpose was to furnish the  
fluid that watered the eyeballs,  
but it ain't so. A boy should de-  
finitely determine what line of  
vocational work he is going to  
follow by the time that he is  
twenty years old, and a girl should  
have determined upon a career or  
be already married. Now ain't  
that sense, and why don't you?

"What are those bathing girls  
doing over there in a bunch?"

"Holding a one-piece conference,  
I guess."—Boston Transcript.

Many a poor relation has a  
skinflint he'd love to touch.—El  
Paso Times.

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One definite satisfaction I have  
derived from my time at Oxford,  
the satisfaction that comes when I  
can stem the enthusiasm of a born  
democrat, who is floridly expati-  
ating on a distant prospect of the  
Prince of Wales, by the remark:  
"Ah, yes, an excellent young man.  
I had a year at the University  
with him." For Oxford is the most  
democratic place in the world and  
accepts princes and dukes and  
Rhodes scholars in the same skep-  
tical mood. It tends to forget that  
anybody is anybody and is quite  
graciously allows one to forget  
that one is not anybody. Such a  
leveling atmosphere is a rare boon  
to the students. It it at first sur-  
prising to find an atmosphere at  
a University whose members have  
been accused of putting on side.

There are other surprises that  
come to the American student at  
Oxford, if, like most Rhodes, he  
has unexpectedly gained the oppor-  
tunity of entering the University  
and expects to find it rather like  
his American College. Such obvious  
errors as supposing that he can  
study journalism, or salesmanship  
or short story writing, or any other  
practical accomplishment, or ex-  
pecting to get a degree by electing  
courses in a dozen assorted sub-  
jects, he will probably have cor-  
rected before ever he wins a Rhode  
scholarship. In any case he will  
know that Oxford and Cambridge  
are distinct Universities and that  
Cambridge is not a College of Ox-  
ford or vice versa. Furthermore, he  
will know that a Rhodes scholar-  
ship to Oxford and that, if one  
forsooth desires to attend Cam-  
bridge, one does so at one's own  
expense and at one's own risk. If  
he has been properly coached, he  
may even know something of dons  
and divers and blues, how to pro-  
nounce Magdalen and Balliol, that  
New College is never New, and  
whether it has a president, or a  
provost or a warden at its head.

What one can hardly imagine  
beforehand is the utterly foreign  
quality of Oxford. The tourist  
laughs at many things in England  
because they are different, but he  
hardly feels like an exile from  
home—for he is free. At Oxford  
one is at first really an exile, and  
a homesick exile at that. One must  
learn and confirm to a network  
of written and unwritten regula-  
tions that are bizarre enough to  
seem hardly human. When confir-  
mity to these has been attained, a  
glorious freedom results, but not  
before. The high stone walls that  
line the streets of Oxford have  
been reinforced with barbed wire,  
broken glass and a sort of revol-  
ving spike that must have taken  
some ingenuity to invent. Nothing  
but a prison would be so guarded  
in America. Until one has learned  
that these formidable barriers are  
intended to preserve rather than  
to diminish freedom of college life,  
one is somewhat downcast. One  
learns with equal chagrin that col-  
lege gates are closed after nine  
o'clock, and that there is no surer  
way of forfeiting all claim to Ox-  
ford privileges than to repeat the  
offense of remaining out after mid-  
night.

Oxford discipline is impressive  
in other details. Disorder in the  
dining hall is summarily dealt with  
by a fine generously imposed upon  
all within range of the disorder.  
Walking on the grass also leads to  
fines that mysteriously appear on  
one's bill at the end of term. Now,  
infraction of university statutes is  
much more likely to escape pun-  
ishment than the breaking of col-  
lege rules, for there are but two  
university protectors to patrol the  
streets of Oxford and vicinity.  
Still, many a student has felt the  
spirit of seventy-six stir his blood  
when a meager looking proctor has  
fined him the usual amount for  
appearing on the streets without  
his academic gown after eight  
o'clock in the evening; and more  
than one unlucky wight has for-

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felt two pounds to the authori-  
ties for the unsuspected crime of  
consorting with a young lady on  
the streets of Oxford. I knew one  
man who paid, besides the two,  
another five pounds for the lan-  
guage he used to the proctor on  
such an occasion. He was a south-  
ern cavalier.

The federal organization of Ox-  
ford (for the university is a union  
of sovereign colleges) gives to each  
man a special sphere of university  
life within his own college walls.  
The counterpart of this assignment  
is the obligation to take part in  
as many college activities as possi-  
ble. It is hardly possible to let  
talents lie idle when every college  
needs its quota of oarsmen, crick-  
eters, debaters and what not. One  
has very little opportunity to re-  
main a spectator at Oxford; one  
becomes performer an insignificant  
actor on a crowded stage.

The Oxford system of instruc-  
tion is fast becoming a myth among  
American students. Every one has  
heard about the wonderful place  
(this side of paradise) where lec-  
tures are optional and no one is  
expected to attend more than half  
a dozen a week, when the student  
is examined in but one field and  
follows largely his own fancy in  
preparing for that examination.  
The reverse of the medal is not  
so well known. Work is not re-  
quired, but on the other hand  
no recognition is given for work  
not honestly performed. Further-  
University for the life, or the ex-  
perience, or the friendship, or be-  
cause it is done in his set, is re-  
cognized and assigned a special  
line of study that will, without  
unduly taxing his powers, keep  
him from blocking the path of the  
intellectual thoroughbred. Serious  
students read for honor in classes,  
or a modern language, or in some  
science, or in law, or in philosophy,  
history, economics, political sci-  
ence, or in some other listed sub-  
ject,—that is, all who are looking  
forward to the degree of B. A.  
There is also, of course, the possi-  
bility of working for some other  
degree. The B. A. degree signifies  
that its holder "has lived the three  
years among gentlemen and has  
not been kicked out." It is doubtful  
whether it means anything more.  
If you want to know whether an  
Oxford graduate has achieved any  
intellectual eminence, you must  
ask him in what school he read  
for honors and what class he ob-  
tained, whether first, second, third,  
or fourth. It is worth noting that  
no Haverford man has as yet at-  
tained at Oxford a higher class  
than second. From this it may be  
judged that even a good American  
student may find opportunity to  
exert all his powers in working  
for an Oxford B.A.

The class awarded is determi-  
ned solely on the basis of an ex-  
amination consisting of a number  
of written papers and an oral in-  
quisition. In my own case there  
were twelve papers and I wrote  
for five or six hours a day for six  
days. The papers included transla-  
tion from and into Latin and  
Greek, ancient history, the history  
of philosophy, logic and metaphys-  
ics, and some special authors. For  
such an examination it is impossi-  
ble to cram overnight. It is the  
part of wisdom to spend a few  
days before the test in getting phy-  
sically fit for the ordeal. My  
own method which I recommend,  
was to spend five delightful days  
with my bicycle between Oxford  
and the Welsh border.

The examinations are set and  
marked by men under whom, as a  
rule, the candidate has not stud-  
ied. It is clear, as I say, that credit  
cannot be given except for work  
honestly performed. There is, how-  
ever, in the tutorial system every  
stimulus possible to make a man  
work hard and honestly. Once a  
week each student finds himself  
alone with his tutor thrown on his  
own frail resources against a man  
versed in the technique of detect-  
ing subterfuges, shifts, and inva-  
sions. The student, when first as-  
signed a subject for his weekly es-  
say, goes blithely to an authority  
and summarizes his statement of  
the case. When he meets his tutor,  
he finds, however, that he may re-  
ly on no authority but himself. He  
must in fact, support the position  
of his authority by reasoning based  
on relevant facts. He is as helpless  
as the chess player who plays book  
openings only, when his opponent  
departs from book and challenges  
him to improvise. After one such  
lesson a student makes it a prac-  
tice to delve deep and to build se-  
curely his theoretical edifice before  
confronting the devastating tutor.

The most notable result of the  
tutorial system as practised at Ox-  
ford is that a man discovers the  
depths of his own ignorance and  
begins to think. Education is not  
efficiently organized at Oxford.  
One acquires knowledge slowly or  
not at all. The Oxford graduate  
may have no practical efficiency  
in anything. Let me say by the way  
once for all, that if a man wishes  
to acquire practical efficiency, he  
had better avoid Oxford, for he  
may even lose his former respect  
for organization and efficiency as  
applied to education. He will, how-  
ever, learn, if he is to learn it at  
all, how to think skeptically, and  
that is the beginning of wisdom,  
if not of knowledge.

The Oxford tutor, like Socrates  
of old, makes it his mission to con-  
vict his pupil of ignorance; and the  
Socratic method, now as formerly,  
awakens to the student powers  
that were dormant, and makes him  
capable of developing an organiz-  
ed body of knowledge in due re-  
lation to life that is very different  
from the pedantic accumulation of  
facts which is acquired by the ef-  
Oxford men are not philosophers,  
ficient methods sometimes preach-  
ed in the United States of Amer-  
ica. The Oxford ideal is nearly  
the ideal of all true educators. All  
nor all philosophers Oxford pro-  
ducts; yet the man who has been  
awakened to the significance of  
any body of facts by contact with  
Oxford may perhaps be pardoned  
for looking to Oxford ever after  
as to his spiritual home, the sym-  
bol of that stable reality which,  
whatever he may do or wherever  
he may be, underlies his activities.

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I will work for enlarged school facilities.

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## Snappy Humor

### SILENT MISCHIEF

A. H. writes—"The mosquito is like a child; the moment he stops making a noise you know he is getting into something."—Boston Transcript.

### HER KNIGHT'S ARMOR

Girl (to phlegmatic lover)—"You 'ave got a 'ard 'eart, George!"

George (a taxi driver)—"No, I ain't Mande. That's my number plate you've got your 'ead against!"—London Opinion.

### HAD LITTLE FAD

Cautious Lover (with limited income)—"Tell me, dearest, are you very fond of clothes?"

The Beloved—"Clothes! My dear boy, I'm the dowdiest little old-fashioned, frump. No, my vice is

# SOCIETY

Miss Elizabeth Evans, B. A. '25, is spending her vacation at Mangum, Oklahoma. She taught near Mangum last year.

Clarence Hope has been serving as principal of the summer school at Breckenridge. He will teach there again next year. Mr. Hope received the B. A. degree in 1925.

pearls."—Punch.

## A "SHINER"

Father (reading a letter from his son at sea, to mother)—"Myopia says he's got a beautiful lamp from boxing."

Mother—"I just knew he'd win something in his athletics."—Sea Bag (U. S. S. Oklahoma).

## NO GOSSIP

Teacher—"How many wars can you remember?"

Young Thing—"Ma told me that I mustn't talk about family affairs."—The Wasp, San Francisco.

## A LONG MONTH

There were eleven rainy days during the month, eleven clear, eleven partly cloudy and nine cloudy.—Virginia paper.

## A PRECAUTION

Try our French Ice Cream on Your Company.—From an ad in a Long Island high school paper.

## WHO'S WHO IN PORT JERVIS

The skirt is doomed, says Booth Tarkington, the violinist.—Editorial in a Port Jervis (N. Y.) paper.

## WON'T PLAY IN HIS YARD

"Conductor!" shouted a passenger on the back country train. "That was my station, sir! Why didn't you stop?"

"We don't stop there any longer," said the conductor. "The engineer is mad at the station agent."—Presbyterian Advance.

## EFFEMINATE LADIES

Large picture hats have been seen. Bit by bit women seem to be losing all their manhood!—Eve (London).

## UP-TO-DATE

"Who was the gentleman I seen you with last night?"

"That was no gentleman, that was my wife."—The New Yorker.

## HE HAD THE "DOPE"

From a school boy's essay on the racehorse:

"The race horse is a noble animal used very cruel by gentlemen. Races are bad places. None but wicked people know anything about races. The last Derby was won by Mr. Morris' Manna, a beautiful bay colt by Phalaris, rising four. The odds was nine to one against him, and he won eight lengths. Good old Steve!"—Daily Express (London).

## BACK TO EVE

Isobel—"No, daddy, I won't need any clothes this summer."

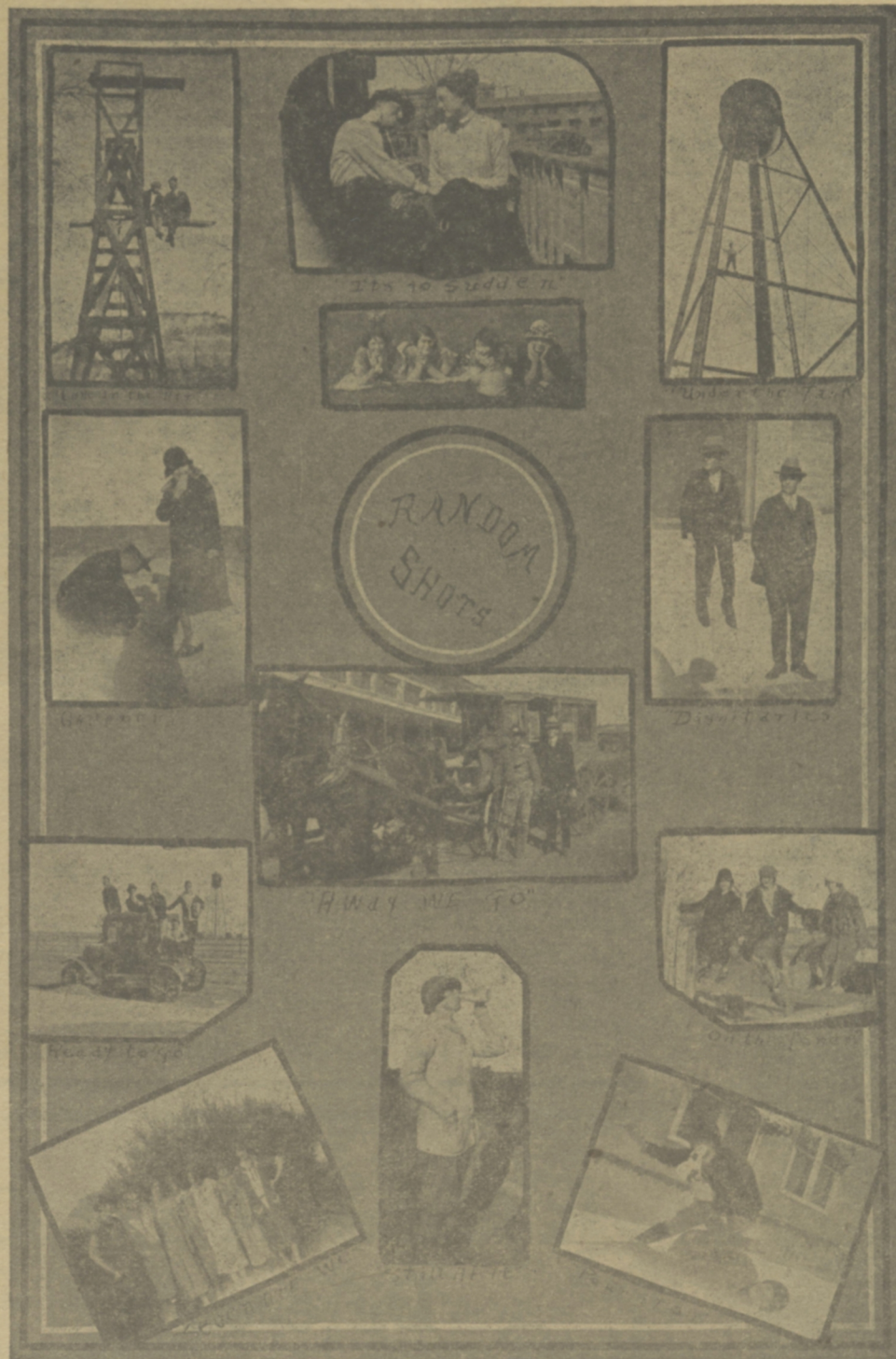
Father—"Ye gods! I was afraid it would come to that!"—Life.

## IN HOLLYWOOD SOCIETY

Visitor—"Sorry I couldn't get to your wedding."

Film Star—"Never mind, I'll have another one soon."—Progressive Grocer.

## RANDOM SHOTS AT RANDOM PEOPLE



## WHICH THE WORST?

Is a sinful thought any the less harmful because repressed and never given outward or physical expression for is it not, as the Bible tells us, just as potent to think evil as to do it? Of course, in just thinking evil only one person, the thinker, is injured, in the other event others are injured also.

But as regards the individual it may be said that to think evil is really a worse sin than to do evil. One's thoughts are the secret indication of one's character. If evil thoughts occur and recur to a person his character is being undermined just so much each time. The remedy is for the subject of these thoughts to consciously change his nature by eliminating these thoughts of evil and concentrating on good.

Children at Meavy, Devon, are called to school by the beating of a drum. They complain that the exercise doesn't seem to tire the teacher's arm.—Passing Show.

A Kansas man has discovered how to find a needle in a hay stack. He sat on the stack.—Life.

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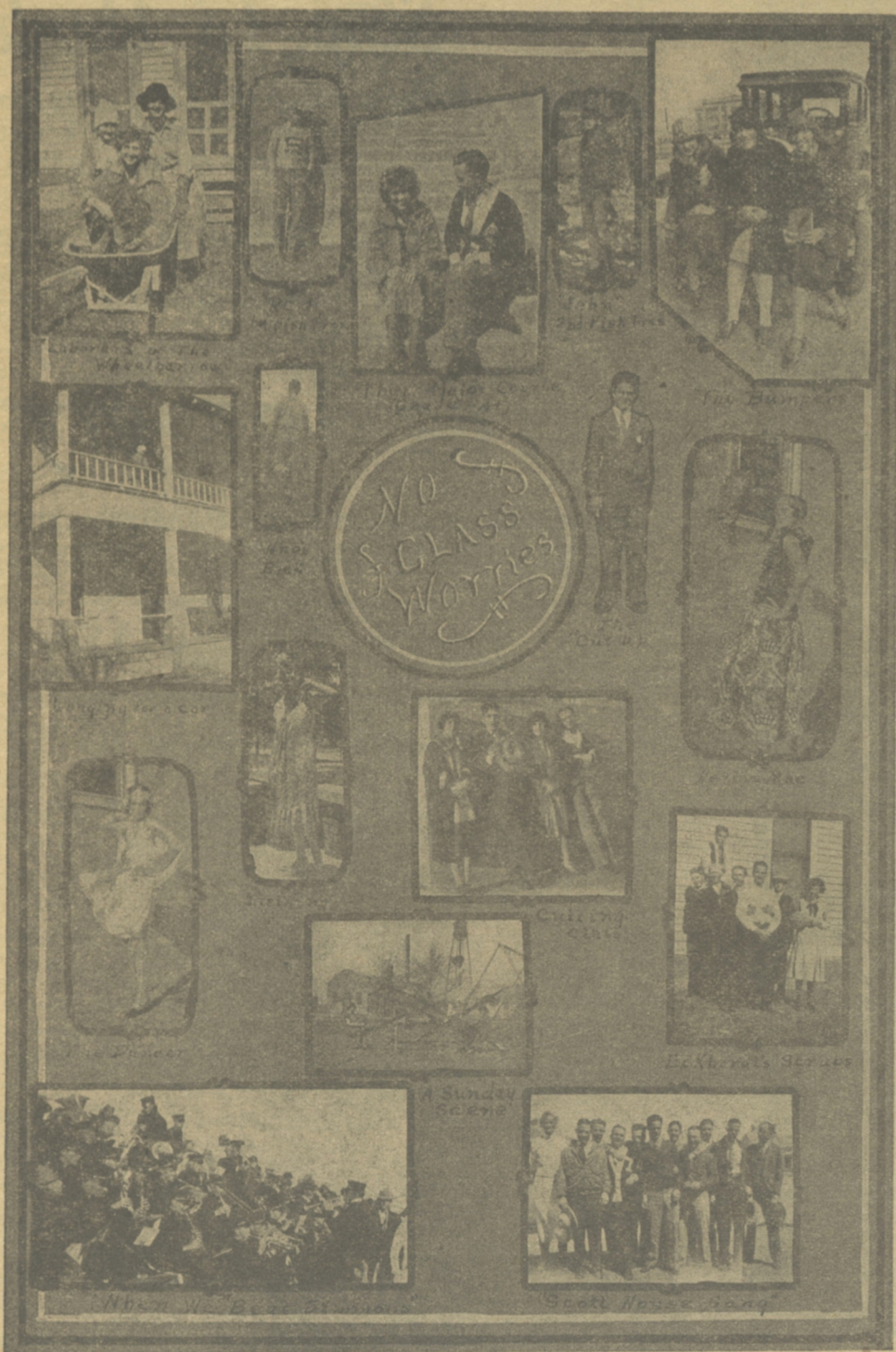
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## NO CLASS WORRIES—FAMILY VIEW



### McKenny

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fected by the gang life of the city, and fall into bad habits. Immorality is due, largely, to congestion, he said. Because of the increased stress of urban life such a burden is placed on the home that its present existing machinery is unable to stand it and is cracking under the strain, Dr. McKenny believes.

Dr. McKenny said that when law contravenes the freedom of a great number of people there is always an epidemic of lawbreaking. He cited the prohibition law as an example. Even the criminal code has changed with the time, he said. The old time criminal thought last of all of murder, and even avoided carrying firearms. The law-breaking of to-day is real 1926 brand. The chances are 5-1 that a man who commits a crime will never be caught, 15-1 that he will be convicted if caught and 100-1 that he will escape capital punishment in case of murder, according to Dr. McKenny. If a change can be brought about wherein the criminal will face almost certain punishment, regardless of the quality of his crime, Dr. McKenny said the crime wave would be halted. He deplored the sentimental bosh displayed by the American public in favor of a condemned criminal and warned the citizen to place his sympathy in the right place.

Tuesday evening Dr. McKenny discussed the effect of the Scopes Trial at Dayton on the Educational World. Dr. McKenny advocated releasing the teacher from the bonds intended to circumvent freedom of thought. He stated strongly that the teacher, of all classes of people, needs to think freely and clearly, to find the truth in order to perpetuate it.

Dr. McKenny left Canyon Thursday evening for Sul Ross State Teachers College where he will deliver a series of talks to the students there.

#### COLLEGE STUDENT DRINKING

In one of the most exhaustive and thorough surveys yet conducted, the Literary Digest recently presents a symposium of the opinions of 213 college and university presidents in the United States, in a quite successful endeavor to ascertain the general opinion among such executives.

The subject of the symposium is the success of prohibition and its effect upon the average college student.

The opinion is practically unanimous that drinking among college students has decreased under prohibition, instead of increasing, as has been repeatedly charged.

This is one of the most hopeful signs connected with the prohibition movement.

It is self-evident that the old soak will not mend his ways if he can find liquor by some hook

or crook. The appetite is developed and he will satisfy it, law or no law, until forcibly restrained.

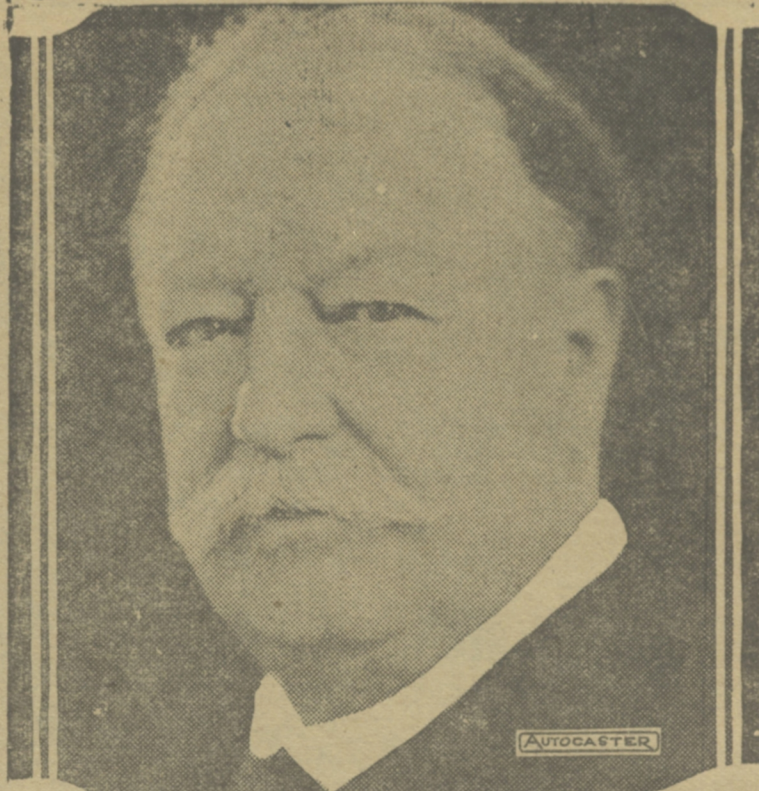
But with the coming generation it is different. The young man starts with a clean slate, and if there is no liquor easily obtainable, he is going to drift away from it.

Colleges and universities have had an enormous growth in the past decade and will continue to grow. That means that the college graduates are going to be increasingly influential in shaping public opinion in the United States. It is reasonable to presume that within another two or three decades, the college students of today will dominate the situation.

And if the college students become increasingly temperate, there will be less and less difficulty in enforcing prohibition.

The Charleston would have been a total loss if it had been invented in the days of long skirts.

## William Howard Taft



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There was no need to apply artificial respiration because Murkin voluntarily resumed consciousness.—Detroit Edison Synchroscope.

#### SEE-SAW

"I hear that Maude has had her face lifted."  
"Yes, and her poor husband's

fell when he got the bill."—Boston Transcript.

#### A MODERN MARTYR

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