

COMMITTEE IS OPPOSED ANY CHANGES W. T.

Vote Monday Night Is
Favorable to the
Colleges

ONE BOARD IDEA UP

Education Committee In
Action Against Col-
lege Changes

The House of Representatives Education committee has voted to eliminate from the Anderson-Metcalfe-Hughes bill all provisions for the reduction in rank of the colleges of Texas. This bill provided that the West Texas State Teachers College and several other colleges be made junior colleges, and was bitterly opposed by friends of education throughout the state. Dr. J. A. Hill led the fight in the committee for all the teachers colleges.

The only provision which remains in the bill is a provision for a single board of regents to govern all of the 17 institutions of higher education. This provision is still before the committee and is being re-written. It is expected that the committee will vote upon the one-board plan some time this week. If the bill as re-written is approved by the committee it will meet with opposition in the House and in the Senate.

The central Board of Regents which would be created by the amended bill would consist of nine members and would supplant the six boards that exist at present. It would be called The Texas State Board of Regents. Not only would the proposed Board do the work of various existing Boards, but it would take over much of the

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Dedication to Be Held April 14

Judge J. D. Hamlin Main
Speaker at Banquet;
Profs Join Hands

With the Panhandle Plains Historical Society's Annual meeting not three weeks away, officers of the Society are bending every effort to complete the arrangements for the three-session program on April 14.

The morning session will have as its special feature a pageant of the Panhandle's development. This is a joint project of the Lloyd Green Allen Scholarship Society and the Senior Class, Miss Edna Graham being sponsor of the former and Ernest Cabe president of the same organization.

Professors Sheffy, Debo, and Anderson of the history department, Condon, of the government department, Brown and Batchelder of Speech, Robinson and Hill of Art are all lending their assistance to make this hour and a half program one of impressive beauty.

The afternoon session will be devoted to the business of the Society, and all who come will hear a report of the successful carrying out of the building project which has been the major activity during the past three years.

Election of officers and planning for the next year's work will be tasks of the afternoon.

When the members and friends gather at Cousins Hall for the annual banquet, the main attraction will be the speech by Judge J. D. Hamlin of Farwell, recognized as one of Texas' finest after dinner speakers. Appropriate music will add to the pleasure which the renewing of happy acquaintances will have at this time.

Professor L. F. Sheffy is in general charge of the plans for the meeting, working with the president, T. D. Hobart of Pampa, and other officers to make this spring's meeting the most successful that the organization has ever had.

In the meantime every possible hour is being used to get the great mass of materials properly arranged in the Museum Building. Mr. Sheffy and his corps of assistants are working almost day and night to have the building ready to open to the public on April 14. Because of the great amount of work to be done before that date, the officers of the So-

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Spring Grid Season Opened Last Week; "Big Shot" Williams at Helm

Captained by "Big Shot" Howard Williams, forty aspiring candidates for the 1933 Buffalo grid machine reported to Coach S. D. Burton March 21 for a six weeks spring training grind. Uniforms were issued and blocking, tackling, punting, and other important phases of the great national collegiate sport became the order of the day. Williams has been star lugger for the Buffs since his freshman year and now possesses three "T's." Next year will be his fourth on a varsity squad. He was unanimously elected to fill the shoes of Ex-captain "Fatso" Bill McLendon at the expiration of the 1932 football season. The aggregation has shown much confidence in Williams and appears ready to follow the Big Boy in a conquest for 1933 honors.

Although the varsity had only seven points chalked up against it last fall in conference play, enough to rob it of a conference title, the forthcoming squad speaks in no modest terms of a more successful season in the offing. And the boys look good.

However, Burton is going to find gaps in the machine that will not be easily filled. Bill McLendon, Clovis, N. M., scrapping regular center credited with four years of admirable play, will graduate. He will be hard to replace. "Gallup" Ballangee, Canyon, said by many able critics to have been one of the greatest tackles to ever fell a W. T. foe, will also graduate. Likewise, Otis Burk, Ralls, three year letterman at a wing position and quarterback, will leave a gap in the Maroon-White ranks.

There are, of course, talented reserve men who will step up to fill

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Senior Prexy Out School For Term; Teaching, Friona

Frank Monroe, president of the Senior Class, has withdrawn from W. T. for the forthcoming term, having accepted a position on the faculty of the Friona Public School system for the remainder of the year.

Actively participating in Campus activities throughout his college career, Monroe's absence from both conference halls and the athletic centers of the Campus will be keenly felt. He was president of the junior class last year and was a letterman on the varsity basketball squad.

Monroe will return to W. T. for the Summer Term, receiving his degree in August.

Spring Term Has Full Enrollment

Total of 899 Registered
4:00 p. m. Yesterday;
32 New Students

After a spring vacation of a single day, students and faculty of the college returned Tuesday to begin the work of the last term of the long session. The winter term closed with only a small number of withdrawals, and the first week of enrollment found 32 new students lining up for work. It is expected that there will be several more new students before the end of the week during which they may enter.

A total of 899 students had enrolled at 4:00 p. m. yesterday.

A few students completed the work for their degrees at the end of the winter quarter; among these were Lloyd Neeley and Ray Robbins, of Canyon, and Geneva Griffin of Hereford.

Besides the campus activities that mark the beginning of the spring term, there are several new extension classes beginning. Dr. Albert Barnett met a class in Pampa Tuesday. State School Administration was chosen for study by the Pampa teachers who feel that they want to know more about the State's relation to public education.

A Shakespeare course will continue in Amarillo, with Dr. B. F. Fronabarger in charge.

Prof. L. F. Sheffy will probably offer a history course dealing with The World War and Reconstruction, in Amarillo, and it is possible that a course in Education will open there soon. Although no class has yet been organized, there is some demand for art in Amarillo.

All the courses which the college offers by extension are open to auditors for a small fee, and college authorities invite all persons who would like to attend these lectures to do so.

Peruvian Child Is Popular Corridor Guest

A three year old boy attracted more attention in the corridors of W. T. yesterday morning than might Governor Ferguson had she appeared with no more advance notice than did Billy Domingo!

He is a copper-colored Peruvian child whose parents were savage members of the Campa tribe making its home at the head of the Amazon River deep in the mountainous jungles of the Andes mountains in South America. He was saved from death at the age of three days, when, upon the death of his mother, he was doomed to be buried alive at her side. Mrs. Viola Williams Kieffsnyder, American missionary, secured custody of the child whom she brought back to the United States with her.

Billy appears to be a normal American boy despite his savage ancestry and the fact that he speaks three languages, English, Spanish, and his native Indian dialect. His guardians say that he differs only in his quickness and litherness of body and muscular control. He shakes hands and bids one "good-bye" with more than ordinary good breeding.

Improvements In Library Service

Changes in Reading Room
Make Space for Fifty
Additional Studes

Extensive rearrangement and enlargement of W. T.'s library facilities was effected during the three day recess between terms making possible more adequate attention to the present and future needs of W. T. students.

The entire "stacks" which were originally behind the loan desk in the reading room have been moved into Room 210 across the hall leaving all the space in the main library room for reading tables and reference shelves. This makes possible the accommodation of from thirty to forty additional students at the reading desks.

Miss Tennessee Malone, head librarian, states that no important change has been made in the method of checking out books. The reserve room is still operated on the same plan as formerly. The catalogue for the library remains in the main reading room and information regarding the location of books can be obtained at the librarians desk in the same room. Application "yellow slips" for three day books are filled out at the main desk as usual. The most important change in procedure is that three-day books must be called for at the loan desk at the entrance of the new "stacks" in Room 210.

It is expected that students and faculty members will welcome this very desirable extension in the service of the library.

Track Meets to Feature Spring

Plans Made to Bring Two
Squads Here for Races
Under Buff Arcs.

Coach Burton has announced a limited program for track this spring. There will be at least two dual meets held at Canyon with a possibility of a third to be held on the home lot. Plans have practically been completed for meets here with Panhandle A. & M. and Southwestern Okla. Teachers, with the possibility of a home and home basis agreement with Texas Tech.

The home meets will be held at night and should be first class attractions for the spring session.

NOTICE

All Baptist students are invited to attend a meeting of the Baptist Students Union every Monday afternoon at 3:30 in room 101 of the Administration Building.

The President.

AMARILLO HAS EDGE ONE-ACT PLAY CONTEST

Met Panhandle In Finals
of Two Day Meet Dist.
One High Schools

13 CASTS ARE HERE

Winners Go To Abilene
From Whence Troupes
Meet At Austin

With a play unusual in that it had only two characters, both male, the Amarillo cast won the One-Act Play Contest, District One, here Saturday night after surviving two days of play-acting to meet Panhandle in the finals. Thirteen casts were entered in the contest.

An enthusiastic following cheered the decision as had large crowds cheered the various teams thruout the meet.

Divided into two brackets, the contesting high school teams presented their plays concurrently in two different auditoriums. In the first bracket Panhandle eliminated Pampa and Quitaque. Tulla eliminated Dimmitt, Friona was given a decision over Dumas. In the second round Tulla defeated Friona to meet Panhandle in the semi-finals, won by the latter.

In the second bracket, Amarillo eliminated both White Deer and Canadian. Canyon was taken out by the Claude troupers who then won from Farwell only to lose to Amarillo in the semi-finals.

Panhandle's cast, coached by E. E. James, presented the play, "A Message from Knufu," like Amarillo's composed only of male characters. Amarillo's play, "Moonshine," was directed by Miss Christine Stucky.

The contest was characterized by highly developed talent with the finalists furnishing the highlights. The Panhandle boys did an excellent piece of dramatic work in their play which had its setting in an Egyptian tomb where they were imprisoned and seemed doomed to die to the last man. The characterization of Luke in "Moonshine," a play with moonshiner and "Revenooer" competing for life and freedom, was done superbly by the Amarillo youth who assumed the Moonshiner's swagger with admirable ease.

In winning Amarillo will represent District One in the contest for the championship of the West Texas Section to be held at Abilene next month. The winners there will enter the state contest to be held at Austin.

The contests are sponsored by the Texas Interscholastic League.

Wranglers Work On Big Project

To Establish "Workshop"
Recreational Center
On Campus

One of the objectives of the Wranglers organization this quarter is the purchase of the construction house just north of the museum building to be converted into a lodge and meeting place. The construction house was built by the Frank Lytle Construction company, and was the headquarters of the contractors for the museum building for the past six months. The building can be purchased for a small sum and can very easily be changed into a rustic lodge.

Most of the fund for the purchase of the building has been raised by the Wranglers. If this objective is realized the building will be placed somewhere on the campus and will be remodeled by the boys of the manual training department as a class project. Members of the Wranglers will take care of the interior decoration and arrangement. The building would become a center for study of Scouting work, handicraft projects, and for recreation. It is hoped that a fire-place can be built into the proposed edifice.

The Wranglers are a group of girls interested in directing outdoor and recreational activities especially along lines of Girl Scouting. The organization is the only thing of its kind on the campus that gives definite training in the technique of recreational direction. It is sponsored by Miss Thelma Brummett, secretary to President J. A. Hill.

Rising Star Veteran Makes Museum 'Loan' of Unique War Collections

"Great Exhibition Of Fireworks"— Meteor Observer

Search for a visitor from another world, a meteor thought to have exploded somewhere over the Texas North Plains Friday morning at 6:05 likely not more than seventy-five miles from Canyon, was begun Saturday by parties headed by Los Angeles scientists.

A W. T. observer of the rare phenomena said: "I heard a long 'swi-s-h' of the wind and thought a Panhandle Norther was striking. But there was no wind. Then an instant later the room was lighted up as if it were day. I glanced out the window and there flashed across the sky to the northwest the grandest exhibition of fireworks I've ever seen. Flares, skyrockets, sparklers, and baby firecrackers were going off in all directions. I was so amazed that I could scarcely believe my eyes. The Northern sky was left streaked with a phosphoric glare. . . . No, I had no explanation for it—except that it might be the Aurora Borealis."

A fragment from the meteor, estranged from its orbit by some freakish humor of the force which governs heavenly bodies, was found by a farmer near Stratford.

Ruth Cross At Wichita Meeting

Physical Ed Convention
to Furnish New Ideas
For W. T. Dept.

Miss Ruth Cross will attend the Mid-West Physical Education Association meeting, which will be held at Wichita, Kansas, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

This is the first time the convention has been held in the southern section, always before being held in the north.

Miss Cross last year attended the National convention but this is the first time she will attend a sectional meeting. Health and educational workers from all over this section of the country will be there, including speakers nationally known in the physical education world.

As far as has been planned the day-time programs will consist of sectional meetings, and the evenings will be given over to various entertainments. One of the entertainments will consist of demonstration work, which will include tumbling, and a regatta which will include water maneuvers. This demonstration will be put on by high school students.

Miss Cross expects to bring back new ideas and methods for her work, and will be able to tell more about the convention after having attended. As she says, "We are indeed fortunate in having the convention within permissible traveling distance."

Daily Practice Of Grid Machine

Game With Tech April 28
Gives Coaching Staff
Chance To Observe

Coach "Sad" Sam Burton contemplates making various changes in the Buffalo backfield and line, and is taking advantage of spring training in order to have enough time to carry out his plans. The Big Mentor says "in order for a team to click, it must be well drilled in fundamentals and be able to time plays."

Coach C. J. Crump, one time star athlete at W. T., now assistant to "Sad" Sam, has been putting the chargers through a stiff work out every day, polishing up on fundamentals, stressing the timing of plays and the running of plays from new formations.

The Buffs will have a chance to display their wares and abilities gained through spring training when they invade the stronghold of the Texas Tech Matadors April 28. The Matadors are always assured of having a great team and will afford plenty of competition which may bring to light some valuable material for the 1933 season.

R. C. Brown of Rising Star, Texas, a W. T. student prior to the outbreak of the World War, has sent the P. P. H. S. Museum several valuable collections of war relics to be placed on exhibition here. In a letter directed to Pres. J. A. Hill, his history teacher of a score of years ago, Mr. Brown stated that he felt the need of the Museum was more to be respected than his personal sentiments for the objects.

Among the collections there are a number of shells and bullets taken at Blanc Fontaine from the supplies of the German Crown Prince's regiment. Trophies from German officers include shells, spurs, and revolvers marked with the imperial black German Cross. Mr. Brown secured this large collection from the battlefields after the Armistice was signed, acquiring some as gifts and others by "right of conquest."

Another collection includes a number of old coins among which there is a piece of Roman money bearing an imprint of the head of Caesar on one side and a Roman soldier on the opposite.

Two objects of particular value and interest are a small, bronze work presented Mr. Brown by a Japanese soldier, a follower of Buddha, and a small beautifully jeweled and enameled crucifix said to be more than a thousand years old. The latter was given him by an aged French woman as a token of appreciation to American soldiers.

In placing the collections in the Museum here, Mr. Brown said: "These objects are much to dear to me to present to you outright. I will say that I 'lend' them to you and the Museum."

Final Copy For "Le Mirage" In Hands of Printer

All material from the Le Mirage office for W. T.'s 1933 year book will be in the hands of the printers by Saturday of this week. The annuals should be ready for distribution by May 1, according to Faris Sears, editor, as it takes approximately a month for the printers to complete their work.

Miss Sears and her staff have been working late hours completing instructions and preparing copy for the people who will turn Le Mirage out in its final form.

The binding of Le Mirage will be blue in color with gold embossed letters. The attractive art and decoration work which will characterize the publication has been done by Mildred Bishop.

Cast Is Chosen For Senior Play

Rehearsals Start Under
Direction Miss Mary
Morgan Brown

Rehearsals for the Senior Class play of 1933, "Lillies of the Field," a brilliant English satirical comedy, begins this week with Miss Mary Morgan Brown, Head of the Department of Public Speaking, directing. The play will be presented Friday, May 5.

A cast was chosen by Miss Brown aided by committees, from the Class. According to her, a better cast could not have been selected. Many of the character roles and important places in the play are filled by dramatic majors, unusual talent which the Senior Class affords. Honors have been equally distributed with no individual occupying a role which may be termed "star" of the play.

There is a probability that the cast will present the play in Amarillo following the initial appearance here. Amarillo's Little Theatre group, not functioning this year, has requested the presentation and tentative arrangements have been made.

The cast:
The Rev. John Head—Ernest Cabe.

Ann, his wife—Esther Root.
Catherine and Elizabeth, their daughters—Clarice Mathews and Eulalia Burrus.

Mrs. Rooke-Walter — Dorothy Harris.

Barnaby Haddon—Leon Landon.
Violet, a maid—Orlena Bandy.
Bazon Ropes—Glenn Bobbitt.
Withers, a man servant—Jake Harrison.

The Hon. Monica Flane—Frances Munson.

Lady Susan Rucker—Mary Alice Weaver.

Bowen Cox will assist Miss Brown in directing the comedy.

ALL HANDS TO OBSERVE APRIL FOOL DAY SAT.

W. T. Gets Holiday April
First; "Hookie" Made
Unnecessary Stunt

SIX MILE CROSSING

Regular Picnic Will Be
Had In Canyons With
Everything Gratis

W. T.'s student body will be the victim of a very pleasant April Fool stunt next Saturday, when the entire institution takes a recess and joins in an all-day, all-college picnic at the scenic Six Mile Crossing in the canyons.

The picnic will be a regular attraction of the Spring activity program, and will be financed "in toto" by the student activity fund. A blanket tax booklet is the pass card. Transportation, food, and entertainment will be furnished. Recreation will be in charge of the Women's Athletic Association and the Men's Athletic Department. The day's entertainment will reach a climax when a play-ground base ball game will be staged on one of the few level places in the canyons.

Cars will be at the Administration Building at 8:30 Saturday morning. All students are urged to be on hand early as a full day of enjoyment will be in store.

The Spring Picnic idea is being heralded on all sides by both students and faculty members as an ideal way for spending April Fool. Whether one's interests are in hiking, picnicking, kodaking, baseball, games, scenery or just "playing hookie," real satisfaction can be found in attending W. T.'s Annual Spring April Fool Picnic next Saturday.

West Texas To Send Delegates

International Relations
Clubs to Meet at Las
Cruces This Week

A New Mexico-West Texas Conference on International Relations will be held at the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts from March 31 to April 1 at Las Cruces, N. M.

Pierre de Lanux, director of the Paris office of the League of Nations, will be the chief speaker. M. de Lanux is constantly in touch with the Assembly, the Council and the Secretariat of the League and with its commissions, duties which make him an authority on international affairs. In 1932 he was made a member of the French Legion of Honor. He is a well known biographer and historian.

The New Mexico and West Texas colleges which will be represented at the meeting will be: University of New Mexico at Albuquerque, New Mexico Normal University, Las Vegas; New Mexico State Teachers College, Silver City; New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, State College; Sul Ross State Teachers College, Alpine, Texas; Amarillo Junior College, Amarillo, Texas; West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Texas; Texas Technological College, Lubbock; Wayland College, Plainview, Texas.

The Carnegie Endowment for International Peace has organized 402 International Relations Clubs in American colleges and universities as well as 104 in foreign countries, in all a total of 506 clubs. The object of the clubs is to inform the young men and women in the colleges regarding world problems.

Dr. P. M. Baldwin, dean of the School of General Science of the New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanical Arts, is faculty adviser for the International Relations Club of the college. Miss Mary Lee Hawk is secretary of the Conference.

Mr. T. B. McCarter had his tonsils removed during the holidays. He is recovering and is able to be back in his classroom.

Miss Virginia Jarrett spent last week in Galveston with her brother, Robert.

Amy Bennett and Rosemary Hanover visited their parents in Goodland during the holidays.

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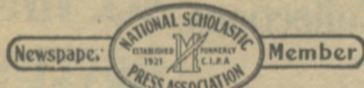
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Graduation, Ho!

By far the most important annual event in the life of W. T. is approaching: graduation exercises. The Senior Class is grooming itself preparatory to making an exit from classrooms, halls, campus, and, in the majority of cases, from the vicinity as well. Another two months and it will be "Farewell to Alma Mater."

Doomed to go, the class has several avenues of departure at hand. With no mincing of niceties and absurdities with which to conceal a disagreeable contingency, one of these avenues of departure we have referred to as *escape*. Graduation is the climax in the life of college students. It is arrived at step by step, each stage or period in the four years of preparation being identical to the development of plot in fiction. Graduation, wrought with emotions and sentiments, is almost bewildering beyond reality; but it is, nevertheless, real! Because of its close proximity to drama fiction is drawn from it.

Fiction-like, yet real. Elaborate ceremonies, frills, scholarship honors, class honors, parties, alliances for future business connections—much that may seem unnecessary and needless expense. But the activities that hinge around graduation are not modern contrivances to simply "make a show." Our forefathers established the entire ritual and the reverence with which it is regarded by them is proof of its sentimental value—whether there is material worth to be gained or not.

The Senior Class, we reiterate, has at its disposal several avenues of departure, but only one that follows in the footsteps of its predecessors: that one which is enveloped in a blaze of glory!

A disorganized class is a bloodless class; a bloodless class is a spiritless class; and a spiritless class is a mediocre class. Not a single senior wishes to receive his reward for four years of study as a member of a class that isn't superior to all that have gone before. Therefore it behooves each senior to unite in one gigantic effort to make of his class the outstanding graduating unit in the history of his Alma Mater.

THE POOR BOY IN COLLEGE

It has been traditional with the democratic form of government for people to point to acquaintances or relatives with pride as the men who have worked themselves up into positions, and who secured educations by working their way through college in their spare time. The number of successful men who have worked their way through college and into success has been pointed out as an example of the superiority of our present type of government. And in direct contradiction to this comes the proposal of the state legislature—that of charging tuition fees at all state maintained colleges.

At professional schools, the type of student most common comes from poorer families or families with moderate means, he has a definite purpose in mind as evidenced by his choice of school, and is of the type that as a rule finds it necessary to work part time to secure money for educational purposes. With an additional burden of high tuition fees this class of student will be effectively eliminated. This additional obstacle makes it almost an impossibility for this type of student to obtain the type of professional education they might desire, and the type of education that most materially benefits the state.

It can hardly be a source of pride to any government to know that it has restricted the education and consequent development of trained and educated men who would be of great benefit to the government and would repay more than a thousand-fold the expenditures required for their education, had they not been burdened, discouraged, or prohibited from getting an advanced education. A more reasonable, not altogether Utopian, view would be that the state should aid and finance these men in every necessary way. It is not unreasonable to ask that the state select the most competent and promising young men and take the burden of their education upon its own shoulders, paying for their education since it is the one that realizes the greatest benefit in the end.

Prominent educators ponder and discuss seriously the evils of college education, the lack of seriousness in college students, and the existence of "pleasure madness" in colleges. The answer is here. By making the most of college educations prohibitive to the more earnest, poorer students to whom a college education is desirable, colleges have become converted into exclusive, ultra-smart resorts for the children of the rich with a trend toward the ultimate elimination of the seriousness, objective student.

With the addition of the further burden of high tuition fees, the state starts on a downward grade. Elimination of the poorer classes from higher educational institutions means the ultimate end of these institutions by making them mere halls of pleasure for the wealthier class, who abuse rather than use the advantages at their disposal and return to the state little or no benefit for the facilities they have appropriated unto themselves.—The Battalion, Texas A. & M.

NEW BOOKS
YOU SHOULD READ

Powys, Llewelyn. "Black Laughter." Cornwall Press, 216p, 1924.

Llewelyn Powys's "Black Laughter" is a series of incidents and reactions which the author experienced during a five year stay on a plantation in the heart of Africa. In telling the daily occurrences he weaves in some very interesting and fascinating tales of trapping leopards, the stampede of wild elephants, the drought and its effects on the natives and animals, the plague, and the "dark mood of the country."

Throughout the book we feel the struggle against the over-powering elements of this "sinister continent." Life in Africa is all a contest of hand and hide, claw against horn, and beak against fur. "Kill! Kill! Kill! That was what one had to do to keep in tune with the

African rhythm, the sublimest cadence of which is only to be heard when backbones are being snapped and throats cut."

Although Powys states in his introduction that his desire was to "suppress any stylistic quality" and produce a "more intimate reproduction of the casual occurrences in an alien environment," we feel him struggling and searching for words to produce the effect of strange sights and sounds. We do not lose the interest of the story, however, because of this. It is well worth reading.

Miss Edna Graham and nieces, Nancy and Edna, spent the week end in Littlefield visiting Miss Graham's niece, Mrs. Ray R. Jones. Miss Mildred Wharton accompanied them and visited her mother there.

Virginia Heaton spent the holidays in her home in Skellytown. She had as her guest Miss Rosalie Leslie.

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Which Way?

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In its 1932 report to the Superintendents' Convention of the National Education Association, the Committee on School Costs said:

"Our social heritage, our democratic form of government, and our present industrial civilization alike

demand a continuously effective school system. "Crippling the schools through unwise retrenchment, therefore, means an irreparable loss to American childhood, a lowering of national standards of culture, health and efficiency, and a dangerous attack on the soundness of our democratic institutions."

MUMBLES

BY THE MUMBLER

"INTO THIS WORLD and why not knowing, nor whence like water, willy-nilly flowing. . . . Oh, I'll finish it—it's such a jolly bit of cynicism, and atheism. "And out of it as wind along the waste, nor whither willy-nilly blowing." Strange faces come into our little world, this little world which huddles around the Campus for a year, two, three, four, then flows, then blows "willy-nilly" on. New faces. Pretty profiles. Ugly mugs. Dull, bright. Bearded masks. Collegiate down hiding upper lips. Rouged cheeks and etched eyebrows speaking untruths.

UNFAMILIAR VOICES . . . soft tones, discordant, gay laughter, singing. Voices, yes, voices. We've distinguished one already that blends with a mood . . . creates an atmosphere of sentimental sadness . . . hopelessness and futility. But young, switching instantly to gaiety . . . and faith. A creation of an age: a "blues" songstress, as distinct a phase of Art as any other generation has produced, but . . . is she scoffed upon? Ever? Her name? I ponder . . . oh, well, no matter. Now! It comes! "Brooks." Yes, that's it. "Brooks." Freshman. Nothing "blue" about her name. Don't you always connect Brooks with sunshine . . . and laughing, rippling water?

BITTERNESS TURNS to penitence and enmity to benevolence. Ambition thwarted, alters its course, seeking outlet in less crusty domains . . . so many bodies attached to heads, in time replaced by others who also have ambitions—to work their heads and save their bodies. But they grow old, too. Cheerful thought! Unhealthy. U-u-g-hhh.

BUOYANCY OF SPIRIT is perplexingly difficult when everything that one has learned to confide in turns sick and pale and wobbly.



PIERRE de LANUX

Pierre de Lanux, director of the Paris office of the League of Nations, will be the main speaker at a conference of International Relations Clubs at Las Cruces, N. M., March 31-April 1.

While the tonic of new blood gradually inserts revived life in the national figure, we marvel at the character and strength which has kept this college on the up and up. The strain upon its officials must have been terrific. But there has been no depreciation of standards, no sustained loss of enrollment or teaching staff. The desire to obtain and impart the knowledge which is termed "education" has probably never been more boldly obstructive than now when students are making all sorts of sacrifices to stay in college and administrators the utmost in effort to maintain the present level until growth can proceed along normal channels. The characters of both are undefeatable.

WILLARD VINYARD, W. T. grad of several years ago, is studying law at the University of Colorado this year. In law school less than a year, he has led his class continually in grade averages. In one instance his grade was the highest ever recorded at U. of C. All of which amounts to this: the Socialist Party is losing an almighty good candidate for something-or-other when Vinyard forsakes humanity for law—and the fee. He is reputed to have been offered the candidacy for governor of New Mexico on the Socialist ticket last summer—but refused. A brilliant mind, a silvery tongue, a natural propagandist, and uncertain morals—that's the pal for whom we say, "Nothing's impossible under the sun!"

COMES A TELEGRAM from an old friend: "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon 'em. You are one of the latter for I am about to thrust greatness upon you: save a genius from starvation. Send me a fiver!" Of course I did.

Congressional Medal
Of Billy Dixon Is
Placed in Museum

Billy Dixon's congressional medal of honor, said to be the first ever awarded to a resident of the Texas Panhandle has been placed in the recently completed Panhandle-Plains Historical Society museum by his widow, Mrs. Olive K. Dixon of Amarillo.

Congress awarded the medal to the scout and Indian fighter for heroism at the Battle of Buffalo Wallow, in Hemphill county, September 12, 1876, the last skirmish with Indians in the Panhandle which could be described as a battle.

Six white men, participated in the battle, and the five who survived received congressional medals for their valor. All of the men were injured, and one of them died during "the night of horrors" in a shallow buffalo wallow where the Americans sought protection from the Indian attack.

Pioneers who fostered the plan for the building of the museum look upon the Buffalo Wallow fight as one of the "outstanding examples of bravery and fortitude" among the many battles and other hardships incident to the con-

quering and settlement of the plains.

Dixon and Amos Chapman, army scouts, were sent out with four soldiers by General Nelson A. Miles, located at the time in the lower part of the Panhandle, to deliver dispatches to Fort Supply, now in Oklahoma. It was at daybreak, just as they topped a ridge between the Washita river and Gageby creek that the small party was surrounded by several hundred Indians.

Chapman Hit First
The men were caught in the open, but gradually made their way to a buffalo wallow in a sandy draw about 400 yards away. Chapman was one of the first hit. After the party reached the wallow, it was learned Chapman was unable to follow, and Dixon left the cover he had fought hard to gain to rescue his wounded companion. Every man in the group was credited with some heroic act during the battle, but Dixon's rescue of Chapman was regarded as outstanding.

A sudden rain squall in the late afternoon drove the Indians away and provided water for the wounded men, although it was mixed with their own blood.

On the morning of the second day after the battle, a supply train brought food for the five survivors, but refused to leave ammunition or soldiers to defend the wounded men. Dixon and his party had lost their horses early in the fighting and their ammunition was exhausted. Only two of the men were able to walk. They remained in the hole two days longer until help arrived from General Miles.

Strapped to Saddle
Chapman's right leg, shattered by a bullet early in the fighting was tied to the stirrup of his saddle and the stirrup to the saddle cinch for the two-day ride to Fort Supply.

Dixon received the medal award in 1894. In recommending medals for the group, General Miles wrote: "The simple recital of their deeds, and the mention of the odds against which they fought, how the dying aided the wounded by exposure to more wounds after the power of action was gone alone present a scene of a cool courage, heroism, and self sacrifice which duty as well as inclination prompts us to recognize, but which we can not fully honor."

WHEN ROME WRITHED
Pausanias: "I hear that Nero was torturing the Christians again last night?"

Dementer: "Some one ought to take that fiddle away from him."—Boston Transcript.

WORDS FAIL
Many regret that General Sherman said that about war as it left no adequate word to describe peace.—Buffalo Evening News.

An item from Naples, Italy, states that two strong earth shocks were felt in the neighborhood of Mt. Vesuvius. Probably only Mussolini emphasizing a point.

Girls are obtaining truck driving licenses now. It'll be nice to go home and tell your wife how you got pretty tough and how you had that truck driver in tears.

Plumer Bailey, a member of the Portales public school staff was over this week-end for the play tournament, as was also Supt. W. H. Younger, Tulla, and "Skeet" Miles, English teacher of Tulla.

Vettrice Collier has withdrawn from school on account of ill health. She will return to school this summer.

Miss M. M. Richardson visited in Lockney at the home of Emma Lou McKinney during the holidays.

Alvin Ream spent the week end visiting in his home in Farwell.

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Society and Clubs

EMIL BREWER, Editor

Mrs. J. A. Hill Back From Meet Women's Clubs

Mrs. J. A. Hill returned Sunday afternoon from a council meeting of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs at Austin. Mrs. Hill represented this part of Texas at the meeting. She is president of the Seventh District of the organization.

Mrs. Hill visited with her son, Joe Hill, Jr., while in Austin. Joe is attending the University of Texas.

ELAPHELIANS TO SPONSOR CO-ED DANCE

Co-eds, at last there is going to be something in W. T. which will take you back to your childhood days and let you act just as you desire once again.

College is a place where competition runs riot among the fair sex in the effort to appear sophisticated. To you co-eds who feel that this incubus is hindering your charming personalities, here is your chance to forget about your cares and undue competition.

The Elaphelean Literary Society is sponsoring in your honor an Apron and Overall Coed Dance on Friday, March 31 in the Girl's Gym. The admission is 25 cents a couple. That is, each aproned Coed is to be escorted by an Overall Coed. Stags must pay the price of 15 cents.

Prizes will be offered for the cutest couple present and for the best dancers. There will also be plenty of other surprises in store for you. Every Coed in W. T. is cordially invited and the Elaphelean Literary Society desires the presence of each and every one of you.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY MEETS AT RANDALL HALL

Methodist Missionary Society met Tuesday afternoon at Randall Hall with Mrs. Agnes Smith as hostess, assisted by Miss Jessie DeGraffenried and Mrs. Lawrence Shuman.

The spacious hall was marked at intervals with lovely pot plants in attractive jardiniere.

The meeting was called to order with the song, "Jesus Calls Us." Miss Mattie Mae Swisher, leader, supervised the lesson, "Worship and Intercession," and read the scripture lesson from Mark 1: 29-31.

Mrs. Clyde McElroy discussed the leaflet, "The Deaconess," and the life of Lucy Rider Meyer. The response to the "Call to Jesus" was given by Mrs. I. B. Brooks followed by an intercessory prayer for deaconesses by Mrs. J. H. Braswell, Mrs. A. W. Sternberg, Mrs. Elizabeth Fry Page and Mrs. Agnes Smith.

The group joined in singing "The Voice of God is Calling" and the meeting was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Chas. Dowlen.

A social hour and program of music was given by Miss Gwendolyn Black and her pupils of piano.

Anna Mae Spencer gave two piano solos, "Grasshopper and Butterfly" and "Daddy and I Sing, O, Such Fun," and with Miss Black gave a duet, "The Old Clock." Jewell Chambers gave "Little Rogue" and "Pompenette" and Betty Zinck gave "Junior High March" and "Little Sweetheart," and with Miss Black played "Dream Tune."

A delicious refreshment course featuring a green and white color scheme, was served following the program.

MISS ROSALIE LESLIE LEAVES FOR HOME

Miss Rosalie Leslie, of Eastland, who for the past six months has been assisting Mrs. Geraldine Green in order to secure experience with problems that confront a dean of women, left Wednesday night for her home.

During her stay in Canyon, Miss Leslie has helped students with their social affairs, and has done substitute teaching in college, practice teaching in the training school, and other similar work in addition to her assignments in the office of Dean of Women.

Miss Leslie is a graduate of Texas University and of Columbia University. She hopes to return to Northwest Texas to teach next year.

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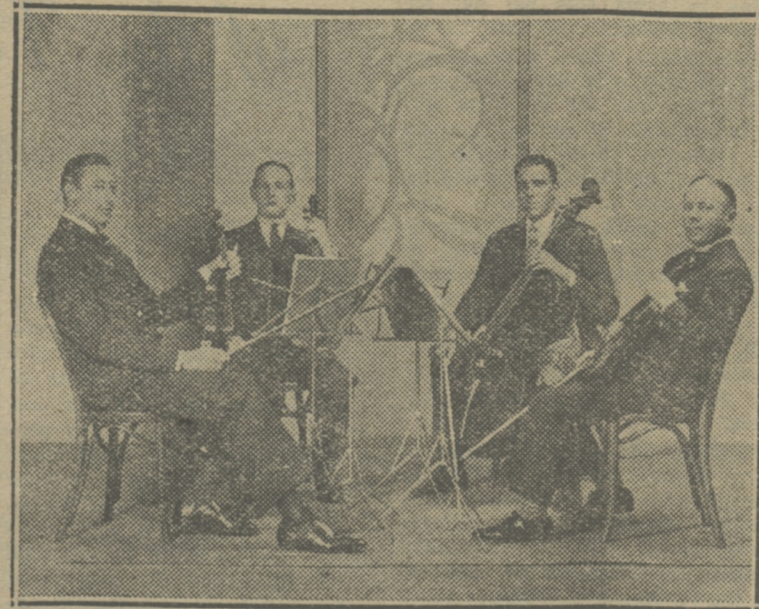
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London String Quartet Heard By Large Audience Here Last Night



A near-capacity house greeted the London String Quartet in the main auditorium here last night on the second appearance at W. T. of the world famous combination. A large number of music lovers from points throughout the Panhandle attended the concert in addition to hundreds of enthusiastic students. It was the initial program on the Lyceum schedule for the Spring term.

Acclaimed as a "perfect ensemble," the Quartet is composed of John Pennington, first violin; Thomas Petre, second violin; William Primrose, viola; and C. Warwick Evans, violoncello. Each member showed himself to be a distinguished artist and virtuoso.

The following program was presented:

Part I
Quartet in D major, No. 2 Barodin
Allegro moderato
Scherzo. Allegro
Notturmo. Andante
Andante vivace
Part II
Fairy Suite, "The Pixy King" H. Waldo Warner
"Moonbeams"
"Toadstools"
"Tinkling Blue-Bells"
"Pixy Laden"
"The Ring Dance"
Part III
Puarlet in C minor, Opus 51, No. 1. Brahms
Allegro
Romanze. Poca adagio
Allegretto molto moderato e comodo
Finale. Allegro

GUS'S GOSSIP GAGS

If you would like to embarrass "SNOZZLE" BARNETT just ask him why he is sometimes called "doggie" . . . We have recently learned that MARY CLARK is so rich that she wants to pay for everything when on a date—a modern Miss Croesus, so to speak.

NORMAN GRISHAM'S "job" may not be such a late model but we understand that it has spent nights in some of the best garages in Canyon. . . Glad to see that MARY MARTIN has decided that the "sticks" in South Texas are no place for her. . . Welcome home! . . . And to think that LEE BURKLOW would run around in public without any trousers just for a "free-pressing" job.

BEN STONE has recently turned "Baron Munchausen" on us and is claiming that he worked the checkerboard puzzle with no assistance. . . And while speaking of checkerboards, of just what do those shirts belonging to DAN AINSWORTH and "PEE WEE" McGEHEE remind you? . . . Or that tie of DR. FRONABARGER'S?

The following was given us: JOE FORTENBERRY was walking down the street in Kansas City during the recent fiasco on the big time

when he was accosted by a moocher who inquired anxiously of big-hearted Joe: "Hey, Buddy, could you stake a guy a nickel for a cup o' coffee?" Joe replied quick as a dinosaur stretching its neck: "Say, guy! I'm working this side of the drag!" Slinking into the dusk, the moocher whined, "Aw, Mister, you can have it all."

We are inclined to believe that ADDINE HASTINGS is quite well versed in the art of affecting embarrassment. . . And AL DUNCAN still thinks we said something about him and then left for home! . . . When really it was old GEORGE "on the wheel" . . . Introducing the pride and joy of A. & M., CAPTAIN "SAM" GILBREATH and FIRST LIEUTENANT A. P. JONES. . . Stand back, girls, they're enough to go round!

Yes, yes, we must admit that SYBIL PAYNE appears to have that certain something! . . . MR. DUFLLOT says that in making love one should go slowly . . . like a steamboat edging up to a sandbar. . . Tsk! Tsk! Tsk . . . for MAURICE WILLIAMS. . . He has started archaic spellbinding of les femmes and all with his own little music!

College Digest Again Carries W. T. Stories

The March issue of College Digest carries a number of news stories and excerpts taken from the Prairie during the Winter Term. The Digest, published in Austin, Texas, is a survey of collegiate news in Texas colleges.

Articles by Elva Lee Bagley and Ernest Cabe are quoted in full. Mention is made of all the major activities on the Campus as described by the Prairie's reportorial staff.

The magazine is available to all students as it is placed on file in the Prairie office. Its columns furnish a broad view of student life in other Texas schools.

Dr. Fronabarger Conducting Class At Amarillo High

An extension class in "Shakespeare" has been organized in Amarillo by Dr. B. F. Fronabarger, head of the W. T. Department of English. The class meets Thursday of each week at 4:00 p. m. in the Amarillo High School building. Approximately a score of students are enrolled in the class at present with prospects for other enrollments. Many Amarillo teachers are delving further into the mysteries of the immortal Stratfordite.

Mrs. Dan K. Usery, mother of Frances Usery, is in St. Anthony's Hospital in Amarillo where she is recovering from a major operation.

Miss Mattie Swayne spent the week end in Grove, Texas.

Madeline Murray spent the week end in Pampa.

Grammar Class Is Being Conducted Improving Speech

As a complimentary effort to give aid to English majors and all students who feel themselves in need of further instruction, the English Department has organized a class in "Grammar Instruction" which meets each Wednesday at 3:30 p. m. in Room 118.

Class directors have learned that increasing emphasis is being placed upon requirements for teaching positions in high schools in which "grammar" is exemplified as never before. Students weak in the technique of the language are urged to attend.

Theses Approved For Grad Studies In Winter Term

Five students in W. T.'s Graduate School had theses subjects accepted during the Winter quarter. These subjects were presented at seminar sessions and received the appropriation of the Graduate Council, according to Dr. R. P. Jarrett.

The people who had the stamp of approval placed on their selected theses problems are as follows: Miss Elva Fronabarger, "The Resemblances and Differences Between Teaching in Literature for Public Schools and Sunday Schools."

Mrs. Tom Knighton, "Social Implications in the Seventh Grade Social Studies Curricula of Texas."

Mr. Henry Davis, "The Contributions of Robert Barto Cousins to the Educational Development of Texas."

Mrs. Travis Shaw, "Types of Teacher Training in Physical Education in the United States."

Mr. Jordan Miller, "A Case Study of Equalization of Opportunity."

A GIRL SPEAKING

It was while trundling my way down Fifth Avenue (Podunk Center) in a dilapidated rickshaw (I'm one of those rare persons who have time for rickshaws and hansom cabs, the former preferred because of the superior sight-seeing privileges) that I conceived an idea about Art, one which has remained with me throughout the years to influence much of my thinking and stand me in good stead thru the many disputes which have a provoking way of arising whenever as many as two people discuss art. My rickshaw was caught in a traffic jam, and, as it pushed and shoved about, I sat mooning over the panorama of the Jersey Coast which includes many beautiful sand dunes.

Not that I have any intention of dwelling upon sand dunes, for I know scarcely a line about the poor dears except that they blow terribly when the winds are high. Also, so I have heard, they are indeed dangerous to life and property especially in the Sahara where it is reputed that the Shieks of Araby or something boast of the finest sand dunes in the world. However, with the same indifference, I noted the motion of the rickshaw and it was then that the trickling process of developing an idea first entered my head. And it is a good definition of Art, if I must say so myself. Now, isn't it?

What do Keith Guthrie and Herschel Mills conceal beneath their manly bosoms with which to frighten their dates away before they intrude upon the masculine purse? Observant as ever, I was silent witness to the ruffled exit of Constance Wayland and Helen Mitchell from a local emporium of fizzed drinks a few nights ago—just as the fizzes were served. And did they come back? They did not.

Pest Martindale, who has a "way with women," (Lord knows why!) has learned that W. T. ex-students expect a great deal of freshmen upon their return to the Campus. The "Pest," it is rumored, is sleeping these nights behind barred doors and beneath wire mosquito nets. "I will not have my sleep disturbed," he told an inquirer. "If they want to share my room with me, well, a-hem, they'll have to come earlier."

Such impudence! And from a freshman, too!

HONOR ROLL

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Mrs. Mary L. Batchelder, 22
Fauett Rudolph, 22
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Edith Warren, 22
Lula Bowman Owen, 21
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Mildred Wharton, 17
Hosea Foster, 17
Mrs. Louise Sadoris, 17
Lorene Metcalf, 17
Carl Vance, 17
Seth Lindsey, 17
Ramon B. Williams, 17

Isabel Price, 17
Alton Donnell, 17
Figures following the names indicate grade points made.

The Tumbleweed

High School Honor Roll for Fall Quarter

Eaker, J. C.
Bandy, Esther Lou
Barnett, Alberta
Bourland, Thirza
Cain, Linnette
Burton, Sam
Cleland, Louise
Duflot, Leo
Hanover, Rosemary
Ketner, Nova
Girble, Hazel
Largent, Euell
McCaslin, Mary
Meyer, Margarethe
Murray, Virginia
Platt, Rita Lee
Reynolds, Odell
Shirley, Louise
Whittenburg, Mattie Pearl

These students made all "A's" at the end of the fall quarter: Margarethe Meyer, J. C. Baker, and Alberta Barnett.

Ex-Student Notes

L. L. Hill, is now teaching in the Fairview school in Bailey county. On Sundays he preaches regularly. He hopes to have a regular pastorate soon.

Fred Boone is principal of a school near Muleshoe.

J. Evetts Haley, '26, visited briefly on the campus recently while enroute from Denver where he had been transacting business in connection with his work at the University of Texas.

Lloyd Neeley and Ray Robbins have completed the work for their degrees and have withdrawn from school. They will receive their degrees at the June Commencement.

Spring with its attendant changes in school situations has brought many exes who are now superintendents to the campus recently. S. J. Lovell of Pringle reported Saturday that Mrs. Annie Louis Deering who went there last year is doing a fine piece of work; J. B. Spear of Morse told of the efforts of his board and teaching staff to safeguard the children during a time when money for school purposes is scarce; Byron Durham and Mrs. Durham hope to move from their present location because Mr. Durham is not well when living within range of cotton gin dust; George Heath of Friona came in Saturday to fill a vacancy. E. B. Dulaney of Fritch reported that Ellen Willoughby and Elizabeth are doing excellent work with him in his school.

Wheeler County Exes got together Thursday night for their annual banquet and fellowship meeting, with Professors S. H. Condron and R. A. Terrill representing the college.

A "whirlwind" program, with Rucker as king of the whirlwinds was carried out. Mrs. William R. Brown, (Vida Savage), Leroy McDaniell, Edna Mae Scott, and Carl Chaudoin, was carried out while the banquet, beginning with Whirlwind cocktail and finishing with Monsoon coffee was served.

The Canyon visitors reported forty ex-students present and an unusual degree of jollity prevailing. Miss Viola Jones, Home Demonstration Agent of Wheeler county lent much assistance in making this year's banquet so successful.

Exes from the Speech department met Friday and Saturday on the campus with One-Act Play teams which they had trained competing against each other. Those who were in the "Do you remember when" group included Arless O'Keefe, Pampa; Wayne Eubanks, Friona; Frances Lester, Dumas; Greta Mae Cayton, Tulla; Mrs. Cleatice Crump, Canyon; Martina Anderson, Farwell, and Odessie Howell, White Deer, who were not speech majors when in College, were in charge of the teams from their respective towns.

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The Reorganization of Higher Education In Texas As Proposed in House Bill No. 471 by Anderson, et al

An address before the House Committee on Education, March 13, 1933, by J. A. Hill, President of the West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Texas.

The fact that this bill proposes to reorganize, reconstitute, and re-motivate higher education in Texas, abandoning well established principles and procedure, in the state and nation, reverting in some respects to educational ideals of a half-century ago, and in others substituting new forms of organization that are basically contrary to the traditions and genius of American institutions lead one to believe that the existing set-up is a failure and that our vast expenditure of time, money, energy, and intelligence in the field of public higher education over a period of fifty years has been wasteful and unproductive. The proposal makes such interpretation of the bill inescapable.

The speaker does not believe that the facts warrant this assumption, nor that the bill, if enacted into law, would either promote the educational welfare of the State, or lighten the tax burden, but, on the other hand, would seriously impair our educational service, would eventually cost more money, would abandon certain well accepted educational practices, would strike fatally at the opportunity for all, and would set up a theory of education contrary to American ideals and principles.

It is freely admitted that the institutions of higher learning in this state have many imperfections. They are a part of the human world about them, and, as such, share the imperfections of that world. If they were perfect, they would hardly survive the social, political, economic, and moral perverseness of the age. Like the home, the government, and the church, they are subject to public pressure and yield to public demand. They would not belong in a democracy if this were not at least partially true. Yet, it may be questioned whether any other branch of the public service functions more effectively or yields more for the tax-dollar than does higher education.

The seven teachers colleges were created and are maintained for the discharge of a definite and socially essential vocational function. The preparation of teachers for all the schools of all the people. Because this is their field and because the teacher is the heart of the school these colleges are an integral part of the public school system. From the standpoint of public policy they are quite as important as are the common schools themselves, for upon their proper functioning depends, in considerable measure, the quality of public education. This statement is borne out by the fact that a rapidly increasing percentage of teachers come from the teachers colleges. So important is the function which they perform that the public has seen fit to establish and maintain, at public expense, 273 such institutions in the United States at an expense of hundreds of millions of dollars, and giving essential professional training to hundreds of thousands of teachers annually. Their differentiation in function from other institutions of higher learning is easily understandable when we recall the rapid development of the science of education in recent years, alongside the development of other sciences. The educational world now acknowledges the existence of a vast body of specialized knowledge and techniques, whose command is essential today to successful teaching, particularly at the lower levels.

The traditional Liberal Arts College has consistently opposed the advance of this professional and technical educational instrument. It has refused to admit, until forced to do so, that one could learn how to improve his skill in teaching. Some of us can well remember when students at the University of Texas admitted with shame-facedness that they were taking courses in the "Pee-doggy" department; and, I am told that even yet a sizeable remnant of the University faculty looks with condensation upon teacher-training. This is not surprising when one remembers that the Liberal Arts College is a very conservative institution—and probably rightly so. The teacher-training idea has had to fight its way to recognition, by prejudice, by jealousy, and by the vested interests of the college world. For years the teachers colleges were educational orphans, outside the fold of all college accrediting agencies and suffering from educational snobbery. In 1925 the Texas schools stormed the gates of the Southern Association and were admitted to educational respectability on the college level.

That the teachers colleges of Texas are performing well a distinctive and superior service is well attested by superintendents, school boards, and teachers in every part of the state. Contrary to certain printed statements of recent months, the facilities of these institutions for service in their specialized fields are vastly superior to those of other institutions. Their facilities are superior because of their experience in the public schools for which they prepare teachers and because of their specialized training for the teaching of teachers. Their plans are superior for teacher training purposes because they have been constructed with a definite professional objective in view and have been adapted to the purposes for which they were created. The atmosphere of the Teachers Colleges is surcharged with the idea of teaching, just as that of the Medical College is permeated with the idea of healing the sick. The definite vocational objective is held before all the students all the time. This factor bears fruit in purposeful effort to prepare for superior service in a chosen profession. It motivates endeavor, it intensifies effort, it clarifies ideals, it makes for longer and better service in the common schools, and tends to develop a real profession of teaching as against the use of the school-room as a by-path to law, medicine, insurance, or what-not.

That these institutions, through the work they do in preparing teachers, make considerable contribution to the cultural life of our people is rightly to be expected. That in doing this they duplicate results at other institutions is a fact which should be commended rather than condemned, for the public's appetite is none too keen for the intellectual and spiritual values of life. Teachers Colleges ought to be centers of culture, in addition to performing the technical

function of placing in the hands of young teachers the skills and techniques of modern education; and, they ought not to be accused of duplicating the work of the liberal arts colleges if, in the discharge of their own function, they use some of the same tools and get some of the same results as characterize the work of these other institutions. But it cannot be reiterated too often that the thing that makes the teachers college distinctive is its specialized function; that it has adhered to this function consistently and is setting the pace today in educational progress; that while a re-educational service one cannot escape the conviction that our state ought to be proud of its system of higher education. The University ranks among the twenty best state universities in America. The A. & M. college is reorganizing as by-product of other institutions of higher learning a qualified teacher is the major output of the teachers college; and that the other services rendered by the teachers college are in the nature of by-product and do not represent a social waste.

The fact is, each of our institutions of higher learning in Texas represents a type of educational endeavor and fulfills a distinct social need. When thoughtful consideration is given to their respective services one cannot escape the conviction that our state ought to be proud of its system of higher education. The University ranks among the twenty best state universities in America. The A. & M. college is reorganizing as by-product of other institutions of higher learning a qualified teacher is the major output of the teachers college; and that the other services rendered by the teachers college are in the nature of by-product and do not represent a social waste.

In my judgment what this bill would do is to place in the shadow of this capital. An humble West Texas citizen, early one morning, was passing a beautiful Austin lawn on which thrived a wonderful oak. He pondered its symmetry, its strength, and its enviable place in the landscape. At noon of the same day, as he retraced his steps past the old oak, his heart sank within him when he saw four negroes making stovewood out of the old tree which he had admired in the morning and which nature had taken a century or more to build. If we are not actually proposing to fell the educational tree we are certainly tampering with the roots and threatening its comely branches. Finally, this bill, following certain fairly well-defined trends in government, economics, and education, would lead us directly away from the ideals and traditions of the American Republic. For example, it would place the control of higher education in the hands of one board, with authority to determine the whole educational policy of the state. Such control is unwise and undemocratic for the following reasons:

1. It would require so much time of the members of such board that they would be compelled to delegate their powers and functions to paid employees. Such employee or employees (the usual form is a chancellor) would necessarily exercise great power and the whole educational procedure would be set up and administered by one man, whose ideas and ideals would pre-determine the quality, kind, and amount of higher education. From the standpoint of sheer efficiency, this plan would probably be effective. If the people of this state wish to turn over their higher educational thinking and planning to one man, or even to a small group, they can no doubt have a more efficient system, but it will come at the expense of the principles of popular government and the educational opportunities of our youth.

2. A decentralized control diffuses interest in and information about higher education among larger groups of citizens and in a greater variety of sections of the state. It stimulates initiative, commands the intelligence and resourcefulness of many people, and gives necessary freedom to successful administration. As contrasted with the centralized form of organization it brings out the best in many rather than the worst in one. The world conducted

an unsuccessful political experiment in Benevolent Despotism in the 18th century. Intelligent Texas citizens will not welcome such an educational experiment in the 20th century.

3. The waste in material resources under a decentralized system is inconsequential as compared with the waste in intellectual and spiritual resources under a centralized system. Efficiency in a mechanical sense, was never a bed-fellow of democracy. Better have a clumsy and even somewhat wasteful system under which government derives its just power from the consent of the governed than to have an efficient and economical system from which the soul of the people is absent. The virtue of democracy is to be found in the general diffusion of both opportunity and responsibility among the people. It makes constant appeal to both intelligence and character and thus enables the people both to create and to enjoy the higher values of life. The concentration of both authority and opportunity which this bill proposes is therefore inimical to the welfare of the people and inconsistent with the traditions and principles of republican government.

Committee

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city state that it will not be possible to allow visitors in the building before that time.

Following is the program to be presented at the banquet:

Welcome address—Dr. J. A. Hill. Response—Hon. W. H. Patrick of Clarendon.

Songs—Prof. Wallace R. Clark. Address—J. Evetts Haley, Univ. of Texas.

Violin solo—Prof. Herschel Coffee. Main address—Judge J. D. Hamlin of Farwell.

Dedication

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work of the State Board of Education. It would be given the authority to employ an Executive Secretary and a staff of clerks and supervisors to take care of the routine work of the organization.

Another bill affecting the colleges was killed yesterday by the State Affairs committee. This was

the omnibus reorganization bill which affected all departments of government, including the colleges. An attempt will be made today to bring this bill out on minority report.

Bills which affect the colleges that are still to be acted upon are the tuition and the local fee bill. It is proposed to greatly increase the tuition in all of the state colleges, and this is being opposed by the educators of the state. The other bill would force all departments and institutions to place in the state treasury all of the local funds, which would greatly cripple the colleges of the state.

It is expected that the appropriations bill will be voted out of the House committee during this week.

President J. A. Hill of W. T. spent approximately two weeks in Austin while the legislative proposals affecting Texas colleges were under fire in committee rooms. He addressed the members of the committees at various times attempting to show just what was "right" for higher education in Texas. He returned to Canyon last week as soon as he felt assured W. T. was out of immediate danger.

Grid Practice

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many a breach. Among these are Alvin Morgan, reserve quarterback who will make a strong bid for the job. "Hig" Higgins and John Walker, both lettermen, will be in the skirmish for Ballenger's berth. Ralph Poe, freshman center of last fall, will contend for the pivot position left vacant by the retiring captain—and will likely get it.

Also from the freshman squad comes such encouraging material as "Pud" Thompson (IV), Lacy, Groom, McGehee, Robinson, Lard, Moore, Martindale, all of whom will question the right of regulars to berths-by-inheritance.

Juanita Hawkins visited in her home in Earth, Texas during the holidays.

Education Victim of the Tax Dodgers

Bankers Cover Mistakes In Fight to Reduce Taxes

Educational problems were discussed last week at the luncheon of the Rotary Club, with Dr. Joe Hill and Supt. C. E. Davis of Plainview discussing the question.

"I did not believe that any people could change their ideas about education so quickly as they have in America," stated Mr. Davis. "Some of them changed overnight." He described the situation as one in which the investment bankers of the east sought to cover their own dealings in unloading worthless securities on the American people by building a smoke screen against education. After they pulled the boner in these securities, they got together and decided to make a drive on taxes, with the result that the schools were the victims of their assault. The fight on taxes was spread through the chambers of commerce. According to Mr. Davis, education has taken a backset which will take years to recover. The friends of education must get together and stand together.

Dr. Hill talked on his recent trip to Austin. On March 6, 7, 8, the colleges were heard before the House Appropriations Committee. While nothing definite was learned, a most cordial hearing resulted. It was indicated that a reduction of at least 25% would be made in the appropriations for the coming two years.

The following week the House Education committee held hearings on the Anderson, Metcalfe,

Hughes bill which proposed to reduce W. T. and other colleges to the rank of junior colleges, and to create a single administrative board for all of the institutions. Mr. Hill led in the discussion opposing the change for all of the teachers colleges. All of the colleges in the state have expressed opposition to the bill.

Regarding the one board idea, Mr. Hill stated that it was presented with a view of efficiency and to reduce costs. This idea prevails in all phases of American life today, as shown by the chain stores. This nation is face to face with the evil effects of autocracy of wealth. Economically we are today just where we were politically at the time of the Revolutionary War. So far as efficiency is concerned, the monarchy is the most efficient of all governments, as shown by the recent government in Germany. Efficiency and democracy are not good bed fellows. Democracy depends upon the enlightenment of the masses, which are slow moving in thought and deed. Democracy appeals to the best in the people. The idea of centralization in education is sponsored by the wealthy in the United States who would build up great educational centers away from the masses of the people. There are many political leaders, who believe that general education has been carried too far, and that education should be restricted to those who are able to buy and pay for it.

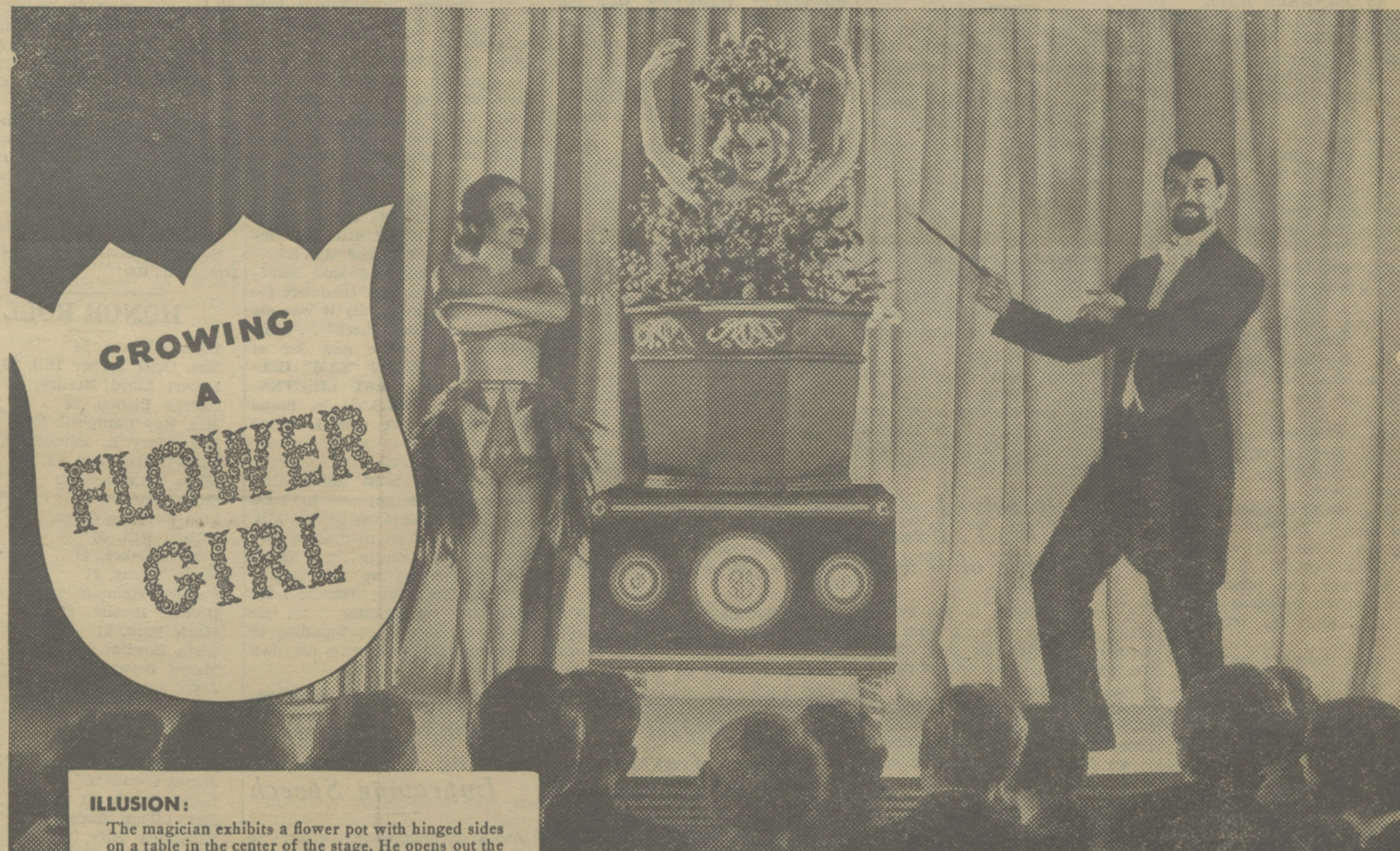
Plains Pioneers' Signatures Are Being Gathered

An unusual addenda is being made to the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society Museum by Miss Katherine Patrick of Clarendon who is making a collection of signatures of people who have lived in the Panhandle since before 1900. These signatures will be bound into a book and presented to the society on the occasion of its annual convention, April 14, as a gift from the Panhandle Old Settlers Society.

The book, which will grow more valuable as the years roll on, will be an interesting index of the pioneers in this section of the country.

All those who have been in the Panhandle since the above date are invited to write their names on plain white paper and send them to Miss Patrick who will enter them in her book.

New College Seal Stationery 23c THE BUFFALO



ILLUSION:

The magician exhibits a flower pot with hinged sides on a table in the center of the stage. He opens the sides to show that this container is empty. Closing it up, he places a screen between it and the audience. After a short period of magic incantations he removes the screen. The astounded audience sees a beautiful girl, covered to the shoulders in lovely flowers, rising from the "empty" container. Where did she come from?

EXPLANATION:

The girl was hiding behind the drape of the table. There is a trap door in the bottom of the flower pot, with a hole large enough to allow her to crawl through. The flowers, called "magicians' feather flowers," are a regular part of a magician's outfit. The flower girl wears a rubber tunic and a bathing cap to keep the flowers compressed into small space. She slides the tunic down and the flowers expand when she emerges.

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