

# Thanksgiving Will Bring Campus Exodus

## Final Dress Rehearsal Indicates Excellent Show

By T. C. Brown

(ED.: Because the paper is published Monday afternoon, too early to include a review of "Joan of Lorraine" as it was presented Monday night, Critic Brown wrote his comments from the final dress rehearsal which he viewed Sunday evening).

Frances Lynn Townes made her West Texas State debut last night. And, judging from the rehearsal, what a debut it was!

Never before have I seen such outstanding talent in an amateur production. Frances Lynn never once

became out of character. She delivered her lines sincerely; she felt her part throughout the play, or, to be more specific, she felt her parts.

According to the billing, she was cast in two roles—that of Miss Gray and that of Joan. However, her portrayal of Joan as a woman so contrasted with Joan as a girl that even the least observant person could notice unmistakably the change of character.

It seemed almost impossible that any actress could display such an obvious transition on so short a

notice. Her voice carried so well that even her soft dialogue was understood without strain.

Bill Robinson's portrayal of Masters was so natural and unrestrained that the audience felt a play was actually being "run through." His characterization of The Inquisitor, though strikingly different from that of Masters, was played with the necessary qualities.

Lin Welch succeeded in characterizing The Dauphin as a weak, effeminate and ignorant king. This part called for more characteriza-

tion than most of the roles. After hearing Lin try out for another character, I believe he is a most capable actor, and would enjoy seeing him play a less affected role sometime soon.

The part of Al, the stage manager was played by Billy Greenfield. His portrayal was a good one, displayed with much ease.

J. W. Walker again proved his capabilities of acting in his characterization of Long and Dunois. J. W., unlike most of the actors, was able to display his versatility by

playing an important role in the outer play as well as the inner one. His best characterization was that of Dunois in the inner play.

The remaining supporting roles were filled capably and efficiently by a fine group of actors.

After seeing this production, I believe that it is no wonder that "Joan of Lorraine" has been tagged as Maxwell Anderson's finest play. In actuality, it is a modern Shakespearean play, and those who attended will realize why those dramas have been passed down as classics.

W. A. Moore is to be commended on his production of "Joan of Lorraine." It was under his direction that much research was made, extravagant costumes were ordered (including some made in Germany for "Othello"), and sets were designed. Although the prison scene was not outstanding, for it wasn't meant to be, the cross on the altar was a thing of beauty. The success of this play was dependent on the cooperation of the cast and crew, and it is to them and their director that congratulations are awarded.

## Journey Home After Tomorrow

**Bell To Summons Post-Holiday Classes Monday Morning**

There are no woods to go through; the fields are more prosaic than plentiful; and grandmother's house may exist only in Lydia Maria Child's poem of sentimental fame.

But grandmother or no, Thanksgiving is almost here, and West Texas State College students already have caught holiday fever as they await the beginning of a four-day vacation from the campus routine.

With the termination of classes tomorrow, they will start the mass migration homeward; by nightfall the usually busy walks lacking together the various buildings will echo the footsteps of only the few who for some reason—probably distance—will remain here over Thanksgiving.

Then during the week-end, say its residents, Canyon will assume that stillness peculiar to a small college town sans students. But the quiet will be short-lived, for the return to school and normalcy will be forthcoming all day Sunday in preparation for 8 o'clock classes Monday morning.

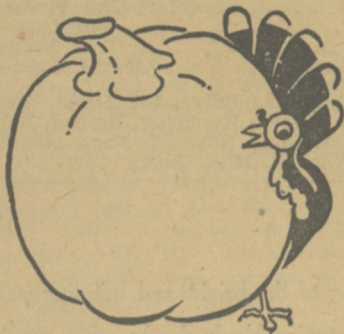
Because the staff will not be here to prepare copy this week, no *Prairie* will be published next Tuesday. The next edition is scheduled for December 9.

Happy holiday!



# THE PRAIRIE

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## Likable Inventor Stout Slated For Address in Assembly Today

### Engineer Here For Brief Visit

**Topic Unannounced, Speaker Will Shape Talk to Audience**

By Johnnie Crescens

Genial, gray-haired Bill Stout, an air of Sunday morning leisure in his manner, relaxed in an easy chair before the Harper fireplace and talked of many things.

"The world's greatest inventions don't come from the huge testing laboratories," he mused. "They come from the small shed where two boys are working on something that can't be done."

That idea, coupled with a philosophy which makes each day an adventure, has been a driving factor in the remarkably successful career of William Bushnell Stout, the creative genius who will speak to West Texas State College students in assembly at 11 o'clock today.

A friendly, cordial man whose looks belie his sixty-odd years, he had not yet decided about the topic for his address. Probably about man's place in the modern, increasingly technological age, he thought.

"But I'll have to wait until I size up the audience before I can say for sure. I had rather adjust my speech to the audience than adjust them to the speech. It's less painful that way."

**Talks to Rotarians**

He was scheduled to appear last night before a meeting of the local Rotary Club. While in Canyon, he is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Ples Harper.

"What am I working on now?" he repeated in answer to a query concerning his latest inventions. "Well, chiefly I'm just loafing for a month or so." The man dubbed "U. S. industry's most whimsical and unpredictable inventor" tonight will head for Dearborn, Michigan, where he maintains a laboratory.

During the winter months ("I don't like cold," he smiled) Stout stays at his plant in Arizona, and during the other half of the year he lives at Dearborn and Detroit. His visit in the Panhandle is a brief stop-over on his trip to the northern homes from the West (which he loves for the unrestricted opportunities offered the venturesome man).

Now credited with an impressive list of technical innovations, most of them concerned with transportation, he began his work by building mechanical toys.

**Once a Newspaperman**

When he was in the University of Minnesota, he wrote a series of articles about the toys, using the pen-name "Jack-Knife"; from this came a post as aviation and technical editor of the "Chicago Tribune"; and soon, because of the promise apparent in his writing, the automobile industry sent for him. He has been inventing—and writing—ever since.

"You have to see things in proportion," he asserted, referring at first to the method by which he builds scale-models before tackling the bigger job. Later he enlarged this theory of "seeing in proportion" to include his own practical attitude toward life.

The day of the flying automobile is inevitable, he believes, for even the small airplane is not usable if flying fields are inaccessible.

"Not in my time will they arrive," he predicted, "but they will be used within your lifetime."

### Tolliver Announces Final Arrangements For Speech Meet

Crannell Tolliver, head of the speech department, said today that plans are virtually completed for the Texas Interscholastic League conference scheduled to convene Saturday, December 13, in the speech building. Tolliver will be assisted in directing the all-day meet by three University of Texas faculty members, Bruce Roach, James Moll, and Roy Bedcheck.

In addition to speech activities, a choral section will be featured on the program under the direction of F. W. Savage, director of the League's musical department. Miss Ada Clark, vocal chairman of region one of the Texas Educators Conference, will present WT's Women's Chorus and Men's Chorus.

Participants in the musical program will attend a luncheon meeting arranged by Miss Clark, to be given in the Blue Room of the college cafeteria.

Several hundred speech students and instructors from this area of the state are expected to attend. Registration will begin at 9 o'clock, Tolliver said.

### Band To Travel To Albuquerque

**Musicians To Play At Buffalo Game With UNM Saturday**

For the second time this season, the West Texas State Buffalo Band will take to the road to back the Thundering Herd in a football game.

This time the trip is to Albuquerque, where the University of New Mexico plays host to West Texas State Saturday afternoon, November 29.

The Buffalo Band has been spectacular in their performances throughout the pigskin season on the home field and at Tech, according to many observers. The West Texas Activities Association agreed to furnish the rest of the money needed for the band to make the trip.

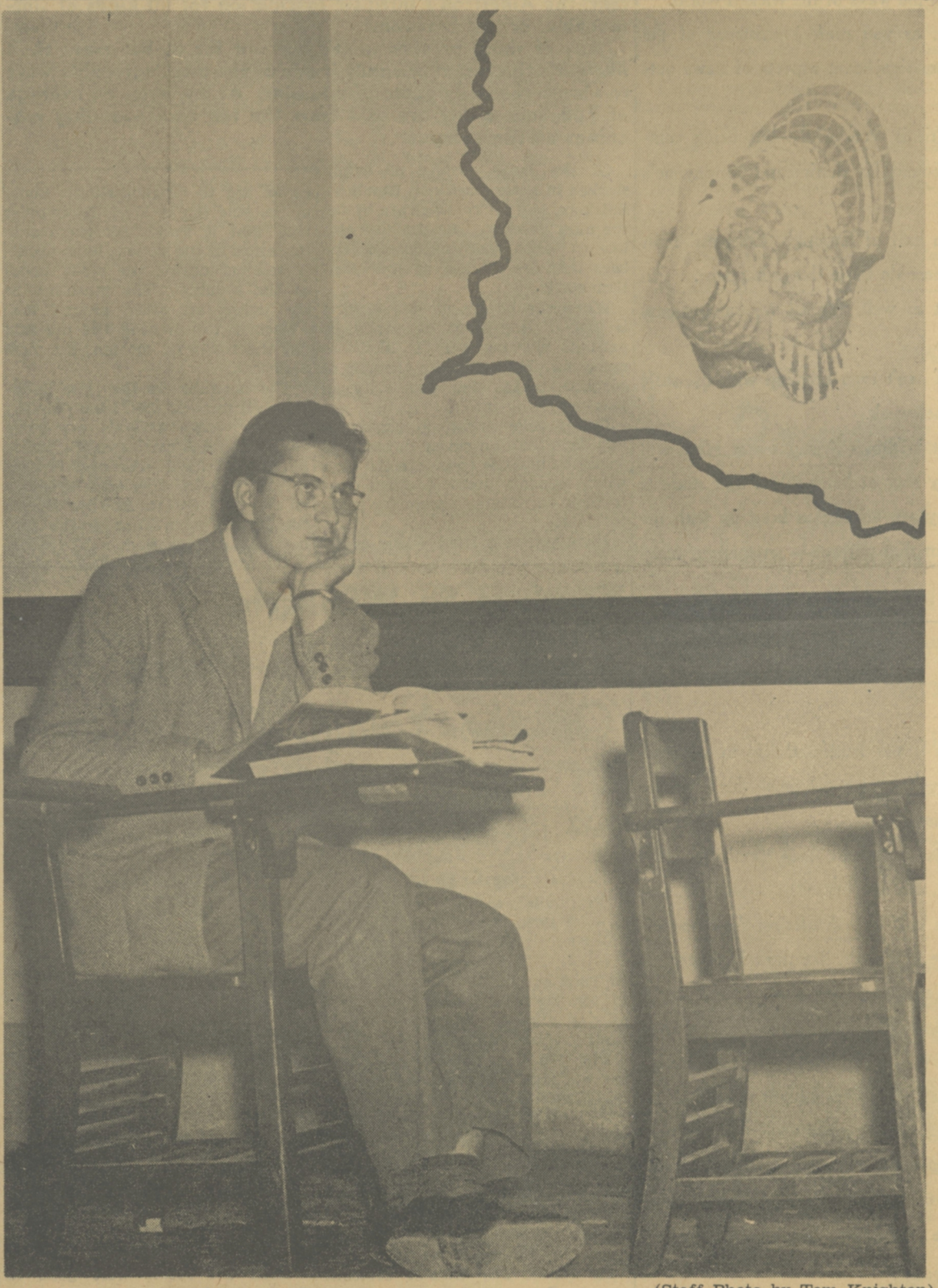
A party has been arranged for Friday night in the band house before the group leaves for the trip. After the party the band will board two busses and arrive in Albuquerque early Saturday morning. They will return sometime Saturday night.

Those students making the trip are as follows: trombone section, Bill Miller, Bill Latson, Dick McCune, Paul Hayes, Charles Hutchinson; baritone section, Gene Skaggs, Vernon Lewis, Raymond Laughlin. Cornet section, Glenn Smith, Coy Ward, Edwin McKee, Bill Tregoe, Ray Nickleson, Richard Miller, Bob Dawson, Oren Eubanks; horn section, Sherrod Reavis, Duane Williams, Harold Lummus, Don Shaw; alto sax section, Billie Littrell, Bill Davis, Keith Baten, Cleo Ferguson, Gene Sparks.

Tenor sax section, Jo Dandridge, Lewis Florence, Jean Smith; Eb clarinet section, Charles Owens; clarinet section, Gerald Smith, Leslie Talbert, George Kendall, Charles Bell, Helen Jo Wilson, Charles Howard, Dorothy Gafford, Frances Markham, Hershall Allen.

Cell section, Linda Matthews, Nina Jo Dunn; bass section, Wally

## ONLY ONE MORE DAY ...



(Staff Photo by Tom Knighton)

Goodman, Joe Page, Delmo Williams, Dan Roberts; percussion section, Barbara Dalley, Tom Knighton, Vaughn Vandergriff, Inell Elliott.

Twirlers, James Bates, Martha

Hanna, Mary Dalton, Louise Bates, Floyd Dean Crawford, June Brown, Melba Grady; color section, flags, Virginia Reid, Virginia Hunter, Sue Smith, and color guards, Wayne Bagley and Delbert Phillips.

## Billy Lowe Wins Sweater Contest

As the result of an all-College election conducted last Friday, Billy Jean Lowe, sophomore from Gruver, was proclaimed official Sweater Girl of West Texas State College at a dance in Randall Hall Saturday night.

Candidate for the Tri Tau fraternity, Billy received a sweater from them and from Epsilon Beta fraternity, sponsors of both the contest and the dance. Billy transferred here this fall from the University of Texas.

## Group To Further Christmas Project In Meeting Today

Presidents of all clubs, organizations, classes, and dormitories on the campus will meet at 4 o'clock today in the Dean of Women's office to discuss plans for the school Christmas party to be held December 19.

The Christmas party will be held in the gymnasium from 6 to 7:30 o'clock, but as yet further plans have not been made, pending the meeting to be held today.

### Social Schedule

**Tuesday, November 25**  
Open house, Cousins Hall, 7-9 o'clock, admission, 10 cents.  
**After Thanksgiving holidays:**  
**Tuesday, December 2**  
Open house, Randall Hall, 7-9 o'clock, admission, 10 cents.  
**Thursday, December 4**  
Combined house meeting of Randall and Cousins Hall girls at Cousins Hall, 7:30 o'clock.  
**Saturday, December 6**  
Alpha Sigma Xi Brigham Young Dance.

### International Club Hears Address by Jean Moore

Miss Jean Moore, geography instructor at West Texas High School spoke Thursday night at the meeting of the International Relations Club. The main topic of her speech were the geographical aspects of the arctic lands, ways and means of survival, and what the Arctic means to the United States and Canada.

## Dr. Roy Smith To Speak Here Next Week

**LECTURER**

**DR. ROY L. SMITH**  
"... truth has no fear of time."

Dr. Roy L. Smith, the first Willson lecturer of 1947, will be a member of the campus community December 2-5.

Dr. Smith has been editor of the Christian Advocate, organ of the largest church in America, since 1940. In 1935 he was named one of the most representative ministers of the Methodist church in the United States.

His academic experiences are represented by a B. A. from Southwestern College, Winfield, Kansas, by D. D. and B. D. from Garrett Bible Institute, and M. A. from Northwestern University. Eight honorary degrees conferred upon him by colleges in every section of the country are proof of his wide variety of achievements.

"The Young Christian and His Community," "What Can We Believe," and "How Your Bible Grew Up" are a few of the many books written by Dr. Smith.

Pastorates in Chicago, Los Angeles, and western Kansas (his home is in Wilmette, Minneapolis) have enabled him to understand American youth.

All lectures at the college will be at 11 o'clock on the following dates: December 2—"Our World Can Be Trusted." December 3—"Life Can Be Lived." December 4—"Man is a Great Creature." December 5—"A Belief in Two Worlds."

While in this locality he also will address the Lions Club, Rotary Club, Polk Street Methodist Church, and the Canyon Methodist Church.

Dr. Smith is widely known and admired as a great religious leader and thinker, not only by the Methodists, but by all churches throughout the nation.

Four of Canyon's musical organizations will furnish numbers on the Willson Lecture Series programs.

On December 2, the Canyon High School Choir, directed by M. D. Shepherd, will sing arrangements of "Faith of Our Fathers" and "Thy Will Be Done" by Weber. Members of the senior classes of the Canyon High School and their parents will be invited as special guests on that day, and arrangements will be made

for them to sit in specially designated seats.

As a feature of the second day's program, the West Texas Demonstration High School Choir, under the direction of Miss Ada V. Clark, will sing "To Our Alma Mater" by Watt-Haydn and "May Peace Abide" by Schubert.

The Women's Chorus of the College, directed by Miss Matilda Gaume and with Nina Jo Dunn and Madelle Beavers as accompanists, will sing "A Brown Bird Singing" by Wood, and "The Christ of the Snow" a Hungarian Christmas Carol, arranged by Gaul, as the musical feature of the program Wednesday, December 3.

On the final day of the series, the Mens' Chorus, under the direction of Dr. Wallace R. Clark, will sing, "Thanks Be To God" by Dickson-Salter, and "Send Forth Thy Spirit" by Schuetky. Mr. Dan Gillham is accompanist for the Mens' Chorus.

All these organizations have been working for some time on the music which has been arranged to add to the effectiveness of each day's program.

### Student Christians

Young people of the SCA were entertained with a party in the home of Dr. and Mrs. A. K. Knott last night.

Juanita Bell is their president and Joyce Hill is program chairman. Several musical numbers were played by Jean Payne.

### Baptists

Members of the BSU of the local Baptist church served a 7:30 o'clock breakfast Sunday morning in Fellowship Hall.

### Methodists

Sunday night a Thanksgiving party was given in Fellowship Hall at the Methodist church. A number of games were played during the evening, and refreshments were served to the crowd.

### Boyd Calls Conference Of Dormitory Girls

Girls from both Randall and Cousins Hall will meet at Cousins Hall at 7:30 o'clock Thursday evening, December 4, for a special house-meeting. This meeting is the result of a check-list distributed to the girls on which they indicated their choices of topics for discussion at these meetings.

The topic checked most frequently was "The Development of Personality," and, consequently, this will be the subject of the first meeting.



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THE RIP VAN WINKLE INSTINCT

In a way, it's very much like returning to the bright and blinding sunshine after a two-hour sojourn in the stygian-black depths of a movie house.

Or like a hermit must feel when he finally feels his way back to civilization following absolute seclusion from the ways of the wicked world.

Living in the dream (or nightmare, as you prefer) existence of the College, one loses contact with the more significant aspects of news outside that existence.

College life is beautiful, school spirit is wonderful—but being completely lost in its somewhat narrow bounds is detrimental to anyone's score on current events.

Economic problems? Revolutions in half of Europe? Congress' most recent committee on Communism? Where do those things happen . . . in some far distant society? They might as well, for all we campus-confined recluses are concerned.

"News on the international front? I can't even keep up with the stuff going on here," someone commented last week.

Let's hope that re-awakened interest in things Away From Here will be a result of the forthcoming four-day stay at home. And that students will be sufficiently aware of what they are missing to keep up with the world through the mediums designed for that purpose—newspapers, magazines and the radio.

IN THREE EASY LESSONS

It's a little thing, of course—  
But what a boon it might become if the frustrated life of the conscientious creature who actually worries about wasted time—his probably insignificant, but nevertheless wasted, time.

The average student attends, let us say, at least three meetings of one kind or another each week. Usually, unless very well supervised, the meeting lasts from a boring hour and a half to a deadening three hours.

Why? Simply because the executive in charge, like the other members of the group, has no knowledge of parliamentary procedure. Those simple little regulations prescribed in "Roberts' Rules of Order" may seem stiff, formal and a tremendous amount of bother. Really, however, they eliminate so much of the idle chit-chat, the blind-alley banter that an hour or two spent in learning them might well be worthwhile.

As a matter of fact, we would appreciate it if some enlightened and understanding person would take it upon himself to conduct a short series of lessons on the subject at some time when they can be available for those who need them (i. e.—all of us).

Some week at the 11 o'clock TTS period, for instance? A small amount of time invested now might save a great many hours later on. . .

LET US KNOW, WILL YOU?

You say your group, your activity, never rates mention in the paper? "Prejudiced," you jeer; "partial to certain cliques."

Now, listen, and we'll relate another side of the story. Unfortunately, even a staff of 100 could not cover thoroughly every news-worthy event in a college this size. Certainly one of 20 cannot—not without some cooperation from the people who make the news.

You are your own best publicity manager.

Or, if you like the connation better, you are your own reporter. And, frankly, we need your help if this journal is to be at all adequate.

Most organizations elect a "press representative," "reporter," or officer with some similar impressive title at the first of the year. What we want to know is: what happens to these duly elected news-hounds? Other than a faithful few, rarely are they glimpsed anywhere near the vicinity of the publications office. Of that we are almost sure. (And then they wonder why their meeting was not reported, front page, two-inch headline).

Even more scarce are the knowing ones aware of news outside the organized circles. The smallest, most insignificant of happenings sometimes make the best news articles.

If this is to be your *Prairie*, truly the voice of student opinion, everyone must help—not much, but a little.

You are your own best publicity manager.

ANOTHER NICKEL GONE



(Staff Photo by Tom Knighton)

INSATIABLE SWEET TOOTH, total disregard for calory-content, the American's intrinsic fascination for all kinds of slot-machine, or just boredom?

Any of those reasons might account for it, but more than likely it's the fact that candy is one of the most agreeable ways to absorb the daily quota of vitamins. At any rate, an average of 700 bars a day are sold from the ten candy-vending machines on the campus.

Of the large variety of candy stocked in these machines, Hersheys, Snickers, and Milky Ways are by far the most popular. The students also like to spend their nickels for the bars that are marked by the question-mark.

When the handle at this window is pulled, any kind of candy or perhaps chewing gum is likely to come out. Evidently the element of surprise makes for popularity in this case.

Candy sells better on cloudy or bad days than on sunny days. That would be because those are the days when students prefer to stick close to their dormitories except for going to classes.

Have you ever tried eating candy

as an aid to concentration? Some of the students at West Texas must find that it works, for the candy machines in the various halls usually sell out during the study hours in the evening. The machines in the dorms are filled around 6:30 o'clock in the evening and are sold out the following morning on most occasions.

The machines in the class buildings sell most of their candy during the day when students are going back and forth to classes. But after all, that's logical—who doesn't need a little added energy after dragging from one class to another during the interminable links in the process called Education. . .

Youth Is So Wonderful  
It's a Shame To Waste It  
On the Young, Opines Noe

By Geraldine Noe

Young people seem to breed the opinion that higher learning is in a special category for them alone. They, in forgetting that progress is the keynote of the world, magnified my plight in adjusting myself to college. Or was it just my imagination?

Let's imagine college is a theater as it appears to me.

Acting is fine practice in co-operation, and co-operation results in good performances. The result of working together, one for all and all for one, develops a feeling of loyalty and friendship.

The first act of our big show opened September 15. As usual, we had a good percentage of early comers, those on time, and the breathless dumfounded who arrived late.

I, a timid would-be-reporter, arrived on time and chose an inconspicuous seat in the balcony. There, I reasoned, I could enjoy the show for what it was worth.

Peace—Almost

In almost any theater someone goes to sleep. While youth with its fresh glow continued to give performance after performance, it was sleep that stole over this gray-flecked head as I shifted my stiff frame in effort to find a cozy corner in a hard seat.

"Ah," I thought woozily, "no more stairs." I sailed blithely on into a

deep, wonderful peace where aching backs, screaming muscles and rusty brains find relief. Could this be a dream? There stood a would-be actor in English class drooping an excited cue.

"Hair," he shouted, "gray hair!" "It must be a dream," I thought as a journalistic prompter stepped to the stage.

"Gettin' ready for the second act," he intoned, leering at me, "and there's no part for the aged."

"It's a dream," I decided, quaking when a psychology fiend whispered, "it's OK, grandma, we'll lend you an ear."

Aftermath

Then the actors were gone—as fleeting as they came.

I awoke with a jolt, and a thought to leave here—

Growing old is a funny thing. Not funny ha-ha, but funny queer. We watch our contemporaries and see their hair grow gray, yet we are quite unconscious of our own gray hair.

MORBIDITY PERSONIFIED

Horror Thrillers Lack Finesse

By Bascom Nelson

Where have the good detective stories gone?

Just a few years ago one could pick up a magazine and read a story about someone just getting murdered, shot in the heart or otherwise made a corpus delicti. Now, evidently, the public preference has changed.

Upon seeing a murder mystery one now expects to find a country Sherlock Holmes trying to figure out a murder that was committed with the only tools on hand, i. e., the ax, the bludgeon, the butcher knife. No guns, please, that's not the fashion these days.

The latest of these timely fables is the one in which the jealous husband split open the head of his wife and then mailed her in different packages (waterproof) to various parts of the country.

The letdown came when the pair's son came home from the navy and found father on the last leg of his job (or wife, as you prefer). Where-

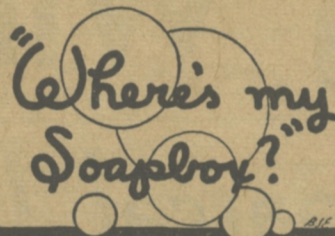
tofore the father was sent on his journey to the other world via the electric chair.

Gone are the days of the smart detective who figured all the angles as to how the deceased became defunct. Back then only a little blood was spilled on the carpet from a bullet or a knife.

Now one wonders if the killing is done with a wood saw or a hatchet. Keg-lined stomachs are the order of the day when you start a detective story now. It has reached the point at last where a whole family takes part.

As one story goes, the Smith family ran a boarding house and when anyone would stop for the night the whole family would turn out for the felonious assault. As the guest was eating a hearty meal the father would slip up behind him while the pretty daughter kept him interested.

Upon doing this, the father would twist a rope around the victim's neck and the poor fellow would die of



. . . Cresens

Competition, even in the finer things of life, has its lighter moments.

Viz, Friday of last week, when vying cultural factions of West Texas State College sat glaring at each other from their attention-arresting booths on opposite sides of the main Ad Hall.

One: peddling tickets at 60 cents per to the theatrical element; the other: soliciting interest in art appreciation through another mentality-improving venture, the Sweater Girl election.

Thrill that comes but once in a lifetime: the first realization of adult status (you think). Beginning week of the freshman year, and the prof actually addresses you as "Miss" or "Mister."

We're so glad they told us. Through the malls has come this enlightening bit of information from some eager news agency—

"Confidential tip to the girls—men like daring dresses only on the other fellow's girl—not theirs. . . . Generally the boys approve of dresses that have a sophisticated but not too exposed look."

THIS LOOKS GOOD:

Down at Coe College, in Cedar Rapids, La., students soon will be given "time to think."

A day off now and then will be granted so that students can study, talk to their teachers or "just sit and think through" some of their academic problems. Faculty members will stick around the campus for informal conferences, "preferably over a cup of coffee in the grill." Library and reference rooms will remain open.

"It's impossible," said Byron Hollingshead, president of the College, "to get an education in the modern colleges, because the colleges make it impossible by rushing the student through the curriculum."

Due on the campus Saturday afternoon to attend the football game as guests of Dr. Hill were David M. Warren and family of Panhandle. Mr. Warren is editor-publisher of Panhandle Herald, and an active booster for West Texas State College.

In his county alone, he has raised over \$6,000 for the museum, and \$3,000 for the chapel.

"If every director of the museum had done half as much as Mr. Warren, we would have so much money we wouldn't know what to do with it," comments Dr. Hill.



By Latson

Already the Christmas spirit is taking hold of the campus. Signs of it can be seen or heard in the conversations and actions of most students.

Choral groups are in the process of polishing up the traditional Christmas songs and big preparations are underway for Christmas parties and dances. It seems that most people don't wait until after Thanksgiving to start their planning.

Music activities are picking up just as everyone expected them to do. The dance band has some jobs over the holidays, and every music group on the campus is working on some project.

The Buffalo Band is going to Albuquerque for the New Mexico University game. There is a great deal of excitement over this trip and

Regardless of City's Choice  
Students Have Their Own Ideas  
On Prohibition--It Says Here

How would a dry vote in Amarillo's pending local option election affect our life here at WT?

This question has attained a significance on the campus that eclipses mere atom bombs or food rationing. Keeping in step with the times, The Prairie has assigned a staff to compile a report of Mr. Average Student's opinion.



By T. C. Brown

By Duane Burrows

Out of the vivid realm of French history of the early and mid-fifteenth century comes an engrossing novel by Thomas B. Costain, "The Moneyman." The text of the story in this periodical is real enough to be authentic and yet the author has woven into it enough fiction to excite the various tastes of all types of readers.

The story evolves about Jaques Cover, handler of the financial affairs of Charles VII of France. In this era France and England have almost come to the close of their long and costly Hundred Year's War. Patriotism still is flaring high in the hearts of Frenchmen and only twenty-five years have elapsed since the noted and beloved Joan of Arc led victorious armies against the opposing English.

Jaques Cover urges Charles VII to wage war against England once more in full fury so that every vestige of the remnants of English troops may be driven across the Channel. There is hesitancy on the part of the king, however, for France is financially and economically very unstable. The far-seeing Jaques Cover, having made a large fortune by shrewd trading, attempts to finance the operation by himself.

Developed in this engrossing tale is the factual character Agnes Sorel, beautiful mistress of King Charles and one of the most powerful forces behind the throne of this age. Also, to give greater color to this human and poignant drama, the fictitious characters Valarie Maret and Robert de Burey (the Squire D'Arley), are added to provide love interest.

To the reader who finds history dull, this book gives fairly accurate knowledge of a historical phase without sacrificing excitement and glamour. Further, persons who consider all historical novels to be taken with a grain of salt will find this narrative sufficiently sugar-coated to give a high degree of pleasure.

"The Moneyman" is rated as outstanding by critics and is among the top of the current best sellers. For additional reading of Costain's works, these books are recommended: "The Black Rose," "Ride With Me," and "For My Great Folly."

I think the band will really do their utmost to uphold their excellent reputation. They will leave Friday midnight on chartered busses.

Miss Ada V. Clark, director of the voice section of the music contests to be held here next spring, has announced that a meeting will be held here December 13 for all music and vocal instructors of the Panhandle interested in music activities at this college.

She asked that it be made clear that they do not have to be preparing to enter students in the contest in order to attend. It is a get-acquainted meeting for all. Winston Savage, director of the music section of the Texas Interscholastic association, will be the speaker.

All demonstration school parents

After listening open-mouthed to several inspired orations on the Bill of Rights and the spiritual degeneration of America, the investigators voted unanimously to consign the moral aspects of the problem to the theologians and the busy-bodies.

Also, in order to avoid the charge that they interpreted their findings incorrectly, they merely catalogued the replies to the question, "How will it affect your personal life if Amarillo goes dry?"

Here are the results: Sixteen replied in substance, "No effect." (The facial expression of this group varied from an open leer to a saintly smirk).

Private Solution One rangy individual said, "I learned to make 'screech' while I was in the Aleutians."

Five thought it would have a beneficial effect on their studies, and seven other answers were disregarded because the questioners refused to confine themselves to the limits of the question, or because they of-



WITH THE KEY  
. . . or without?

fered uninterpretable expletives.

After viewing these results the pollsters sallied forth again, this time to see if they could obtain a consensus of opinion from WT womanhood. Again the replies were widely divergent.

The Women Speak Five thought that dating would become a safer, saner institution. Two envisioned their men dropping them in order to save money for bootleg prices. Eight predicted "No effect."

Four of the girls questioned fouled out their answers by expanding them into speeches; seven indicated with ladylike blushes or outraged glares, an unwillingness to reply.

Somewhat worn by their labors, the Prairie's diligent Public Service Department trundled back to the office serene in the knowledge that they had provided valuable data for our lawmakers.

will be entertained by a music program tonight at the Education auditorium. Miss Clark, director, tells me that groups from the sixth grade through high school will participate in the program.

Two groups of West Texas State musicians performed last night on the campus. The West Texas State Chamber Music Society furnished dinner music for the Rotary Ann's dinner in the Blue Room of the Cafeteria.

The music contained both classical and modern string arrangements. The Brass Choir, under the direction of M. J. Newman, furnished some exceptionally well-arranged before-and-in-between act music for the speech department's fine play "Joan of Lorraine."



Summer—and a happy Thanksgiving to you, too—



# Stalling Around

By Frank Stallings

A week early may be counting the well-known chickens, but since there is no paper next week, and we won't get to report the New Mexico University game until after Thanksgiving, now is as good a time as any to tell a little about what the team has done this year.

First I would like to add to the already great list of compliments paid to the coaches here at WT for turning out such a fine team of players this season. Coaches Frank Kimbrough, Clark Jarnigan and Borden Price have done marvelous work with the Buffs.

Only one team, Hardin-Simmons, has managed to completely run over the Buffs, seemingly at will, and all the rest, including Tulsa University, had no easy time of it. The Buffs had Tech badly scared before they lost to the Raiders in the first Border Conference game of the year.

But the Buffs came back and won their next three in a row to pull up in the conference to within striking range of a good place in the standings. Now they are third place until they meet New Mexico next week.

It is a sign of a good coaching staff when a group of men come down here, knowing nothing of the situation and turn out a team that can win as many or more than half the games played. Coach Kimbrough and his staff have worked hard to give the people of the Panhandle a team to be proud of. Judging by the crowds that have turned out to the games this year in Buffalo Stadium, it is safe to say that people will be taking notice of West Texas State in a few years even more than they have in years past.

If the Buffs win their last game next week their average will be .636 for the season, with seven wins and four losses. Even if they lose the average will be .545 which is better than last year, when the Buffs had an even .500 average.

Due to the lack of space in the Prairie last week, my column was left out. Maybe it is a good thing, for some of my football predictions would have done me wrong. My average for predictions would have dropped several points from what it is now. Up to the date now, I have an average of .770, including the week I missed half of the guesses.

One team or group of boys that has seen every home game of the Buffs this year is the group from Boys Ranch. Other teams noticed were mostly Class A teams from high schools in the Panhandle.

Coach Kimbrough may have a lot of new freshman material coming in next year. A lot of high schools teams have come to WT this year to watch the games and I am sure they were impressed with the way the Buffs performed and maybe some of them enough impressed to come down here to play with the Buffs.

Next year, of course freshmen will not be able to play on the varsity squad, but if enough come in, maybe there can be a freshman squad to compete against the freshman squads of other colleges.

The time is drawing near when people will be wanting to find out the names of the All-American Football team. This honorary team is to be released about the middle of December, after the season is over.

No one man is responsible for the choosing of this group of honored

# Bufs Stomp Tempe 35-7 In Last Home Game

## Long Runs Feature Contest; Strong Ground Attack, Defense Set Up Win

With the smashing 35-7 defeat of the Arizona State (Tempe) Sun Devils Saturday afternoon the West Texas Buffaloes ended another season of football in Canyon. And a successful season it was here in Canyon, with three wins and only one loss on their home field.

The game surprised most of the people who saw it, for the Devils were reportedly one of the stronger teams in the Border Conference. However, the cold weather may have had something to do with the score, and a number of injuries inflicted to Sun Devils hampered their best playing.

Strong defensive play by the stalwart Buff line held the Sun Devils to only 152 yards on the ground and 26 yards by passing. Two passes of the 14 thrown by Tempe-men were intercepted by alert Buff play.

Not until the third quarter was the Tempe defense able to cope with the Buff running attack. In that period the Buffs were held to only 91 yards. Each of the other periods saw the Buffs gain well over 100 yards.

The scoring started on the second play after the Buffs got the ball. After the Sun Devils were unable to gain a first down after the kick-off they punted to the Buff 16. Bill Cross carried the ball 24 yards for a first down on the 40. Eddie Conner then took the ball, picked up perfect interference and raced 60 yards for the score. Freeman 'Junior' Melton's kick was good for the extra point.

The next time the Buffs got the ball, it nearly resulted in a score as they had the ball on the Tempe 10, but a pass to Conner was caught out of the end zone.

One of the passes intercepted by the Buffs resulted in the second score as Melton caught the ball on Tempe's 48. Lloyd Johnson and Boyd Williams took the ball to the 37 and four plays later Johnson

raced 24 yards for the score. Melton's kick was again good and the score at the half was 14-0.

The second half opened much like the first, except the Buffs received and on the second play, Berl Pruitt took the ball and plunged through the line for 71 yards and the third score of the game. The conversion was good.

"Whizzer" White, the Sun Devil's own "Hook" Davis was a mainstay in the second half. A bad kick resulted in the ball resting on the Buff 48. White then took the ball for another first down. He and Phil Perrino plunged for another first on the five and three plays later Sam Lewis scored from the three. White's kick after a fumble was good and at the end of the third period the Devils trailed 21-7.

Cloyce Box, who has done a good but unheralded job all season, intercepted a pass and returned it to Tempe's 24. Johnson carried to the 12, Cross was forced out of bounds on the one-foot line and Box then plunged over to tally. The try for extra point was again good and the score was 28-7.

The final scoring by the Buffs started on their own 34. Cozel Foster was pulled down after a 34 yard sprint and Willis Hedges and Ray Moore carried to the 24 for another first down. Foster again took the ball and got to the five. Two plays later a pass from Moore to Clyde Ivey resulted in the final touchdown. Melton's kick was good. Only enough time for two plays remained after the score.

Coach Kimbrough used his entire squad in the contest and should be proud of the way they worked. No one man outshone the others for the Buffs as each did his work as it should be done.

For the Sun Devils end and Captain Montgomery, Sam Lewis, White, and Charlie Beall played well in carrying the ball against the Buff line, but five Tempe men had to be helped off the field during the contest. No penalties were assessed for unnecessary roughness, however.

### Announcement:

All boys interested in going out for track, though the season is still very young, should get in contact with Coach Clark Jarnigan as soon as possible.

Workouts will begin soon after the Christmas Holidays, Jarnigan said, so all those who can do something for the school should be prepared to try out then.

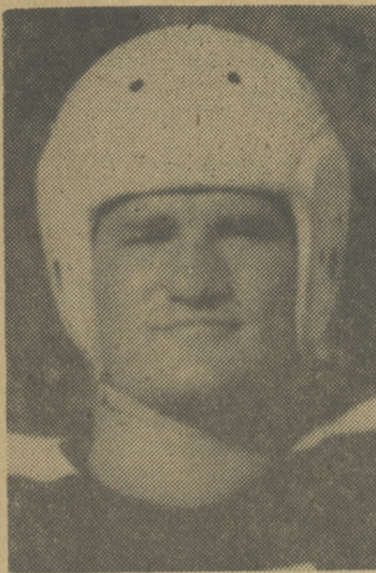
### Girls Start Cage Play Last Week

Girls' Intramural basketball got off to a thrilling start last Thursday as Burgess' team nosed out West 29-26 in the last few minutes of the contest played in the girls' gym in the basement of the administration building.

This week Fields met Sparks last night and Simms plays Ridley-Larkey Wednesday evening at 8:30.

The student body is cordially invited by the women's physical education department to attend these games.

### FINALE FOR THESE



Berl Pruitt and Willis Hedges played their last home game for the Buffs last week against Tempe. Pruitt is captain and plays fullback while Hedges is a halfback.

## Cagers Open Season Monday In Game With Oklahoma Five

Buffalo basketballers, after a week of hard practices, will begin regular season play next Monday evening in Burton Gymnasium, and in hopes of winning the Border conference for the first time since 1943 when they were co-champions with Arizona University.

Monday night the Buffs will meet Northwest Oklahoma State College to start the season. Not much is known of their strength this early, but the Buffs have played them 10 times and only won four of those games, so the boards on the gym floor may rattle as the two teams meet.

After this game the Buff cagers will journey to Cincinnati where they will meet Morehead college on December 5. From there they travel to Louisville, Kentucky, Terre Haute, Indiana, and Peoria, Illinois, before returning to Canyon for the first conference game of the year on December 16 against New Mexico University.

The remainder of the schedule follows:  
Dec. 17 New Mexico A&M, here  
Dec. 19 Hardin College, here  
Dec. 20 W. T. S. C. Clinic, here  
Dec. 26, 27, 29 Pepperdine Inv. Tournament, Los Angeles  
Jan. 1 Guest at Rose Bowl Pasadena  
Jan. 6 Hardin-Simmons, Abilene  
Jan. 8 Arizona Univ., here  
Jan. 15 Arizona Univ., Tucson

Jan. 16 Ariz. State (Tempe), Tempe  
Jan. 17 Ariz. St. (Flagstaff) Flgstrf.  
Feb. 3 Hardin-Simmons, here  
Feb. 5 Texas Mines, here  
Feb. 11 Ariz. State (Tempe), here  
Feb. 12 Ariz. St. (Flagstf.), here  
Feb. 19 New Mex. U., Albuquerque  
Feb. 20 N. Mex. A&M., Las Cruces  
Feb. 21 Texas Mines, El Paso  
Feb. 24 Texas Tech, Lubbock  
Mar. 1 Texas Tech, here

## Intramural Tilt Decides Winner

Bad weather last week prevented intramural football games from being played, so they will be finished off this week, according to a statement by Milton Morris.

Tonight the Wolverines will take on Terrill Hall for the championship of intramurals for this year. Both teams are undefeated and will be fighting for the victory. Terrill Hall has won three games so far and the Wolverines have copped two victories.

Tickets are on sale in Bob's, the Student Union and in the business office for ten cents. At the gate the admission is 25 cents.

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## Last Tilt Against NM Decides Buff Standing

When the Buffs take on the University of New Mexico next week they will be striving to keep third place in the Border Conference standings, after their defeat of Tempe Saturday.

It is interesting to note that in conference play the Buffs, while losing two games, have more than doubled the points made by their opponents and have not lost a game by more than 21 points. The 21-point defeat was inflicted by the power laden Hardin-Simmons Cowboys whose little Wilton "Hook" Davis made more yardage than the entire Buffalo team.

Up to the Hardin-Simmons game the Buffs had one of the best defensive averages in the nation. School of Mines held the Buffs to their lowest offensive winning score, 14-0, while the Colorado Tigers felt the full fury of the Buffs losing 40-7. Other teams to fall beneath the Thundering Herd are New Mexico A&M 34-7, and Arizona State of Flagstaff 25-0.

The Kimbrough-coached team, while having no individual stars, has managed either to outscore their opponent or to hold them in practically one spot to keep them from scoring. While no one player has stood out the entire season, there has been little Bill Cross, the "Canadian Scooter" and Eddie Conner along with Cloyce Box, Lloyd Johnson, Berl Pruitt, Junior Melton and Charles "Wire" Wright to give the added scoring punch at the necessary time. Outstanding line play by Homer "Buck" Garrett, Noel Cudd, Harold Dalton, Pete Bromley and Duane Byars has made the Buff line one to be feared.

Taking Drake University last

week to the tune of 8-7, they limited Drake to only 55 yards net while they made 235. This is a pretty strong hint that the Loboes will also have a strong defensive line with the necessary scoring punch when needed.

The week before the Loboes romped over Fresno State 34-3, while the preceding week they held Texas Mines to a 20-20 tie. On a comparative basis of teams played and lost the Buffs show a slight pregame offensive edge. However the Loboes hold the advantage of playing on their home field.

Should the University of New Mexico get by Texas Tech this week without too many injuries you can bet that it will be a bang up game with both teams playing their best offensive and defensive game of the year.

The Loboes, coached by Berl Huffman, who is almost as pessimistic as Frank Kimbrough, will bemoan the fact that his team hasn't a chance in the world until he has the fans believing him and then surprise everyone by winning one more.

The Loboes' passing attack which had failed to click all season came to life in the Fresno game and will have to be watched along with the running attack which goes with it. Coach Huffman has been using his lighter backs most of the season, but when they fail to gain the necessary yardage he can rely on his sluggers to carry the ball.

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VA Regional Office, Lubbock, Cites Prompt Payment of Subsistence

A survey, just concluded, of all student-veterans attending colleges in West Texas revealed that 97 per cent of the ex-G. I.'s had received their VA subsistence allowance checks squarely on time—November 1—from the Veterans Administration Regional Office at Lubbock, Robert W. Sisson, regional manager, announced today.

VA subsistence paid college veterans on their first pay-day for the fall term amounts to \$889.240.

Sisson explained that those who were not paid on November 1, were delayed because of late enrollment, transfer of records from other VA Regional Offices, change of educational objectives, requiring VA advisement, and in some instances complete enrollment information was not available to the Veterans Administration Regional Office.

Two-thirds of those who were delayed have already been placed on supplemental payrolls and VA checks should have been received by this time.

This brings the total delivery of VA checks to 99 per cent of all veterans attending colleges in West Texas. The remaining one per cent will be paid as soon as records are complete in the Regional Office, Sisson promised.

"As a result of the splendid cooperation with the Veterans Administration received from college officials and veteran-students themselves, we were able to set this enviable record which places the West

Texas Veterans Administration Office sixty days ahead of last year's schedule in getting the bulk of subsistence checks to veterans in this area attending school under the GI Bill," Sisson said.

Betty Jane Phillips, head of dietetics at Northwest Texas Hospital in Amarillo, and a former student of West Texas, spent a few days on the campus last week.

Ag Department Acquires New Transportation Facility

The Aggies are sporting a new bus, and Ted Reid can be credited with this new addition to the agriculture department.

This new Dodge will be used for taking the agricultural students to farms, stores, and other parts of interest in the Panhandle, says Frank R. Phillips, head of the department.

Students plan to try out the new purchase today when they go to the George Nance farm near Hereford.

Excerpts For Ex-es

Thomas Dwayne is the new son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Sloan of Yoakum. Mrs. Sloan was Trannie Mae Russell.

Grant A. and Cleo Bourland White are parents of a daughter born recently at Las Vegas, New Mexico.

Miss Darthula Walker and Dr. Ples Harper conducted the question and answer program for the Women's Book Club of Canyon last Wednesday.

Jack Walker, B. A. '47, and Mrs. Walker and their son have returned from medical school to Canyon. Mr. Walker will complete work for his master's degree.

Mrs. Lois Graham Jones and Miss Marie Luna, both graduates of WT were delegates to the Amarillo unit of the Association for Childhood Education to the recent state convention of that organization at Galveston.

Insanity in individuals is something rare—but in groups, parties, nations and epochs it is the rule.—Nietzsche.

PILGRIMS? — DON'T BE SILLY!

This Was Student-Inspired Fest

By Jess Herbert Pipkin

To appreciate fully the sentiment and meaning attached to one of our most joyous holidays, Thanksgiving, we must start at the beginning and find a clear, concise definition of the word.

According to the world's foremost authorities on English, Dr. Sinbad Synonym and Dr. Iliad Infinitive, Thanksgiving is derived from two words.

The first of these is thanks and the second is giving. Therefore, the literal translation (as if you didn't know) is giving thanks.

Thanksgiving was established originally in this country for one purpose. The early forefathers of this institution saw that students became drowsy and did poor work during the last week of November so they declared this period as a national

recuperation period. This gave the future leaders of our country a chance to practice for the Christmas holidays.

Strict constructionists in some of the New England states do not hold with this view, however.

They believe in the literal translation as set up by Dr. Synonym and Dr. Infinitive. Believe it or not, this was one of the major causes of the Civil War.

In England, Thanksgiving day is not observed. Instead they celebrate, "We're Glad We Got Rid of Them" day. They celebrate this day with much more enthusiasm since

the American soldiers visited their country during World War II.

All of which brings me about to the end of the road. Anyone who wishes to discuss this matter further will please do so with someone besides myself. After all, I'm not much of a history student.

Students To Represent WT at State Conference

A state students' meeting of the Wesley Foundation will be held in Austin, November 28-30, and the following plan to attend: Leta Hill, Joyce Hill, Delores Young, Betty Baletor, Loyd Lust, Jeanne Payne, Virgie Haines, Neva McGuire, Margie Frost, and their director, Isobell Burruss.

This conference will be at the Wesley Foundation of the University of Texas. The principal speaker will be Dr. Harold Ehrensperger, who is editor of the new magazine, "Motive." Murry Dickson, who has returned recently from South America, where he has been doing student work, will tell of his experiences while there.

This line fills this column.

Agriculture Experts Stage Meat Demonstration Today

Aubrey L. Crossland of the ag department and two student assistants, James Franks and Charles Hester will be in Tulia today to give a meat demonstration to veterans as part of on-the-job training program in agriculture.

The demonstration will consist of killing, cutting and curing pork and beef on the farm. The demonstration will be held at Kiker's ranch near Tulia.

"Red" Weatherly, WT ex who teaches agriculture in Quitaque, is responsible for the arrangement of this meat demonstration.

Sponsors Stage Supper For Hudspeth Society

The Mary E. Hudspeth Honor Society was entertained with a buffet supper Thursday evening by the sponsors, Dr. Ima C. Barlow and Helen White Moore in Miss Moore's home.

Members attending were Curtis Babcock, Buford Bagwell, Edgar Brown, T. C. Brown, Jack Craig, Loraine Davidson, Earlene Eustace, Frances Findley, Lewis Florence, Mary Alice Foster, J. C. Frisby, Lyle Green, Flo Hammons, Bill Latson, Bert Masters, Carl McElroy, Jean McManigal, Thelma Mercer, John Stoneman, William Mack Stallings, David Sanders and Jackie Wright.

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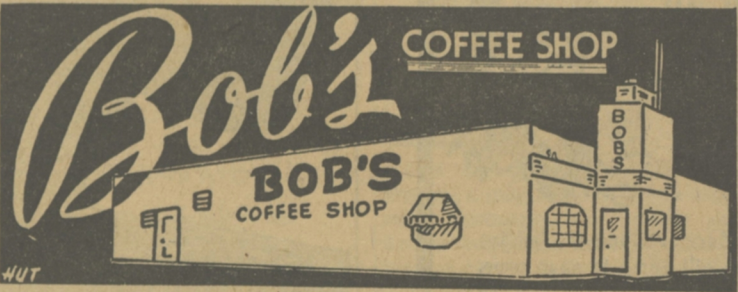
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