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200 TO 300 BOYS ARE COMING TO STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

TWENTY-FIVE SCHOOLS EXPECT TO SEND CONTESTANTS.

Agricultural Experts Will Talk to the Boys of Various Subjects of Farm Interest.

More than two hundred boys from twenty-five or more schools on the plains are expected to be in Canyon April 4 and 5 to attend the annual stock judging contest. It is expected that the competition this year will be unusually keen. The Lubbock team won the contest last year.

An added feature this year will be the poultry judging contest, which is to be the first ever held in this section of the state. The poultry will be judged both according to the Hogan (egg production) test and according to the American standard of perfection. The grading will be divided equally between these two tests. The boys are getting ready to do some excellent work in this new line of judging.

Plant production will be taken up the first day and the contestants will be required to identify 50 different seed samples and to judge 10 sample lots of kaffir, milo and corn, and to grade 20 samples of cotton under the rules of Texas A. & M. College. The stock judging contest will be held the second day.

The importance of cotton culture on the Plains will be the cause of considerable time spent in this work.

Invitation has been extended to the Panhandle Swine Breeders Association to meet in Canyon at that time, and it is expected that a large delegation of swine breeders will accept the invitation. E. W. Harrison of Hereford is president, and H. S. Hilburn of Plainview is secretary. The directors are H. C. Roffey of Canyon, Ed Cooper of Turkey and Frank Clark of Childress.

O. D. Dinwiddie of Panhandle is superintendent of the contest, and E. E. Reynolds of Silverton is vice superintendent. Mr. Dinwiddie has been in Canyon several times during the past few weeks making arrangements with Frank R. Phillips, head of the Agricultural Department of the College, under whose direction the contest is being put on.

A banquet will be given, the contestants and swine breeders by the Chamber of Commerce. The boys will bring their camping outfits, as they do in the judging contests at the state fair.

Speakers on the program will be: Judge L. Gough of Amarillo; S. C. Evans of Texas A. & M.; P. F. Hale of the Santa Fe system; J. R. Edmondson of A. & M. College; H. W. Duke of Amarillo; O. B. Burnett, "father" of cotton in the Panhandle; H. A. Ferguson, dairy expert of Amarillo.

Towns that will be presented in the contest are: Tuxline, Panhandle, Miami, Pampa, Spearman, Dalhart, Silverton, Farwell, Dimmitt, Mulshoe, Tahoka, Clarendon, Paducah, Quanah, Harold, Oklaunion, Tulsa, Kress, Happy, Bovina, Hereford, Kaffir, Littlefield, Lubbock, Sudan, and others.

Farmers of this section are cordially invited to attend all of the meetings at the College. T. O. Walton will speak especially to the farmers.

The following will be the program:

Friday, 10:00 a. m.

Auditorium of the College—

Address of Welcome—President J. A. Hill.

Cotton Production in West Texas—

J. R. Edmonds, Texas A. & M. College.

Cotton for Panhandle Farmers—O. B. Burnett, Dumas.

2:00 o'clock p. m.

Cotton in a place of Panhandle Rotation—T. O. Walton, A. & M. College.

Live Stock Farming—S. C. Evans, A. & M. College.

Friday Night.

Address—T. O. Walton, A. & M. College.

Cotton Address—A. K. Short, A. & M. College.

Cotton Address—O. B. Burnett, Dumas.

Saturday Morning, 9:30 O'clock

Marketing Cotton—Judge L. Gough, Amarillo.

Dairy Cattle—H. A. Ferguson, Amarillo.

Poultry—Dr. W. H. Duke, Amarillo.

Saturday 2:00 O'clock p. m.

Cotton for Randall County—Harmon Benton, Amarillo.

W. Jennings, Canyon.

Report on Cotton Seed Testing—J. Marketing—M. D. Ramsey, Pres-

TENNIS CLUB PLANS GAMES

CLASS ELIMINATIONS WILL BE COMPLETED THURSDAY.

Tournament of Class Teams Will Begin on Friday Morning, Weather Permitting.

Organization of the Tennis Club for spring events has been completed and the officers have already inaugurated their program of activities. The officers are Chester Day, president; Herschel Coffee, vice president; Billie McClure, executive secretary; and Harry Delaney, publicity manager.

An inter-class tournament under the auspices of the Tennis Club will begin Friday, March 28. Class eliminations, which will determine the singles and doubles entries, must be completed by Thursday afternoon. All class teams are expected to report to Billie McClure, executive secretary of the Tennis Club, before Thursday night.

All matches will be played under the standard rules of the American Lawn Tennis Association. Winners in both singles and doubles will be given a pair of officially autographed tennis balls by the Tennis Club.

Rivalry for places on the class teams is growing keener daily. Fans claim that the Sophs are going to have a hard time carrying out their boast of winning in a walk. Fish who are expected to make strong bids for supremacy are Delaney, H. Jennings, White, and Day. The Sophomores are M. Jenkins, W. McCarty, B. McClure, H. O. Smith, and Ira Younger. Herm, Haley, Hinkle, Mitchell, Coffee and other juniors will defend third year traditions. Senior dignity will be overruled when Lancaster, Hill and King take up rackets in defense of the Class of '24.

Co-eds are showing much interest in tennis but no tournament has yet been arranged for the girls' teams. However, the class yell leaders will be called upon to organize the co-eds into class rooting teams.

Leap Year Box Supper Will Be Held April 3rd

A Leap Year Box Supper will be given at the College Thursday evening, April 3, the proceeds from which sale will go to the Mary E. Hudspeth Hall Fund. Girls are expected to bring a box and a man. Those girls whose courage fails may bring a box and a girl-seeker who will be expected to buy a box.

A short program, consisting of a one-act play, "The Case of Mrs. Kantsey Know," and music by the College orchestra will be given in the Auditorium. The boxes will be auctioned off in the gymnasium immediately after the program. Added attractions are the "penny a vote" contest for the prettiest girl and the homeliest man, and various games in which all will be expected to participate.

The box supper is to be given under the auspices of the Randall County Ex-Students.

HILL CLUB DIRECTOR.

Among the new directors of the Palo Duro Club recently elected is President J. A. Hill of the College. The Palo Duro Club is one of the oldest and best known clubs on the Plains. The Club owns a fine club ground northeast of Canyon.

Girls' Athletic Association Begins Work of New Term

New officers of the Girls' Athletic Association were named at the first meeting of the quarter last Thursday. The officers are Frankie Broyles, president; Johnetta Anderson, vice president; Jo Zac Riley, secretary-treasurer; Velma Bourland, yell leader; Myrtle Wise Reporter.

The Association is entering into the new quarter with much vigor and a will to work. It is the plan of the organization to boost college athletics in every way possible.

dent Grain Sorghum Growers, Amarillo.

Saturday Night Meeting.

How I Placed the Hogs and Why—S. C. Evans.

How I Placed the Dairy Cattle and Why—J. R. Edmonds.

FACULTY COMMITTEE MAKES CHANGES IN GRADUATION DAY REGULATIONS

Instead of having two commencement exercises this year as has been done in the past, only one will be held this year and in the years to follow. The only exercises will be held at the end of the spring term, and those that have been held at the end of the summer term will be entirely done away with. This change was made by the faculty advisory committee last week on the request of the Class of '24.

At the close of the regular session, all students who are declared eligible for a degree at the close of the summer quarter may participate in the commencement activities. Those students who expect to finish in the summer will be given dummy diplomas at the exercises, and on the completion of their work in the summer they will receive their diplomas. The change will

probably cause an increase in the number of students who will receive degrees at the close of this quarter by twelve or thirteen.

Another important rule passed by the committee requires all members of the College faculty, as well as of the Senior Class, to wear caps and gowns at commencement.

The only students who will be presented by the faculty at commencement time are the candidates for degrees. In the past all students receiving the various forms of certificates have been presented. In the future, these certificates will be issued from the registrar's office and not from the platform at the final exercises.

These changes as to commencement regulations will cause more stress to be laid on the graduation of the seniors, and will give more dignity and prestige to the occasion, officials think.

AMARILLO LIONS VISIT COLLEGE

CLUB HOLDS MEETING AND BANQUET AT COUSINS.

Need of Better Relations Between the Teachers College and Amarillo is Stressed.

Ninety-two members and wives of members of the Amarillo Lions Club were guests of President J. A. Hill and the College at a banquet at Cousins Hall last Tuesday evening, March 18, at 7:00 p. m. The Lions came to Canyon in cars and were received at the Administration Building by President and Mrs. Hill and members of the College faculty. The College Band played while the guests were arriving.

The guests were conducted to the Cousins Hall dining room at a few minutes past seven, where a five course turkey dinner was served. Dr. Thomson of Amarillo offered thanks. Selected musicians from the College orchestra furnished music for the occasion.

D. A. Shirley, Registrar and head of the Department of Physics welcomed the Lions and Lionesses to the College. Judge W. E. Gee, president of the Lions Club, responded to the address of welcome. Miss Mary L. Clark, who rendered two violin solos, was introduced by President Hill, toastmaster, as a former Amarillo girl and a present member of the College faculty who is making good. Miss Vernita Stewart's three dialect readings brought much applause.

During the dinner fourteen Amarillo girl students in the College, clad in the school's colors marched into the dining room singing "How Do You Do, Lions." They also sang the "Alma Mater." Roy Johns, Lion song leader, led the Lions in singing "Old McDonald Had a Farm," "Liza Jane," "Horse Laugh," etc.

President Hill Speaks

The principal speech of the evening was delivered by President Hill, who said he selected his subject, "Me and You," because he and the guests had some common problems that they should think about together. He said: "The people of this section need a maximum degree of team-work—a maximum degree of service. Canyon and

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Rehearsals Begin On Plays to Be Given Publicly

Rehearsals have begun for plays to be given in the near future as public productions by members of the Dramatic Club. A short comedy entitled "The Case of Mrs. Kantsey Know," written by Myra Williams Jarrell, will constitute a part of the program to be given on April 3 by the Randall County Ex-students for the benefit of the Mary E. Hudspeth Hall. Miss Tip Bradford is directing the play under the supervision of Miss Mary Morgan Brown, head of the Department of Public Speaking.

"Let's Get Married," written by Lewis Beach, will be presented the latter part of April just following the Musical Festival. This play is a farce comedy in three acts, and will furnish an entire evening's entertainment. Miss Brown is directing the play, and an excellent cast has been assigned. Plans for the Commencement play are being considered but have not yet been completed.

RE-ELECTED SUPERINTENDENT OF THE CITY PUBLIC SCHOOLS



A. D. PAYNE

A. D. Payne Re-Elected Head of Public Schools by the Board Trustees

At a meeting of the trustees of the Canyon Independent Schools Friday night, A. D. Payne was re-elected Superintendent for the coming year by a unanimous vote of the board.

Mr. Payne is serving the schools for his second year. During his administration, great things have been accomplished in the school, and the enrollment has nearly doubled.

The new high school building was completed in time for the opening of this school year, and the work has been well organized during the administration of Mr. Payne.

The teachers for the high school and grades will be elected early in April, according to the plans of the trustees.

The inspector of the State Education Department demanded that three new teachers be added to the high school and two to the grades, but it is unlikely that the trustees will be able to finance such a large increase in the faculty next year.

Mr. Payne took his B. A. Degree with the Class of '21 from the West Texas State Teachers College.

Antler Society Plans Interesting Programs Soon

The Antler Literary Society held its regular meeting Friday night, March 21. A short program was rendered which included speeches from Mr. Fronabarger and Mr. Moore.

Interesting programs are being arranged for the remainder of the quarter, and much Antler spirit is beginning to be shown. The program for Friday night, March 28, will be rendered by the program committee with the aid of some special music. An oratorical contest between two prominent boarding houses located near the campus will be held Friday night, April 4. Everyone is invited to come out to these programs.—Reporter.

SLOVER RE-ELECTED AT CLARENDON COLLEGE

Clarendon, March 19.—Dr. George S. Slover was elected president of Clarendon College for a term of five years at a meeting of the Board of Trustees here today. Dr. Slover has served as president of the College for a number of years, and during that time the College has had a remarkable growth.

BUFFALOES BEGIN DIAMOND WORK

THIRTY MEN ALSO OUT FOR TRACK TEAM.

A Wealth of Material is on Hand for Both Track and Baseball.

Due to the continued bad weather, candidates for Coach Burton's baseball and track teams have had little chance for work-outs in preparation for the coming contests which begin in the early part of April. It is likely that the Buffalo baseball team will be in poor condition to go on the road trip scheduled to begin on April 14.

Will Play 15 Games

Fifteen games will be played by the baseball nine, seven of which will be played at home, six will be played at Abilene as follows: McMurray College, April 14 and 15; Abilene Christian College, April 16 and 17; Simmons College, April 18 and 19. Other games are McMurray at Canyon, April 23, 24, 25, (probable); May 2 and 3, N. M. M. I. at Canyon; May 12 and 13, A. C. C. at Canyon (probable); May 16 and 17, N. M. M. I. at Roswell.

The success of the Buffaloes will depend on Burton's ability to pull his pitchers up to the infield standard, which is unusually high. With Mitchell at first, Hale at second, L. Hill at short and two first string men for third, the outlook is most promising in this respect. Jenkins, who made his letter at third last year, and Phillips, who did the same the year before but was out last year, are the candidates for this position. In addition, Burton has Tabor, Joe Bob Golden and Reagan Harrell as infield material.

In the outfield Burton has Lem and Law Sone, Terry and Ray Bivens. As catching timber he is relying on Santy and McDonald. As hurlers he has to start with Boatright and Vaughn, letter men, Albert Sone and Burson, the latter having done a little pitching, though formerly regarded as outfield material. Hale, it is possible, may be shifted to the box, and Hill may be taken from short to catch.

Track Prospects Bright

Prospects for a winning track team are brighter than ever before. Thirty men, including both letter men and new men, are working out for the team. Three meets are scheduled for the track team this season.

The first will be a triangular meet at Roswell, New Mexico, in which New Mexico Military Institute, New Mexico A. & M. and W. T. S. T. C. will take part on April 12. The second will be the Great Plains Intercollegiate Track and Field Meet which has been held at Canyon for the past three years. This meet will take place on April 26. Those schools who have already signified their intention of being here are: Southwestern Okla. Teachers College, N. M. M. I., Clarendon, Wayland, and McMurray Colleges. Simmons and A. C. C. expect to send a few men. The third meet will be the T. J. A. A. meet which will be held at Abilene on May 10th.

Cousins Program for Spring Quarter Has Unusual Features

In a program that combined work, play, and refreshments in about equal measure, the Cousins Literary Society last Friday evening took a thorough inventory and adopted most elaborate plans ever proposed by the organization in a single quarter. Committees covering every phase of literary work were appointed by president Tate Fry.

An attendance campaign within the society will begin next Friday and will be concluded by a stag party at which the losers will be hosts. Programs will be carried out under the general direction of the program committee and its official messenger, but each meeting will be given by the members of a club or class. Every member of the Cousins Literary Society will have something definite to do during the present term.

The question for the inter-society debate will be selected by the Cousins this week and then submitted to the Antler Literary Society, which will choose the side. The debate will take place on the evening of May 10, instead of during commencement week, as formerly.

Cousins-Sesame activities will be concluded with a joint banquet, which is expected to be the biggest student event of the entire year.

PLANS DEVELOPED FOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR MEETING

MANY YOUNG PEOPLE COMING ON APRIL 4 TO 6.

Delegates in Meeting from Societies of Presbyterian, Christian and Congregational Churches.

More than two hundred delegates from thirty-eight counties—representatives of the Christian Endeavor Societies of the Plains region—will attend the Panhandle District Convention in Canyon on April 4-5-6 and will carry out an extensive program embodying inspiration, instruction, and recreation. The main feature of the convention will be the spiritual phase. The theme will be "Friends of Christ," the text, "Ye are My Friends if Ye do Whatsoever I Command You;" and the motto, "Whatsoever." Most of the addresses will be related to aspects of the "whatsoever."

Among the speakers will be Rev. Milo Atkinson of Amarillo, President J. A. Hill, and Rev. Gordon Lang of the College faculty. Austin D. Bryan of Dallas, Texas, State Field Secretary, will be present throughout to lend his efficient services to the Convention. Rev. Paul J. Merrill, prominent musician of Hereford, will be in charge of the music of the Convention.

On the first day of the meeting the district officers will be entertained with a dinner in the College building. Saturday morning's chapel program will be in charge of the visitors. Weather permitting, the afternoon will be spent in nearby canyons. After a picnic supper the delegates will return to hear an address by President J. A. Hill. Rev. Gordon Lang will preach on Sunday morning.

All College students are urged to attend the sessions. The discussions will be of interest to all who hear them.

Plans for the convention are being arranged by Miss Hallie Hutchins of Tulsa, who is president of the Panhandle District, Miss Mattie Swayne of Canyon, and other workers of the societies.

Many prospective delegates have already registered their names with Miss Swayne, who states that there are many indications of an unusually large convention.

BISHOP MOORE SPEAKS.

Bishop John T. Moore of the Episcopal Church spoke Tuesday morning to the students of the College at chapel time.

Bishop Moore had been at Amarillo to look after the interests of his denomination, and was invited by President Hill to speak at the chapel period. He was accompanied here by Rev. R. N. MacCallum, rector of St. Andrew's Church, Amarillo.

St. Patrick's Day Is Made a Feature Of Sesame Program

Typically Irish in that it was full of wit and humor, the Sesame program on Friday evening was very well suited to its purpose of starting the quarter's work with pep and good-fellowship.

Miss Anna I. Hibbetts made a talk on the characteristics of the Irish, telling many jokes to emphasize her statements. She also read some of her favorite Irish poems. Faye Lockhart then spoke on the origin of St. Patrick's Day. Miss Hattie M. Anderson told in interesting legend connected with St. Patrick's Day. Irish songs were sung by the entire society.

After the program the Sesames held a business session and formulated many plans for spring activities.

College Dairy Herd Placed on Accredited List

The Department of Agriculture of the Teachers College has received official notice from the Bureau of Animal Husbandry of the United States Department of Agriculture that the dairy herd of the college has been placed on the list of accredited herds, its certificate number being 49073. This means that the college dairy herd is certified by the Department of Agriculture to be free from tuberculosis. The officials of the department state that as new animals are added to the herd, they will be tested in order that this high standing may be maintained.

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THE SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF TEACHERS.

From 5,000 to 6,000 teachers are added to the profession every year in Texas, according to a statement made during the meeting of the executive committee of the State Teachers' Association in Fort Worth last week. The News has seen other statements which put the annual recruitment of teachers even higher. During the meeting of the presidents of the State Teachers' Colleges in Dallas two or three weeks ago, one of the gentlemen attending said that there are 27,000 public school teachers in Texas and that there is a turnover every four years. That would make the number needed every year merely to fill vacancies only a little short of 7,000. To that something is to be added for the need that arises from the steady increase in the number of pupils and of schools.

There has long been a widespread suspicion in Texas that we have more teachers' colleges than there is need of. That may be true; that nearly 7,000 new teachers are needed every year does not necessarily disprove it. Yet that fact at least questions the soundness of that suspicion and urges those who hold to it to be less positive. We have seven of these institutions and soon will have another in operation. The number may be large, but the annual demand for their product is also large.

That one-fourth of our army of teachers quit the service every year has long been a matter of lament. Since experience adds something to the efficiency of even the best trained teacher, undoubtedly we do suffer a loss in this heavy annual retirement that justifies the regret it occasions. The loss, though, is not so unmitigated as is probably supposed. Most of the teachers who quit the profession are women, and most of those who do so quit to become wives and mothers. The knowledge and training they got in preparing to be teachers is by no means a net loss in the social sense when they are transplanted from the schoolroom to the home. The home has been shifting its duties onto the school steadily for a long time. There are many who think that the defects of our educational system are largely ascribable to that fact. Whether that is so or not, it must tend to arrest that tendency to put teachers in the homes.

It is of course not the fault of the teachers' colleges that the average term of service in the teaching profession is so short. It would undoubtedly be shorter but for these institutions, and the requirements of which they are the agency. Teaching is more apt to become a vocation to those who make the expenditure of time and money necessary to get into the profession than it would be if it were more easily accessible. This is true of both men and women, but probably more of men than of women. A man who has spent four years in preparing himself to be a teacher and then perhaps as many years in teaching has, in most instances, probably come to an age which discourages a change of pursuit and even makes it somewhat difficult. That teachers serve longer because of these institutions than they would be likely to do otherwise is a considerable credit to be entered into our account with the teachers' colleges, and one which is not often considered.—The Dallas News.

TEACHING HOW TO STUDY

The Massachusetts Institute of Technology has announced a course on "How to Study."

The day is not far off, we hope, when a similar course will be required at Dartmouth—and required in freshman year.... Unfortunately our American

secondary-school system does not always teach its products to study. With the exception of a small percentage of well trained students, the freshman entering college are handicapped by not knowing how to use the brains already developed in them. Then for two and sometimes three years the undergraduate inefficiently and ineffectively goes about his academic duties; and unless he is usually well gifted, he seldom gets little more than half of the value of any given course. The increase in our knowledge of the psychology of education has revolutionized our concepts of thought and study, but no one, apparently, has taken the trouble to instruct the undergraduate who, after all, is more concerned than anyone else. The inquisitive student, perhaps, will learn how to study by himself; but it is bromidic to say that the average undergraduate is not inquisitive. As one educator has expressed it, "If command of the tools and technique of study is to be acquired by the college student, it must be taught as surely and as definitely as a command of English."

Are undergraduates expected to be good students? Then teach them the way. Teach them the laws of acquisition and retention and assimilation. Teach them the importance of mental attitude; the principles of understanding, system, initiative, and note making. Teach them the correct habits of work, how to memorize, why not to cram, and so forth. Such a course, an admirable preface to four years' work, would be of immediate benefit; and its principles could be carried over successfully to the larger work that comes after college.—The Dartmouth.

There is hardly any question that many students enter Harvard and manage to remain there and eventually win a degree who have never really learned how to study. They dawdle; they spend much unnecessary time in over-coming the inertia of their minds when confronted with each new task; they are unable to make effective use of the quarter hours and half hours of emptiness that besprinkle their days.

We believe that no single professor or small group of professors should be charged with the duty of giving specific attention to the student's processes of study. Various methods appeal to various minds. If every member of the Harvard faculty were to give an autobiographical talk on study—on his approach to the problem of study, his struggle with it, his final mastery of it—there would probably be little sameness in the stories. And probably each one would stir and stimulate some minds that all the others had left torpid.

The students would listen to each scholar's account of his personal experience with interest and respect; the anecdotes would be illuminating and probably, some of them, helpful; the course would afford to the freshmen not merely a glimpse of a great number of interesting personalities, but also a glance through a half-opened door upon a variety of fields of knowledge; and it might enable some of the students to frame their subsequent program of studies with more intelligence than would otherwise govern it.—Harvard Alumni Bulletin.

Delinquency in studies decreased sixty per cent last year at Lawrence College, Appleton, Wisconsin. It is believed by the college authorities that the improvement was largely the result of freshman courses in how to study.

"INTELLECTUAL BOOTLEGGING"

The "intellectual bootlegger" has arrived at Harvard. He hasn't "booze" to sell, but notes taken at Harvard classes and put in print. These are offered to students who have made a mess of their notes or neglected taking them at all.

Dean Greenough characterized such practice at "intellectual bootlegging." He said he would take summary steps to squelch the practice, but thought undergraduate sentiment would accomplish this.

"The object of a college education," he said, "is the development of mental muscle. If Jones lifts the dumb-bell, Smith's muscle is not strengthened. Similarly, if Smith passes an examination by using Jones's notes, Smith's brain is not developed. He is profiting by intellectual bootlegging."

"If a person masquerading as John Smith should go down to Soldiers Field and play football, and John Smith should claim credit for his achievements, he would be severely condemned by the undergraduate body. Yet such an act is no more fraudulent than passing an examination by means of another's work.—The Boston Herald.

If college teachers and administrators are opposed to outlines and notes, the way to do away with them is to make them unnecessary. And the way to make them unnecessary is to insist upon examinations being the test of a student's thinking rather than his ability to cram facts. This is no appeal for fewer facts. One must be very stupid indeed who thinks that factual knowledge should be minimized. But it must be stressed that the test of a student's ability and knowledge comes not from the mastery of the facts, but his ability to use them in discussion, in writing, and in doing creative work of his own thinking. This ob-

servation sounds so elementary that one cannot understand why there should be any complaint about outlines and reviews. Are outlines and reviews evils? Then make the courses which seem to require them alive with the application of facts and with original and vigorous thinking. Then watch outlines disappear.—The Dartmouth.

STEP LIVELY

We were impressed with the truth of the statements in an advertisement which we read the other day that referred to "The Man Who Is a Little Behind." The purpose of that advertisement was to prompt such men that it was high time to invest in a new overcoat or a new suit of clothes.

The suggestion has a much wider significance and can be applied to mental status as well as to appearances.

"Somehow, now at the coming of the New Year," this advertisement stated, "is the time when men scrutinize each other to observe conduct and bearing. Especially is this true of large employers and managers.

"There's a fellow," says a banker of one of his officials, "who is getting a little behind. Not quite so smart as he was a year ago. Step not as brisk; doesn't care for his nails; misses a shave now and then—and loo at the baggy knees! 'T isn't because he can't afford a better hearing. He's just beginning to drag a little behind. He'll do to carry on, but not for promotion."

"Look around among your own friends and see how many of them are smarter than last year, and how many are 'a little behind'—and look in the glass at yourself.

"Picture up in your mind's eye the man you were last New Year's and compare with the man you see there in the glass.

"Every man can go forward. The habit of falling a little behind is only carelessness; it is the carelessness of slipping into an old suit; of neglecting the shoes; of omitting the shave; forgetting to brush the clothes. And it is just this carelessness that becomes a habit, and the habit that leads to demotion and failure."

Appearance has so much to do with successful salesmanship, and salesmanship is so essential to the conduct of the progressive pharmacy today, that every pharmacist and each one of his assistants should "look in the glass." Judge for yourself if you are "The man who is a little behind." An inventory of yourself is even more essential than one of the stock of your store.

HOW LONG IS LIFE?

By Eppie Irons

How long is life? Can you tell me?
Is it told by a month or a year?
Is a day or a deed the longer?
How much is the weight of a tear?

Did Methuselah live longer than Jesus?
How long is a spoken word?
How swift is the light of a kindly smile?
Can it equal the flight of a bird?

Did our boys, who sleep 'neath a foreign flag,
Die early? Or do they live

In the hearts of a nation's people
Who gave when the time came to give?
Who suffers most when revenge appears,
And out of peace comes strife?

If you were asked the question,
Could you tell how long is life?

MOTHER

By J. E. Mallin

Here's to the dearest pal of all,
Dear little mother of mine.
Out from the darkness I've heard you call
Dear little mother of mine.

In the time when I was a little tot
And she held me on her knee,
She whispered of her love so great
And what she expected of me.

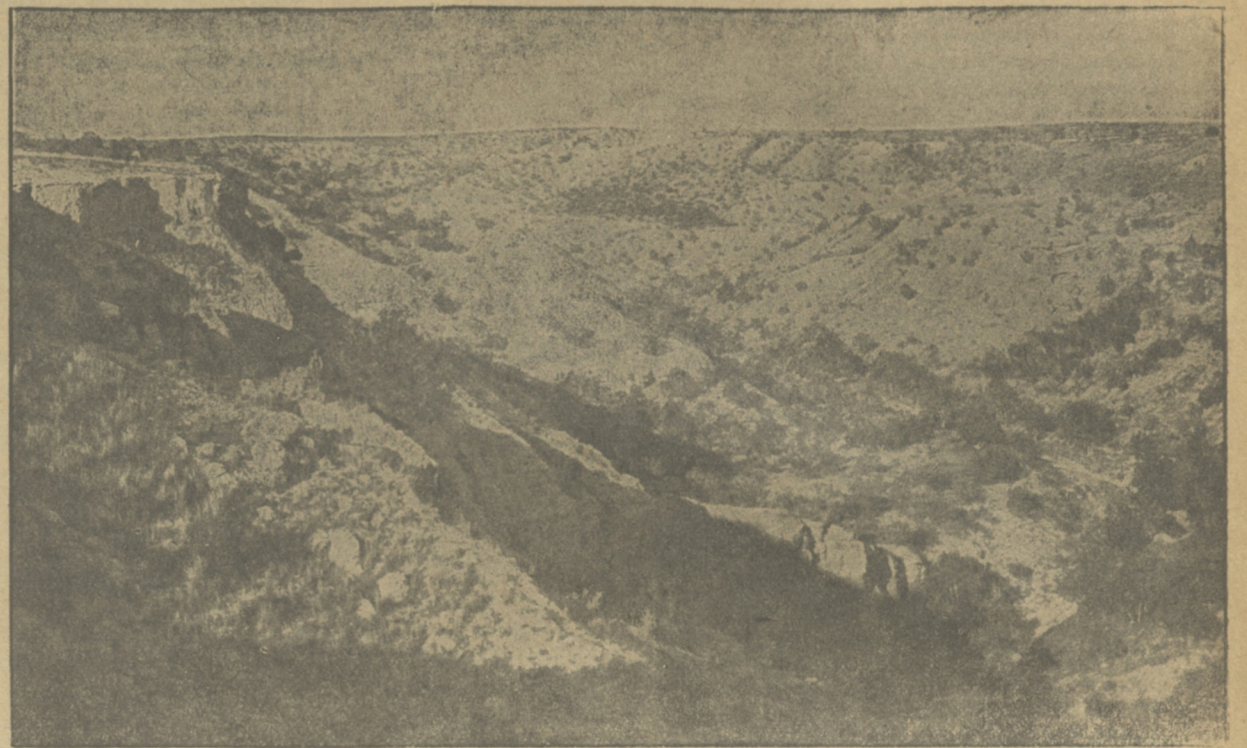
And in those days of long ago
I'd proudly throw out my chest,
And with sincerity I'd acclaim
That I would not fail the test.

Gone are the days of carelessness;
My soul has been through strife,
Yet my mother's love and my mother's face
Have guided me through this life.

So here's to the dearest pal of all,
Dear little mother of mine,
I long once again to hear you call,
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New Scenery for High School Auditorium is Now Being Installed

The scenery for the auditorium stage of the new high school building is being installed this week, under the direction of a factory representative of the King Scenery Company of Dallas.

The scenery for the auditorium stage was recently purchased by the members of the senior class. The class voted after due consideration to buy the stage scenery rather than publish an annual this year.

The scenery is of the very highest class, and the painting fits in with the beauty of the new auditorium. The entire cost of the scenery bought by the seniors was \$700.

Episcopal Bishop Speaks at Chapel

"Religious Forces in the Life of the World" was the subject of Bishop Harry T. Moore's speech to the students of the College at the chapel period last Tuesday morning. The Bishop brought new light on many subjects that are of interest to college students.

Bishop Moore was recently appointed to succeed Bishop Garrett in the duties of the Dallas diocese of the Episcopal Church. He was accompanied to Canyon by Rev. R. N. McCallum and a number of members of the Amarillo Episcopal Church. This was the Bishop's first visit to Canyon.

DEBATERS ARE NOW BUSY PREPARING REBUTTAL ARGUMENT

Rebuttal work by the College debating teams will begin this afternoon. After considerable discussion the teams have arrived at conclusions regarding the main points at issue. The main speeches were submitted for approval to the faculty committee a few days ago. These speeches probably will be delivered in the form now written, but the rejoinders must be built up from the frequent clashes between the teams.

The time for the debates—April 11—is now less than three weeks distant, and there remains much intensive and extensive work. Each man will have to sacrifice much in this time in order to be prepared to win—and determination to win is very strong in both teams.

The fellow who is always telling of the faults of others reminds us of the man with a pock-marked face who laughs at another's freckles.

Clasby—I danced with a girl all night without knowing her Nationality
Kirk—What was it?
Clasby—She was full of Scotch.

Little Willie, once by chance,
Took a swim in Paris, France,
Folks at home said what a shame
Never thought he'd go in Seine.

We speak of having a bad cold—who ever heard of having a good one?

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Attack on the Oregon law requiring attendance at public schools has been made in the form of an application for injunction brought by Hill Military Academy, of Portland, against Oregon State officers to prevent them from executing the law. The application was argued in the Federal court at Portland, and decision was taken under advisement. The law is scheduled to become effective September 1, 1926.

What is your favorite animal?
The Hot Dog!

"Training in leadership in the education of parents is the title of a course offered this year for the first time by the Teachers College, Columbia University. The lectures will deal with the fundamental principles of child nature and development from the physical, psychological, and educational aspects.

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Singing School Furnishes Fun For Large Crowd

"The Singing School" given at the Canyon Methodist Church brought out a crowd of more than 250 people. The proceeds from the entertainment went to the Methodist Church and to the Mary E. Hudspeth Hall Fund.

The cast of twenty-five, supposedly students in the Low Holler Singing School, furnished plenty of fun, as well as much good, old-time music, for the large audience.

The following is the cast of characters:

Prof. P. Percival Pippin, A. M., D. M.—James L. Wohlford.
Miss Elvira Ketchum—Miss Ada Clark.
Squire Grumps—Irby Carruth.
Mrs. Amanda Squegee—Miss Jessie DeGraffenreid.
Deacon Jones—J. D. Gamble.
Ella Vescent—Miss Loubeth King.
Sophy Cushing—Miss Hazel Delaney.
Eva Green—Miss Mary L. Clark.
Vera Swift—Miss Berta Mae Looney.
Ima Kidd—Miss Esther Rudolph.
Ura Kidd—Miss McKinney.
Phyllis Tate—Miss Dabbs.
Ann Sowforth—Mrs. Rose.
Carrie Papers—Mrs. Delaney.
Justin Style—Harry Delaney.
Hi Waters—Bryan McDonald.
Timothy Hay—Dan Sanders.
Al Falfar—Dan K. Usery.
Criss Cross—C. W. Warwick.
Cal Amity—Mr. Rose.
Cy Furr—James Gray.
Welland Strong—Paul Johnson.
Homer Gaines—Milton Beavers.
Oley Margerine— ?

"No teacher with 1910 preparation is efficient enough to teach in the schools of 1923," says State Superintendent Charles A. Lee of Missouri.

He further states that the teacher of the day must have a vision of the child's future and be prepared to help determine what that child's future may be.

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Manual Training De- partment of College Does Much Repairing

Several hundred dollars each year in repair bills and new furniture is saved the College through the efforts of the Manual Training Department. That department headed by R. A. Terrill and Robert Donald has saved the College annually much money by repairing chairs, desks, cases and tables from the administration building and from the dormitories owned by the state.

Recently repair work on chairs from Cousins and Randall Hall amounted to \$80 if the dormitories had been charged the prevailing prices. However, the students and instructors of the department quickly did the necessary work with the dormitories being out only a few cents for glue and screws.

The classes in carpentry and cabinet making under the instruction of Professor Robert Donald numbers 76 pupils and every one of the seventy-six works at some time during a period of two days in the workshop. Each student makes some kind of furniture after a preliminary course of three weeks when the student is taught the proper use and care of tools. Students who have been in the course for two or three years have sets of useful furniture which they have made at small expense.

The workshops are filled with machines for speedy and efficient work. The list of large machines in the woodwork division of the department include: eight motor head lathes, with variable speed, one combination grinder, one twelve inch joiner, one six inch joiner, one bench saw, one band saw, one hollow chisel mortiser and one sander. All of the machines listed are direct motor driven or with short belts. Electricity is used for power. Work tables for thirty students are in the room. The equipment used is kept in excellent condition and the two large rooms used by the woodwork division is a constant hum of machines.

Many students who have been trained for some time in the department are able to make money to defray a large part of their expenses through work on buildings in Canyon and through cabinet and desk making.

Display and science cases used in the college were made by the department. Cabinets, desks, stools, chairs, the woodwork part of farm tools, and even houses in Canyon are made by the students who study manual training in the department.

Professor Donald states that students who take the courses for a longer period than one year must know how to make cabinets and desks and how to do practical woodwork of any kind.

First Student, talking about grades. —Well how did you come out last term?

Second Student—Oh, I came out all right, but I'll have a hard time getting back in.

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AMARILLO LIONS VISIT COLLEGE (Continued from page one.)

the College are greatly interested in the development of the great city to our north. We are interested as a college in keeping in close contact with Amarillo." He said that every college needed a metropolis near at hand so that its students might be better educated in city life and in big businesses.

President Hill corrected the belief that a Teachers College was an institution of the old normal school calibre. He pointed out that the West Texas State Teachers College is a four-year college, awarding B. A. or B. S. degrees which are recognized as being on a par with those given by the Universities of Texas, California, or Chicago. He said that the Administration Building of the College is the best single school building owned by the State of Texas, however the institution is very badly in need of several new buildings.

Tells of Growth

He called the attention of the Lions to the fact that the faculty of the Teachers College had increased in number from 17 to 67 since the school was established fourteen years ago. Last year, from September to September, 2,500 students were enrolled in the institution. Only 235 were enrolled the first year. The enrollment of the last long session was 1016. This is a larger enrollment than the University of Texas had, President Hill said, when he was in that school 27 years ago. The Teachers College has had a remarkable growth in the past, and he predicts a more rapid growth in the future. He said the school gives preparation for almost all the vocations except the technical.

In answer to charges made by prejudiced Texans, President Hill declared emphatically that the state institutions of Texas are Christian. He cited the fact that courses in Bible are offered here, and the influence and work of the preachers and the churches, of the Y. W. C. A., and of the Methodist Student Secretary is wholesome. "Every state institution must be a missionary for Christianity," he said. He also upheld the youth of the present day.

The President closed by saying he wanted "the Lions, as well as all the citizens of this section, to feel that these are your young people, this your institution, this the educational home of the Panhandle-Plains."

Judge Crudginton, who has had several children in school here, was the last speaker. He told of his experiences in connection with the location of the school, and said: "I believe Amarillo should have three times as many of its young people here in school as it does now."

LECTURES ON DAIRY.

Frank R. Phillips of the College and J. W. Ridgeway of A. & M. are on a lecture tour this week in the interest of poultry and the dairy business.

The following towns are being visited: Farwell, March 17; Bovina and Friona, March 18; Dimmitt, Nazareth and Mulshoe, March 19; Olton and Littlefield, March 20; Lubbock and Ralls, March 21; Silverton, March 22.

A new feature of the meeting of the department of superintendence at Chicago was a series of radio talks by educational leaders. The talks were broadcast by one of the daily papers of Chicago.

High School Play to be Given at Auditor- ium Night of March 28

"The Rejuvenation of Aunt Mary" a three-act play, will be given by the students of the Canyon high school on Friday night, March 28, at the new high school building.

The play is being put on with a view of raising money to pay on the new stage scenery, which was recently purchased by the seniors of the high school.

Miss Agnes Thomas is directing the play, and has an excellent cast of characters.

THE LOVE AFFAIRS OF GEORGE WASHINGTON

Recently acquired regards of the days of George Washington and an examination of his carefully kept accounts and diaries unfold a real heart interest story.

Washington, as a young man, was very popular with the ladies. At sixteen he had his reverses, like most boys of that age, for he writes of a "Hurt of the heart incurable." Many times after that he mentions a "Faithful Mayde" who had captured his admiration for the time. You see Washington found himself more at ease with the ladies than with men.

When he was chosen to carry a message to the French officials then in America, he found time to turn aside and call upon a noted Indian Princess. He later wrote of how impressed he was with her grace and beauty. She, too, told of how kindly she considered the tall, handsome Virginian.

Before he met the beautiful young widow he married, he had two other quite serious love affairs. There was the charming Miss Mary Phillips, whose people came from New York. She was averse to letting him know that she was interested in him. And because she did not let him know he almost lost his romantic young head. But, Mary, although she admired him, was quite sure that she did not love him, and she most certainly turned down his ardent pleas.

His other serious affair was a platonically regard for the wife of his classmate. And for a time it was a bit disturbing.

Martha Curtis was twenty-five when her husband died, and was one of the most beautiful, as well as the richest heiress of Virginia. She had four children; one died soon after the death of its father. Washington's courtship of the young widow was as direct as his methods in war. On January 17, 1759, they were married.—The War-Whoop.

To train young women as household assistants the home economics department of the Denver (Colo.) public schools, co-operating with the Young Women's Christian Association, will offer a six or eight weeks course of intensive training for practical work in the home. Housekeepers of Denver promise the students positions immediately upon completion of the course.

All girls who enter the high school of Oswego, N. Y., are required to take a course of 10 weeks in home nursing. The superintendent of the Oswego Hospital is the instructor.

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