

Defense-Minded WTSC Offers Nine Special Courses

Acute Shortage Is Continuing

Teachers for All Subjects In Demand—Students to Hasten Graduation

Hard-pressed school authorities, trying zealously to keep classes going, have ample cause to detest war-mongers and to hope for an early peace.

Many school men are going into the military forces. Others, attracted by good salaries in business and industry, are deserting the teaching profession. This trend affects teachers of both sexes.

No teaching area in the Southwest is free from the results of an acute teacher shortage, according to Mrs. T. V. Reeves, head of the West Texas State College bureau of public service. All subjects are involved, but the greatest need is for teachers of mathematics, science, physical education, and music, and for coaches.

Business Jobs Open

While the College has greatly expanded its department of business administration, graduates are in demand for business positions. A lengthened summer school opening June 3 and lasting twelve weeks will hasten the graduation of many students. High school students will find it advisable to enter college next summer in order to finish a 4-year course in less than the normal time. Completion of work for the A. B. degree in three years is possible if summer schools are attended.

School authorities are using substitute teachers and are pyramiding teaching loads now to keep some subjects going. Many superintendents have become traveling salesmen—trying to sell teaching positions to former teachers. In most instances, Texas teaching standards for high schools forbid hiring of teachers who do not have degrees.

Women band leaders are appearing as men leave the schools.

More Students Placed

College students now completing degree requirements are in great demand. Edith Shelton of Clarendon is going to Lake Arthur, N. M. Joyce Thomas of Lockney will teach home economics at Stratford. Mrs. Wesley Higgins of Hereford, a graduate, has gone to Borger to teach in a grade school. Charles Francis of Canyon, spring graduate, is teaching mathematics and science at Perryton.

Former students who for various reasons did not obtain degrees are returning to the campus, spurred by realization of the new opportunities open to them when they are graduated.

Science students in large numbers are going into Panhandle petroleum industries. Business students are becoming bookkeepers, salesmen and stenographers. Pre-medical students, on graduation, are going on to the study of medicine, law, and engineering. Demands for well-qualified graduates in many subjects have exceeded the supply, apart from the teacher shortage.

First Aid Course Is Full, New Class Starts Soon

Thirty students have enrolled in the First Aid Course that is to be given as a part of the College Defense Program, Miss Hellen Hickman reports. This class has been closed, and instruction will begin next week, or as soon as the books arrive. The course is to be taught by Dr. R. A. Neblett, college physician, and another is likely to be started upon completion of this one.

During the spring semester a course called Home Nursing and Care of the Sick will be offered through the department of Home Economics. This course is to be taught by Miss Hellen Hickman, who is an American Red Cross Nurse.

"Women In War" Was Radio Forum Subject Monday

"Women in Our War Efforts" was the theme for discussion at the Radio Forum last night over KGNC. This program was very interestingly carried out by several of the women of the faculty, Miss Edna Graham, Miss Maude Cuenod, Dr. Ina C. Barlow, and Miss Charlotte Allen, from the KGNC staff. Dr. Conrad W. Freed was chairman of the discussion. Other interesting programs are planned for future broadcasts along this line.

Scene in Fisher Company Opera



Above is a picture from a Fisher Company scene, typical of the program to be presented here Friday evening. It will be a lyceum offering, with admission on activity tickets or one dollar for adults and 50 cents for children.

Opera Stars Will Sing Here Friday Evening in Costume

Susanne Fisher and Clifford Harvuot to Include Scene From "La Traviata"

Real opera in capsule form will be presented by the lyceum committee of West Texas State College January 16 when Susanne Fisher and Clifford Harvuot, soprano and baritone of the Metropolitan Opera Association appear here.

They will be assisted by Willie Mae Kelly, pianist and accompanist. The program will include not only many songs, including some from "Butterfly" and the prologue of "I Pagliacci," but also a scene from the second act of "La Traviata" in English and in costume.

Students will be admitted on their activity tickets but the price to the public will be one dollar for adults and fifty cents for children.

Miss Fisher, after her musical education was completed in this country, studied in France and Germany for several years. For three years she was with the Berlin State Opera, singing in "La Boheme" Richard Strauss' "Egyptian Helena" and other important operas. Later she appeared as a leading soprano in the Opera Comique in Paris. While there she was engaged for the Metropolitan Opera Association. She made her debut in 1935 in the title role of "Madame Butterfly." In recent years she has sung with several leading American symphony orchestras.

With C. Menz, her husband, she owns a farm in Connecticut.

"I guess I'm a country jake at heart," she says, "and I guess I'll never be anything else."

While a child she loved to climb to the top of an apple tree and sing to her chickens—a feat in which she still sometimes indulges in the seclusion of her 4-acre farm.

Miss Fisher confesses that she wasn't much of a singer as a youngster.

"In fact," she said, "some of our neighbors moved to the other side of the river to escape hearing me sing all day."

Today, however, these neighbors are among her most ardent admirers. They recognize that her ardent love for singing and constant practice have made her the artist that she is.

Her talents include cooking, horseback riding, and swimming. Her youth, animation, and musicianship, added to her voice have had much to do with her outstanding success on the concert stage. Fellow artists often are astounded by the speed with which she masters her roles.

Honoring Dr. Edward Howard Griggs during his visit here, the instructors of the English department entertained with a dinner Sunday afternoon in the home of Dr. Mattie Swayne and Miss Novella Goodman.

Large Increase In Museum Visitors

Every State of Union, Eighteen Foreign Countries Represented on Roster

Visitors from every state and from eighteen other countries visited at the Panhandle-Plains Museum in 1941, when a total of 42,007 names were added to the guest book.

This brought the total registration since the museum opened in the spring of 1933 to 289,923, according to Boone McClure, assistant curator. The 1941 total showed an increase of about 20 per cent over the preceding year.

Countries represented included India, Central American states, Africa, Puerto Rico, Alaska, France, England, Hawaii, Canada, Mexico, Brazil, Colombia, Cuba, Holland, Sweden, the Philippines, Egypt, and China.

States best represented included: Texas, 37,752; Oklahoma, 1,097; New Mexico, 716; Kansas, 379; Missouri, 305; California, 299; Illinois, 269; Colorado, 201; Ohio, 162; Arkansas, 98; Indiana, 97; Louisiana, 97; Iowa, 79; Michigan, 72; Nebraska, 70; New York, 61; Alabama, 58; Kentucky, 57; Arizona, 53; Tennessee, 50; Georgia, 45; Pennsylvania, 43; Mississippi, 41; Virginia, 29; Minnesota, 28; New Jersey, 28; Oregon, 26; South Dakota, 25; Washington, D. C., 23; and Washington, 22.

School and convention groups were the largest, but many distinguished visitors, including scientists interested in the museum's specimens, were registered.

Civil Service Announces Two Student Positions

Two examinations announced by the United States Civil Service Commission are for "Junior Professional Assistant" and "Student Aid" positions designed for college graduates and junior and senior students. Applications for these examinations must be in Washington not later than February 3, 1942.

Junior Professional Assistant pays \$2,000 a year and Student Aid \$1,440. Students must be enrolled in a 4-year college course leading to a bachelor's degree. Senior and graduate students may take the assistant examination and juniors are eligible for the student aid examination providing they will complete their junior year by July 1, 1942. Usually employment is during the school vacation periods; when furloughed, appointees may return to their college studies.

Copies of the examination announcements and application forms may be obtained at first and second-class post offices.

Final Deadline Set on Le Mirage Pictures

Saturday, January 17, has been announced by the Le Mirage staff as the final date for faculty and class pictures to be made at the down town studio. This date will permit students who have not yet had pictures made to do so. It is necessary that all first semester pictures be in by this time. The Le Mirage office will be open until 5 o'clock each afternoon this week so that pictures and space fees may be submitted.

This is the last call. Alphabetizing of pictures for engraving must be completed soon.

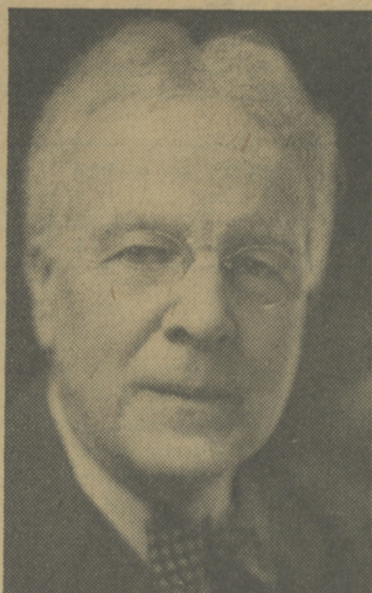
Attend the Red Cross Benefit dance at Cousins Hall Saturday night. It's for a worthy cause.

Pan-American Relations Contest To Afford Conducted Tour of South Seas

A nation-wide extempore-discussion contest for undergraduates of colleges and universities is being sponsored by the office of Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. The nine contestants who make the national finals will be accorded a trip through the South American countries with all expenses paid during the summer of 1942.

The subject of the contest is to be related to the betterment of Inter-American relations. Colleges are to be allowed entrants according to enrollment, and West Texas State will be represented by five students in the district meet to be held prior to April 1. First and second place winners of the district meet will be given an expense-paid trip to the regional meet by the national government, and first place

Heard Here



DR. EDWARD HOWARD GRIGGS

Noted Author Lectures Here

Dr. Edward Howard Griggs Holds Students' Attention by Many Interesting Addresses

Dr. Edward Howard Griggs came to West Texas State last week, as scheduled; but that isn't the whole story.

Dr. Griggs spoke often, with his keen mind inspiring, informing, challenging, and interpreting.

Students who seldom take a serious view of assembly programs listened, some as to a prophet. The impact of Dr. Griggs' ringing interpretations was effective. Students besieged their professors for permission to hear the visitor at group sessions.

One girl took stationery to assembly Saturday, intending to write letters. The letters were never written. Other students expressed a keen sense of loss because they did not hear Dr. Griggs Friday evening. In addition to exhibiting the evidence of a cultural personality, the lecturer left with his hearers a philosophy for living in these troubled times.

His opening appearance Friday night was under the direction of the lyceum committee. He spoke on "The World Scene and America's Relation To It." Liberty and justice were emphasized as he discussed current world conditions with large European nations suppressing freedom of oppressed countries. Dr. Griggs stressed the fact that this has been our war from the start. He read a poem he wrote which was published in the Washington Post last September called "Awake America, America Awake." In this he tried to arouse the dormant public to its impending dangers. Now he feels that our people are alert and have a spirit of unity.

His solution to the problem facing us after the war is that of establishing justice through a second League of Nations. Just as our country has now eliminated crime, by making outlaws, not heroes, of gunmen, so would a new League make the aggressor country an outlaw. "We need to enforce justice, not peace," he stated. Dr. Griggs believes the first Armistice (Continued on page 2)

Club Gives Annual Presentation To Red Cross Drive

(Ed. Note: This story is the most welcome of the week. The new trend made by this club should be appreciated by the entire college.)

A Red Cross Benefit dance will be held in Cousins Hall Saturday night, sponsored by the Alpha Sigma Xi fraternity. It was originally scheduled as a presentation affair, but the club changed the purpose and admission charges to help the worthy cause of the Red Cross war relief.

Tickets will be sold by members of the club during this week. Music will be furnished by the record playing machine, and decorations are to be forgotten in an attempt to save the expenditure of money that will otherwise go to the relief organization.

Starting at 8:30, the dance will last until 12 o'clock. Admission charges will be 25 cents a couple.

ERROR IN PERCENTAGE

An error was reported to The Prairie in the list of D's, E's, and F's given by the department of agriculture to freshmen for the first half of this semester. The figure should have been 6 instead of 6 per cent.

Over 200 W. T. Students Enroll In Defense Classes For Month

Military Training Draws Greatest Number To Classes Held During "Extra" Hours, For Which Many Receive No Credit

West Texas State has acted swiftly in starting nine new courses designed to aid the nation's war effort, but an even broader program will be offered next semester and in the summer session opening June 3. Procedure is being based on findings of President J. A. Hill in conferences at Baltimore, Washington, D. C., and Austin, and on data assembled by members of the faculty.

Dr. Hill has learned that there will be no Student Army Training Corps in this war, and no additional units of the R. O. T. C. Many colleges, including this one, will offer voluntary military drill which will enable students, on enlisting, to be better soldiers and, in some instances, to become eligible for officers' training.

Urgencies of the war program mean that the college's science building must be delayed. Students Urged to Finish

Dr. Hill heard many governmental officials urge that students finish their college courses as soon as possible, by taking additional subjects and attending summer sessions. Divisions of defense training especially recommended now are engineering, science, business, and industrial and personal management. Mathematics and physics are recommended subjects, but it was emphasized that numerous subjects long offered by such institutions as this one are considered defense courses. Health and physical education must be stressed to a greater degree.

Civil Service Jobs Open

Demands of the constantly expanding civil service will be studied and the College will increase its offerings designed to train students for such work. Dr. Lee Johnson, head of the department of business administration, is receiving much information about positions open to qualified students.

Naval spokesmen were quoted as saying juniors may enlist in certain branches of the Navy and be deferred until graduation, and seniors may be deferred until June.

The Baltimore meeting attended by Dr. Hill was the largest assembly of college presidents and deans ever held. The school men were "all out" for aiding the war effort and had many plans to offer. West Texas State is in line with the national trend in offering short vocational courses and in making it possible—as the college has done for many years—to finish a 4-year course in three years.

Over 200 students at West Texas State are attending some phase of special preparedness in classes held at extra hours, and in many instances without college credit.

Nine special courses, to last until the end of the current semester and planned to offer quick training for young men soon to be in Uncle Sam's armed forces, have been organized and are now in operation.

In addition to the subjects that will deal mainly with defense trends, a course in military training has been initiated by Lieut. Reeves A. Donnell, instructor of military tactics at the Amarillo High School. Lieut. Donnell, who has had nine years experience in the army and national guard, drives from Amarillo twice weekly, usually bringing officers of the cadet corps from that school to assist him.

About fifty men have reported for this two-hour drill session, and their attitude and eagerness to (Continued on page 2)

CAA Students Are Asked to Sign Up For Army or Navy

Students who took the civilian pilot training course at W. T. have received letters from Brig. Gen. Donald H. Connolly, administrator of civil aeronautics, asking that they join up with the army or navy air forces.

Brig. Gen. Connolly says that he acted upon the request of the army and navy aviation services when he wrote every CPT graduate the following letter:

"Which service you enter is a matter of your choice. This request is merely that you act upon your pledge, given at the beginning of the CPT course, to apply for air training in the armed forces, if and when needed. Both the army and navy air forces have given notice that more applicants are needed now."

Approximately 60,000 pilots have graduated from this flying course with from 35 to 200 hours flying time. Local students have received the request from Brig. Gen. Connolly, and plan to act accordingly.

Summer Session To Be Longer

Wartime Program Will Be Continued—Commencement Date Moved Up

Lengthening of the next summer session to twelve weeks instead of ten at West Texas State College has been announced by Dr. J. A. Hill, president, as part of the institution's effort to serve the nation in war time.

Classes will meet in 1½-hour periods five days a week, with Saturdays off. There will be two terms of six weeks each, the first opening June 3 and lasting through July 11 and the second term opening July 13 and continuing through commencement on the evening of August 22. The student's normal load for each six-week term will be two subjects of three semester hours each. The permissive load will be seven semester hours in each of the two terms.

In order to permit this schedule of terms, commencement for the spring semester will be limited to a single day for the first time. The baccalaureate sermon will be preached at 11 a. m. and the commencement will follow at 8:15 p. m. on May 31. The original date for commencement was June 1.

A full program is regarded as desirable because of the need for offering military training, safety, first aid, and other specialized war courses, which will include several of the mechanic arts. Summer features also will include courses in audio-visual education, conservation, world affairs, and photography.

Because of an acute shortage of teachers throughout the southwest, many students and former students will find it advisable to complete work for degrees and certificates as soon as possible.

W. T. Graduates Win First Places In Contest

Graduates of West Texas State took the first two places in the national essay contest conducted by the Delta Kappa Gamma Bulletin.

The first place winner was Miss Carmen Ulm of Amarillo. Her subject was "How Our Organization Can Help to Safeguard the Employment Status of Women." She was graduated in 1929 and received the M. A. degree in 1938.

Miss Thelma Swanson, 1926 graduate now teaching in the high school at Raton, N. M., took second place in the contest.

Her subject was "Maintaining the Economic Status of Women Teachers." She teaches English and also is librarian. She has written numerous articles on education and is given speaking assignments frequently in her area. One article, "Some Functions of Literature Classes in the National Defense Program," appeared in the September issue of Education Magazine. She edits a column of book reviews in the New Mexico School Review.

Army Inductions Stop Rehearsals Of "Doll's Huse"

Rehearsals on the production of "The Doll's House," drama next scheduled for presentation by the speech department, have been discontinued until the beginning of the spring semester. At that time, the production will be re-cast, and work will begin anew.

Prof. James Butler, director of these speech presentations, said so many of the male actors are being lost to the defense movement that no attempt will be made to continue until the start of another semester. It is likely that younger actors will be found to fill the roles of the men in the play.

Today's
OVERTONES
. . . . Coffee, Etc.
By Joe Crisler
"Words are things . . ."—Byron.

"Hang on! Cling on!
No matter what they say,
Push on! Sing on!
Things will come your way.
Don't give up hoping;
When the ship goes down,
Grab a spar or something,
Just refuse to drown.

—Brooks.
(Perhaps the above verse would be more appropriately quoted around February 1.)

By the way, how many of your New Year's resolutions have you broken up-to-date?

How many time have you written 1941 instead of 1942?

Woe is them!
Professors standing in the hall and discussing the income tax. . . . Freshmen who have studied Buf-fology the most when January 28, 29, 30 comes around.

Jack Curtice, football-master.
Dear Jack:
You know, Jack, we have seen a lot of swell football in the last three years. We have seen some superably coached teams. . . . We have seen a team that became the Alamo Conference champions. . . . We have seen a great team that became third-placers in the Border conference, all in three short years. We cheered for those teams . . . they were great. We cheered for the coach that trained them. We cheered for Jack Curtice.

We have seen some great players in the last three years. There was Ben Collins, Larry Sanders, Lee McLauri, and scores of others that were full of that fighting spirit. We cheered for those names that have gone down in football history at W. T.

But now, Jack, you are leaving us. We don't have to tell you that we hate to see you go, you know that!

We are cheering for you . . . the man, the coach, the friend of the students! You are leaving behind something besides a name engraved in the annals of football history at West Texas . . . a fighting-spirit, a builder-of-records and of men.

Well, good-bye, Jack. And, oh yes, the best of luck.
Sincerely yours,
The Judge.

TSK, TSK!
Nowhere can this column find a Texas Techster that will place a bet on his team in the coming West Texas-Tech basketball game. . . . Not even when they are offered 30 points.

"There Will Always Be An Eng-land" hasn't been approached in inspirational quality by Tin Pan Alleyists yet. Some of their latest are "Put the Heat on Hitler, Muss Up Mussolini and Tie a Can to Japan," "They're Gonna Be Playin' Taps on the Japs," "Always Remember Pearl Harbor," "To Be Specific, It's Our Pacific" and "You're a Sap, Mr. Jap." Still on the top is that 1917 tune, "Over There."

Are the Japs accurate shots? Some say yes, others say no. E. V. Durling, columnist in Chicago, says the natural construction of the Japanese eyes is such that it is a great handicap when it comes to accuracy in shooting.

DID YOU KNOW?
That sixty-five billion cups of coffee are annually consumed in the United States. So what? Well, also there are 20,000,000,000 cups of tea sipped in the U. S. in one year. One pound of tea will yield 150 to 200 cups of strong tea.

One of the most confirmed tea-sippers on the campus is Eldon Huffaker. . . . Personally, we prefer coffee. . . . Nothing like a long discussion over many cups of coffee.

NOTICE, MR. FRED HART
We want to stoop to your level and brag a little. Our column was picked up and quoted by the Dallas Morning News, giving us full credit for said quote.

LAUGH OF THE YEAR
Did you ever put a hat on a dog? If you want a laugh and that's something that is scarce right now, just put a topper on a dog. Ladies hats are the most humorous. To be on the safe side, we will say it was the dog and not the hat. But when we saw that pup with a ladies hat on, it was a picnic.

CONGRATS
To those social clubs that are purchasing defense bonds. Pi Omega were the first.
Say, Mr. and Miss, why don't you unshackle a dime and purchase a share in liberty?

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Hail and Farewell

This expression, "Hail and Farewell," signifies that the salutation and end follow closely. That is the case in the story that develops this week from the athletic department of W. T. Head-coach Jack C. Curtice has accepted a position as coach and athletic director in the Texas School of Mines in El Paso, after four very successful years of work here.

During those four years, every team that Curtice has touched has been gifted with an unusual will to win, and has played outstanding athletics. As he assumed his duties here as freshman coach in 1938, there was no outstanding players evident on that squad. But Curtice built a machine that went through the season undefeated, and brought comment from many quarters commending this team on its ability to work together and its will to win.

The freshman basketball team coached by Curtice made history that year also. For then the tall men that make up the victorious Buffaloes this season were freshmen. Brookfield, Halbart, Stockman, and others played a full season without a single defeat. In fact, the freshman team was not defeated until last year, when one tilt was dropped in the Amarillo City tournament. A defeat came only after 60-odd games.

But Curtice received national fame this season, and for that reason we like to say that only then did he "arrive." Starting a season with reserves and new squadmen, Curtice turned out a gridiron machine that received national publicity and astounded the football teams of the country, especially those of the Border Conference.

It was inevitable that Curtice should receive an offer from some larger institution, for they are constantly on the alert for coaches of this caliber, even more so than good players. And it is inevitable that Curtice should wish to better his position, for this is the common ambition of every man. Although West Texas State will lose one of the finest coaches in the Southwest, there can be only one expression to this genial Irishman as he leaves for his new position.

May the best of luck be with Jack Curtice, coach extraordinary, always in whatever position or school he may choose to accept. And then the next thought that follows is that this wish is superfluous, for the hard-working, clean, honest manner of Curtice will always court good luck.

A builder of great teams has moved on. But the great teams and the great ideals shall remain here at West Texas State, and their slogan shall always be: "Sportsmanship first, then victory."

For that was the creed of Jack Curtice.

Hire An Army, Not An Orchestra

Students who do not realize the extent to which this war will affect their college lives are asked to look back to World War I, during which the football team was suspended, and soldiers were trained on the campus.

This present emergency calls for faster and more drastic action, because the machine age has stepped up the mode of living. If our armed forces can win a victory over the enemy on our islands in the Pacific, then an offensive war may be waged immediately; if these islands are lost, however, some experts predict that we will be on the defensive until the end of 1943.

Elmer Davis recently lashed out at the American public in a radio broadcast because, he said, of their inability to change from the easy, tepid pace of everyday life to a war footing in a short period. College students, who are better informed than the average citizen, who have the advice of their experienced instructors, and who are so close to their contemporaries in armed service, should be able to make this shift rapidly.

Students at West Texas State have displayed their loyalty. But more drastic action is needed.

After the Christmas holidays have passed, the clubs, fraternities, and sororities usually hold many presentation dances. The decorations, orchestra fees, and various charges used in staging these events amount to a sizeable sum. There is nothing that could be gained by stopping these dances completely, but the money spent for decorations could be used to a great advantage for a great cause in buying defense stamps and bonds.

Rather than detract from the spirit and tradition of the occasion, it should make these dances more meaningful to the members and pledges if they be held in an undecorated ballroom, with music furnished by the record-playing machine instead of an orchestra.

Does this sacrifice seem too great to the college student, when some of our ex-students who have been called to the colors are unable to attend an affair of any sort?

They may give their lives as a tiny wedge to be used in the stop-gap of the greatest threat in history to American democracy.

For Prospective Soldiers—A Head Start

Military training has been started on the campus of West Texas State. A competent instructor has been found in the person of Reeves Donnell, instructor of military tactics at Amarillo High School. Mr. Donnell has had nine years experience in the Army and National Guard. He is an ex-student.

This training, advocated by The Prairie at the beginning of the term, is late. Only one month will be available to many men who must quit at the end of this semester and enter the service. But one month's training will make the inductee stand head and shoulders above a person who has had absolutely no previous experience. It is quite possible, to quote Mr. Donnell, for a college student with some military training to be granted entrance to an officer's training school.

Thirty-three men reported for the first drill last Tuesday night. At least a hundred are needed, and more than a hundred West Texas men need the course. It's free, and requires only four hours attendance each week.

Every student will be responsible for his role in this crisis, and the person taking advantage of every opportunity will be the one who serves his country, and himself, best.

Exchange Excerpts

COMMENTS BY THE EDITOR

In the bound volumes of The Prairie, dating from 1919 to 1924, some interesting sidelights may be found, if the dust be removed. Our paper had a distinctly "literary" make-up then, with few pictures and comparatively small heads.

The editorial staff of those issues read like a Who's Who of Southwestern newspaper would today. Frank P. Hill, nephew of President J. A. Hill; J. Evetts Haley, western writer; John L. McCarty, editor of the Amarillo News-Globe; and many others made up the reporting staff.

Starting with the first edition of 1924, the editor was one Olin E. Hinkle. For the business manager's office, the name-plate of Raymond L. Thompson was attached. Miss Jennie C. Ritchie was faculty adviser. Catherine Clark was the society editor, and Jerry Malin handled the sports. This combination has incorporated under the present heading of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Malin.

The only comment to be made is that this paper should have been a success, with this line-up for a staff. But these men have achieved fame since their work on The Prairie; then they were only students working on the college publication. So if any students at present have ambitions along the creative writing angle, a lesson might be learned here. Join the staff of The Prairie, and learn to write in 144 easy lessons.

An editorial column in The Prairie at that time was entitled "Brevities," and we hereby quote some of the more candid excerpts:

Canyon has still another claim to progress: her Post Office pens will write.

It's just about gotten so in this country that a man can't be ignorant without being a politician.

But not all politicians are bad; some of them are women.

Atomic Editorial: It's better to be brief by nature than by choice, but whatever the choice, be brief.

We mourn the passing of the old fashioned ministers.

Or rather the dinners that were set for them.

Atomic Editorial: Trim your sails to the prevailing wind, but let your anchor drag.

A reader implores us to boost for campus settees. We won't.

He might as well learn to stand for things now as later.

Atomic Editorial: Tune out that worthless station and increase your wave length.

Atomic Editorial: If you don't want to attend chapel, stay off the chapel floor so that those who wish to hear may do so.

Judging from reports, these political conventions should develop some fairly good yell leaders.

Atomic Editorial: The other side still looks smoothest when you have changed sides in the road.

The most accurate confession after all is, "I just didn't think."

BEING AN EDITOR
Being an editor is no picnic.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly.

If we don't, they say we are too serious.

If we print feature stories, we are ignoring events in world affairs;

If we don't we have no eyes for the human interest things of life.

If we reprint things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves;

If we don't we are too fond of our own stuff.

When we don't print contributions and bits of poetry, we don't appreciate real genius;

If we do the paper is filled with junk.

If we print murders and kidnappings, people say we are a victim of sensationalism;

If we don't, they say the paper has no news in it.

If we inadvertently fail to report club meetings, it is because we are vain or jealous;

If we do we are playing favorites.

And now, likely as not, someone will say we swiped this from another paper.

Well, we did!
—(Contributed by a friend).

spiritual reasoning. The laws of the universes are one unit. The third basis is that the human embryo shows our amphibian ancestry. Through an example he showed that science cannot be bankrupt. Most people only consider God in nature and not in human nature. His last basis was that our knowledge is always relative and never absolute.

Today we live on a plane of senses. When we pass from this plane we can see that things only look real. Dr. Griggs gave four ultimates to follow. They were: ultimate cause, end, way of life, and aim of life. He concluded by saying that the universe does not owe us happiness, but the opportunity to climb.

Prior to the assembly address he spoke to English and social science classes on Browning and a Representative Government in the Modern Age. His message to the government students was the need of making good citizens to keep up a representative government. He spoke yesterday morning to a student group.

W. T. Men Enlist In Armed Forces

Accurate Count Of Military Men Sought by Prairie

A gradual exodus of young men from college campuses is beginning to quicken its pace as students are being accepted in all phases of the United States armed forces. Since the beginning of this school term, more than a score of young men have dropped out of West Texas State to enroll with Uncle Sam.

The exact number of students who volunteered or were drafted cannot be learned, since many left without officially clearing through the office of the registrar, presumably in their eagerness to enlist.

Following is a list of those who did turn in their books to enlist: Vance Berdine, Bob Baird, J. E. Osborn, Max Glass, Eugene Crump, Arvo Goddard, J. B. Young, Jr., W. J. (Jack) Williams, Alvah Doak, Talmadge Pounds, Ross Forsyth, Dalbert Barron, Bob Miller, Jim Shuttlesworth, and Carol Dooley.

Many more young men have failed to return after the holidays. An accurate count is being sought by The Prairie, and any student who knows of a friend who has offered his services and who is not listed above is asked to call at the publications office and leave the name of that person. Also wanted is the branch of service of all, including those that are listed, and correct addresses.

West Texas has contributed a large share of the fighting men, through National Guard enlistment, and those who have joined recently. The names are needed in order that the young men may be given recognition.

DEFENSE—

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learn has brought favorable comment from both Lieut. Donnell and the officers who accompany him. Class time for this subject is from 7 until 9 o'clock on Monday and Friday nights.

Radio Course Leads

The course offered in Radio Theory and Practice leads the field of seven subjects, with an enrollment of 45 students. This class meets three times weekly, from 4 to 6 p. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. The instructor is Jimmie Redfearn, of Amarillo.

Welding, both acetylene and electric, is next in line with 28 enrollees. This class has been divided, and meets from 4 to 6 o'clock on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, and from 7 until 9 o'clock on the same days. Mr. William Schmitz, instructor for the N. Y. A. unit of the college, is instructor of the course. Five women are enrolled.

Food Course Popular

Home Economics 281A, entitled "Food for the Sick," is popular among the defense-minded students. 27 have signed their names on the class roll, and report to Miss Margaret Barrett, instructor.

Although listed in the mimeographed program as a "Chef Course for Boys," Prof. Frank R. Phillips states that this course is open to girls as well. It deals with quantity cooking for mass numbers. 24 students are studying this practical training, and plans to demonstrate their skill by cooking meals for the residents of Cousins and Randall Halls, girls' dormitories.

Mechanics Is Taught

A course in Internal Combustion Engines has been planned by the industrial arts department. Taking up the working of automobile, tractor, stationary, and airplane engines, students will get a good start on a mechanics course. Prof. John A. Gillis is conducting this subject, and 17 boys and girls have attended. The class meets from 7 to 9 o'clock in the Tin Shop, under the guidance of Cecil Briggs.

Fourteen students have shown interest in Blueprint and Map Reading, and are attending classes held by Prof. W. Holmes Smith. The class meets on Tuesday from 4 until 6 o'clock, and on Thursdays from 5 until 6 p. m.

Continued Next Semester

A broader program will be offered at the start of the second semester in February. At that time,

courses will carry three semester hours credit, and are expected to be scheduled during regular class hours.

Although it has not been recorded on any astronomical calendar, an eclipse is scheduled to pass over the Far East soon. It will be caused when the Stars and Stripes blot out the Rising Sun.

Prairie Ads get results.

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Buffaloes Win Oklahoma City All-College Cage Tournament

Three West Texans Named on Mythical All-Tournament Team

By HUD PRICHARD

The towering giants of West Texas State, doped to meet the Oklahoma Aggies in the finals of the Oklahoma City All-College tournament during the Christmas holidays, lived up to expectations after a narrow call in the semi-final fray with the defending champion Pittsburg, Kans., team and defeated the Aggies 37 to 31 in a thrilling final game.

The Buffaloes heralded their entrance into the tournament with a record-breaking 70 to 37 win over the East Central Tigers of Ada, Oklahoma. Those 70 points are the most ever scored by a team in that tournament. Last year Wyoming and Texas Tech played a record game in which Wyoming finally won, 66 to 56.

West Texas State placed three men, Captain Frank Stockman, All-American Price Brookfield and Charles "Shorty" Halbert on the All-Tournament team. The Aggies' Eggleston and Dwight Parks of Baylor University completed the mythical team.

It was obvious from the start that the Buffs, who have been seen in even higher scoring exhibitions by Texas audiences, were going to break the record. Ahead by an unusual 41 to 17 score at the half, the regulars played little as a body during the second half, but the subs showed no fear of the basket.

Ledru Jacobs, substitute forward and sophomore, hit the record breaker with Norman Trimble tossing in another for good measure. Frank Stockman hit his scoring stride for the tournament's four games by scoring a top 18 points. Jack Maddox was second with 14. Buffaloes Steal Porkers' Style

The University of Arkansas, defending champions of the Southwest Conference and voted number one team in the South last year, were the next victims of the Texans' onslaught.

It was in this battle that the fans were speaking of "Little Frank Stockman," the mere 6 foot 3 inch lad who captains the world's tallest team.

West Texas, a few collective feet taller than Arkansas, won the game going away, 54-41, but it wasn't necessarily the tremendous height which brought the victory.

The hustlin' Buffs broke down the court repeatedly, passed the ball around as deftly as if they slept with it, and took charge of it on practically all occasions around the basket after a shot.

Oklahomans thought that the Porkers were the unorthodox bunch to watch, with their crazy shooting and attack, but the Buffs matched everything they offered and added a few tricks of their own. Three men kept the Buffs' attack red hot in this encounter. Price Brookfield hit for 15, Jack Maddox made 14, and Frank Stockman fired 12 points.

The thriller, which they are probably still talking about, came as a semi-final attraction. The Buffaloes came from behind to edge out Pittsburg, 57 to 55, and go into the final tussle with the also-favorites, Oklahoma Aggies.

With less than 3½ minutes to play, the Buffs were behind 53-45, seemingly too far back to win. Then Price Brookfield went to work. Four times in a row he split the center of the hoop for field goals to tie the score 53-44.

Pittsburg came back when Ryden

As Buffs Waited in Oklahoma City



Very few issues of the Daily Oklahoman in Oklahoma City were without pictures of the tall West Texas State cagers during the Christmas holidays when they won the All-College Tournament.

The above is a sample, showing Charlie Halbert, termed the tallest basketball regular today, leaning against the Municipal Auditorium's timing clock.

hit to make it 55-53, only to have "Brookie" retaliate with the tying goal again.

The defending champs missed a shot then. When West Texas got the ball, the timekeeper was drawing his gun. Bill Stockman proved to be the sweetheart of the Buffs as he intercepted a Pittsburg pass, dribbled down towards his goal with a Kansan ahead of him, and took a one-handed heave from 25 feet out. In it went—just as the gun sounded. Besides these scorers, Jack Maddox was second with 11 points, closely followed by Capt. Stockman with 10.

While 4,200 fans (sponsor's estimate) watched the final go-round, Brookfield and his teammates netted a total of 37 points to the Oklahoma Aggies' 31 to clinch the tournament championship.

The Buffaloes changed their style of play somewhat as they set up an air-tight defense which slowed the Aggies. Neither team seemed inclined to be generous with the scoring thrills because it was eight minutes before either scored a field goal. Brookfield made the first of the game. West Texas led 17 to 8 at the half.

With 6½ minutes before the final gun, the Cowboys inched to within three points of the Buffaloes' 32 points. While the crowd and Mrs. Al Baggett held their breaths, the seconds ticked away, the tall favorites increased their lead to the 37-31 final score.

The tall and speedy West Texas State Buffaloes added two victories to their string of 12 and suffered their first defeat of the season on their recent barnstorming trip to the midwest. They gained victories over the strong De Paul Blue Demons and over another highly rated team, that of Evansville College, Evansville, Ind. Their initial set back was to Bradley Tech in Peoria, Ill.

Buy United States Defense Stamps from the committee in the Ad Building. Let's boost our country as a unit.

TRAILIN' the Herd

By HUD PRICHARD

Here I'm back tralling the steps of that herd of West Texas Buffaloes on paper after an exciting Christmas holiday excursion. I challenge any of you, excepting that sophomore girl who keeps Captain Frank Stockman from getting Blue and who spent three days at the Oklahoma City All-College Tournament, to report a more favorable vacation than I had during my week in Oklahoma City and the remainder of the vacation.

Though I looked for more students to show up at the tournament, West Texas had its groups of rooters who could best any group around.

Mickey Ledrick, ex-senator and ex-student now (he left Saturday for the Army Air Corps) as usual had his car full of Buffalo fans. With him were Joe Forbus, Roy Lee Jones, Borden Price, "Goob" Kuehler, and Pat Toombs. Borden also left Friday, to become one of Uncle Sam's Flying Cadets.

Some man from Missouri asked Frank Stockman where Malta Bend was. He'd never heard of it until he started hearing about the Buffaloes. Anyway, Frank's and William's family was at the tournament, as well as his aunt and uncle from Canyon, Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Walker, who took Norma Lee Blue with them.

Then there was the Buffs' most ardent supporter, Mrs. Al Baggett. There will be a picture in Le Mirage which clearly illustrates the excitement and emotion exhibited by Mrs. Baggett while backing her husband's teams. With Mrs. Baggett at the games were Dr. and Mrs. A. M. Meyer, the Derald Swinefords, and the Leslie Van Meters. There were others, too, but it would take a whole page to tell what they all did.

To Dr. Hill and the school administrators: You couldn't find a more gentlemanly group to represent the college in any department or organization than the teams which the Athletic Department sends out. I quoted here previously from a letter to the good effects of the football team. Oklahoma City and all other cities are all-complimentary for the "Tallest Basketball Team in the World."

Also in Oklahoma City was Harry Pennington, Jr., a photographer from San Antonio, who flew to the tournament to complete pictures of the Buffaloes for a "spread" in Collier's magazine. It should be out soon, at least before the boys leave for New York City and their

Two Games on Week Schedule

New Mexico's Lobos and Aggies Here Wednesday And Thursday Nights

West Texas State's "tallest team on earth" returned to the campus last night to resume its Border Conference schedule after making a road trip into the Middle West on which the Buffaloes stretched their wins to 14 in fifteen starts this season.

The Buffs will meet the University of New Mexico here Wednesday and the New Mexico Aggies here Thursday evening.

Coach Al Baggett's men are undefeated in the Border Conference and are expected to win the circuit crown handily unless the draft should decimate the towering first string. Sparked by All-American Price Brookfield, the West Texans recently won the Oklahoma City Invitation tournament without dropping a game.

With all Border Conference members concentrating on ways to halt the rampaging Buffs, Coach Baggett must keep his quintet in top form. His men are profiting from a long, hard schedule in which they already have played as many games as some colleges play in a whole season.

Freshmen In Tie For Tourney Lead

West Texas' Freshman basketball team tonight plays the Canadian River Gas five in the Amarillo Junior College gymnasium to decide which of the teams is the present leader in the tournament.

The Freshmen, who have won the tournament the last two years, are tied for first place with the Gassers, having won four games and lost one.

The deciding game for the league leadership will commence at 7 p. m. The Freshmen's only defeat this season was handed them by the Coca Cola cagesters.

game in Madison Square Garden, January 28.

My nomination for the top basketball team in the nation, excluding all others—the West Texas State Buffaloes! Even though they were defeated by the strong Bradley Tech five, all teams have their off nights. And in basketball this is much more apt to happen than in football or other sports. I think the only possibility for the Buffs to be defeated again will be during a period in which they are playing a large number of games in a short period of time. The team misses valuable workouts during such times.

Bradley Tech Halts Buffs' Victory List

Coach Leaves



Jack C. Curtice, pictured above, has accepted a coaching position with the Texas School of Mines in El Paso. The new job is quite an advancement, though Curtice's friends are reluctant to see him go.

John A. Gorham, a student from Farwell, Texas, has dropped his name from the roster of West Texas State and enlisted in the United States Navy. Gorham, who was majoring in the pre-medical field, enlisted on Nov. 18 at Farwell and is awaiting transfer at present at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri.

FREAK HAPPENINGS

Queer accidents of 1941. The man who shot himself with his own pants, the snake that bit a woman by proxy, the man who almost burned to death while about to drown, and other odd mishaps. Read about them and see them graphically illustrated in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago Herald-American.

Fans Given Show as 11,000 Crowd Court to Watch Tall Texans Play De Paul

The Buffaloes lost their first game of the season in their thirteenth start Tuesday night at the hands of Bradley Tech in Peoria, Ill. It was the victors' sixth straight against intersectional foes. A last minute shot clinched the decision over the Buffaloes, 52 to 49.

West Texas led at one time in the first half 18 to 6, but Bradley rallied and at halftime trailed only 31 to 32. Red Ramsey of Bradley topped the scorers with 10 field goals, totaling 20 points. Jack Maddox was second with 14, followed by Brookfield of the Texas aggregation with 13 points.

The tall team from West Texas State came back on the winning track, however, on Thursday night when the Buffaloes toppled Evansville College, 64 to 45, in a free scoring tussle. The visiting Buffaloes led, 32 to 24, at half time.

Brookfield was high for the Buffs that night with 18 points. Jack Maddox came in second for the Buffs with 13. Wilfred Doerner, Evansville forward and Indiana scoring leader, made 23 points to run his season's total to 175.

HUSKIES DRAFTED FOR ARMY

Our dogs of war—they're in the army now. Those sturdy huskies and malamutes, veterans of Admiral Byrd's polar expeditions, have now been drafted by Uncle Sam for sled duty in the far north. Read this story of a new kind of defense preparation in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago Herald-American.

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Holiday Weddings Unite Students and Exes of West Texas State College

Enlistments and End of Semester Add to Nuptials

Christmas holidays, impending enlistments, and nearness of graduation for some students brought a flurry of student and ex-student weddings in recent days. Summarized below is a partial list of these weddings. News of additional unions will be printed on this page next week.

PATTON-STAPLETON

The marriage of Miss Bernice Patton and County Attorney John Stapleton of Floydada, was solemnized on Christmas Day at 4 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Patton. Mrs. Stapleton attended school in Floydada and graduated from Lip-pert's Business college, Plainview. Mr. Stapleton received his education at West Texas State, the University of Texas and his degree from the South Texas School of Law at Houston.

The couple are at home in Floydada.

HODGE-ADDISON

Miss Kathleen Hodge, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Hodge of Floydada and Lt. Max Addison of Lubbock were married December 16 at Tallahassee, Florida in the home of Rev. Jack Anderson, minister of the Trinity Methodist church.

Mrs. Addison was graduated from Floydada High School. She is also a graduate of W. T. and was a member of Alpha Chi and Alpha Psi Omega.

Mr. Addison was graduated from W. T. and is now in active pursuit duty with the air corps of the United States army.

TROUTMAN-HOPKINS

Miss Josephine Troutman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noel Troutman became the bride of Joslin Hopkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Hopkins of Canadian, Wednesday evening, December 31 at 6 o'clock at Wichita, Kansas.

Mrs. Hopkins is a graduate of Floydada High School and attended West Texas State where she was a member of Delta Zeta Chi sorority.

Mr. Hopkins is also a former student of W. T. He was a member of Epsilon Beta fraternity. He is now an inspector in the Wichita division of Boeing Aircraft.

The couple are at home in Wichita, Kansas.

HALL-BISHOP

Nuptial rites for Miss Pauline Hall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Hall of Tulia, and William A. Bishop of Amarillo were spoken December 20, in the Polk Street Methodist Church. Dr. Earl G. Hamlett, pastor, read the single ring ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Tulia High School, and attended West Texas State. She has been cosmetologist at the Parisian Beauty salon in Pampa. Mr. Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Bishop of Oklahoma City, attended University of Oklahoma and is employed by the Hamilton Tire Company in Amarillo.

The couple will be at home in Amarillo after January 17.

HILTON-MARTIN

Miss Sara Hilton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Hilton, became the bride of Jewel Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Quay Martin, Friday evening, Dec. 19.

Mrs. Martin attended Sunray High School and West Texas State College.

Mr. Martin, a graduate of Dumas High School, is employed by the American Zinc Co. of Illinois.

STEVENS-BURGESS

Nuptial vows were read Wednesday morning at 9 o'clock in Butler, Okla., for Miss Eloese Stevens and Sydney Burgess in the home of the bride's grandmother.

Mrs. Burgess is a graduate of Oklahoma Tech at Weatherly, and is an instructor in the second grade at Phillips.

The bridegroom, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Burgess of Canyon, was graduated from West Texas State in 1940. He taught at Sudan before going to Phillips to accept a position as industrial arts teacher.

The couple will be at home in Borger on January 1.

WARREN-WAGNER

Miss Mildred Terry Warren, daughter of Mrs. Burke Warren of Amarillo and Springer, N. M., became the bride of Elmer H. Wagner, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Wagner

Pi Omega Pledges



Pictured above are the new members of Pi Omega sorority who were formally initiated into the club at the annual Christmas dance given in Stafford Hall, December 13. The new members are (left to right) Gladys Hill, Moody; Nell Spann, Amarillo; Fern Brannen, Amarillo; Madelle Mitchell, Canyon; Dorothy Clutter, Amarillo; Ruth Cole, Rule; Juanita Smith, Amarillo; Mary Stack, Amarillo; Grace Rogers, Amarillo; and Beth McCaslin, Canyon.

of St. Louis, last Sunday in the chapel of the Riverview Garden Lutheran Church in St. Louis. The couple will live in Concordia, Mo.

WARNER-RAY

Mrs. Robert Owen Ray was Miss Geraldine Orlean Warner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Warner, 309 North Pierce Street, before her marriage Monday. A teacher in the Kress public school system, the bride will complete this semester before moving to Fort Worth with her husband.

WHITE-THOMPSON

Two pioneer families were united in Los Angeles, Calif., Christmas Day, when Miss Annette White became the bride of Burton Thompson, Jr.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. White; the bridegroom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Thompson.

The couple were married in the Wilshirt Boulevard Christian Church.

Both are ex-students of W. T.

TRAWECK-TARRANCE

Miss Janie Lee Traweck, a former student of West Texas State, was married to Rev. Charles Tarrance of Peacock, on December 24th at 10 a. m. in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Traweck, of Mercury.

Mrs. Tarrance graduated from Richland Springs High School, attended John Tarleton College, and received her degree from West Texas.

Rev. Tarrance was graduated from Peacock High School, attended Howard Payne College, and graduated from Hardin-Simmons University. He also attended Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary at Fort Worth.

The couple will be at home in Ketton.

GERNER-NOBLE

The marriage of Miss Laura Mae Gerner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Gerner of Lella Lake, and Staff Sgt. Gerald L. Noble, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Noble, also of Lella Lake, was solemnized at the First Baptist Church in Enid, Okla., Dec. 20.

The bride is a graduate of West Texas State where she was a member of Kappa Tau Phi and Beta Sigma Phi. The groom also attended West Texas, and is in the army air corps.

COLE-DUNSWORTH

Miss Loretta Cole became the bride of Floyd Dunsworth of Morse, Dec. 25 at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Cole. The bride is a graduate of West Texas State, and was entering her second year as instructor in the Morse school.

READY-CABALLERO

Miss Mary Elizabeth Ready, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Ready, and Emilio Caballero, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Caballero of Mapletown, N. J., were married in Canyon, Dec. 31.

The wedding took place in the parlor of the First Presbyterian Church, with Rev. A. M. Dorsett, officiating.

Miss Ann Marie Walker attended the bride, and Bernard Warren of Canyon attended the bridegroom. The bride attended Amarillo Col-

New Delta Zeta Chis



Five new Delta Zeta Chi pledges who were initiated recently are Fern Walters, Gloria Stanley, Yvonne Hendrix, Pat Harris, and Betty Gose.

lege and has been employed with Dempster Mill Manufacturing Co. the past year.

Mr. Caballero is a graduate of Columbia High School, South Orange, Mapletown, N. J. Also a graduate of Amarillo College, he is a senior at West Texas where he is a member of Tri Tau fraternity.

McCASLIN-MORROW

Miss Nancy McCaslin, daughter of Mrs. Nancy McCaslin of Canyon, and Lt. Arthur D. Morrow, Jr., were united in marriage December 23 in the First Presbyterian Church, Houston.

Mrs. Morrow is a graduate of West Texas State and has been teaching in Portales for the past four years.

Mr. Morrow, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Morrow of Wortham, is a graduate of Texas A. & M. College.

The couple will be at home in Houston.

HOSKINS-HODGES

The marriage of Miss Vera Elizabeth Hoskins, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred J. Hoskins, and James Wallace Hodges, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Hodges of Canyon, was solemnized December 25 in the home of the bride's parents.

The bride is a graduate of Spearman High School and attended West Texas State.

Mr. Hodges received his degree from West Texas State and is now employed as accountant for the Burroughs Adding Machine Company, Amarillo.

BOURN-HILL

In a quiet evening ceremony December 26 at 7:30 o'clock, Miss Mary Bourn became the bride of Fairy Hill at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bourn, parents of the bride.

Mrs. Hill, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bourn, was graduated from Canyon High School in 1940. She is now enrolled as a sophomore at West Texas State.

The bridegroom is a son of D. S. Hill of Canyon. He is a graduate of Canyon High School and is now a senior at West Texas. He was 1941 co-captain of the Buffalo football squad.

Mr. and Mrs. Hill soon will leave for California, where he will be employed in defense work.

BAKER-ARCHER

Miss Evangeline Baker and Branch T. Archer, Jr., exchanged nuptial vows Monday morning at 8 o'clock in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. S. Baker.

Mrs. Archer was graduated from West Texas State High School in 1938. She is a senior at West Texas State College where she is a member of Pi Omega sorority.

Mr. Archer was graduated from West Texas State High School and attended West Texas State two years.

New Alpha Chi Members Receive Shingles Saturday

Shingles were presented to new members of Alpha Chi, the national honorary society, in assembly Saturday prior to Dr. Griggs' address.

Members initiated, who represent the top ten per cent of scholars in W. T., were: Charlotte Buchanan, Dorothy Jane Day, Billie Bee Fleisher, Mary Isabel Hanvey, Dwight Howard, Christine Jarrett Gibson, Louise McDougal Jouette, P. C. (Mickey) Ledrick.

Bill McWhirter, Merle Myers, Imogene Roberson, Fred Simpson, Maurine Stokes, Lucille West, Frances Hoskins, and Ada Kathryn Phillips.

Officers of the club are Mrs. Quentin Ward, president, Elvia Speer, vice-president, and Sarah Thompson, secretary. Presentation of the shingles was made by Dr. Mattie Swayne, sponsor of the group.

Pi Omega Club First To Buy Defense Bond

Pi Omega sorority met Thursday night at the home of Merrie Lib Duflot for its first meeting since the Christmas holidays. During the business session, the club voted to buy a Defense Bond. This is the first campus organization to buy a bond.

After the business meeting refreshments were served by Miss Duflot to the club members and their sponsor, Mrs. A. M. Meyer. The girls adjourned after an hour of social "getting-together."

Student Senate Election To Be Held Soon

Charles Wilkerson, vice-president of the Student Senate, has taken over the office of president as Arvo Goddard resigned to enter the armed forces.

A vice-president to succeed Wilkerson will be elected soon. Nominations for the office have been turned in to the president's office, and include the following names:

Melvin Kiker
Dick Kilgore

All students may vote for either of the above candidates.

Complete Sell Out of Stamps Is Recorded

Sale of Defense Stamps to students of West Texas State reached a total of \$285.50 up until Thursday of last week, when the supply of stamps was depleted. No stamps could be bought in Canyon, and sale was discontinued until more could be found.

The largest single day sale was made on January 7, when stamps valued at \$68.65 were bought by students and faculty members. Second largest day occurred on December 20, when \$42.50 in stamps was bought.

Sales for last week, up until the supply was exhausted, totaled \$130. A new supply of these shares in America was received yesterday, and sale has been resumed. Prof. W. Holmes Smith, one of the faculty sponsors, stated that by request of students \$1 and \$5 stamps would be added to those for sale.

Students are needed for service on the desk in the hall, and are asked to contact the person there at the desk, should they have time to devote for this purpose.

Student interest and cooperation has passed all expectations, according to Prof. Smith.

Scouters Will Meet In Annual Session

The annual round-up banquet of the Randall County Boy Scouts district will be held this evening at 7 o'clock at the Methodist Church.

Dr. A. D. Foreman, Baptist pastor of Amarillo, will be the principal speaker.

The theme of the banquet will be "Scouting and the National Defense." Officers will be elected.

Navy Attractive To John Baird, Who Enlists

John R. Baird, student of West Texas State during the 1941 session, has dropped out of school and enlisted in the United States Navy, a release from Headquarters Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, reveals.

Private Baird, whose home is in Hereford, was majoring in Agriculture and industrial arts while attending here. He was a member of the College Y. M. C. A., and a C. A. A. enrollee.

After enlisting on Nov. 14, John is awaiting transfer at the present moment.

Raymond Raillard, '40, has resigned as band teacher at Floydada to join the army.

The Shadows W. T. Calendar Of Coming Events

January 14, Basketball game with University of New Mexico.

January 15, Basketball game with New Mexico A. & M.

January 16, Lyceum, Susanne Fisher, soprano, Metropolitan Opera Association, 8:15.

January 17, Red Cross Dance.

January 21, Dead Week begins.

January 29, Exams.

January 30, First semester ends.

February 2, Second semester begins.

February 6, Delta Zeta All-College Dance.

Ples Harper Gets Ph. D. From Peru Graduate School

Ples, Harper, 1929 graduate of West Texas State College, has finished work on his Ph. D. degree in literature at the University of San Marcos. The university is located at Lima, Peru, and is the oldest university in the western hemisphere, being 81 years older than Harvard.

Dr. Harper took the Master's degree in 1931 from the University of Washington at Seattle, and then taught at Tucson, Ariz. The Ph. D. degree was granted on December 23. While Dr. Harper was attending the university, his wife taught at one of the girls' schools in Peru.

Dr. Harper is the first non-resident American to take a Ph. D. degree from this university. He will return to America soon.

The following paragraphs are quoted from a Lima, Peru, newspaper:

"In the Faculty of Letters and Pedagogy of the National University of San Marcos, in the presence of Mr. Decans, Dr. Horacio H. Urteaga, and the required quorum, Ples Harper received the Doctor's Degree in Literature, having as his thesis 'Ricardo Palma, Interpreter of the Colonial Period.'"

"The professors Aurelio Miri Ouesada Sosa and Luis F. Xammas questioned him, and after meeting the other requirements, he was unanimously approved."

"The graduate received the congratulations of his professors and personal friends who attended the examination."

N. Y. A. Student Allotment Cut To Almost Half

Allotment to the West Texas State fund for student aid through the N. Y. A. has been cut almost in half, according to Prof. C. A. Murray, faculty sponsor.

Four months ago, the allotment was \$1280. Now it is \$780, and a more drastic reduction seems possible in the near future. A quick survey was made to find students who might stay in school without this help, and the roll was reduced from 97 to 65 students.

Prof. Murray said that although the hours for these 65 workers would be reduced some, those students still on the rolls would make their allotment cover expenses by cutting other expenditures.

"Most every student will be able to stay in school, and the sacrifices made will not decrease as this war goes on," Prof. Murray said.

Hinkle Is Director Of Publicity Group

Olin E. Hinkle, director of journalism, has been made director of District 15 of the American College Publicity Association. He was elected at the recent annual meeting in El Paso.

District 15 includes West Texas colleges and those of New Mexico and Arizona. Jud Williams of Texas Mines is secretary.

Prominent in the district are the journalism directors of Border Conference schools.

STUDENT SENATE LOSES 3

Mickey Ledrick, in leaving Saturday for induction into the armed forces, is the third member of the Student Senate to leave for the service.

Other senators to leave are Bob Miller and Arvo Goddard, president.

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Matinee 2 P. M. Night 7 P. M.

TODAY — TUESDAY
RALPH BELLAMY

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"H. M. Pulham, Esquire"

with

ROBERT YOUNG
HEDY LAMARR
RUTH HUSSEY

President's Kin Designs Defense Stamp Album

E. I. Hill of Washington, D. C., nephew of Dr. J. A. Hill, is the designer of the defense stamp albums which are being widely bought and used now.

He is employed at the government printing office. He is a brother of Frank Hill of Tahoka, former editor of The Prairie.

More than 100,000,000 of the albums have been distributed. Before the declaration of war they were in little demand, but recently the presses have been whirling again.

English Writer Says Oxford Is Not Damaged

A letter written recently to Miss M. Moss Richardson, English instructor, by a friend located near Oxford University in London states that the University proper was not damaged by bombing.

Mrs. Carol Whitehead, writer of the letter, says that London has not suffered actual air raids for several months, and that the city appreciates the chance for rest at night, although it expects resumption soon of these nightmares.

Appreciation is expressed by the writer for the help that that country is receiving from America in its fight against the Axis powers.

Ledrick Leaves For U. S. Army Air Corps

Mickey Ledrick, popular student of W. T., left Saturday for Ft. Worth for induction into the Army Air Corps. He will not engage in actual flying, but will be connected with the technical staff.

Ledrick was a member of the Student Senate, and was classified as a senior. He will be remembered for his performance in "You Can't Take It With You," dramatic production in 1940.

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