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LADIES CONCERT ORCHESTRA WILL BE HERE JAN. 7TH.

FOURTEEN PIECE ORCHESTRA
HAILED AS "SUPERB AT-
TRACTION" BY MUSIC
CRITICS

IN SOUTH FIRST TIME IN SEASON

Two Concerts Will Be Played on
Thursday; Clark Asks Public
To Encourage Artists
of This Type

The Ladies' Columbia Concert Orchestra will appear both the afternoon and evening of January 7, in the College Auditorium. Symphonic music, orchestral solos, the latest in novelty and popular musical numbers will be played by this splendid organization which is in the South for the first time this season.

Fourteen pieces make up this concert orchestra which is directed by Frances Knight. It is called the "finest musical organization of its kind in the country" by critics and newspaper writers who have heralded the concerts in each town as "superb attractions."

The Ladies' Columbia Orchestra is on its third transcontinental tour at the present time. It comes to Canyon direct from the eastern circuit with a magnificent record of successful concerts at all points. Two concerts will be played at the College. The first will be an afternoon program at 3:30 o'clock. The second is in the evening at 8:00 o'clock.

Blanket tax will admit all students. Tickets for the afternoon concert are 75c and \$1.00 for the evening program.

Professor Wallace R. Clark, chairman of the Lyceum Committee stated yesterday that he hoped for a good response to this attraction. The Ladies' Columbia Orchestra was booked last Saturday and comes as an extra-attraction to holders of blanket tax tickets. The committee will be encouraged to secure other bookings as good as the concert Thursday if the public attendance justifies it, Mr. Clark said.

ADDITIONAL STAFF WRITERS INVITED

Editor Tells Students the Value of Training on The Prairie

An invitation was extended to the student body of the College to participate actively in the publication of the student newspaper Thursday in chapel by Edward Gerald, editor of the paper.

Mr. Gerald cited the rapidly increasing demand for experienced teachers of journalism who can supervise the publication of high school newspapers. Former members of The Prairie staff who have been successful in both the teaching and professional fields were cited by the speaker in support of his contention that the experience gained on the staff of the student newspaper was both valuable and practical.

Late yesterday the editor reported that several students had signed up for work on the staff but that he was still anxious to procure the services of a larger number of reporters regardless of their previous training.

Attention Called to Press Contests

Type High, the College Press Club, called attention at a recent meeting to the forthcoming contests in the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association. These contests cover a wide field including the main phases of news writing, editorial writing, and feature story writing; short story and poem prizes are also offered by the T. I. P. A.

John Randolph, president of Type High, asked the club to become active as soon as possible in this work. The Prairie is sponsoring the various phases of news writing and will also assist in the location of other material, Mr. Randolph stated.

Mention was also made of the award of scribe pins to members of The Prairie and Le Mirage staffs through Type High each year. All persons who have served three quarters with either staff or eligible for these awards.

OLIN HINKLE TELLS WRITERS TO BE PRECISE

ACCURACY DEMANDED OF ALL WHO DO NEWSPAPER WORK BY THE PUBLIC

TALKS TO TYPE HIGH

Former Editor of Prairie Addresses Press Club Special Meeting and Tells of Newspaper Work

Olin E. Hinkle, editor of The Prairie during the '24-'25 session and a former president of Type High, addressed the Type High Club last Thursday afternoon.

Mr. Hinkle first discussed certain professional requirements of Journalism and then told of the modern trend of school publications. Mr. Hinkle is now a graduate student in the University of Missouri working on his Journalism degree.

One of the necessary qualifications, as given by Mr. Hinkle, of the successful reporter is a cultural background sufficient to enable him to meet his subject on equal footing. This background, said Hinkle, should include a study of the social sciences and at least two years of academic work.

A second essential, stated the speaker, is accuracy. Libel suits and all kinds of disagreements are the results of inaccuracy. One of the lessons impressed on an inexperienced reporter is to get the name of the persons involved in his story correctly. Aggressiveness tempered by courtesy was mentioned as one of the most valuable assets to the reporter's personality.

"A good reporter is the man who gets what he is sent out for and gets it in a minimum time and with a maximum of accuracy. The modern newspaper is a public institution which should faithfully represent the people. It has a right, because of its position in public life, to go after all facts connected with incidents of public interest no matter what personal business may be exposed."

Hinkle also told of the method used at the University of Missouri school in the preparation of professional journalists. He explained in detail the workings of the staff of reporters and editors which make up the organization of the Columbia Missourian, the daily newspaper published by the University.

The code of the profession is an unbreakable law to the responsible reporter, Mr. Hinkle stated. He closed his talk with the phrase from the Journalists Code which implies the duty of the reporter to the public: "I will not write as a journalist anything that I would not say as a gentleman."

Hinkle returned to his work at the Missouri school Saturday. He will take the degree of B. J. at the close of the Spring semester.

Le Mirage Sales Will Begin Today

The sale of annuals will begin (to-day), and continue until January 19. Orders for annuals may be made by paying Mr. McCarter \$2.50 before this date; the remaining \$2.50 is to be paid when the annual is delivered. The staff suggests that annuals be bought at the earliest possible date, for an advantage will result both to the book and the purchasers.

Mr. McCarter states that the sales of the annuals are below those of last year, but that much faster progress has been made in the building of "Le Mirage" than that of any preceding year. He continued that this reduces the cost, which results in a bigger and better annual for 1926. Mr. McCarter urges that annuals be bought at once.

CHAPEL EXERCISES FOR WEEK ENDING JAN 9TH.

THEME: What West Texas State Teachers College Stands For. Jan. 5—Tuesday: Its Function and Program, by Professor R. P. Jarrett.

Jan. 6—Wednesday: Its Scholastic and Classroom Standards and its college rank, by Registrar D. A. Shirley.

Jan. 7—Thursday: Its Ambitions, Its Ideals, Its Program, in Athletics and in Physical Education, by Coach S. D. Burton.

Jan. 8—Friday: Ideals of Conduct, by Professor T. M. Clark.

Jan. 9—Saturday: A Program of Negro Spirituals, by Professor Wallace R. Clark.

Department Heads Refuse Opportunity

PREXEY HILL EXTENDS GREETINGS

Of Making New Year's Resolutions

To My Friends, the Students:-

May 1926 bring to each of you enough of hard work to make you appreciate all the leisure you find; enough of financial embarrassment to teach you the right economy of time and money; enough of failure to take the vanity out of victory; enough of disappointment to leaven your joys; and enough of doubt to lead you into an intelligent faith in God and His divine purpose in your life.

J. A. HILL, President.

Prairie reporters interviewed all department heads in the College with the request for a New Year's resolution. Many of the faculty were too busy to think about the new year, it seems, for they refused to talk. Others treated the matter sagely and refused to make any foolish statements. Still others, who have a little youth and energy to expand yet, resolved, and here are the results:

Mr. Shirley: Resolved to make no resolutions that I know I will not keep; i. e., the number is extremely limited.

Dr. Munson: "I will permit no more grade books to be lost."

Mr. Osgood: "I resolve this New Year never to make any more New Year's resolutions."

Mr. T. M. Clark: "I resolve to make no resolutions this year."

Resolved: that, throughout the New Year, I shall not, either inwardly or audibly curse anyone, to do my work as well as I can and be kind.—Travis Shaw.

Mr. Phillips: Time is too short for me to make a resolution; so many can be made and broken that I do not want to make one lightly to be as lightly broken.

My wish is that this year will be full of hard work and difficult problems for us all, to the end that we may be more contented and happy and stronger by reason of the fact that we have overcome our difficulties; that this will be a year in which many young people will find themselves and their life's work so that they may drive straighter toward the objectives of their life's ambition.

MR. SHEFFY.

Resolved: That I may make others happy, may I be happy myself. This involves a certain amount of contentment and satisfaction. Therefore I must understand the behavior of men, women, and children with whom I am associated. To be considerate of their ideas and acts I should develop sane attitudes of thought, belief, control, and conduct. I am resolved to attempt this.—F. E. Savage.

Terrell: "I resolve to devote my every energy and thought to aiding young people in finding their proper place in the social and economic world, in order that peace and prosperity, honor and honesty may be theirs."

Dr. Pierle: I do not make a practice of making resolutions because I do not believe in making something to be broken, but for this one time I will make this one: that I am resolved to see if I can keep these folks from flunking.

Mr. Lockhart: Resolved that new year's resolutions shall be the least of my worries.

Resolved: Not to make any empty New Year's Resolutions.—L. S. Baker.

Bread affects the cost of living to quite an extent. Both flour and bread are now at the highest price level since 1920.

Burton: I resolve: "First: To win the T. I. A. A. championship in both basketball and track.

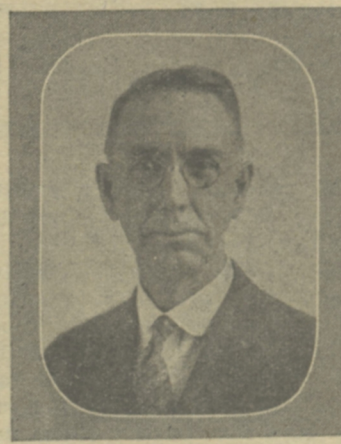
"Second: To limit the number of cocacolas I drink each day.

"Third: To reduce my waist line six inches or more.

"Fourth: To help everybody I can if it don't cost too much.

"Fifth: To raise the best Rhode Island Red chickens in Texas."

Returns to Post



Dean L. G. Allen

L. G. Allen, dean of the College has returned to his work after an absence of over two months from the College. Dean Allen has been in ill health but is now sufficiently recovered to again take charge of his office and to resume his place as a professor in the department of Mathematics.

Professor R. P. Jarrett, who acted as dean during the absence of Mr. Allen will continue to assist Mr. Allen in handling the duties of the dean's office.

CO-ED SURVEY FIGURES SHOWN

No Petters is Verdict of College Co-eds Here

(From Amarillo Globe)

The man the average West Texas girl would like to marry is not a petter, and he does not drink. He is well educated, cultured and refined. That is what a recent survey conducted among the 500 girls enrolled in the West Texas State Teachers College at Canyon, revealed. These girls come from all parts of the Panhandle and West Texas, and are typical of this section of the country.

Girls today have just as sane and healthy ideals for marriage as their mothers had, the results show, perhaps more sane because they know more than their mothers did. They may play around a bit more freely than did the young people thirty years ago, but when it comes to something as serious as getting married they cling to the old conservative standards and ideals.

No Petters

Eighty-six per cent of the girls do not want a man who is an "experienced petter." Fourteen per cent do not care. Several of them remark that they would object if they knew that the man was an experienced petter, "but how can we tell?" or "try and find one who's not," (Continued on page four)

BAILEY ILL; UNABLE TO RETURN TO WORK

Jack Bailey, '25, who has been spending the holidays in Canyon with his friends is ill and said yesterday that he would be unable to return to Miami for several days.

The Miami school opened yesterday. Bailey is professor of public speaking and is also sponsor of the "Tom-Tom" the school paper published by the Miami High School.

Catherine Smith Married

Catherine Smith, a popular student here in 1923-24-25, was married to Mr. Evart Whicker of Littlefield, January 2, in Amarillo.

Miss Smith has been teaching at Littlefield the past year and her marriage came as a surprise to her many friends, both in Canyon and Littlefield.

Mr. Whicker is a dealer in real estate in Littlefield and Lamb County and is prominent in the business and social life of the town. Mr. and Mrs. Whicker will make their home in Littlefield following their return from Wichita Falls and other points.

BOOKS

I have wondered at the patience of the antediluvians; their libraries were insufficiently furnished; how then could seven or eight hundred years of life be supportable? —Cowper.

One of W. T.'s Greatest Needs is Adequate Library Facility

FORTY-EIGHT HONOR STUDES FALL QUARTER

STUDENTS MAKING HIGHEST GRADES WELL DISTRIBUTED BY CLASSES

MUST HAVE B GRADE

Only Those Participating in Some Student Activity are Eligible For the Honor Roll

Miss Edna Graham, chairman of the honor roll committee, announces the following students as making this roll the fall quarter. To be eligible to the honor roll a student must make an average grade of "B" and participate in at least one extra-curricula activity:

Veda Swafford, Hazel Mathis, Sadie Anderson, Gordon Fuller, Mrs. W. B. Durham, Rose Stewart, Lillie McKinney, Madge Childre, Dewey Reed, Fred Oberst, Mae Simmons, Ruth Anderson, Lewis Pinkerton, Vera Wiegman, Sadie Rigler, Vida Savage, Josephine Duflet, Ethel Rice, Irby Carruth, Earl Lewis, Preston Wohlford, Mary Bennett, Louise Walker, Margaret Good, Ruth Holmud, Nila Woodside, Imogene McIntire, Thelma Swanson, Margaret Camp, C. W. West, Gladys Glasgow, Bertha Lee Parker, Edmund Dyche, Dee Gragg, Alva Beach, Marie Stalcup, Dorothy Dillard, Mary Sue Smith, Frances Payne, Sadie Summers, Anna Summers, Kathleen McDaniel, Emma Jean McDonald, Lucille Gilbreath, Mrs. Shinn, Nancy Teel, Elsie Simpson, Doris Glenn.

MEMORIAL COIN TO BE AUCTIONED

Special Half-Dollar Will Go to the High Bidder

County Chairman T. B. McCarter of the Confederate Memorial Coin campaign, states that people of Randall county desiring coins must procure them at the local banks by January 23rd. Coins which are not sold by that time will be shipped to other counties, or returned to the Federal Reserve Bank.

Professor McCarter also states that the special memorial coin allotted to Randall County will be auctioned off publicly some time before January 23. This coin is identical with the other memorial coins except that it is stamped with the word Texas and its number, which is 68. One of these special coins is sent to each county chairman in the Memorial Campaign to be sold to the highest bidder. Fancy prices have been paid for these coins in other states. A Florida bidder paid \$250 for one of these coins and \$150 was paid for one in South Carolina. The time of auction will be advertised several days before the sale of the special coin here.

HARDIN BOYLES LEFT OFF LIST OF LETTER MEN

Owing to an error in the last issue of this paper, Hardin Boyles was not mentioned with the Buffs who earned their letters in football this past season. Boyles earned his letter in good style, playing much more than is required by the school ruling for the award of a pigskin "T." This was "Hard's" first year with the Buffs, though he has played a number of seasons with the Amarillo Golden Sandstorm, and leaves an enviable record behind him in the Big City of the Plains. Thompson, Boyles' contender for the center position, and four year man with the Buffs, graduates this spring, and Hardin gives promise of ably filling the shoes of the big defender of the hub position for the Bisons in their coming Rugby season.

BUD BAGWELL, BUFFALO STAR RETURNS TO SCHOOL

Bud Bagwell, star of the Buffalo forwards during the football season who was injured seriously in the midst of a great season has returned to school this quarter. Bagwell enrolled yesterday.

Bagwell was hurt while working on his father's farm when he fell from the wagon which he was driving and his arm crushed and broken by the wheels. He is rapidly recovering, but still carries the arm in a sling.

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BUFFALO BASKET SCHEDULE LISTS 8 STRONG CLUBS

FOUR OF GAMES ON SCHEDULE ARE TENTATIVE—FANS ARE PLEASED OVER LIST OF HOME CONTESTS

THREE CONTESTS

Burton Has Men in Intensive Training Already. Team Has Hopes of Winning T. I. A. A. Championship This Season

Prospects look exceedingly bright for the capture of the T. I. A. A. Basketball Championship to the Teachers basketballers. Coach Burton has announced the schedule as completed to date, which is as follows:

Jan. 15 and 16, Wayland, at Canyon.

Jan. 20 and 21, N. M. M. I., at Canyon.

Jan. 27 and 28, Daniel Baker, at Canyon.

Jan. 30, Texas Tech, at Lubbock.

Feb. 3 and 4, McMurry, at Canyon.

Feb. 12 and 13, Texas Tech, at Canyon.

Feb. 19 and 20, A. C. C., at Canyon.

Feb. 26 and 27, N. T. S. T. C., at Denton.

Mar. 1 and 2, E. T. S. T. C., at Commerce.

Followers of this sport within the college are greatly pleased with the large number of games secured by Coach Burton which are to be played on the home court. The games with the Wayland and Institute squads have not been definitely agreed upon, but will be played if plans now laid are carried out. The schedule is smaller this year than usual, but some of the strongest championship contenders in the Texas Association are to be played by Burton's men, the last four games to be played away from home with the strong Denton and Commerce quintets.

Tech is Strong

It is reported that the Tech has a large squad out for the Technological Five, and strong opposition is expected to come from this south plains team. N. M. M. I. is handicapped in this sport, as she was in football, by the fewness of experienced men which she has in uniform, but the Institute has never failed to send out a fast aggressive team to defend her scarlet and black.

McMurry has most of her men back in school who played on her last year's squad, and promises to throw her hat into the T. I. A. A. basketball ring. The Buffs administered a pair of defeats to this aggregation last year, which was composed largely of green material.

Bufs Promising

Nothing can be said of the relative merits of the Buffs basketballers as yet, for they have been practicing only a few days. A majority of the men are in good physical condition, most of them have worn the moleskins during the season just completed. Coach Burton has plunged them into rigid training already, and has a difficult problem as yet as to who is to wear the maroon and white with the regulars, Captain Hale, Crump, Herm, Hill, Bivins, Gamel, Keith, Lowes, as well as others of untied mettle are being put through the tricks by the Big Coach, and the fans of the state are watching proceedings anxiously, for the Teachers are putting in a strong bid to filch the championship, having lost last season by the narrow margin of one game.

Over Fifty New Students Enrolled

Crowds of students were seen massed in the college corridors last Tuesday morning, seeking admission to the college. Among the crowds were many former students who are returning to their Alma Mater to renew their quest of knowledge. There were many others who were seeking enrollment in the W. T. S. T. C. for their first time. A count made Saturday night showed that over fifty new students had been enrolled since Tuesday morning. This is sure to boost the attendance for the winter quarter, due to the fact that very few withdrawals from school have been reported.

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MY LADY NICOTINE

As college people we should be interested in any study, survey, or investigation of educational problems made by a reputable institution of higher education. In 1923 Antioch College began a study of the effects of tobacco upon college students, and in October 1925, President Arthur E. Morgan published the report quoted below:

A portion of the complete report from Antioch College follows: "A careful study of smoking among men students at Antioch does not disclose any permanent effects of smoking upon blood pressure, lung capacity or pulse rate; but a definite relationship is established between smoking and low scholarship. Among men students 31.8 per cent of non-smokers fail to maintain required grades, while 62.3 per cent of heavy smokers similarly fail. "Inhalers" fall most often. Before this study began, the more susceptible smokers had been eliminated, since many more smokers than non-smokers had failed and been dropped from college.

"A study of smoking among men students at Antioch has been pursued with thorough care and in accordance with sound statistical methods. Antioch students provide material of quite unusual value for such a study. Nearly all parts of the country are quite uniformly represented. About half the men smoke, and these do so openly. There is no motive for secrecy or deception. The men have shown interest in the research, assisting generously with information.

"The data included that supplied by the students about themselves; that recorded during the physical examinations, not indifferently or in haste, but with a knowledge that accurate measurements would be needed for statistical research; intelligence tests made both before admission and in college; and the "grades" which are the carefully considered verdicts of the faculty on each student's scholarship.

"All scholastic grades were reduced to the basis in use when the study began in 1923-1924, in which a grade of C equals 3, B equals 4, and A equals 5.

Smoking and Athletics

"In actual experience at Antioch, non-smokers seem to do slightly better in athletics than smokers. In track meets during the past two years they have gained an easy majority of points. On the other hand, all important events in our swimming meet, held last spring, were won by two experts, both of whom were habitual smokers.

"Of 177 students who now smoke, 74 gained athletic 'letters' at high school or preparatory school, and 21 have won the college letters. Of 176 students who do not smoke, only 56 gained athletic letters at high school or preparatory school, but they also include 21 representatives with college (Varsity A) letters.

"The tentative conclusion is that high school athletes tend to take up smoking, and so increase the number of athletes among college smokers, but that the smokers do not retain their pre-eminence in sports. This conclusion is supported by the fact that of students who began smoking in high school, thirty-seven have high school letters, but of these only three have gained college letters by accomplishments in athletics at Antioch.

Smoking and Physique

"Those who believe most firmly in the poisonous effect of tobacco commonly maintain that its use increases the speed of the pulse and alters blood pressure. There is some experimental evidence that in many cases these effects do follow immediately after smoking. If the

speeding effect were permanent it would reduce the reserve power of the heart, and we should expect the athletic smoker to be handicapped by this loss of reserve.

"Unfortunately for this theory, the average smoker's heart was found to be one-fifth of a beat per minute slower than that of the non-smoker—probably a chance variation. We found no significant difference in the blood pressure or in the lung capacity of the two groups. If from one to six years of moderate smoking causes any permanent effect on the human machine, we have yet to discover it. If a moderate use of tobacco causes a temporary but not a permanent loss of physical efficiency in these respects then the claims of those who oppose the use of tobacco must be modified.

Smoking and Scholarship

"Of twenty-three men dismissed from Antioch last year for low scholarship, twenty were smokers. This fact bears upon all the following statistics. As the poorest students are dropped, the average grade of the remainder is higher. If most of those dropped are smokers, then the smokers remaining in college are a selected group who are less affected by the association of smoking with low scholarship. Were it not for such elimination, the scholarship of smokers would appear still more unfavorably.

"On the basis of grading which prevailed when this study was undertaken, an average grade of 3.2 was required of students. A grade of 4 or higher was made by 23.9 per cent of non-smokers, and by 7.9 per cent of smokers. The average grade of 176 non-smokers last year was 3.51; that of 177 smokers was 3.14. The difference is .37. The mathematical probability of such a difference arising by chance is only one in 730 millions. The difference in scholarship of smokers and non-smokers is real, with some assignable cause.

"We cannot at once conclude that the habit of smoking is that cause. It might be a third factor. For example, sociability may be associated both with smoking and with low scholarship. So we investigated further.

"We found that heavy smokers have lower grades than light smokers. Heavy smokers average 3.00, light smokers 3.23. More heavy smokers fall below diploma grade. (Students falling below diploma grade, 3.2, must improve scholarship or leave college.) Of non-smokers 31.8 per cent fall below diploma grade; of light smokers, 42.0 per cent, and of heavy smokers, 62.3 fall below.

"Smokers who 'inhale' have lower scholarship than those who do not. Of all smokers who do not inhale, 42.4 per cent fall below diploma grade; but of those who do inhale, 43.8 per cent of light smokers and 65.1 per cent of heavy smokers fall below.

"Smokers remaining in college fall steadily in scholarship (from 3.65 to 3.31 in three years.) Non-smokers maintain a nearly uniform average.

"With these figures before us, it is hard to avoid the conclusion that smoking is actually a cause of mental inefficiency."

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By Squint

Howdy!

We sojourned in this very little village while you were visiting the old folks at home, and believe us, we're glad to see you back again. The only animal in town that acted natural was the musically inclined feline that nightly carols beneath our bower. We're glad to see you girls with shiny new vanity cases, you boys with fresh neckties, and all of you with a strengthened belief in the existence of Santa Claus. Furthermore, we hope you nailed and clinched the love of the parents. It will please us to see you pound the pedagogic ears this quarter for a "B" or so, so pour it on 'em!

Feet and Necks

Dr. Munson tells us that part of the old Catholic marriage ceremony consisted in the groom's placing his foot lightly upon the neck of the bride while she knelt before the priest and altar. This was a token of submission to the will of the husband. Some seem to think that in that case this custom should be readopted, the wife-to-be would perform the foot-to-neck placing act, others think differently and we don't know, and wouldn't take any very definite stand on the question if we did.

Fire in the North

We read the other day of a New Jersey Santa Claus' whiskers catching on fire. He quickly demasked himself to prevent the infliction of burns on his face, and when the smoke cleared away, a frightened, disillusioned group of kiddies were seen to be standing and looking open mouthed from Santa to one another. It was impossible to prevent this mishap, but it was quite a shock to several juvenile minds, you know. When a child learns the truth about Santa Claus it leaves him with a sinking feeling in the pit of his stomach, and he doesn't want to believe there isn't a gift bearing eskimo. He then questions the truthfulness of other traditions which he learned in his childhood, and includes among these traditions the stories of the Christ and many others. It looks to us like the handling of this question is a delicate one; we are teachers to be.

We've been out to see the basketball boys practicing, and Coach Big Sam has lots of good material out there. He's developing it, and he's accomplishing lots in a little time. When these boys meet these other T. I. A. teams on the plastered court, their side won't have as much chance as a biology book in Tennessee. You wait and see!

The Seniors

Some wags have been inclined to belittle the efforts of our classmates, the Seniors, and we don't like it one bit. To give you an idea

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of the size and strength of the Senior Class we respectfully present to you the following statistics: If the brains of the class were gathered together, they would fill to overflowing a one-gallon fruit jar; if all the feet belonging to members of this class were placed end to end, they would reach to within a mile of Vega, Texas; if the members of this class should stand one upon the shoulders of the other, this human column would extend over three hundred feet into the air; if all the hair were sheared from the domes of this noble group of scholars and piled upon the south steps of the administration building, it would within a short time all blow away. How can you scoff at our efforts, fellow students, when you have been brought face to face with these startling figures?

One: The professor is in a class by himself.

Another: Howzat?

One: He got to the classroom ten minutes late.—Bucknell Belle Hop.

Farmers, Attention!

Some people think that an Irish Bull is a mature male bovine which hails from the Emerald Isle. This is gross misinformation. The Irish are noted for their wit, but many attribute their seeming shrewdness to sheer ignorance and a long tongue. A "bull" is another word for blunder, hence the phrase "Irish Bull." We don't know anything about Irish cows.

More Words

We have the advantage when we study a foreign language, for a foreigner's syllables and letters have somewhat the same pronunciation in a majority of his words. Pity the poor foreigner when he



MISS MAGNETIC SAYS:

Formerly a woman's complexion was often the cause of her dejection. But now THE CITY PHOTO AND BEAUTY SHOP comes to her reflection, and she's once again perfection.

Lane-Hancock
Wedding

Miss Birdie Lou Lane and George Hancock were united in marriage, December 29th, at the home of the bride's parents. The bride is a former student of this institution. She has been teaching near Amarillo for the past term.

"There is less difference than most people think in the creeds of Christians and Jews. We differ only in the way in which we place Christ. He was a wonderful Jew. He is my teacher as well as yours. It would be well for everyone, Jew and Gentile alike, to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ."—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise.

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Hood-Butler Wedding

The marriage of Miss Mae Hood and Truett Butler occurred at Plainview, Texas, Sunday, December 20. Miss Hood is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Hood and is a popular ex-student of this institution. Mr. and Mrs. Butler will make their home at Floydada.

Patrick-Flake

Miss Dessa Patrick, who has been a student here for the past three summers, and Paul Flake of Plainview were married at Lubbock, December 20. The bride is librarian at the Plainview high school. Mr. and Mrs. Flake will be at home to their friends in Plainview where Mr. Flake is employed as a bookkeeper at the First National Bank.

Mrs. Eloise Slaughter Dies

The death of Mrs. Eloise Oakes Slaughter occurred at Amarillo December 23. Mrs. Slaughter was a student here in the summers of '21, '22, '24, and '25, and for the past few years has been an instructor of public school music in Amarillo schools. The burial took place at Dalhart, Texas.

Ex-Student Victim of Auto Wreck

The many student friends of Miss Iva Lee Pinnell will be grieved to learn of her death which resulted from an automobile wreck near Childress recently. Miss Pinnell was an attractive member of the '24-'25 student body.

L. W. Blau to Teach at State U. This Summer

L. W. Blau, who received his degree from this College last June will teach during the first six weeks of the summer session at the State University. He is doing graduate work now in the field of Physics. Evidently Mr. Blau is upholding his reputation as a tireless worker, for aside from the four regular graduate courses which he is carrying he is serving as tutor twenty-one hours each week and has recently been given permission to begin work on his thesis.

Twenty-fivers Receive Class Letters

A fine page mimeographed letter, telling briefly of College happenings this fall and of incidentals particularly interesting to members of last year's senior class was mailed out to each "twenty-fiver" recently by the local secretary of the Class. The letter broadcasted to the class excerpts from a great number of individual communications which have been sent in by members since graduation. One of the features most deeply appreciated by the class was a personal message written by President Hill and included

in the letter. This is the first of a series of letters which will be sent out during the year.

Memphis Exes Banquet

Attractive buffalo place cards and marked plates of an enthusiastic group of W. T. ex-students of Memphis who gathered around a dinner table on December 3 and exchanged reminiscences of College days. Mrs. Tom C. Delaney, former Methodist Student Secretary presided as toastmaster.

Mrs. Lawrence M. Gibson writes that she and her husband are now established in their new home in Pittsburg, Kansas. Mrs. Gibson was before her marriage Miss Muriel Phillips, a former member of the college faculty.

Miss Beulah Ben Owenby recently visited her sister Miss Mary Lamb Owenby of Randall Hall. Miss Beulah is very enthusiastic about her school work this winter. She is teaching in Hutchinson county.

Weigman-Posey Wedding

Miss Vera Wiegman and Harold Posey, both of Claude, were married December 22, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wiegman. Miss Wiegman attended school here last summer and continued her work through the preceding quarter. Mr. Posey is a promising young farmer of Claude. They will make their home on Mr. Posey's farm near Claude.

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Campus Society And Club Activities

McBrayer-Terry Wedding Solemnized

Miss Ruby McBrayer and Lawrence Terry were quietly married Tuesday afternoon at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. W. B. McBrayer. Rev. Maurice H. Terry, twin brother of the groom, performed the ceremony. Only members of the immediate family were present.

Mrs. Terry is well known among the students. The groom is a prominent Redman and belongs to the Antler Literary Society. Both the bride and groom are students in the College and will continue their studies in the institution.

Meinecke-McDonald Wedding

Last Thursday morning at nine o'clock, Mrs. Mary Meinecke and Bryan McDonald were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. W. J. Grimmer at Ozona. Only members of the immediate family witnessed the ceremony. The bride is the daughter of Judge and Mrs. C. E. Davidson of Ozona and the groom is the son of Judge and Mrs. C. F. Kerr of this city. Mrs. Kerr and son, Will, attended the wedding. Mrs. McDonald was very promi-

nent in student activities when she attended school here several years ago. The groom has also been outstanding in literary and musical work. The student body as well as their many Canyon friends extend to them their best wishes.

Stapleton Elected Freshman President

The Freshman Class met at the chapel period Friday for the purpose of electing officers for the winter quarter. The following were chosen:

John Stapleton—President.
Robert Foster—Vice President.
Vida Savage—Secretary.
Elizabeth Chandler—Treasurer.
Vernon Johnston—Sergeant-at-arms.

The Freshman green caps arrived during the holidays, and were distributed a few days ago. At chapel Saturday, those who had caps marched around the room singing the Freshman song.

Red Hots Enjoy First Social

Demonstrating all their usual pep and enthusiasm, the Red-Hots had a wonderful time making candy at the home of Dalma Fry, December 14. Besides making and eating

candy everyone had just an informal good time. The climax of the evening was reached when a grab box was conducted. Unexpected guests at the party were the football boys who came over following their banquet.

This is the first social which the Red-Hots have had this year and from all appearances it seems that this organization is a success in

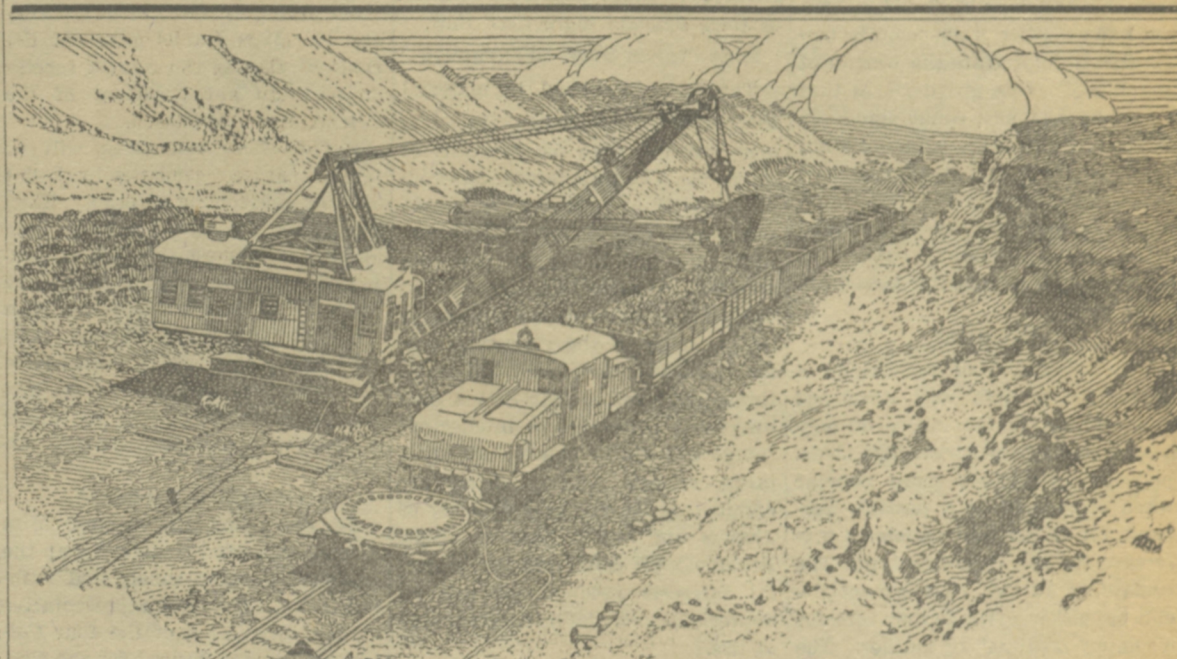
the social field as well as in demonstrations of pep.

Miss Youngblood is Hostess

During the holidays Miss Mamie Youngblood was hostess to a number of College students at her home in Clarendon. Several lovely social affairs were given in Clarendon in

honor of the guests of Miss Youngblood. The crowd returned to Canyon after a delightful three-day visit. Those in the party were: Misses Zelma Robinson, Thelma Prichard, Johnnie Dunaway, Floyd Holman, and Geneva Lowe.

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CO-EDS REPUDIATE
EXPERIENCED PETTERS

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they remark. One rather pessimistic young person does not object to a petter, she says, but "would prefer the other kind if there were such a thing." A few of the girls believe that "a man can't tell what he wants until he has played around a bit," or that "if a man has known other women, he is better able to appreciate the woman of his choice." One girl declares that some she has met could stand experience, because she wouldn't want one "too slow," and another student states emphatically that "I would object to marrying an experienced petter, but I wouldn't expect to marry a man who hadn't kissed another girl."

Caveman?

The caveman, not necessarily a brute, but a man well developed and athletic, is the choice of only 38 per cent of the girls. The sleek, polished "sheik" is more popular when considered as a possible husband, for 49 per cent register a preference for the Valentino type. The remaining 13 per cent cannot decide on either extreme and vote for a "happy medium" or neither. The 38 per cent who chose the caveman, however, all stipulate that he must be a polished caveman. He may be caveman in size, but not in tactics.

"Give me a caveman type," one year older, they say, most of them

girl implores, adding in parenthesis, "but a tamed one." Another, evidently fearing the egotist, specifies, "strong, and athletic, yes, but not overwhelmingly so. He must have a certain 'polish,' also; but he mustn't be conscious of his charm."

co-eds, and they are not all freshmen, believe that a high school education is the minimum that a man could have to be eligible, but most of them demand more than that.

Most Prefers Doers to Dreamers

The man interested in material things—sport, business, etc., is most attractive to 55 per cent of the girls. The man interested in intellectual things—books, art, music, science—is chosen by 17 per cent, while the remaining 28 per cent vote for the man with interests divided between the two extremes or both. Many of the girls who prefer the man interested in material things express the fear that a man interested primarily in intellectual things will not be able to provide a large enough income. They are afraid that he will be a dreamer of dreams and not a doer of deeds. But most of those desiring material interests predominant ask an appreciation for the intellectual side of life.

A woman should be from 20 to 25 years old at the time of her marriage, these girls believe. The man should be from two years to eight

PLURAL PLAN OF
VOTING EXPLAINED

"FRESHEST FRESHMAN," "SANEST SOPH," "JOLLIEST JUNIOR," AND "SAGEST SENIOR" TO BE SELECTED

Miss Amy Daniel, editor of Le Mirage, announced yesterday that the College Celebrity contest is fixed definitely for Tuesday, January 19. Miss Daniel gave out the finished plan of the contest together with an announcement of the Celebrities to be chosen.

Six separate celebrities will be selected by the students by ballot vote at the coming election. They are: The Freshest Freshman, the Sanest Sophomore, the Jolliest Junior, the Sagest Senior; and the Most Valuable Man and the Most Valuable Girl to the College. The first four places will be chosen from the respective College classes and any person in the College division is eligible to nomination for the latter two.

Celebrities Explained

In discussing the contest Miss Daniel expressed a desire that the contests be taken sanely and without levity. The most representative student from each of the four College classes are desired for the first four named Celebrities. For instance, Miss Daniel explained, the

preferring a difference of only two years, and a considerable number believing that a difference of five years is best. Eight per cent of them consider between 25 and 35 years of age the best age for marriage. The most popular age is 25.

name "Freshest Freshman" is intended for the person in that class who is the leading member in every phase of College life.

A campaign for the sale of Le Mirage will be conducted with the Celebrity contest.

Football Men
Banqueted

"Famous for Food" may be a fine hotel motto, but those in attendance at the Buffalo Football Banquet held on the evening of December 14, in the Home Economics dining room, will tell you that the food and atmosphere were truly more "home-like than hotel-like." Senator Reid, President Hill, the coaches and Athletic Committee of the College, and Secretary Shaw helped the Buffaloes and Yearlings to enjoy the evening.

Mr. Shaw started things off with a bang when he took a flashlight picture of the crowd seated at the beautifully decorated tables. The tables were artistically decorated with flowers of maroon and white, carrying out the color scheme in a very effective manner. Mr. Shirley, the toastmaster of the evening, explained the absence of Coach Eckhardt and informed those present that a telegram had been sent to "Big Oscar" telling him of the sentiments of the squads and others at his absence.

Various members of the team were called upon for speeches; retiring Captains Herm and Santy pledged themselves to further aid their Alma Mater by sending athletes to build up the athletic prowess of W. T. S. T. C. Captains-elect McVicker and Elkins said a few

words in regard to the team and season of 1926. President Hill and Senator Reid paid high tribute to the athletes of the college, especially to the men who leave us this year. Messrs. Hill and Reid conveyed some wonderful ideals and thoughts to every man present.

The seven men whom we lose after this year were each decorated with a flower from the table. The remaining men bid their comrades goodbye, but it will be many long years before the deeds of Herm, Hill, Hale, Santy, Thompson, Anderson, Bivins, and Vaughn will be forgotten by their teammates and W. T. S. T. C.

John Overall Heads
Cousins

The Cousins Literary Society met Friday evening, January 1. Many enthusiastic workers were present and plans were laid for the New Year. A. D. Cummings, president during the fall term, briefly summarized the work accomplished and expressed his appreciation for the co-operation of the members. The election of officers was taken up and the following were elected: John Overall President
C. W. West Vice President
Lloyd Rhodes Sec'y-Treas.
Dee Hairgrove Chaplain
Noel Lott Sergeant
James Wilson Yell Leader
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