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LUBBOCK TEAM IS WINNER IN STOCK JUDGING CONTEST

BANQUET GIVEN BOYS AT COUSINS HALL FRIDAY NIGHT.

The Lubbock stock judging team won the contest Friday from twelve vocational school competitors with a score of 1592 out of a possible 1950.

Judson Todd of Lubbock was the high man in individual scores in the contest, making 540 points out of a possible 650.

The following was the score made by the teams:

1. Lubbock	1592
2. Olton	1458
3. Teline	1452
4. Silverton	1434
5. Miami	1418
6. Wheeler	1416
7. Canyon	1407
8. Spur	1350
9. Spearman	1301
10. Farwell	1257
11. Dist. No. 10, Farwell	1248
12. Panhandle	1243
13. Lockney	1148

The Lubbock team was the winner of the cup offered by C. O. Keiser last year. If the school wins the cup again next year, it will become the permanent property of Lubbock. R. C. Mowery is the coach of the Lubbock team.

The following were the highest ten men in the contest, and their scores:

1. Todd of Lubbock	540
2. Blackman of Lubbock	533
3. Standifer of Wheeler	525
4. Shanklin of Canyon	520
5. Turner of Silverton and Hester of Lubbock tied	519
6. Hawes of Lubbock	507
7. Walker of Olton	506
8. Sherman of Canyon	505
9. Woodson of Teline	492
10. Buster of Canyon and Bohner of Olton tied	480

At the banquet Friday night Frank R. Phillips was toastmaster and introduced J. W. Ridgeway, judge of the dairy cow contest. Mr. Ridgeway in-

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Buffalo Baseball Team Prospects Are Being Lined Up

The batterymen who expect to try for places on the West Texas State Normal College Buffalo baseball squad started working out Thursday afternoon limbering up their arms. Only light practice work will be done for the next two weeks. So far only two likely catchers have reported. Johnson, veteran of two years, and Gordon, a member of the Yearling string last year, both look to be in good form for the work. About eight pitchers have reported but among them are only two veterans. Graves and Whitacre will probably be the mainstays of Coach Burton's pitching staff, unless some of the new material proves to be of real worth.

Coach Burton states that a very hard schedule is being planned for the Buffaloes. However, he has only one road trip planned, but it is a hard one. The trip will take the herd over several hundred miles and includes games with some of the best Texas schools.

The games so far scheduled: May 7-8, Simmons College at Abilene; May 9-10, John Tarleton at Stephenville; May 11-12, East Texas State Normal at Commerce; May 14-15, Trinity University at Waxahachie; May 16-17, Austin College at Sherman.

SENIOR CLASS TO GIVE PLAY

"The Runaway Match" by Mark E. Swan is the title of a play to be given early in the Spring quarter by the Senior Class for the benefit of the "Le Mirage." The royalty on the play is very high, and it made a two-year's continuous run in New York City.

Miss Joye Mills, of the Expression Department, will aid the Senior Class with the play.

THE WEATHER

If the wind doesn't blow next week, it will be fair weather. No snow expected unless it turns colder.—By I Forecast.

Sixty Hi Boys Took Part in Contests Here

Sixty high school boys represented the eight high schools who contested for the championship of District 1 of the Texas Interscholastic League in the Normal College gymnasium two weeks ago. The gate receipts practically paid the traveling expenses of the various teams to the local meet.

Below is to be found the names of all the participants:

Amarillo: H. G. Wilson, coach; Rubin Baker, Herschel Tadlock, Frank Jones, Barney Brady, "Teddy" Nicklans, Winfield Teed, Ernest Holman.

Dalhousie: S. B. Hannah, coach; Buren Reynolds, Arkel Ritchie, Raymond Reynolds, Robert Winn, Tom McCandless, Clyford Theide, George Wolf, Olo Welch, and Jesse Welch.

Dimmitt: S. W. Reeves, coach; Jowell Tate, Roy Cowser, Elmer Bell, Dick Galle, and Jim Mundere.

Hedley: C. R. E. Weaver, coach; Clyde Hill, Mallard Moore, Will Johnson, Marion Show, Joe Nipper, James Ritchie, and Will Mobley.

Love: H. J. Reynolds, coach; Edgar Bell, Mart Tucker, Roy Bell, Curtis Evans, Reginald Thomas, Frank Tucker, Wheeler Tucker, and Ben Caraway.

Pampa: Buel Irwin, coach; D. B. Jameson, Delbert Stewart, Joe Vincent, John Williams, Clas Dunkel, John Brown, Roy Barnard, Clarence Barrett.

Perryton: H. I. Hudson, coach; Roy Beaver, Oscar Gamel, Razer Pearson, Virby Conley, Herbert Jones, and Glen Razen.

Canyon: Jimmie Webb, coach; Tince Brown, Alton Key, Cecil Faust, Walter Black, Milton Sanders, and Robert Stratton.

Antlers Entertained by Elapheians at Cousins Hall

Wednesday, February 14, the members of the Antler Literary Society received invitations, written in red ink and decorated with bleeding hearts, saying, "be at Cousins Hall at fifteen till eight with an Elapheian date."

Accordingly, at the appointed time the members of the two societies began to gather in the Cousins Hall reception room. The room was decorated with hearts and set with tables for playing "42." After a few selections of music by the orchestra, everyone drew numbers and the playing began. For an hour and a half the click of the dominoes and the hum of conversation continued with occasional interruptions such as, "We go to head table," or "Where is foot table?"

But ere long the hour had grown late and the serving girls were hurrying to the various groups with large trays of refreshments. The players stacked their dominoes and turned their attention to the eats, which consisted of fruit salad on lettuce, potato chips, olives, sandwiches, and tea. After refreshments the orchestra gave a few more selections, and then—blinkety-blink—the lights—time to go.—Prairie Representative.

MISS ANNE BAILEY ANNOUNCES ENGAGEMENT

The engagement of Miss Anne Bailey to Mr. J. Virgil Moore of Amarillo was made on Wednesday evening, February 14, at a Valentine entertainment given by Misses Fricke and McCleskey.

Miss Bailey has been a teacher in the Training School of the Normal College for the past two years, which position, it is supposed, she will hold until the end of this school term.

Mr. Moore is a prominent Amarillo business man and a member of the Moore-Poston Dry Goods Company.

At the announcement party a toast was given by Miss Margaret Guenther to the bride, a toast to the groom by Mrs. C. W. Warwick, and a toast to the girls left behind by Miss Bailey. Only a few of the close friends were present.

MR. ALLEN TO AUSTIN

Dean L. G. Allen has been in Austin since Tuesday afternoon where he met with representatives from the various colleges of the State to discuss the feasibility of organizing a Greek letter scholarship society.

GIRLS' TEAM VICTOR OVER A. & M. CO-EDS

SUPERIOR TEAM WORK WINS FOR NORMAL COLLEGE

Captain Mounts' sextette played to an easy victory over the girls from the Junior A. & M. College of Goodwell, Oklahoma, last Saturday night by a score of 33 to 25. The Oklahoma girls took a two point lead on the jump off, but in two minutes they were behind, and did not threaten the Canyon girls' lead but once more, and that was in the second quarter when the score stood 10-10. S. M. Mounts and F. Vaughn were always able to score in the tight places, and they were very adept in the art of passing the ball. McQueen and Broyles in center outplayed their opponents at every stage of the game and were largely responsible for the fast team work. Captain M. Mounts and D. Dolcater played the defense positions for the home girls in a very creditable manner; they were especially good on taking ball off backboard, thus breaking up repeated trials for goal.

For Goodwell Johnson was the outstanding star. She scored all 25 points for the visitors. The Goodwell girls are to be complimented on their clean playing—very few fouls were called on either team.

This game is significant for the fact that it is the first official game played by a girls team representing the W. T. S. N. C. since its entry into the W. I. A. A. conference. Though it was not a conference game, the result showed that the girls have a fast passing machine, which undoubtedly results from Miss Gray's efficient coaching. Another significant "feature" was the undue interest manifested during the game by the center and right guard of the Buffalo quintet.

The line-up:

Canyon	Goodwell
Forwards	
Sena Mae Mounts	Johnson (C)
F. Vaughn	Meadow

Centers
Frankie Broyles Scholl
Hazel McQueen Groendyke

Guards
Mattie Mounts (C) Johnson
Dorothy Dolcater Schupler

Substitutes: (Canyon) Meador for Dolcater. Coleman for Meador. Wiggins for McQueen. Lewis for Broyles. Anderson for S. M. Mounts.

Referee, Jimmie Webb, Principal of Canyon High School.

Scorers—Lancaster and Mitchell.

Join the Navy; See World Free

The ship will start from New York (Auditorium) at 8:00 P. M., March 3. From here the sailors will be piloted by the captain of each ship in crews of forty. The various stops that we intend to make are at Ireland, Holland, Spain, Hindustan, the Orient, and Hawaii. When we have completed the world trip, we will be welcomed home by Uncle Sam, George, and Martha who will doubtless be at the docks awaiting our arrival.

Don't forget that there will be plenty of entertainment typical of each nation you visit. If you want a passport be sure to enlist at the recruiting station in the auditorium.

Come help us rock the old boat along. Don't forget the date—March 3 at eight in the evening.—Representative.

THE "Y" BENEFIT SHOW

Tickets are now on sale for the "Y" benefit show which will be given at the Olympic Theatre on February 28 and March 1. Those who are near the College see the ticket agents first, for you cannot afford to miss this one. Those who are too far away and cannot buy your ticket at the College, see the Canyon High School force.

The manager of the Theatre tells us "Nanook of the North" is the best show that has come to Canyon in several months.—Representative.

Average Intelligence.

Bill Falls (showing a friend over the campus): "This is the stadium."

His friend: "Fine! Now take me through the curriculum. They say you have a good one here."

Member of Board of Regents Died Last Wednesday

Athens, Texas, Feb. 21.—Judge A. B. Watkins, well-known, noted Texas lawyer, died at the family home here at 12:15 o'clock this morning after an illness lasting since Feb. 4, when he was stricken with paralysis. At his bedside were his wife and only son, Judge Royal R. Watkins of Dallas. Funeral arrangements have not yet been made.

Albert Bacon Watkins, son of R. C. Watkins, who was the first Presbyterian minister to be ordained in the Republic of Texas, and Amanda Watkins, daughter of C. E. Polk, a lineal descendant of President James K. Polk, was born at Kemp on Aug. 4, 1857. He was the youngest of seven children and was educated in Trinity University, receiving his A. B. degree in that institution in 1877. He located in Kaufman, where he studied law under Manion & Adams, who were among the foremost lawyers in Texas. He was admitted to the bar in 1879 in Kaufman.

He located in Athens in 1881, being a member of the firm of Manion, Adams & Watkins, which firm engaged in the practice of law over a large district of Texas. This firm was dissolved at a later date and the firm of Richardson & Watkins was organized, which partnership continued until the recent death of M. E. Richardson, since which time Mr. Watkins has continued the practice of law alone.

During his earlier years Judge Watkins took an active interest in political life and was the State Executive Chairman at one time. He was a close personal friend of Governor James Stephen Hogg, who appointed him District Judge. He served this Judicial District as Judge during 1892-94.

He was made most worshipful grand master of Texas Masons, which office he filled during 1896. These activities seemed to satisfy his political ambition, for he was later offered other appointments of higher judicial positions, which he uniformly declined. He was married to Miss Laura Murchison in 1884 at Athens and their quiet and retired life seemed to satisfy his every ambition.

He was a profound student both in law and literature and was one of the foremost scholars of our State. Recently he has given considerable of his time to educational affairs, being a member of the board of regents of the State Normal Colleges. This work seemed to give him peculiar interest and he gave considerable of his time to all the school activities of the State. He was a great lover of outdoor life.

He was a Mason, a member of both the Scottish and York Rite bodies. His Scottish Rite degrees were conferred upon him before any consistory was established in Texas under special dispensations granted by the late Albert Pike. He is survived by one brother, R. S. Watkins of Waxahachie, and a son, Royal R. Watkins, of Dallas.—The Dallas News.

RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased the Almighty Father to remove from this earth the father of our class-president, Enoch Dawson, therefore be it resolved by the Sophomore Class of The West Texas State Normal College:

That this class sympathizes with our president and his family in their sorrow, and, as far as genuine fellowship can go, shares their grief with them.

That in the consequent withdrawal from school of the class-president the Sophomores themselves sustained a loss that will be with difficulty to overcome.

That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the class and a copy be furnished each of the three following papers: The Prairie, The Randall County News, and The Tulla Herald.

Committee for the Sophomore Class.

CARL E. KEMP

GILBERT TYLER

R. BYRON DAUGHERTY

LILA SIMMS

KATHERINE CLARK

MISS WITT ENTERTAINS

Miss Marion Witt, assistant professor of English in the Normal High School, entertained a few of her friends with a "Bridge" party at Cousins Hall last Monday morning.

Patronize the Prairie Advertisers.

PANHANDLE-PLAINS HISTORICAL SOCIETY IN ANNUAL MEETING HEARS STORIES FROM THE EARLY SETTLERS

STORIES OF INDIAN FIGHT, BUFFALO HUNTERS, EARLY RANCH LIFE ON T-ANCHOR AND EARLY DAYS IN THIS CITY ARE TOLD.

Forty members of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society gathered Thursday afternoon in business session at the Normal, and at six o'clock enjoyed a banquet given by the home economics department.

The following officers were elected for the coming year:

T. F. Turner, of Amarillo, president. T. M. Clark, Canyon, first vice pres. Mrs. Olive K. Dixon, Miami, second vice president.

Miss Margaret Boulware, Canyon, recording secretary.

Miss Hattie M. Anderson, Canyon, corresponding secretary.

C. R. Burrow, Canyon, treasurer.

Miss Tennessee Malone, Canyon, custodian.

After the business session the banquet was served in the home economics dining room. Music was furnished by the college orchestra.

Prof. T. M. Clark presided at the banquet, and introduced the first speaker, Judge L. Gough, formerly of Hereford, but now of Amarillo. Mr. Gough explained that it was not his intention to make a set speech on the early days, but merely to recite incidents of the early day as they came to him.

Ranching on T-Anchor

Mr. Gough spoke on the subject "Ranching on the T-Anchor." This ranch was located in Randall and surrounding counties, and the old headquarters is now the J. L. Prichard home north of the city. Mr. Gough stated that when he came in 1882, this was the only house in Randall and Deaf

Smith counties. There were only half a dozen headquarters spread over the entire Panhandle. There was a dugout in Deaf Smith county, east of the present location of Hereford, and another dugout about ten miles east of where Tulla now stands. The only settlement was about 25 miles south of Ft. Dodge, Kansas, where there were possibly ten families. Henrietta was the farthest town west. Ft. Dodge was the closest town and shipping point.

First Child Born

The old ranch headquarters were built in 1878 by Dyer Bros., brothers of Mrs. Chas. Goodnight. Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Truby were in charge of the headquarters in 1882 when Mr. Gough came here. Truby was an early buffalo hunter. In 1876 he had a camp dugout just above the site of the headquarters, at a point below the bridge on the highway in Spring Branch. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Truby in this dugout, and he was named Hank after Hank Smith of Crosbyton. In the summer of 1882 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Truby, which died and was buried near the old ranch house by the side of a boy who had been killed when a cutting horse fell with him. This boy was Jimmie Gaines. Mr. Gough thinks these graves ought to be sought out and marked as being the first known white people to have died in Randall county.

Literary Genius

Judge Gough told many interesting experiences of the early day and the (Continued on last page).

BUFFALOES WIN FROM ROSWELL IN LAST GAMES

TEAM HAS WON 12 OUT OF 16 GAMES PLAYED

The Buffalo basketball team ended its 1923 career Saturday night after having defeated the New Mexico Military Institute of Roswell in two games by scores of 53 to 9 and 26 to 17 in the local gymnasium.

Of the sixteen games the team has engaged in this year, fourteen were against T. I. A. A. teams, N. M. M. I. being the only team played that was not a member of that association. Of the sixteen games played, only four have been lost. In each case where a game was lost, the Buffaloes piled up more points against their opponents in the other game than the opponents did in the games they won.

The Normal College Buffaloes won their first two games from Howard Payne; they divided honors with Simmons College, Denton Normal, T. I. A. A. champions, Sam Houston Normal, and San Marcos Normal. They won two games each from Commerce Normal and Southwestern University.

Letters will be awarded to Captain Hale, Lewis Hill, Mitchell, Lancaster, Henry, Davis Hill, Nations and Gordon, provided that each makes passing grades in their subjects.

First Game 53 to 9

The Buffaloes easily defeated the New Mexico Military Institute Cadets from Roswell, by a score of 53 to 9 Friday night. The Buffaloes outclassed the Cadets in every phase of the game, using a passing style of play and a five-man defense which completely puzzled the visitors. The visitors did not score until the last few minutes of the first half, the half ending with the score 27 to 2.

Captain Hale led the field in scoring making twenty-three points. However, there were no individual stars for the Buffaloes, the team using teamwork all the way through.

The line-ups:

Buffaloes	Position	Roswell
Capt. Hale		Little

Hill	Kennedy
Forwards	
Mitchell	Nix
Center	
Lancaster	Capt. Stratten
Henry	Godfrey
Guards	

Substitutes: Gordon for Henry, D. Hill for L. Hill, Nations for Mitchell, Wager for Kennedy, Smith for Wager. Scoring: Field goals, Hale 11; L. Hill, 5; Mitchell, 4; Lancaster, 4; D. Hill 2; Little 1; Kennedy 1; Wager 1. Free goals, Hale 1; Little 3. Referee, Parcells.

Second Game

The Buffaloes again won over the New Mexico Military Institute Cadets five Saturday night by a score of 26 to 17 in a game that was characterized by the decided reversal of form displayed by the Cadets from their defeat on Friday night by the Normalites by a score of 53 to 9. The Cadet defense was able to break up many Buffalo attacks while the Buffaloes were unable to hit the baskets.

Lewis Hill, Odus Mitchell and Joe Lancaster were the stellar players for the Normal basketball while Nix and Godfrey starred for Roswell.

The Cadets are to be highly commended for their good sportsmanship and the fight that they showed in the face of defeat.

President Hill To N. E. A. Meet At Cleveland

President J. A. Hill left Tuesday, February 20, for Cleveland, Ohio, where he is attending the annual meetings of the College administrators' of the United States and the National Educational Association.

He expects to return by way of Columbus where he will visit his cousin, Mr. Lawrence Hill, a graduate of the Normal College, who is now Professor of Southwestern History in the University of Ohio.

President Hill expects to return to Canyon about March 1.

Mesdames J. A. Hill, H. W. Morelock, and J. S. Humphreys were special guests at a banquet given in honor of George Washington at the Amarillo Hotel last Wednesday by the Daughters of the American Revolution.

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MENTAL GYMNASICS OF SOPHOMORE WRITERS

What do you Sophomores do when you are called upon to write something for The Prairie? Of course you immediately protest that you can't, but at the same time you are firmly assured that you can.

Next you probably want to know about what your article is to be written. "Oh," eagerly suggest the scouters for articles, "write about—about—aw, well, just about anything." And this is the extent of his worthy suggestions.

At this interview you do not promise, and the insisting one states that he will see you about it in a day or two. During this day or two you successfully dodge him, but soon you relax your vigilance, and he catches you while your attention is engaged on something in the corridor. This time he refuses to leave until he has wrung a pledge from you to the effect that you will at least try.

That night in preparation for writing you place a package of notebook paper before you and sharpen a pencil or two. Then after chewing the rubber off one of the pencils, you become absorbed in the process of stroking your chin. In the course of this process you discover a small pimple over which you become vitally concerned.

At length you banish this particular phase of your anatomy from your mind, and unconsciously you gaze becomes riveted on the carpet. What an interesting pattern and how strange that you have never noticed it before! You wonder how anyone ever conceived the idea of putting those little squares and oddly shaped figures together just that way. And then you vaguely wonder if you could design carpet patterns.

At this point in your reverie you are rudely jarred back to the present by the striking of the clock. And this reminds you that you are seated at your table for the express purpose of writing for The Prairie.

With this definite purpose in mind several moments of intense silence ensue in which you think deeply and profoundly. Oh, your eyes become illuminated and your countenance beams, for you have received an inspiration. You write hastily for several moments, and then your pencil begins to lag. You try to make it go on but without success.

Breaking away from this idea that will not go on, you determine to try a new one. In the meantime your eye roves about the room as if suggestions might be found on the ceiling or on the walls. You notice some pictures and then a stack of books nearby. Unconsciously you read the titles of several when the title "Century Readings in English Literature" jumps out at you. Your literary moment is now gone forever, for that title reminds you of an English exam, which is to come the following day. You eagerly pick the book up, turn rapidly through its pages, and soon you are suffering the agonies of Satan in "Paradise Lost."

Several hours later you plan your excuse for the non-appearance of that Prairie article.—A Soph.

You can tell a Senior by his knowing cap and gown;
You can tell a Junior by the way he struts around,

You can tell a Freshman by his timid (?) looks and such;
You can tell a Sophomore, but you can't tell him much.

—Baylor Lariat.

"Stop, will ye, Murphy?" cried Pat as he was being lowered into the well that needed repairs. "Oi want to come up again."

"Phwat for?" Murphy wanted to know.

"Niver moind," replied Pat. Then, as he found himself still being lowered, he shouted, "If yez don't stop, Oi'll cut the rope."—American Boy.

JUDGE A. B. WATKINS DIES AT HIS HOME IN ATHENS

The Normal Colleges of Texas sustained a great loss in the death of Judge A. B. Watkins, who died at his home in Athens at 12:15 o'clock, February 21. In another column of this issue of The Prairie will be found a list of the many interests with which his long life of usefulness was closely identified. But we knew him best as a member of the State Board of Normal College Regents, in which capacity he has served with distinction for many years. To this work he brought the wealth of a rich and varied experience, unerring judgment, tireless energy, and constructive genius. He was a man of few words, but once he had determined upon a policy he spoke with a firmness born of conviction and sound judgment which impressed all who listened to him. At one time he delivered an address before our graduating class which, for convincing logic, terseness of speech, and constructive statesmanship as applied to educational problems was a masterpiece. Judge Watkins was a Southern gentleman, a distinguished scholar, and a great educator. Texas needs just such men to direct her educational policies, and the Normal Colleges feel deeply the loss in his death.

LET'S CALL OUR ATHLETIC FIELD "SHIRLEY FIELD"

This new athletic field of ours is not the result of some magic power, as it might seem, but the result of a ten-year fight by an untiring champion of athletics, Professor D. A. Shirley. When we boast of the big college football games that we have had, or the wonderful record of our basketball team, or of the high standing and clean reputation among the colleges of the state, we should not forget that these things are the result of ten years of hard work by Mr. Shirley. He began this work, not only when he had no support, but when a large majority of his fellow teachers were his opponents. It is true that Mr. Shirley has co-workers now, but they are his converts or have been brought here through his influence. He was elected chairman of the athletic committee in 1913 and still holds the place. He was the first contender for the "Student's Activity Fee" without which our present standing in athletics would be impossible. His only brand of athletics is clean unprofessional athletics.

Mr. Shirley is not only the "Father of Athletics" in the West Texas State Normal College, but he is responsible for the growth of athletics in the whole Panhandle. Mr. Shirley is a man who is known, honored, and admired by every boy in the Panhandle who dreams of becoming an athlete.

Shirley Field has gone long enough without a name.

—M. J.

ABANDONMENT

Abandonment is an essential element in Civilization. The Primitive man abandoned the cave to build a house. The gregarious abandoned the clan and instituted the family. Man abandoned the chase to cultivate the soil. Some men abandon the soil to engage in the distribution of its products. Other men abandoned the enterprise of distributing material goods to engage in the distribution of ideas.

Some distributors of ideas dispense them through books; others interpret these ideas to their patrons and solicit their interpretations, together with any original ideas that their patrons happen to have. As the ideas of these interpreters accumulate they find their way into still other books. Books in this way are most often the standard medium of ideas. But the stock of ideas made current through books have become unwieldy for the individual distributor. Distributors of ideas have indeed found it impossible to handle the largest possible stock of varied ideas with their limited capital. Hence along with the capitalization of ideas, organized societies have systematized and financed the interchange and exchange of ideas in order to gain the most efficient service through a more efficient distribution.

But often the complications that arise in the production and distribution of other consumer's goods cause fluctuations in the prices of various commodities. And usually the use of those commodities which are apparently the farthest removed from bread and butter is soonest abstained from during these unstable periods. Investors in distributive enterprises liquidate their stocks. Consumers find substitutes for ideas; and refrain from their use except on special occasions. Producers withdraw from the field of their production and engage in more remunerative enterprises. Distributors preserve the most appetizing portion of the immediate supply, for a chance sale, and store the balance, suffering it to become stale. Thus men abandon those things that seem to contribute least to the lengthening of life.

In the business of assembling and distributing ideas, some men have at times abandoned society, by whom they are employed. They have handled

only those ideas most easily handled by them and most satisfying to their senses, resorting to scientific methods of advertising to create a demand for them. Other men have sensed ideas that have had an intoxicating effect. And these men have indulged in the use of these and similar ideas until they have become edicted to their use engaging in various activities to earn the wherewith to satisfy their enslaved tastes. Such men often drink, as it were, whole urns of water in order to get the small portion of coffee in it. Thus men abandon father, mother, sister, brother, home, friends, life for the sake of the one idea. This is one form of abandonment of self. Such men are usually generous in sharing their favored ideas.

Occasionally a man is found who will consume whatever the market offers as long as he can buy for cash or credit. Usually he sneers in his own heart at those who show discrimination in tastes. He is often self-righteous, cheerishing a sort of borrowed self-conceit. It is often his favorite delusion to imagine he is eclipsing the fiend by ostracising him. Thus is another form of the abandonment of self.

Civilization is a product of the tendency of man toward that form of the abandonment of self which is produced by stimulating ideas of the enlargement of the brighter emotions of his fellow Man and himself.

—Contributed.

ON ATHLETICS

This is getting serious: three term themes to write, six book reports to hand in, lab, experiments to write up, and only two more weeks of school.

Am I sorry I went on a two weeks trip with the Buffaloes basketball team? I am having to make up back work. I am flunking on some exams, necessary to be taken soon after my return. When I re-entered classes after our return, I felt as if I had not been in the class before. You who miss only one or two lessons feel as if you are in danger of flunking. Will the boys who made this trip make any of their subjects. Our teachers seem discouraged with us, but we are going to work hard on this last lap and make a final effort to pass, but will we do it?

The athletic fund lost about two hundred and fifty dollars, but they are not mourning over this loss. In fact, there is not a one of the team that regrets in the least that he made the trip. I feel honored that I was permitted to accompany a team that did as much toward advertising our school as this team did. Our classmates may look down upon us for not making good grades, but we are not going to give up.

Next year is what we are now thinking of. We did not win many games this year in football, but you have my permission to begin whispering it around that we are going to win next year. The schedule is now completed for next year and there is not one team on it than can beat us; although some of the best teams in Texas are to be played.

I just wonder if any team thinks they can beat our basketball team next year. Everyone now on the team will be back to fight for his place, although it looks gloomy for some of us since there are three other old letter men coming back and the second team boys are looking good.

Then we have another team in this school. We have the best baseball team we have ever had here. Next year it will be better. How can any team expect to win over our boys next year?

Some team is going to be the best in the T. I. A. A. next year, I know whose it will be, but some of the students in our school have not thought much about it. I wish to impress upon you that that team will hail from the West Texas State Normal College, Canyon, Texas.—A Member of the Team.

BREEZY BREVITIES

(Edited by Lynn C. Doyle)

Tell me not in mournful numbers,
"Foolish is the stude who crams,"
For the stude is lost who slumbers
On the night before exams.

Now doth loom
The crack of doom;
Impending is disaster:
Day by day
In every way
I get no better faster.

—Pantherette.

In being "signally honored" we suppose one is given the signal to shoulder the wheel for a time.

One mean thing about custom is that every time we try to prophesy fair weather someone has to mention last ground hog's day.

Furthermore, we expect to be famous about the time the rooters learn to yell "Texas Technological College, rah, rah, rah!"

Speaking of term themes, we wish the faculty would take "moderation" for its theme the rest of this term.

Scissored Sentiment

FLOWERS FOR THE LIVING

There comes a time in every life when a few complimentary or appreciative words from a friend or associate act as a spur toward future endeavor and achievement. Just how often such words of encouragement fall at the critical moment when an individual is tottering on the brink of the abyss of despair we can never know. Just how much we brighten the paths and strengthen the determination of our fellows with our "flowers" we can only guess from our own personal experience. All of us, no doubt, recall such times in our own lives when a little friendly interest, a word of appreciation which showed that our efforts were not in vain, lifted us from the depths of despondency and cheered us to new endeavor.

The policy of sincere interest and frank but constructive and sympathetic criticism strikes us as very commendable. In other words we are strong believers in the doctrine of "Flowers for the Living" as expressed in this little poem:

"If you've any lovely roses
Blooming in your flower bed,
Please don't place them on my coffin
I won't need them when I'm dead.

"If you've any words of kindness
That to me you might have said
Please don't speak them 'round my coffin
I'll not hear them when I'm dead.

"Give me roses while I'm living
That my path may brighter be
Speak to me your words of kindness
Lend me your sympathy.

"Wait not till the shadows lengthen
Till all hope in life is fled
Give me flowers while I'm living
I'll not need them when I'm dead."

—J. Tac.

We cannot repeat this statement too often—education, in the true sense of the word, is the key to the solution of the world's problems. Ignorance, and darkness, and gloom—nothing can thrive or live in their murky atmosphere. Education—intelligence—light: we must have them if we would reach the true goal of our destiny. If we would conquer and achieve success in either the material or the mental realm, we must be educated. Says Napoleon Hill: "An 'educated' man is a man who knows how to get everything he needs when he needs, without violating the rights of his fellowmen." —Albert Sidney Lehr, Editor of The Missouri School Journal, Jefferson City, Missouri.

THE TWO ROADS

Oh, tell me please, what shall I do,
I do not know which way to go?
Here lie two roads, by each a stake,
But I don't know which road to take.

One road leads, with steep incline,
Through rugged hills, and rocks, and
vine

That form a rough entangled mass
To trip uncautions feet that pass.

The other leads through shady dells,
Where violets peep with the bright
blue-bells

At the passersby, whose lazy tread
Follows the beaten tracks ahead.

The sign by the side of the rugged way
Does not promise joyous play,
Nor an easy journey through the land
With laurel wreaths in either hand.

It promises many a weary mile
Sorrows, and heartaches, without a
smile,

But at the end, to the faithful few,
Life, from the mystic mountain view.

The sign by the side of the other road
Promises passage without a load,
Joy and sunshine along the way,
Delusive pleasures that will not stay.

But, beyond this earthly promised goal,
A shadowy forest looms dark and cold,
And into this still and silent glen,
Fades the road from the eyes of men.

No pleasure is promised beyond that
line
Which shuts the view from all man-
kind.

But only they who've travelled it know
What fortune's hid where shadows
throw.

And so I'll choose the rugged way,
And light at the closing of the day,
And joys that stay when I awake,
To choose, I'll always read the stake.

—"Ell."

The class in Ed. 232 were studying methods. Those Majoring in English took charge of one class period. Miss White then remarked that those not majoring in English would be required to make a report in class. Tony Vaughn got up and started out of the room.

"Where are you going, Tony?" asked Miss White.

"Going to get my major changed," was Tony's reply.

SOPHOMORE

Sound the bugle! The Sophomores are marching, a class one hundred strong. Look at their banner. The word is sincerity. The word is truth. Read their device "Excelsior." Hear who their allies are.

Simplicity, "the exact medium between too little and too much," is their standard bearer. They have chosen him to lead them in their work and in their play.

Order, the law of progress, is the servant they have elected to clear the way and keep their vision bright.

Perseverance, steadfastness to an idea, is their comrade. Because of his friendship they have moved steadily on conquering obstacles that obstructed their path.

Honesty, the heart of truth, is their constant companion. Through her they have obtained an integrity which is incorruptible.

Opportunity, the key to success, is their guide through whose timely aid they have gained strength to assist the weaker and talent to develop the beautiful.

Merit, the essential quality of elevation, is the friend from whom they have learned that deeds, not praises, make the masters.

Obedience, the partner of true liberty, and their colleague, has instilled in them as lasting love for duty.

Responsibility, the elder brother of respect, is their teacher from whom they have gained the happy faculty of being able to "cheerfully catch hold and help."

Success, the wary friend of man, marches in their rank. They have won his promise to crown their efforts with victory.

—K. V. A.

She: Fashion's dead this winter.
He: Yes, I've noticed you're wearing your hose at half mast.—Ruppert.

RAILS DEFEAT SANDIES.

The Amarillo high school Sandies were defeated in basketball at Plainview Saturday in the bi-district championship tournament. Amarillo was the winning in the district meet in Canyon last week, and Rails in the district meet held at Lubbock.

Rails will now go to the state meet at Austin.

W. E. Lockhart of the Normal was the referee for the three games.

WHY IT PAYS TO BE A SOPH.

There are many reasons why I am a Sophomore. They are the finest bunch in school; they are young enough to be peppy and old enough to be sensible. The Sophomores have a large but well organized class. Each member is interested in the organization. And then look who some of the Sophomores are:

Odus Mitchell—All 'Round Man.
Stella Rusk—Elapheian President.
P. M. Bailey—Cousins President.
Effie Lou Dickey—Sesame President.
James E. McDonald—Typical Pedagog.

Winnie Mae Crawford—Elapheian Secretary.

Pearl Clements—Y. W. C. A. Vice-President.

Vera Stoghill—Y. W. C. A. Secretary.

Lila Simms—College Yell Leader.
Alma Burke—Publicity Chairman Y. W. C. A.

Hazel McQueen—Society Editor "Le Mirage"

Florence Smith—Elapheian Annual Representative.

Olin Hinkle—President of Press Club.

Burleson Atkins—Y. M. C. A. Secretary.

"Do you think you could ever care for a chap like me?"

"Oh, yes, I think so—if he wasn't too much like you."—Bulletin.

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Many Ex-Students Endorse Co-Operative Home For Girls

The President of the Ex-Student Association has recently received many letters from ex-students all over the country expressing their delight at the proposed Co-Operative Home and their eagerness to help the movement in some way.

Kenneth Sherer, who is attending an Electrical School in Chicago and working for the Western Electrical Company, writes: "I shall be glad to help the Ex-Students in any of their undertakings."

Clara Rush, who is teaching the third grade in one of the schools at Ranger, Texas, encloses her membership fee to the Ex-Students Association, saying, "It is indeed a pleasure to send my bit. I am especially interested in the proposed Mary E. Hudspeth Hall. We all hope that it will be built in the near future."

The following comes from F. M. McLoughlin, now a banker at Ralls, Texas: "I am pleased to enclose my check for \$1.00 as payment of dues. I shall be glad to help any movement towards making our Alma Mater stronger and better."

We received the following message from D. T. Tarleton, who is doing graduate work at the University of Texas: "I approve of everything the ex-students of the West Texas State Normal College are doing, and I am in favor of the proposed amendment which calls for a membership fee of one dollar per year. I have noticed that the Association has been rather active the past year and that its influence is broadening. Please put me down for one dollar, and I will be more than glad to do anything I can for our Alma Mater."

The following interesting information came from Wash Storm, who was here in 1912: "During the past eleven years, the time which has elapsed since I finished my school work, I have taught three years, worked at the lumber business three years, farmed five years. Have been fortunate enough to accumulate a small bit of this world's goods, a wife, three sons and one daughter, all of which I enjoy very much."

"I am teaching Math, and Science in the Goodnight Public School this year, which is the first school work I have done in seven years. I like it however."

"I am enclosing a check for \$1.00 membership fee."

"Buck Holt, who was with me at Canyon in 1912, is at Harrell, Texas. He married Mary Wesmoran. They have two girls. Buck is working for Cicero Smith Lumber Company."

Mrs. J. W. Elliott, wife of the County Judge of Lynn county and formerly Miss Minnie Chambers, writes:

"I am indeed glad to learn that plans are being made by the Association to keep in touch with the Ex-Students. Why should old friends be forgotten? Dear old W. T. S. N. C. is always doing things. I can only tell you about a very few of the former students for it has been so long since I was in the school of schools; but I will be only too glad to tell of whom I know, namely:

"Odessa and Johnnie Henderson are married and living in Los Angeles, Calif., 2431 Rimpian Ave. Odessa is Mrs. Claude J. Powell; Johnnie is Mrs. H. W. Scott. Miss Faye Gooch is a teacher of the grades in the Tahoka school. Cloe and Ina Rector, also live in Los Angeles, but I can not give you their address."

"Now to my self. I am doing my best as housekeeper for the only husband, Judge J. W. Elliott. Along with my home duties, I find plenty of time to enjoy a course in Children's Literature offered by the W. T. S. N. C., and read The Prairie."

"Here is wishing the best to both student body and faculty of West Texas State Normal College."

What an inspiration it should be to us, then, to put over a campaign in our home town or communities, and as a result, to send back a substantial contribution to the building fund for Hudspeth Hall. With the sympathetic co-operation shown by our former students in the undertaking, we ought to be able to increase the building fund materially. That is the WHY of our suggestion. You may be wondering about the HOW. That of course is left to your good judgement; but we might suggest that you offer the public something instructive, or at least entertaining and wholesome—a play, or a womanless wedding, a musical program, or any number of similar entertainments. The public is always glad to be well entertained, and is glad to pay the price for wholesome amusement—and doubly so when the entertainment is given for the benefit of a worthy cause.

The fraction loaned over and touched its denominator of the digit and whole: "Is my numerator on straight?" —The Battalion.

Discussion Breaks the Cake of Custom

(Mr. J. L. Duflot of the Department of Sociology submits the following for your reflection).

We are living in an age of great intellectual awakenings. Men and women, not the Masses, are thinking in straight lines. They are appreciating more than ever the fact that Man is made as well as "was made" in the image of his Creator; that is, he is endowed with the power to think, feel, and will, and that when these are combined in harmonious relations he creates that which is good. But in these times when men and women, especially college students are trying to be intellectually honest with themselves, occasionally we hear the pitiful cry of fear going up from places where we would naturally expect faith to be the strongest, that our Universities and Colleges must be guarded from "unsafe science" and "rational thinking." Instead of thinking of a College as a laboratory where ideas are dissected, weighed and evaluated, and where vital results may stimulate youth to new endeavors, they prefer to have it play the role of a Monastery where new generations are made to follow the beaten paths leading to the shrines of the past, where they are protected from all thought which challenges the "established forms of faith."

"Nothing that keeps thought out," says Lowell, "is safe from thought." This is an age in freedom of discussion, and where discussion is free the "ancestral spell" is broken. In view of this fact, it is refreshing for us to read from Walter Bagshot's "Physics and Politics," this classic passage for our edification, and I trust that as you read it you will do earnest thinking.

"Once effectually submit a subject to that ordeal of discussion and you can never withdraw it again; you can never again clothe it with mystery, or fence it by consecration; it remains forever open to free choice, and exposed to profane deliberation. The first prehistoric men were passionate savages, with the greatest difficulty coerced into order and compressed into a state. For ages were spent in beginning that order and founding that state; the only efficient and effectual agent in so doing was consecrated custom; but then that custom gathered over everything, arrested all onward progress and stayed the originality of mankind. If therefore a nation is able to gain the benefit of custom without the evil,—if after ages of waiting it can have order and choice together,—at once the fatal clog is removed, and the ordinary springs of progress, as in a modern community we conceive them, begin their elastic action."

"Tolerance, too, is learned in discussion, and, as history shows, is only so learned. In all customary societies bigotry is the ruling principle. In rude places to this day anyone who says anything new is looked on with suspicion, and is persecuted with opinion if not injured by penalty. One of the greatest pains to human nature is the pain of a new idea. It is, as common people say, so 'upsetting'; it makes you think that, after all, your favorite notions may be wrong, your firmest beliefs ill founded; it is certain that till now there was no place allotted in your mind to the new and startling inhabitant, and now that it has conquered an entrance, you do not at once see which of your ideas it will or will not turn out, with which of them it can be reconciled, and with which it is an essential enemy. Naturally, therefore, common men hate a new idea, and are disposed more or less to ill-treat the original man who

brings it."

Dr. E. A. Ross in addressing himself to this subject gives expression to thoughts common to all students familiar with the history of progress. He says in part, "Hence, ALL LOSING SIDES DREAD DISCUSSION, for it shortens their lease of life. Silence is for them a kind of reprieve. Their instinct, then, is to 'choke off' discussion at all hazards. The geocentrists got the Papal Index for nearly two hundred years to forbid the faithful from reading 'all the books which affirm the motions of the earth.' The Index of the books absolutism forbids to be printed or circulated in Russia reads like a list of the monumental works of modern research and thought. The tottering Old Regime in France persecuted and hounded the Encyclopedists. Conversely, the side that feels sure of its case does not persecute. Therefore it is safe to infer that the cause which courts publicity and discussion has time on its side, whereas the cause that ducts, slinks, or applies the gag, ought to rest under suspicion. Seeing that no great wrong can long survive open discussion, we may characterize free speech, free assemblage, and free press as THE RIGHT PRESERVATIVE OF ALL RIGHTS. Safeguard these fundamentals, and the rest must come."

LUBBOCK WINS STOCK JUDGING

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Interestingly discussed the three Holstein and three Jersey cows which were judged during the day, and told the boys his reasons for the placings that he made on the cows. He highly complimented the boys upon their work in judging. He believed that this section was destined to be one of the greatest in the United States. Great feed crops are possible in the Panhandle. A machine was needed to convert this feed into something that can be profitably sold at a profit to the farmer. The dairy cow was the answer.

S. C. Evans of A. M. College, in charge of the boys' club work, was judge of the hogs in the show, and discussed with the boys the three classes shown, Durocs, Poland Chinas and the fat barrows. He stated that the boys had little trouble with the first six hogs, but fell down upon the three in the fat barrow class. Mr. Evans encouraged the boys to go home and work hard for the Ft. Worth stock show, and to come back to the judging contest in Canyon next year.

John Burns, secretary of the Texas Hereford Breeders Association believes that cattle are to stage a come-back as to price, and will be stronger than ever. He believes that the Panhandle can produce as good cattle as any part of the world. All that is needed is a little cooperation, organization and publicity and the breeders of Texas will buy in Texas rather than send away for something not so good.

He complimented the boys on their work in judging. He stated that two things were necessary to be a good judge: First, to see straight; to see the thing as it really exists, and

second, after seeing, being able to balance up the points and rate the findings. There is always a difference of opinion, even among good judges. The best judge pleases himself with his findings.

Mr. Burns talked to the boys about the future of the Panhandle country. He believes in it. The boys of today will be the men in the saddle tomorrow. He urged that judging be practiced upon every animal the boys met.

President J. A. Hill was introduced and stated his great appreciation in having the 57 boys as guests of the College through the two days. Of the boys present, 44 were in the high school grades, thirteen towns being represented.

President Hill pointed out to the boys that the more brains that were mixed with agriculture, the greater would be the results. The boys who are in school will have an edge upon the fellows who do not take the kind of work taken by these boys.

Mr. Hill plead that the citizens of Texas enlighten themselves upon the business of the state. People are apparently indifferent as to the business of the state.

Mr. Hill called attention to the wide spread movement in Texas of protest against taxes. That is one side. On the other side is the fact that hundreds and hundreds of schools in Texas today are closed for lack of funds. Fifty percent of the children of Texas are in rural schools. Too large a percent of these rural schools have incompetent teachers. Mr. Hill was glad to say the Panhandle had the best rural schools in Texas. The effect of lowering taxes, and thence salaries, will be the loss to the teaching profession of the best teachers. Many of the remaining will be wholly incompetent.

Mr. Hill stated that the University of Texas needed \$5,000,000 for permanent buildings. The University is great in spite of its shacks. The A. & M. College has better buildings, and is one of the best colleges in the United States. C. I. A. is well equipped, but needs more. The Normals of Texas get only the crumbs. The West Texas State Normal College now needs a half million dollars in buildings to care for the students.

Yet in face of these conditions every club in Texas is protesting against taxes. Schools cannot be built and revenues cut off. Mr. Hill believes that fully three-fifths of the wealth of Texas is paying no taxes. If all property was taxed alike there would be no need of increasing taxes, and the rates could possibly be decreased. Selfish interests are protesting. Every farmer and producer should be interested in seeing a just revision of taxes. Austin is flooded with lobbyists against tax reforms and new sources of taxation. The people should interest themselves in this matter and see that all property is justly and equitably taxed. No country has ever taxed itself to death for education.

Saturday was spent in visiting the various departments of the Normal, and sectional meetings were held, which were largely attended by the visiting boys and farmers who came to join in the meeting for the last day.

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Rooms in Cousins Hall have all been taken and a long list of applicants is waiting for vacancies. Huntleigh Hall, under the supervision of Prof. and Mrs. F. E. Savage will be continued for the use of young ladies.

Every sign points to another record breaking attendance next Summer. It is estimated that the addition of new residences in Canyon during the last year will accommodate an increase of about 500. Canyon is able now to take care of 2,000 and it seems certain there will be at least that many here for the Summer Term.

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MEETING OF HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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men of the early day and recalled the story of Bud Wallace in 1883 when it was reported he was going into the Indian country. Bud had a girl who was more or less interested in his welfare and wrote him to be very careful and not get killed by the Indians as he was "the pork and beans of my soul, and the roasting ears of my heart."

The first political convention held in Randall county was in 1882. The county was attached to Montague county. Important laws were coming up in the legislature. Jewell Gunter was interested in electing A. L. Matlock to the senate. Gunter was chairman of the convention, and Vas Stickley was secretary. Stickley is now of Canadian. Matlock was elected.

Buffalo Captured

In the summer of 1882 Jeff Thompson in the LX roundup struck some Buffalo on the canyons east of Tulla and managed to rope two of them, which were brought to the T-Anchor headquarters and traded to Gunter for a pair of boots. Gunter gave them to Mrs. Goodnight. Mr. Gough asked those interested in tracing ancestry to find the relation of these two Buffaloes of 1882 to the two mascots the Normal now possesses.

Mr. Gough recalled the incident of the summer of 1882 when there was a great roundup to cut out the beef cattle from the stock cattle as it was very dry and Gunter wanted to move the beef cattle to save the grass for the stock cattle. Sixteen men with 125 horses made the round up near the Tule canyon. The cattle were rounded up and it took just one hour to ride around the herd. Starting the herd to the ranch headquarters, there was a gate 18 miles from the canyon where the round up was made. When the first of the cows reached the gate, the last were leaving the roundup headquarters.

10,652 Cattle in Herd

Gunter and Stickley counted the herd as it passed through the gate. They started in at two o'clock and the last animal went through at sundown on the summer afternoon. The men counted 10,652 head of cattle. It was the biggest herd ever driven over the plains, or any place else so far as Mr. Gough has been able to ascertain.

When the herd reached the present site of Canyon, 2,050 head of beef cattle were cut out and started to market at Dodge City in charge of eight men, two pointers, leading the way, two each on the swing, flank and to keep up the drags. Mr. Gough told of his experience in a sampede on that trip during an electrical storm, when the electricity played over the horns of the cattle and on the horses; of the bitter cold from the early autumn rain.

Known as "Parson"

Mr. Gough, known as "the Parson" was not lucky enough to get to Dodge City. He had to stay at Crooked Creek with the extra horses when a little way from the City, and he told of his experience in accompanying a young lady to her ranch home after she had been to Dodge City to market. She had two valises, one of which the Parson had to carry. His horse became unmanageable and spilled the contents. Mr. Gough stated that it was the first time he ever knew so many things could be packed into one of these old fashioned valises, and it was the first time he ever knew a woman possessed so many different kinds of clothing. He had to repack the valise. This young woman was the cause of making some more Randall county history. Mr. Gough had given her one of the well known mounts of the outfit which went by the name of Old Guts. The young woman insisted in knowing the name of the horse. In his great confusion, the young "Parson" admitted that he thought the boys called him Old Bowels. The horse went by that name the rest of his life, and Mr. Gough is the target of many a joke from the o'd cow punchers whenever they get together.

18-inch Snow

On the 18th of November, 1882, there was an 18 inch snow. A bunch of men had gone to the canyons to get out posts of a "little 25,000 acre horse pasture." Provisions were taken to make the trip. The wagons were loaded with posts and the horses hitched ready for the return. The snow fell and the men stayed a week until horse feed and provisions were about to run out, when they decided that they must start back to headquarters. By the time the wagons pulled in, each had only about twenty-five posts.

Mr. Gough stated that the men did not think of the many hardships they were called upon to endure. There was no such a thing as an eight-hour day. They kept on the job until they were through.

Foresaw Great Possibilities

Mr. Gough stated that in 1883 the men were all gathered in camp and were discussing the possibilities of

this country. Naturally most of them thought it would always remain a cow country. T. S. McClelland made the prophecy that one day this section would be the granary of the whole United States. There was at that time not a single wheat field within 300 miles. Kaffir had not been introduced. Milo maize had just been introduced.

McClelland and another man soon after left the outfit and started into the work of capturing mustangs and driving them east for sale. They built a large corral near the canyons. They would follow the herd of mustangs for days until the animals were forced to water and feed and were not so cautious of the corral. At one time a herd of 300 was captured, after the men had followed them for 21 days and nights.

Judge Gough gave the steps of evolution of the Plains: The Indians; the buffalo hunters; the cow boys; civilization—if we chose to call present society civilization.

Mr. Gough stated that he was very highly interested in the Historical Society, and was glad to contribute whatever he can to the upbuilding of the Society, and to the gathering of early historical data.

Mrs. Olive Dixon Speaks.

Mrs. Olive Dixon of Miami was a very interesting speaker at the banquet. She told of the visit of three of the men who had fought with her husband, Billy Dixon, at Adobe Walls. Of the 28 men in that fight, there were only six alive when Mr. Dixon died a few years ago. Three of these men, Tom Stauch, Andy Johnson and Brick Bond of Dodge City made a visit to Adobe Walls last fall and came to visit Mrs. Dixon at her home in Miami.

These men had returned to visit the spot of this famous fight after these long years. The battle was in 1872. Stauch and Johnson were in the fight; Bond was a buffalo skinner and was not there at the time.

Relics From Adobe

After the fight these men gathered up a large number of relics and took them to Dodge City where they disposed of them. They kept but little to recalled the famous experience.

Stauch has been greatly interested in the Kansas Historical Society and has given all his relics to this Society. Mr. Johnson brought with him three relics of the battle. Mrs. Dixon very carefully explained to him the aims of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society, and the way the relics were cared for at the Normal. After he had heard Mrs. Dixon explain this society, Johnson stated that since she had treated the visitors so nicely he would give the society these three relics. The first is the handle of an Indian squirt; the second, is a solid silver arm band taken from a dead Indian; piece of a scarf taken from a dead Indian.

The members of the society by vote extended to Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Dixon a vote of thanks for the gift of the relics and the interest shown in the Historical Society.

50th Anniversary of Fight

Mrs. Dixon stated that June 24, 1924, would be the 50th anniversary of the Adobe Wall battle. She is interested in seeing the event commemorated on that date. The Historical Society voted to give every assistance possible to make a great event of this day. The anniversary will be observed upon the scene of the battle.

A move was started during the past year to have the body of Billy Dixon which now lies at Texline, to be removed to Adobe Wall by the side of the five who were killed during the Indian raids—the two Shalder boys, Tyler, Olds and Huffman. Adobe is in Hutchinson county. It has been the purpose to get a highway established to the spot and a tourists camping ground established at this place. Miami, Panhandle and Canadian are the cities discussing the proposition. It will be necessary to build a bridge over the Canadian before the project will be a success.

C. R. Burrow Tells of Canyon.

C. R. Burrow was on the program to tell of the early days in Canyon. He stated that he felt like a tender foot after listening to Judge Gough and Mrs. Dixon. He has lived here for 24 years.

Mr. Burrow first rode into Canyon from Amarillo on a beer wagon in 1899. He didn't like the looks of things and returned to Amarillo, but came back to make his home later in the same year.

Facts Regarding Canyon

Mr. Burrow related a number of the early settlers of Randall County. R. E. Baird is the oldest settler now in the county coming in 1883. W. F. Heller was the first farmer in the county. The cattle men did not like to see the farmer coming, and tried to run Mr. Heller off, but he didn't run.

and is now one of our most respected citizens.

Coming of the Church.

The court house was the social center of that time, and was used for all purposes, including church and Sunday School. There were 300 people in the town, 5 saloons and a few grocery stores.

Mr. Burrow stated that his first experience with the early preachers was with the Methodist circuit rider. He recalled the coming of the first preacher to the old T-Anchor headquarters. The cowboys were not especially fond of the idea of religion. The preacher showed up while the men were out, and reported to the cook. The cook conveyed the news of his visitor to the first man to come in. The man was not well pleased and threatened to get rid of the d— preacher. He entered the building and started a rough house, cursing everything the cook sat on the table before himself and the preacher. He threw the spoons on the floor and whipped out his .45 and stirred his coffee. The preacher had sat quietly taking in the show. As the cow puncher laid his gun on the table, the parson drawled out: "Well, pad, loan me your spoon," and proceeded to stir his coffee calmly with the .45. The parson became a fast friend with every man in the outfit.

Railroad Due to Hutson

The county was organized in 1887. The railroad came nine years later. It was more by accident than design that the railroad came. The Santa Fe intended to go from Amarillo to Umlinger. John Hutson was manager of the Cedar Valley Land and Cattle Company and a friend of a construction engineer, whom he influenced to bring the survey through Canyon. The engineer was fired for his trouble. Canyon owes the railroad to the influence of John Hutson.

Mr. Burrow states that Canyon had more business at that time than it has now, as this was the wholesale point for the entire south Plains. Freight wagon ran from Tulla, Plainview, Lubbock, Crosbyton and all other towns to the south. Canyon at this time was the largest cattle shipping point in the world.

Coming of the Normal

Mr. Burrow explained the social life of the time as rather "dry grazing." The life was not all pleasure.

The coming of the Normal saw a great difference in the life of the town. Business is not so brisk as in the freighters' days, but it is highly more satisfactory. Mr. Burrow expressed himself as highly pleased with the influence made by the school. Very few citizens realize what the school means to the town and the influence it has had.

Dave Thomas and T. V. Reeves were introduced as being among the early settlers of the county.

President Hill's Offer

President J. A. Hill stated that he was highly pleased with the results that had been accomplished by the Historical Society, but it appeared to him that money was the thing most needed right now that the work could be pushed. This kind of work cannot wait ten years. The old pioneers must be seen at once as they are rapidly passing. Mr. Hill stated that the College would match every dollar raised by the members, in an effort to raise \$1000 this year.

Mr. Hill wants every pioneer to have

a chance to tell the story of his early life. Twenty-five years from now historians will fight for this manuscript.

Mrs. Dixon was appointed a few months ago to get some of these interviews and reported upon her great pleasure in going to the home of Col. Chas. Goodnight last fall and the story she got from his lips, which was taken by a stenographer.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Born: At half past four o'clock in the afternoon of Feb. 3, 1923, in the room of the San Jacinto Literary Society of Southwestern University, in Georgetown, Texas, the Methodist Student Federation. Both mother and child are doing well.

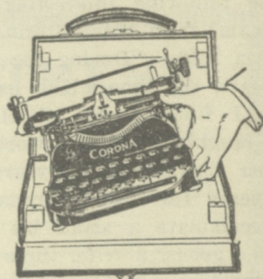
Christening gifts were numerous and valuable. From every college in Texas they came—degree men and women brought their cultivation and their maturity; students from almost every college in Texas brought their youth and strength, their college credits and their enthusiasm; their consecration and their loyalty. Nor were the Epworth League, the Woman's Council nor the ministry absent. Mother Nature contributed a wonderful snow blanket embroidered with fresh violets and roses.

The parents request that their child be called by its full name, Methodist Students' Federation, not any initials, if you please. Texas is not a part of its name, since it bids for a world-wide fellowship wherever Methodist students pronounce reverently the name of the Father.

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