

# The Chosen Generation . . .

By GERTRUDE GOLLADAY

A dream of time  
Projects itself upon the day  
Like stillness on the heart.  
The mist of hours  
Condenses in a thousand droplets,  
Reflecting what was—and may be  
For those who weave  
With strongest thread  
Their scarlet destiny.

Now is the dream  
Not twilight, nor a shadow;  
Now is the time  
A burst of dawn.  
This is the day for choosing  
All tomorrows.

The stuff of all tomorrows  
Is the ash and straw  
From all yesterdays.  
With hands of clay  
We mold the bricks.  
We build  
Temples for Man—  
Or foxholes  
For savages.

Now is the time  
A burst of dawn.  
Not always was it so.  
Not always stood the sun  
For us to play at being Joshua.  
Not always fought the shades  
For those who weave  
Pledging and commanding  
We who are chosen.

We are a chosen generation.  
For what?  
For whom?

Men asked that once before  
When we had sprung  
From the young wombs of dreamers  
Who believed in war and peace with  
honor.

We were like fresh jonquils  
Crying with yellow voices  
From the soil that sheltered  
The shattered agony of silent ton-  
gues.

Mar's children—dead in war.

We were first promises of Spring,  
they said.  
They will heal the world.  
"They will cover the scars.

Scars may not be hid—  
The earth has known too many.  
They are like wrinkles  
Which prove  
Rather than shame  
An old man.

"You are a chosen generation."  
They taught us that in the schools.  
"You are a chosen generation."  
Chosen generation.

Learn Sophocles;  
Study Aristotle;  
Tom Paine, Gibbon's *Rise and Fall*  
Voltaire, Rousseau,  
Thomas Mann, Henrik Ibsen,  
Diderot,  
Beethoven, Dumas,  
Confucius' wisdom, and tables of  
logarithms.

Sew a dress.  
Paint a landscape.  
Grow a field of wheat.  
Write a poem.  
Sing a song.  
Play a smashing game of tennis.  
Learn the lore of ages.  
Enjoy your life.  
Have a good time.  
You only live once.  
Why, you're a chosen generation!

Chosen for what?  
Chosen for whom?  
"Tell us! We want to know!" we  
cried.

But they wouldn't hear, those  
fathers,  
Those men in high seats,  
Those who watched the stars for  
signs  
And played the stock market for  
game—  
Those who heard but would not  
heed.

They wouldn't tell us.  
Maybe they didn't know.

We played; we laughed.  
We learned to speed down highways  
And laugh at the lazy wind.  
We learned to fly.  
We flew like puppets  
On strings manipulated by epilep-  
tics.

Oh, we were gay!  
We were a chosen generation!

For what? For whom?  
Why were we a generation chosen?  
We heard the steady churn  
Of engines in a stormy sky.  
We read of barbed wire—  
Men behind with stricken faces  
We talked of headlines  
Streaming with a peoples'  
Unshed, salty tears and futile hopes.  
We argued about lease-land  
And isolation.  
But we didn't know.

We spoke of green fields  
Turned to brown stubble,  
And gentle valleys  
Become hiding places for iron  
monsters.  
Of marching boys,  
And beer halls—  
But we didn't know.  
We were too young—no one told us.

## -To Address Canyon High



HERSCHEL COFFEE

A graduate of Canyon high school, Mr. Coffee was selected by the class of 1946 to make the commencement address on Wed-  
nesday evening, May 29, at the high school auditorium. Mr. Coffee is assistant professor of Music and of Economics in West Texas State.

And then with sudden fierceness  
We looked at our hands  
And at the crimson sea  
Which washed our hands,  
And the blood which dyed those  
waves  
Splashed against gaunt ribs  
Of the ocean's own—  
We knew it to be our blood.

And we were answered. We know.  
We were a chosen generation.

It was not enough to know.  
It was not enough to scream.  
We must fit the pattern  
Of screeching, noise ridden skies,  
Of plowless earth, torn by brutal  
steel  
And heartless chemical.

And those remaining  
Must forget laughter and speed,  
Must replace joy with longing,  
Remembering,  
Aching,  
Waiting.

We must be a part  
Of massed armies  
And smoky beaches,  
Of coral dust  
And blackened rubble,  
Of black throbs of pain  
And numbing despair.

We must not gaze  
At silent walls that echo songs  
Once heard on summer nights.  
We must not reach  
Out stained hands to lifeless ones  
Of friends  
Who also did not understand.

We must not listen  
For bird chorus  
Or cricket chirrup;  
We must hear only  
The ragged blurb of war.  
We must not see the idiot faces of  
the starved,  
The straggling stench of  
Men now beasts.

And we, who were chosen for all  
this,  
Must rejoice and call it glory,  
honor—  
Because we were chosen!

We who watch a million crosses  
Gleaming against a gray sky,  
And know that they mark the dirt  
We once called friends:  
We know.

We who have returned  
To find change  
In home, in work, in self,  
In country—  
We know.

We who have watched  
The creeping minutes become slow  
years,  
Who have lived for the return, the  
re-birth;  
We who have watched flickering  
candles  
For light—  
We know.

We know.  
We were a generation  
Chosen for death.  
But we have chosen life!  
Life is for him who chooses it.

Beyond the cap and gown  
We choose not cap and bells  
But stone and mortar.  
We build tomorrow.

Now is the dream  
Not twilight, not shadow  
Now is the time  
A burst of dawn.  
This is the day for choosing  
All tomorrows.

Carpenter, teacher, farmer,  
Graduate—  
Come!  
Grasp your stones and mortar.  
We must be building.

## 120 Years: That's the Teaching Total Of Eight Candidates for Degrees

Eight candidates for the M. A. degree in the West Texas State College May 30 commencement have an average of 15 years teaching experience, despite the fact that one of them has taught only half a year.

Seven members of the group chose education as their major subject, and the other specialized in history. Minor subjects included geography, English, music, art history, and education.

The candidates are the following:  
C. R. Brown, principal of Vega High School—He has taught 15 years. He was born in Denton. His major subject was history and his minor was education. His research studies were in "The Adobe Walls Fight" and "The Expropriation of the Oil Companies' Property in Mexico."

Ida Lee Cope, teacher of pre-primary work in Wilson School, Amarillo—She was born in Claude and has taught 18 years. Her major subject was education and minor was geography. Her research studies were "Poetry for the Second Grade" and "Rhythms and Singing for Pre-Primary and First Grades."

Dannie M. Gillham, Canyon—He was born in Canyon and has taught half of one term. His major subject was education, with minors in music and art. His research subjects were "One GI's Experience in Europe During World War II" and "A Survey of the Types of Piano Pedaling and Their Application."

Margaret Elizabeth Haley, English teacher in Sam Houston High

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# Seniors To Receive Degrees Thursday

## Dr. Mead Returning To Amarillo College As Its President

Major John F. Mead, president of Amarillo College who has been in military service four years, will resume his duties as head of the institution on July 1.

In his absence, Dr. Ernest C. Shearer has been acting president. He is a teacher of history.

Dr. Mead has been in Europe two years in military government.

He is a graduate of West Texas State.

## Air Force Gives Shop Machinery

\$18,622 in Equipment  
Being Transported Here  
From Childress Field

Shop machinery valued by the Army Air Forces at \$18,622.50 has been given West Texas State College by the Air Material Command.

President J. A. Hill, in announcing the gift, said the machinery was at the Childress Army Air Field. It is being brought to the campus and set up in the former NYA shops by Prof. John Gillis, head of the department of industrial arts.

Included in the list of machines are drill presses, mortisers, jig saws, shapers, band saws, planers, buffers, furnace, sheet metal binders, and a 75-ton hydraulic press. These machines will be used in farm shop and sheet metal courses, Prof. Gillis said.

This acquisition is one of the largest made to the college, which has a number of others pending.

Another large group of machines will be brought from the Dalhart Army Air Field.

## Ruth Lutrick, '44, Writes Of Teaching in Los Lunas

Ruth Lutrick, home economics major of 1944, is now teaching at Los Lunas, New Mexico. Most of her pupils are Spanish American.

"I enjoy the work here very much and am managing to improve my Spanish, but as yet I am not progressing much in the Indian language. I have a number of Indian pupils," she writes.

## Col. Baggett Is Back on Campus

Athletic Director Had  
Notable Army Career  
—Two Years Overseas



Lt. Colonel Al Baggett, the big man of the booming voice and energy to match, returned to the campus last week after four years in the Army Air Forces.

Baggett, director of athletics and coach of the famed "World's Tallest Team," is a nationally known sports figure. He was intermittently doing graduate work at Columbia University when he was summoned by Dr. Brownell, head of the department of physical education, to discuss a program for the AAF Training Command. He was commissioned as a captain and given OTS training at Miami Beach, Fla. He remained there for a time in charge of physical training, then was sent to head a district with headquarters at Tulsa. After more special training in Army Special Services, he was sent overseas to head the AAF physical training program in the Mediterranean theater. His command later included southern and central Europe.

Served on Commission  
For a time, Major Baggett was secretary of the Allied Sports Commission while assigned to the athletic branch of the army special service section in Rome. This commission which was composed of representatives of all branches of the Allied military service was an outgrowth of the Allied Boxing Commission formed in December of 1943 by Commander General Eisenhower, who at that time was the Supreme Allied Commander in the Mediterranean theatre.

The original purpose of this Allied Commission was to promote and supervise the boxing championships in February, 1944. The success of this event was the basis for designation, by General Sir Henry Matland Wilson new Supreme Commander as the Allied Sports Commission in March of 1944. It was given jurisdiction over all sports contested in the theatre. Sports included basketball, boxing, soccer, swimming, and track and field. This competition led to a number of theatre championships.

Zone competitions were held in various training centers of the theatre, and some championship events were held in America. Zone finals and theatre championships of the basketball competition in 1944 numbered 683 competing teams, 2939 games played by 6656 contestants before huge soldier and sailor audiences. The finals were held in Oran in April. Similar participation existed in other sports.

Major Baggett also had charge of the Central Sports School in Rome where army instructors in physical training were taught. Mr. Baggett's title was that of Military Commandant. On July 29, 1945, a number of teachers of the Central Sports Schools were received by the Pope in private audience.

This group was led by Major Baggett and accompanied by Prof. Guido Groziani as representative of the Italian Sports Center and of the Italian National Olympic committee.

Pope Pius XII addressed the group, stressing the formative and educational importance of sports.

Major Baggett's work, following the peace, took him to all parts of the European theatre of operations on tours of inspection and supervision.

A great deal of work is spent during the year caring for the trees, shrubs, and grass. In the spring, extra men and boys are hired to keep the grounds beautiful. A power mower is used to trim the expansive lawns that surround the buildings. However, the mower has recently broken down and is out of use, and the lawn-mowing job is slowed down, as it must now be done with a hand machine. The water supply for the grounds comes from the college well.

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## Ex-Student Active In H. D. Work

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## Clark Announces Faculty Turnover In Music Division

With one instructor departing on leave of absence and another returning to resume his former position, the music division will necessarily undergo several important changes in faculty assignments next fall, says Dr. Wallace R. Clark, head of the department.

Beginning next semester, Houston Bright, instructor in public school music and voice will be enrolled in the University of California at Los Angeles. When he has completed work on his Bachelor of Music degree, probably by September, 1947, he plans to rejoin the department.

Although he was here for a while last fall, Mr. Bright was not discharged from the Army until February. He earned the B. A. and M. A. degrees from West Texas State and has held his present position since 1940.

Millard J. Newman, band director before he left for the Navy two years ago will have charge of the Buffalo Bandsters next year. After receiving his B. A. degree from Iowa State Teachers College, Prof. Newman taught here two years.

The present director of the band, Glenn A. Truax, will teach the string sections for both the college and demonstration school. These courses have been taught this year by Herschel Coffee, who is also professor of economics.

In addition to his duties as teacher of courses of stringed instruments, Prof. Truax will take over part of the vocal work that has been under Mr. Bright and will sponsor the Variety Show.

All choir and chorus instruction will be continued next fall.

Piano students will be offered courses taught by Misses Pauline Brigham, Mary Lee Gunstead, and Matilda Guame.

## Review Features Panhandle Birds

Hawkins Writes Article  
For Current Edition  
Of Historians' Magazine

Panhandle Plains bird lore is discussed by Arthur S. Hawkins, a competent game technician, in the Panhandle-Plains Historical Review just issued. The current Review is for 1945, having been delayed by wartime conditions in the printing industry. The 1946 Review will be ready soon, according to Dr. L. F. Sherry, editor.

Mr. Hawkins did research for the article while stationed at Amarillo Army Air Field. When inducted into the Army in 1941, he was head of the section of wildlife experimental areas in the Illinois Natural History Survey. He has identified and listed scores of birds found on the plains. Most of these were found in trees—in towns, along watercourses, along the Canadian river, and in the Palo Duro Canyon. But building of lakes to conserve water greatly increased the bird potential, Mr. Hawkins noted.

Other articles in the current Review include "History of D. B. Gardner's Pitchfork Ranch of Texas," by Margaret A. Elliott; "Willis Day Twichell, Civil Engineer," by Mrs. Alice Dugan Gracy; and "The Susan J. Allen Collection," by Charles Boone McClure.

Mrs. Gracy, a resident of Austin, has been working on a history of Lamb County. Miss Elliott, who lives at Spur, is a teacher in the Hereford Schools. Her article was written under the direction of Dr. Ima C. Barlow, professor of history of West Texas State College. Mr. McClure is assistant director of the Plains Museum.

The cover design of the Review is the work of Harold Bugbee, Clarenden artist who obtained the large Susan J. Allen Collection for the Museum. The volume contains a number of book reviews and membership lists of the Historical Society. It is annotated and indexed.

## Former Director of Band Is Visitor

C. E. Strain, affectionately known as Uncle Charlie and formerly conductor of the Buffalo Band, has been visiting on the campus.

From him it was learned that Ruth Strain Little, an English major and graduate of West Texas State, is now at Tillamook, Ore. Martha Strain, an intermediate education major, is at Pasadena, Calif., and Charles Strain, an industrial arts major, is living at Clovis.

Mr. Strain is band director at Dumas.

Students: Leave your address at Publications Office for Le Mirage to be sent to you about June 10-15.

## '46 Grads Hear Dr. Pritchard

Winona Francis Wins  
Pi Omega Plaque  
For Top Senior Girl

Final exercises for the commencement period will be held at West Texas State at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, May 30. The following will be the program:

Processional, "Priest's March" (Aida-Verdi), faculty and graduates. Invocation, the Rev. Hubert Thomson.

Address, S. A. Kerr, Jr., member of the Board of Regents from Jack-sonville.

Overture, "Ded Freischuetz" (von Weber.) College Orchestra.

Granting of degrees, President J. A. Hill.

Alma Mater.

Processional.

"I believe that everything you do depends upon your faith in God. I believe in that faith and I commend it to you," Dr. Francis R. Pritchard, minister of the First Presbyterian Church in Amarillo, told the West Texas graduating class of 1946 when he delivered the Baccalaureate address Sunday morning.

In listing the three elements to be considered in choice of a vocation—a sense of the world's needs, confidence in the power of God, and a recognition of the powers within oneself—Dr. Pritchard advised that a person's life work should come to him as a call from God.

"Life goes on; we make our decisions and we must live by them," he declared.

With President J. A. Hill presiding over the services, the Rev. Joseph Findley of the First Christian Church of Canyon gave the invocation. For scripture reading of the morning, the Rev. Hubert Thomson of the Methodist Church of Canyon read the thirteenth chapter from First Corinthians.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Robert Jones of the Canyon Presbyterian Church, The College Choir, under the direction of Houston Bright, sang the anthem, Mozart's "Gloria—12th Mass."

Winona Francis of Silverton has been presented the Pi Omega award for being the most outstanding senior girl at West Texas State College in the Class of 1946. Her name will be engraved on a plaque which contains the names of several previous winners.

Announcement of the award was made at the annual Senior Day program Thursday by Pauline Winstead, president of the Pi Omega sorority. Miss Francis is president of Delta Zeta Chi sorority. She is specializing in business administration and is a member of Alpha Chi honor society.

Certificates were given thirteen members of the student Who's Who by Miss Edna Graham, chairman of the faculty committee of selection. These were Mary Lee Abbott of McLean, Ben Brotherton of Littlefield, E. Burroughs of Canyon, Annie Conatser of Canyon, Waldeen Dorris Thomson of Canyon, Gertrude Golladay of Plainview, Norma Lee Lantz of Canyon, P. C. Ledrick of Pampa, Roberta Medlen of Floydada, William Montgomery of Shamrock, Winnie Fred Ramage of Borger, Wayne Thomas of Adrian, and Pauline Winstead of Canyon.

Miss Golladay gave an original reading, "The Chosen Generation," and Margaret Bane of Muskogee, Okla., sang a solo, "When I Have Sung My Songs to You," accompanied by Lois Franklin of Happy.

The traditional response of the seniors was conferred by Nan Markham of Tulsa, class president, upon the junior president, Wayne Thomas of Adrian.

The seniors' gift was \$100 for the college chapel fund. This will be used to purchase wood carving. Prof. and Mrs. Frank R. Phillips, class sponsors, were given a beautiful hassock in appreciation of their services.

The program was the first event of the 36th commencement of West Texas State.

Eight graduate students are candidates for the M. A. degrees in the spring commencement to be held Thursday, May 30.

There are 38 candidates for the B. S. degree, 10 for the B. B. A. degree, and 6 for the B. A. degree.

Those seeking the graduate degree are:

C. R. Brown, Vega, history major; Ida Lee Cope, Amarillo, primary education major; Dan M. Gillham, Canyon, education major; Margaret Haley, Canyon, education major; C. T. Howell, Vega, education major; Frank Jones, Canyon, education major; Mrs. Ruth Pittman, Amarillo, education major; and Marticia Windom, Amarillo, education major.

Miss Haley received the A. B. degree in 1936 from the Catholic College of Oklahoma and Mr. Howell the B. S. degree and Miss Windom the B. S. degree from North Texas State in 1933 and 1942, respectively.

## Demand for Rooms Unusually Great For This Season

Room reservations for the next long session of West Texas State College are already at a new high, according to dormitory supervisors. Cousins Hall already has a waiting list and a similar one exists for the new annex to Randall Hall.

Reservations are being made much earlier than in former years. Stafford Hall for men has a waiting list for both summer and fall session. There are still a few vacancies in most of the halls for the summer session opening June 4, however.

Lists of reservations for the new veterans' dormitory are accumulating at the college business office. This unit, housing 100 men, is expected to be completed at or near the opening of the fall session.

Scheduled for completion at the same time is the new all-college cafeteria, which will seat 500 persons.

The other graduates finished at West Texas State.

Senior degree candidates include: B. S.—Margaret Bane, Muskogee, Okla., primary education; Mrs. Rena Beth Barnard, Canyon, piano; Mary Britton, Brownfield, home economics; Marthlyn Burnett, Dumas, home economics; Cecil J. Dearman, Sunray, agriculture; Billy DeHart, Claude, home economics; B. Raymond Evans, Tulsa, agriculture; Gwen Pegel, Amarillo, art; William Flowers, Perryton, agriculture.

L. Louise Foster, Perryton, home economics; Douglas Groom, Canyon, physical education; Jean Hallmark, Amarillo, art; Beulah Hammond, Canyon, primary education; Martha Hammond, Canyon, home economics; Willard Hedges, Olton, agriculture; Mary Henslee, Hereford, speech; Polly Holmes, Perryton, art; Nina Iverson, Canyon, art; Pauline Knowls, Amarillo, secondary education; Paul Ledrick, Pampa, English-speech; Judson Line, Pampa, government; Ona Mae McMurray, Canyon, primary education; Nan Markham, Tulsa, home economics; Roberta Medlen, Floydada, home economics; Lola Meek, Gageby, intermediate education; Mrs. Lillian Miller, Canyon, education; W. C. Osborn, Tell, agriculture.

William Patman, Clarenden, chemistry; Sophia Lee Pearman, Abertown, education; Bordon Price, Canyon, physical education; Jennie Riley, Wheeler, home economics; Leona Shedeck, Spearman, primary education; James Shuttlesworth, Sudan, industrial arts; Harold Stewart, Canyon, industrial arts; William Stockman, Malta Bend, Mo., physical education; Zula Usery, Canyon, primary education; Alice Wiley, Mt. Dora, N. M., home economics—Hallie Williams, Sanford, biology.

B. B. A. candidates—Warren Daniel, Amarillo; Waldeen Dorris, Canyon; Mary Durrett, Panhandle; Dorothy Fish, Pampa; Vivian Francis, Silverton; Rita Groves, Mata-dora; Aurene Jameson, Whiteflat; Edwina Pugh, Sanford; Dorothy Shipley, Andrews; Ruth Studer, Canadian.

B. A. candidates—Ernest R. Archambeau, Amarillo, economics; Barbara Baker, Borger, education; Betty Brown, Plainview, speech; Gertrude Golladay, Plainview, English; Dora Jean Hollar, Plainview, primary education; Obeda Rucker, Lubbock, Spanish.

## -To Address West Texas High



DR. C. W. FREED

Dr. C. W. Freed will give the commencement address of West Texas State high school at the auditorium of the Education building on Wednesday evening, May 29. He is head of the Speech Department of the College. He returned to the college after four years in the military service, where he served with the rank of Major.

# Students' Official Newspaper

A weekly newspaper published every Tuesday except holidays or examination periods by the Students' Association of West Texas State Teachers College, Canyon, Texas. Entered on November 21, 1919, as second-class matter at the post office in Canyon, Texas, under the act of March 8, 1879.

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## A CHANGE FOR THE COLLEGES

Equalization of educational opportunities for Texas students is not easy. The problem is bound up in constitutional provisions and complicated by political factors.

Texas University and Texas A. & M. have huge endowments from their oil lands, but they are permitted to use only the income from these big funds. Moreover, the uses are sharply restricted. These big institutions cannot afford to wait for the income from endowment funds to accumulate. They must anticipate this revenue through sale of bonds. Such sales must be validated in a constitutional amendment submitted by the Legislature and approved by the people. Passage of such an amendment depends upon statewide approval. Non-participating college groups probably have a decisive influence on the voters.

A fair deal for colleges other than T. U. and A. & M. would mean provision of comparable funds for much needed buildings. In the absence of any effective plan, some persons have suggested that the oil endowments be shared by all Texas educational institutions. Friends of Texas University and A. & M. counter with the argument that such a plan would do great damage to these institutions without being adequate support of all institutions of the state.

After an intensive study of the problem, Texas educational administrators have come forward with a plan agreed upon by most or all of them. First, they will support an amendment to permit Texas University and A. & M. to issue bonds for their much needed physical expansion. Second, they will campaign for a plan to provide buildings at other state institutions.

Authorized for collection is a state 7-cent ad valorem tax for support of Confederate pensions. Of this, only 2 cents is currently being levied, and a sizeable surplus is accumulating. College executives propose an amendment to transfer to the state educational institutions for building purposes the income from the 5-cent levy which is authorized but not now used.

Under this plan, West Texas State would participate in ratio to its pre-war enrollment, and would receive about \$1,000,000 in ten years at the rate of \$100,000 a year. This institution could have one small building a year or a big one each two or three years.

The plan would not increase the authorized state ad valorem levy, although the actual levy would be boosted by 5 cents. Such a tax would end the spirited struggle by Texas colleges with each Legislature, and would insure their orderly growth.

This seems to be the colleges' best opportunity in years to attain a dependable financial support. And there is no painless way to meet the challenge of the rapidly rising campus enrollments. The promises made to the men and women of the armed services cannot otherwise be kept.

## THE COLLEGE MARKET

College populations constitute a market worthy of the attention of distributors of goods. While this was not the case during the war, the college market has come back with a rush.

During the spring semester, enrollment of men increased about 75 per cent in American colleges and over-all enrollment 34 per cent. College population during the next ten years is expected to reach a peak of more than 2,000,000—possibly 2,500,000. That's more folks than live in any one of 29 states.

To house, feed, and teach these students, colleges are enlarging their plants and spending many millions of dollars. Campus populations are heavy buyers of food, clothing, cosmetics, books, stationery, cigarets, and other items.

College enrollments grow, too, because the nation has a constantly increasing number of college-trained parents. It is a rare college graduate parent who does not wish his sons and daughters to have the same opportunities.

And one year of college today costs as much as most families made in a whole year at the turn of the century. Uncle Sam is a big factor today, giving not only World War II veterans a college education but promising this training to young men making 3-year enlistments in the regular military forces.

College students of today are older, more earnest, and keener buyers than were the pre-war students. With inflation already a reality, students must buy wisely. They are critical readers of advertising. They examine each new product with extreme intentness.

Nationally advertised products are particularly desired by college students. National advertisers are expected to re-enter the college newspapers with contracts next year. In fact, such contracts are being received by The Prairie. The reason, as indicated, is simple; the manufacturers have discovered the huge college market.

## THE LAST OF WARS

The greatest cost of any war to a nation is defeat. Next to defeat, the most stunning cost is victory—if it can be said that mankind, resorting to war, is ever victorious.

University of Illinois statisticians have figured that wars have cost the United States a total of 414 billions. This sum exceeds the value of all the farms and homes, personal effects, factories, store stocks, railways, public works, and all other wealth in this nation. For, notes the Christian Science Monitor, these come only to about 300 billions.

One could take the sum this nation has spent on wars and with it buy a new \$8,000 house—merely a frame bungalow, in these times, however—for each American family, and still have enough left over to buy each of these families a \$1200 automobile and put \$2,000 in the bank each year.

Excepting for about 35 billions borrowed during the depression years, the present national debt of 275 billions has arisen almost entirely from warfare. Interest charges alone are about 6 billions a year. The last war cost six times as much as all previous wars—about 320 billions. The American Revolution cost only 500 millions, the Civil War 14 billions, the first world war 33 billions.

Wars grow more expensive for each generation. But the fundamental and most awful cost of any war is in the loss of a man by those who loved him and needed him.

## Increased Library Attendance Shows More Study Hours for West Texas

The library has witnessed many changes this year, and one of the important ones observed is the scholarly expression on the faces of those who come there to study. The fact that they come at all is an amazing change, some librarians say.

Watching the students this year, examining the personalities of those who spend their time with him, a librarian allowed himself to do a little comparing, and as a result, he has a question to ask: Why the sudden interest? All this activity—what does it mean?

Or, allowing himself to adopt the slang brought along with this activity, "Who put a Change in West Texas State Students?"

This librarian has a theory. He finds lots of other folks who agree. He thinks the veterans are responsible for all this interest in academic content. He finds a greater number of the visitors are veterans; he discusses this with the other observers and it appears to all that the veterans are giving the other students such stiff competition that they find themselves compelled to make more and more frequent trips to the library. As a matter of fact, he is sure the veterans are setting

new standards for the school in every way. They brought with them a desire to learn, a quality that many students do not recognize as the primary requirement of college life.

The library was improved this semester. Reading rooms and library halls were painted. It also acquired some new collections. One of the newest and most interesting is a collection of books presented by the Jewish Chautauqua Society. These are in a case in the reading room, and should prove good reading. They include a history of the Jewish people, the Jewish Bible, and a book of Jewish customs, one of music, and even one book printed in Hebrew. It is nice to look at—like Chinese. There are twenty-five of these books, and the library staff thinks more will come next year.

Rebecca Woodson contributed 200 books to the library. These include fiction, biography, and textbooks.

Sixty books were purchased for the rental collection. The magazines of the library can now be checked out over night as books are. The 1945 magazines, which would normally be sent away to be bound at this time, are being held in the textbook room instead.

## Summer Students Will Find Variety Of Sports In Recreational Program

Coach Leslie Van Meter and Miss Ruth Cross are busily engaged in planning the summer recreational program.

"We plan," said Coach Van Meter, "to offer many types of inside and outside sports to the summer students and to the public. At present nothing is definite on the play nights which were held here in the summers before the war, but we will probably have them once a month at least, if not more often. We will organize softball leagues and volleyball and horseshoe tournaments in addition to the recreation offered at the swimming pool."

The outside pool, which was opened May 20 to the public, will continue to be made available to the students and public during the summer.

The schedule for swimming is as follows: College classes, Monday through Friday 1:30 to 3:30; public Monday through Friday from 3:30 to 5:30 and Saturday and Sundays, 2 until 4 p. m. On the first day of June, the pool will start operating the night hours of 7 to 8:30 for the public. Hank Decker, Metz LaFollette, Berl Clinton, and Betty Brown will be on hand this summer as life guards.

Adult season tickets of ten swims are now on sale for two dollars and children's season tickets of twenty swims will sell for the same price. Single swim tickets for adults are 25 cents and children single swims are 15 cents.

## CURVES KEEP PLANES IN AIR

The basic secret of keeping an airplane up is the the thickened shape of the wings, more sharply curved on the upper than on the lower surfaces. Thus the air has to travel farther over the upper surface, creating less pressure than below, so that the greater pressure below creates a strong lifting force. The push of the air against the tilted lower surface also contributes to the lifting force.

## Florence Clark and John Flanagan Wed At Clayton, N. M.

Announcement is being made of the marriage of Florence Clark and John Flanagan at Clayton, New Mexico, January 18.

Mrs. Flanagan is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Wallace R. Clark. She received her degree from West Texas State College in 1943, with a music major, following which she continued her study of music while employed in the Hollywood, California Evening School. Since September, 1945, she has taught singing in the Panhandle A. & M. College at Goodwell, Oklahoma.

Mr. Flanagan is a son of the late Judge Flanagan of Fort Worth. In World War II he was a captain in the United States Army Air Corps, having served as a pilot in both the European and Pacific theaters.

Mr. and Mrs. Flanagan will live at Goodwell, Okla. until his college work is completed.

## WORLD AIR ROUTES

HAMILTON — The recent meeting of British and American delegates to the Civil Aviation Conference here agreed that the British were to receive 7 routes to and thru the United States, and the United States was to get 13 routes to various points in the Empire. The delegates also agreed on the freedom of traffic right and unlimited frequencies of schedules.

## SPEEDING AIRPORT RETURNS

WASHINGTON—To aid in the prompt transfer or return of airports used by the armed forces to local governments, the Surplus Property Administration has authorized the owning agencies (generally the Army or Navy) to issue permits to local units pending final disposal.

## Resignations of Teachers Rise

**Survey by T. S. T. A. Shows 10 Per Cent Have Quit In Current Session**

The Texas State Teachers Association has just completed a survey among city and county school superintendents to determine the condition of the teacher-personnel in Texas. Replies were received from 945 superintendents representing 36,057 teaching positions or about 80 per cent of the total in Texas.

Since the opening of school in September, 3,633 teachers have resigned their positions which represents about 10 per cent of the total. Of the teachers included in the survey, 5,546 were listed with sub-standard qualifications which represents approximately 15 per cent of the total.

Local districts are exerting every effort possible to keep teachers in the classrooms but many superintendents report that it appears impossible to fill all of their positions this coming year because of the low salaries paid and the number of resignations which are anticipated at the close of the current school year. Practically all of the cities in Texas report resignations averaging 13 per cent.

Many local school districts are voting to increase their tax rate to will increase property valuations in order to secure more revenue for teachers' salaries. A total of 110 independent school districts have voted a tax increase above the rates they levied a year ago and 143 report that they plan to hold elections for tax rate increases soon. In 40 counties, one or more common school districts have increased their tax rate and 10 counties report that they plan to hold elections for this purpose soon.

It is estimated that 8,500 Texas

teachers entered the armed forces and industry from September 1944 through 1945. However, only 1,277 have returned to teaching.

In looking over the results of the survey, Elizabeth Koch of San Antonio, president of the Texas State Teachers Association, said: "If we are to keep a staff of well trained teachers in the public schools of Texas, we must materially increase salaries. There is no other solution to the problem. The continued exodus of our teachers from the classrooms presents an alarming condition. We must give our attention to this problem immediately with the hope that local communities and the next session of the legislature fill provide greatly increased support for the public schools."

## SPANISH TEACHERS MEET

Miss Agnes Charlton and Mrs. Tommie Montfort attended the annual banquet of the Llano Estacado chapter, American Association of Teachers of Spanish, in Lubbock May 4. While there they saw Nyla Harvey, W. T. graduate now teaching at Spring Creek school in Hutchinson County.

Merle Walker, a member of the class of 1940, now superintendent of school at Samnorwood, has recently written, "I notice with pleasure the increasing enrollment at West Texas State College and the accounts of the many improvements which are being made."

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It has been a pleasure to write for the students and faculty and I sincerely hope that no one's dander has been raised. So until this summer, and next year for a lot of you, here is wishing you a pleasant vacation and many happy returns. The Sipper.

## New Curriculum Tried by Colgate

HAMILTON, N. Y.—(I. P.)—With four courses on Latin America and one on world order, Colgate University recently inaugurated its work in Area Studies, a major field of its new "core curriculum." President Everett Case announced here.

Announced in January, 1945, to get underway in September, 1946, the "core curriculum" of seven subjects is planned to supersede the five survey courses of the original Colgate Plan of Education started in 1928. Through the Area Studies phase of the core, Colgate expects to be giving by 1948 comprehensive courses covering the culture, history, geography and social, economic and political problems and resources of Russia, Europe, Latin America and the Far East.

The work in Area Studies started this month, six months ahead of schedule, because Dr. Richard F. W. Behrendt, former director of the Institute of Social and Economic Research at Inter-American University, Panama, was recently added to the faculty.

He will teach four of the initial courses, "Problems and Elements of World Order in Our Time," "Economics and Trade of Latin America," "Social Problems of Latin America," and "Political and Social Developments in Latin America." Dr. David W. Arainer, Jr., of the geology department will teach the fifth, "Geomorphic Units and Mineral Resources of Latin America."

Starting in September, other subjects forming the "core curriculum," in addition to Area Studies, will be natural sciences, public affairs and philosophy and religion for freshmen, fine arts for sophomores, English communication for juniors and a course in dynamics of freedom for seniors.

## AIR-TIME RESEARCH

NEW YORK—With the airplane moving transportation speeds towards the 400 miles an hour mark, an Air-Line Research Institute has been founded to study the social, economic and other effects of such fast movement.

## DISPOSAL OF WAR AIRPORTS

WASHINGTON — Airport field men of the Civil Aeronautics Administration are now investigating and making recommendations on some 700 surplus airports. The Reconstruction Finance Corporation will have the final say in the disposal of these airports.

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## Exes Nose Out Future Buffs In Practice Game; Brookfield Stars

**But Future Team Appears Strong in 44-42 Battle—Service Men Are Back**

West Texas State basketball futures did not drop much in the fans' market when the exes nosed them out last week, 44-42.

Price Brookfield, All-American and professional star, fired the long-distance basket, which broke a deadlock half a minute before the end of the game. The tie had been engineered by Eugene Keating, classy 1943 freshman just back from military service.

Joe Fortenberry, another W. T. All-American of more than a decade ago, played part of the game and made 4 points. J. W. Malone was out with flu and his absence was noticeable. Miller was high point



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man for the future Buffs, with 10 counters. But Brookfield, with 19 points, was the standout.

The exes led the Buffs, 25 to 18, at halftime. The oldtimers' know-how was a factor as they battled two former W. T. freshman stars, Boyce Box and Metz LaFollette.

Box score:

	fg	ft	pf	tp
Bufs (42)	2	1	1	5
Jacobs, f	5	0	0	10
Miller, f	1	3	1	5
Decker, c	2	2	1	6
Jackson, g	2	2	4	6
Taylor, g	1	0	0	2
LaFollette	1	0	1	2
Box	1	0	1	2
Budenholzer	1	0	0	2
Brotherton	1	0	0	2
Keating	1	0	0	2
Leach	0	0	0	0
Haberer	0	0	0	0
Totals	17	8	8	42

EXES (44)

Brookfield, f	8	3	2	19
Trimble, f	1	2	2	4
Fortenberry, f	2	0	1	4
Price	3	0	1	6
Ford	2	1	3	5
Sorgee	3	0	1	6
Totals	19	6	12	44

## College Work by Correspondence Appeals to Many

While on-campus students are reviewing for final examinations, a large number of other students are getting started on studies which they will continue through the summer. These are correspondence students.

Correspondence courses may be begun and completed at any season of the year. With high schools out, a large number of pupils who are irregular or who for some other reason wish to hasten their graduation are enrolling for work in the high school subjects which West Texas State offers.

Many college students who will not be on the campus in the summer add three or six semester hours to the work they have been studying at home. Business people and teachers are often enrolled for courses which they do during the slack summer season.

West Texas State College has 400 or more correspondence students each year. Such students have the same instructors in most cases that they would have if they were doing their work on the campus. Courses

## Swimmers Schedule Repeat of Pageant For Amarillo Field

Crowning climax for a very successful performance is what observers have termed the invitation for the "Old Swimming Hole" cast to reproduce their colorful water pageant as part of a Memorial Day program at Amarillo Army Air Field Thursday evening.

Despite frigid temperatures that threatened to halt staging of the show, swimmers played Monday night, May 20, to an audience of well over 500. This was a repeat of the "matinee" performance given Saturday afternoon for high school seniors from nearby towns.

Special scenery, loud-speaker introduction of personnel, and several other new features will mark the final production in the large pool at the field.

The many weeks required for an all school pageant of this kind have been the parting gift of Mrs. Oma Ford, women's physical education teacher, who has directed the show. After working this summer as manager and instructor at Baker Swimming Pool, Mineral Wells, she will travel with her husband, a construction engineer for Southwestern Bell Telephone Company.

Graduated from West Texas State with a B. S. degree, Mrs. Ford has instructed here since 1942.

"... and I've enjoyed every moment of it," she adds, "because for me, teaching is fun."

are available in nineteen different departments.

Correspondence work is administered through the Bureau of Public Service.

### MADE COUNTY AGENT

Elwyn I. Dysart, agriculture major and graduate of West Texas State, recently was appointed county agricultural agent for Hartley county with headquarters at Channing. He recently returned from military service.

### MEDICAL SUPPLIES BY AIR

Figures gathered from files of the Army, Navy, Marine Corps, Red Cross and other organizations by the Air Transport Association of America, show that a total of 386,000 pints of highly perishable blood was flown overseas for use by American fighting men. Medical stores shipped via air by the Navy alone, between the fall of 1942 and June 30, 1945, amounted to 1,287,056 pounds. The Army moved 6,000,000 pounds of medical supplies from England to the continent via air between August 1 and December 25, 1944.

The average of 50 workers per plane in the air transportation industry for 1940 is expected to double as the scheduled airlines of the United States add new and larger planes to the fleets.

## Net Toppers in League Lead

**W. T. High Takes All Title—Girls Name All-Tournament Players**

Intramural activities for the spring semester are being completed this week with the final games in the boys' volleyball tournament. At present the Net Toppers, managed by A. M. Smith, are leading the field with three straight wins.

West Texas High finished first in the recently completed baseball league. The W. T. High team, coached by Hap Rogers, edged out Terrill Hall while Hill Courts, managed by Douglas Groom, ended up in third place. Other baseball teams and their managers were as follows: Buffalo Courts Freshmen, Sid Levy; Stafford Hall, Bob Heard; and Down House, Red Weatherly.

Bill Stockman and Larry Sanders assisted Coach Leslie Van Meter in the handling of these intramural contests.

Spirited voting this week by girls of the P. E. classes, to select an All-Star volleyball team, has brought girls intramurals to an end. The Wolves, piloted by Jessie Wolf, won the bitterly contested volleyball tournament. Girls voted on the All-Star team are: Charlene Giesecke, Jean Covington, Rowena Fulham, Martha Hanna, Thelma Stamps, and Louise Records.

An All-Star team from the basketball tournament which was won by Mary Cherry's Destroyers, has been announced. Margie Bauer, Joy Felts, Betty Starnes, and Martha Hanna won the forward positions, while Joyce Meador, Grace Aaron and Jessie Wolf captured the guard positions.

Earlier in the season, the baseball team captained by Frances Turner won in the league play.

Miss Cross, physical education instructor, stated, "We plan to have plenty of recreation here this summer and next fall. Open plunges, picnics, volleyball and baseball will be combined with hikes and tumbling to make a varied and interesting program. Our present tumbling team is very good and prospects for the team next year are excellent."

### AVIATION JOBS FOR WOMEN

Passenger relations is the field in air transportation which offers young women the greatest opportunity for employment. Included in this category are stewardesses and reservation agents. Most airlines now need additional stewardesses and as the larger planes are placed in service, this need will increase, for many of the big ships will carry two stewardesses. One airline reports it will have as many stewardesses on its payroll at the end of this year as the entire industry had in 1941.

## Flight Training Here Continues

**College Credit Given; Veterans Can Fly in Their G. I. Program**

With hopes for the arrival of a new post-war Bellanca and plans for a new intensified aviation program, G. W. Cox, owner of the Canyon Airport, announces that training activities there will continue on a regular schedule throughout the summer.

A new training program, sponsored and paid for by the Veterans Administration, provides an opportunity for any veteran, man or woman, who wants to fly, whether or not he is in college, to earn his private or commercial license or instructor's standing. In many other states such a program is well under way, and it will probably be begun here within a few weeks.

### Ground Work Required

While previously it has been possible to obtain a license without a great deal of study of ground work, the new program requires thirty hours of ground school. For this purpose, a new ground school room has been installed at the field. A permanent concrete floor of 46000 square feet has been added in the big hangar.

The Bellanca, which has been ordered for some time, is a family-size plane with a 900-lb. load limit, intended for commercial and family use. It has a 150 H. P. motor and a speed limit of 169 mph—more than twice as powerful as any other of the four planes now at the field. Mr. Cox plans to exhibit the new plane to townspeople as soon as it arrives.

### Students Own Planes

Four privately owned planes are now at the airport. Two of them both PT-17 Stearmans, belong to college students, Omer Jordan and Taylor.

About thirty students are taking flying lessons at the field. Seventeen of these are veterans. Several private licenses have been earned recently.

At present Sherman Higdon is the only instructor at the airport.

Mr. Cox has plans to move the airport to a location just north of the campus within the next year. The move is being delayed because of the shortage and prices of labor and materials.

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NEWS OF WEST TEXAS HIGH SCHOOL

## Schools Combine Baccalaureate

**Commencement Exercises Will Be Held Wednesday Night in Ed Auditorium**

The graduating class of Canyon High School and West Texas High School held a combined service for the commencement sermon Sunday evening in the college auditorium.

The following was the program: Processional by the Canyon High School Band; invocation by Rev. W. J. Phelps, pastor of the Assembly of God Church; "Come Thou Almighty King," the assembly; prayer, Rev. Robert W. Jones, pastor of the Presbyterian Church; "Savior Blessed Savior" by the West Texas High School Chorus; announcements, J. B. Speer, Canyon Public Schools; sermon, Rev. Hubert Thomson, pastor of the Methodist Church; benediction, Rev. Joe Findley, Christian Church; recessional, Canyon High School Band.

Commencement exercises for West Texas High School will be held in the Education Auditorium tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The following will be the program: Processional, class; processional march, orchestra; invocation, Rev. J. R. Sharp; address, Dr. C. W. Freed, head of the speech department of WTSC; music by WT High Choir; "By the Bend of the River," Edwards and "Homeland," Cain; awards, Supt. F. E. Savage; diplomas; National Honor Society; school song, assembly.

## Honor Society Has Annual Initiation

In a very impressive ceremony Friday, W. T.'s new members of the R. P. Jarrett chapter of the National Honor Society were initiated. The four ideals of the society—character, scholarship, leadership, and service, considered in selecting new members—were emphasized in the brief ritual. After the initiates had taken the vow and had been presented with gold Honor Society pins and ribbons of gold and blue, the old and the new members sang the Honor Society song accompanied by Ruth Ann Soll.

Seniors who became members for the first time were John Boling, Jack Nunley, Virginia Hunter, Virginia Reid, Carroll SoRelle, Juanell Campbell and Neta Jo Moore. The juniors who were initiated were Bennie Jean Dawdy, Ann Crawford, Pat Campbell, and Dolores Young. The members of the society selected from last year's junior class were Loren Hightower, president; Alvin Jennings, vice-president; Bill Knighton, secretary; Leta McNutt and Sybil Gillis.

Members of the society selected in former years who assisted with the ceremony were: Arliss Oglesby, Betty Ruth Cox, Ann McCabe, Betty Young, Catherine Conatser, Louise Conatser, and Jean Smith. Miss Helen White Moore sponsors the organization.

## Spanish Clubs Give Program

Three Spanish clubs — Eighth Grade club, Spanish I and II, — presented an entertaining program in assembly Tuesday. Dan Johnson, president of Spanish II, was master of ceremonies.

The following program was given: "La Paloma Azul" and "Hogar en el Llano," by the Eighth Grade; "Clelito Lindo," and "La Paloma" by a girls' quartet—Irene Jones, Mary McGeehe, Carrie Guerrero, and Clara Davis; Pledge to the flag, by Spanish I; a song by Douglas Brazil, Truman Groves, and Charles Nunley; a song and encore by Carrie Guerrero; a dance number by twocouples; "Tres Caballeros," Dick McDonald, Bill Knighton, and Jimmy Knott.

Billy Joe McDonald was responsible for the artistic arrangement of the stage.

The colorful costumes were designed by Wanda Bartlett, Jeanine Vester, and Oma Lee McGaughey. The variety program proved to be very popular with everyone who attended.

## Seniors' Memories

Seniors who graduate from W. T. High will carry with them many happy memories. Some of these events will be forgotten, but every person will remember some special happening of high school days.

Carroll SoRelle says emphatically he'll never forget the red-letter day when he made ten words a minute in typing.

Billie Byars claims that she will always remember the thrills of being crowned football queen.

Loren Hightower confesses that he could never forget the look on Miss Moore's face when he handed in his English notebook on time.

Ken Stone figures that he could never forget this last week of school in his senior year.

Virginia Reid has never forgotten and never will (how could anyone?) the senior trip to Carlsbad.

Once a man leads a woman to the altar his leadership ends.

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### IN CONCLUSION

Dear readers:

As this is the last edition of the "Tumbleweed" for this year, we take this opportunity to thank the students of W. T. and our other readers for the cooperation and interest you have shown. We have really enjoyed writing for you. Here's hopes for future progress and a most enjoyable summer.

Sincerely yours,  
Tumbleweed Staff and Editor.

### FAREWELL TO 1945-46

"Aren't you glad that school is out?" "Why sure. Well, not exactly. I'm not an 'eager beaver' for this 'book-stuff,' but I'm going to miss all the gang and their doins'."

Isn't that about the way it stands with you? We'll agree that we've had enough cramming for a while, but don't you really, 'way down deep, sort of like to go to school? We're going to miss those thirty-five seniors who are graduating this week. They are leaving the big task of leadership to those next in line, the members of the junior class.

This has been a record year in every phase of our school activities—in sports, in publications, in classwork, and all. Here are a few of the signs of progress: the first "La Vaquita" was successfully published, the first Quill and Scroll chapter of W. T. was organized, the Calves gained wide recognition for their skill, both the junior and senior plays were acclaimed successes.

But that's speaking only of extra curricular activities, and our teachers and parents would be disappointed if they thought we had not gained any knowledge from study and reading. Tomorrow the seniors will put their wisdom to work, as they will be on their own in the world. Most of them will go to college, others will serve Uncle Sam, many will take up some work, and all will sooner or later have homes of their own.

Yes, underneath all the expressions of gladness when school is dismissed finally tomorrow afternoon, there'll be a slight sober feeling. After a vocation from books for three months we will all be ready to make next year even better than this one for our dear ole' W. T. High.—Editor.

## Dramatic Club Recital Given

The Dramatic Club presented its annual recital in speech on May 22. L. T. White was master of ceremonies. First was a scene from the play, "Mary of Scotland," given by Doris Smith and Barbara White. John Boling recited "This Can Be America." Tommy Hunter and Gwen Holland gave their southern version of "Romeo and Juliet." The poem, "A Man With the Hoe" was given by Jack Nunley, Virginia Reid, Wanda Bartlett, and Mary Montgomery gave a clever skit on marriage.

Rosalie Campbell recited the poem, "Patterns," by Ama Lowell. Wilma Jean Miller sang "Some Sunday Morning." Doris Hooper, Louella Pitt, and L. T. White gave the skit, "Their Golden Wedding Anniversary." Dan Johnson spoke as a lawyer defending a negro unjustly accused of murder. Climaxing the program Edna Cone impersonated Mrs. Poke Bonnet.

## 'Fish' Are Victors By Narrow Margin

The volleyball girls intramurals started off with a bang as the juniors beat the freshmen, and the sophomores defeated the seniors. In the second series the juniors won over the seniors. Tuesday the soph "Devils" beat the junior team by a narrow margin, and the freshmen defeated the seniors. This resulted in a three-way tie between the freshmen, sophomores, and juniors. The freshmen drew a bye, and the juniors won over the sophomores. The freshmen met the juniors in the final and won in an exciting game, which closed the intramurals. Tuesday the all-tournament team was named.

## Visiting Seniors Enjoy Pageant

Seniors of the surrounding school districts were guests of the West Texas State College for a swimming party Saturday, May 17. The party was held in the college out-door pool. The guests were entertained during the first part of the afternoon with a water pageant presented by the college physical education department. For the remainder of the afternoon the guests enjoyed a refreshing dip in the pool.

## "La Vaquita" Has Arrived

**Bronze Covers Enclose Attractive Yearbook; Students Praise Artwork**

"Have you—will you—would you—sign my annual?" These quotations were heard many times in the halls after the annuals were received as scheduled Wednesday afternoon.

The staff, student body, and faculty are very proud of the bronze-covered yearbooks. The students were very patient and co-operative in helping the staff realize a success in the first edition.

The annual has sixty-four pages. One hundred and sixty annuals were shipped by the Steck Company. "La Vaquita" met more than the expectations of the student body. Everyone is looking forward to getting "La Vaquita" in the future.

## KAMPUS KLATTER

Let's turn back a few pages of time to the first days of this school year.

Richmond Hales was seeing much of Neta Jo Moore. Remember them cruising along in his convertible?

Betty Brown had a beautiful tan and golden blonde hair when she returned from camp.

Billie Gill and Lee Amason were the favorite couple of our fair school; when their gazes met, everyone near saw stars.

Doris Smith and Floyd Walton were the couple who amazed everyone with their ability to talk things out.

As to Bill Knighton and Joan Byars, they were steady then just as they are now. Guess Joan is Bill's pin-up girl!

Virginia Hunter was living in the past. The past being a wonderful summer including one "Jack Tidmore."

Tommy Airhart was entangled in a net of admiring females. Kathleen or "Boopie" seems to have caught him tops up.

Now let's come back to May 28 and see who's got who.

Max Dutton and Jerry Nunley top the list, but Mary Jo Tomlinson and Richmond Hales run a close race.

Billie goes with Paul Kinard, but adores L. T. White and his sweet manly smile. (Who doesn't though?)

Tommy Hunter is Bette Brown's Friday night special. They are just two old friends who met on a rainy day.

Beverly Beck and Dan Johnson are the most athletic couple about our campus, but just enough to be ideal.

I know many who heaved a sigh of satisfaction when Jack Cooper and Ann Crawford were seen back together again.

Last but not least, we have the pride of W. T.—Bervin C. Hooper and Leta McNutt!

With this I say farewell to W. T. High and to this column.

Sincerely yours,  
Wilma Jean Miller.

## Seniors Present Address System

The annual senior gift was presented to W. T. High School at an assembly last Friday following the Honor Society initiation. The gift, a public address system, was presented by Bill Knighton, president of the senior class. The high school's acceptance was given by Mr. Savage. In this speech, Mr. Savage stated that this was one of the nicest and most expensive gifts ever given by a senior class. This system will be installed sometime during the next school term.

## Speech Students Entertain Lions

Dr. C. W. Freed, who was in charge of the Lions Club program last Thursday, presented Dan Johnson and Edna Cone from the W. T. High speech class. Dan did a cutting from "The Native Son," the lawyer's speech defending an unjustly accused negro.

Edna gave an impersonation of Mrs. Poke Bonnet in one of her popular sketches, "The Poke Bonnets at the World's Fair."

## Who's Who

Neta Joe Moore is the secretary of the senior class. She has dark hair and blue eyes along with a good scholastic rating. Neta Joe has attended classes here for the past six years. She chooses for her favorite foods ice cream and fried chicken. She dislikes bossy people very much. Her sports list is headed with basketball. Her sweet personality will be missed in the halls of W. T. when she graduates.

Oma Lee McGaughey is a person who has been in the halls of W. T. for about six years. She picks as her favorite foods pork chops and banana ice cream. Her favorite sport is horseback riding. She is one of the drivers of the Daniel school bus. This is an example of her high efficiency in regard to any

## Members of West Texas High Class Which Graduates

The following are graduates of the West Texas high school who will participate in the commencement exercises:

Axe, Zane; Berry, Mary Evelyn; Boling, John; Byars, Billie; Cope, Grace; Campbell, Juanell; Campbell, Dorothy; Dutton, Max; Frye, Mary; Gillis, Carter; Gillis, Sybil Anne.

Hightower, Loren; Hooper, Bervin; Hunter, Virginia; Jennings, Alvin; Johnson, Dan; Knighton, Bill; McCabe, Bill; McDonald, Dick; McGaughey, Oma Lee; McNutt, Leta; Miller, Wilma Jean; Moore, Neta Jo.

Nunley, Jack; Nunley, Jerry; Reid, Virginia; Rodgers, Jacqueline, summer; Russell, Dale; Smith, Doris; Stone, Kenneth; SoRelle, Carroll; Tomlinson, Mary Jo; Thomas, Martha; White, L. T.; Whittenburg, Catherine, summer; Nance, Bill, summer.

## WT Students Attend First Box Supper

One of the big events of the past week was the box supper held Tuesday night at the Student Union Room. About 8 o'clock, with Mr. Morris acting as auctioneer, the beautifully decorated boxes were put on sale.

Suppers sold for from \$1 to \$4.25, and the total receipts of the venture, \$68.40, went to the annual fund. The boys sought out their partners, and after supper the athletic awards were announced by Mr. Morris.

Those receiving awards for intramural basketball were Carroll Vaughan, Billy Cox, L. T. White, Jack Cooper and Wayne Stewart. Knighton received an award for coaching the winners, the junior team. Volleyball girls who received awards were Billie Gill, Maxine Barnard, Beverly Beck, Peggy Gamble, Sue White, Thelma Bauer, and Carrie Marie Dawdy. It was announced that the W. T. Burble Sox had won the college softball tournament in the final game that afternoon with Terrill Hall. Mr. Morris recognized the various organizations and noted their achievements. This was the last get-together of the current school year, and the "good ole spirit" was manifested during the hilarious evening.

## W. T. Seniors Are Given Party as Last Get-Together

On Friday evening, the seniors of W. T. High were honored guests of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Morris and Miss Helen White Moore at a private swim and hamburger fry. The first part of the evening was spent in the college outdoor pool, where the seniors enjoyed a refreshing swim. The remaining part was a last get-together of the seniors at the delightful hamburger fry with all the trimmings, which was held in the dining hall of Terrill Hall.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Conatser, Charles and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Roberts, Jimmy and Jerry of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Irish, and Misses Michael, Gertrude Golladay, Georgia Holt, and Ellen Root.

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Pictured as they appeared at their presentation May 10, new members of Pi Omega sorority are: front row, Kate McCulloch, Johnnie Cresens, Mary Larmour, Willa Mae Freeman, Mary Ann Garner, Betty M. Brown, Trixie Travis, Theresa Lile, Dorothy Bivins; back row, Joyce Harvey, Jane Dickson, Mary Frances Colwell, Mary Jo Gallimore, Ciella Pearson, and Jean Gilley McSwain. Not shown are Bettye Fulton, fall pledge, and spring pledges Mary Frances McDaniel and Avis Harbour.

## Conatser, Luster Exchange Vows

In a quiet single ring ceremony Thursday evening, May 23, at 6:30 o'clock, Miss Catherine Conatser, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Conatser, became the bride of Orvel Luster, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Luster of Turkey, at the home of the bride's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roberts, 2111 7th Ave.

Rev. Robert Jones, minister of the First Presbyterian Church, read the service. Miss Louise Conatser, sister of the bride, was bridesmaid, and Elmer Bauer, Jr., of Happy was best man.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride was attired in a rayon jersey dress of pastel aqua, with white accessories and a corsage of white roses. She carried a white Bible. The bridesmaid wore a dress of gray silk and the bride's mother was dressed in blue.

Bouquets of peonies flanked the mantel, before which the ceremony took place. Miss Barbara Michael

took the wedding cake, and Mrs. Louis A. Irish poured punch for the guests.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. Conatser, Charles and Jack, Mr. and Mrs. Roberts, Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Roberts, Jimmy and Jerry of Amarillo, Mr. and Mrs. Irish, and Misses Michael, Gertrude Golladay, Georgia Holt, and Ellen Root.

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As their leader for the 1946-47 school term, girls of Pi Omega sorority have chosen Dorothy Evans, sophomore from Panhandle.

Other club officers elected during a meeting at Randall Hall Tuesday evening include Mary Evelyn Foster, junior from Borger, vice-president; Bobby Storey, junior from Dalhart, recording secretary; Johnnie Cresens, freshman from Amarillo, corresponding secretary; June Russell, sophomore from Follett, treasurer; and Trixie Travis, another sophomore from Follett, reporter, and Fayrene Bolton, Junior from Ballinger, pledge captain.

After heading activities of the group this year, Polly Winstead, who will be graduated in August, is retiring from the presidency. Mrs. C. W. Freed will replace Mrs. A. M. Meyer next year as sponsor.

## Robinson Will Teach Art Colony in June

Miss Isabel Robinson, head of the West Texas State College department of art, will conduct an art colony at Woodward, Okla., from June 3 to June 15.

The colony there is locally sponsored. Most of the students will be adult residents of the community. Miss Robinson will teach painting, including landscapes, still life, and figure work. She will take a leave of absence from the college during the summer.

In her absence, Prof. Derald T. Swineford will be acting head of the art department. He will be assisted by Miss Mary Lou Roberson of Lubbock. Alvie Reddin will teach art at the Amarillo Center of West Texas State. He is a former student of the college who served with the Navy during the war.

## Shirley Byars Leads Gamma Phi '46-47

Miss Shirley Byars, junior from Canyon, was elected president of Gamma Phi Sorority when the club met Monday, May 13, to elect officers for 1946-47.

Other officers chosen were Vice-president, Mary Hodges of Canyon; secretary, Beatrice Clark of Canyon; treasurer, Carlyn Wimberly of Canyon; reporter, Margaret Lair of Canyon; parliamentarian, Mary Ruth Russell of Hereford; pledge captain, Sada Ruth Hoskins of Spearman; and co-pledge captain, Jeannette Barnhill of Turkey.

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## Burdena Barker Bride of Mr. Keyes Sunday

At 3:00 Sunday, May 19, at the First Presbyterian Church, Miss Burdena Barker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Barker of Grandview, became the bride of Stanley Keyes, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. Keyes of Gresham, Nebraska.

Miss Ava Jo Moreman played "Traumeri" on the organ as the ushers, Melvin Johnson and Alvin fenn, lighted the candles. Mrs. J. D. Barker sang "I Love Thee."

The church was decorated with white gladioli.

James Harman was best man. Irene Luther, who was maid of honor, wore a floor length dress of blue net. Her corsage was of white carnations.

The bride, who entered on the arm of her uncle, J. D. Barker, wore a floor length dress of white nylon chiffon with a fingertip net veil, held in place with orange blossoms. She carried a white testament covered with a spray of gardenias.

Mrs. Keyes graduated from Wheeler High School and is a sophomore in West Texas State.

Mr. Keyes, who is attending W. T. as a freshman, served in the Army Air Forces until this spring. He was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. He served in North Africa and Italy.

After the wedding, a reception honoring the couple was given in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Barker. Florence Walling presided over the guest book. Mary Jo Gallimore poured the punch and Wynona Johnson served the cake.

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