

## Deferments for Training Noted

### Navy Outlines Its Plan At Conference; After-War Problems Anticipated

Speeding up of the traditional four-year college courses is underway throughout the nation.

This trend was expedited by the recent conferences on education attended by President J. A. Hill at Baltimore and Austin. While West Texas State long has moved in this direction through its summer schools and recognition that superior students may take excess courses without harm, this institution is going even further in the national emergency.

Subject to some regulation, men going into the armed forces are receiving credit for incomplete work after furnishing proof of induction. Federal authorities are stressing that the operation of the selective service should be such that students preparing for certain jobs and professions will be deferred until graduation. In some cases, deferment will include graduate work.

### Graduation to Be Hurried

Not all men are fit for military service. Most co-eds will not go into federal jobs. But because of the acute shortage of teachers, college students will find it advisable to hasten the time of their graduation. This principle applies also to other professions and trades.

High school seniors are being told by federal authorities that they should enter college immediately after graduation in order to hasten the day when they can be more helpful to their country. Preferment starts with the sophomore year in nearly all government activity, including the military—or above. By entering at once and continuing in college, high school seniors may be graduated in less than three years. There is no disposition, however, to lower the standards or reduce the amount of work required for a degree.

### Navy Needs College Men

A navy spokesman told the Baltimore conference that the Navy needs 50,000 young men each year with the equivalent of two years of college education. Col. B. W. Venable, representing the War Department, urged colleges to concentrate on pre-induction training, including compulsory physical education, courses in vehicle operation, radio, photography, field engineering, map reading, and telegraphy.

Many speakers stressed the importance of long range planning of the defense effort. Included in the recommendations was one that men and women be trained to fill vacancies created by enlistments in war and industry. Meeting the shortage for teachers was regarded as one of the most important.

Joseph W. Barker, special assistant to the assistant secretary of the Navy, spoke as follows, in part:

"The future of our democratic institutions rests upon the continuance of the highest and best types of education for the youth of our country, who will be necessary for the attack upon post-war problems of industry, of labor, and of government."

"You have in your colleges just the type of young men, however, that we need to officer our two-ocean navy."

College juniors and seniors, after enlistment in Class V-5, may be deferred from call to active duty until the completion of the current year, if they so request. Sophomores currently enrolled in recognized colleges may be enlisted directly by naval aviation cadet selection boards . . . and have every reasonable expectation of completing the two-year college requirement.

"In addition, the Navy needs 7,000 men now in their junior year in college as prospective officers. If such students enlist today, it is contemplated they may complete their education and graduate in 1943 before being ordered to active duty."

"During war times courses essential to military naval training can become a part of the college program of every student. Acceleration of programs of study is desirable."

## Olie Brown Ordained By Baptist Church

Olie T. Brown, graduate of West Texas State, was ordained to the ministry by the First Baptist Church of Canyon on Sunday, January 11. Brown, who majored in agriculture and industrial arts while attending school here, is attending the Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth at present.

While attending W. T., he was active in church affairs, and was secretary of the Baptist church at the time he left.

Dewey Johnson, '41, who has been coaching at Midland, has been accepted by the U. S. Air Corps.

## Red Cross Courses to Be Talked Thursday

Because of an increased demand in Red Cross defense courses, all persons interested in taking these are being asked to report to the Red Cross Headquarters (west of square) at 7:30 p. m. Thursday, January 22. At that time the courses will be organized.

There will be three courses offered in First Aid—all running parallel. The Home Nursing Course will be offered through the department of Home Economics. This course is to be taught by Miss Helen Hickman, who is an American Red Cross nurse.

It has not been definitely decided whether "Nurses' Aides," an eight-hour course, will be given. If given, this course will be taught in the hospital. After completing the course, the girls, if not needed in

their community, may be called for service by the U. S. Government.

A Safety Course will be taught by Miss Ruth Cross.

The demand for Red Cross textbooks is tremendous. It is hoped that by next Thursday the textbooks will be here.

Any students wishing to enroll in any of these courses may phone 53 or see Miss Helen Hickman.

For students, teachers, counselors, and prospective camp-counselors, Camping Education, 372, will be given. Experts in this field will aid Miss Hazel Evans in instructing students to take care of evacuated children.

First Aid and Safety, including driver and pedestrian safety and civilian protection, is open to students of sophomore standing.

## Election To Be Held Friday For Student Senate Officers

### Vacancies Caused By Army Enlistments To Be Filled By Ballot

An election to fill vacancies in the Student Senate caused by members leaving for the armed forces will be held in the Administration Building Friday. The voting desk will be open all the day, and students are urged to vote for their choice.

This constitutes a called election, and ballots have been acceptable for the last two weeks in the office of President J. A. Hill. Only one office was contested, the office of vice-president, sought by Dick Kilgore and Melvin Kiker.

Not much interest has been shown because of the under-current of war feeling that has been dominant on the campus. But since these positions are responsible ones, it is likely that voting will be average. A sample ballot is on page 4.

## Friendship Begun Here Grows In Army for WT Exes

Corporal Doyle Bunch of Vernon, Texas, and Private First Class Howard A. Ferguson, Jr., of Amarillo, entered Uncle Sam's new army together last July 11th. They boarded the "Selectee Special" bus in Amarillo en route to Fort Bliss, Texas Reception Center, thence to Camp Wolters for basic infantry training. Here they were assigned to Company B, 64th Battalion, for the 13-week cycle—then after graduation, both joined 64th ranks as corporal and company clerk, respectively.

But their army career together is only the second portion of a friendship which began in 1939 at West Texas State College. Bunch received his Bachelor of Science in Physical Education here last June, while Ferguson was studying toward a degree in business administration.

"When our time comes to fight the Axis, we're going to try it together," Ferguson exclaimed. "We've been working together so long that it seems the only way to get anything done for either of us."

## Lofland Enters Army In Quick Time

A record for speedy induction into the army was made last Tuesday morning when Bill Lofland, a senior student, went to Amarillo to enlist in the ordnance department.

Bill's application was accepted, and he was informed that he would not be allowed to return to Canyon for his clothes, or any belongings. The train left Amarillo at 1:10 for Lubbock, and Recruiting officers wished to be sure that Lofland was on that train.

Since he was to receive his degree at the end of this semester, Lofland will be granted this under the new plan initiated by the college, whereby students leaving for the armed forces will receive credit for the current semester of work.

## Program For Club Women Is Planned

As she has done for nearly a decade, Mrs. T. V. Reeves of the Bureau of Public Service is serving as chairman of the program committee for the next convention of the Seventh District, Texas Federation of Women's Clubs.

This group will meet in Lubbock on March 26 and 27. Mrs. H. F. Godeke of Lubbock is district president.

## Students Want Japan Bombed, Survey Shows

The great majority of American college students is ready for the U. S. air force to bomb Japanese cities, the latest national poll of Student Opinion Surveys of America reveals.

Much was said, before World War II earnestly got underway, about the advantages and disadvantages of dropping explosives over civilian population centers, but events of recent months and weeks have shown that bombing of cities has become an integral part of modern war strategy.

A few days before the Japanese bombed Manila after it had been declared an open city, Student Opinion Surveys completed a poll in which more than nine out of every ten students interviewed favored retaliation. No doubt feeling has flared still higher since the attack on the Philippine capital.

Of those who answered in the affirmative, it is important to point out, a little less than half specified that although they were in favor of bombing Japanese urban centers, our fliers should make it a point to strike at military objectives only. This is how opinion divides:

"Do you approve or disapprove of the U. S. air force bombing Japanese cities?"

Approve	63%
Approve, but military objectives only	29
Disapprove	6
Undecided	2

The problems involved in singling out military objectives, of the geographical difficulties of attacking the Japanese Islands from the air, (Continued on page 4)

## Fisher-Harvuot Opera Is Sung For Large Audience Friday

### Wide Range of Program Is Pleasurable; Pianist for Singers Is Acclaimed

By HOUSTON BRIGHT

Far and away the best in music that we have had on our campus for a long time was the artistic concert presented Friday evening by the soprano, Susanne Fisher and her baritone partner, Clifford Harvuot, with their Baylor-Belton pianist and accompanist, Willa Mae Kelly. The baritone of Mr. Harvuot was noble, rich, and dignified; the soprano of Miss Fisher was exquisite in tranquil emotion, passionate in fiery drama; the piano of Miss Kelly brilliant and scintillating.

Not the least of Friday evening's agreeable surprises was the manner in which the audience received the artistic offerings of these distinguished guests, for it has been thought by some that our students were far from being in sympathy with the artistically desirable in music. Friday evening's concert proved otherwise.

Because of the wide range in the type of compositions used by the visiting artists, it would be difficult to pick first choice numbers from each of the respective groups on the program. In the writer's opinion, however, these numbers should not be passed without at least special mention: In Mr. Harvuot's group, the rapturous "Visions," of Sjöberg, and the melancholy "O

## Sound Film On Texas Offered

### Cavalcade of Texas To Be Shown Twice Today in Ed. Building—Free

A "Cavalcade of Texas," talking picture of the high spots in the history of the state, will be shown at the Education Building today at 3:30 p. m. and 7 p. m. by A. Garland Adair of Austin, commissioner for the 1945-46 Texas Centennial of Statehood observance.

This is the same film which was shown at the New York and San Francisco world's fairs. It will be a free showing for the students and public.

Mr. Adair, veteran Texas publisher, will explain briefly the preparation campaign for the big celebration. His showing of the picture will be made possible by Karl Hoblitzelle of Dallas, chairman of the celebration commission. The picture and explanations will last one hour.

The regular session of the 47th legislature gave approval to a plan for state-wide observance of the 100th anniversary of Texas' admission to the Union. This celebration will be held in 1945-46, with observances in all parts of the state. Appointment of Mr. Hoblitzelle was made by Governor Stevenson. Mr. Adair, general commissioner, is curator of the Texas Memorial Museum. He is appealing for state-wide support of the observance of the centennial of the occasion on which the Republic of Texas became the 28th state.

The slogan of the commission is "To Know Texas Is to Love Texas." Thousands of tourists will be attracted to Texas by the celebration. The sound-color film made available by Mr. Hoblitzelle is a stirring call to Texas to recognize the assets of their great state and to call these to the attention of others.

## Cadet Lockhart In First Replacement Class of Air Corps

Warren L. Lockhart is now a member of the first class of aviation cadets to enter the Air Corps Replacement Training Center (Aircrew) at Kelly Field, Texas, since the entrance of the United States in World War II. This class entered its training with a new determination December 20.

Cadet Lockhart is the son of S. L. Lockhart, Gail Route, Big Spring, Texas. At the Replacement Center Lockhart will go through five weeks of preliminary training which will give him a thorough military background for becoming an officer in the Army of the United States on graduation from an advanced flying school, thirty weeks later. Upon completion of the course, he will enter one of the primary schools located in the Gulf Coast Air Corps Training Center Area.

Cadet Lockhart dropped from classes at West Texas State in December to enroll in the Air Corps. He was one of the iron men on this year's Hustlin' Buffs, and a senior at West Texas.

## College to Return to Quarter Basis Soon

### High School Graduates Are Being Urged to Enter Colleges at Once

The leisurely pace of high school students into college has been out-moded.

Government officials of many departments are urging high school graduates to enroll in colleges immediately. Educational institutions are making it possible for students to finish in less time. Young folk will thereby be enabled to contribute more quickly in the national crisis, and they will have the advantage of being college-trained when post-war crises arise.

At West Texas State, for instance, superior students will be able to obtain regular four-year degrees in as little time as two years and four months—by attending every quarter and making all their work. In some cases, high school boys will be able to obtain degrees before they are required to do military service.

West Texas State is keeping abreast of all the trends and is adjusting its schedule in accordance with recommended practices.

## Victory Campaign Book Collection Is Under Way

A victory book campaign is under way to supply books to soldiers, sailors, and marines. Books contributed should be taken to the college library to be sorted and repaired, if necessary, for distribution to U. S. O. houses, army day rooms, naval bases, ships and other places for men in the service. Unbound magazines and newspapers will not be handled.

In selecting a book for donation, the donor needs only to send the kind of book he likes himself. The military personal is made up of persons with a wide range of reading interests. Names and address should be placed in the books sent to libraries for sortment. The men will be interested to know who sent them.

Brig. Gen. Ulio, chief of the morale branch of the War Department suggests that a book drive could materially assist the U. S. O. Many books will be required for recreation buildings.

The college library will be glad to sort and send the books, but contributors must pay transportation costs.

## Bonds Are Selling

A total of \$174.95 worth of Defense Stamps were sold during the week of January 12-17. The amount sold up to this time was \$285.50, making a grand total of \$460.45 sold by January 17.

art of the drama and the art of music. When one of these is lacking, the whole performance is lacking. But the mastery performance from the "Traviata" was far from lacking, for it left nothing to be desired, except perhaps the rest of the great opera itself, done in exactly the same way.

## "No Smoking" Rules Violated as Student Mixes Poison

A smoke-screen was laid effectively Wednesday in the Administration Building when some unsuspecting lab student boiled hydrochloric acid and ammonia together.

The result was smoke-filled halls, a group of coughing students emerging from the labs and classes on the third floor, and curious on-lookers in the lower part of the building.

### OFFICIAL NOTICE

Mr. Easten Day, supervisor of vocational rehabilitation, will be in the office of the Registrar on February 2. It is very important that all students who are receiving rehabilitation from the State Board make contact with Mr. Day on this date.

D. A. SHIRLEY, Registrar.

Buy Defense Bonds and Stamps daily.

### Sends Picture



Carl Hoblitzelle of Dallas, above, has made possible the showing of a sound film picture, "Cavalcade of Texas," twice on the campus today. He is chairman of the commission for the 1945-46 Texas Centennial of Statehood.

## More Fliers for Course Desired

### Age Limit for Enrollees In CAA Course Lowered—Quota Again Is Ten

Students of the CAA pilot training course are back in the air to complete their work and West Texas State has received a quota of ten students for next semester.

The student fliers were grounded along with other non-military fliers at the outbreak of the war.

The age limit for enrollment in the elementary course has been lowered one year. Physically qualified men having had 60 semester hours of college work are eligible now if they passed the age of 18 but not the age of 26 prior to January 2, 1942. Applicants must be loyal, patriotic, and willing to abide by the rules of the course. Their future training or enlistment will be governed by federal authorities.

Dean R. P. Jarrett of West Texas State is asking for applications from young men who wish to start the new course about February 1.

## Home Ec Majors May Qualify For Civil Service

Home economists will be given the spotlight in the near future by the Civil Service Commission, as tests are to be given for college majors in this subject in an attempt to fill positions paying from \$2,600 to \$5,600 per year.

No written tests will be given, but applicants will be rated on their education and experience. Because of the demand for qualified eligibles, applications will be accepted until further notice.

Vacancies exist in such government positions as Bureau of Home Economics, Rural Electrification Administration, and Surplus Marketing Administration in the Department of Agriculture, and the Office of Education and Office of Defense, Health, and Welfare Services in the Federal Security Agency. Positions will be filled for work in nutrition, clothing, household equipment, family or rural economics, home economics information, home extension, school lunches and in many other fields. Persons experienced in the field of nutrition are especially needed.

Applicants must have completed a 4-year college course including or supplemented by at least 8 semester hours in home economics, or a closely related science. The examination announcement giving all requirements and instructions may be obtained from Civil Service Commission representatives at first- and second-class post offices or from the central offices in Washington, D. C.

M. D. Shepherd, '39, and Miss Mattie Lois Alexander were married January 10 at the Methodist church in Edcouch. M. D. is band director there.

## Old System Is Again Popular

### Plan Better Suited to Defense Needs; Takes Effect Next Summer

The tempo of college life moves at a faster pace in these days of crisis.

West Texas State College—and most of the Texas State colleges—will abandon the semester plan of two terms each long session and adopt the quarter system. There will be three quarters of twelve weeks in every 9-month session. There will be no change in the class periods, however.

The quarter plan will go into effect in the summer session opening June 3, with certain modifications to suit the requirements of summer students. The summer quarter will be split into two six-week terms. Classes will meet five times a week for six weeks, with Saturdays off. A normal load for summer students will be three courses for a total of nine quarter hours credit for each six weeks. An additional course may be taken by students of good standing. Classes carrying credit of one quarter hour may meet two days a week for six weeks or one day each week for twelve weeks. Classes will last one hour.

Under the new plan, superior students may graduate in two years and four months by being in college each quarter and making all their work. This shorter time is highly desirable in the national emergency because it will permit students to qualify more quickly for jobs in business and industry, teaching, and other professions, and to meet minimum requirements of the technical branches of the military services.

Government spokesmen are urging that high school students enter college immediately on graduation and expedite their progress toward degrees. The action by West Texas State was taken immediately after President J. A. Hill returned from conferences in Baltimore, Washington, D. C., and Austin.

Work next semester will continue as usual on the semester plan. Additional national defense courses will be offered. One of these will be a 3-semester hour course in photography (Journalism 211) arranged according to recommendations by the Army Air Corps.

Graduation, under the quarter plan, will require 180 quarter hours instead of 120 semester hours—the exact equivalent. A normal load for each 12-week quarter will be five classes carrying credit of three quarter hours, or a total of fifteen quarter hours. Superior students may take more hours.

In the reorganization, however, some 3-semester hour courses will be reduced to the equivalent of two (three quarter hours) and others will be raised to the equivalent of four (six quarter hours.) Programs will be based on the Fall, Winter, and Spring quarters.

Students will suffer no losses in the change of systems.

## Press of High Schools to Meet At College Soon

Convention plans are being completed for the annual sessions of the Panhandle High School Press Association in Canyon on February 7. Four hundred sponsors and delegates will attend.

This year the convention will take note of the national crisis and will hear some talks on what high school students can do to assist. A high official of the Associated Press will speak unless called from the state by some new emergency. Names of other speakers will be announced soon.

The convention will open at 9 a. m. on February 7 and close with a reception-dance given after adjournment by Type High, the college press club. Luncheons will be served at the College cafeteria and the Methodist Church.

Officers of the association are Mickey Rafferty of Pampa, president; Jacquelyn Simmons of White Deer, vice-president; and Sam Johnson of Canyon, secretary-treasurer. Olin E. Hinkle, director of journalism at West Texas State College, is general sponsor.

Ruth Clay, '41, has recently resigned her teaching position at Spring Lake to accept a similar position at McLean.



Today's . . . .  
OVERTONES  
. . . . People

By Joe Crisler  
"Words are things . . ."—Byron.  
  
WHAT W. T. COLLEGIANS ARE TALKING ABOUT: Those things that come around every so often, exams. . . . Al Baggett's fight "Back East." . . . Jack Curtice, south of the border.

MY GAL SAL SAYS: It will be Mr. and Mrs. for Dorothy Jane Day and Jim Tout. . . . Jackie Wafford and Eldon Huffaker coiffeing at the Buff. . . . Jo Word selling defense stamps. . . . Joed Forbus and a neat blonde number. . . . Cecil Iwerster and Helen Studer, a steady twosome. . . . Nancy Colley, very photogenic. . . . Roy Cheatham and Helen Eoff, it's all off now. . . . Dorothy Jo Clark and third-finger-left-hand. . . . The proverbial freshman, Byron Campbell, and Mary Davis have put the skids under cupil. . . . Sally Cowart all a flutter, Reason: Russ of College Station will catch a plane just for a visit with lil' Sal. . . . Hang a sign on the Osborn twins, we can't tell which is who. . . . You should have seen the Osborn twins when they wore pig-tails. . . . Cecil Davidson with two dates the same night. . . . Virginia Giles, Ruthie Barnes and Lynn Edwards, a frequent three-some.

ACROSS THE BALL ROOM: Johnny Howard and Carolyn Darnell. . . . Dorothy Picture and Russell Jones. . . . Nell Moore and Paul House (give us more of their dancing) . . . Jack Herring and Dorothy Clutter. . . . Joe Kinnard, Jack Cross, Mary Kay Bird, Mabel Back, Elmer Hazlett. . . . Prof. Hibbetts and a young lady from Amarillo. . . . Dr. and Mrs. Freed. . . . W. J. Wooten, Stewart Condron, Hud Prichard, Richard Craig,

OLD FACES SEEN ANEW: Louis Cole, watching the Buffs trim the Aggies. . . . Bill Ferrell, just visiting. . . . Glen Davis, on his way to Washington. . . . James Hodges, back from a visit with the Missus. . . . Holl Ed Toles. . . . Mary Jean Hill, "I am working in a bank now" . . . Bomar Brown, teaching the lassies a few fancy steps at the dance. . . . Mrs. L. G. Penick, former Ruth Garrett, husband somewhere over the waves with the Army Air Corps.

BREVITORIAL  
Are you a trail-blazer? Are you a charging fullback, a line plunger? No, and neither are we. Can you walk safely through a herd of stampeding cattle? Are you a path-finder? Why even Daniel Boone, Kit Carson, Buck Jones, Joe Louis, and Knute Rockne's Four Horsemen would have a very difficult time penetrating the crowd that collects in the halls and around the stairs in the Administration Building between classes. You start out with seven minutes to spare, and by the time you have tried a dozen off-tackle plunges, been walked upon by a size 12 and a 4½, picked yourself off the floor a dozen times, and have finally crawled through the crowd, you find yourself five minutes late to class.

THE NERVE OF 'EM  
People who must work crossword puzzles in the library newspapers when other people are waiting to read—the funny papers.

Have you noticed the new lights in the library? They are certainly a big help, but similar ones placed in class rooms would ease numerous cases of eye-strain.

WHY?  
Note the number of long girls wearing too-short skirts. And a dream walking around wearing fur coat and slacks.

AIN'T IT THE TRUTH?  
A five-foot, ten-inch feminine resident of Aliquippa, Pa., went on a trip to Texas and three weeks later wrote a friend:  
"Well, sugar, I sho' am having me a time. Never could find a boy in Aliquippa tall enough for me to see eye to eye, but down here I met ups with a lot of tall fellows—one so tall he calls me kitten. Honey, Texas is the tall girl's heaven."  
THANKS  
To those critics who sent in letters and cards. But if you believe in free speech, as you say you do, why be afraid to sign your name? Unsigned notes of criticism will only clutter up the waste-basket.

Elsie Thompson, '41, who has been teaching in the grades at Higgins, has been transferred to a position of commerce teacher in the Higgins school. She is a business administration major.

Franklin Ormsby, ex-student who went to Camp Bowie when the national guard was mobilized, visited the campus over the week end. He was granted a 36-hour leave, and returned to camp Sunday evening.

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W. T.—College For Women  
"After this semester, this college should be re-named, 'West Texas State College for Girls.'"

The above remark has been made countless times in the last few weeks by students who realize that most of the men within the age limits will not return to school next semester.

This is not a fact to be ashamed of. Students and administration officers should be proud that their classes will be depleted next semester. Proud that most of the student positions will fall into the hands of girls soon. No one need be reluctant to tell outsiders that the enrollment at West Texas State will be considerably lower until after the duration.

For it is this way that the duration can be shortened and the vast task made easier to complete. Total, all-out warfare needs the help of every man, woman, and child in some capacity. West Texas State's contribution in the past has been educated graduates who are capable of handling jobs—responsible jobs—in schools, in businesses, in the oil industry, or where civilian life demanded trained workers.

West Texas State's contribution now will be—first of all—fighting men for the armed forces. Fighting men who have had a small but concentrated bit of military training. Men who astounded their instructors with their will to learn and their eagerness to cover infantry drill regulations in four short weeks.

West Texas State's contribution will be welders, mechanics, radio technicians, and students adept in the preparation of army rations. It is true that these students will not be able to step directly into these jobs in every case and handle them capably. The period of training was not sufficient for that. But the ground work has been laid, and a foundation for learning has been instilled into each person who has attended classes at this institution. Further training will be an easy manner to these students who will go out into technical fields to support the fighting front lines.

West Texas State's contribution will be a student body that is up to date in shifting from civilian life to a war footing. Students who realize that sacrifices must be made, and who are willing to make them and keep on making them after a reasonable limit has been reached. Should W. T. become a "School for Girls" during this crisis, there need be no alarm about the future.

For a college with this spirit will rise above such handicaps and live on down through the future in its rightful place—a state supported institution of higher learning that can support its state when the necessity arrives.

History Closes Gap With Present

Commenting on war aid conferences he recently attended in Baltimore and Austin, President J. A. Hill remarked that "it was recognized by all that we are face to face with a most grave national and international situation and that we are likely to face, in the next few months, tremendously discouraging things."

Higher education should thrive on such a crisis. History has now been linked to the present moment. In peaceful times, classroom procedure, while essential, may become an opiate to current awareness. But today's crisis is so real that men are leaving the campus every week to defend their country.

"In the face of all this," Dr. Hill added, however, "there was no discouragement but a grim determination on the part of everyone to do his utmost to help win the war and the peace. It was generally believed that great sacrifice on the part of the civilian population of this country is absolutely essential and that every man, woman, and child should count it a privilege to be able to make whatever sacrifice is necessary."

Dr. Hill pledged this institution to 100 per cent support of the war program. He made his remarks on his trip with heavy heart, he said, "but with profound pride in my country and what it has stood for in the years."

West Texas State will measure up to the standard to which it has been pledged.

Common Courtesy in Assembly

Have you ever tried to make a speech to a strange audience, only to have several of them leave after the first few minutes? There you were, perhaps doubting your own ability to "put over" what you wanted to say, and persons beginning to straggle out with the nonchalance of a come-and-go tea.

Maybe you haven't been in that position but, sad to say, you have been guilty of the other. Guests appear in assembly for a purpose and it is as much a part of your education to attend these programs as classes. Maybe you are bored to tears or lulled to sleep by a monotone, but after you have once taken your seat it is just a matter of courtesy to the speaker and respect to the school to remain. Sometimes you might be fooled, the speaker may have something interesting or worthwhile to say.

And are you certain you aren't being checked absent when you leave about 11:30?

A college can get a bad name for discourtesy due to the thoughtlessness or deliberate rudeness of a few students. Our basketball and football teams have built up a reputation of having the best manners of any athletic squad to travel over the country. Let's don't tear that opinion down by being discourteous to visiting persons on the assembly programs.

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War Information Period on Thursday Well Attended

One Man's To The Editor  
Opinion

Editor, 'The Prairie':  
In the recent visit of Dr. Edward Howard Griggs to the campus of West Texas the students and the faculty had the experience of contacting a truly great mind of the century. The venerable visitor, in his humble erudition, exemplifies well the admonition of Browning, Grow old along with me!

The best is yet to be. . . . Dr. Griggs, a student of the classics, and of modern life and literature, sparked with a versatility that is an inspiration and a challenge to the large numbers who attended his six lectures on our campus. His insight into the varied interests and backgrounds of the members of student body and the faculty of a college community enabled him to reach every type of personality.

The great appeals of the scholar are to continue the educative process as an unending experience, to maintain an open mindedness, a humble attitude of the learner, and an awareness of the increasing number of opportunities of one living in the present period. He sees our time as one of the most dramatic in the history of mankind, a crucial, dramatic period for challenging the best in the citizens of a democracy. His tones are never discouraging; for he has the greatest faith in the ultimate victory of our positive way of life.

No pseudo moralizing and sermonizing come from the modest scholar. His means of teaching adjustment and the good life is from showing himself as an example, through his lectures, of having found the way for building toward a great personality. This full life he often expresses as a result of great devotions to art, literature, science, mathematics, and philosophy. He is exemplary in his giving himself to a life of service, of learning, and positive living.

The point of view expressed by Dr. Griggs in evaluation of education in terms of college courses is that it does not matter what the "devotion," if the spirit of research dominates, growth is the certain outcome. To carry through with a passion whatever choice a person makes is the essence of his admonition. The choice of a vocation, he thinks, is incidental; for if a person has the determination to carry through, he might succeed in various fields.

The lecturer emphasized the value of a liberal arts background. He thinks that the hand and the head must work together for successful contribution. The person then, again, who is developing appreciations of the increasing values in his world is the one who is experiencing most growth.

In bringing Dr. Griggs to the campus of West Texas, Mr. W. R. Clark and his committee showed excellent judgment and gave the students and faculty an experience of inestimable value. Our college has had the good fortune of associating with a scholar and a great man, and the response of the members of the college was evidence that the appreciation was general. —A. KIRK KNOTT.

News has been received of the death of Mrs. J. R. Lewis (Susan E. Meador, '30) in California. Her death was caused by burns received in November. Burial was Sunday at Portales, New Mexico.

Never Late for Work in 28 Years—That's Record of J. S. Harrison

Imagine, if you can, a man who is 5 feet, 5 inches tall, but who stands so straight he seems taller—a man who weighs 123 pounds, who wears size five shoes, an old black hat, a Marshall Poch-type mustache, and heavy rimmed spectacles, and you're close to seeing J. S. Harrison of the college maintenance department.

Mr. Harrison has celebrated 67 birthdays, and the last 28 of them have come while he has been an employee of West Texas State.

Ten years ago, a writer in The Prairie said of him, "During the eighteen years that he has been in the employ of the college, he has not been off the job as long as twelve months. For the past five years, he has not been absent a day, and he cannot recall having been late."

A day or so ago, after Mr. Harrison had completed his 28th year with the college, he said, "So far as I know, I have never been late to work. I have had one two-week vacation, and I haven't minded not having more. I feel like a fish out of water when I am not somewhere on the campus."

When asked if he had ever been ill, Mr. Harrison replied: "I don't suppose I've been away from work, because I was sick, over 200 days at the most. I have never missed a pay day."

Then, with a chuckle, he added: That's a little funny too. I came to Texas 39 years ago, after my family doctor had told me that I couldn't live more than a year."

"Uncle Johnny," as he is affectionately called by several of the girls who have lived in his home while attending school, is a sober, quiet man who goes about his business with little to say. Yet, when one can induce him to talk, he hears many interesting things about the college that happened "in the days when."

He tells about the time when he spent most of his hours in what is now the practice house used by the band. He wasn't blowing a horn, but he was tending the pumps that pulled water from the two wells under the building.

"I remember one time," he said soberly, "when Bob Donald, the late R. A. Terrill, and I were hanging the curtain in the auditorium, about 1916. We were working on a twenty-foot scaffold, and Mr. Terrill fainted. Bob and I had to carry him down a flimsy ladder to keep him from falling to the floor."

He laughs when he tells about the hundreds of freshmen boys who have been sent to him asking for left-hand monkey wrenches, round squares, or milk cap stretchers.

When Mr. Harrison was complimented for his punctuality, he said: "Well, I always figured that if I sold a man my time, I shouldn't turn around and steal it back from him by being late. Then, too, Agnes—that's my wife—has always been a stickler for seeing to it that I wasn't late."

And, since Mr. Harrison now has charge of the heating systems in Randall Hall, Stafford Hall, and the museum, the students are warmly glad that he isn't ever late.

tremendous program of public education which has been necessary in England and shows how hundreds of movie "shorts" produced by the Ministry of Public Information have helped Britons to correct the flaws in their civilian defense system.

Mr. T. A. Black, chairman of the local defense committee, states that those who have not registered for civilian defense work may do so at the Olympic Theater during the showing of "March of Time." Those who wish to know what to do to help are urged to see this interesting subject at the Olympic Saturday midnight, Sunday and Monday.

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# Buffaloes to Leave for Madison Square Garden Friday

## Texans Expected to Play Before 18,000 Persons on January 28

### Philadelphia Convention Hall To Be Scene of Second Game on Trip

To Madison Square Garden in New York City and Convention Hall in Philadelphia go the tall cagers from West Texas State College to carry the banner of the Border Conference against two of the stronger teams in the nation next week.

Coach Al Baggett and the fortunate team leave Friday, Jan. 23, for Chicago, where they will work out Saturday. They will arrive in New York City Monday, according to their contract with Ned Irish, czar of basketball in the Garden, where they are to play the Long Island University Blackbirds Wednesday, Jan. 28.

Coach Baggett was to return this morning from a five-day trip to New York City where he appeared at a sports writer's banquet given by Ned Irish. Periodically Irish gives such banquets where he has coaches of teams to play in the Garden and sports writers as his guests.

In Long Island University the Buffaloes will find one of their most formidable opponents of the year. A team which stays in practice virtually all year, it has been rated as a No. 1 team for several seasons. Clair Bee is the coach.

Also as a part of their contract with promoter Irish, West Texas State will go from New York to Philadelphia, where the Buffaloes will play in Convention Hall Saturday, Jan. 31. St. Joseph's College cagers are to be the opponents there. The Buffs will return to Canyon February 3.

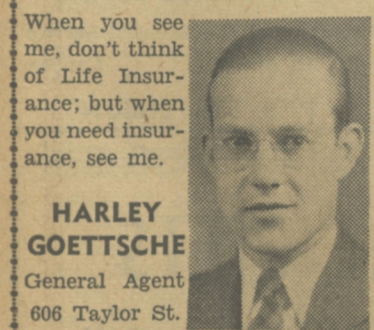
## Win Over Ags Gives Buffalo Big Lead in Circuit

In a game which offered one of the best first halves played in Burton Gym this year, the Buffaloes won their sixth straight game in the Border Conference Thursday night when they defeated the New Mexico Aggies 78 to 37.

Even when Coach Al Baggett had the last of his substitutes in the lineup, the Buffs outscored their opponents. This occurred when the score was 70 to 30 with eight minutes remaining to be played. The final score was 78 to 37.

From the very beginning the game was West Texas State's. The Buffs led 10 to 0 after the first three minutes of play and when seven minutes had ticked by they led 17 to 3. At half-time they had a 42 to 20 advantage. Coach Baggett substituted freely throughout the remainder of the second half after letting the regulars get warmed up.

Price Brookfield was high point man with 18. Charles "Chat" Johnson, a substitute guard, came in for second honors with 12 points. Hoover and Melinder tied for scoring honors for the visitors with 11 points each.



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## TRAILIN' the Herd

By HUD PRICHARD

From the Associated Press in Albuquerque: "Price Brookfield, 21-year-old forward for West Texas State at Canyon, has tallied 87 points in five Border Conference basketball games to surpass the scoring pace set in 1938 by 'General' Joe Jackson of the New Mexico Aggies. Jackson scored 81 in six games. Brookfield, leading circuit scorer, bucketed 21 points last night as the Buffaloes downed New Mexico University, 67 to 44."

Brookfield's record was for only five games while the previous record covered a period of six games.

Notes and quotes jotted down while preparing Journalism 241 Friday, after the class had been assigned to turn in a story on the Buff-Lobo game:

"Say, who was No. 21, that little short, black-haired, brown-eyed kid," was a question from Mary Kay Bird. Mary Kay also enlightened the males in the class as to how a college co-ed viewed a basketball game.

"Fifteen had blond, curly hair," and "They were cute. Wheeoo!" seemed to be her impression of the visiting team's players. She commented also that Normal Trimble's (West Texas State) pretty legs received their share of feminine regard.

Note to Bob McDonald on the sports desk at the Amarillo News-Globe: This West Texas Freshman record business is in quite a mess. The other day you said that the Freshmen's loss to Coca Cola in the Amarillo College Independent Basketball League a few days back was the first setback the Canyon Frosh have lost in 64 contests in four seasons. Well, Bob, I came out several weeks ago that they had lost three games, which caused even a greater uproar.

Truth of the matter is: The Frosh have lost only two games during the four years inaugurated by the present senior varsitymen. They lost last year in the League play, also to Coca Cola and then a few days ago when they were upset again.

Students: I had considered forfeits in my previous statistics. Anyway, Coach Jack Curtice set up an enviable record.

Mrs. Al Baggett talked expensively as she rode as far as Amarillo on the bus with the Buffs on their way to Oklahoma City. She told the boys she would cook and serve a chicken dinner with all the "trimmings" for the entire squad if they won the tournament title. You know the results of the tournament. So, Thursday night after the New Mexico Aggie game, she came through with her promise.

Coach Baggett received a wire that he must fly to New York to attend a sports writers banquet in the home of Madison Square Garden and he was off by plane early Friday morning. . . . On this trip the Big Man will get a glimpse of Long Island U. in action Saturday night.

Here's the box score by Jerry Mallin on Mrs. Baggett's game: Seventeen two-pound chickens consumed. Gone the way of all food when placed before hungry

## Former Athlete at Kelly Field For Five-Week Course

KELLY FIELD, Jan. 19.—Cadet Borden Price is now a member of the first class of aviation cadets to enter the Air Corps Replacement Training Center (Aircrew) at Kelly Field, Texas, since the entrance of the United States into World War II.

Cadet Price is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wix Price of Spring Lake, Texas.

This is the second class to embark on the five-week course in basic military training and ground school instruction at the Replacement Center. Earlier the same week the first class of successful graduates was assigned to primary flying schools to begin flight training.

At the Replacement Center Price will go through five weeks of preliminary training which will give him a thorough military background for becoming an officer in the Army of the United States on graduation from an advanced flying school, thirty weeks later.

## BAYLOR DENTAL STUDENT DOES RESEARCH HERE

Paul Taylor of Amarillo, former student now enrolled in Baylor Dental College, did research in the Panhandle-Plains museum during the holidays.

He gathered data and pictures for Dr. I. J. Thornton, professor of dental histology.

athletes: One gallon of ice cream, 10 apple pies, 20 pounds of potatoes, seven dozen biscuits, a gallon and a half of gravy, two quarts of olives, three stalks of celery, two heads of lettuce, 35 over-size squares of iced salad, 15 quarts of milk, two quarts of boiled beets, and two pounds of butter!

A former student called at the Publications office to express his sorrow. He was sorely distressed because we did not have yell leaders and more group spirit at the basketball games. "Why, when I was in college," he said, "we had more spirit at basketball games than we did at football games. In those days the students all sat on the east side. They had to get to the gym by 7 o'clock in time to get a seat there, too. Why, those who went across to the west side left the impression they weren't behind the team."

This fan said that Mason Anderson, Ben Guill, and Betty Smalley led yells throughout the game. So, he wants organized rooting at basketball games. How about it Student Senate and yell leaders?

## N. Mexico Lobos Fall Before Buffs

### Aggies Sixth on Victory String in Cactus Conference

The Buffaloes of West Texas State gained undisputed supremacy in the league standing of the Border Conference Wednesday night when they returned to their home court in Burton Gym to wallop the previously undefeated New Mexico University Lobos 67 to 44.

This victory was the fifth straight without a loss in the "cactus league" for the Buffs, while the Lobos suffered their first loss in conference play. They had previously won two games to rate a perfect record.

Taking an early lead, the Lobos played inspired ball throughout the first half before the Buffs accustomed themselves to their home court again. When the first three minutes were gone the visitors had a lead of 7 to 4. With brilliant shooting, led by Price Brookfield and Jack Maddox, forwards, the Buffaloes pulled away from a 9-9 deadlock to lead at the half, 31 to 21.

Flashing back after a "heart to heart" with Coach Al Baggett at the half, the Buffs amassed 15 points in the first five minutes while their opponents made one free toss.

Soon after that the Lobos were playing a bunch of second string West Texans who held their own until the final whistle.

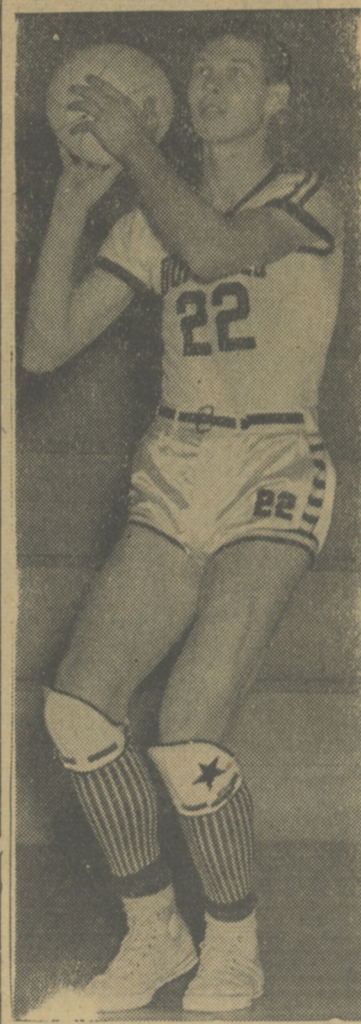
Price Brookfield, All-American to the sports world and "Brookie" to West Texas fans, reaped scoring honors with 21 points. Generally close behind him and sometimes leading, was forward Jack Maddox with 17 points. Charlie Halbert showed offensive form in racking 12 points to tie Frogga of the Lobos.

## SCARCITY OF ELEPHANT HAIRS

Wanted! Elephant Hairs. This plea in a sedate London newspaper sounded like a secret code, but it was really the heartbroken cry of a distracted manufacturer. Read about his strange problem in an illustrated feature in The American Weekly, the magazine distributed with next week's Sunday Chicago American Herald.

H. V. McSwain now gives Ward 4, Goodfellow field Hospital, San Angelo, as his address until February 3, when he hopes to return to Camp Bowie. The Japs didn't get McSwain, but an automobile accident did.

## World's Tallest



All eyes are focused on rangy Charles "Shorty" Halbert and his teammates, the West Texas Buffaloes, as they stampede into Madison Square Garden, Jan. 28.

## Mural Schedule

Intramural basketball games start again tonight, and the round-robin will be finished before dead-week. Three games will be played each night, for this reason. The schedule follows:

Tuesday:  
7 o'clock—Firecrackers vs. Wildcats A.  
8 o'clock—Wildcats B. vs. Bachelors.  
9 o'clock—Stafford vs. F. F. A.  
Wednesday:  
7 o'clock—Stafford vs. Wildcats A.  
8 o'clock—Firecrackers vs. Wildcats B.  
9 o'clock—N. Y. A. vs. Bachelors.  
Thursday:  
7 o'clock—N. Y. A. vs. T-Anchor.  
8 o'clock—Bachelors vs. F. F. A.

Thalia Wright, who is to be graduated this semester, began work yesterday as teacher of high school English at Goodnight.

## Freshmen Take First Half of Amarillo League

The freshman basketball team outscored the Canadian River Gassers Tuesday night to climax the first half of the Amarillo Independent Basketball League with a 50 to 41 victory. The Freshmen, defeated only by the Coca Cola team this year, are the defending champions of the league.

Despite the fact the Freshmen used eleven men in the initial clash, only five men—the starting crew—had a hand in the scoring. Forward Crews sank 18 points. Close behind was Coker, forward, who accounted for a total of 11 tallies.

The final standings of the first half left the teams in the following order for these won-lost records:

West Texas State Freshmen, 4-1; Canadian River Gassers, 3-2; Hereford Independents, 3-2; Vega Packard-Mills, 2-3; Coca Cola, 2-3; and Amarillo College Badgers, 1-4.

On Thursday night the Freshmen won their first game in the second round by defeating the Vega Independents, 30 to 36.

The standings of the second half are: Coca Cola, 1-0; West Texas Freshmen, 1-0; Amarillo College Badgers, 1-0; Canadian River Gassers, 0-1; Vega Independents, 0-1; Hereford Independents, 0-1.

Students who enter the armed forces must necessarily stop studying. Others should continue. There will be a premium on education soon.

## Unbeaten Mural Cagers Play

### Fire Crackers and Wildcats Square off For Season's Hottest Tilt Tonight

The most important game so far in intramural basketball will be played in Burton Gymnasium tonight beginning at 7 o'clock. The game matches the two only undefeated teams, the Firecrackers and the Wildcats. Both teams have won five games each and all have been with comparative ease. These two teams are tied for the league lead and this game will be decisive in determining the future champions. Probable starting line-ups will be: Firecrackers—Elver Brown, Harry Davidson, Velton Sogee, Gerald Matlock, and Victor Valverde. For the Wildcats—Bobby Skeen, Conally Lockhart, "Goose" White, and Bill Webb. Brown is manager of the Firecrackers, and Webb is pilot of the Wildcats.

Another game will be played Tuesday night, also. The Wildcat B club will square off with last year's champions, the Bachelor Boys.

The public is invited to attend these games, beginning at 7 o'clock in Burton Gymnasium, Tuesday night, January 20.

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## Laura Noble Is Given Shower By W. T. Friends

Honoring Mrs. Gerald Noble, who before her marriage on December 20, was Laura Gerner, Misses Billie Bee and Natalie Flesher and their mother, Mrs. C. R. Flesher, entertained with a miscellaneous shower Tuesday evening.

Blue and white, the bride's chosen colors, were represented by the table appointments. Mrs. Prentice McKee presided at the guest book and Miss Florence McMurtry officiated at the tea table.

Those attending or sending gifts were Mrs. R. P. Jarrett, Sr., Miss Florence McMurtry, Tommye Chambers, Marion Evans, Ida Martha Pierle, Gretchen Marie Andrews, Dorothy Jo Clark, Ethlyn Drennan, Frances Brady, Mrs. Prentice McKee, Viola Holmes, and Jo Word.

Miss Elizabeth Cox, Mrs. Mary McCaslin Morrow, Mrs. Nancy McCaslin, Beth and Lois McCaslin, Gloria Stanley, Opal Parsons, Bettye Ruth Solomon, Martha Sutton, Mrs. Ed Harrell, Mrs. Geraldine Green, Nell Green, Avanelle Hill, Irene Hunt, Lucille Thornton, Wilma Helton and Mary Kate Baker.

Both Sergeant and Mrs. Noble are ex-students of the college. While in college Mrs. Noble was a member of Kappa Tau Phi and Beta Sigma Phi, national sorority. She has been teaching Home Economics at Texline this past semester but is now at home in Enid, Okla.

## Delta Zeta Club Elects Spring Semester Officers

Evelyn Carr, a senior at W. T., was elected spring semester president of Delta Zeta Chi sorority recently. Other officers will be Marion Crain, vice-president; Yvonne Hendrix, secretary; Pat Harris, treasurer; Gloria Stanley, pledge captain; and Betty Gose, Le Mirage and Prairie representative. Those elected will assume their offices immediately after the second semester begins.

Retiring officers are: Muriel Faye Phegley, president; Betty Brandon, vice-president; Hallie Nell Sligar, secretary; Marion Crain, treasurer; Elizabeth Dunn, Pledge captain; and Evelyn Carr, publications representative.

## Home Ec Club to Meet on Thursday

There will be a meeting of the Home Economics Club Thursday at 11 o'clock in the dining room of the Home Economics Department. This will be an important meeting and the nominating committee for the election of officers for the next semester will be appointed. Refreshments will be served.

Helen Boedeker, who finishes the work for her degree at the end of this semester, has accepted a position as teacher of commerce in the Spring Lake School, Gretchen Andrews, also finishing this semester, has been elected to teach in Dalt-hart.

Marie Bain, who is also completing the requirements for her degree at the end of this semester, has been elected to teach high school mathematics at Balko, Okla.

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This walking information bureau is Pauline Flowers, a brown-haired girl with a mischievous gleam in her clear blue eyes. She is completing her fourth year at West Texas State. Later she intends to teach in the primary grades.

She spoils all the girls at the hall with her good nature, probably developed from having two younger brothers and two sisters at home.

Pauline spends her spare time reading novels and plays. Historical books are her favorites. Length makes little difference if the book is interestingly written and has good character portrayals. Sewing is another pastime for Pauline. She enjoys sewing during the holidays on her own machine. Collecting miniature horses is her hobby.

Pauline, as does every girl at the hall, has intimate friends who are closely involved in the war. She is deeply concerned about the present situation and feels that the long strife after the war will greatly affect society. Women, in her opinion, will continue to take a greater part in the business world. She believes the teaching positions will be filled almost entirely by women—a promise of better prospects in her chosen vocation.

Aside from the serious side of life, Pauline is quite a "card." Her witicism always enters the room first and her bubbling laughter follows.

## No Dobbin As Yet, But Here Is a Bicycle

Defense courses, military training, first-aid lectures—West Texas State has assumed a war-time footing. But not until last week did this footing reach such a proportion as to place a member of the faculty on a bicycle until after the duration.

Prof. Olin E. Hinkle, journalism instructor and publicity director of the college, may be seen riding a bicycle around town. It simplifies things, according to Mr. Hinkle, because then Mrs. Hinkle may use the family car at will. Then there is the matter of tire restrictions, and the fact that bicycle tires may still be purchased. "And I have always wanted to ride a bicycle, but could never summon enough courage to face my colleagues before," Prof. Hinkle stated.

While pedaling gaily down Fourth Avenue last Tuesday on his way to make up The Prairie pages, Prof. Hinkle was accosted by a youngster of about six years of age.

"Say, you're a bit old for that sort of thing, aren't you?", the youngster asked in a ridiculing manner.

Prof. Hinkle says that he still hasn't thought of an answer for that one.

## Kappa Tau Elects Spring Semester Club Officers

On Wednesday evening Kappa Tau Phi, campus sorority, elected officers for the spring semester. These are to be Marion Evans, president; Natalie Flesher, vice-president; Mary Kate Baker, secretary; Billie Bee Flesher, treasurer; Ida Martha Pierle, publicity representative; Avanelle Hill, corresponding secretary; and Marjorie Ratcliff, pledge captain.

Following election of officers, the rush list for the spring semester was revised and plans were discussed for rush week activities.

## Zeta Pledges Give Members Waffle Supper

Fall semester pledges of Delta Chi sorority honored the members last week with a waffle supper in the home of Fern Walters. Favors were lapel pins in the shape of a heart with keys attached. Following the supper, the club attended the Buffalo-New Mexico Aggies game together.

Members present were: Muriel Faye Phegley, Hallie Nell Sligar, Betty Brandon, Evelyn Carr and Marion Crain. Two ex-members, Elizabeth Dunn and Janice Thompson attended.

Hostesses were: Fern Walters, Yvonne Hendrix, Gloria Stanley, Pat Harris, and Betty Gose. Mrs. P. L. Walters assisted.

## Hickman Reviews Brazilian Customs

A talk on Brazil by Miss Hellen Hickman was the third in a series given to members of Kappa Omicron Phi, national Home Economics fraternity, last Tuesday night.

Miss Hickman, who has been an instructor in Brazilian schools, particularly stressed the difference between girls in American and Brazil in reference to dress, manners, and customs.

## Public Address System Voluntarily Becomes Radio Receiving Set

West Texas State bought a new public address system for its auditorium recently, and the staff electrician decided to install it on one Sunday morning while the building was vacant. As he set the speakers up and wired the microphones to them, a voice interrupted his work. Startled, he went to the front of the stage and looked for visitors.

No one was there. Back to his work, he heard a speaker announce the title of a song.

And then the song was played. Lyrics and all.

As it was broad daylight, the theory of ghosts was immediately discarded. But the electrician discovered that, as the volume was turned higher or lower on the address set, the voice volume corresponded.

When an explanation for this phenomenon was finally discovered, it was found to be a "one-in-a-million" case. The wires running to the microphone were exactly of the correct length, and the sound waves of radio station KGNC were transformed into sound without a receiving set.

Another case of this instance occurred about a decade ago, when an old couple moved into a new residence and discovered that their bed springs picked up a nearby station's waves and amplified them. This "set" could not be turned off, however, and the couple slept to the sound of soap selling and tossed to the tune of "Tumbling Tumbleweed."

On the stage of W. T., however, the sound could be amplified, reduced, or turned off and on at will. Virgil Henson, business manager, said that the set should have been left as it was, but during Religious Emphasis Week, the wiring was removed and the microphone installed. Afterwards, this arrangement could never be placed back successfully.

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"Would you give several hours of your time daily if you were asked to work on a local defense committee?"

Very willing \_\_\_\_\_ 47%  
Mildly willing \_\_\_\_\_ 27%  
Perhaps, but not sure \_\_\_\_\_ 15%  
No \_\_\_\_\_ 9%  
Undecided \_\_\_\_\_ 2%

"Would you approve or disapprove of the government drafting men not subject to serve in the armed forces to do non-military defense work in their communities?"

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ 84%  
Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ 12%  
Undecided \_\_\_\_\_ 4%

"Would you approve or disapprove of the government drafting women to do non-military defense work in their communities?"

Approve \_\_\_\_\_ 70% 66% 78%  
Disapprove \_\_\_\_\_ 25 29 17  
Undecided \_\_\_\_\_ 5 5 5

## Old Soup-Bone Takes on Shades of Splendour Under Knife of Hobbyist

A watch charm, carved out of bone, depicting a cow in full flight, is followed by a cowboy on a horse with rope uplifted.

That's just one accomplishment of Dan Super, retired oil man of Houston, who does all his carving with a pocket knife. In a display case for hobbies in the Panhandle Plains Historical Museum, objects of every description have been whittled out of bone. Mr. Super has never taken lessons in carving, but learned through the best teacher of all, experience.

In the center of the display case, a large penguin, carved from the dull grey bone of a steer's horn, struts majestically across the bone base. The wings are carved from a delicate horn of a dark blue color. By the side of this beautiful work lies a "back-scratcher," a tiny human hand carved from bone with curved fingers. A long, slender handle is attached, to enable the person to reach that otherwise inaccessible place.

One of the outstanding works in the case is Cornucopia, with a panorama of figures carved around the outside of a huge horn shell, and a shell base attached.

Small objects have been whittled to perfection by this man who has carved all his life on wood and horn for a hobby. There is a white crow, stoically perched on the ground; a rabbit hawk, tensely drawn and ready to pounce on its victim, a match holder with a picture-story on the side; a beautiful pen holder.

One day, according to Mr. Super, he walked into his back yard, and kicked an old soup bone lying there. Out of his pocket came the razor-sharp pocket knife, and the bit of scrap began to take form. Now it represents a tooth-pick holder, and stands unabashed beside the other objects in the case.

With no investment required, Mr. Super has carved himself a very interesting hobby out of bone. And should he ever consent to sell some of his handiwork, a very handsome profit could be realized. He was offered five hundred dollars for a blowing horn, but refused to part with it. For with Mr. Super, it's just a hobby.

## Optimism High Among Students

The war, and the social upheaval in the world today have apparently failed to worry the majority of American college students.

Many believe their opportunities for success have increased since the war started, and nearly two-thirds will tell you they feel even more secure personally than they did two or three years ago.

Those are conclusions sifted out of thousands of answers in face-to-face interviews with collegians from one coast to the other. Student Opinion Surveys of America, of which The Prairie is a cooperating member, asked, "Do you think the opportunities for most young men and women to get ahead today are better than they may have been thirty years ago?"

Better, said \_\_\_\_\_ 67%  
Worse, said \_\_\_\_\_ 21%  
About the same \_\_\_\_\_ 12%  
(Less than 1 per cent were undecided).

In the current Fortune Survey, on the other hand, it is reported that there has been a sharp decline from February to December among those adults who believe "opportunities for their sons are now better than those they had themselves."

In a Student Opinion Surveys poll taken in April, 1939, prior to the war, 48 per cent of the collegians believed opportunities were not as good as a generation ago. It is possible that this upward trend of optimism, reflected further in the answers to the question below, is caused by the defense boom and the decline in unemployment.

"Do you feel any more or less secure than you did two or three years ago?"

More secure \_\_\_\_\_ 62%  
Less secure \_\_\_\_\_ 34%  
About the same \_\_\_\_\_ 4%  
(Less than 1 per cent were undecided).

When the ballots are segregated into freshmen, sophomores, and so on, it is immediately evident that the bland attitude students appear to entertain about their future is considerably weighted by the opinions of lower-classmen, who look forward to at least two and a half more years on the campus. Seniors are the least sanguine about their opportunities to get ahead today as compared with what they may have been a generation before this:

Believe Opportunities Better Worse Same  
Freshmen \_\_\_\_\_ 76% 13% 11%  
Sophomores \_\_\_\_\_ 70 20 10  
Juniors \_\_\_\_\_ 65 24 11  
Seniors, etc. \_\_\_\_\_ 59 27 14

Mamie Carol Smith, '37, who has been assistant county home demonstration agent of Fisher County, is now county home demonstration agent of Mason County.

## Sample Ballot

Vice-President, Student Senate:

MELVIN KIKER  
DICK KILGORE

Post No. 1, Senior Class:

MADELINE RUSSELL

Post No. 2, Senior Class:

BURTON CULP

## Propaganda Is Subject For Talk By Mr. Hinkle

The S. C. A. program last night included a talk on propaganda by Olin E. Hinkle.

Mr. Hinkle's talk emphasized: Our mental world is in "fuzzy focus" at best with regard to World Affairs.

Propaganda is the device of those who serve not the cause of truth but some specific interest.

Better thinking, not mere recognition of detection of propaganda, is the chief need in this country.

There can be no permanent peace without some guarantee that truth shall be available to all peoples.

Propaganda usually is over-rated and separated from other factors which control public opinion.

He who thinks straight need have little fear of propaganda if he has access to other essential information.

Propaganda plus censorship may be very dangerous.

Counter-propaganda is needed at this time to offset the campaign of distortion being carried on by the Axis Powers in South America and elsewhere.

## Students—

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are, of course, not taken up in this survey. All that is reflected is the general attitude of college students, many of whom, since the army and navy air corps prefer college-trained men, are the potential pilots who will participate in the raids already promised the Japanese.

It is of interest to note a slight but significant difference of opinion among college youth in the eastern and western parts of the country. Perhaps it is the propinquity of the Pacific conflict to westerners and realization of their own danger from the sky that makes more of them say, "Bomb Jap cities, but not indiscriminately—only military objectives."

	East U. S.	West U. S.
Approve bombing cities	65%	56%
Military objectives only	27	35
Disapprove	6	6
Undecided	2	3

## Defense Courses Have Started at Canyon Hi School

Courses in auto mechanics, metal working, woodworking, and electricity for defense are again being supervised by Canyon High School. They started Monday night and are conducted each evening, Monday through Friday, from 7 to 10 o'clock.

Duration of the course is 10 weeks, or a total of 150 hours instruction. At the close of the course each man completing it will receive a certificate.

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in

"Glamour Boy"

Admission 11-20c

WEDNESDAY — THURSDAY

LINDA DARNELL

JACK OAKIE

GEORGE MURPHY

WALTER BRENNAN

in

'Rise and Shine'

FRIDAY & SAT. MATINEE

Lyn Bari — Allen Curtis

in

"WE GO FAST"

Admission 11-15c

SATURDAY NIGHT ONLY

ROBERT PRESTON

ELLEN DREW

in

"The Night of

January 17"

SATURDAY MIDNIGHT 11:30

SUNDAY — MONDAY

BARBARA STANWYCK

HENRY FONDA

in

"YOU BELONG

TO ME"

also

MARCH OF TIME

"When Air Raids Strike"

## Merit System Jobs Are Open To All College Students

Applications are being accepted by the Merit System Council of Competitive Examinations for positions open especially to college graduates or students. Applications must be made to the office of the Merit Council System, 808 Tribune Building, Austin, before January 20.

Positions are open in the Texas Unemployment Compensation Commission with salary ranges from \$100 to \$175 per month. These include draftsmen, junior accounting clerk, junior claims examiner, technical assistant, manager, addressograph operator, junior tabulating equipment operator, and junior bookbinding machine operator.

The Texas State Department of Public Welfare has the following openings, with salary ranges from \$150 to \$250 per month: Director of research and statistics, statistician, personal director, business manager, and administrative assistant.

Examinations for these positions will be available in Amarillo at a later date. Requests for application blanks for these tests should be mailed to Joseph U. Yarbrough, at the above address in Austin. Further information may be obtained in Room 110 of the Ad Building.

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