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## F. P. GUENTHER DIED WEDNESDAY IN AFTERNOON

HAD BEEN MEMBER COLLEGE  
FACULTY FOR FIFTEEN  
SESSIONS.

### ON THE FIRST FACULTY

President Hill is Principal Speaker  
at Memorial Program  
Friday.

After rallying bravely during a ten day period in which it seemed many times that death was eminent, Prof. F. P. Guenther died Wednesday afternoon at five minutes past four in an Amarillo hospital.

Following a brief service Thursday afternoon in the undertaking parlors, the body was sent to Schulenburg, Texas, accompanied by Secretary Travis Shaw. A memorial service in which President J. A. Hill was the principal speaker was held at chapel Friday morning, and the funeral proper took place in Schulenburg on Saturday.

Prof. Guenther became ill more than five weeks ago and although it was apparent that death was not far off, he kept in good spirits and often talked with the many friends who went to his bed-side. His great determination to live greatly prolonged his life. He was 59 years of age.

Coming to Canyon in 1910 as a member of the first faculty of the West Texas State Teachers College, Mr. Guenther devoted his many talents to the up-building of the institution, the community, and the schools of the state. As head of the department of French and German he impressed many students with his scholarship and interest in education. As chairman of the lyceum committee he secured entertainment of the highest type. Of late, the College campus is visual evidence of his love of beauty and his skill in gardening. He was prominent locally and well-known throughout the state for his work in teachers institutes. In the city of Canyon he was identified with the civic improvement projects and with the activities of his church.

Prior to his coming to Canyon, Mr. Guenther was for ten years superintendent of the schools of Lavaca county. He was born in Austria, but came to this state when three years old. He was educated in St. Mary's College, San Antonio; Texas A. & M. College, Texas University, and abroad in the universities of Austria, Germany, and France. Recently he obtained a year's leave of absence with the intention of becoming a member of the first faculty of South Texas State Teachers College, of which Hon. R. B. Cousins is president.

#### Memorial Service Held

The College held memorial services in chapel last Friday morning. After the special choir had sung "Lead Kindly Light," and Rev. B. F. Fronbarger had given the invocation, Dean L. G. Allen read the life sketch of Mr. Guenther. The choir then sang "Crossing the Bar."

In the main address of the morning, President Hill stated that it was the desire of Prof. Guenther's friends to recognize and to promote the aims and the standards of living of the departed member of the faculty. Early in April, 1910, both President Hill and Mr. Guenther arrived in Canyon on the same train. They became fast friends at once and worked side by side in the institution until the latter's death. Declaring that Mr. Guenther had so many good qualities that it was impossible to select one and call it best, Mr. Hill enumerated a number of outstanding traits and showed how the man's influence had been a positive one in many lives. He said that Mr. Guenther was a man of great purpose, of strong convictions, of tireless effort, and of uniform loyalty to his friends and the causes which he believed to be right. Mr. Hill expressed his personal debt to the teacher and stressed the fact that W. T. S. T. C. had had no more loyal friend. In his family life the man was devoted and loving; in personal habits he was high minded and scholarly. He loved nature and all forms of fine art. His politeness and good manners were exemplary—even in the shadow of death he was thoughtful of others. He loved truth, law, order, and those who stood for these ideals. His faith in man and God was great. No man was better prepared to die, President Hill declared, since Mr. Guenther had provided well for his family and made a worthy contribu-

## AMARILLO BOARD TO TAKE BAND TO MEETING.

When the Amarillo delegation goes to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce Convention at Mineral Wells next May 3rd, the College Band will accompany the special train as the official band of the Amarillo Board of City Development. Expenses of the trip will be paid by the Amarillo board.

Concerts will be played at each stop made, both on the trip to the convention and on the return. The band will probably not be entered in the band contest, but will play throughout the convention proper.

This will be the second time the College Band has been officially designated to represent the Amarillo delegation, Prof. Strain having taken his band on the trip to Brownwood last year.

This year it is practically conceded that Amarillo will be selected as the city in which the 1926 Chamber of Commerce convention will be held. The city made a strong bid for this honor last year, and on being barely defeated by Mineral Wells, expressed the desire to secure the 1926 meeting.

The West Texas State Teachers College received much publicity from the trip, and from the literature which it distributed enroute. Last year a large, special edition of The Prairie was printed for this purpose.

Don't forget the band concert next Thursday evening.

## COLLEGE PLANS FOR EXPANSION

PHYSICAL EQUIPMENT TO BE  
MODERNIZED AND RE-  
FINISHED.

Recent appropriations by the Legislature will make possible a much needed expansion in the physical plant of the College. Of first importance is the removal of the science departments to the new science building to be constructed. This will make possible a re-arrangement of departments, since the third floor will be vacated. Plans for the science building will be drawn very soon. The contract for the building will probably be let during the summer and actual work started about September first. The structure with equipment will cost \$175,000.

The sewer system will be thoroughly modernized at an estimated cost of \$9,380. The objectionable surface tank will be removed from the campus.

Fuel oil will replace the coal in firing the boilers of the heating plant. Burners and an oil storage tank will cost about \$2,600.

The water works will be made more efficient by the erection of a settling tank which will cost \$2,654.

The legislature provided \$20,000 with which to complete the purchase of Randall Hall and make a number of improvements within it.

Funds amounting to \$6,500 were provided for repairing the administration building. President Hill stated in chapel last Tuesday morning that the annual depreciation of such a building is about two per cent. One of the first things done will be the painting of the external woodwork. The first floor and the basement will be refinished and other repairs made should the funds be found sufficient.

### DEBATE FOR GIRLS IS POSTPONED TO MAY 8TH

The girls Intercollegiate debate with the Northwestern State Teachers College of Alva, Oklahoma, has been postponed from April 25 to May 8. This change was made necessary because of the Inter-scholastic League Meet here on April 24 and 25.

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tion of service. His family and his friends have reason to find much satisfaction in his life, for "this was a man."

Prof. D. H. Munson delivered the benediction after the choir had sung "Abide With Me."

Besides his widow, Mrs. Anna Guenther, Prof. F. P. Guenther is survived by five daughters, Misses Elsie, Erna, Margaret, Alma, and Anadel Guenther; two brothers, Drs. John and Frank Guenther, the former of Moulton and the latter of La Grange; and four sisters, Misses Tillie and Thresa of San Antonio; Mrs. Annie Winkler of Harlingen, and Mrs. Louisa Jeterka of Schulenburg.

## FIFTY PLACE ON THE HONOR ROLL

TOTAL SHOWS INCREASE OF NINE  
OVER THE ROLL FOR  
LAST FALL.

Names of fifty students are found on the Honor Roll for this winter quarter. This is an increase of nine persons over the list for the fall quarter. Both scholarship and efficient work in student activities were considered in placing students on the Honor Roll.

Those making the Honor Roll for the winter quarter are: Gordon Fuller, Oscar Thomas, Fremont Mead, Corrah Lee Brandt, Vivian Coffman, Ray Daniel, Jim Webb, Velma Asher, Leah Cochran, Jeff Smith, Zelma Livingston, Sarah Park, Corrie Rankin, Louise Stimpson, Lavada Edwards, Ruth Holmlund, Imogene McIntire, Vivian Adams, Kathleen McDaniel, Mary Stine, Harrie Hall, Louise Helton, Thelma Jean Swanson, Edith Florence Ellis, Eugene Paul Kistler, Margie Smith, Lorena Stegall, Ruth Lowes, Fannie Cash, Bettie Rose Kerr, Myrtle Miller, Arless O'Keefe, Velma Weisman, Fred Oberst, Nell Galloway, L. W. Blau, Herschel Coffee, Elizabeth Booten, Louise Magee, P. M. Bailey, Ethel Rice, Myrtle Hood, Mrs. Ethel Moore Fulton, Catherine Smith, Arthur Baer, Lula Belle Queen, Nina Campsey, Verbie Handley, Ruth Jennings, Ischah Mateer.

The names of the following students were omitted from the Honor Roll for the fall quarter: Eugene Paul Kistler, Lillian Abbott, and Beatrice Pierce.

### Track Teams Will Go to Roswell This Week for Dual Meet

With the approach of spring weather come the out-of-door sports. And this school is no exception to the rule. A trip to the Buffalo athletic park any afternoon will reveal the forms of the semi-clad athletes running, jumping, vaulting, heaving weights and the many other phases of track and field events.

This year's track and field teams promise to be the best this school has ever produced. For the first time in the history of the institution, this school has individual coaches for the spring athletics. Lockhart is coaching tennis, Eckhardt baseball, while Burton and Jackson are training the track men. Captain Fuller and Roger Pearson, who were forced to leave school unavoidably, make a hole in the pattern, but Coach Burton still remains jubilant over the showing the various candidates have made in practice. Odus Mitchell, present holder of the T. I. A. A. vaulting record of 11 feet, 4 inches, has cleared the 12 foot mark several times. Teeter is another vaulter of no mean ability. Davis Hill, Oscar Gamble, Ed Pierce and B. F. Turner are the nucleus around which the coaches are developing a fast track team. Frank Brown, Chester Napps, will leave the shot put, while Herschel Jennings is expected to hurl the javelin out of the county limits.

Four different meets have been scheduled by Coach Burton, the first is Friday and Saturday of this week at Roswell where the New Mexico Military Institute and the Buffaloes will engage in a dual meet. Tennis will be included in this meet. April 10th, the squad will go to Abilene where they will be the third school of a triangular meet staged by Simmons with A. C. C. the other institution represented. And then on the 17th and 18th the Great Plains Track and Field Meet will be staged in the Buffalo park. Last year seven schools participated in this meet and this year all indications are that at least two more will attend. An May 8th comes the T. I. A. A. meet at Georgetown where thirteen Texas schools will be represented.

### "WORLD CHRISTIAN STUDENT MOVEMENT" "Y W" SUBJECT

The girls who attend the meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association Wednesday, April 1, will enjoy a very interesting program. The subject for study is "The World Christian Student Movement," and Mrs. C. A. Pierle will give an instructive talk about the World Student Conference. The following program, led by Myrtle Hood, will be given:

Song—"A Charge to Keep I Have," No. 77.

"My Impressions of the World Student Conference at Pekin," Mrs. C. A. Pierle.

Plano Solo, Louise Magee.  
Closing Prayer, Miss Mary McLean.

## BAND WILL PLAY BENEFIT CONCERT

ORGANIZATION NEEDS FUNDS TO  
CARRY OUT PLANS  
FOR SPRING.

Thursday evening in the auditorium the College Band will give a concert of unusual excellence. A small admission charge will be made to secure funds to meet expenses of the organization.

Since the Band has no financial support except from benefit concerts, it is expected that the students and faculty members shall rally to the aid of the indispensable band organization.

Prof. Charles E. Strain has included in the generous program a great many novelties and compositions never before presented by the band.

Herschell Coffee, violin, and Miss Ada Clark, soprano, will be presented in solo numbers. Colby Delaney and Nick Jordan will play a trombone duet. A feature number by the band will be the fine Buccalossi composition, "A Hunting Scene." The complete program follows:

#### I.

Military Tribune March, Taylor.  
Lustspiel Overture, Keler-Bela.  
Violin Solo (Selected), Herschel Coffee.  
Celebrated Minuet, Paderewski.  
Larboard Watch, Williams.  
Trombone Duet, Nick Jordan and Colby Delaney.

#### II.

A Hunting Scene, Buccalossi.  
The morning breaks calm and peaceful. We jump in the saddle and our huntsman sounds a merry blast. The parties join. The dogs are eager and so are we. Full cry. The death.  
Vocal Selections, Miss Ada Clark.  
a. Come Sweet Morning, Elkin. (Old French).  
b. Spring Came With You, Manazucca.  
Overture Patriotic, Bowman.

### Carl Scott Very Ill in Cisco After Painful Accident

Carl Scott, an ex-student of this institution, is seriously ill, suffering from a bruised leg, and has been in a very critical condition for several days. An eight hundred pound oil well tool fell on him, striking his leg just above the knee, and seriously mangleing it but not breaking the bone. He was removed to the hospital in Cisco, Texas, and it was thought that the wound would soon heal but the bone was bruised and would not heal and as a result he has been in a very serious condition for about eight weeks. An operation was performed upon his leg, in which the bone was scraped and the seriously bruised part of it removed. He was in a very weak condition to undergo an operation, but it is thought that he will hastly recover.

"Scottie" has been a student of this institution for several years and was a letter man on the Buffalo football squad last fall.

Many students are writing letters of sympathy to him. His address is "care Dr. Graham's Sanatorium, Cisco, Texas."

### Merchants Form Credit Association For Mutual Benefit

Forty-five merchants and business men of Canyon met March 23 at the Canyon Supply Company and steps were taken to perfect the Credit Association which was started a few weeks ago, and meetings of which have been held regularly.

Officers were elected as follows: Ray Campbell, President.  
H. C. Gamble, Vice President.  
Directors—The President, Vice President, C. H. Jarrett, J. W. Kleinschmidt and J. J. Walker.

A secretary will soon be employed and associational work started.

In view of the new bad check law which goes into effect at once, the Credit Association expects to take drastic action against those who give cold checks and to protect themselves against those who will not promptly meet their monthly bills.

### MADRIGAL CLUB TO SING FOR AN EASTER PROGRAM

Canyon will be visited on Easter Sunday by the Amarillo Commandery of Knights Templar. Dr. David H. Munson, who is a member of the commandery, will preach the sermon. The College Madrigal Club, under the direction of Prof. Wallace R. Clark, will furnish special music. The service will be held in the new Methodist church building.

## SINGING CLUBS WILL GIVE FESTIVAL PROGRAM.

Prof. Wallace R. Clark will take his three singing clubs to Amarillo on the afternoon of April 16, and will present them in a program of song at 3:30 p. m. The clubs appear on the program of the Panhandle Music Festival at the invitation of Prof. Emil F. Myers, manager of the festival and president of the Amarillo College of Music.

The Men's Choral Club and the Ladies' Choral Club will sing a few of the compositions upon which they have been practicing for several months. The Madrigal Club will appear in recital for the first time since its organization, singing a number of the best modern part-songs and Madrigals. The Madrigal Club has received much publicity since Prof. Clark assembled the club, and is expected to perform creditably in its first appearance. Its membership has been selected from the best talent of the College and the city.

The whole program will be not more than an hour in length. Last year the College Band played at an afternoon program during the festival and received much applause.

Many College people will attend the Music Festival this year. Among the artists secured this year are May Peterson Thompson, soprano; Don Jose Mojica, Spanish tenor; Oscar Seagle, baritone; Albert Spalding, violinist; and Rudolph Reuter, pianist. The date of the festival is April 13-17.

## WORK ON ANNUAL NEARING CLOSE

COPY WILL GO TO THE PRINTER  
WITHIN THE NEXT  
FEW DAYS.

Members of the annual staff have been struggling manfully with the reputations of juniors and seniors during the last ten days and have completed the personal "write-ups" for Le Mirage.

Strenuous efforts are being made to submit all material to the printer on or before April 1st. The Hugh Stephens press of Jefferson City, Missouri, intends to print the yearbook during the first half of April and delivery of the completed copies is expected here soon after May 1st.

Members of the Le Mirage staff and a group of seniors are ordering deluxe copies of the annual. These will have specially padded covers, gold edges, extra fine binding, and personal names printed in gold on the covers.

The cover for the 1925 Le Mirage will be new in design, having an engraving of the administration building and the college seal on the front. It is Kraftbuilt and of beautiful workmanship.

Particularly interesting will be the view sections, with new scenes about the campus and the canyons, and the college life section, which has been expanded very greatly and filled with pictures and cartoons which will arouse much amusement.

The opening and division pages will be printed in three colors. A historical theme, showing the development of this region and of the College, has been developed very cleverly. In size the book will be larger than that of last year, with a total of 272 pages. Every department of College life has been given adequate expression and the number of clever pages and original ideas is unusually great.

### Plans Are Started For Mother's Day

Mother's Day, May 10th, will be observed with special programs this year. Prof. Wallace R. Clark is already planning the musical numbers. The Y. W. C. A. will be in charge of decorations and will sell flowers for the occasion. The "Y" will also conduct a preliminary campaign urging students to invite their parents to visit them on Mother's Day.

### JUNIORS TO PUT OUT PRAIRIE NEXT WEEK

This week's issue of The Prairie is the work of the regular staff. Next week the Junior Class will edit the College paper. Last week the Senior Class put out its annual class edition.

The regular staff has started work on a big edition to be distributed by members of the College Band when the organization goes to Mineral Wells with the Amarillo special train.

## ROSWELL CADETS TO BE HOSTS IN AN OPEN FORUM

DEBATE ALTERNATES ARE TO  
MEETS INSTITUTE IN  
INFORMAL TALKS.

### NOT ANY COMPETITION

New Mexico Captain Wants to Put  
Discussions on Higher  
Plane.

Arrangements are nearing completion for an open forum discussion between the College and the New Mexico Military Institute. The Institute proposed the discussion a few weeks ago and proposed to become host to two W. T. S. T. C. speakers. The meeting will probably take place during the last week in April—about the 25th.

The purpose of the discussion, as it is defined by Capt. Thos. M. Kleckner of N. M. M. I. in a letter to Prof. Earl C. Bryan, is "to get away from mere form and to get more thinking; establish better inter-collegiate relations on a mental plane; in short, to establish a college union where there is a co-operative effort made to arrive at truths of matters of vital interest to the college man."

The question just proposed by W. T. S. T. C. for discussion is, "Should Specialization be Started Early in the Educational System?" The alternates in debate, Ray Daniel and Gordon R. McCarty, will go to Roswell to represent the College.

It is the intention to eliminate the usual competition between the colleges. Two members of the group of four speakers will present formally the two sides of the question, fifteen minutes being used by each speaker. The chairman will then call on any speaker he desires to refute either side of the question. The speaker chosen will speak extemporaneously for ten minutes, then the chairman will call upon another for a speech on some phase of the question. After each man has spoken, then each has an opportunity to speak an additional seven minutes on any phase of the subject—refuting the speech previously given, if this is desired.

After the speakers complete their talks, the chairman will declare the meeting "open" to the audience for general discussion. Finally, the audience will vote on the "truth" of the question.

It is not the desire of N. M. M. I. to have any decision rendered to a school, although faculty members present possibly may be asked to rank the speakers individually.

This open forum discussion will be the first in which W. T. S. T. C. has taken part. While the plan is not a new one, it is not generally used in this region. It is probable that this meeting in a non-competitive mental discussion will pave the way for many similar contests in the future. Due to the fact that no elaborate preparation is necessary—as in formal debate—it would be possible to hold several such meetings each quarter of the year. Captain Kleckner of N. M. M. I. has many supporters on the question of bringing mental intercollegiate associations on a more vital plane of thinking.

### Seniors to Have Banquet April 7th

Seniors in meetings last week decided to have the annual Senior banquet on the evening of April 7, at Cousins Hall. Committees are now working on the plans for the occasion. Speakers are being selected to present briefly the various phases of Senior life.

The early date of the banquet was chosen to avoid the last-minute rush of the last part of the quarter. It is expected that the coming banquet will be an unusually interesting one.

### BAPTIST TRAINING SCHOOL WAS SUCCESSFULLY HELD

Many students attended the Baptist All-Church Training School which closed last Friday night. More than 150 people were present at the meetings. Among the speakers were Rev. Charles T. Whaley, of Memphis; Dr. C. L. Yates of Amarillo, and Rev. J. Pat Horton of Plainview. John Caylor of Dallas taught a course in Sunday School building. Miss Lucille Loyd was expected to teach a course, but she was engaged in work elsewhere and could not be obtained.

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## RECOGNITION OF VALUES

One of the many things that education should do for an individual is to equip him to judge values. Most of the social mal-adjustments of any age are based upon ability of people to separate the truth from error. Powers of discrimination often are developed late in life, but the cost of postponed decisions is tremendous.

Recognition of values should be begun early in life. Children have false conceptions because of poor environmental conditions. A single example will illustrate this idea. In the average small-town community a few years ago no self-respecting boy wanted to be seen practicing on a piano or violin. No sir! That was "sissy." Fifteen years later the same boy watched with envy the expert playing for an honored college friend. Poor recognition of values deprived one youth of the training he later craved.

Education—contact with right conception of activities of true worth—is the needed corrective. Wrong ideas stay the hands of many talented personalities; education frees one's capabilities and stimulates individual effort.

## BREVITIES

If you want an estimate of the flapper, ask her "kid" brother.

Few druggists estimate the younger generation at face value.

Some of the seniors are advertising brains for sale—June delivery.

Other fourth year students would like to be taken at their freshman estimate of themselves.

The Senior Investment Company proposes to buy options on freshmen services, buying at present worth and selling at first year renditions. Ponz's stunt is bettered!

Rather than have an extra session on tick legislation, why doesn't Ma do the work "on tick" until next year?

An early swim cures many a case of "spring fever."

The fish on these little streams treat our seniors like the College fish do often—won't bite.

Cheer up—low grades make good food for conversation.

Part of the value of that new science building will depend upon the adaptability of its corridor.

Now tis said: "In spring a young man's fancy HEAVILY turns to thoughts of love."

But Mr. Brief again offers an amendment: "In the spring a young man's fancy heavily turns to love"—no thinking in the process.

## STUDY WEEKS

Sometimes people get so enthusiastic over extra-curricular activities that they in effect actually discourage scholarship.

That's what happened in a Colorado school. Now it is necessary to put on a campaign to "sell the study idea" to the students. Ridiculous, do you say? Well, is it? The slogan, "Knowledge and Truth" has been adopted. How many students have the desire to follow an idea to a reasonable degree of surety as to its truth? How many will search through a library for several hours, without completion?

Of course, ultra-optimistic folk will condone slipshod study methods, since the student can (can't he?) secure needed scholarship later—when he is tied down to a job and devoid of leis-

## BILLY STIFF



By Alexander

ure and educational advantages. There is not much wrong with the modern undergraduate, but—why not admit it—his scholarship isn't all it profitably might be. "Ask the man who teaches one."

## REFLECTIONS

After those days of examinations, Reflections is as devoid of thought as a punctured tank is of gasoline. In each case only the fumes remain, and fumes are usually obnoxious. So please keep in mind that you are reading an examination "hang-over" this week in lieu of a column.

A member of the college faculty is our authority for the following statement:

"Fifty years hence college students will read in their text books that teachers of to-day gave examinations to test the knowledge of their classes, and will disparagingly classify our era as the 'age of examinations.'"

If Reflections were sure that the aforesaid faculty member is correct in his opinion, he would take his B. A. with the class of 1975.

Members of two or three college classes were sorely disappointed recently when their respective instructors failed to appear at the scheduled examination hours. In one of the classes a temporary chairman was elected, and the class drafted a resolution severely condemning the instructor for failing to hold the test. In another class, a committee was appointed to go in search of the missing professor. This committee, after a long and painstaking quest, was forced to report to the depressed companions that the missing instructor was not to be found. This was indeed disheartening news, and many of the class have indicated that they will express their disapproval by dropping the course. Still another class, frustrated in their hopes for an examination, gave themselves a test by having each member of the class write on the board the hardest question he could frame, covering the work of last quarter. It is to be hoped that the students of these neglected classes will charitably pass over the negligence of their teachers.

Shades of Milton! A student in one of our English classes asserted in his examination that our great Puritan poet is the author of an epic entitled "Paradise Lost."

And another equally brilliant student wrote that Defore is the author of Robinson Caruso! Probably grand opera started with the principal character.

Reflections has conducted an investigation among the honor roll students in college, concerning their methods in preparing for and taking examinations. The following general rules have been formulated as a result of this investigation:

(1) Do not study during the quarter. It is better to wait until the night before the final to do your studying. This is more efficient, as the subject matter will be fresher in mind and more easily remembered.

(2) Write and spell carelessly; thus the instructor will not take time to read your paper, and will probably give you a good grade for fear he will not be treating you fairly.

(3) Do not report to the examination until some thirty or forty minutes after the scheduled time. This will impress the teacher with your supreme confidence in your mastery of the subject matter.

(4) By all means fail to put your name on your paper. If for any reason the instructor discovers that the paper is a failure, you can disclaim it and insist that yours has been lost.

(5) If you are puzzled by any questions asked on examinations, ask the person sitting nearest you to explain them. He will be glad to do so, and you may be able to return the favor at some future time.

(6) If your grade does not fulfill your expectations, go to the head of the department and complain that your

## It Just Occurred to Him!



THE PLACE TO GO

## KING'S CANDY

for Easter

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AFTER THE SHOW

As Students Think  
HELP THE BAND

Now is the time to help a worthy college organization—the band.

How?  
One way is to "turn out strong" at the concert that will be given on Thursday night in the auditorium. Another way is to lend your whole-hearted support to the boys who are denying themselves much that they may make the band an organization worthy to belong to W. T. S. T. C.

Do you know that no college can hold its head as high as it would like in the present day if it does not support a band? The day will soon be when the quality of a school can be judged by the quality of its band.

Despite this fact a band has a hard struggle to keep its nose above water. No money has been appropriated for the support of the band here, so members are undertaking to keep it alive until some other aid is secured.

Band concerts may not be as thrilling or spell binding as a basket ball game. However, a band player has as much continuous training as a basket ball player, or more.

Every Monday and Thursday night about 25 boys deny themselves of study, dates, etc., and come back to school to work from 7 to 8:30 o'clock on obstinate compositions and difficult combinations of notes and rests. Also there are two hours of work at noons every week besides hours of individual practice by individual members.

If such energy is thus spent for the uplift of the school, should you not give your contribution of money and, best of all, encouragement?

Are you 100% for the band?

—A Student.

## COLLEGE OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Regents of the University of Texas have outlined and put into operation plans for a new college at the university. This is the College of Physical Activities, for the maintenance of which the Legislature appropriated salaries for the Dean of the new college and three assistants to carry on the work.

There is more significance in this action than the interesting fact that that Texas University is the only school in the United States with such an arrangement. For the first time physical activities are recognized professionally in a four year course. Now physical training has an immediate significance. Athletics as entertainment is secondary to the main purpose, which is to train men and women to teach physical training.

This plan, as we see it, is being approached in other institutions. The intrinsic worth of physical education is yearly being rated higher by educators as a class. Purely competitive athletics directed by a "coach" whose chief purpose is to win must give way to a movement which is more truly educational. The coach must become a teacher who believes in the fundamentals of general education.

Under a similar play, it should be possible to corral the unrestrained athletic activities and fix a limit on

paper has not been fairly graded. He will be glad to raise your grade, and will be impressed with your devotion to duty.

that sphere of work. Critics who perhaps not unwisely point out the overdoing of competitive athletics will have to change their argument when the physical activities departments start functioning. Such work can be overdone only as that of other departments can—and excessive departmental work is not common.

When intercollegiate athletics becomes departmentalized, then people will begin to realize that other departments have a legitimate claim to equal recognition along the same lines. Here-tofore athletic activities have been too much likened to sending an army to battle—for the group; no relation being perceived between the sport and a department with something of value for each individual.

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# HILL LAUDS F. P. GUENTHER IN MEMORIAL SPEECH

By Pres. J. A. Hill.

(Printed below is the memorial address delivered Friday and taken stenographically for The Prairie.—Editor.)

I am quite conscious that I shall be unable to do justice to this occasion. Our friend and teacher and associate has left us. There is nothing more we can do for him, and so far as this occasion is concerned I trust that we may use it mainly, at least, to promote the ideals and the standards of living which he upheld. We can add nothing now to the glory of his achievements or to the beauty of his life. We can give no satisfaction by our compliments, but we can here dedicate ourselves afresh to the fine idealism for which he stood. It shall be my purpose, so far as it lies within me, to accomplish that end at this time.

In April, 1910, by chance, Mr. Guenther and I arrived in Canyon on the same day, each having been selected to be a member of the first faculty of this institution. We came on the same mission, viz: to find homes for our families. We came from distant and different parts of the State, having met each other only casually two or three times before meeting here. We at once became associates and friends, having spent two days here almost entirely together, and from that time on our friendship has never faltered, because at that time I found him to be a man of unusual qualities. Different in many respects from me, having been brought up in an entirely different environment, with a different philosophy of life, yet I found him most companionable and a fine exemplar of all the best things of life.

Someone asked me this morning what I considered the outstanding quality in the life of Mr. Guenther. My reply was that he had so many outstanding qualities that it was difficult to name one above all the others; because he was a man of unusual qualities, or at least he had a number of qualities in an unusual measure; and whatever qualities he had, they were outstanding because of their measure. He was not a man of mediocre quality, in any respect, and I am fortunate at least in this, this morning, that I have an abundance of rich material from which to draw, in the discussion of this subject.

I am not one of those who finds perfection unalloyed in any man. He like other men had his imperfections, and I would not have you believe this morning that I think he was perfect, for but one perfect man has ever walked the earth. But I do say that his excellent qualities exceeded the other kind. The character of his life impressed itself upon everyone who knew him, for its very excellence.

It seems to me that one of the first qualities in his life may be expressed in this way: He was a man of purpose. I did not know him in his young days, but I believe I would be safe in guessing that very early in his life he was filled with a consuming purpose to achieve something worthwhile in life. I cannot think of him as one indifferent to life and its purposes. I believe that he felt that to him life was given for a definite purpose, that he might accomplish certain ends. He believed himself obligated to God Himself, to accomplish certain ends, and felt responsible to God for the power that nature had given him.

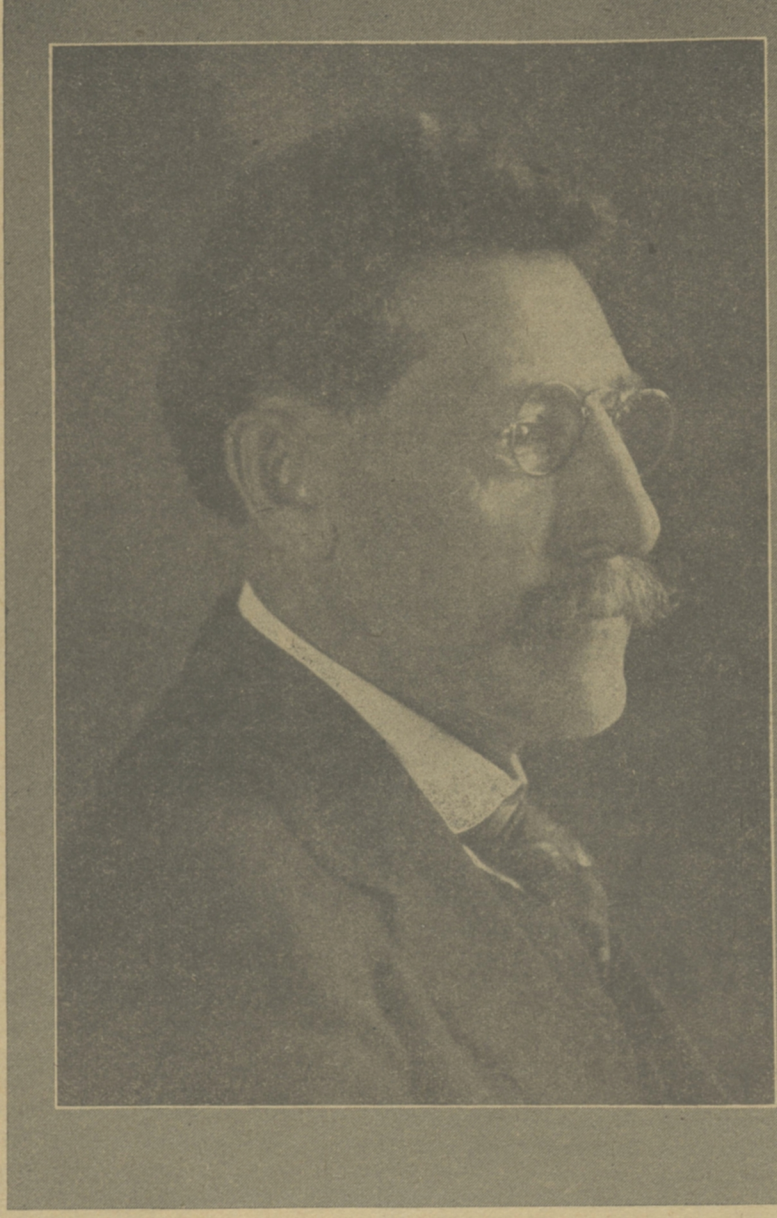
He never felt himself a piece of human driftwood, set afloat on the ocean to time, to be tossed hither and yon by the waves of chance; but rather the creature of a purposeful God, called to Him to a noble purpose to do things worthwhile in life; and fortunate is the young man and young woman in this day, or any other day, who feels such an inspiration from Divinity itself. Too many of us have no anchor. We drift with the tide, without purpose, but not so with our departed friend.

Another thing that might be said of him is that he was a man of conviction. I think I have never known a man whose convictions were more firm, who knew what he knew and believed what he believed and why he believed it, more firmly and more strongly than did Mr. Guenther. It mattered not to him whether people agreed with his point of view or not. He did not consult what the judgment of the crowd might be. He did not undertake to find out which way the wind was blowing. He only asked what was right and having found that he planted himself there and there he stood.

He was a man of energy. I don't think any man in Randall County has so impressed himself upon its citizenship for this quality as did Mr. Guenther. Never an idle moment. I heard his wife say repeatedly during his last illness, if he ever wasted a moment in his life she had never found it out. He was busy all the time. Indeed, perhaps that was mainly the cause of death at this time. Perhaps he worked too hard. Often when he lay down to rest he would take his work to bed with him and lie flat on his back preparing his lessons, reading, engaging in self-improvement in order to do well the duties before him. Devoted to his profession, full of energy, never idle, he was a man who knew how to use his idle moments. Young people, let me say now that here is one of the great problems of life. The man who does not know how to use his time is the one that gets in trouble. The man who knows how to use his time will never be in trouble.

Again, he was a man of loyalty to his friends and to causes. Loyalty, loyalty—a great word in the English language, and one you and I can afford to study. Loyalty to friends. When he was a friend to a man there was no limit to which he would not go in his behalf. I mean every bit of that. I say when he was a friend to man there was no limits to which he would not go. He would lay down his life for a friend if need be. I have never known a man more loyal to those he loved than was Mr. Guenther. May I say in that connection that he was loyal beyond measure to this institution. He loved it as he loved his life.

## DIES IN COLLEGE SERVICE



PROF. F. P. GUENTHER

Ferdinand Paul Guenther was born June 3, 1865, at Jasnech, Austria. He came to the United States at the age of 3 years. His father, Frank Guenther, settled in Texas in Fayette County, where F. P. Guenther grew to manhood.

He received his early education from the common schools of Texas in his home county. His secondary education was done in St. Mary's Academy, San Antonio, Texas. Following this Mr. Guenther attended the A. & M. College at Bryan, Texas. He then went to Europe for further training. He studied the professional side of his work at the School of Pedagogy in the University of Vienna. Following this he took work in the universities of Leipsic and Heidelberg, Germany, and in L'Institute of Paris, France. After returning to Texas and engaging in teaching for a number of years, he took further work in the University of Texas and the University of Arkansas.

He has had wide experience as an instructor in Texas common schools, high schools, and summer normal schools. He served Lavaca county as county superintendent for about 10 years, or until he was invited by President Cousins of the West Texas State Normal College to become one of the first faculty members in 1910. Since that time he has served efficiently as Professor of Modern Languages, and since the reorganization of the Normal College into a first-class college he has been Head of the Department of French and German languages.

On leave of absence from this College he had just accepted President Cousins' invitation to become a member of his first faculty at S. T. S. T. C., Kingsville, beginning September, 1925.

He was a life-long member of the Catholic Church.

He all but lay down his life for it; and I know he loved me, and I would be ungrateful if I did not stand in this presence and express my appreciation of his unfaltering loyalty to me as President of this College. Whatever the crisis, I have never had to ask myself, I wonder where Professor Guenther stands? I always knew when he found out what I wanted, there he would be fighting by my side. A man of conviction? Yes. A man of tremendous conviction. There are few like him in that particular, and yet he had such a sense of loyalty to his institution and to his President that he could sweep aside his own convictions and judgments in order to be loyal to his associates.

He was a man of unusual devotion to his family. His family has been a marvel of beauty to me in these sad hours thru which they are passing. I have lived as his neighbor several years—close neighbor—I think I know him; I think I know his family relation. I believe I know his ideas with reference to womanhood, and all that the family means. I have never seen a more beautiful family relation. He was as devoted to his wife as any man who ever had a wife. He thought only in terms of her happiness and that of his family. Just after he had passed away, in consulting with his wife about the casket the question, of course, of expense arose and I had to go to her. I told her of the two different kinds in prices, one much more expensive than the other, and I did not feel justified in buying the most expensive without consulting her. She said to me, "He has never asked for anything during his lifetime. God bless him! he shall have the best

now." That expression of hers was based upon absolute facts. He always thought of the happiness and welfare of his wife and his five lovely daughters, putting himself afterwards and last. In that connection may I say that he was a man of unusually clean life—I mean just that. A man of unusually clean life, clean in his thinking and clean in his living. I have never heard an unclean thought fall from his lips. I never heard an ugly story from his mouth. I never heard an ugly suggestion. He looked upon womanhood with the chivalry of a medieval knight, one whom he must protect, help, and defend, cherish, and love.

He was a man of high-minded, scholarly habits; he was a great student. It may be that many of us regarded him simply as a class-room teacher and one who performed physical labor about his place and kept the flowers growing on the campus. In addition to that, he was a great student, putting in hours and hours of his time studying the literature and history of the world, making himself proficient in many languages, becoming acquainted with the literature of all

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times, familiar with history of the race, and appreciating the heritage of culture that has come down to us through the ages.

He was a man of artistic temperament. Everyone who knew Mr. Guenther at all knew how full of the artistic spirit he was. He loved beauty in nature, and he loved beauty in art. Our families took a little vacation trip last summer together and I was impressed with the frequency with which he referred to the beautiful things he saw—beauties of nature, beautiful sunsets, beautiful trees, beautiful flowers. Attracted always by beauty in nature he was made supervisor of our grounds and is responsible for whatever evidence of beauty you find about the campus. He took as much interest in our flowers, shrubs, and trees as many of us take in the rearing of our children.

He was a man of fine manners and of high sense of the proprieties of life. I am sure I have never known anyone that was more thoughtful of others than was Mr. Guenther. As he lay dying, day before yesterday, when someone asked if he wanted something he did not understand the question and he said, "Beg your Pardon," evidence of his uniform and unfailing politeness and thoughtfulness of others.

He was a Chesterfield in Manner. He was a man who always thought of himself last. He often said to me, the only discomforting thing was the approach of old age without having provided adequately for Mrs. Guenther and his children; and yet, taking an inventory even of the physical assets which he left I dare say few men die more fortunately, because he did leave them a good home, he did leave them some little property, not a great deal to be sure, but enough to keep the wolf from the door; and, too, he left to each one equipment sufficient to earn her own livelihood.

He was a man who loved the truth and hated falsehood. I think I never saw a man who loved truth with more fervor, who hated falsehood with more venom than did he. He was a man who respected law and obeyed authority.

He respected authority wherever it was found, and respected the law of his country. Had he lived in the days of despotism, he would have made a good despot, but living in a day of democracy he was a high example of the best brand of that form of social organization. He found no difficulty in accepting the will of the majority. Right living and obedience to law! It takes an unusual man, of his temperament and disposition, to accept always the laws of his country and be obedient to authority; and yet he was that in an unusual degree.

We are living, young ladies and young gentlemen, in a time in which our attention needs to be called to obedience of law. With lawlessness on every side, with disrespect to authority everywhere, the time is at hand when we should cultivate in ourselves and in those who come under our influence the highest respect for the laws of the land, for the laws of God, and for the authority which these laws have set over us.

I heard this beautiful story the other day about a friend of Mr. Guenther that fits into this connection right here. It is about a certain prominent citizen and office holder in Texas who died only a few months ago. This man was German by birth, by experience, and by habit; and as such he liked his drink—his beer, his whiskey, his wine. Never a drunkard by any means, he yet partook regularly of his drink. Soon after the United States adopted the prohibition amendment to the constitution some of his good South Texas friends sent him a gallon of unusually good wine. He immediately returned it with thanks. When asked if he had lost his taste for good liquor, he replied: "No, but my country has said that liquor shall not be consumed in the United States and I am for my

country." I wonder how many of us today would be willing to make this sort of sacrifice; and yet, such citizenship as this is necessary in a democracy like ours. Obedience to law! My friends, Mr. Guenther was the type of man who, though born to command, could obey with equal grace and with becoming good will.

Finally, may I say he was a man of unfaltering faith—faith in his fellows and faith in God. I was associated with him frequently, closely all through his life at this institution. Many and many times have I talked with him about matters of religion. Of course, his religion and mine represent opposite extremes in the theological world. We stood at opposite poles in our theological thinking, in a great many respects, and yet I say to you that I have never shaken hands with a man who had a more unfaltering faith in God than did F. P. Guenther. I have never known a man who more completely practiced his faith, than did Mr. Guenther. His faith in God was exemplified to the very end. Day after day as we watched his life ebb away he would say, "Oh, God, have mercy! thy will be done! There must be a cause, there must be some good purpose. Oh, God!" then a moment of hesitation, "yet I have every confidence in Thee. And, sometimes in life it seems that the Angels of Hell try to undermine a man's faith in God, but they will never shake mine." So he died with God's name on his lips, grateful for the splendid and beautiful family with which he had been surrounded, grateful for the privileges of life which he had enjoyed, grateful for the blessings which his country had given him, grateful for the blessings of God. He died thanking his Maker for the privileges of life and praying his blessings upon his family and upon his friends. And so, young ladies and young gentlemen, it seems to me, looking it all over and thinking of it all, that there could not be a more beautiful going away. I can think of no man better prepared to leave this world and try the unknown than F. P. Guenther. He had brought to maturity a beautiful family, he had made wonderful contribution in a personal and professional way to his day and generation. He had loved his God, serving his fellows as best he could. He had so managed his business affairs as to leave his family in fairly good circumstances. He died peacefully and with resignation, conscious, no doubt, that he had fought a good fight and had kept the faith. So that we who are left may say with the poet:

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**National "Y" Worker Holds Conference Here**

Miss Lucy Y. Riggs, National Student Secretary of the Young Women's Christian Association, Southern Region, spent Saturday and Sunday in Canyon holding conferences with cabinet members of the college organization. Saturday afternoon tea was served in the home economics dining room to those attending the meetings. The present cabinet of the Young Women's Christian Association and the recently elected cabinet for next year all spent Sunday at Hale's park with Miss Riggs, who gave counsel on "Y" work.

Miss Riggs has her headquarters at Lawrence, Kansas.

**COUSINS HAVE GOOD PROGRAM ON FRIDAY**

Accomplishments of the recent meeting of the Legislature were studied at the Cousins Literary Society last Friday evening. John Overall summarized this work, stressing the number of bills which will be referred to the people for consideration.

A membership committee, composed of Ray Harvey, John Overall, and Odell Head, was appointed. Olin E. Hinkle was elected critic for this quarter. Members of the Society approved a suggestion that meetings should be held earlier in the week to avoid conflicts with other programs.

**HOME EC CLUB ELECTS OFFICERS FOR QUARTER**

The Home Economics Club met in regular session on Monday, March 23. Officers for the Spring quarter were elected as follows: Myrtle Miller president; Agnes Roberts, vice-president; Amelia Spencer, secretary-treasurer; Verbie Handley, parliamentarian; Etoile Bankston, reporter.

Miss Helen B. Burton made a short talk about the work the club has before it for the spring quarter. The most important event will be the entertainment of the Women's Federated Clubs.

The Home Economics Club wants to make this one of the biggest quarters in its history, and is very anxious to obtain all the new members possible.

**BRITT-SHOTWELL WEDDING HELD HERE**

Miss Vallie Britt and Hugh Shotwell of Canyon were quietly married Sunday evening by Rev. W. C. Kunze, pastor of the local Presbyterian church.

The bride is the charming daughter of Mrs. K. A. Britt and has been a student in the College. Mr. Shotwell is the youngest son of Mr. and Mrs. S. A. Shotwell. He is a former student. Their many friends are extending hearty congratulations for a happy and prosperous wedded life.

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**Cousins-Sesames Have Big Party on Monday**

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**SESAMES' PROGRAM IS INSTRUCTIVE**

The Sesame Literary Society enjoyed a very interesting and instructive program at the regular meeting Friday. The devotional was led by Suddie Miller. Louise Magee gave a piano solo, followed by a vocal solo by Louise Walker. Velma Asher read "Courtship by Absence Treatment," which seemed to leave its impression on every Sesame present. After a business meeting, the Society adjourned to room 206 where Miss King in her pleasing manner gave a talk on art, accompanied by slides of the great masterpieces.

**RED MEN TO HAVE FIRST OF SPRING DINNERS SOON**

The Loyal Order of Red Men will hold the first dinner of the spring quarter on April 8th.

The program committee in charge of arrangements promise to make this occasion the banner event of the year. Many special guests are to be invited.

Miss Mary McLean, Mrs. T. V. Reeves, and W. E. Lockhart, went to Muleshoe Saturday to judge an inter-scholastic league county contest.

Mr. and Mrs. Marcellus Hawkins of Caplin, New Mexico, were visitors at the College on March 21.

The Crystal Hotel, old land-mark in Canyon, burned to the ground Thursday morning.

**AMONG THE NEW STUDENTS ENROLLED**

Miss Ina Benson of Clarendon, Texas, is a graduate of Clarendon College, has had one year at Texas Woman's College, and has taught expression in Clarendon High School. At Clarendon she was a member of the Panhandle Literary Society, and at T. W. C. a member of the Thespian Club, a Dramatic Club. She is classified as a Junior.

Miss Roberta Owens of Clarendon, Texas, has attended Clarendon College and also Texas Woman's College. At Clarendon she was a member of the Panhandle Literary Society and the Home Economics Club. She has Junior standing.

Miss Caroline Arrington of Canadian, Texas, has entered as a Freshman. She comes from the University of Arizona, having been there for one semester.

Miss Vera Lee Clary of Floydada, Texas, comes here from East Texas State Teachers College. She has Freshman standing.

**BAPTIST SECRETARY SPEAKS IN CHAPEL ON WEDNESDAY**

John Caylor, head of the Baptist Student Union work in Texas, spoke in chapel Wednesday morning on the subject, "Punk, Puncture, Punctuation." He was much applauded for the fun and wit of his remarks. Mr. Caylor especially emphasized the need for positive attitudes in Christian life. Students have doubts and difficulties, he said, but the outcome will be good if they "keep kicking."

**"Y" GIRLS HOLD MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR PROF. GUENTHER**

Wednesday afternoon, the girls of the Young Women's Christian Association held a short service in memory of Prof. F. P. Guenther. The regular program was dispensed with in order that this service might be held.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Berry of Dimmitt visited friends in Canyon last week. Mrs. Berry was Thelma Corse of Miami before her marriage and attended the college three years ago.

Don't forget the band concert next Thursday evening.

A daughter was born recently to Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCarty of Amarillo. Mr. McCarty was formerly sports editor of The Prairie.

Jewel Greenfield has entered school this quarter, giving her position in the People's Store to Eppie Irons, who has completed work on her degree.

**Schools Calling For Speakers For School Closing Exercises**

Members of the College faculty and student artists will be very much in demand during this term. Numerous engagements are already on the Public Service calendar. President J. A. Hill will deliver the Panhandle commencement address on May 15, and one at Pampa on May 22. Prof. R. P. Jarrett will make the address at Floydada on May 15, and Prof. Cook will speak on the same day at Lorenzo.

The student artist group will go to the Llano School in Armstrong County on March 28, and to Union Hill School, Swisher County, on April 4th.

The schedule for the band is now in process of formation. It will have weekly engagements this term, with a few exceptions.

Other faculty members will be called upon to give commencement addresses as the time for school exercises nears.

**BAND PLAYS TO HELP MEET CURRENT EXPENSES**

Last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday while "The Covered Wagon," was being screened at the Olympic Theatre, the College Band played an hour's concert each evening. To play during the show several members of the band organized an orchestra. These musicians were: Herschell Coffee, violin; Hazel Allen, piano; Clarence Hope, bass viol; Prof. C. E. Strain and Charles Jr., cornets; Colby Delaney, trombone; Curtis Brown, clarinet; and Mason Anderson, drums. Funds received for these concerts will be used by the band.

The College Band is now having strenuous practices in preparation for the spring trips. It will give a benefit concert in the College auditorium next Thursday night.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Sides at the Northwest Texas hospital on March 18. Mr. and Mrs. Sides have both attended the college. Mrs. Sides was Miss Mary Fogerson before her marriage.

Lloyd Pascal of Floydada visited friends in Canyon Saturday.

A. D. Cummings' mother came up from Lockney to visit him Saturday.

Frank Horton of Floydada was in Canyon last week.

Nina Glenn Hutchinson of Adrian, Texas, was in Canyon Thursday visiting friends.

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