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## SOME DETAILS ON SIMMONS GAME

**Buffaloes Lose Game at Abilene Saturday by a Score of 28 to 0.**

The Simmons Baptist College eleven managed to get away with four touchdowns against the Buffaloes in the game last Saturday at Abilene, but most of the way through it was a good game. Once our boys got within five yards of a touchdown.

To start the game Simmons kicked off. The Buffaloes kicked the ball back, then Simmons gradually worked it up the field to the ten-yard line. The Normal held them for downs, but when Studor started to punt it down the field, it went sideways out of bounds. On Simmons' first down Canyon was penalized 5 yards for off-side. This put the Abilene boys within 3 yards of the goal line, and they carried the pig-skin over on a line buck, for their first touchdown.

Simmons kicked again and the ball went from one team to the other in the middle of the field until a pass from Burson to Mitchell was completed, making a 30-yard gain for the Buffaloes. Then Burson went through their line for 25 yards more gain, placing the ball within 5 yards of the goal line, and there the first quarter ended.

### Second Quarter

The Abilene boys came back strong in the second quarter. They held the Buffaloes for their downs and the ball went over. Simmons punted back to the middle of the field and neither side threatened the other's goal during this period.

### Third Quarter

The third quarter seemed to be a punting match. In the last half of this period Jenkins went in for Studor and Key did some wonderful punting for the Buffaloes. Neither side scored, and each held the other for downs.

### Fourth Quarter

When the fourth period began, Simmons had the pig-skin in the center of the field. They carried it to the 10-yard line and the Normal team gained possession of it on downs, but again, when they attempted a punt, a Simmons man blocked it and knocked it back across the line, and Jacobsno, Simmons' left end, fell on it, making their second touchdown.

About the middle of the fourth quarter Boulton went in for Lemond, Scott for Key, at right half, and Terry for Studor at quarterback. The Abilene boys carried the ball down near the 30-yard line on bucks and around the ends, and then took it over on passes for the other two touchdowns. Simmons played about 20 men altogether during the game.

## CANYON HIGH DEFEATS FLOYDADA HIGH 7 TO 0

The swift little High School eleven walked on Floydada and scored a touchdown in the first seven minutes of the game last Saturday. Brown carried the ball over and kicked the goal. Canyon boys made most of their gains on passes and Floydada's strength seemed to lay in fakes.

Floydada threatened Canyon's goal twice in the third quarter. They came within three yards of a touchdown twice but Canyon held an unbreakable line. Lesley Key blocked and intercepted passes and Brown punted for Canyon's gains in the fourth quarter. Colville made most of the star plays for Floydada. Clyde Moore, Leslie Key, Brown and McGee all made feature plays for Canyon.

## ATHLETICS IN TRAINING SCHOOL

The Normal Buffaloes are not the only ones that can fight in this school as was displayed in the football game Friday afternoon between the Training School and the Ninth Grade of the High School on the Normal field. Although the High School made off with the big end of the score, 36 to 0, they decidedly felt like they had earned it. The game was a good exhibition of football for youngsters.

But the Training School girls were not idle. In the basket ball game on the Training School Grounds between the Training School and the High School Girls, they sought revenge by amassing a score of 21 to 11 in their favor.

As a part of the send-off for the Normal Buffaloes, at the pep exercises in chapel Thursday morning they were presented with the new blankets, which the grid fans bought for them recently. The team was asked to put on the blankets and come out on the stage and turn around so that the audience could get a good view of the Buffalo on the back.

## EX-STUDENTS FAVOR THE AMENDMENT

Miss Anna I. Hibbetts, who represented the ex-students of the West Texas State Normal College at the recent meeting of ex-students of the state institutions of higher learning at Dallas, returned confident that definite action will soon be taken to secure constitutional provision for regular and adequate support for the state institutions. While various proposals relating to public education were deliberated upon, Miss Hibbetts reports that the ex-students were practically unanimous in the opinion that a mill tax furnished the best means to the end sought. The idea of consolidating all the higher institutions under one governing body, of extending the proposed provision to high schools, and of rewriting all of Article seven of the state constitution were brought up for consideration. It was decided to work for the adoption of the amendment providing a mill tax, and it was the consensus of opinion that the distribution of the tax should be provided in the amendment.

A committee composed of one representative from each type of school was appointed to lay the proposal before the Normal College Presidents and other administrators and to secure an estimate of their needs and other data necessary for writing the amendment to be submitted to the legislature.

## Former Student Victim of Accident

News was received in Canyon Wednesday to the effect that Walter B. Hardin, a former student of this institution, was injured seriously by the accidental discharge of a revolver in the hands of his wife. The following account of the tragedy is taken from the Austin Statesman, of Nov. 2:

Walter D. Hardin, teacher of business training in the Junior High School was seriously injured late Tuesday afternoon by the accidental discharge of a pistol in the hands of his wife, at their home, 605 Nueces Street.

He was taken to the Seton Infirmary by Rosengren and Cook, where Dr. S. A. Woolsey, the family physician, with Dr. H. B. Granberry assisting, gave immediate attention. The bullet passed through the top of the skull entering a little to the right. Dr. Woolsey removed several pieces of the skull and some portion of the brain. At noon today, the victim of the tragedy was conscious, though suffering from the effects of the anaesthetic. His right arm is paralyzed, and the result of the wound can not now be conjectured. The accident occurred about 5:45 Tuesday afternoon.

Neighbors hearing the shot and the frantic cries of Mrs. Hardin, rushed in, and found Mr. Hardin wounded, lying across the bed. A call for an ambulance was responded to and Mr. Hardin was taken to Seton Infirmary about six o'clock. Dr. Woolsey performed the operation about 6:20 o'clock.

According to Prof. I. I. Nelson, principal of the Junior High School, the shooting was a deplorable accident. Mr. Hardin was seated on the side of the bed and saw his wife pick up a loaded revolver. Afraid that something might happen, he rose up to take the pistol from her, and just as he arose, the pistol was discharged, the bullet piercing his head. The fact that the shot was high, saved his life. Mrs. Hardin was panic stricken at the time of the shooting, but has been with her husband at the infirmary since his removal there, and is apparently calm.

Mr. and Mrs. Hardin have been in Austin for several years, and have two children, twin girls, about two years old. Both Mr. and Mrs. Hardin were students at the West Texas Normal, where they met. Mr. Hardin was a graduate from the West Texas Normal and played on the football team.

He was for three years head of the commercial department of the Senior High School, and was transferred this term to the Junior High where he is teacher of business training. He was also a faculty member of the Violet Crown Comet, High School Annual.

### NOTED GEOLOGIST VISITS US

Robert T. Hill, a geologist and geographer of Dallas, stopped off in Canyon Thursday morning and came to the College building for the purpose of looking over some of the relics collected by the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society. The geologist was on a tour of this part of the country to make examinations of the Red River formations east of Canyon, with relation of the suit between Oklahoma and Texas over their boundary lines. He went directly to Washington from here.

## PLANS FOR PRESENT AND FUTURE DEVELOPMENT OF NORMAL CAMPUS

R. C. Phipps, a landscape architect from Emporia, Kansas, has been on the West Texas State Normal College grounds this week laying plans for improvements and general development of the College Campus. Sites for additional buildings were selected, plots for trees, shrubs, and flowers, were laid out. A perspective plan, showing sites and elevations of proposed buildings, has been drawn.

Every single improvement henceforth will be made with reference to a permanent and final settlement of the school plant, so that a duplication of effort will be avoided.

Among the additional buildings contemplated are additional dormitories for women, a dormitory for men, a library building, a science building, an infirmary or hospital building, a gymnasium, a stadium for athletics, a Fine Arts building, and a training or model High School building with its separate grounds and athletic field.

Most of the work to be done immediately is confined to the improvement of the Campus grounds in the way of trees, walks, and parking spaces, some of which are already in progress. An extension and completion of the terraces around the main building is also to be done immediately. The terraces will be built higher and extended out farther from the front and ends of the building. New twelve foot walks will be put in front of the building and eight-foot walks at the ends and around the building on the north side, all conforming to the new terraces. The material that is taken out of the old walks is being broken up to be used in the raised landing

that is to be built at the bottom of the front steps.

Parking spaces for cars will be at the northeast and northwest corners of the main building. An additional driveway will be made leading around to the east side of the building. The present driveways are to be improved and walks are to be repaired, widened and raised at some places.

The trees in front of the building will be gradually supplanted by smaller shrubs such as Catalpa, Bungee, and specimen trees of different kinds will be planted on the terrace. Japanese Barberry will be planted at the foot of the terrace.

In the spring, elm trees will be planted on the west and south sides of the campus to take the place of the present locust trees, which are rapidly succumbing to the attacks of bores and insects.

All wires are to be put under ground. Vines and tamarix are to be planted about the pump house and reservoir, and a general clean up of coal and ash piles will be made, with the view of making beautiful the entire premises. Contract has already been let for a new well, which is to be equipped with a new 5-inch pump and a 50,000 gallon water tank on a 90-foot tower. By these improvements the College water supply will be more than doubled, and there will be plenty of water to irrigate the new trees and flowers that are going to be planted.

F. P. Guenther, Superintendent of Grounds, and R. A. Terrill, Superintendent of Buildings, will supervise the execution of plans for all improvements and general developments of a beautiful College Site.

## FOUR RELATIVES OF FACULTY MEMBERS DEAD

Tuesday morning at the chapel period, President Hill said, "It seems that the hand of sorrow has been upon the faculty of late." He then told of four deaths that have recently occurred among the near relatives of four members of the faculty. They are as follows:

J. W. Reid's father died in Charlotte, North Carolina, last Monday, October 31st. The old gentleman came to Canyon four years ago and made many friends here during his visit. He has been in poor health for the past two years and Professor Reid has been called to his bedside three times because of the seriousness of his condition.

Miss Mansfield lost her father on October 26th. She had been at his bedside in Hurley, South Dakota, for several days. Miss Mansfield is loved very much both by faculty members and by students of the West Texas State Normal College.

Henry Hudspeth, the brother of Miss Mary E. Hudspeth, who is Professor of Spanish and Head of the Department, was killed on his ranch 125 miles from Magdalena, New Mexico, a week ago last Monday, October 24.

Mrs. L. Malone Svorz, the niece of Miss Tennessee Malone, our Librarian, died in Dallas, Texas, October 13th.

Mr. Hill requested the students to refrain from talking while passing to their places of work and to remain quiet throughout the remainder of the chapel period as an expression of sympathy for those bereaved members of our faculty.

### PHILO KALLOS

In a business meeting October 28, the Art students selected as a name for their club, "Philo Kallos." I love beauty.

Love hangs around the back door of the Art room.

Elizabeth Stone has decided to quit taking "impractical art" and take up interior decoration for future use.

Art 31a is now doing some very interesting work in painting and designing.

Miss Fricke—"What did you say?" Imogene Buster—"I said that I could not do that."

Miss Fricke—"Never say that you can't, say that you have difficulty."

The first meeting of the "Philo Kallos" will be held Tuesday afternoon, November 8, at four fifteen in room 206. An interesting program is being prepared. Come, all ye members.

### MR. HILL SPEAKS IN TULIA

President Hill accepted an invitation to speak on "Trials and Tribulations of Commercial Secretaries," at a meeting of the Panhandle Plains Commercial Executive Association, in Tulia, Saturday, November 5.

## THE HOME ECONOMICS CLUB TAKES HIKE

On Wednesday afternoon, October 26, at 4:15, the Home Economics girls gathered for their first meeting in a "peppy" Dutch hike to the creek. In the re-organization of the club some days before, it was planned to have both study and social enjoyment in our work for the current year. In this first meeting, the members responded readily for our work and play.

As the "hikers" made their way down the dusty road, a big truck gathered them in for the rest of the journey. Soon a big blazing camp fire began to tell the tale of crisp brown bacon, delicious coffee, and a wee taste of scrambled eggs. With plenty of fruit and cakes the feast was complete. When just a few sandwiches were left begging, Mr. Shaw came rushing in out of breath. Evidently he had done his best to be on time. As dusk began to deepen, a big bonfire blazed up, and all gathered around to sing songs and tell weird stories. Everyone was "tired but happy" when town was reached. Every member of the staff of the department of Home Economics and practically all of the girls were present with the addition of the following guests: Mr. Shaw, Misses Malone, Hartman, Stone, Martin, Brown, Sherman, Walker, Meharg, Cleveland and Cowling.

## Library Receives Miss White's Thesis

The Library and President Hill are in receipt of a copy of the thesis of Miss Adelin White done at Columbia University for her master's degree. This thesis was done through the laboratory of the New York City Children's hospital, after which the city published it as a model for Columbia University students continuing to do work through this laboratory.

The subject of the thesis is Reading Ability and Disability of Subnormal Children, and the problem lies in a better understanding of the processes involved in the reading activity and not in the general ability necessary for the appropriate reaction to the printed page. Two groups of subjects were selected; one a reading group to serve as a control in the study of the disability group. After a thorough consideration of the educational attainment of the children under consideration, Miss White then selected a group of laboratory tests as a guide to the evaluation of her methods in connection with her instruction. The types of tests are as follows: (1) auditory and visual acumen, (2) auditory perception and reproduction, (3) attention and perception, (4) ability to learn in response to auditory and visual stimuli of familiar and unfamiliar objects, and (5) emotional attitudes.

After several months of continuous work with the children, Miss White established the following conclusions:

1. Physical defects, unless very serious, cannot alone be the cause of inability to read.
2. Tests for attention and perception, and span of attention show no marked contrasts between subjects who show ability and inability to read.
3. The inability to read is not conditioned by lowered general intelligence within reading age.
4. A marked contrast between subjects with ability and inability to read is shown in learning tests of simple associative processes.
5. The indication is that the disability can be traced to more or less simple associative processes.
6. The results of the learning tests indicate that special methods based upon psychological principles should be adapted to disability cases.

Miss White considers her work as only tentative, but the fact that it was published as a model for other students of Columbia University who work in this institution is proof of the worth of her thesis. At some future time she hopes to be able to continue this important investigation.

## HIKE TO PALO DURO CLUB GROUNDS

The spirit of hiking has passed on the 8th grade cooking class, of whom Miss Wood is the supervisor. The class enjoyed Saturday afternoon of October 29 at the Palo Duro Club Grounds. Explorations, games, and boat rides made the time fly before the roasting of "wienies" and the spreading of other "goodies." The sophomore girls who will have the girls in practice teaching, and also their basketball coach, were invited as chaperones. Everyone enjoyed the afternoon but who could resist the sprightly of "peppy" school girls?

## TWENTY-ONE TO TRY FOR DEBATE

**Competition Strong For Places on Team—Five Ex-Debaters Among Contestants.**

Twenty-one men responded to the call issued by Miss Mary Morgan Brown, chairman of the Committee on Inter-Normal Debate, for a preliminary meeting Friday, October 28. The purpose of the meeting was to secure the names of those desiring to enter the tryout, and otherwise make preparations for the selection of the team. The tryout will be held near the end of the current quarter for the selection of four debaters and two alternates to represent this college in the Inter-Normal debates to take place in the spring.

Indications are that there will be strong competition for the places. Several ex-debaters were present and expressed their intention of trying again for a place on the team. D. T. Tarlton, Lester Hill, and Virgil Dodson, all of the last year's team are in the race. Grady Hazelwood, who debated both in 1919 and 1920, is after a position; and Robert Hill of the 1918 team is contesting for honors. These gentlemen, however, will not have a walk-over. Strong material is showing up among other contestants, some of whom have had experience either in high school or in the literary societies.

## ALL COLLEGE HALLOWE'EN SOCIAL DECIDED SUCCESS

On Friday night, October 28, spooks, witches, devils, and various other strange looking figures crowded the lower hall of the Normal building. After everyone had arrived, the Grand March down through the basement began. Coming back to the first floor the guests marched around the witches' cauldron and then seated themselves in front of the stage erected in the west end of the hall. The orchestra, composed of First and Second Year Normal students, rendered a snappy little program. The operation on Mr. Moncybag was successfully performed by the Freshmen in a shadow-picture. The Sophomores gave a negro minstrel. The negro folk-songs, jiggling, and jokes were characteristic and amusing. Fortune telling, and fishing in the electrified fish pond were then in order. Refreshments of doughnuts and coffee were served to those who were brave enough to examine the anatomy of the cat who had departed from this life. Everyone went home saying the Y. W. was a good entertainer.

### EX-SERVICE MEN ORGANIZE

Friday noon, October 28, twenty-two of the boys of the Normal, who saw service in the war, met for the purpose of organizing a club, in which all ex-service men would be given a chance to become acquainted with their buddies, and which would give a chance for the boys to get together now and then for a "jolly good time." Mr. Blake Bolton was elected president, but further election of officers was postponed until a later meeting of the club. A program committee was appointed with Mr. Lockhart as chairman. The meeting then adjourned.

Wednesday evening, November 2, the S. O. L. Club held its first regular meeting. Mr. Blotson was unable to attend; so Mr. Middleton took the chair. The first part of the evening was devoted to signing the muster roll, and to the presentation by each applicant of a good reason why he should be admitted to membership in the club. And many were the hearty laughs occasioned by some of the reasons given. Mr. Dean Crawford, the mess-sergeant, now took charge, and some time was spent drinking punch, and eating ice cream and cake. There was enough of the latter to remind each of the ice cream he did not get while in the army.

The remainder of the evening was given to discussing plans for Armistice Day, and to the appointing of a committee to plan a program for the chapel period in the near future. After singing a few old songs the meeting adjourned.

## GORDON CONE ELECTED TO SUCCEED DAN SANDERS

Gordon Cone was elected to succeed Dan Sanders, resigned, as associate editor of "Le Mirage." Mr. Sanders was unable to serve because of his duties as a football player and as captain of the team. Mr. Cone is a Sophomore student, and will receive his diploma and permanent certificate at the end of the spring session.

Plans are already under way for the work of the annual.



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### THE BULLETIN BOARD

The bulletin board means a great deal to the student body. By it the students can keep in touch with activities of classes, societies, and clubs. In fact it is the center of information of the College Activities. But let us make a close observation of this faithful friend of the students. If you notice closely you will find the board is divided into sections for the different phases of college life. As this bulletin is the backbone of our college activities, we would naturally expect to find it well cared for and neat. But we are doomed to disappointment. The announcements are placed in the most disorderly fashion and throughout the face of the board are the "Lost and found" items. Here is an announcement of a class meeting on Monday. It is now Saturday—five days later. Do you think that is showing proper respect to our bulletin board and to the college for which it stands. Then why not get busy?

Let's appoint a committee from the student body whose duty is first to see that all announcements are neat, second to keep announcements in their proper place, and last to take down the announcements at the proper time.

The students of our college have manifested a commendable spirit in support of Athletics and other student activities. In fact, the college has never had so loyal a student body as the present. Let us hope that the interest will not diminish but may be carried in all of its strength and glory to other representative activities. One of the things that represents us most to the outside world is our annual. It is always taken as a standard for judgment of our real worth. It is also a matter of personal interest, the thing that we value most when school days are over. No memory book can ever mean so much to us as a "Le Mirage" in leather. Football is important, but football needs an annual. How else may its achievements be preserved? Other occurrences outside of athletics are taking place every day, making themselves a part of our lives; and they deserve at least as much honor as we can give them by perpetuating their memory in a three or four dollar annual. We do not wish for less football or for less loyalty to it, but we do want loyalty in an equal degree for "Le Mirage."

Surely we all agree that we want the very best annual that we can get. It should certainly be one whose pages will never make us ashamed if they are inspected by the most noteworthy critics. How can we have such a piece of work? What are the essentials for its production? The secret of the whole matter is in this: it must have the support of the entire student body. The staff, of course, must work conscientiously and thoughtfully. In order to do this they must have something to work with. Taking first things first, we must realize that it requires an immense amount of money to publish a good annual. The annuals here have always been sold cheaper than those of almost any other school. In fact, they have been sold below cost, and it is hoped that they will continue to be. But we cannot have both moderately priced annual and a good annual if a great majority of the students are not willing to buy one. It is true that a great many of us are making financial sacrifices to come to school, and can ill afford to spend money unnecessarily; but it is also true that we are here for another purpose than to save money; we are here to put into our school life all that we can and to get out of it all that we can. If we do this, surely our annual will have enough interest for us to yield large dividends upon the money invested.

The money is the first essential because without it printing and engraving bills can not be paid, but another kind of support is necessary. With out the contribution of student interest, literary productions, and photographs, there can be nothing from which to build an annual. Everyone of us should consider it a moral obligation to have our individual pictures made; and our classes, our clubs, and our societies most effectively represented in "song and story" as well as in photo-

graph. It would be interesting to speculate upon the results if each student should work at his best to help produce a book that he considers the most important memorial of a Year of hard toil and pleasant associations; and if he should promise to buy a copy of this same book when it is completed; and then if he should stick to his promise. Under no other circumstances can we have the best "Le Mirage" possible, and nothing short of the best is worthy to represent The West Texas State Normal College.

On occasions when pennants are displayed, one may see an innumerable variety of designs and arrangements of colors, all purporting to represent the West Texas State Normal College. About the only point in common seems to be the presence of the maroon and white. This divergence of design is the result of the lack of an official pennant. Why no official pennant has been designed and adopted would be difficult to determine. But it is now time for such action. The buffalo should have a conspicuous place on the pennant. It should bear an official monogram. When it is adopted, it should be used by all students. There should not be such divergence in the matter of pennants as we now have.

If you have a letter, you had better wear it yourself, rather than lend it to your pal or girl. At least this is the idea of D. A. Shirley, chairman of the Athletic Committee. Mr. Shirley has noticed some wearing athletic letters who are not entitled to them. Mr. Shirley says that such a practice can not be tolerated, and the committee will feel inclined to take up the sweaters from those men who persist in lending them.

### GRADING OF THE PORT- FOLIOS OF CLASS II

Monday morning, October 31, Miss Fricke surprised her art students by calling for their portfolios of the past six weeks' work. Although the students were greatly surprised when she called for their collections, the supposition is that Miss Fricke was even more surprised when she graded them. However, when they were returned Wednesday the students expressed a determination to work harder the remainder of the quarter.

### TO A SKELETON HEAD

Ye fleshless head lying within the case,  
Who knows your history?  
What you have been in days gone by,  
Your past, to us, a mystery.

What perils have you risked, Death's head?

What battles have you fought?  
Maybe you have heard the cry of war,  
And seen the crimes its hands have wrought.

Perhaps you were a pioneer,  
With the spirit of those men of yore,  
And welded with a mighty hand  
The tools that built your home once more.

You might have been a cowboy wild  
Roaming the Texas plains,  
Fate willed, and you were thrown  
Never to rise again.

—Wilda Slagle.

### JOKES

Amy Daniel—What are you going to take at college, John?  
John—Medicine, I think.

Louise Shanklin—Do the French die very often in America?  
Mr. Clark—No; only once, Louise.

### The Light of The World

The fact that we have moonshine upon this planet of ours today was evidenced in Physics class one day recently. The class was discussing the shining power of the different planets, when the question was asked by a student if the earth had the same power to shine as other planets. To this inquiry the teacher replied, "It certainly has, for a man accidentally broke a bottle of it upon the streets of Canyon just the other day."

### NOTICE TO ANTLEERS

The Antler Literary Society will not meet this week on account of other celebrations on Friday, November 11th. The next regular meeting will be Friday evening, November 18th, at 7:15.

### RIGHTO, BILL

The conductor pulled up his Fifth Avenue bus at Thirty-Fourth street, and the ladies bound for the shopping district eagerly got out. But one fat lady who had been sitting on top came down the steep and winding stairs very slowly. Her skirts flapped round her ankles, and at every step she stopped and carefully pushed them down. The conductor waited with a bored expression, his hand on the bell rope; but he lost his patience when the fat lady stopped for the fifth time to thrust down her billowing draperies. "Now, then, lady, hurry up, can't yer!" he burst out angrily. "Legs ain't no treat to me these days!"—Everybody's.

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## HON. CULLEN F. THOMAS SPEAKS AT NORMAL COLLEGE ON DISARMAMENT

Honorable Cullen F. Thomas, candidate for United States Senate, spoke to nearly seven hundred people at the West Texas State Normal College Auditorium Friday evening, Nov. 4, on the question of Disarmament.

He mentioned a number of great men, both in foreign countries and in America, who do not believe in disarmament. Many of them believe that war is a good thing and some call war a tonic essential to the progress of the human race. Still others in our country say they believe war to be of Divine appointment.

Mr. Thomas stated that he had a son, and that he would not give him for all the islands in the Pacific Ocean, much less the little rock, eight square miles in size, called Yap. He says there are men in America who would call the sons of Texas into war over things so small as that.

He developed three reasons in particular why we should not have another war. The first that we are not able to stand the financial strain of another war. The money spent for war would build great highways across this nation in every direction. It would build a University in every state in the Union, and furnish free education to our sons and daughters for ages to come. He said, "I look for a day to come when one percent of our taxes will go for war and 20 percent for education. I hail the day when the commissioner of education shall have a place in the Cabinet of the President of this nation. In Great Britain the commissioner of education in the Cabinet of Lloyd George."

Mr. Thomas further stated that we cannot stand the disgracefulness of another war. They have made guns which they can place in New York harbor and shoot the Capitol Dome off in Washington. Guns are coming into use that will shoot three hundred miles. They have gas that is so deadly poison that it will kill every living thing, including all vegetation. He declared that there is no chivalry in war like that.

He further developed the idea that the disputes of the nations could be settled as easy as a dispute between two individuals. And that forts were no more necessary between this nation and all other nations than they are between the United States and Canada. He asked what nation we proposed to destroy with our great guns.

## KRISP KOMMENT

Edited by Lynn C. Doyle  
(Copied Right 1921)

By way of introduction, we wish to have it understood that this department is for the benefit of those who wish to express anything that would not be exactly dignified and proper in other columns. Sort of a safety-valve, doncha know! Said department will be dedicated each issue to the champion contributor. The Winged Victory gets the honor this week. Bow Victory! Attaboy! Who'll be next?

### Editorial Policies

Any true reflection upon the character or standing of an individual will not be re-stated—one risk is enough! Ye Editor admits that he is a slippery guy, so don't try the Sherlock Holmes stuff—your part is furnishing food for the Lino. The watchword of this department shall be, "Truth Crushed to Hall or Campus shall Rise in KRISP KOMMENT!" Therefore, we must insist that your contributions "hold water." Our "Devil" (Oh, we're no different from the rest of you) suggests a paper drinking cup.

### The Cat is Out!

While our cloak of disguise is intact, we wish to spill the prize pot of beans of the season. Under the misleading name of "Practical Arts Club," a group of pleasure-loving faculty members and students have maliciously organized a club whose very nature brands it the "Workshop of the—," well, go see for yourself. Their motto seems to be, "Eat, Drink and Grow 'Daffy,'" as typified by the official song, "Oh Bring Back My Bonnie's Bum Lung!" Long suspected, yet unexpected, eh? Thought so.

### By The Way

Speaking of dates, the young lady across the hall says the sourest ones are found on the (Ch) Apel tree!

### No Cause For Concern

Miss Biol. Brown: "What are you doing boys, plotting against the whites?"  
Small boys: "Yes, but don't you worry; we're not plotting against the Browns!"

Contributions labeled Krip Komments and placed in the cabinet in The Prairie office, will probably reach this column safely. Try it!

In Japan, when anything goes wrong with an automobile, owners are instructed to notify the police immediately.

The speaker expressed a desire to see the United States become a member of the League of Nations.

He recalled, in the experience of Argentine and Chile, the time when they were in a dispute and started a war, but decided they could settle the matter without war and they did. Then in memory of the peaceful settlement and as a symbol of their future relations, they erected a monument on a peak, in the Andes Mountains, to Jesus of Nazareth. He asked why other nations could not follow the example of Argentine and Chile.

Mr. Thomas closed his speech with words from Tennyson's, "In Memoriam," which he told the audience he repeated each year when the bells began to ring out the old year.

He used the following verses:

"Ring out, wild bells, to the wild sky,  
The flying cloud, the frosty light:  
The year is dying in the night:  
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,  
Ring, happy bells, across the snow:  
The year is going, let him go;  
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

Ring out the grief that saps the mind,  
For those that here we see no more;  
Ring out the fued of rich and poor,  
Ring in the redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,  
And ancient forms of party strife;  
Ring in the nobler modes of life,  
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out the want, the care, the sin,  
The faithless coldness of the times;  
Ring out, ring out my mournful rhymes,  
But ring the fuller minstrel in.

Ring out the false pride in place and blood,  
The civic slander and the spite;  
Ring in the love of truth and right,  
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out the old shapes of foul disease;  
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;  
Ring out the thousand wars of old,  
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

Ring in the valiant man and free,  
The larger heart, the kindlier hand;  
Ring out the darkness of the land,  
Ring in the Christ that is to be.

### MYTHICAL TREES

Trees of Palestine are reviewed at some length by James Ricalton in the American Forestry Magazine, who writes of the stories told by guides to the tourists. Taking a peep into the Garden of Gethsemane, there is seen the golden gate in the east wall of Jerusalem, a hundred feet or so above the bottom of the valley in which once flowed Wady Sitty Maryam. The gnarled, venerable olive trees in the middle of the garden still clinging to a hoary remnant of enfeebled life enlist attention.

This Garden of Gethsemane can be nothing more than a folk lore affair, says the writer, because the exact locality of the real garden was never recorded, and these frail trunks common about Jerusalem may lay claim to antiquity of one or two hundred years. Nothing short of a stupid credulity would ever credit them with eighteen or nineteen hundred, yet some guide books declare that they have sprung from successive growths extending back to the time of Christ. The olive tree, like the apple tree has not the renovating growth of the banyan, or the persistency of the botee, and trees of warm latitudes.

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### JUST "SPUDS"

November Everybody's: Mose, an inhabitant of the backwoods, had, upon making a trip to the city, decided to take dinner at a cafe. Upon inspecting the menu, Mose's eye fell upon the item, "French fried potatoes," and to satisfy his curiosity, ordered some.

After having partaken of a portion of his order, the dusky backwoodsman remarked: "Huh! This yere-all don't taste to me like nuthin' but plaine 'Nited States spuds."

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## COUSINS HALL PARTY

Monday evening, October 31st, the boys of the West Texas State Normal College found their partners among the Cousins Hall girls by a system of numbers devised by the girls themselves, and everyone seemed pleased. As soon as every guest had a partner the goblin march began. It was led by Misses Georgie Watkins and Margaret Guenther.

After the march various games ensued. While the games were entertaining part to the crowd, others were taken into the refreshment room, and were served punch, fruits, and candy. Everyone had opportunity to have his fortune told as soon as he was served, but some, evidently fearing to have their future unfolded so suddenly, preferred to gather around the piano and sing while others engaged themselves in story telling, or various other sorts of fun.

The boys hesitated for a moment outside of the door as they left to give their hostesses fifteen "Raahs."

## MATHEMATICS-SCIENCE CLUB

The Mathematics-Science Club met Wednesday, October 26, in the first regular meeting. The following interesting program was given:

Photosynthesis and Respiration—Lester Hill of the Biology Department. Bottle Making—Paul Stewart of the Chemistry Department.

Compound Interest for Old Age—Emma Clearley of the Mathematics Department. Miss Clearley charmingly showed that if a dollar had been invested in the church at the time of Christ, it would at compound interest amount to \$4,296,000,000,000,000,000,000,000.00 at the present time.

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Harris of the Geography Department, closed the program.

Each member left the club with the feeling that the Mathematics-Science Club was a "worth while" club for anyone interested in that line of work, and is eagerly awaiting the next meeting at 3 p. m., Wednesday, November 9.

## POINT SYSTEM CARRIES

With only eleven dissenting votes the students adopted the Point System in an election held on Wednesday, October 26. The system as adopted limits the number of points that a student may hold as a result of his extra-class work to ten. The valuation of the various activities in terms of points was carefully worked out by the committee which prepared the system for submission.

The administration of the system will be in the hands of a student committee known as the Committee on the Point System. A subsequent election resulted in the selection of the following personnel for this committee:

Mattie Swayne, D. T. Tarlton, and Joe Lancaster.

Students who now hold more than the maximum number of points will not be asked to drop any of their work at present, but will be expected to make adjustment by the beginning of next quarter.

## ALUMNI COLUMN

Charles Keffer and Ira Allen, of West Texas State Normal College debating fame, were sent by the University Post of American Legion, at Austin, to the National Convention of American Legion, which was recently held in Kansas City.

Lora Kibbe is teaching this year at her home town, Hereford.

Bain Leak, of Mobette, Texas, is making an enviable record in the State University this year.

Bessie Roberts, a former student of this college, is teaching Latin in the A. & M. College at Goodwell, Oklahoma.

Charles Wilson is teaching English in the High School at Albany, Texas.

Mamie Lou Hill is teaching in Slaton, Texas, this year.

Miss Ada Terrill, the daughter of Mr. R. A. Terrill, who graduated from W. T. S. N. C. in 1916, is teaching an Opportunity School of Salesmanship in Atlanta, Georgia. Her picture with an extensive account of her success and efficiency in that line appeared in The Constitution, of Sunday, October 16th.

## A Regular Swallow

The boys were being given instruction in diving. This particular lesson was the swallow-dive.

"Now, Park," said the instructor to the most backward pupil, "you take a turn."

Park made a hopeless attempt and created an alarming splash.

"That's not a swallow dive," said the instructor.

"Isn't it?" gurgled the unfortunate Park. "Why, I thought I'd swallowed the whole pool."



## A VISITOR

One evening in late August as I sat on the front porch lazily swinging, my attention was attracted by a brilliant bit of color darting to and fro among the roses. I at once discovered my visitor to be one of those little beauties, a humming bird.

He looked as if he would measure three inches from the head to the tip of his tail, but the most noticeable part of the visitor's body was its breast, which in proportion to the size of the bird, was enormously developed both lengthwise and vertically, and seemed to afford abundant space for the muscles which drove the wings in their rapid vibrations as the little creature poised himself over the flowers where he found his food. He would dart down to the flower and would flap his wings with comparatively slow, but not less powerful strokes.

He darted from one rose to another, lingering for just a minute over each. Then he would extend his long black bill into the flower and with his forked tongue extract the honey, also any insect which happened to be there.

The feathers that covered the upper part of his body had a metallic lustre. The flight feathers were of a dusty color, while those of the tail, which was almost motionless as he hovered over a flower, but which is always expanded, exhibit a very rich color, as of stained glass, but iridescent in a manner that no stained glass ever is—crimson, changing to purple, purple to violet, or to indigo.

However, the bird's form was subject to as many changes as his color. Sometimes he appeared almost square, again nearly round, then his body seemed forked, but before I could detect any more of his queer and beautiful points, my visitor had disappeared.

—E. S.

## AT NINE O'CLOCK

Looking toward the heart of Canyon from the most southerly window of room 104 of the west wing of the West Texas State Normal College, a nine o'clock student is afforded a rare perspective. If he raise the window sufficiently, a rectangular frame encloses the arresting view beyond. To the right, leaden chimneys jut up into the blue, overlooking the brick-brown roofs of friendly dwellings. To the left, intensified against the deep blue sky, tree tops emerge, while just above, a windmill tower peeps or peers in a human sort of way. Rising above all, and sparkling in the October sunlight, the town clock forms the center of the picture. With its slow "clang, clang," it announces the hour, as if to remind the thoughtful and reprimand the thoughtless.

—W. J.

## TWO TOES

"I saw Two-Toes over on North flat this morning," declared Jim.

"Say, Jim, let's get the boys together and catch the old outlaw," suggested Bill.

Two-Toes was out on his usual range, and was on the flat north of Beaver creek. He would usually have been found down along the creek where he was very well known. Many times on a crisp, cold, starlight night had Two-Toes called his pack together in the pioneer days. Two-Toes remembered the feel of cold steel that had removed three of his toes a few years ago after he had lost his pack.

A very tall, long, muscular lobo was Two-Toes. He was covered with scars from being attacked and driven off by the sharp horns of the mother of a bloody calf. But this morning Beaver Creek Flat was the scene of a battle; the boys had cut the lobo off from his avenue of escape.

Two-Toes lower jaw sagged down and his tongue hung out. He realized that he was caught in a trap and he was shaking from fright. One of the cowboys rushed to the center with his rope. Two-Toes jumped to one side and the rope fell across his back; this gave him courage. He dashed underneath a horse and bounded over the cliff.

J. D. AMEND,  
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## A COW GUARD

As I rode over a rocky hill in north Texas just after sundown I viewed a sea of white faces and white keen horns. It was a shipping roundup of the old Worsham ranch. The bellow of the lank Herefords was that which can be given only by the mother for her off-spring. Two thousand cows, lamented the loss of their young, while twenty cowboys rode hard and long to hold the herd together. Suddenly a great storm seemed to rise on the sea of white. Men sank spurs into the sides of tired ponies. A cow sprang from the herd. Others followed and then others till the mighty sea seemed to turn to a more mighty river. Two wiry ponies with two not less wiry riders flanked the herd and worked to-

ward the head. As an unscalable canyon wall was reached, the pony took advantage of the turn and seemed to put forth all possible effort. He carried his rider to the point of the herd and the well trained cowboy beat the head of the leader until she turned. The circle grew smaller and smaller till the river of horns was once again a sea.

—T. P. V.

## UNCLE JOE'S CABIN

Uncle Joe's cabin was a typical negro house, built in the early sixties on my grandfather's plantation. It had a picturesque location at the foot of a mountain, known as Miller's Bluff. An immense cottonwood tree spread its branches over the house, as if to protect it from March winds, April showers, and the hot sun of the summer. Near the house gushed from the earth a babbling spring, which furnished Uncle Joe the purest and coolest of water. For a dipper he used a long handled gourd, and the bucket was made of cedar. The house was built of logs put together with red clay. It had a large room, a small room on the porch, known as the shed room, a tiny porch. The yard was always swept clean with a large bunch of broomweeds, tied together to make a broom. One corner of the yard was occupied by a wood pile of cord wood for the fire place.

The house was rudely furnished with home hewn furniture, which, however, was very neat and attractive. An air of peace and comfort pervaded the house. Both rooms boasted of blue and white checked gingham curtains over tiny peep holes which served as windows. The floors were scrubbed every week with sand and ashes to make them white.

The cozier and dearer room was the larger one—living room, kitchen, and dining room all combined. The fire place occupied almost one entire side of the room. On the large mantel, Uncle Joe kept his clay pipe, shot gun shells, large leaves of tobacco, rabbit feet, and other curios. An immense dinner pot, baking oven, and coffee pot stood on the hearth, "full of victuals," he would tell us. I imagine the "victuals" were baked sweet potatoes, "possum," and hoe cakes, because I often peeped; and then besides the odor could talk. The table was covered with a large blue and white checked table cloth, trimmed with fringe and with napkins to match. Uncle Joe had only two chairs, both having cowhide seats. Over the door hung a large horse shoe for good luck and a double-barreled shot-gun, a relic of the war. Near the door hung a deer head, from the horst of which were suspended a battered hat and a weathered coat of many seasons.

Uncle Joe's cabin was once a place of merriment, where we children used often to spend ecstatic hours listening to Uncle Joe's bed time stories. It is but a dilapidated ruin now; and Uncle Joe himself, a cob pipe in his mouth, his white head bent over the banjo, silenced long ago, his big foot keeping time to the rhythm of his song, as he sat under the cotton-wood tree in the moonlight or before a generous fire place heaped with logs and happy dancing flames, the while the North Wind mourned outside unheeded—Uncle Joe himself is but a memory.

—N. W.

## TREASURE TRUNK

It is still sitting in the farthest corner of the store room—an old fashioned, unpretentious looking trunk. Once it was covered with sheets of tin, held in place by dull finished strips of wood, but years of constant service have worn the tin at the corners to rough and jagged edges. The high concave shaped lid, scarred and dusty, adds to the already huge proportions of the trunk. I brushed the cobwebs off the lid and lifted it back on the substantial hinge.

The whole family of dolls, Mary Louise, with one eye punched out and a foot gone; the teddy bear, who had spent so many nights out in the weather that his fur had disappeared; the spry little kewpie; and Ole Nigger Dinah, with her head of tousled black wool—all lay sleeping side by side on the bed of fairy tale books and Mother Goose rhymes.

In another corner of the trunk stood the tiny sewing machine; an unfinished doll dress was still patiently lying under the needle. A box of nicked and broken dishes rested on top of the machine. The rusty little stove, caps gone and legs amputated, was wedged against the china closet. Paper dolls of every description, scraps of calico, gingham, and silk, and a variety of postal cards were stuffed into the oven and into the cupboard drawers, and scattered promiscuously about to fill up space between the pieces of furniture.

As I looked back again at the dolls, I glanced at one of the books near by. It was a child's story book, entitled "When I Grow Up." Slowly and reluctantly I closed the lid, and pushed the old Treasure Trunk a little closer to the wall.

—R. L.

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## STUDENTS' COUNCIL NOT IDLE

The Students' Council is functioning in the life of the college. Two regular meetings have been held in conference with President Hill. At the first meeting the purpose of the Council consumed most of the discussion. President Hill said the council was created to be a connecting link between the administration and the student body. A college, he said, is a co-operative enterprise, and its success depends upon perfect harmony between the various members of the college community. Thru the Council the administration seeks to establish more direct contact with the student body, and thru it the student view-point may be brought to the administration.

At the second meeting the deliberations centered around the student activities and the College annual. A committee was appointed to confer with the officers of the various societies and clubs for the purpose of working out a definite schedule of meetings.

It was argued that several benefits would accrue from the consolidation of meeting periods. It was said that if all Literary Societies met on the same evening, it would not be necessary to keep the building open and heated so many nights during the week. And with all engaged in the same activity at the same time an additional gain would come from the atmosphere thus established.

With reference to the annual, the importance of giving the staff something definite upon which to work was stressed. It is advisable that every student early decide whether or not he will buy a copy of the book in order that the staff may know as soon as possible how much revenue will be available.

The Students' Council meets on the first Tuesday of each month. Students who have in mind suggestions touching on the welfare of the institution may get them before the administration by communicating them to the appropriate members of the Council.

## A SOCIAL EVENT

On the night of Hallowe'en the girls of the Scott Boarding House, the Block House, gave a candy-making. It was not an old-fashioned candy "pulling," because most of the candy was made after the lazy modern fashion of getting itself ready to be eaten by calmly cooling on its own plate. At one time the accommodating stove was cooking four kinds of candy: divinity, chocolate fudge, taffy, and cocoanut brittle, with about three cooks to the skillet.

The sweet time was participated in by numerous distinguished people; one of whom descended from her ancient setting in the Bible, leaving Boaz to reap alone, two of whom were namesakes of the lovely queen, pictured as coming down the stair in a trained gown with a filmy veil around her throat. Also attending the candy-making were two ladies who will always be "Rich" unless they marry, a jewel of rare sheen, and "Dere Mabel," famous in modern story. On all Uncle Sam beamed his kindly smile.

Those who did not participate in the making of the candy helped pull, and those who did neither washed the dishes. All came in on the chorus when eating time arrived; and, after the well-known instructions of David, those shared equally who stayed by the stuff. Each girl who had to study for a test received her share of candy.

Afterwards came music and stories of love, witches, and of fortune telling until the clock struck nine and the happy party disbanded with many thanks to Mrs. Scott for the good time they had enjoyed.

## WATER!

The sheep were becoming desperate. For sixty hours, they had received no taste of water. Furthermore, they had been driven mercilessly. Their eyes were blinded with dust. Their coats, which had been fleecy white, were now draggled and dusty. The tongues of all the younger ones hung out as if they were scorched with heat.

They had been driven two or three miles from the Colorado River. The shepherds did not intend to let the sheep close enough to the river to smell the water; for in case they did, the sheep would become unruly and rush toward the river to get to water. This portion of the Colorado River was bounded on each side by high cliffs; so it would be impossible to water their flocks in the river.

All might have been well, had not the wind, which had been blowing from the South the past several hours, suddenly veered to the Northwest. The sheep that had been walking South suddenly faced round to the West when they caught the scent of water, which was blown directly to them from the river. The shepherds, seeing the danger that menaced, spurred their tired horses in front of the sheep and tried to turn them back. But to no avail; the sheep were mad with thirst. Bursting through the line of horsemen, they thundered away towards the river. Nearer and nearer they came to the high cliff which bordered the river. The leader, a big

ram, went over the cliff first and his flock plunged over after him. Dull thuds sounded far, far, below and then all was quiet.

JACK BENNETT,  
Sub-First Year Normal School.

## STORY OF "THE MOLLUSC"

The New York Times gives the following interesting outline of the story of the play:

Mr. Davies went to the animal kingdom to get a name for his comedy. And a definition of the besetting weakness of the principal character in it—Mrs. Baxter. In the mollusc he found an animal of a kindred nature, hence "The Mollusc" which sets forth in comical situations that the indolence of the idle rich becomes a disease of such a character that they use force to resist the effects of friendly efforts to cure them.

Mrs. Baxter is a human mollusc. That is what her brother called her at the conclusion of a long dissertation on the weaknesses of his family, but she is a mollusc of such attractive beauty that he would be a mighty poor man who would refuse to minister to her every want. And now she enjoys the luxury of attendance! Young, beautiful to behold, selfish, pampered, indolent—but withal a bit domesticated she is the idol of her family and a perpetual worry to her husband.

The actions of the comedy occur at the country home of the Baxters, several miles outside of London. They have two children for whom they provided a pretty governess, Miss Roberts. Mrs. Baxter is thoroughly domesticated in her tastes and indifferent to the occupations of her husband.

That she might not be compelled to leave her home she enjoins the governess to accompany Mr. Baxter wherever his fancy leads him. The husband and the governess take long walks, play chess, read together and attend the theatres. Mr. Baxter becomes infatuated with her. The behavior of Miss Roberts has been beyond reproach. She is Baxter's companion as well as the governess of his children. She has no affection for him. But Baxter gradually finds her indispensable to him and the affair is reaching a serious stage when along comes Tom Kemp, brother of Mrs. Baxter. He sees the danger and quickly puts himself to the task of averting it. He shows his sister the weak points in her own character, suggests that she be more attentive to her husband and at another time, takes occasion to remind Mr. Baxter of his duty.

The wife eventually sees the gravity of the situation, and by ways peculiar to her sex she restores love and order in a house about to fall.

During the progress of his efforts to cure his sister of "Mollusc" Kemp falls in love with the governess. And when he reveals his affection both Baxters oppose him, the husband because he has a secret attachment, the wife because she does not wish to lose such a valuable servant. In the end Kemp is victorious, and he sees the house effectually cured of its besetting weakness.

This play will be presented in the Normal Auditorium in the near future.

## A UNIVERSAL EXPERIENCE

To every person there comes at some time in his life, whether he admits it or not, a realization of his ignorance and insignificance. This conclusion is seldom reached in the tender years of youth, but comes with experience and maturity.

When I finished the high school, I fancied I was educated. The walls of wisdom had been scaled; my store of knowledge was deep and broad. With a feeling of amazement and shocked vanity I bore the humility of having my opinions questioned. I fairly radiated wisdom and learning; what high school senior does not! With pity he gazes down from the heights he has attained, upon those who never graduated.

With a sort of bored pleasure I looked forward to college. There was no question in my mind but that I would be quite a sensation when I was enrolled, for there was nothing left for me to learn at home and few of my age were so wise.

When I entered the West Texas State Normal College, the very building of this vast institution of learning awed me. A feeling of insignificance crept over me, and by the time my name had been entered upon the roll of students, my store of wisdom had subsided into ignorance. The learned high school graduate had vanished, and instead there remained an ignorant Freshman, in an institution where ignorance is no longer bliss, and 'tis not folly to be wise.

Edith Rayzor.

The Panhandle-Plains Historical Society recently received a letter from Mr. J. Q. Johnson, of Dimmitt, in which he stated he had two Spanish eagles that he would be willing to sell to the Historical Society. One of these is alive, the other he is having mounted. Mrs. Warwick, doesn't think the Society has the money available for this purpose.

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## COMPLEX

By Ben Ray Redman

I have a Freudian complex.  
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That's lurking in the hinterland  
Of my subconscious brain;  
It's frightfully perplexing.  
And really rather vexing;  
I half suspect, to tell the truth,  
It's driving me insane.

It's not an inhibition.  
Nor yet a prohibition.  
But be assured it's troublesome  
As either one could be.  
Indeed it's so annoying  
I know it is destroying  
The very small intelligence  
The gods vouchsafed to me.

Why I'm so much annoyed  
Is, before I studied Freud,  
I never knew a thing about  
These complexes at all;  
But since they are in season,  
I'll have mine or know the reason.  
Though the up-keep on a complex  
Is a figure to appal.

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