

Runoff Election Slated for Thursday

Museum Heads Hold Meeting

Holden and Haley Speak for Meetings And Annual Banquet

Board of Directors of the Museum will hold their annual meeting here Friday afternoon, May 14, at 2 o'clock, Dr. L. F. Sheffy, curator and general manager of the museum, announced last week.

The annual meeting of the Panhandle-Plains Historical Society will be held the same afternoon at 4 o'clock. The annual banquet will begin in the evening at 7 o'clock. Dr. W. C. Holden, faculty member of Texas Tech, will be the principal speaker at the banquet.

A meeting will be held in the museum building Saturday morning, May 15, at 10 o'clock for students and others who are interested in West Texas historical research. Dr. Holden and J. Evetts Haley, noted Texas historical researcher, will speak at the meeting.

The museum here is the largest state museum south of the Mason-Dixon Line, according to Garland Adair of the Texas Memorial Museum in Austin.

Boone McClure, assistant curator reported that 15,380 persons from every state in the Union and from six foreign countries have signed the registry during the first quarter of this year. McClure says this indicates last year's record attendance of 44,507 will be broken by several thousands.

Represented on the register during the first four months of this year are 262 Texas towns and cities. Nearly every county in the state is represented, the bulk coming from the Panhandle area in particular and the West Texas area in general.

Citizens from China, Siam, Canada, Belgian Congo and Hawaii have signed the book since the first of the year.

McClure predicts at least a dozen other countries would be represented before 1948 runs out. He said last month's attendance of 5,517 persons broke all records for April by "almost 2,000." This, he said, indicates the normally heavy months of July and August which last year drew 5,113 and 6,336, respectively, will be record-breakers this summer.

Visitors to the museum range from scientists of paleontology and anthropology to grammar school pupils. Sir Hubert Watkins, noted explorer, made a special trip to Amarillo and Canyon just to visit the museum. He described it as "amazing."

The museum's popularity among tourists and others who have heard of its fame is indicated in the fact that 91 persons from California have already visited it this year. Outstanding out-of-state registrants include Michigan, 24; Illinois, 42; New Jersey, 13; Colorado, 55; Washington, 11; Iowa, 36; Kansas, 64; Nebraska, 42; Arkansas, 20; Louisiana, 9; and Maine, 4.

Outing Club Goes To Buffalo Lake

The Outing Club will make a trip to Buffalo Lake Friday, May 14, it was announced last week. The group will leave from the cafeteria in the afternoon at 3:45 o'clock.

Lunches can be obtained from the cafeteria.

Everyone making the trip will be charged 20 cents for transportation. Those who wish to fish will be charged 25 cents, and a charge of 25 cents will be assessed on those wishing to swim.

Those desiring to go in swimming are reminded to bring swimming suits.

Anyone wishing to make this trip should sign up at the Women's Physical Education office in the basement of the Administration Building by Thursday noon, May 13.

Students planning to take summer correspondence courses may obtain necessary information by asking for a correspondence bulletin in the office of Bureau of Public Service on the main floor of the Administration Building.

Sociologists Take Trip

By Bob Sweny

The State Mental Hospital in Wichita Falls was host to the Department of Sociology last Thursday, May 6, Joe Dufflot, head of the department, sponsored the trip. The group left Thursday morning and returned late that night.

Accompanying Mr. Dufflot were fifty students and Dr. Donald Gragg of the Department of Education. The group traveled by chartered bus and in cars driven by students. The trip to Wichita Falls is an annual affair for students in sociology classes.

In the institution, students were able to observe first hand the different types of mental ailments. Dr.

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Medium Casts Spell for Cast



Pictured above is the cast for the forthcoming Dramatics Department production of 'Blithe Spirit.' Left to right they are Jody Marsh, Frances Lynn Townes, Lin Welch, Katherine Brooks, Mary Frances Colwell, Beth Kimbrough, Marvin Bowman and Frances Alice Harp. The play is scheduled to run next Tuesday and Wednesday nights in the Education Building Auditorium.

'Blithe Spirit' To Run Two Days Next Week

By T. C. Brown

Frances Lynn Townes, sophomore speech major from Amarillo, declares she has had little time to act herself the past three weeks.

Frances Lynn was chosen last month to play the leading role of Ruth in the speech department's production of Norman Krasna's comedy, "Blithe Spirit." Shortly afterward, Oma Link Rowley, director of Amarillo Little Theatre, asked her to play the part of Arabel Moulton-Barrett in that organization's production of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street." Mrs. Rowley stated that she was impressed with Frances Lynn's performance in the leading role of "Joan of Lorraine." Maxwell Anderson drama presented by the speech department last fall. Frances Lynn accepted both parts and said last week she finds herself busy learning lines for both parts.

First performance of "Blithe Spirit", commencement play, will be presented Tuesday night, May 18, in the Education Building Auditorium with Frances Lynn portraying the leading role.

Beth Kimbrough, sophomore from Canyon, will represent the top role in the second run Wednesday night, May 19, in the same auditorium. Beth will be remembered by her recent appearance as Martha Vincent in "Dear Ruth."

She has been accepted as a student in the drama department of Baylor University this summer.

The leading male role will be played by Lin Welch, senior speech major from Twitty. He has been active in the speech department for the past four years.

Katherine Brooks, junior from McLean, will play the leading comedy role of Madam Arcati, the medium. She has previously played in "Little Women" and "Tenth Word," speech department productions of last year.

Other members of the cast will be Jody Marsh, junior from Crosbyton; Marvin Bowman, senior from Lefors; Mary Frances Colwell, junior from Canyon; and Frances Alice Harp, junior from Canyon.

George Turner, junior from Amarillo and Priscilla Rogers, freshman from Tulla, will furnish background music for the play.

"Blithe Spirit" has been lauded throughout the United States for its vivacious laughter appeal. New York Times describes it as a "completely insane farce that is also uproarious," while Wolcott Gibbs of New Yorker Magazine calls it "as deft, malicious and fascinating comedy as you would hope to see." Louis Kronenberger of PM says "... 'Blithe Spirit' has, fortunately, what it takes to make a good farce come alive on the stage."

Jack Walker, graduate from Sam-

norwood, directs the speech department production of "Blithe Spirit" as a project for his masters degree.

Truax Resigns College Post

Dr. Wallace Clark Monday announced the resignation of Glenn Truax, Director of the West Texas State College Orchestra and teacher of stringed instruments.

Effective next September 1, Lewis Storling, at present Lubbock High School band and orchestra director and concert master of the Lubbock Symphony, will fill the position left by Mr. Truax's resignation.

Mr. Truax has been a member of the WT faculty for three years. He plans to devote his full time to his farm holdings north of Canyon.

Pres. Hill To Make Last Talk Thursday

President J. A. Hill will make his last formal address before the student body of West Texas State as president of the college Thursday morning at 11 o'clock in the Auditorium of the Administration Building.

The title he has chosen for his address will be "The World We Live In."

COMMENCEMENT CALENDAR

Thursday, May 20, Senior Class Day, 11.

Saturday, May 22, President's Reception to Senior Class, 8:30.

Sunday, May 23, Baccalaureate, 11 o'clock.

Sunday, May 23, Commencement Concert

Tuesday, May 25, Band Concert, 7:30

Thursday, May 27, Graduation Exercise

Anyone having any stories they wish published in The Prairie should have them in by Thursday since the May 18th issue will be the last one of the spring semester. It will be the commencement edition.

Short Vocational Courses Offered

For the benefit of those students who cannot take the nine hours vocational courses in Machine Shop and Building Trades, short courses are being offered this summer. Instead of nine hour courses they will be two hour courses and will meet two hours per day five days a week.

The machine shop courses will be offered from an engineering standpoint and students wishing to follow up in engineering schools after having taken it at WT would do well to take the course. In the absence of Mr. Greiner the first six weeks the course will be taught by Mr. McGregor who has had machine shop training in the School of Engineering at Texas A. & M. College. This course will also be beneficial to those students who do not wish to take the vocational courses, but would like an introduction to machine shop practices which might be of benefit to them in later life. This course will be offered from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. this summer.

A course in welding will also be offered during the summer session. This course will consist of theory and practice in both arc and oxy-acetylene cutting and welding but students cannot take the vocational course and get it. This is also a two credit hour course and will meet two hours a day five days a week. This course will be offered from 7:30 until 9:30 a.m. and also from 9:30 until 11:30 if there is a large enough demand for it.

A third short course being offered this summer will be a mill cabinet-making course. This will be practice and theory in building kitchen cabinets, interior trim moulding, window sashes and doors. This course will also meet two hours a day five days a week from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Carlyn Wimberly To Present Recital

Carlyn Wimberly, senior from Canyon, will present her senior piano recital Thursday evening at 8 o'clock in the Auditorium of the Administration Building.

Miss Wimberly has been active in the department of music as a member of the A Cappella Choir, chorus and orchestra.

She will play the following numbers:

Prelude and Fugue XXI by Bach; Sonata op. 22 by Schumann; Etude op. 25 No. 1 by Chopin; Etude op. 25 No. 9 by Chopin; The Little Shepherd by Debussy and Etude op. 2 No. 4 by Prokofiev.

Three Offices Still Undecided by Vote

Runoffs will highlight the political scene at WT this week as the result of last Thursday's heavy voting revealed that there will have to be another election to choose the officers of the Senate for next year. The balloting will be held Thursday and the polls will be open from 8 o'clock until 5 in the main hall of the Administration Building.

Sample Ballot

For President of the Student Association:

George Black
John Stoneman

For Secretary-Treasurer of the Student Association:

Betty June Euler
Gladys Romero

For Junior Senate Post II:

Louanna Price
Billie Airhart

Tickets On Sale For ALT Play

W. A. Moore, dramatic instructor, announced last week loge tickets for the Wednesday and Thursday night, May 12 and 13, production of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street," will be available in his office in the Speech Arts Building today through Wednesday.

"The Barretts of Wimpole Street," produced by Amarillo Little Theatre and directed by Mrs. Oma Link Rowley, is expected to be of particular interest to West Texas State students since Moore and Frances Lynn Townes, sophomore speech major from Amarillo, are included in the cast. Moore plays the leading role of Robert Browning, and Frances Lynn is cast as Arabel Moulton-Barrett, Elizabeth Barrett Browning's younger sister.

The initial performance will be presented this evening at 8:15 o'clock in the Amarillo Municipality Auditorium. Other performances will be given Wednesday and Thursday evening, May 12 and 13, at 8:15 o'clock.

Loge tickets available in Moore's office will cost \$1.30. Student balcony tickets are available in a special booth at White and Kirk, Amarillo, at 60 cents.

Traveling Band Back from Tour

When some 40 members of the WT band stepped off the train at the Canyon depot about 5:30 last Thursday, you could have knocked them all over, collectively, with a feather.

They had just been some 1000 miles on a train with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce on their annual Pecos Valley Goodwill Tour, and they were three days constantly on the move.

The trip began Tuesday morning at 8 o'clock for the WT bandsters when they boarded the train bound for some 27 different towns all the way from here to Carlsbad, New Mexico.

In practically all the towns where the band played, there were throngs of school children let out for the occasion, who crowded around the train with hands outstretched for the little hats, whistles, balloons and other trinkets which were given away by the Amarillo businessmen.

The whole trip was one of fun as well as hard work for the band and the Chamber of Commerce. The band also went on a similar jaunt last spring.

Announcements

All brown books must be in the office of the Registrar by Saturday, May 15, if grades are recorded in them for the Spring Semester. This announcement was made by the office of the Registrar last week.

Linda Lane of Radio Station KGNC, Amarillo, will interview William A. Moore this morning at 11 o'clock concerning his role as Robert Browning in the Amarillo Little Theatre production of "The Barretts of Wimpole Street."

Mattie Moreland announced yesterday that all seniors who have not filled out their cards for the annual should do so at the earliest possible date by either going down to the publications office or seeing her.

Miss Eleanor C. Boyd, Dean of Women, announced last week that dead week will start Monday, May 17, and continue through the following week. Examinations are scheduled to begin next week.

Tops in the runoffs will be that for the office of President of the Student Association, which will see George Black, junior from Canyon, and John Stoneman, sophomore from Canyon, in the final voting. Also there will have to be another vote for the secretary-treasurer of the Association with Betty June Euler, junior from Summerfield, and Gladys Romero, junior from Pampa, in the final running.

The only other contested office will be for Junior Senate post 2 at which time Billy Airhart, sophomore from Canyon, and Louanna Price, sophomore from Amarillo, will vie for the post.

Homer 'Buck' Garrett, junior from Borger, captured the vice-presidency from Clyde Gordon, sophomore from Plainview, in the Thursday balloting at which time over 550 voted, the heaviest vote of the year in any students election.

Others elected by a majority in the Thursday primary were Jo Crook junior from Dodson, who will represent the Senior Class next year as senator from post number one. Frances Alice Harp, junior from Canyon, was elected from post two and Jack Ballew, junior from Clarendon, captured post three uncontested.

In the race for next year's junior posts, other than post two, Don Standley, sophomore from Canyon, edged past L. N. Johnson, sophomore from Tell, for post one and Jody Marsh, sophomore from Crosbyton, beat out Roger Morris, sophomore from Vega, for post three.

Don Turner, freshman from Canyon; James Morgan, freshman from Vega; and Jack Worsham, freshman from Vega, took the sophomore posts one, two and three respectively.

Of the approximately 550 who cast votes, over 60 were not counted because of mistakes made on the ballot. The most common fault found in the voting procedure was that students voted for more than they were eligible to vote for.

Each class may vote for only those who will represent them the next year besides the officers of the Association. Many ballots had all the posts marked, thus making them void.

This was an unusual election in that none of the winners or those in the runoffs won by large majorities, especially in the race for the three top offices in the Senate. There was only 40 votes difference in the top and bottom nominees for President of the Association and only 30 votes difference in the race for secretary-treasurer.

Members of the band who went on the three-day Chamber of Commerce Trade Trip voted absentee Monday afternoon.

Again, here are the rules regarding voting:

1. Get a ballot from the election judge.
2. Put student number, not name, on ballot.
3. Mark ballot clearly, marking out names you want discounted.
4. Sign sheet of paper on election table.
5. Let election judge sign ballot.
6. Put the ballot in can by election table.

Wanted: Eager Editorialists

Looks like there is no one on the campus now who is interested in working, or at least on the publications.

Two weeks ago there was a story in The Prairie advertising for an editor and a business manager for the paper for this summer. The deadline for applications was set at last Saturday.

So far, no applications have been turned in. The situation becomes more and more serious, for someone just almost has to take over the paper to keep everybody happy.

Anyone wishing to apply for the job for this summer may still do so by seeing or writing to Jerry Malin, publicity director, this week.

Applications will also be due for editors and business managers for The Prairie and Le Mirage for next fall and spring semesters. These applications will also be turned in to Mr. Malin after which the Senate will choose the officers.

Socially Scheduled

Tuesday
Open house, Cousins Hall, 7-9:30, admission, 10 cents.

Wednesday
Picnic for seniors of Randall and Cousins Halls.

Round . . .
and 'Round
. . . with Stallings

The election last week was probably one of the most hotly contested held here in quite a while. No one was elected by a large, overwhelming majority, which shows that there are developing here on the campus some political factions which may in the future actually come out in the open as parties, fighting for places in the Senate.

The runoff this week consequently, will probably also be a pretty hot one. The people who made the runoff will be urging everyone to vote, as well as those who are supporting the candidates.

That is one advantage of parties, even on a campus. They bring up issues and put them before the student body and as a result everyone forms an opinion of some kind and in order to see that his opinions are expressed he votes in all the elections.

For the past three or four weeks in the New Mexico Lobo, semi-weekly paper of the University of New Mexico, there have been stories telling of the heated races they have had for the offices in their student governing body. There are two strong parties on that campus, judging by the stories, and a couple of others which may be considered minor parties.

The Lobo reported that over 1500 students voted in the last election there. That should be proof enough of the power of political parties as vote getters, especially in places where there are two or more strong parties.

In the near future there will be parties on the campus. Of course, unless something happens to hinder the progress that has already been made in that direction, this development may come soon. Next year should see the advent of real live political parties of the WT campus.

So much for the political angles on the campus. If you have noticed several rather odd looking gentlemen roaming around the campus for the past two or three days running, they must have been members of the all-boy band that took the three-day trip with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce.

Most of them were so tired when they stepped off the train Thursday afternoon they nearly dropped in their tracks. After playing about every fifteen minutes during each of the three days, most of them would appreciate not having to play again for a while.

But there are a number of little souvenirs which are now also seen a little around here. Little Mexican yo-yo gadgets and siren whistles as well as hats which read 'Howdy—Amarillo' and pencils.

But the trip certainly built up the prestige of the WT band. Everywhere they played they were received with enthusiastic ovations never heard on the campus. The school children at each of the towns especially like the way the bandsters played the jazzy novelty numbers. And the Chamber of Commerce used the band as an example of the kind of people WT puts out, too. Hope they weren't wrong in doing that, although I don't see how they could possibly have been.

But now the traveling season for the band has come to a close for another year, or at least their extensive traveling. The band certainly did burn up the roads this year. They went to Lubbock for the Tech game, to Albuquerque for the NMU game, then on concert tours through the Panhandle and finally on this three-day jaunt through the Western Panhandle and the eastern part of New Mexico.

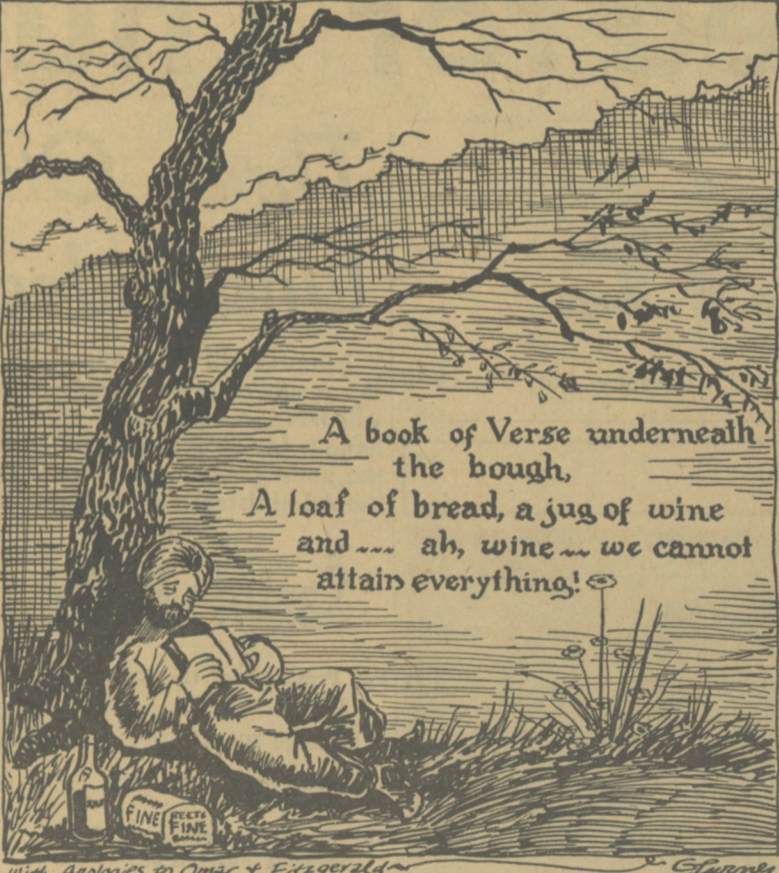
One thing I forgot to add: Some of the folks who saw the band liked it so much they traveled to the next town just to hear it again. Some recommendation.

There is one thing for certain. All the men who went on this trip would like to take another like it. (Not until they recuperate from the present one, but soon.) It was a lot of fun and it certainly helped the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce put over its shows.

Oh, Boy, everybody blossoms out when they put on a big dance. All the girls at the Presentation Dance Friday night looked like queens and I imagine most of them felt like one too, after all the preparation it took to fix themselves up like that. But the men, too, were looking sharp as tacks. Everyone has to really put on the dog for an occasion like that.

Those cute plastic cigaret cases the Reynolds Tobacco Company passed around last week seem to be the current rage. They are nice things to have around, especially in the summer when the men wear T-shirts with no pockets and have to carry their smokes in their pants pockets. Without a case the cigarets usually turn into all shapes, sometimes even into knots.

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SHARPS
and
FLATS

By Latson
I don't think that any single time in the history of WT has been more filled with music activities than the last two weeks. Outstanding music programs, important band activities, and the general hustle of a big music contest have kept things at a high pitch the whole time.

One of the biggest treats on the musical side that has been presented on a program since I enrolled at this college was the Kroll String Quartet. I don't think I have heard such musicianship and such music from any group. They played three outstanding String Quartets by three of the world's greatest composers.

I can't understand the small crowds that attend our fine Departmental recitals. Some of the outstanding piano works, vocal works, and instrumental numbers of all time have been presented admirably by our talented music majors. Perhaps a greater respect for our Department of Music would be the result of a little curiosity. Don't miss Carlyn Wimberly's Senior Piano recital if you want to hear the best. It will be Thursday evening, May 13, at eight o'clock in the main auditorium.

Perhaps the biggest thing that has gone on on the campus of old WT since Homecoming was the two-day band contest. Over thirty bands were in attendance all playing good music to obtain ratings in comparison with a national standard. First Division bands here were supposed to compare with first division bands in all parts of the country.

Bandmen of the Buffalo Band returned last Thursday evening from an exhaustive three-day band trip with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce. The trip included such important cities as Plainview, Carlsbad, Roswell, Artesia, Portales, Clovis, Hereford and many smaller in-between stops. At all times the band represented the college in such a way as to gain the admiration of the Amarillo business men and the citizens of the towns in which they were seen.

Vets Now Have
More to Spend

Some 6800 West Texas veterans attending school full time under the G.I. Bill have approximately \$102,000 more to spend each month beginning with their VA subsistence checks for April, Robert W. Sisson, VA regional manager announced. To ease the strain on the budget of those veterans who devote their full time to school training, Congress recently enacted a law which authorizes an increased subsistence allowance to them.

Sisson said that the increase is effective for the month of April and was included in the checks for veterans in this category due on or about May 1.

Veterans who have submitted documentary evidence to VA establishing more than one dependent were increased from \$90 per month to \$120.

Those who have established proof of only one dependent will be increased from \$90 to \$105, while a veteran without dependents will now get an increase from \$65 to \$75 per month.

VA pointed out that proof of dependency must be on hand before the increase can be authorized in the higher brackets, but that veterans with dependents have until July 1, 1948, to establish such proof in order for the increase to be retroactive to April 1. If it is received after July 1 the subsistence allowance will be increased as of the date of receipt of the evidence. Increase for a dependent acquired after April 1, 1948, will be made effective as of the date proof is received by the VA.

Collegiately
Speaking

By Polly Deason
Joyce Kessinger

Four members of the Sul Ross Rodeo Association attended the National Intercollegiate Rodeo held at Tucson, Arizona, March 13-14. The team tied with the University of Arizona for sixth and seventh places. Hank Finger won the bareback bronc riding in competition with contestants from 15 colleges and universities from eight states.

The Texas School of Mines tennis squad upset Texas Tech team 5-4 in El Paso. Jake Broyles and Glenn Ivy accounted for 3 of the Raider victories.

Zelva Brown from North Texas has been chosen as one of 15 graduating seniors throughout the United States to receive a graduate fellowship from the Danforth Foundation of St. Louis. Miss Brown, who will receive her degree in music in June, will be awarded \$1000 plus \$300 for incidental expenses to do religious work on some college campus in the United States in the 1948-49 year.

The Wayland College poker championship was decided last week when a red hot Bar B-O poker team defeated the top seeded Save So Minsterial crew sponsored by Dean Pylant, five hands to three. Dean Pylant will present the trophy at chapel next week to the ranch boys in a simple ceremony. Leo Mathis, Bar B-O captain, will receive the championship award. The tournament is in the highest tradition of Wayland College and not to participate in it would show disloyalty to the school.

P. Gischler Writes
Children's Novel

Pearl Clements Gischler, who was last a student of WT in the summer of '47, has written her second book for children in collaboration with Gwendolen Hayden. "Thunder Hill," a story of a Nez Perce Indian boy, has been adopted for use in the elementary grades in the state of Oregon.

The story deals with the early days of the state of Oregon in which Mrs. Gischler has taught and made her home for several years.

Mrs. Gischler's first book was "Muslin Town," also written in collaboration with Mrs. Hayden. It had to do with the gold mining days in Oregon.

Both books have been highly commended because they are historically accurate.

Baptists Have
Installation

Baptist Student Union officers for the 1948-49 year were installed at an impressive service in the Baptist Church last Friday night at the Annual Installation Banquet which began at 7:30 o'clock.

Main speaker for the occasion was Dr. A. D. Foreman, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Amarillo. Billy Joe Pegram, this year's president of the BSU Executive Council, introduced the guests.

Miss Eula V. Potter was in charge of the installation of the new officers.

An ensemble, directed by Tom Knighton, sang for the group. June Wimberly played a violin solo and Billy Jane Bonifield with Mrs. George Blackwell at the piano led the group in singing.

About 75 persons attended the banquet and guests included Dr. and Mrs. James P. Cornette, Dr. A. D. Foreman, Dr. and Mrs. Roy L. Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Knighton, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Morgan, Miss Potter and Mrs. Henry Cone.

I forecast a new era when women will become so enamoured of their skirt-swishing femininity that they will retire to the home and fireside. —Peggy Preston, The Washington Post.

Petrillo or no Petrillo, it's still all right to whistle while you work.

Dear Editor:

Dear Editor,
So we have to go to assembly—well, that's fine! All this about compulsory assemblies bring to mind the old proverb "You can lead a horse to water, but you can't make him drink." What is the object of this program—to fill empty chairs or create student interest and school spirit? Will it improve school spirit to force students to attend a meeting which holds absolutely no interest for him? Why should a majority be bored to tears listening to Professor Whozitz rave on about "How to Grow Rice in Siberia." It just doesn't add up!

Students don't expect slapstick comedy on every hand, but neither do they expect or want to be lulled to sleep by dry, dull assemblies. Advantages would be gained on both sides if the quality of assembly programs was improved; then perhaps students wouldn't have to be told to attend assembly—they would go of their own accord. This point can be proved by the fact that when Minus Christian appeared a good crowd attended.

The basic idea is good, but why not make the dish more appetizing rather than using the hair brush "Mama Spank" attitude. Couldn't an active committee of faculty members and students take charge of assemblies? Groups should have their plans approved and should realize their responsibility to the student body when they make arrangements for a date. They should understand that no last minute excuses would be acceptable, and that ample time would be given for advertising and organization.

Aren't college students capable of deciding where they should go and do not wish to go? There's been a lot of talk going around in educational circles about how mature the college student of today is. Is WT such an exception that students cannot decide which assemblies they wish to attend?

This brings up other questions. Can we be forced to attend assemblies if credit is not given? What method of enforcement will be employed? Where students will sit—there isn't ample seating for the student body under present conditions!

Since assemblies are going to be required anyway, an answer to each of these questions might clear up the situation for a lot of us.

Yours with disgust,
Virginia Hunter

The way of life is reversed among the sexes in the desert region of Sahara, North Africa. Women use no makeup, but men wear veils and use paints freely. The females wear a red hot Bar B-O poker team defeated the top seeded Save So Minsterial crew sponsored by Dean Pylant, five hands to three. Dean Pylant will present the trophy at chapel next week to the ranch boys in a simple ceremony. Leo Mathis, Bar B-O captain, will receive the championship award. The tournament is in the highest tradition of Wayland College and not to participate in it would show disloyalty to the school.

Success of Rec Hall
Is Mrs. Reeves Job



Mrs. Reeves and a Customer

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"I like the work because of the association with the students," was the statement made last Friday to this Prairie representative, by Mrs. Ada Reeves, whose picture you see above. Mrs. Reeves is the waiter, manager, cook and cashier of the WT famous "Terrill Rec Hall."

Mrs. Reeves started this work in 1942 as a dietician for the Terrill Dining Hall and has been doing basically the same work off and on ever since. The recreation hall was open only a small portion of the time until January 5 when Mrs. Reeves began work there. She has decided to make this her future life work. She put a brother and sister through WT with this line of work, and is soon to have the daughter of her sister, Miss Ronnie Pair, come to live with her as she goes to this college.

This news of her continuation of her work comes as a happy surprise to most of the men of Conner, Tierra Blanca and Terrill Halls. The snack bar with its hamburgers, pie, soda pop, and other eats make college life much easier on the men. It is also convenient for breakfasts, too. The Hall is opened each morning except Sunday to the men who want to eat breakfast, either bacon and eggs, pancakes or just for a cup of

Don't Quote Me...

By Duane Burrows
To use an old Al Capp expression the students of WT and people of Amarillo and surrounding territory had ample chance to "slop up culture like hawks," this past week. In Amarillo, two noted personages, Isaac Sterns and Jose Iturbi were in concert, and of course, the outstanding Kroll quartet played at the campus last Thursday night.

Orchids and ovation to the Kroll String Quartet. I was among the small audience that these dignitaries performed before. I couldn't help visualizing this famous foursome playing at the Hollywood Bowl or Carnegie Hall. It is unfortunate, to say the least, that the quartet had such a limited hearing. I found myself very apologetic about all the empty seats they were trying to please. I finally realized the reason for these empty seats. The band was gone, and a banquet was in process by and for the Home Economics Department. But did these string artists leave, or tear their hair out, or break the strings out of their instruments? Most certainly they did not! They played on, undaunted and superbly, and even did an encore! Why by the tangled beard of Iben Shick-abayo, did so many activities clash last Thursday night?

The front page of the Amarillo Daily News is beginning to look like a leaf out of a true detective magazine. It there a crime wave in the Panhandle, or is the press just appealing to popular taste? If it's food for thought, I find my appetite somewhat jaded.

The recent post brought be a letter from a cfank, who among other things, reprimanded me for using my column to air personal gripes. I don't purpose that I have my fingers on the pulse of all the people, but that is one reason I write under the heading, "Don't Quote Me."

Home Ec Club Honors
Seniors With Banquet

The Home Economics Club honored the senior home economics students with a banquet Thursday evening in the home economics dining room.

The theme for the banquet was the United Nations and decorations and favors carried out this motif.

Miss Gladys Armstrong, area supervisor of home making showed costumes from Arabia and talked on life in Arabia.

Lois Craig To Teach
Child Development

Miss Lois Craig has been employed by West Texas-State to teach Child Development this summer.

At present Miss Craig is attending school at the University of Iowa where she is working on her Masters Degree in Child Care.

Children between the ages of two and five will be enrolled in the nursery school. Those interested should phone 85 to make reservations for their children.

Record Set—Do It Again

Well, well, well, well, who'da thunk it?
It is fun to make that kind of mistake. By that is meant that in the election of last Thursday, nearly half the students body of West Texas State took it upon themselves to cast a vote.

And it is a commendable thing to have such a representative group of students to vote once in a while.

Up to Thursday, the record had been as low as 150 voting in an all-school election, and estimates for that one went as low as 250. Surprisingly enough, however, over 550 students voted, or nearly half the total student population.

But there should be no more griping by anyone as to the number who voted in the election. When half or just under half of the eligible voters cast votes that is a representation which very few states and counties and cities over the country can boast.

But we are not quite through, yet. Again this week all students should take out five minutes or less and put in their votes. It should turn into one of the most hotly contested elections the school has seen, judging by the closeness of the primary last Thursday.

Everyone has an opinion as to whom they would like to see come out victorious, but no one will have any assurance that his opinion will be worth anything if he does not express it through the ballot box.

So once again *The Prairie* urges that everyone VOTE this week.

Good for the Band

One of the finest methods of advertising anything is to get the product out among those who should be interested in buying or using it.

So is the Buffalo Band doing. When they went out last week with the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce on the Trade Trip through the Western Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico, they took with them a spirit which cannot be mistaken for any other than that passed out by students of this school.

Everywhere they stopped and played those who heard them were thrilled by the type of music the band played.

And there is no better advertising than to impress people so much as to make them never forget what they saw and heard.

Members of the Men's Band which made the trip, as was said many times by some of the Amarillo men, acted like gentlemen all the way. There was no disturbance by any of the members of the band to anything on the train or anything in any of the towns where they stopped.

Their job was to go out and play their tunes as best they could and that is just exactly what they did. The music they put out is as good advertising as could be found anywhere.

So congratulations to the men in the band and especially to Mr. Jerry Newman who has done such a fine job with them this year, for if any part of the campaign for more students will bring in any more next year than the band will, no one knows what that would be.

Nice Going . . .

There is always someone who deserves orchids. And this week is no exception. *The Prairie* wishes to extend hearty congratulations to Clark Jarnagin for the way he has taken over the none too easy task of running the College Book Store and Student Union and has made it into a place where students really like to go.

It is not easy to satisfy over 1000 all the time. In fact, it would appear that many of them could not be pleased any of the time, but Mr. Jarnagin is doing a wonderful job.

He has added several things at the Student Union which will make the place nicer and more convenient. Now students can buy just about anything they need in the place, all the way from school supplies to toiletries to cokes, candy and cigarets.

And now with the post office over there and the book store being installed in the building, it should become even more of a center for students.

'...Happily Ever After'

Three weeks from Thursday school will let out for another three months. Or at least most of the students will leave for that length of time, while others will remain here slaving away at summer school.

But of course there are those who will leave the campus as students forever—the seniors and graduates.

They will be missed by those who remain. Most of them have made a deep impression on the history of the school. Many of them have been here off and on for a good many years, before and after the war.

It is a sad occasion to see them leave the school when they have so many friends here at the college and in Canyon proper.

The senior class this year is small—at least when compared to those of pre-war years, but they are active and will remain so for years, both as ex-students and maybe as post-graduate students.

Maybe this editorial is a little early, but after all, they need the help of all the moral support they can get to help them get through the years, ahead. When they go out as teachers, business men and women and professional men and women we hope they will remember the good times they had during their stay here and will think of those of us who remain as support for them.

And we hope also that they will not just come back to WT on Homecoming each year, but will make trips often to see the changes that will appear from time to time as the years go on.

Thanks to the seniors for all they have done and may many years of success lie before them in whatever they do.

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Big Affair To Climax Spring Training Monday Night

V'ball Tourney Still Underway

Last week in the girls intramural volleyball games Sylvia Morgan's team won two out of three over Mary Childress Tuesday night. Thursday night Zanelle Boyles won over Zanelle Boyles won over Sylvia Morgan.

The next game will be Tuesday night between Sylvia Morgan and Helen Woods.

Disabled Vets Can Get Cars

Seriously disabled World War II veterans, eligible for automotive vehicles at government expense, have until June 30, 1948, to submit their applications, the Veterans Administration reports.

VA advised these veterans to apply for their cars as soon as possible to allow ample time to process their applications.

The law provides an automobile or other conveyance, at a cost not to exceed \$1,600, for any World War II veteran who lost, or lost the use of, one or both legs at or above the ankle as the result of service-incurred injuries.

Girls Softball Meet To Be May 15

Saturday, May 15, an Invitation Softball Tournament for girls is being held in Canyon, under the supervision of the Physical Education majors. Saturday night the P.E. majors are planning to stay over night at Buffalo Lake and will swim, fish and go canoeing.

Annual Publishing Date Uncertain

At the present time, Le Mirage staff members are unprepared to announce the date of publication of the year-book. It will, of course, be at the earliest possible date.

Photographic difficulties have delayed work on the annual. Should the book not come back from the printer until after school is out, a copy will be mailed to each student now enrolled in school. The staff offers its apologies to the student body should this condition need to exist.

Anytime you think money doesn't talk, try to telephone without a nickel.

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Finals This Week In Tennis Tourney

Two weeks of playing in the Tennis Tournament has narrowed the field down to four players from a starting field of 29. The games are played on the college courts.

The first round ended Tuesday afternoon. Wednesday afternoon second round play began with Bill Stout beating Glenn Horrell 6-1, 6-1. Bill Cox trimmed Hugh Davis by the same match score. Bill Phillips fell prey to Sammie Smith in losing 6-4, 6-4. Hubert Kitchens outswatted Charles Hall, 6-2, 6-0. Sammy Malone forfeited to Jack Drake.

Continuing second round play, Paul Thompson whipped Edwin Ward 6-4, 6-4. In one of the closest matches of the tournament, D. H. Shurbet beat George Rogers 9-7, 2-6, 3-6. Walt Burgess beat Bill Allen in straight sets, 6-4, 6-2. Hawkins beat Burgess in a close match by scores of 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Starting quarter final play Friday afternoon, Stout downed Cox 6-3, 6-3. Kitchens beat Smith 6-1, 6-3.

The finals will be played either Tuesday or Wednesday afternoon at 4 o'clock. Preceding them will be the battle for third and fourth place at 3.

Milton Morris and Bill Miller are directing the intramurals.

A host of new factories will begin operations in 10 southeastern states this year—260 in Louisiana alone.

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Terrill and Bobcats In Softball Play-off

Terrill Hall and the Bobcats reached the finals in the Intramural Softball League organized last month. The Bobcats reached the finals without a single defeat. The only loss that Terrill Hall suffered was at the hands of the Bobcats. Seven teams were entered in the tournament. They were Terrill, Bobcats, Pirates, Stafford, Maulers, Bovina, and B. S. U.

It is planned that the two top teams will meet in a two out of three series. The play-off begins this afternoon, Wednesday and Friday evenings at 6:00. There is no admission and everyone is invited.

Standings of the teams up until Monday afternoon are:

Bobcats
Terrill
Bovina
Stafford
Three teams tied for bottom place:
Pirates
B. S. U.
Maulers

Playing for the Pirates were:

Rockumore, Carrick, B. Simms, Reeves, M. Simms, Adcock, Holder, Howard, Knight and Brown.

For Terrill was Summers: Brocker, Sullivan, Henry, Shelton, Adkins, Phillips, Gilliam, Brewer, and Cummings.

Maulers' players were: Roberts, Garth, Harris, Clements, Copeland, Hefley, Patterson, Welch, Bill Welch, Wright, and Showers.

Representing Bovina were: Miles, Shanks, Adams, Messer, DeBord, Hawkins, Hargrove, Cartwright, Bonds, and K. Cartwright.

Bobcat players are: Albright, Simmons, Hanley, Davis, Howard, Leach, Turner, Ratliff, Helton.

B. S. U. were represented by Harder, Burgess, Morton, Fisher, Blackwell, Benton, McMurray, Herson, and Boyd.

Playing for Stafford were Morgan, Revis, Daugherty, Knox, Womble, Hayes, Ritchie, Davis, Heard, and Woods.

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SPALDING SPORTS SHOW

SPALDING SETS THE PACE IN SPORTS

Tracksters Fail To Place in Meet

The West Texas State Buffalo Track and Field Team returned Monday morning at 1:30 from Tempe, Arizona, where they took part in the annual Border Conference meet.

Hard luck followed the Buffalo team, as they did not make a point. Jim Wilson had an attack of appendicitis and was unable to participate in the meet.

Arizona State of Tempe won the Border Conference with a total of 76 2-5 points. The University of Arizona was second with 46 1-5 points, and Texas Tech was third with 22 points.

Those making the trip from West Texas State were: Melvin Robertson, Floydada; Robert Davis, Amarillo; Charles Wright, Canyon; Jay Hammond, Vega; Frank Wise, Coleman; Bill Cross, Canadian; Lloyd Johnson, Wheeler; Jim Wilson, Panhandle; R. A. (Butch) Boyer, Amarillo; Bruce Womack, Floydada; and Cloyce Box, Fort Worth.

Also making the trip with Coach Odie Crowell were: Dean D. A. Shirley, Athletic Director Gus Miller, football coach Frank Kimbrough and Jerry Malin, public relations director. These men attended the annual spring meeting of the Border Conference athletic council. Dean Shirley was the representative on the council from West Texas State.

College Dietitian Wed in Amarillo

Mrs. Sue Donald and Mr. C. L. Jennings of Amarillo were married in the First Presbyterian Church last Tuesday night with Dr. Pritchard officiating. A small group of friends and relatives attended the ceremony.

Mrs. Jennings is the college dietitian at West Texas State. Mr. Jennings is with the Plains Plumbing Company in Amarillo. They are at home at 1208 Washington St. Amarillo.

Lost Checks Can Get Replacements

Veterans who lose subsistence, compensation or pension checks should notify immediately the appropriate Veterans Administration regional office.

VA said a veteran losing such a check should write a letter giving his full name and address, his claim number and the date and amount of the check. He should also state what the check was for and the circumstances surrounding its loss.

On being notified of the check's loss, VA determines first if it may have been found and returned to the U. S. Treasury. If so, the check will be remailed to the veteran. If not, VA will request the Treasury to stop payment and take necessary steps to reimburse the veteran.

A veteran who finds his check after reporting its loss should notify VA and hold the check until he has been advised by the Treasury that action to stop payment has been withdrawn.

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Monday night, May 17, will mark the second annual intra-squad game to be played under the lights at Buffalo Stadium. Last year the teams played and a large crowd was on hand to see the game.

This game will climax the spring grid training for this year's Buffaloes. At this time people will get a closeup view of next year's team in action. The Buffalo Band will be on hand to add to the game.

W. A. Miller, Athletic Director of West Texas State, has sent out invitations to a large number of men over this area to attend a meeting at Buffalo Courts on Monday evening, May 17, at 5:30.

A supper will be served, followed by an entertainment program. After the supper the men will get a chance to meet the team and also see the game.

Coaches Frank Kimbrough and Odie Crowell have been working with the Buffalo squad during the spring training period, getting ready for the hard schedule which will open in the fall. All candidates will get a chance to take part in the game.

It is anticipated that a large number of men from this area will be on hand for the game.

Baptists Plan Student Center Near WT Campus

Mr. W. F. Howard of Dallas, Head of the Department of Student Work of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, and Dr. J. P. Boone, Dean of Bible Chairs operated by that department, were in Canyon last week to inspect the property owned by the Texas Baptist Convention adjacent to the college in Canyon, and to check up on the work of the Bible chair which is one of eleven such now being operated adjacent to state colleges in Texas.

Mr. Howard and Dr. Boone conferred with a committee of local men from the Baptist Church and the college with reference to plans for the future, and at the request of the Canyon group plans are to be drawn for a permanent student center on the property now owned on Fourth Avenue south of the College campus.

The army buildings recently moved to the property will be sold at once, and the residence now being used will probably be used for another year, but the local committee hopes to see a permanent building on the grounds by the end of 1949. The proposed building will house a student center, two offices, class rooms for Bible instruction, and certain other facilities, including a library of religious literature.

New Bulletins Due Sometime August

New correspondence bulletins are expected to be published by August, Mrs. T. V. Reeves, director of Bureau of Public Service, announced last week.

Normally, Mrs. Reeves said, since correspondence catalogues published only once every two years, one would not be published until 1949. August edition will be needed because of the recent increase in enrollment, she said.

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Nichols Explains Public Service

Outlines Work of Electric Service in Assembly Address

H. L. Nichols, Chairman of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Public Service Company of Dallas, in his address at assembly Thursday, described the Panhandle and Southern Plains areas of Texas and the Pecos Valley of New Mexico as "God's own garden spot of the country."

With "The Electric Industry—Its Problems as a Public Servant" as a topic of discussion, Nichols explained he was merely going to think out loud, "hoping to give the students a brief story of the complicated type of problems inherent with a unit of industry always prepared to furnish numerous and adequate electric service whenever a customer throws a switch or pushes a button."

Electricity, he said, is difficult to define. It can range, he explained, with a touch of humor, from the simplest form to the more complicated, such as the electric chair.

He said a woman once asked him why an electric company could charge 10 cents per kilowatt for electricity that was found everywhere in the air.

In explanation, he listed the reasons for service charges as follows:

1. An electric company must em to buy and install the necessary equipment.
2. It takes fundamental backing to buy and install the necessary equipment.
3. Experienced employees are needed for expert operation and service.

He explained that since the employees of the company are almost entirely skilled laborers, the company invests \$50,000 in each one. He further explained that the company was owned by a large number of people of different types, stocks being held by individuals, institutions and other groups.

Nichols stated he was born and brought up on a farm until he was 15. He worked his way through college, and has much confidence in anyone who did the same.

A member of the audience asked Nichols why the utility companies were opposed to the St. Lawrence Project.

In response, Nichols said a definite answer could not be given. He said the utility companies realized the St. Lawrence Waterway would be similar to the Tennessee Valley project, and that they realized the greatness of the TVA. However, he said the utilities believe such a project could be carried too far. On the other hand, he said the public service companies were as a whole in favor of the large hydro-electrical plants.

Nichols received a degree of Ph.D. from Yale University in 1907. He was president of Southern Minnesota Gas and Electric Company from 1917 until he entered the investment banking business in 1920. He again returned to public service in 1937 as vice-president and director of American Gas and Power Company in New York City. He became president and director of Community Power and Light Company of Newark, New Jersey, in

Presentation Marks Pledges' Social Debut

A large group of students, faculty members and others attended the annual Presentation Ball of the Inter-Club Council last Friday night in the College Cafeteria.

Ted Krager's band from Lubbock played for dancing and during the presentation. W. A. Moore of the speech department was master of ceremonies.

Fall and spring pledges of all the social clubs on the campus were presented through an arch of lilacs on the south end of the cafeteria. Palms led up to the arch on the sides.

New members presented by the various sororities and fraternities and their escorts were:

Gamma Phi: Norma Coker, Chockie Hall; Beth Kimbrough, Bill Miller; Maurine Johnson, Bob Heard; Mary Jim Vincent, Ray Wise; Joan Byers, Eddie Conner; Floyd Dean Crawford, Don Woods; Lora Hall, Bob Lyle; Jody Marsh, Jack Worsham; Nancy Price, Bob Watchess; Lawanna Sparks, L. N. Johnson; and Jan Travis, Kenneth Simpson.

Alpha Sigma Xi: Herschel Allen, Virginia Hunter; Wally Goodman, Billie Littrell; Dick McDonald, Ann Bateman; Joel Plunk, Helen Wilson; Bob Sweny, June Brown; Lin Welch, Frances Lynn Townes; Jerry Wright, Lillian Turner; Phillip Cross, Vera Daugherty; Lynn Harwell, Leta McNutt; L. N. Johnson, Lawanna Sparks; James Morgan, Jean McCaslin; and Frank Stallings, Virginia Reid.

Pi Omega: Melba Ruth Grady, Kenneth Vaughn; Louanna Price, Kent Webster; Wanda Davis, Joe Merriman; and Billy Ray Evans, John Ballard.

Tau Tau Tau: Barry Barker, Virginia Bush; Jack Brian, Nan Markham; Chockie Hall, Norma Coker; Jerry Jacobs, Wilma Jean Miller; Harold Lummus, Mary Lou Plankouch; Jim Adams, Dolores Daniels; C. L. Berry, Myrtis Sargent; Woodrow Handley, Betty Milton; Willis Hawkins, Johnny Ford; Bud Jackson, Sylvia Morgan; Don Leach, La Juana Earnest; and Bill Massie, Kate Massie.

Kappa Tau Phi: Frances Cooper, James Cooper; Martha Richardson, Charles Hester; Gladys Romero, Richard Miller; Vera Daugherty, Phillip Cross; Linda Matthews, Randy Tregoe; and Betty Jean Sparks, Frank Daugherty.

Epsilon Beta: Jack Brown, Trixie Brown; Frank Daugherty, Betty Jean Sparks; J. T. Goodnight, Yvonne Goodnight; Dwaine Mires, Nancy Bell; Dick Beck, Jona Ritch-

1941 and retained that position until 1942 when he began his present position. In addition to being Chairman of the Board of Directors of Southwestern Public Service Company, Nichols is director of United Public Utilities Corporation, General Telephone Corporation and General Telephone Service Corporation.

Nichols was brought to the college under the sponsorship of the Mary E. Hudspeth Honor Society. Curtis Babcock, sophomore from Dumas and President of Mary E. Hudspeth, introduced the speaker.

ey; Burl Simms, Sue Barton; and Jack Worsham, Jody Marsh.

Delta Zeta Chi: Rosemary Phillips, Freeman Melton, Jr.; Gloria Gosch, Carroll Doshier; Beverly Baker, Reuben Tye; Jean Morgan, Frank Barrett; Edith Morrow, T. C. Brown; Frances Blessen, Pinky Jackson; Geraldine Small, James Riggsby; Mary Ann Bellah, George Black; Sharon Montgomery, Buddy Roark; and Martha Bailey, Jimmy Greenway.

Billie Byers was named as queen of Epsilon Beta Fraternity.

Spanish Teachers Dine in Cafeteria

Spanish teachers from over the Panhandle, members of the Llano Estacado Chapter of the American Association of Teachers of Spanish met in the Blue Room of the College Cafeteria Saturday, May 1.

Main speaker for the dinner-meeting was Eugenio V. Pesquera, Mexican Consul in Amarillo and Dr. Ples Harper, head of the Modern Languages Department, was in charge of the meeting.

Entertainment was furnished by songs and dances performed by Mrs. Tommie Montfort's classes at WT High School.

Teachers of Spanish from Amarillo, Plainview, Lubbock, Lockney, Dumas and Lamesa attended the meeting as well as representatives from the Spanish departments at Amarillo Junior College, Wayland College, Texas Tech and West Texas State.

Book Refers to Dr. Clark's Relatives

"History of Texas Christian University," a book written by Colby D. Hall and recently received in the library, refers to two uncles and the father of Wallace R. Clark, head of the music department here.

With a sub-title of "A College of the Cattle Frontier," the first third deals with the educational work of Addison and Randolph Clark, Dr. Clark's uncles and Thomas Marshall Clark, his father.

The book begins with the university when it was Thorp Spring College and shows its development, describing its removal to Waco, finally to Fort Worth where it became Texas Christian University.

The book is expected to be of interest to anyone wishing to know of the educational and cultural history of Texas.

Tolliver To Give Graduation Speech

Cranell Tolliver, head of speech department, has been selected as commencement speaker for Hale Center High School graduates, it was announced last week.

Commencement exercises will begin Friday evening, May 21 at 8 o'clock.

Miss Erdman Sells New Novel to the Dodd-Mead Co.



LOULA GRACE ERDMAN

Miss Loula Grace Erdman has written and sold another book.

Author of the prize-winning Red Book novel, "Years of the Locust" Miss Erdman has completed a second novel and will sign a contract with Dodd-Mead Publishing Co.

next week in New York. It has been set tentatively for fall publication.

Having been granted a leave of absence from her creative writing classes at West Texas State College, Miss Erdman will leave this week. First she will go to Fort Worth for two talks at the Writers' Roundup there. Then she will go to New York for conferences with her publisher. While there she will speak before creative writing classes at Columbia University.

From New York Miss Erdman will go to Washington, where she will address the National Pen Women's convention. Then she will return by way of Fort Worth, where she has a speaking engagement at TCU.

Miss Erdman, who reached sudden fame last year when her novel "Years of the Locust" won the \$10,000 Red Book prize, and was adopted by several book clubs, says her new book has not been definitely titled. Its setting, like that of "Years of the Locust," is rural Missouri; but, says Miss Erdman, the story is entirely different.

"It concerns young people," she explains. "I feel it is a more mature book, and more smoothly put together."

In addition Miss Erdman has written two other books: "Separate Star" and "Fair Is the Morning."

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PSPA Meeting Honors Prexy

About 100 superintendents, principals, county superintendents and supervisors, members of the Panhandle Superintendents and Principals Association, attended a banquet recently in the College Cafeteria honoring President J. A. Hill.

Vice-president of the Association Phelix Phillips of Amarillo was in charge of the entertainment session and presented President Hill with a life membership certificate in the organization. All members were entitled to bring guests to the banquet-meeting.

Entertainment was furnished by the girls' trio, made up of Ellen Sanders, Trixie Brown and Thelma Mercer, and a skit was presented by Lin Welch, Juanita Hamilton and Frances Lynn Townes of the Speech Department.

Mr. Crannell Tolliver arranged the entertainment part of the program.

There was no scheduled speaker but Dr. James Cornette, president-elect of the college, welcomed the guests and President Hill responded following the presentation of the gift.

Extension Class Holds Banquet

The Speech 401 extension class, taught once a week in Plainview by Crannell Tolliver, head of the speech department here, held a banquet in Hale Center Wednesday evening.

The purpose of the banquet was to offer an opportunity for the students to practice after-dinner speaking.

W. L. Waggoner, superintendent of Cotton Center High School and student of the class, will serve as toastmaster.

Mrs. Mary Harrison, senior WT speech major, gave the principal speech.

Mrs. T. V. Reeves, director of Public Service here, was the honored guest.

The class is comprised of persons from Hale Center, Cotton Center, Oilton and Petersburg.

Willie Mae Freeman Chosen New Pi Omega President

Willie Mae Freeman was recently elected president of Pi Omega Sorority. Other officers elected were Maurine Medlen, vice president; Louanna Price, recording secretary; Sybil Ann Gillis, corresponding secretary; Theresa Lile, treasurer; Virginia Reid, pledge captain; and Sue Smith, reporter.

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