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## ENTER THE SHORT STORY CONTEST

Help Make The First "Prairie" Of The New Year The Best Issue Published.

Many interesting things will happen during the Christmas Holidays. Some of them will happen to you. Tell other folks about them thru The Prairie.

In a few more days most of us will be leaving for different parts of Texas and of the United States. We are all expecting to have some joyous times during the holidays: maybe it will be the trip home, a reunion, sleigh rides, Christmas packages received or sent, or some other thing; maybe it will be hilarious, funny, scary, adventurous, rejoicing. Anyhow, we are all going to enjoy ourselves. But we will not be so full of enjoyment that we can not listen with pleasure to the things that have happened to some one else, will we? We all say, "no". We like to read about what happens to the other fellow, especially when that other fellow is our own school mate. He may not be able to write short stories as perfect as the ones that are in the "Atlantic Monthly"; but we shall not say that he can not write some just as interesting.

Number seven of the first volume of "The Prairie" will be issued shortly after our return to school in January. Let us see if we cannot get some good short stories for that issue. You have heard it said, "If you want a thing well done, do it yourself". If we want an attractive students' school paper, we ourselves have got to make it this kind of a publication.

Most of us will have at least a few minutes rest from the time we leave here until we get back. During that rest let us try our hand at "writing" what we have been "doing". Some of us may be potential literary geniuses and do not know it. Now is a good time to find it out. Let us knock our potential genius off its resting place and start it rolling. Let us make the first "Prairie" of the new year a "humdinger".

—Gracie Penrod.

### And Her Name Was Mary.

(But the "Mary" Club left her out.)

They've studied the Virgin Mary;  
They've studied Mary Lyon;  
They've studied Mary, Queen of Scots;  
But I've another in mind.

In all their talk of Marys,  
In all their laud and praise,  
I've never once heard them mention  
The Mary of Mother-Goose days.

Yet the spirit of this little Mary  
We are sure is evinced in them all;  
Just come with me for a moment,  
And peep through the garden wall.

There stands that pert little maiden,  
Mid cockleshells, lillies, and all,  
And gives us a saucy tilt of the head,  
As softly to her we call:

"Mary, Mary, quite contrary,  
How does your garden grow?  
Lily-bells and cockleshells  
And little maidens all in a row."

Now this is puzzling me greatly:  
Why, in their Mary snow,  
They should leave poor contrary Mary  
Back in the long ago.

—Tommie Montfort.

### Enrollment of Students By States.

|            |     |
|------------|-----|
| Colorado   | 1   |
| California | 2   |
| Arizona    | 1   |
| Iowa       | 1   |
| New Mexico | 4   |
| Oklahoma   | 2   |
| Tennessee  | 1   |
| Texas      | 480 |

Grand Total ..... 492  
Total number of Counties represented in Texas ..... 79  
Total number of States represented ..... 8  
November 21, 1919.

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## PROPRIETY OF FURNISHING FREE TEXT BOOKS

A Waste of Money, Unsanitary, and Creates Wrong Habits.

Many states follow the questionable practice of furnishing free text books to their public schools. The amount of money required for this purpose is enormous, and the present writer believes that this outlay is a very unwise expenditure of public funds.

In the first place, the practice of having students use the same book year after year is unsanitary. School authorities install sanitary drinking fountains or private drinking cups as a precaution against germs; and yet they say that the children in the public schools shall finger the pages of the same old, dirty book year after year until it is absolutely unusable.

Another argument against furnishing free text books is, students write out solutions for their arithmetic problems, fill out all blanks or diagram all sentences in their grammars. The next fellow who inherits the book will either have a good deal of his work ready for copying, and he will accept what he finds as correct. The first result tends to make him absolutely dependent upon others; the second often gets him into trouble, because careless students sometimes copy inaccurately.

Perhaps the most important argument against furnishing free text books is, students take but little care of these books. They often tear out leaves for their own convenience, which renders the book of very little service to the next fellow. They leave these books in the rain, kick them around on the ground, soil them unnecessarily, abuse them in every conceivable fashion. This abuse of books becomes a fixed habit with students, and creates in their minds a wrong attitude towards books. We can teach students no more important lesson than the value of a good book. One way to impress this lesson is to develop in their minds that natural pride which attaches to ownership.

I prize very highly even some of the old Latin books I used when a student in school. This pride in my text books prompted my first desire for a good library.

I have no quarrel to make with furnishing free books to needy children. But a commission should be appointed for every community to pass upon the question of what children are needy to this extent, and then text books should be given outright to such children. This plan would not require one-half the money expended under the present plan, and would obviate many of the objections which inhere in it.

### Campused.

Two little girls, looking forlorn,  
Sat on the rail early one morn.  
Their voices were of no avail  
Against that awful windy wail.

A "coke" it was for which they cried;  
And in their hearts they wished they'd lied,  
For the council had met in state  
And sentenced them to this awful fate.

Just for one little ride or more  
They could not cross the East End door,  
Nor from the campus might they roam,  
Nor have a date at Huntleigh Home.

So here they sat upon the rail,  
As was said early in this tale;  
But no "coke" did any one bring,  
For soon they heard the chapel bell ring.

And off the rail they fell in haste;  
There was no time left them to waste.  
Into their mind there came this thought,  
"Next time we'll do just as we ought."

Now these little girls their tale have told;  
Let it to you a moral unfold,  
For the council sternly rules and chides  
Little girls who take nightly rides.

Bishop Temple of Amarillo spoke at the Episcopal church Sunday. With a very beautiful ceremony, Bishop Temple confirmed the following students: Miss Barrier, Mr. Thomas Braham and Dick Oliver.

## TIME RIPE FOR GREAT NATIONAL UNIVERSITY

A Means of Disseminating Our Ideals Emphasizing Our Principles of Democracy.

The idea of a national university is not new. The propriety of this undertaking has even been debated in Congress. But so far no definite steps have been taken to make America the educational Mecca of the world.

If we are to profit in full measure by what Germany has taught us, the time has now come when this dream of the few should be made a reality in our national life. Before the World War thousands of students from from all parts of the civilized world studied in German universities. From these centers of learning the most skilful doctrinaires preached the insidious and nefarious theories of German Kultur. By 1914 Germany had almost proselytized half the world to her way of thinking. Her system of education had fastened its poisonous fangs upon the vitals of many of our universities, and had even found its way into our public schools. And then, the moment she came to believe that she had convinced the world that her Kultur was all essential to civilization, she took the bold step of attempting to put her theories into practice by declaring a war whose purpose was to force the world to recog-

American manhood is below the standard. This condition it behooves us to remedy speedily. Such a university should be the source of the most thorough and scholarly scientific investigations touching upon all forms of diseases and their cure, of sanitation and hygiene, and of right methods of living. Why not buy many master-paintings from impoverished Europe, and make this university the most famous art gallery in the world? A school of experimental psychology should be established. In brief, such a university should be made the center of our national life, the source of our cultural inspiration and practical help.

The time has come when our government must take cognizance of the problem of educating her citizenship. Nor am I one of those who believe that a certain amount of centralization will rob me of my individual rights. We as a nation have gone to the opposite extreme of allowing too many interests to take care of themselves. This is particularly true in matters of education. Undesirable foreigners have segregated in objectionable sections of our larger cities, and here they are perpetuating those very conditions they left at home. Such conditions are fester on our national body politic, and our government should adopt drastic measures to rid the country of this evil. Not only this, but our educational systems in different states act like a brush shell in a muzzle loading gun, and sometimes work at cross purposes. In other words, we have no national system of education. Such a system, it seems to me, we need,

## ARGUMENTS PRO AND CON FINAL EXAMINATIONS

A Case of Misplaced Emphasis; The Kind of Examinations Important

Many learned discussions have waxed warm over the propriety of final examinations. Those who oppose them argue, first, that they are not a fair test of "the survival of the fittest". They contend, also, that students with a good memory can "cram" just before examinations, and by this means alone stand an examination on a par with those students who have worked faithfully throughout the term. Besides, they insist that final examinations violate "a fundamental principle of psychology". Just what they mean by this, I hardly know. Perhaps they are trying to make a practical application of Pope's couplet, "Heaven from all creatures hides the book of fate, All but the page prescribed, our present state."

Those who believe in final examinations declare that these examinations force students to organize subject matter thoroughly in anticipation of the expected ordeal. They urge in support of their position, also, the pertinent fact that most people work best under some kind of external pressure. But here again Psychology objects that her laws have been violated. She says that all true stimuli must be internal, a kind of spontaneous combustion. But I wonder how many people work well unaided by the lash of circumstances! Do most people work out of pure love for their task, or is some ultra motive the impelling

## GREAT DEMAND FOR TRAINED TEACHERS

Schools and Large Cities Increase Salaries Substantially; Small Towns Lag Behind.

The stream of requests for trained teachers this year has been unending so far as the experience of the West Texas State Normal College is concerned. Every member of last year's graduating class and all who received certificates of any kind contracted early in the season for teaching positions. As a result, the College has been unable since early summer to assist those who looked for teachers. Several hundred requests for teachers from various parts of Texas have been given a disappointing reply.

The following letter from the Superintendent of a medium size town in western Texas is typical:

"We are going to need the following teachers in these schools. They must all be Normal graduates, if possible, with successful teaching experience: One first grade teacher, salary \$80 per month; one first grade teacher, salary \$70 to \$75 per month, owing to amount of experience; probably two third grade teachers, salary \$65 per month; one fourth grade teacher, salary \$65 per month; one teacher of geography, drawing, and music in fifth grade; one teacher of language and reading in the fifth grade; one teacher of arithmetic, spelling and history in the fifth grade. These fifth grade teachers will receive a salary of \$65 per month. We will also need a teacher of geography, writing and drawing for the sixth and seventh grades; a teacher of history and reading for the sixth and seventh grades; a teacher of arithmetic, physiology and spelling for the sixth and seventh grades. These teachers of the sixth and seventh grades will receive a salary of from \$70 to \$75 per month, owing to the amount of experience they have had. All these grade teachers will receive an increase in salary the second year if they make good.

"We want all these teachers to be able to direct games, plays, folk-dancing, play-ground work, and other school activities, if possible. The fourth, fifth, sixth, and seventh grade teachers should be strong disciplinarians if they are to succeed in these schools."

The committee on teachers' positions had no one to recommend for any of these places. Practically our whole output had secured positions in the small town, rural, or high schools at larger salaries. The following letter from a South Texas College illustrates another kind of demand for teachers:

"Please recommend a good man teacher, already employed preferably, high school subjects, college graduate, experienced teacher, free from tobacco, profanity and drink. Salary \$125 and all expenses, or \$150 per month with all expenses, amounting to \$175 per month or \$200 respectively.

"If he happens to know something of Spanish, Military drills, music, athletics, especially foot-ball, all the better. We may place two such men. Please help! Thanks."

Still another type of letter written from Lexington, Texas, follows: "We are in need of a principal with a first grade certificate at a country school. We pay \$100 per month. We employ two teachers."

One letter from a Panhandle county asked for twenty-five teachers for the rural schools. A number of requests have come from teachers of special subjects, such as Home Economics, Manual Training, Kindergarten, etc.

The best paying positions are the one, two, and three teacher schools. One three teacher school called for a principal at \$200 a month for eight months. A young lady of last summer's graduating class is teaching a one teacher school at \$150 per month, and a young lady in our first year College, who has never taught before, will begin after Christmas on \$125 per month.

It would seem from these, and dozens of other letters, that the average city schools in the west will have to greatly increase salaries, if they

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Some Idea of How Canyon Looked This Time Last Year!

nize her superiority. To my thinking, her whole educational system was the foundation of that gigantic structure of world-wide propaganda which she waged so systematically and so vigorously for many years preceding the war. Her psychology was good. But the Kaiser's anxiety for immediate aggrandizement prompted him to take the fatal step before this conviction had become a fixed habit of belief in the minds of a sufficient number to justify the venture of world conquest.

A nation's ideals—not its ideas—determine the character of its civilization. If the text of that sermon we are preaching from every house top is true, that the world is looking to America for ideals, what better means could we adopt of disseminating these ideals than to found a national university? Such a university should be sufficiently endowed to attract the best talent, the most experienced, and the best brains of which the world boasts. A chair of international law and jurisprudence should receive first consideration. If we believe in our democratic principles, why remain in "slothful ease" while the tares of Bolshevism and anarchy root them out? Army tests revealed to us the startling fact that the vitality of our

in order to give unity and direction to our national ideals.

Naturally, some may argue that such a university could not be made flexible enough to meet our many-sided interests. But surely some fundamental general principles apply equally well to all parts of our country. If not, national unity with us will forever remain an impossibility. The larger universities would perhaps oppose such a university. Still others might insist that such a university would soon fall under the bane of political patronage. But if the United States is to withstand the shock of the many blows aimed at her national life, we must rise above the level of political parties and individual selfishness.

To-day more students from foreign countries are attending our American universities than was ever known before. They are coming for a specific purpose—to learn and appropriate all we have that is good. Why neglect our opportunity of service to humanity by refusing to establish a national university which shall bear the stamp of all we consider most worth while? Besides, I believe that such a university would tend to crystallize our ideals, unify our country, and be instrumental in our own political and intellectual salvation.

cause? This motive may be an ambition to become rich; it may be pride, fear, self-respect, or necessity. In brief, most people do things because they have to.

A good deal of the storm of debate has centered around the question as to whether examinations ought to be given at all. I believe that this is a case of misplaced emphasis. A much larger and more important consideration should be the character of the examinations given. An examination which is wholly a test of memory is practically worthless—even harmful, because it sets a false standard. A true examination is a test of the ability to apply old information to new situations. Let me illustrate what I mean. If I were teaching arithmetic, I should give an examination an original problem just a little easier than those in the text studied, but involving the same principles. Why not give some relatively easy sight-reading in Latin? Or a poem in English not studied in class,

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WINTER QUARTER OPENS  
MONDAY, JANUARY 5th

"CHEATING CHEATERS"  
JANUARY 7, 1920



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## Where to Buy Your Christmas Presents.

We believe that every student is interested in the success of The Prairie. We are using our best efforts to make it a first class college paper. But we should have more people outside of school interested in the paper from unselfish motives. Just before you buy your Christmas presents, take up your last copy of The Prairie and look over it to see who advertised with us. Not only this, but see for how long these people have been patronizing us. Trade with those who advertise with you regularly. Unless you do this, those who advertise regularly with us will believe that you do not appreciate what they are doing for you.

## "Cheating Cheaters", Jan. 7, 1920.

The next number of the Horner dramatic attractions will be presented on the evening of January 7, 1920. We know you will want to see this number. Both of the previous numbers were excellent, and we are advised that "Cheating Cheaters" belongs in the same class of high grade dramatics. Of course, all people do not enjoy the same things in life, but those competent to judge have pronounced "The Only Girl" and "The Thirteenth Chair" by far the best plays that Canyon has ever had.

The donation of a fifty dollar liberty bond by the Womans Book Club or Canyon to the Gregg Cousins Memorial Fund is a very commendable step in the right direction, and it is to be hoped that others will think seriously in this same direction. What better use could be made of the surplus money you have than to invest it in character—the manhood and womanhood of our boys and girls?

The Prairie Staff wishes for all its patrons and friends a happy Christmas. We shall mail the Christmas number to your home address.

## Great Demand for Teachers.

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expect to compete with the small towns and rural schools. School authorities in the small cities have too long made the mistake of supposing that they can get the best teachers for relatively small salaries. They have also made the more serious mistake of putting teachers of inferior training and experience in the intermediate grades. As shown by the first letter above, the grades really require a higher order of fitness than do, perhaps, any other parts of the school system. Superintendents and trustees should demand trained teachers of unusual ability for these grades and then pay a salary that will attract the best teachers.

## Arguments On Examinations.

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to be interpreted?  
Too much of our teaching has emphasized the acquisition of facts, and has given two little attention to the development of intellectual and soul ability. As a result of this kind of teaching, students are often unable to function in life outside of the school room. We must assist our students in functioning their thinking outside the mere verbiage of the text we worship. If we will make our examinations a test of ability (not information), when our students meet life's issues, the shock occasioned by these issues will not disqualify them for intelligent action. Life is made up of emergency tests; a student who can not survive the test of an examination will fail when put to the test outside of the school room. All students need the kind of training involved in the right kind of an examination.

## What Is Home Economics.

Definition: Home Economics, as a distinctive subject of instruction, is the study of the economic, sanitary, and esthetic aspects of food, shelter and clothing as connected with their selection, preparation, and use by the family in the home or by other groups of people.

## Degrees In Home Economics.

It has recently been decided that it shall be the policy of the West Texas State Normal College to grant degrees in Home Economics. The Home Economics curriculum now offers four years of college work. The degree of Bachelor of Science in Education may be conferred upon any student who meets the following requirements:

|                      | Minimum | Maximum |
|----------------------|---------|---------|
| One major Edu.       | 45 hrs. | 54 hrs. |
| One major Home Ec.   | 36 hrs. |         |
| One minor            | 27 hrs. |         |
| One minor            | 18 hrs. |         |
| English              | 18 hrs. |         |
| Social Science       | 9 hrs.  |         |
| Mathematics          | 9 hrs.  |         |
| A laboratory science | 9 hrs.  |         |

Additional work to make a total of one hundred-eighty term hours.

The minors are to be selected after consultation with the faculty advisor. Minors should be chosen from the subjects most closely allied to home economics, such as chemistry, biology, art, or social science.

The Degree Bachelor of Arts in Education may be conferred when eighteen hours of a foreign language are included in the one hundred eighty term hours.

One of the functions of a Home Economics department in a Normal School is to prepare teachers. Home Economics teachers must first of all be educated women. Examination of the above requirements for a degree will show that the training offered is educational, cultural, and usable. A teacher must know how to apply educational principles to this particular branch of subject matter. She must know what place it has in the education and development of the child, what its opportunities are to teach to live. Besides acquiring a general education, she must have a good technical knowledge of the subject, must know the science, the art, the technique of household administration.

The Home Economics Department of the College can prepare teachers for high schools. The laboratories for textile and food study are ample in size and equipment. They are modern and up to date. Apparatus, furnishings, and exhibits have been chosen for specific purposes. The State of Texas has over \$6,000 invested in this department, exclusive of library books. The laboratories for chemistry, biology and physics furnish opportunities for acquiring the scientific foundation upon which the applied science and art are based. The Manual Training Department offers a course in house planning, and the Art department offers one in costume design, and one in interior decoration. A study of textiles, dietetics, home sanitation, and home nursing is emphasized.

Furthermore, it is hoped that when our new dormitory is completed that it will offer opportunities for the study of concrete problems; a place where the theory of the class room may be put into actual use.

## Our Ideals in Keeping with Our Name.

During the reconstruction and reorganization period at the beginning of the present term, the feasibility of changing our name was discussed by the Cousins Literary Society. We took into consideration the meaning of our name as regards its relation to our ideals and standards and also its meaning to the former students of this college. When an alumnus visits his Alma Mater, he would like to know if his old society has retained her good name and risen in esteem, still upholding the ideals for which she has always stood. Then, too, we must consider for whom our society was named. Hon. R. B. Cousins, former president of the West Texas Normal College, is one of the state's leading educators. His ideals are the highest. The spirit of our society must be in keeping with the standards which he set for W. T. S. N. C. We can accomplish this only by adhering to the soundest principles at all times, as the man for whom we are named would have done.

We must consider, too, what the Cousins Literary Society has to be proud of and the traditions that we must uphold. In October 1910, the Cousins were first organized. Every year since then we have come together for the purpose of carrying on the good work and adding further to our long list of achievements. For nine years there have been active conscientious young men in the society, working for the improvement of their literary abilities and the development of the ideas of proper amusements and correct social relations.

The best of spirit has been shown in the relation of this society to other societies. The idea of fair play, clean sportsmanship, and the highest of spirits in victory or defeat has been continually fostered by all our loyal members.

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## Le Mirage Dedicated To Alumni.

At a meeting of the staff on Wednesday afternoon it was unanimously voted to dedicate the 1920 annual to our alumni. This step will fit well into the plan for a home-coming in the spring of 1920. And since the central theme of the 1920 annual is to function in alumni activities, why not ask the alumni to make contributions in the form of poems or good short stories? It is also time that we are learning where our alumni are. Please send your names and addresses to the Prairie staff for publication. Your friends should like to know where you are and what you are doing. A great home-coming can not be made a success unless the event is planned early. We appeal to your love for your alma mater, your pride in her past achievements, and your belief in her future; make your arrangements now to be with us at the home-coming in the spring of 1920. You will meet old friends here; you can talk over old times again; and you will see what changes time has wrought.

President Hill has received the following letter from the Canyon Book Club:

"Canyon, Texas, Dec. 2, 1919.

President Hill,

Dear Sir,  
In appreciation of what you and your faculty have done for our 'Woman's Book Club', we hope this donation to 'The Gregg Cousins Memorial Fund' will in some measure express our thanks.

Sincerely,

MRS. E. H. ACKLEY,  
President Woman's Book Club."

## A Freshman's Girl.

Well, anyhow she is a girl! The kind makes but little difference. But to the connoisseur of propriety in feminine appearance she presents many problems about which he is in grave doubt. Her classification is one thing that troubles him. Then, there is the still more serious problem of determining her place in the various activities where she always plays a prominent role.

She is rather large. Her transverse proportions put to shame her longitudinal dimensions. She walks with a steady gait and a positive step, because her foundation is sure. Her eyes are large, and she prides herself in her full-fed cheeks, which always display the beauty of artificial roses. Her nose is so small that it is almost lost in the adipose tissue of the surrounding territory. But she can dance without support, can smile without effort, can paint divinely. She dresses attractively, and is always ready to go to the picture show at a moment's notice. In one hand she usually carries a pencil and paper, and in the other a hershey or a fresh box of marshmallows. In short, she is pretty, agreeable, and always sweet. What else should a boy want!

Patronize The Prairie advertisers.

## "Sesame Abierto"

(Myrtle McGinley.)

Girls, come and let us give a cheer  
And give it with joyful hearts  
To our Sesame Society dear,  
In which we have all found a part.

To her whose name is linked with  
right,  
We will offer a toast,  
And drink a health to Purple and  
White,  
Our colors, our pride, our boast.

Chorus—  
Here's to our "Sesame Abierto",  
And our Alma Mater too;  
Purple and White, here's to you.

And for the Cousins staunch and  
strong  
Let our voices ring,  
In honor of our brothers dear  
To whom our thoughts will cling.

They who favor Blue and White,  
A symbol of truth and right,  
Always in every manly game  
Put up a worthy fight.

## The Blanket Tax.

Our Blanket Tax has proved more successful than its most ardent supporters could have foreseen. Both student body and faculty are finding the tax extremely beneficial. Since practically everyone connected with the school has paid the tax, a surplus of ready money is on hand whenever it is needed to provide for any amusement. The tax insures attendance at the games and entertainments. Better attendance at school affairs means a better school spirit. This insures better school work by both teachers and pupils. Last but not least, I want to remind you that in these times of high cost of living, these advantages can be had cheaper than ever before. Here's to the Blanket Tax, long may it last!

—A. E. Hunt.

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out any break in temper or courtesy.  
—Business Men's Calendar.

### Boys At Huntleigh Prepare for Big Feast.

"What's in a name?" asked a "Mary". If you will listen while Oma Irons, I will give you a Page of information about the people in our Hall. We don't like to Foster the idea that we keep boys, because we know we Orton; but it Haines time, Mi-Chael, to have them here. We have Roy and Davis, and then there are two of Thompsons, Benson, Johnson, Wilson, Simpson, and that Beall. But Shaw! if you object, our Bowman with his Penrod can Easley send them to the Mills and have the Miller put them to work at Crawford, or we can McGuire cages for them, and send them to their Holmes.

The other day we caught a White Finch at the Dyche. Kibbe Rose Smylie aid said, "we will Baker." Then a Gustavus in Mill-hollan(d) aprons came in with three Grahams to cook. The one whose Funk-tion it is to cook said, "Well, if this Burns, we will have Vaughn big mess; but you can go to a Mansfield and get a Lat-ti-more". She went to work with a Woody expression at the Corner of her mouth, which meant nothing could Turner. The thoughts of the cats made us feel Ritchey 'nough to take Meine-s-ke and smash things into Smith-ereens. Neither the Summer nor the substance of this story is true.—Maybelle White.

### The Sophomore Social.

The Sophomore social, held at the Normal on Saturday, the 22nd proved to be quite a success. Everyone present reported a fine time and an enjoyable and delightful evening.

The greater part of our merry makers arrived about seven o'clock. After they had enjoyed two or three hours of various amusements, such as, good music, games, and friendly chats, refreshments were served, which did honor to some of our young ladies who acted as hostess.

After everyone had satisfied his hunger and had once more assembled in the parlor, the melodious strains of "Home Sweet Home" echoed thru the room. This, to the regret of all, was only a gentle reminder of the fact that the hour was growing late. A more congenial crowd than this merry band of Sophomores could not be found. We dare say that neither the Seniors, Juniors nor the Freshies could produce such a friendly, and fine spirited bunch. The success of the occasion was largely due to the work and leadership of Miss Michel, Miss Knight, and Mr. Lancaster.

—Willie McClellan.

### The Expression Department.

The Department of Expression was introduced into the Normal College four years ago, and at the end of three years the enrollment in this department had increased to such an extent that it became necessary to add a new teacher. There are 116 pupils taking expression; 95 are doing regular class work, and 21 are taking private lessons.

This is primarily a department for personal culture and includes interpretation, story-telling, public speaking, dramatic art, and expressive physical culture, all of which we find to be of value in every day life.

The interpretation of good literature, which forms an important part of all courses in expression, is a vital factor in character development. Our intensive study of committed passages from the work of the best authors makes their thoughts become our own. It improves the taste, stimulates a sensitiveness to language, and enriches the vocabulary.

The regular practice upon an audience (the class) enables the student to present adequately a worthy message—too often obscured by the awkward bearing and unpolished utterance of the speaker.

Since the addition of the Expression Department, there has been new life added to the college activities, in that the students take more interest in the oratorical contests and debates.

—A Senior Expression Student.

### Each of Us Should Respect the Rights of Others.

It has long been recognized everywhere by the institutions of learning that the degree of culture and thoroughness of scholarship among their students have to a great extent been measured by the adequacy of library facilities.

Our state has generously placed a library in this institution for the use of the faculty and student body. Large sums of money have been and are being spent in order that it may be more adequate for our every need. The librarian and assistants, aided by the teachers, are constantly eliminating irrelevant materials and selecting and installing those which are suitable to our requirements.

The library itself has been equipped with comfortable chairs and tables where we may study or read. There is always some one at the desk from whom we may get information, some one who will check our books for us.

But those books are not all to

be found. Some teacher has given us references to read and tells us where to find them. They are not there. Did you place them back in the wrong shelf, or did you take them home without having them checked? Our time and the librarian's time are frequently wasted looking for those books; and perhaps at least we have to go to class unprepared. You intend to return them sometime, we are sure; but others are needing them now. Had you thought that, perhaps you are depriving some other student of his just privilege and his chance to make good in some subject? Perhaps you had not thought at all. Let's attribute it to that, and all unite in an effort to help Miss Malone, who has been so kind to give us the hours we asked for, and has shown us so many favors in her splendid work as librarian.—A student.

### Home.

"The prince rides up to the palace gates,  
But his eyes with tears are dim;  
For he thinks of the beggar maiden sweet,  
Who never may wed with him.  
For home is where the heart is,  
In dwellings great or small;  
And there's many a princely palace  
That isn't a home at all.

The yeoman comes to his little cot  
With a song when the day is done;  
His smiling wife stands in the door,  
And his children to meet him run.  
For home is where the heart is,  
In dwellings great or small;  
And there's many a princely palace  
That isn't a home at all.

Could I but live with my own sweet-heart  
In a cot with a sanded floor,  
I'd be richer far than the loveless maid  
With a fame and gold in store.  
For home is where the heart is  
In places great or small;  
And the cottage that is lighted by  
lovelight  
Is the dearest home of all."

### Antler Doings; Their Ambitions And Ideals.

We were not heard from in the last issue of the Prairie, but that is no evidence that we were making no noise about the place. Since our last report we have played a foot ball game with the Cousins, which was, as has already been stated, one of the most spirited games of the season.

The Cousins-Antler game portrayed some good qualities in both of the above named societies and their sister societies. One of these was the honest, friendly rivalry shown by the boys in playing "clean" foot ball. However, we expected nothing else, for that is the only kind of game the boys of the W. T. S. N. C. play. Another thing that we noted in the game was the strong society spirit, evidenced by enthusiastic response of the societies in appropriate songs and yells. Mr. Dan Sanders proved himself an efficient yell leader for the Antlers and Elapheians.

We wish to say here that we are a society that stands for clean, honest rivalry first, last, and always. And we are sure that all of the other societies do the same, if we may judge from their actions. We hope that this shall be true of every organization. Of course, there are in almost every organization some over zealous persons, who do or say things which the organization as a whole does not advocate. There may be some of us that character. We do not claim to be perfect by a great deal; nor do we think that many about us have reached that stage of development. But we are working toward an ideal. "A man's reach should exceed his grasp, or what's a heaven for?"

### The Home Economics Club.

A meeting was called Tuesday, October twenty-first, at one o'clock, for the purpose of re-organizing the Home Economics Club. Those eligible for membership in this club are those who are enrolled in Home Economics Courses.

The following officers were elected: Bernice Parker, president; Bernice McGehee, vice-president; Lela McGehee, secretary; Lorine McGehee, treasurer; and Beth Buffington, representative to "The Prairie".

The president appointed the chairman of the different committees as follows: Mattie McGehee, chairman of the program committee; Gloria Brown, chairman of the social committee; and Mary Isaacs, chairman of the committee to select a motto, club colors, and flowers.

Half past four o'clock on second and fourth Thursdays of each month was the time selected for the regular meetings. A fee of twenty-five cents will be charged.

It was decided that half the meetings be set aside for programs, which will be instructive, while the other half will be purely social meetings.

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### Lida B. Earhart.

Did you ever have occasion to hunt for a nice, fat, blue book in the library, known as Earhart's "Types of Teaching"? If you did, you probably soon found it, settled yourself comfortably in some corner, and began to read, as many others had done before you. Why? Because Miss Lamb or some one else had told you to be sure to find out what Mrs. Earhart said about such and such a thing. Perhaps, in your hurry to finish that reference and begin some other work, you did not stop to think who wrote what you were reading. You might have been more deeply impressed by what you saw on those pages if something had first whispered to you, "Lida B. Earhart is a real, living woman who has for you here a message out of her clear intelligence and broad experience."

Lida B. Earhart, Ph. D., is a woman of achievement in the educational world today, especially in the field of elementary education. She has accepted the professorship of Elementary Education in the Teachers' College of the State University of Nebraska, at the highest salary ever paid a woman in that state. She was formerly connected with the Department of Elementary Education, Teachers' College, Columbia University, where she received her Master's and Doctor's degrees.

However, she not only lectures in great teachers' college, but through her books, "Types of Teaching" and "Teaching Children How to Study", she helps prepare teachers in many small schools. Even those who go out from the West Texas State Normal College have had an opportunity to learn from this well-known educator.

### American Home Economics Association.

The subject matter of home economics has been organized under three heads, food, shelter, and clothing. These subjects deal with the primal necessities of life; the demand that people be fed, housed and clothed is universal. Investigations concerning these subjects must be answered every day in the life of each individual, whether he be poor or whether he be rich.

Among all classes of people may be found those who feed, some who eat, and a few who dine. The shelter may be a hovel or a mansion, but how many real homes exist? Clothes may serve the purpose of covering the body or keeping it warm, but how many people do you see whose dress is the outward expression of a real harmony? What is the difference between feeding and dining? What is the difference between a home and a house? What is the difference between clothing and costume?

Home economics attempts to show that the difference is not one of quality or of expenditure, but that the real difference is a discriminating and important quality which is spiritual in its influence. While home economics must necessarily treat of the material phases of food, shelter and clothing, it must not fail to consider these factors as they function in the spiritual development of individuals. The material values of the home must be seen in relation to the spiritual values. We should observe the laws of health in order to make the body a fit dwelling place for the human spirit. The body should be clothed becomingly and appropriately because clothes express character. We should build homes and furnish them simply and beautifully that they may be the abodes of contentment and harmony.

That these three sub-divisions are of importance to the right conduct of human life is desirable, and each is closely linked to the other through material relations to the whole. A fourth sub-division of the subject matter of home economics is household administration. Usually less prominence is given to this phase of the course, but in reality it should be the key note. It considers the members of the family group, their training, duties, and responsibilities; their ideals and standards of living; the mutual dependence of these upon the community and the nation. Woman's work must go beyond her own home and relate itself to the larger life of the people and the nation.

### Methodist "Pounding."

The girls of the Methodist church gave a "pounding" to their new minister, Rev. Simeon Shaw, and his family last Thursday night. They serenaded first, deposited their "pound" each and then held the first meeting of the Sunday night church choir. Their enthusiasm was somewhat contagious. At the eleventh hour, a poor little black sheep, a staunch supporter of another church, was so overcome with eagerness that she phoned in, begging to be allowed to attend. Her pound was magnanimously received.

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### PERSONAL MENTION.

On Monday afternoon, December 8, Mrs. C. W. Warwick gave a party announcing the engagement of Miss Binnie Johnson, daughter of Prof. M. B. Johnson, to Lieutenant Raymond Huff of Trinidad, Colorado.

Miss Myrtle Horn, who was formerly a student in this school and who is now teaching at Floydada, was here Friday and Saturday, December 6 and 7. Her brother, Ray, who accompanied her here, will enter school at the beginning of the second term.

Lem and Law Sone and Forrest Stradley visited relatives at Fry, Texas, the 6th and 7th of this month.

Last Friday, Saturday and Sunday an Older Boys' Conference was held in Amarillo. The Conference was opened Friday night with a banquet to about 200 boys from all over the Panhandle, at the Amarillo Hotel. The W. T. S. N. C. was represented by Louis Lohn, Joe Lancaster, Paul Johnson and Frank Hill. The Training School was represented by Ace Wall, Davis Hill and Andrew Allen.

Miss Gladys Shipman spent Monday in Amarillo shopping.

Miss Ruth Wells visited in Hereford Sunday.

Miss Mildred Salzman shopped in Amarillo Saturday.

Miss Leola Cox spent Saturday in Amarillo shopping.

Miss Helen Elrod spent Sunday in Muleshoe.

Miss Jessie Rambo returned Monday night from Houston where she attended the State Teachers' Association.

Miss Mary Morgan Brown shopped in Amarillo Monday.

Messrs. Geo. Ritchie and Dick Oliver went to Amarillo Monday.

Miss E. Christine Dyche visited with her sister in Amarillo Monday.

Pat Ellison spent the week-end in Hereford.

Messrs. Hill, Sheffy, Allen and Terrill returned Monday from the State Teachers' Association at Houston.

Miss Lee Baker returned Monday from her home in Lockney.

Miss Lucy Bowman left Monday night for her home in Tulsa.

Dan Sanders returned from his home in Wheelock, Monday.

James Bloxham was called home Monday, on account of the illness of his father.

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Miss Lolagene Howard spent the week-end in Amarillo. She was accompanied home by Miss Lucille Barnes.

Misses Elsie Conner and Montell Mansfield visited in Amarillo Sunday and Monday.

Miss Jaunita Beall spent the week-end with Miss Olive Slaughter in Amarillo.

Miss Mabel Wells visited in Plainview during the week-end.

Mr. Tom Hill was called to his home at Lipscomb, Monday.

Miss Annie Beane spent Sunday with home folks at Claude.

Misses Bessie Jewell Prichard and Rose Couch visited with Mrs. Jack Pittman in Amarillo last week-end.

Miss Velda Ketchum shopped in Amarillo Monday.

Miss Ruby Shaw left Wednesday for her home in Hedley.

Miss Trevo Crawford left for her home in Bushnell, Wednesday morning.

Hilliard Fatheree was called home on account of the illness of his father.

Miss Myrt Reeves, a former student, is visiting friends at Huntleigh Hall this week.

Miss Olive Slaughter was the guest of Jaunita Beall Saturday and Sunday.

Misses Ruell Mansfield and Ruth Hite of Farwell were the guests of Misses Montell Mansfield and Elsie Conner Saturday and Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. David Thomas entertained the Episcopal Bible Class at their home on the evening of December 9th.

Charlie Robbins beat Mr. Willy four out of five games of checkers.

Miss Michel was initiated into the Texas game, "Forty-Two". There were other eventful things including generous samples of Mrs. Thomas' famous cooking.

After music by Mrs. Garner and a reading by Miss Michel, the crowd was chauffeured home.

"It is not ideas that make a people's civilization, it is ideals. Ideas are what people think, ideals are what they strive for."—C. Alfonso Smith.

Program for Home Economics Club, Nov. 28, 1919.—Subject: History of Housekeeping.

1. The housekeeping of uncivilized people—Lee Baker.

2. Greek housekeeping as described in Homer's Odyssey—Miss Vaughn.

3. Inconvenience of housekeeping in a medieval castle—Loyse Graham.

4. Housekeeping in colonial days—Noella Forest.

5. Factors that have made housekeeping today different from that of the past—Miss Cooper.

6. The use of mechanical devices to save time and strength—Lee Baker.

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