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## BURTON BECOMES ATHLETIC DIRECTOR; ECKHARDT WILL TRAIN COLLEGE GRID TEAMS

It became known last week that head coach S. D. Burton had been made Athletic Director of the College and that Oscar Eckhardt, backfield coach of last season, had been appointed football mentor.

Under the new arrangement coach Eckhardt will coach football and baseball. An assisting line coach in football will yet be selected. Several applications for this position are now being considered.

So far the two main coaching offices are filled, but the staff will be strengthened by the addition of another man. The apportionment of coaching duties and teaching hours has not yet been made. It is certain, however, that both in theory and field work W. T. S. T. C. is to have one of the most complete athletic curriculums in the state.

The decision to make "Big Os" Eckhardt chief mentor of football follows his efficient work in the 1924 season. He is no less admired here than he was at Texas University, where he starred in football and baseball as one of Texas' best. He has already begun to talk up the 1925 football season, in addition to arousing interest in baseball practice, which will start within two weeks' time.

## Austin College Heads Football Schedule for College 1925 Eleven

The 1925 football standard bearers of the Maroon and White will face a tough schedule from the very first game. It has been, frequently, the custom to playing a "practice" game at the first of the season. Not so this year, however. Austin College, twice champions of the T. I. A. A. and one of the strongest aggregations last year, will oppose the Buffaloes on September 26, at Amarillo during the Tri-State fair.

This game brings to the Panhandle for the first time one of the "higher-ups" and will be without a doubt the greatest game in this section's football history.

The opening of athletic relations between the Panhandle's newest college and W. T. S. T. C. will be formally opened on Thanksgiving when the Buffaloes will journey to Lubbock to battle against the Texas Tech.

The 1925 schedule is as follows:  
Sept. 26, Austin College at Amarillo.  
Oct. 3, Montezuma College at Canyon.

Oct. 9, A. C. C. at Abilene.  
Oct. 17, New Mexico U. at Canyon.  
Oct. 24, Simmons College at Abilene.  
Oct. 31, Denton Eagles at Canyon.  
Nov. 11, Military Institute at Roswell.

No. 20, Daniel-Baker at (place undecided.)

Turkey Day, Texas Tech at Lubbock.

## Thompson Is Choice Of Antlers to Lead Society This Term

On Friday evening the Antlers met for the purpose of electing officers, and besides fulfilling their intentions, did several other things of interest. The following men will lead the Antlers into the winter stamping ground:

Raymond Thompson, President.  
Felix Phillips, Vice President.  
Ewart Adams, Treasurer.  
Nick Jordan, Scribe.

Weldon Thompson, Parliamentarian.

Plans were formulated for starting the ball rolling from a renewed interest standpoint. Jerry Malin and Chester Napps broadcast a challenge which was promptly received and accepted by Nick Jordan and Egbert Boyd. The challenge will see its culmination in a debate next meeting.

The meeting adjourned amid yells for the old and yells for the new and bigger yells for the unknown.

## FOOTBALL MEETING IS CALLED FOR TO-NIGHT

All persons interested in the football team of 1925 are requested by Coach Eckhardt to meet in room 205 at 7:30 p. m. for the purpose of formulating plans. This meeting is for all prospective candidates, and any others of the student body and faculty who may be interested.

## FOOTBALL-BASEBALL MENTOR



OSCAR ECKHARDT

## Professor Clark Issues DON'T COUGH His Annual Ultimatum

"Don't Cough!"—Prof. Wallace R. Clark.

Just don't cough—at least not in chapel. It isn't good form. But if your neighbor barks in your face, you have the same privilege. Students, either by exposure or over-exposure, brought back to school a variegated assortment of coughs.

So you may want to indulge in a resounding cough—but don't.

There's a reason—and there's a Clark!

## Cummings Is Made Cousins President At Meeting Friday

A. D. Cummings was the unanimous choice of the Cousins Literary Society for president during the winter quarter at an election held Friday evening. Cummings has been active in the affairs of the society since his enrollment here. Mr. Cummings will be assisted by the other officers elected at the same meeting:

Plumer Bailey, vice president.  
Ray Harvey, secretary.  
Eric Ming, sergeant-at-arms.  
Edward Pierce, chaplain.  
Clarence Hope, treasurer.  
Uriel Vincent, yell leader.  
Evelyn Haley, reporter.

Plumer Bailey, who won the declamation contest last quarter, will be presented with a beautiful Cousins pennant. A committee was appointed to have such a pennant made. L. W. Blau was admitted to membership in the society. A winter initiation to follow a membership drive was planned.

Two visitors, Rev. Kunze and Prof. Chas. E. Strain, made short addresses; then, upon the suggestion of the former, the Cousins adjourned to the Sesame meeting, where Prof. Strain, Herschell Coffee, and Clarence Hope furnished instrumental music. Following this an informal speaking session was held—this was practically made an exercise in introducing when the Cousins started "passing the buck." Determination to accomplish much in the coming months characterized the meeting.

## Former Member Will Serve Again on the Board of Regents

One of the recent appointments of Governor-elect Miriam A. Ferguson is that of Hon. A. B. Martin of Plainview to the Teachers College Board of Regents.

Mr. Martin is a former member whose experience and enthusiasm in the work will be highly advantageous. He is a staunch friend of public education and is especially interested in the work of Teachers Colleges. He is well known here, having been a frequent visitor and a real friend of this College.

The Alan Bailey Martin Loan Fund was established several years ago by Mr. Martin in memory of his deceased son.

Miss Estelle Slaton, a student in the college last quarter, has gone to Perryton to teach for the remainder of the year.

## ENROLLMENT IS MUCH INCREASED

NINETY NEW STUDENTS ARE HERE FOR QUARTER.

## RESOLUTIONS MADE

Indications Point to Profitable Activities During Coming Months Of Winter.

At closing time Saturday afternoon ninety-one new students had enrolled at the Registrar's office. Of these sixty-five are here for the first time. While the number of withdrawals cannot yet be ascertained, it is certain that the total enrollment of this quarter will show a substantial increase over that of last.

Following the rather hectic days of the long vacation, the winter term was welcomed by most of the students. The usual tales of unusually "good times" are reported to be more unbelievable than ever before. Fifteen dates in eleven days is the avowed record of one co-ed, while at the other extreme is the declaration of one young man who literally hibernated and "caught up sleep" at the rate of eighteen hours per day.

A Prairie scribe who makes weekly tours of investigation believes that New Year resolutions are now more than ever in vogue. While many "didn't make any" or those made were "not for publication," the reporter gathered a large collection—in which are the following:

I am resolved not to resolve: I can only wish a little more strongly that during 1925 I may the better succeed in my effort to refrain from all evil; and in my relation to my fellows to be a little more considerate of their views and feelings, a little more interested in their welfare, a little more grateful for my opportunities to serve, a little more sympathetic with the problems of youth, a little more intelligent about public affairs, and a little more humble in the service of God.

J. A. HILL

L. F. SHEFFY, Head of History Department: Resolved, that the close of this year will find me a better and more efficient teacher, and that I will have been a real help to a few people.

R. P. JARRETT, Head of Education Department: Resolved, that I will learn how to do tomorrow the tasks of life better than I know how to do them to-day.

J. L. DUFLOT, Head of Sociology Department: Since I am called upon to make a New Year's resolution, I then resolve to discover as many new facts as possible that will give me a clearer vision of the truth even though they should completely change every fundamental idea I now cherish.

F. P. GUENTHER, Head of Foreign Language Department: There is no use of making New Year's resolutions. Make a new one every day! Each day is a New Year for me.

B. A. STAFFORD, Head of Latin Department: Resolved, to get our Latin better in order that we may

## COLLEGE CELEBRITIES TO BE CHOSEN IN ELECTION ON FRIDAY AND SATURDAY

### FIRE DESTROYS OLD LANDMARK SATURDAY

"Mid Way," a rooming house for boys, was razed by fire late Saturday afternoon. Flames, thought probably to have originated in a defective flue, started in the northwest room and spread throughout the large frame building within a few minutes. Nine students were rooming at the building, and all of them lost most of their clothing in the fire.

Some of the boys were downtown and others were upstairs dressing for "dates," it is said, when the flames burst through into the second floor. Quick work by the local fire department saved nearby houses and brought the flames under control after a hard fight.

know more English—as the two are inseparable.

S. D. BURTON, Athletic Director: I resolve to do my best that the athletic teams of the school may continue to improve throughout '25.

I will accept all victories with a thankfulness to the coaches, men, and students who help bring them about. When adversities come, and our opponents are the victors, I will congratulate them and accept defeat without offering alibis. That true sportsmanship shall be the first consideration, then victory!

"OS" ECKHARDT, Football and Baseball coach: I am here for a purpose, therefore I resolve to do my best and give all that the accomplishment of this purpose may be achieved.

DAVIS HILL, Captain of the '25 Basketball squad: With the coming of the New Year and the beginning of the 1925 basketball season, I hereby resolve—

1. To make the Buffaloes the best captain I possibly can.

2. To do as much as I personally can to captain them through an undefeated season, and another T. I. A. A. championship.

3. To play the game clean, square, and fast.

4. To accomplish more in my studies and put forth greater effort in my literary undertakings.

5. To be a man to the best of my ability, physically, mentally, morally, and spiritually.

Alvin R. Jackson, Assistant coach of Athletics: My resolution in regard to athletics is to do, while I am associated with the college, everything in my power to increase the athletic efficiency of the Buffalo squads.

Miss Helen Burton spent the holidays at her home in Chicago.

## PASTOR-STUDENT



REV. M. H. TERRY

Rev. M. H. Terry, formerly pastor of the Henrietta Christian Church, has accepted the call of the local congregation. Mr. Terry will carry four college courses in addition to his pastoral duties. He is a young man and was attracted here partly because of the educational opportunities of this city.

## New Pastor Will Study and Preach at Local Church

The Christian Church announces through these columns its program for the year, 1925.

Every Sunday morning at 10 o'clock Sunday School. We extend a cordial invitation to all to attend our school. Morning worship and preaching services following Sunday School.

In the evening we do not have regular preaching services but give special attention to young people's work through the medium of the Christian Endeavor. This service begins promptly at 6:30, every Sunday evening.

All young people of the Presbyterian and Christian churches, and any other who desires, are pressed to attend this service. It is for you.

As pastor of the Christian church I tender my services to any constructive work in the community especially among the young people. I am here to work with you, to assist you in any way possible; therefore, call on me. I am at the college every day. I can be located at R. A. Warren's, just off the west campus, and my telephone number is 256.

Again I extend to you a cordial invitation to attend any or all of our services.

Yours for a happy, co-operative and constructive work.

M. H. TERRY,  
Pastor First Christian Church.

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## MANY NOMINATIONS ARE MADE FOR ANNUAL SECTION.

Selection of College Celebrities for Le Mirage will be made by popular election next Friday and Saturday. The ballot box will be placed in the main hall on the first floor. The celebrities to be chosen are Most Attractive Girl, Most Typical College Girl, Most Individual Girl, Friendliest Girl, Typical College Boy, and Most Popular Man.

Presentation of the blanket tax ticket will entitle students of college rank to one vote. Students having their pictures made according to schedule will receive an additional vote. The purchase of an annual before the time of voting will entitle a student to five additional votes upon the presentation of a ticket which will be issued to buyers of the yearbook.

The name of the students will be written upon the ballot under the names of the particular celebrity.

Nominations were made recently for the several positions. The nominations and the classifications to which they belong are given herewith:

Most Attractive Girl: Louise Palmer; Rowena Shields, Gladys Franklin, Cora Mae Haley.

Most Typical College Girl: Betty Smalley, Louise Walker.

Most Individual Girl: Louise Walker, Vivian Coffman, Hallie Adams, Mrs. Floyd Golden.

Typical College Boy: Tate Fry, Mitchell Jones, Grady Burson.

Most Popular Man: Herschell Coffee, Weldon Thompson, Tate Fry.

## Elapheians Meet to Elect Officers and Hear Good Program

The Elapheians found many thrills besides the one of returning to school, and not a few of them came out at the first meeting of the quarter last Friday night.

The following officers were installed:

Betty Smalley, President.  
Fannie Cash, Vice President.  
Louise Simpson, Secretary.  
Catherine Smith, Treasurer.  
Eppie Irons, Parliamentarian.

The program was interesting, the spirit good, and the humor of every one excellent. The Elapheian song, written by "Uncle Tom" Clark and presented to the Elapheians, was sung, and this beautiful inspiration always makes an Elapheian meeting something else besides a meeting.

Plans for the quarters work were taken up by Betty Smalley, the new President, and the characteristic manner which Miss Smalley has of handling a group and of instilling enthusiasm proved valuable in the search for new ideas. Miss Ruth Lowes read the Elapheian creed as a fitting climax to a splendid program. All in all, it was a great night for the Elapheians!

## Ideals of Womanhood To Be Topic at Young Women's Meeting Soon

At the next regular meeting of the Young Women's Christian Association, to be held Wednesday, the topic "Ideals of Womanhood," will be considered. It is thought that this subject should be intensely interesting to every girl and many young women are expected to hear the splendid program. Lillian Atkins will be the leader. The program follows:

"O Worship the King"—No. 7.

Scripture lesson: Ruth 1: 11-18.

Deborah—Courage, Annie Mae McClure.

Mary and Martha—Devotion and Service, Margie Smith.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, Miss Richardson.

Closing prayer, Mrs. T. C. Delaney.

## HONOR ROLL IS DELAYED BY TECHNICAL RULING

Members of the committee on student honors state that the honor roll for the fall quarter has been delayed owing to the arising of technical difficulties in the ranking of students. Slight revisions in the requirements will be made before the roll is made up. This alteration is expected to take place this week. The committee hopes to be able to announce the honor students in next week's issue of The Prairie.





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## RETROSPECTION

I'm not that which was to have been—  
I failed to make the grade;  
I busted flat at school again:  
I saw the light but liked the shade.

A right good birth I had:  
Born of a student's will;  
A plucky sort of lad,  
I hear his promise still.

But I'm a bunch of O's,  
And D's and E's and Q's;  
The "A's that grew on trees"  
Did not his kin enthuse.

He promised in September,  
Before he packed his trunk—  
No use tho to remember,  
His promises proved bunk.

He'd set his mark on high,  
His words rang clear and true;  
He passed his target by,  
Then went home meek and blue.

But watch the come-back when  
In '25 you see,  
That which was to have been  
Become what is to be!

## FOOTBALL

Seventy-eight thousand persons saw less than thirty young men play football on New Year's Day in a huge "howl" which cost one and one-half million dollars to construct. One of the schools represented sent its athletes half way across the continent over a route once traveled via prairie schooner in pioneer fashion. This is but one of the many examples of the post-season games.

The status of football is at this time a highly debatable subject, and one which we are disposed to let those in authority decide. However, one thing is obvious: football has exceeded the student activity scope and become a sport which rivals the ring and the professional diamond in popularity and gate receipts. The college and university are no mean entertainers of the masses. The responsibility, as well as the opportunity of the educational institution along this line is to-day a grave one. Think it out for yourself.

## BREVITIES

Our platform for 1925: a Merry Fourth of July and a Safe and Sane Christmas.

1924 came in like the proverbial lion and went out in the same way. It was also Leap Year.

If New Years came more frequently resolutions might even affect the foreign exchange. But as it is, the registrar doesn't expect to buy any new alphas this winter—he has plenty left over from last quarter.

The holidays were great, but even our profs seem to have contracted the tell-tale habit of yawning.

One fish thinks college didn't do him any good because he wasn't a hero in the old home town when he went back.

"Had a normally fine Xmas," a friend tells us. We too received our share of florid neck pieces.

OUR RESOLUTION: To give no more space to the Bachelors Protective Association.

A few members survive the Leap Year and we commend the co-ed's choice. After an extended investigation we are able to announce that but one sincere member remains. Since one is hardly an association, we declare B. P. A. extinct. That's thus.

## BILLY STIFF



## Perpetual Broadcasting!



## By Alexander



## A MOMENT O' PHUN

By Null & Void

Since this issue features New Year's resolutions, Null & Void takes this opportunity to tell the readers of this column what he has resolved. We have resolved to make this year a year of misery for our rival columnist. In other words, we shall continue to write, thereby showing up the editor of Brevities each week as we have done in the past. And too, we hereby resolve to eat only three meals per diem, study nothing but lessons, go nowhere except to school, drink only pure, tested, ahem, milk, sleep only at night, nap in only three classes, and bring our teachers each an apple a day.

We had the honor (?) to interview the President of the Bach. Protective Association, the editor of Brevities, Billy Stiff, and Prof. Pro Crasty Nation head of the corridor courses. The President of the B. P. A. says he resolves to make this year sound the death knell for Dan Cupid. He further states that he is anticipating no difficulty as this year is not Leap Year. The editor of Brevities was rather sarcastic and somewhat dumfounded to think that he should even think of making a resolution, since he can think of no bad habits he has. However, he stated that he might be persuaded to resolve to make the "Brevities" more brief, with which we heartily agree. Billy Stiff has resolved to make this year one of laughs and says that he intends to help put over the program for building a home for wooden-legged grasshoppers. Prof. Pro Crasty Nation emphatically asserts that he is going to cut down the number of A's, B's and C's, and endeavor to raise the number of students in the corridor courses.

There was a young fellow named Harra Who said to his girl, "let us marra" But she powdered her nose And said as she rose, "I don't think we'd make a good pair."

Leap year is over, yet indications are that we will be on the jump anyway.

Aaron Sapiro is suing Henry Ford for \$100,000. Perhaps we could get in on it, too. We bought one once.

"Times have changed!" chirped the elderly gentleman disgustedly.

"Yes," answered Miss Nohair, "times may come and times may go, but the older generation will be the same forever."



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## REFLECTIONS

REFLECTIONS makes its initial bow to readers of The Prairie in this, the first issue of the new year. Frankly, this column is an experiment. Its success or failure will depend upon its editor's ability to discuss the things that The Prairie's readers are interested in. Reflections announces no policy and espouses no particular cause. To paraphrase Bacon, we have taken all news for our comment; and like the immortal Andy Gump, we "wear no man's collar." Whatever we read or see or hear that impresses us will be made grist for our mill.

With the coming of 1925, we are "at the quarter." This phrase should have a peculiar significance for college students. Most of us are already "at the quarter" so far as our lives are concerned. How many of us have accomplished a quarter of the work we have mapped out for ourselves? Probably none of us. Most of us are still in the chrysalis stage of our development. A few short years will determine whether we are to be workers or drones—producers or parasites.

About the best New Year's resolution that most of us could make is to make the best of our opportunities in college. Too many of us labor under the illusion that a college degree is the open sesame to success. A college degree simply means that we have had a chance to succeed. Our success will depend not upon our degrees, but upon our diligence and determination. This is the best degree any college can offer: D. D.—diligence and determination.

Some people deprecate the value of a college education, and point to men who have achieved conspicuous successes without attending colleges. But if we examine Who's Who, as a list of

America's successful men and women, we find that over two-thirds of our leaders to-day have had college training. Twenty years from now the percentage will be higher. Men succeed without college training not because of that fact, but in spite of it. But college training does not give one a mind; it trains the mind that nature has given him, just as systematic exercise trains his muscles. Neither does it give one a fund of information inherently valuable but teaches him where to get information and how to use it.

The year 1924 was our banner year in education in the United States, according to the United States Commissioner of Education. His figures show that last year we built more school buildings taught more pupils, and spent more money on our public school systems than ever before. This money was well spent. An educated citizenry is our best guarantee against sovietism and anarchy.

Scene in a smoking car during the holidays: Two men working a crossword puzzle; news butch shining apples with a pocket handkerchief; three stolid Mexican laborers; groups of cadets enjoying the forbidden pleasures of pipe and cigarette; traveling salesman reading The Literary Digest; foul stuffy atmosphere, reeking with tobacco smoke.

Mr. and Mrs. Carter Bledsoe are the proud parents of a baby girl born December 25. Mrs. Bledsoe will be remembered as Miss May Dell Curlee, an ex-student.

Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Malin spent Christmas in Nebraska with Mr. Malin's mother.

Everett Key was in Canyon to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Key, during the holidays. He is teaching at Breckenridge this year.

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## AND CLUB NEWS

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## MISS GRUVER GIVES "NEW YEARS PARTY"

Eighteen members of the faculty who spent their vacation in Canyon were entertained with a unique New Year's party at the home of Miss Golda Gruver, the evening of January 1. The only rule imposed on the guests was that they address each other by given name, failure to do so requiring payment of a forfeit.

Among other stunts, delightful as they were clever, was a sewing contest for the men present, Dr. Munson coming out winner. New Year's resolutions were written out and exchanged, and numerous games were played. Refreshments of ice cream and wafers were served and the guests agreed that the New Year had been started off well in the jollity of this party.

## OFFICERS OF HOME ECONOMICS CLUB ELECTED

The Home Economics Club met in regular session on Tuesday preceding the Christmas holidays. Officers for the winter quarter were elected as follows:

President, Mrs. Floyd Golden; Vice President, Mrs. Lee Fulton; Secretary-Treasurer, Elizabeth Hayes; Parliamentarian, Sarah Campbell; Prairie Reporter, Venus Horton.

Having no further business, the club adjourned to meet in the dining room for a social hour. Delicious refreshments of hot chocolate and wafers were served by the refreshments committee.

## HAMILTON-HARP WEDDING

Miss Frances Hamilton and Guy Harp were married December 21, at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Ted P. Hollifield in Clovis, New Mexico. Rev. Hollifield officiating. The bridal couple were attended by Tom Knighton and Miss Grace Cavness.

Miss Hamilton has been employed by the Canyon Supply Company, and Mr. Harp was graduated from this College several years ago.

After a short honeymoon in El Paso, Mr. and Mrs. Harp returned to Canyon last Friday. They will make their home here.

## MISS BURROW ENTERTAINS

Tuesday afternoon, December 30, Dorothy Burrow entertained a few of her friends with a bridge party at her home on Fifth Avenue. Those present were Misses Alma Guenther, Louise Shanklin, Margaret Guenther, Attie Gene Humphreys, Kathleen Jennings, Hazel McQueen, Elsa Guenther, Mabel McQueen, Anadel Guenther, Erna Guenther, Pauline Brigham, Ruth Stewart, and Rose Stewart; and Mesdames Henry Gamble, Oscar Gamble, Millard Word, and M. K. Stanfield.

## FOX-HEAD WEDDING SOLEMNIZED

Miss Alice Fox and J. M. Head were married last Wednesday evening at the home of Rev. Dowell. Miss Fox is a former student of the College. Mr. Head is connected with the State Highway Department and has been in charge of the Canyon district for several months.

Miss Opal Covington was maid of honor. Mr. Head's best man was Mr. Vernon Head. Rev. Dowell performed the ceremony.

## NICKEL-HILL MARRIAGE ANNOUNCED

Announcement of the marriage of Miss Mary Lee Nickell and Robert Grigsby Hill, December 20, has been received. Miss Nickell was well known in Canyon, and Mr. Hill attended the college year before last. The young people are now at home at Brooksland, Texas.

## MISS HAMILL GIVES BRIDGE PARTY

On Wednesday afternoon, December 31, Miss Corinne Hamill entertained the following at four tables of bridge: Misses Pauline Brigham, Erna Guenther, Anadel Guenther, Mabel McQueen, Dorothy Burrow, Elsa Guenther, Hazel McQueen, Kathleen Jennings, Attie Gene Humphreys, Margaret Guenther, Louise Shanklin, Alma Guenther, Mrs. Millard Word, and Mrs. A. K. Stanfield.

## MISS HELEN LAMB HONORED

Miss Mary Adaline Lamb gave a party Tuesday afternoon, December 30, in honor of her sister, Miss Helen Lamb of Flagstaff, Arizona, who visited her during the Christmas vacation. The following guests enjoyed bridge and forty-two: Misses Mary E. Hudspeth, Edna Haines, Elizabeth Cox, Golda Gruver, Ruth Lowes, Mary Morgan Brown, and Vernita Stewart. Refreshments of turkey sandwiches and coffee were served.

## Ex-students News

MAE SIMMONS

Ex-students of the West Texas State Teachers College were entertained recently at a banquet arranged by the Ex-students Association of Memphis, Texas. A pleasing menu was served to about thirty ex-students, and a few visitors.

W. M. Hale, of Memphis, who entered the college in 1913, and who is one of the most successful ex-students, acted in the capacity of toastmaster. D. A. Shirley, Registrar of the institution, and Miss Edna Haines, of the Kindergarten Department, who is Primary Instructor in the Consolidated Teachers institute here, were the honor guests.

The program for the evening was begun when the toastmaster requested those present to announce their names, and state when they were in attendance at the college. Miss Haines made a few remarks, expressing her pleasure at being able to attend the banquet and associate with the former students in the institute here. Miss Lucille Read, of Memphis, favored the guests with a reading.

Mr. Shirley, who has been with the institution for the past twelve years, was the principal speaker of the evening. He gave some idea of the growth of the college since its establishment in 1910, stating that a larger number of students comprise the Freshman class of 1924-25 than were enrolled in the institution at any one time during the first few years of its existence. More than 700 students are now doing strictly college work. He also discussed the progress made in the athletic field, announcing that the T. I. A. A. cup, in basketball, had been awarded the W. T. S. T. C. recently on the strength of the unofficial record established last season. Mr. Shirley believes in the teachers training school, and its influence in the upbuilding of the schools in this section of the state.

County Superintendent, Mrs. Guthrie, was given the authority to appoint officers for the ensuing year. This appointment will be made early next fall, after the rural teachers are located in their respective places.

Toastmaster Hale urged those present to attend the annual banquet next year and to encourage other ex-students to take a greater interest in the organization.—Memphis Democrat.

## WINTER QUARTER WILL BE FULL OF ACTIVITY

The arrival of a New Year is not especially significant in the life of a college. The new year comes in September. But the long holidays tend to make the winter quarter seem like a new beginning. Fortunately for all of us, the season does carry with it the opportunity of reshaping our aims and improving our means to desired ends. It is relatively less important to make bombastic resolutions than it is to evaluate properly the term just passed. Good resolutions made and adhered to last September would have been very valuable. It is almost too late to resolve, with respect to this year of college. Rather it is time to make the best of what remains of the long session. The best resolution is not a carefully worded intention; it is an attitude. This attitude causes a student to be dissatisfied at the close of each day and hopefully determined at the beginning of the next. The Prairie hopes that every thoughtful student will think as much of the day well spent as he will dream of a quarter well invested.

There is much to do this quarter. The gymnasium must be put in playing condition; this means that pledges must be paid as promised. The college debaters must be chosen and the men largely prepared for the contests on April 10. The manuscripts and entries for the Intercollegiate Press Association local and state prize contests must be prepared. The inter-society oratorical contests occur this term. The success of the clubs and organizations will depend upon the activities of this quarter.

Amusements of the winter months will consist largely of college programs and basketball games. Some strong T. I. A. A. quintets are scheduled to play here for the first time. The College five is facing the most difficult schedule in W. T. S. T. C. history. Whereas the winter quarter is relatively quiet, the spring months are filled with activity. The present time is peculiarly adapted to the needs of sincere resolution-makers. It should be welcomed by every student who is here for a worthy purpose.

Prof. Wallace R. Clark made a trip to cities in the middle west during the holidays. He returned with a large amount of music for the musical organizations of the College.

"Do you propose to get married?" "Well, I should say so."

"I thought so. Most men do."—Tex.

## Cryptic Message Is Given Reporter For New Year Resolution

The reporter who asked Dr. D. H. Munson for his New Years resolution hasn't yet unraveled all of this message:

I've read of Al-Borak and Bertram, Of Kubla Kahn and Xanadu; Perused The Song of Miriam, Regaled on tales of Roderick Dhu And thrilled o'er lines of Omar Khayyam.

I've conned the Flight of Saint Alynne And yawned o'er Poe's solutions; Now comes descent of Jer Rimalin Demanding New Year's Resolutions, Full soft and sweet as mandolin.

"Barkis is willin'," my Prairie man, To sing with raven of Barnaby Rudge. Yet hark to Lowell state the ban, With a wink, and a blink, and a knowing nudge: All this, he says, is just "sheep fudge."

By Robin Hood and Phlegethon! By all the gods of Arthur's nooks! And yea, by rood of Frater John! Success in Battle of the Books, A New Year free from D-grade spooks!

To the fair ones, an Auld Lang Syne, And in thy life no Bridge of Sighs, But Sesame and Lilies and glad sunshine; A long life, sweet life, every prize, And The Ring and the Book to solemnize.

And noble sirs, it's yours to give; To be brave, to be true, The Task renewed, And win The Crown of Wild Olive. Away then Lotus-Eating crew! 'Tis thus, Mr. Brintling Sees It Through!

## SOPHOMORES ELECT OFFICERS OF CLASS

Last Friday morning the Sophomores met for the first time in the new quarter and elected officers. Clement McDonald, retiring president, made an interesting resume of last term's activity.

The officers for the winter quarter are:

Clarence Luce, president. James Wilson, vice president. Arless O'Keefe, sec'y-treasurer. Gertrude Landis, reporter.

## JUNIOR CLASS RETAINS OFFICERS WHOLE TERM

Felix Phillips was retained as president of the Junior class at a meeting held Friday morning. The class decided to have all of its officers serve the entire year, instead of quarterly. This arrangement will enable the annual representative to complete the class section of Le Mirage now, it was stated.

Following many eloquent and humorous speeches, the class decided to loose itself from the arms of Morpheus and strive to do the undone. It was also decided that the class should go on a hay ride to-night. A weinie roast will be part of the evening's entertainment. This kind of pleasure trip was decided upon in view of the fact that the quarter is new and the moon is full.—Reporter.

## PRESIDENT HILL TO MAKE INVESTIGATION FOR BOARD

Following a suggestion of the Survey Commission, the Board of Regents for Teachers Colleges has appointed a man to study the relationship of the schools of the immediate citizenship of their territory. President Hill was asked to do this work.

Mr. Hill will make a personal investigation of the relationship existing in several other states. It is likely that local school trustees will assist in making a study of the problem as advocated by the survey commission.

## Y. W. C. A. BEGINS QUARTER WITH MUSICAL PROGRAM

Members of the Y. W. C. A. began the new term with a sing-song at the regular meeting time last week. Songs which are used regularly by the Association were sung, and some new ones were learned.

## TEACHERS WANTED

The teacher-placing bureau of the College is unable to fill the demand for teachers at this time. Particularly in the rural and grade schools are teachers needed now.

## STUDENTS WANT WORK

Prof. L. S. Baker states that he has many requests for work from students who wish to work their way through school. He requests that students offer their assistance in locating jobs for needy classmates.

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## Gym Construction Is Rapid Despite Cold And Dearth of Labor

Construction work on the new gymnasium has gone forward rapidly during the past two weeks. The main part of the brick and tile work has been completed.

Prof. R. A. Terrill has been rushing the work as fast as conditions would permit. The unusually severe weather of the holidays made tile laying impossible when brick masons were available; since the warm days began labor has been lacking. Instead of using nine brick layers, it has been necessary to work with three.

The roof work is expected to begin soon. Ultimate completion time depends upon working conditions. Thirty days of good weather will insure completion of the outer structure and court.

The completed gymnasium will be sand-finished outside and plastered within. It will seat comfortably all of the students and several hundred visitors. The acoustics of the large building will be good; it is likely that it will supercede the auditorium in popularity for big public meetings, rallies, etc.

## ATTENTION, FRESHMEN

Your names have been posted on the Le Mirage bulletin board, assigning you certain days to have your pictures made for the annual. Please observe these assignments and make the Freshman class section a good one.

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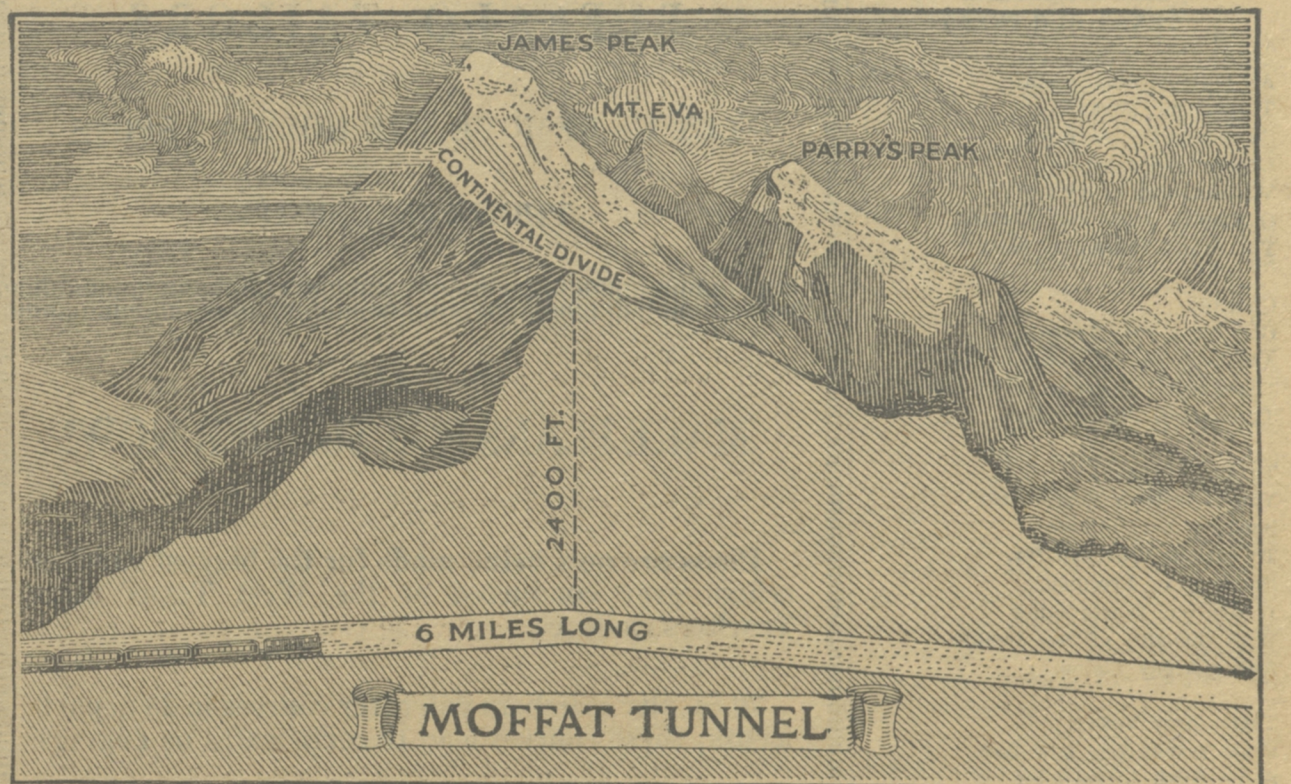


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## CO-EDS SET NEW HIKE RECORD HERE

### Young Amazons Think Men Somewhat Indolent

Three girl students of the college set a record which their more indolent bachelor classmates will probably never surpass when they hiked twenty miles to Amarillo on the afternoon of January 3. They left Canyon about one o'clock in the afternoon and reached Amarillo at seven in the evening. There they had supper, saw a show, and returned on the train. None of the three suffered from insomnia that night, and all say that they are willing to try it again. The three young Amazons who performed this feat, thereby showing that the girls of the present generation are still full of energy after the strenuous activities of Leap Year, are Lillian Atkins, Eppie Irons, and Fannie Cash.

Year before last one young man achieved a large amount of publicity when he hiked from Corpus Christi, Texas to Canyon, Texas, to attend the West Texas State Teachers College. Under pressure he admitted that he had accepted a few rides along the way, however—an aid that the three young women did not accept.

### Honor Society Gives Graduate Standing To Three Students

Three students became graduate members of the Lloyd Green Allen Scholarship Society last week when the faculty approved the recommendations of the Society. These students are Mrs. Allie Merle Dunaway, Zelma Red, and Charles R. Wilson. Their scholastic records are the highest of the graduating class of last year and probably are better than most of the records which have been made heretofore.

Charles R. Wilson, who is a professor of mathematics here, was elected to represent the faculty at the annual meeting of Texas Scholarship Societies on February 21. This meeting will be with the Woodrow Wilson Scholarship Society at the Sam Houston State Teachers College, Huntsville, Texas.

The Lloyd Green Allen Scholarship Society will soon elect its delegate to the convention. The names of the students admitted to temporary membership—junior and senior honors—will be announced as soon as the records for 1924 are completed.

### TEXAS, OUR TEXAS

Texas, Our Texas!  
All hail the mighty state!  
Texas, Our Texas!  
So wonderful, so great!  
Largest and grandest,  
Withstanding every test;  
O Empire, wide and glorious,  
You stand supremely blest.

Chorus:  
God bless you, Texas,  
And keep you brave and strong,  
That you may grow in power and worth  
Throughout the ages long.

Texas, O Texas!  
Your free-born Single Star  
Send out her radiance  
To nations near and far,  
Emblems of Freedom!  
It sets our hearts aglow  
With thoughts of San Jacinto  
And glorious Alamo.

Texas, dear Texas!  
From tyrant grip now free,  
Shine forth in splendor  
Your star of Destiny!  
Mother of Heroes!  
We come, your children true,  
Proclaiming our Allegiance  
Our Faith, Our Love for you!

Sometime ago a prize of \$1,000 was offered for a new Texas state song through Governor Pat M. Neff, and the above poem comprises the words of the new song.

Mrs. Gladys Yoakum Wright and William J. Marsh of Fort Worth will share the prize jointly, Mrs. Wright having written the words and Mr. Marsh the music. Payment of the prize is contingent upon acceptance of the song by the legislature. The money was contributed by patriotic citizens.

City Cousin—Why do you paint the inside of your chicken coop?

Farmer—to keep the hens from picking the grain out of the wood.—Munich Heisser Hund.

### Baseball Practice to Start in Short Time Coach Eckhardt Says

Baseball coach, Eckhardt, announces that baseball practice will begin in about two weeks. He seems very jubilant over the prospective players. The following schedule, although incomplete will give an idea of the strenuous games the Buffaloes have ahead of them:

April 20 and 21, Simmons College at Abilene.

April 22 and 23, McMurry College at Abilene.

April 24 and 25, A. C. C. at Abilene. April 27 and 28, Daniel Baker College at Brownwood.

May 18 and 19 A. C. C., at Canyon. Games with Howard-Payne, N. M. M. I., and New Mexico University will be played, but the exact dates are not known.

### NEW GIRLS AT HALL

Five Cousins Hall girls withdrew at the close of last quarter: Vivian Dunn is teaching in Fort Worth; Dahlia Hemphill is teaching in Littlefield; Lillian Williams is at home in Brownfield; Frances Hall is teaching at Channing; and Elsie Simpson is principal of a school near Plainview.

New girls at Cousins Hall are Junita Higgins, Mona Kate Fleming, Esther Shoults, and Bobbie Roland, who attended Kidd-Key College last quarter.

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