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J. J. Wilson

COMMERCE, TEXAS, THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 1917

Prominent Football Men at E. T.

No. 2.—W. B. GURLEY.

Few others have had more to do with E. T. athletics as a participant than Webb Gurley.

He came to E. T. in 1914 from Kana-wha, Texas, at which place his parents reside, and who are considered the biggest land owners in the Red River Valley (this to his girl friends, understand, who have already been attracted by his looks.)

It is judiciously admitted among big circles that Webb, Charlie Johnston and John Mayo are the biggest wind-jammers in school.

But come to his looks, that would take page after page to justify. Tall as a maypole, really few men on the squad who can look over him. He made use of his height to help him carry the pigskin. Big ears which characterize his generosity, completely set off a head covered with black, curly locks. He has brown grey eyes, the only thing that keeps these most brilliant eyes from burning holes through the hearts of the tender girlies is the fact that he has taken the precaution to cover them with a glass front.

When he came here he enrolled with the second grade folks and most industriously, despite his athletic activities, he has risen to a high place among upper classmen but since his work is miscellaneous he will probably not take his degree here this year.

He early joined the Lightfoot Society and the second day he was here he played baseball at his old place on third. He really likes baseball better than football and he played some ball. At bat few are his superior, while in field work he is hard to beat. In the games with Wesley, Burleson, etc., his batting many times won games and other times his sure peg which never misses fire tides our nine over some turbulent seas. He knocked several home-runs last season. In particular against the Bailey club. He proved a thorn in the side of the Chinese University men.

He also made basketball team here last year, as guard he fought the op-

posing teams. He is there with the goods this season and we are counting on him.

He has some brothers as mean as most boys whom he has fought for and against in his earlier days, and as far as we are concerned he might give Louie some more. But this has given him a good build which, not on Johnston's style, is good. He has a great power of endurance under the most gruelling conditions, after the limit has been reached by others. He is one of the men who have received their N's for the past two years. At practice he is always there, in the game he gives us all he has. He is truly a prominent figure on the campus.

Lightfoot Society Has Successful Year.

This has been a very successful year for the Lightfoot Society. It seems that every member has his whole soul in the work, and is striving to make this the most successful year that the Society has ever experienced.

Since the opening of the first term, which was in September, the Lightfoots have enrolled 118 members, which record has never been made before as we know anything about.

The Lightfoot boys have given several very interesting programs, but one we wish to mention in particular is the program which consisted of the "Trial of a Cigarette." It was given in regular court style. Tom Daniels acted as judge; C. J. Driver and L. L. Locklin were attorneys for the defense. L. D. Parsons and D. F. Bigony were attorneys for the plaintiff. Charges were filed by Herbert Bland against the cigarette, in which the cigarette was found not guilty.

The jury consisted of twelve intelligent young men, but they

failed to render the decision that way.

Roy Riddle acted as assistant to the jury, and Roy Cass acted as clerk to the court.

Visitors were present from every society of the college.

Classic-Scientific students in school at present are: J. M. McGee, Burr Cameron, E. L. Taylor, Thos. R. Nelson, Charlie Johnston, Allen Ritch, Miss Jewell Tuttle, Miss Myrtle Morris, Mrs. Cowling, F. S. Keahey, L. W. Richardson, R. A. Eads, Miss Lutie Moulton, H. E. Ritch, Mrs. J. M. McGee, J. C. Wood, J. J. Wilson, Miss Elizabeth Neal, J. F. Story, K. K. Eason.

Sunday afternoon (Jan. 7) with Mrs. Cowling eighteen girls organized the Senior Reading Club. Officers for the following offices were elected: President, 1st Vice President, 2nd Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer, Literary Committee, and Arrangement Committee. The Club framed and adopted a constitution and by-laws. A short program beginning the study of Laurier was rendered. The Club flower, the violet, was given as favors. Meetings will be held each Sunday afternoon at 1:45.

It seems true today that: More people are killed by old air than cold air.

You can see an automobile; you can hear a rattler; you can taste a poison; you can smell bad meat; but you can neither see, hear, taste nor smell a disease germ.

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It seems as this is almost a society issue, but as it is the close of the term and the societies have elected officers for the ensuing term, we believe that a great part of the space should be given to them, we feel that many students who have gone out in the past are still loyal and interested in the welfare and work of his respective society.

Subscription Contest.

It was announced last week that all the Literary Societies were supporting the East Texan, and a promise made that it would also be announced which society had furnished the greatest number of subscriptions.

In addition, we are inaugurating a contest between the societies, on a percentage basis, the contest to continue every week, closing finally June 1.

To illustrate what is meant: each week it will be announced which society has the largest percent of the members enrolled who are subscribers to the East Texan. By this plan all will have an equal chance, and interest will increase with each issue. With the increase of subscriptions which this plan will bring the East Texan should be able to materially reward the winning society. Just preceeding the May opening, the society that stands at the head of the list will

get the entire first page given over to it to be used as it sees fit. Then June 1st if financial conditions permit, the winner will be awarded some kind of souvenir that each member will long cherish.

As we haven't yet gotten the percent standing of the respective societies, it is not amiss to state here that the Lightfoot Society is now leading in numbers

Businessmen Subscribers.

Following is the list of business men of the city who have subscribed for The East Texan:

A. E. Godwin & Bros., McCarter & Perkins, Cameron Brecheen, dry goods; Perkins Bros, dry goods; Roy Owens, Dallas News Man; Palace Drug Store; Charlie Frey, at the Palace Barber Shop; L. B. England, at First National Bank; Forrest Sheely, at P. & M. National Bank; H. D. Wynn, Citizens State Bank; Thomas Cook, with Light & Power Co.; Apperson & Moreland, Meat Market; Commerce Bakery; L. J. Corbin, with Wells-Fargo Express; Mrs. Beulah Smith, Millinery; Palace Barber Shop; Commerce Confectionery.

There are a few others whom we are sure will be interested but at the time that the business people were called upon, they could not be seen.

To say that the college and student body appreciate the loyalty and support of so many people of our little city, is stating it very mildly.

A wide-awake student body are not slow in finding out those who take an interest in them above the mere dollar and cent.

An Appreciation.

The following letter, which is self-explanatory, was received at the College Office this week:

DEAR PROF. MAYO:

Once upon a time an eloquent speaker conducted chapel exercises at E. T. N. C. Many eloquent speakers have conducted chapel exercises there; but this

one I remember in particular. He said some beautiful things about E. T. N. C. which were so true that some of us blinked our eyes real fast and others of us had recourse to our handkerchiefs. In conclusion the speaker asked how many of us would remember to send you a little Christmas present after we had begun to earn our own living. Every one present stood up. Then you said a few words in which you expressed your sympathy with us for having let our feelings betray us into making a promise which we would be very likely to forget. I did not forget, and my feelings are still betraying me. I hope you will accept the little present and the highest esteem of one who can never forget all the lessons learned in that beloved institution.

A FRIEND.

Attached to the letter was a Philippine Postal Money Order to the amount of \$5.00. The letter was mailed at Cotabato, P. I., on November 22, 1916.

The Lightfoot Literary Society met in regular session Saturday night, Jan. 13, 1917. After a short but excellent program the Society went into the election of officers for next term. The following officers were elected: P. T. Brown, President; Homer Petrea, Vice President; Will Singleton, Secretary-Treasurer; J. C. Driver, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer; W. M. Neal, Critic; A. J. Hackfield, Chaplin; D. L. Bigony, Assistant Chaplain; S. L. Moore, Sargent-at-Arms; G. F. Hudspeth, Janitor; Hugh Isabel, W. V. Fouester, James Westbrook, Program Committee.

When your waist line is more than half your height, it is presuming on your life.

The man whose meals are longer than his walks, soon will not walk at all.

Lost—A twine string and two burnt match heads. — Wesley Morris.

A Rabbit Hunt

Monday morning when we all arose from our peaceful night's slumber we looked out of the windows and we beheld, seemingly, the deepest snow that we had seen for several years. And of course a snow is very suggestive of several things. It is owing to the place generally as to what it suggests, and it being here in Commerce and no deer to hunt, of course a rabbit hunt was next to it.

Mr. McGee, whom we all know as a sportsman, took a troupe of men and went to the woods in pursuit of "Mr. Rabbit," against whom charges were made last spring and summer for "cutting cabbage" and other garden vegetables.

The troupe and their leader were very successful, returning with forty-five of our enemies. And, too, we might add that they used neither dog nor gun. They had no impliments of war except willow clubs, which they used very effectively. The champions of the day were Roy Parsons and C. C. Price. They each one killed seven of the escaped "cabbage cutters."

Amothenean Society.

On last Saturday evening the Amothenean Society elected the following officers for next term: President, Ione Gray; Vice Pres., Lelia Ray; Secretary, Sallie Strother; Assistant Secretary, Myrtle Latspeich; Chaplain, Gyneth Bracket; Treasurer, Vera Tenar; Janitor, Lutie Moulton. Miss Moulton has served as president since September and in return for faithful service the Society thought it well to grant her the most honorable office in the society.

A very interesting study of

Longfellow was enjoyed. The girls are entering into these studies with renewed interest since the holidays.

We would be glad to hear from our former members. We want to know what you are doing.

Philo Officers.

B. S. Cameron, president; H. M. Dyer, vice president; S. T. Buie, secretary; Jeff Story, assistant secretary; Jno. Mayo, treasurer; L. W. Richardson, chaplin; Ira Lewis, sargent-at-arms; G. W. McLemore, critic; C. E. Johnston, G. H. F. P. & I.

"At any rate, love isn't stone blind," so Mr. Eader says. "It can always detect a flaw in an engagement ring."

Every boy with average intelligence wants to do. But his trouble is that he hates not to do.

We know of some men who were eighteen before they could write their name. And these men are now out upon the battlefields of life, and are in every instance successful. Some of these boys were once in school here. Compare some of our chances with theirs.

Miss Lennye McGlammery spent the week-end with her aunt at Sulphur Springs.

Miss Susie Teel spent several days with friends in Brashear.

Miss Lowry—"Mr. Cochran, how long did you say it is before one takes the small pox after they are exposed?" Mr. Cochran—"Twenty-one days." Miss L.—"I thought it took three weeks.

The stork brought Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Pryor of Cameron, N. M., a boy on Dec. 1st. Some of the old students will remember Mrs. Pryor as Miss Abbye Parsons.

Students Since Holidays.

Eunice Adcock Doddridge, Ark.
 Millie Colthary Elmo, Texas.
 Willie Day Floy, Texas.
 Milburn Dryer..... Tolar, Texas.
 Esther Daughtry...Mt. Pleasant, Tex.
 Jack Eulal McKinney, Texas.
 S. C. England Jackson, Okla.
 Ira Fairchild..... Schullter, Okla.
 Frank Fairchild..... Allen, Ky.
 Cecil Folks Ledbetter, Texas.
 Jessie Geraughty.... Corsicana, Texas.
 Bernice Gee Lamaseo, Texas.
 L. A. Hensley..... Commsville, Texas.
 M. C. Harris Grapevine, Texas.
 Grady Hanes Commerce, Texas.
 R. D. House..... Sulphur Bluff, Texas.
 Gladys Jordan Corsicana, Texas.
 Luoise Johnson ... Sulphur Springs.
 H. L. Kidd..... Sherman, Texas.
 Lois Lowery....Mt. Pleasant, Texas.
 Myrtle Latspeich..... Kennedale.
 Angia La Fan..... Campbell, Texas.
 Manual Lucas... .. Grapevine, Texas.
 P. A. Maddux..... Blossom, Texas.
 Lizzie Melton..... Bryans Mills.
 Grover Nichols. Bethel, Okla.
 Ingrey Rodgers..... Bivens, Texas.
 Lloyd Smyth. Caviness.
 W. U. Speights..... Roysee City.
 Carris Sargent Commerce.
 W. T. Sparks Emory.
 S. P. Traylor..... Kemp.
 Fannis Vincent.... Somerville, Okla.
 Hugh Haldrum..... Bagwell.
 Cleo Blevins.....Mt. Pleasant.
 W. C. Blankenship Naples.
 Daisy Thomas..... Kemp.
 E. R. Barton Palestine.
 J. E. Ward Raleigh, Miss.
 J. D. McComant Commerce.

Among those displaying patriotism to their country were Mr. and Mrs. Cowling, Mrs. Etta Booth, Miss Aileen and Master Leibling Mayo, Burr Cameron, Elmer Taylor, Mr. H. B. Miller, who attended "Birth of a Nation" at Greenville Monday and Tuesday evenings.

E. L. Taylor, Commerce, Tex.

Find enclosed 50c. Please send me the East Texan for 6 months.

Name

P. O.

Alumna Doings

The following is an extract from a letter received recently by the Alumna editor of the East Texan:

43 Farwell Hall,
Newton Centre, Mass.,
Jan. 9, 1917.

Dear Prof. Miller:

I am now a student in Newton Theological Institute, where I expect to remain until June, 1918, at which time I expect to graduate.

Last year I registered in the Howard Divinity school but did most of my work in the graduate school, selecting courses which were of most interest to me.

This past summer I had charge of the social and religious interest of a summer resort community among the hills of New Hampshire.

This year I am enjoying a scholarship which pays all of my running expenses and allows two dollars per week for private spending money. I find that the schools of the North have more money as a rule than the schools of the South.

Very sincerely,

WILLIS FURR.

Willis Furr is a native of New Mexico, his father being a farmer in that state. As a boy Willis had very little opportunity to attend school. When he was 14 years of age he came under the influence of a Baptist minister who held a meeting which he attended. During the meeting he talked with the minister and disclosed a yearning for an education. His father was obdurate, and told him that he would have to rustle for all the education he was to receive. The minister lent a helping hand to the boy and gave him board and lodging while he attended school.

Willis was a striking figure when he made his appearance at Handley, Texas, to attend the high school. He did chores and ran errands to pay for his upkeep, was awkward and clumsy of motion and speech. But he was always hopeful and cheerful, so much so that he came to be known as "Happy" on the school grounds and about town. While attending the high school at Handley he made his first attempt to take a part in public religious service. Those who heard him despaired of his ever being able to make a speech in public. He has since delivered the Alumna address at the East Texas Normal College, preached from the pulpit of the old North

church, Boston, and is already a forceful speaker. He will be known sometime as an eloquent pulpit orator.

His last years in the high school at Handley were under the tuition of the writer of this article. When he graduated he attempted to enter Baylor University, and was told that it would require at least five years for him to complete the course leading to the B. A. degree. It was a hard fight for him to give up the idea of going to Baylor, but he gave it up to come to the East Texas Normal College where I assured him that he could obtain more favorable entrance consideration. Had he gone to Baylor he would have received his B. A. degree, according to their statement to him, next June. He received his B. A. degree here in July, 1914, his M. A. from North Carolina in June, 1915; his M. A. from Harvard in June, 1916; and is now pursuing his theological studies as indicated in his letter.

Mr. Furr is now twenty-three years of age and from the time he entered high school his parents have not contributed one penny toward his education. He is now a regularly ordained minister of the Baptist church, a high school, college, and University graduate, and almost through the theological seminary.

While attending high school Willis was actively interested in every activity of the school, both on the playground and in the classroom.

He brought with him to Commerce this same spirit of taking a hand in whatever came to hand. He was an active worker in the B. Y. P. U. and an enthusiastic member of the Light-foot Society. In spite of the fact that he was working to pay his expenses through school he found ample time for these activities.

The boy from New Mexico has surely been busy at something useful a good part of his time. The truth about it is he has been so busy that another has stolen the heart of his girl. She married recently one of his former schoolmates. She was also one of his former schoolmates. But neither of them thought it was worth while to "go to college."

Another interesting sketch, more remarkable than this in some respects, is promised for this page next week. Watch for it.

Mr. C. A. Murray, B. S. 1910, is teaching in the Austin High School. Since completing his degree here Mr.

Murray has spent a part of his time in teaching and a part of his time in the University. He is doing some work in the University now along with his teaching in the Austin schools.

Mr. W. L. Patrick, Ph. B., is principal of the public school at Flint, Texas.

Miss Annie Cowling, B. S., is teaching in the high school at Garrison, Texas. Their school work was hindered recently by the burning of the school building.

Mr. I. A. Coston, A. B., is Supt. of the Public Schools at Gilmer, Tex. Mr. Coston has held this position for the past several years.

Mr. C. T. Speed, A. B. 1910, is principal of the public school at Naples, Texas. He has been at Naples the past four years.

Mr. E. A. Watson, B. S., for several years Supt. of the public schools at Snyder, Texas, is now engaged in the practice of law at that place.

(Brought from last week.)

The girls of the Amotherian Society met last Saturday night (Jan. 6) for the first meeting after the Christmas holidays. An interesting Riley program was given, after which Mrs. J. F. Bell entertained the girls with a story of her life in the Philippines. Several new members were admitted during the business session. From the large number present and the interest taken, bright prospects are entertained for a year of good, earnest work.

In regular session of the Excelsior Society Saturday night, Jan. 13, the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: C. A. McCasland, President; Pat Smith, Vice President; John Correll, Secretary; J. C. Wood, Chaplain. E. L. Taylor was elected janitor; but owing to the fact that he objected to being called janitor, he was given in addition the office of critic.