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J. J. Wilson

COMMERCE, TEXAS, THURSDAY, MAY 3, 1917

May Opening.

Tuesday morning marked the opening of the May term. Many new students have enrolled the past few days, almost a complete reorganization was effected the first day. The new students adjusted themselves admirably and the work for the summer is moving nicely. Some of the Normal features have been announced already. Miss McKinney from Houston will have charge of the Primary Demonstration work. Every year this is made a special feature and great results are expected from the prospects now.

The lower classmen of E. T. N. C. are forced to put up with something they can not help. A case of this kind happened last Thursday.

The members of the graduating class imposed their supposed wit and eloquence upon the mind of unassuming schoolmates.

The educational and entertaining program was participated in by almost every one of the A. B. class, a few being excused. Below is given a list of speakers and their subjects:

Disorganization in Modern Society. Burr Cameron
The Evolution of Mores. Myrtle Morris
Immigration. Charlie Johnston
Crime and the Treatment of Criminals. Jewell Tuttle
Social Importance of Communication. T. R. Nelson

The morning following we were permitted to enjoy a treat. Brother Nance, from the First Christian Church, conducted the chapel exercises. Hissinger, Mr. Mitchell, rendered his part of the program very effectively. The pastor gave us some very startling figures on the war and showed how it was a fulfillment of the prophecy of Revelations.

In the Girls Home.

This week work in Willard Hall has progressed rapidly on second and third floors. Since the wall finishing is completed the Sunshine Halls are being fitted out into rest rooms. This is receiving many expressions of kindly feeling from the girls who spend their time above the foundation.

Almost a complete change is being made on first floor. For a long time the girls have needed a Reception Hall completely fitted out. Now we are to have it. The spacious hall at the entrance of the building will be separated from the halls leading into other parts of the building by heavy posts. A large chandelier is suspended from the ceiling. We might add that this is a present made by the girls who roomed in the building during the month of August, last year. A large imported square, with comfortable chairs and suitable pictures will complete the present Reception Hall.

An office room will be provided in the old parlor. Also a guest room will be fitted out near the entrance.

With careful management it can be kept such that it will be a great pleasure to all.

The girls will try to show our appreciation of this improvement by helping to keep it fresh and new.

Card of Thanks.

To the Faculty and Students of E. T. N. C.: I wish to express my sincere gratitude for your very great assistance in electing me May Queen of Commerce High School.
MARGIE ELLISON.

A Modern Dining Hall.

For several months it has been the plan to improve for the benefit of the students as well as the school, the dining hall and service. The finishing of the dining hall was a task that was soon completed, but many devices must be tested before the best service can be settled upon. Some weeks just passing have marked rapid progress in this line. A superintendant has been placed, with his installment a complete checking system was also installed. This makes convenience for those serving as well as the served.

It is likely we will not show our appreciation of any movement started other than this. Kindly respect request and thus further the progress.

Our Own Picture Show.

Wednesday, at 8 p. m. at the call of the bell, the students assembled in the Auditorium. Prof. Miller had charge of the slide machine. European scenes of England, Scotland, Denmark, Ireland, France, Spain and Belgium.

Mr. Miller gave the historic relations of each slide, many of them having been visited by the Germans during the present conflict.

A person does not need a vivid imagination to picture the results, from the slides, after the battles.

These lectures are very instructive as well as entertaining. In fact, we don't see how you can afford to miss them.

Standing of E. T. Team in the Inter-Collegiate Base Ball

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THIS is a time when everybody should be discreet and not indulge in idle words. This doesn't mean that the truth should not be spoken vigorously if it needs to be spoken. Those who have the habit of talking just to hear themselves talk should refrain.

Wagging tongues are always getting people into trouble, and that is especially liable to be so in troubled times like these. Do a lot of thinking, but be chary of your words.

Some of the placard sayings could well be adopted by our citizens as well as the soldiers. "Keep your ears open and your mouth shut," another

"A wise old owl lived in an oak;
The more he saw the less he spoke;
The less he spoke the more he heard;
Soldiers should imitate that old bird."

This caution is also good advice. Devote your powers to thinking and acting. Be loyal to the government, ready to "do your bit" if your country needs it. Well it needs it right now, but as we have been hearing from all our teachers at chapel or any place where they have the opportunity of saying so, it is doing that "bit" that is worth the doing.

It is a plea that perhaps, in a few months, we are going to realize this need of efficient men. It is up to the students at this time whether or not we will have men capable of efficiency. Stay with your job.

RE-CREATION—for that is the way recreation should be considered. Our recreations are supposed to re-create us. Every young person who is worth while enjoys in-door and out-door team games. As in these games you learn loyalty and sacrifice and the ability to work with others, do you remember that these are the very qualities which you are needing in the service of your school and society? The boys and girls of the next generation are going to be a good per cent. more efficient, because of team work which they are learning in their sports.

There is another phase of this question that is worth thinking about. The young people are supposed to re-create in this sense; think of the woman or man in your own home town who seems to you most worth while; then think of the one who seems to you least worth while. A few years from now the place of each of these will be filled by one who is now a young person. Which of these places are you training to fill?

How much of the best in life is called to mind by the special days in May. Flower-filled May baskets bear their message of the light heart of youth, in which we are beginning to see that each should share. The pink or white carnations of Mother's Day remind us of tenderness, patience, love past understanding, high hopes that only our ever-growing best can possibly fulfill. And then the flags and music of Memorial Day! How they summon our hearts to an "increased devotion" to all that American ideals of liberty have meant in the past, to the yet greater things they may mean in the years to come.

Miss Neal—"My face is my fortune."

Mr. Story—"Heavens! What has kept you out of bankruptcy?"

"Because We Feel It."

If you're working at the office and your thoughts refuse to come,
If your limbs are loose and lazy and your eloquence is mum;
If your chair gets some swiveled 'round to where your roving eye
Can concentrate completely on a little strip of sky;

If you seem to see a brooklet, if you seem to hear a bird,
If of the business jargon you can't understand a word,
If from your boss and duties and from your bills to pay
You feel, approximately, seven thousand miles away;

If all your blood is fire and all the air is wine,
If you're absolutely crazy to get a hook and line,
If you smile upon the city—that inhuman, heartless jailer—
If you don't dislike your landlord and distinctly like your tailor;

If dancing sunbeams brighten up most unattractive streets,
If clouds are silver lined until they look like tin foil sheets,
If all your grouches dwindle to a last expiring ember—
Horray!—the time's not winter, and the month is not December—
"It's Spring."

NAVAL STATION,
New Orleans, La.,
April 16, 1917.

Mr. Wiley Carter,
Commerce, Texas.

Dear Brother: I guess you will be surprised to know that your noble brother is a warrior. I was appointed on the coast reserve of the U. S. Navy some time ago and when the war was declared they sent me here to examine recruits. I sure do like it, too. I am in no danger. I am working in the dispensary of the navy yard. I also get \$205.00 per month and clothing. Answer me at 2812 St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, La. Your brother,
CHAS. CARTER, M. D.

Mrs. McGee—"You can never guess what I went thro' last night.
Mr. McGee—"Oh, yes I can. You went thro' my pockets."

Persons Not Located.

If you know where any of the following persons are, or if you see a name that is wrong, please notify Burr Cameron, Secretary W. L. Mayo Memorial Association:

Stella Bradford,	J. L. Chambers,
Alma Carson,	W. S. Cary,
Idell Canrell,	T. A. Dale,
Mayme Dikes,	Gus Cooper,
Nell J. Covington,	Thos. Blount,
Ludie Bruce,	A. N. Broon,
Nolta Glutter,	C. L. Dinsmore,
Nannie Jewel Cantrell,	Horton Below,
Susie Burton,	C. M. Clark,
Leona Byne,	Arnold Bradford,
J. E. H. Crowder,	Louise Brooks,
Mamie Lee Dicker,	Lourie Davis,
Earnest Fox,	Homp Brown,
Waite Brecheen,	John Byrd,
Rosa Bolin,	H. F. Dean,
Rozie Daniel,	C. T. Carter,
Loia Clevil,	Roy H. Claxton,
Mary Cox,	Jee H. Crisp,
Core Bacon,	Clets Clive,
Myrtle Diggs,	G. J. Dunbar,
Jonnie Brown,	Cleum Dean,
Nell Estis,	S. T. Eddins,
Maud Duffins,	John T. Clark,
Minnie Belle Dunklin,	H. M. Bullington,
Bertha Crane,	E. R. Brown,
Gertrude Baldwin,	Isy Cobb,
Ellen Crane,	Leonard Evans,
Lizzie Baldwin,	H. L. Dorman,
Lucy Bond,	A. N. Brown,
Mary Louis Clifton,	Vinson Barker,
Ila Benton,	Herchell Cantrell,
	S. H. Durham.

Commerce 8, Cooper 1.

The East Texas Normal boys trounced the Cooper ball team to the tune of 8 to 1 on the local field Monday. Cooper got her run in first inning and the Lions scored in the fourth and sixth. Merrill for the College let but two hits by and had splendid backing.—Dallas Evening Journal

Mr. Culberson to Miss Gray—"Do you know the young lady passing out the door?"

Miss Gray—"Yes, that is Miss Dethrow."

Mr. Culberson—"Will you tell her, please, she can change her name, if she cares to, but I wouldn't like for her to change it to Harrison."

Mr. Harrison (seriously)—"Neither would I."

Declaration of Divorce.

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for a man to dissolve the matrimonial bonds which connect him with woman, and to assume among the bachelors of the earth the separate and equal station to which the laws of bachelorhood and nature entitle him, a decent respect to the opinions of womanhood requires that he should declare the causes which impel him to the separation.

I hold these facts to be self evident: That all men are created above mere woman (?); that they are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights; that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To preserve these rights marriage was installed among mankind. Whenever any marriage becomes de tractive of these ends it is the duty of the man to get a divorce. The history of my present wife has been a history of repeated insults and usurptation. Let these facts be submitted to a candid world:

She has broken up checker games repeatedly.

She has burned my deck of cards.

She has refused me money to buy cigars.

She has called me at unusual and uncomfortable hours for the sole purpose of asking me the time of night.

She has quartered detectives around to watch my movements.

She kept hanging around in the house in times of peace such articles as smoothing irons, frying pans, rolling pins, base ball bats and brooms, in order to subject me to her will.

She uses my razor to doctor her corns.

She imposes her household duties upon me.

She has plundered my pocket-

The Past Week

Harmon Harrel, a student of '16, visited in the college circles Thursday. Harmon is farming on an extensive scale this year.

Miss Kate Morrison is again in school. She finished her year's work of teaching a few days ago.

Miss Moulton, of the editorial staff, is spending the week end with her brother at Cumby.

We are glad to announce thro' the East Texan that Miss Margie Ellison, one of our favorite music students, has been elected May Queen from the High school.

Miss Unabella Lyday visited in Wolfe City the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll were in Commerce Friday. Mrs. Carroll was Miss Odom.

Miss Ione Gray motored thro' from Edgewood Wednesday. Ione has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Lucas, who is a former student.

Miss Aileen Mayo is in Dallas a few days preparatory to spending a week in Austin attending a Music Teachers' Confederation.

book, ravaged my trunks; burned my neckties and broken my watch.

In every stage of these oppressions have appealed for redress in the humblest terms.

My repeated appeals have been answered only by repeated injury.

I do therefore in the name of justice ask for a divorce that I may seek my fortune along other lines than—experienced.

Allen—Florence, why don't you kiss me?

Florence—I was in doubt—

Allen—Why not give me the benefit of it?

A Reputation for Success.

What thing in all the world could be better or more to be desired than a reputation for succeeding? It is the most valuable asset that any young man can have.

To a young man who had recently finished his college course there came a heavy responsibility. It was apparently too much for his inexperience to cope with. But a business man living in the town remarked confidently to a friend: "The boy will be equal to it. Don't fear." Then in explanation of his confidence, he added, "I have known him for years, and I have never yet known him to fail in anything he undertook." Thousands of dollars to his credit in the bank would have been worth less to this young man than such a reputation among his acquaintances.

All young people should be ambitious for a reputation of this kind. But you must not assume heavy responsibilities rashly or unwisely. Be sure you can carry out your part of the contract before you promise to do so. Keep your word. Do not take obligations upon yourself till you have made a careful, painstaking investigation of the obstacles to be overcome. Be sure you can surmount them; then, when you have pledged your word, go ahead and win. Make up your mind that you will succeed at it.

Aim high. Never lower your standards. Set your ideals high; then live up to it. Do not let yourself be laughed out of your longing to do big things. No one will make of his life what he should who is not ambitious to do what will really count. The "what's-the-use" attitude toward effort means not only falling short of one's highest aspirations, but lowering all of life to an unworthy level.

The schoolboy who starts out

in life with the determination to be a second Lincoln is not likely to reach his ambitious goal, but he is certain to go higher than if he chose as his model some worthless beggar about town.

Everywhere we see it illustrated. It is perseverance that accomplishes the work of the world. Anyone can run twenty-five yards, but only the trained athlete can run twenty-five miles. We have no need to fear the brilliant man who is competing with us in the race. If as rarely happens, the brilliant man adds to his rare endowment the discipline, the pluck, the hard work, we may indeed fear the end of the race. But rarely.

How many are the maxims and fables that show that the human race has always known this. There is the ancient fable of the rabbit and the turtle that ran a race. The rabbit knew he was smarter and swifter than the turtle. Consequently he laid down and took a long sleep. The turtle, knowing that he was handicapped, that he could only move slowly, that he could not get rid of the heavy load on his back, kept plodding on. Presently the rabbit woke up, rubbed his eyes, and started to run the race. But the turtle had already arrived at the goal and was resting from his labors.

When half-hearted, indifferent, slipshod work is being done on every side of us, it is a hard thing to keep our own standards high. We are easily influenced to lower our ideals to that of those with whom we associate. But the unworthy ideals of others should not be allowed to influence our own standards. We should live up to the high purpose on which we have determined, regardless of the atmosphere about us.

Let us not be easily discouraged. Lay your plans carefully; then work them out, and every good thing will be yours in the end. A priceless treasure to any young man, indeed, is a reputation for succeeding.—Ex.

EX-STUDENTS

S. C. Harris is at Ballinger, Runnels county. He is county attorney of that county and from all reports he is very successful.

S. C. Whitely is clerk of the probate court at Dallas. He is also secretary of the Dallas County Democratic Association.

J. B. Caldwell is one of the most prominent teachers of Dallas county.

Mr. D. J. Cummings, an old student of E. T. N. C., is now tax collector for Henderson county, and is making good.

Sam Holland, an old student of E. T. N. C., has become a prominent lawyer of Henderson county and is now county attorney for that county. Sam is "little but loud" and no doubt he will make a great success.

Jno. W. Ballow is now manager for the Malakoff Grocery Co. and can always be found on the job.

Dan Browning is in the University of Texas. He says he has received more credit than he expected from work done in E. T. N. C.

Clyde and Arthur have married, and are living very happily with their mate on a little farm in Kaufman county.

Prof. Chas. Fortenberry is teaching near Lone Oak, his home, and is admired by all who know him, for he is a successful old bachelor.

John McDonald is teaching in Raines county, and has won the hearts of his patrons. He is a promising young teacher and is one that will cause that good county to rank among the best educationally.