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This issue is gratefully dedicated to the 38 former students of East Texas State who have made the supreme sacrifice in this war.

They Have Done
Their Part

THE EAST TEXAN

Have You
Done Yours?

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V-E DAY IS PROCLAIMED!

Soldier Pianist Gives Recital

Cpl. Howard Preminger, pianist, gave a recital at the First Baptist Church Friday evening, at 8 o'clock, under the sponsorship of Phi Mu Psi, campus music fraternity. Stationed at Camp Maxey, Cpl. Preminger is a part of the reconditioning service there. He has been very popular in concert programs in this section of the state.

The program follows:
Sonata in D—Scarlati
Sonata in A—Scarlati
Prelude, Sarabande and Gavotte—Bach
Sonata in C Op. 53—Beethoven
Rhapsody in B minor—Brahms
Scherzo a Capriccio—Mendelssohn
Soreies de Vienne No. 6—Schubert-Liszt
Mazurka in E—Chopin
Nocturne in E minor—Chopin
Etude in Ab Op. 10, No. 5—Chopin
Black Key Study
Etude in C minor—Chopin
Polonaise in Ab—Chopin
Souvenir de Russe—
Ritual Fire Dance—De Falla

Dear Mother

I tried to write you last night, but Joe called and I couldn't say "No." That's the trouble with me—I can't say "No" when Joe calls. He's the first boy I ever went with, and I don't think I will ever go with anyone else. Last night we went to the show, and then came back to the Dormitory. All the couples were sitting around in the most ridiculous poses. Most of them looked kinda sick. I've never seen anyone act like that before. Joe told me that everyone acts like that here, I had to tell him I couldn't go tonight because the most important thing was to write you to see just exactly your views on this.

Am I old fashioned if I think it is wrong? It is the modern way of courting? And, Mother, most of all, will I get a husband if I remain old fashioned? Is it all right to spend all your evenings and days like that? This college isn't exactly what I thought it was, 'cause so many of the students never study anything—but courting, smooching, or whatever you want to call it.

Some of the couples even spend an hour or two before breakfast in this seemingly favorite pastime. Mom, I want to come home next weekend and talk about this. All I can think of is you, and what you have always told me.

Lovingly,
JANIE

DeJernett Medal Contest Thursday

Competitors for the DeJernett medal held a special assembly program last Thursday in the auditorium. Each of the four finalists, Mary Myra Ramsey, Bill Rust, Robert Greer, and Mary Beth McBrayer, gave five-minute speeches.

Topics discussed were "U. S. and the World Peace," "The Argentine and the Polish Question," "Post-War Germany," and "Poland."

Winners of the contest will be announced at commencement exercises.

V-E Day Flag Service



Shown above are the member of the VICTORS club as the flag is about to be raised in the May 8th V-E day program. From left to right are James Cody (not in uniform), Bruce Caylor, Quentin Watson, Lewis Endsley, Curtis Reagan, Billy Ray Cameron, Ethan Allen, Bill Rust, Henry Spieker, Malcolm Harper, Fred McKeown (behind Harper), and Sam Smith. Standing on the ladder holding the flag is L. G. Dickson.

E. T. Observes Quiet Homecoming

The day was warm under a spring sun. The flag in the oval waved slightly, at half-mast. Some teachers and students walked toward the Education building. It was chapel period of the first Saturday in May, the day of the annual homecoming at East Texas State.

As the people filed into the auditorium, girls handed out mimeographed program sheets. Messrs. Noble Arthur, Robert Baker, D. C. Butler and S. H. Whitley sat on the stage waiting to begin the program. At last, Mr. Arthur, president of the Ex-Students Association, rose and called the business meeting to order.

R. E. Baker, chairman of the membership committee, made a report. One thousand letters had been sent to ex-students soliciting their membership in the association, he stated. He went on to say that 131 replies had been received, and 50 faculty members had joined the association for the coming year.

In response to a request from Mr. Arthur, Dr. Frank Young, chairman of the nominations committee, made a report from the floor. "After thinking it over carefully," he said, "we recommend the re-nomination and the re-election of the present officers. We want these men to share in the honor and the glory of another homecoming."

No other nominations were

made. The officers were unanimously re-elected. Mr. Arthur replied to the vote, "I don't know whether to thank the committee or no. I don't think it put forth much effort."

A report on the number of East Texan's being sent to ex-students now in the service was made by Dr. D. C. Butler. Since November 3, 1943, some 29,533 copies of The East Texan have been mailed by the Ex-Students Association to former students now in the service, he stated. They are now being mailed at the rate of 600 a week, he added.

Then Dr. Butler read the roll of honor, the list of the 38 former students and graduates killed in military service.

"In tribute to these brave men, let us stand for a minute of silent prayer," he asked, in conclusion. The group stood silently, heads bowed. The red, white, blue—and gold service flag hung by the statue of Winged Victory, a mute reminder.

Dr. Whitley, the final speaker, commended the sending of THE EAST TEXAN to students in the service. "Not only is the EAST TEXAN doing these boys a great deal of good, . . . I have received letters from men who have never heard of this institution, and who were planning to come to school here after the war is over."

In suggesting improvements at East Texas State in the coming years, Dr. Whitley said, "I, with

you, have been dreaming dreams for many years."

"When the war is over, I hope that we shall be able to realize two things on the campus," he stated. "First," he asserted, "a memorial to those names just read who have paid the supreme penalty." Dr. Whitley suggested either a chapel or a memorial museum that would be "a fitting tribute to these former students, who have died in this supreme holocaust."

Another thing that Dr. Whitley asked for was at least 100 scholarships of \$100 each "to be awarded worthy students in this institution from year to year." He further suggested that the senior class each year might bequeath a \$100 scholarship to a junior student. The seniors might choose the recipient of the award, he said.

Mr. Arthur came back to the speaker's stand to close the program. "Next year, maybe there will be a real homecoming," he said. "That is my hope and yours."

Miss Foote of the music department began to play "Alma Mater." The crowd joined in.

"Years may dim our recollection,

Time its change may bring,
Still the name in fond affection
Evermore we sing."

The triumphal strains died away as E. T.'s 1945 wartime homecoming was over.

Roll of Honor

- Lt. (j.g.) George Harrell Atkinson
- Lt. Rupert Allsup
- Lt. Everett M. Bennett
- Lt. James Carlock Black
- Clifton Brawner, AMM2-c
- Lt. (j.g.) William A. Broadfoot
- 1st Sgt. George Butler
- Pvt. D. F. Chenault, Jr.
- Wayne Cherry, Ph-M
- Pfc. Victor Clesi, Jr.
- Lt. (j.g.) Billie Frank Common
- Pleas L. Davis
- Lt. Fred Fouts
- Capt. Eugene Garrett
- Lt. Billy R. Greenwade
- Sgt. George M. Griggs
- Lt. Arden Hanes
- Ens. Bob Harp
- 1st. Lt. Wilbur D. Hart
- 1st. Lt. Jack Hickerson
- Ens. Johnny Honey
- Lt. Millford Bertrand Hopkins
- Robert Harris Jackson, MoMM1-c
- 2nd. Lt. Lonnie D. Johnson
- Lt. Seba Kirkpatrick
- Pvt. Landrum W. Leech
- Lt. Charles Lindsey
- Lt. John W. McCrary
- Pfc. Harold Murphy
- Pvt. Joe Charles Massey
- T-Sgt. Frank Ardith Norris
- Ens. W. D. Riley
- Lt. Clyde W. Smith
- Pfc. Curtis Smith
- Lt. Clarence J. Thompson
- Sgt. James K. Walker
- Winifred Weems
- Lt. Bart Wigginton

"It is for us, the living, rather, to be dedicated, here, to the unfinished work that they have thus far so nobly carried on. It is rather for us to be here dedicated to the great task remaining before us; that from these honored dead we take increased devotion to that cause for which they here gave the last full measure of devotion; that we here highly resolve that these dead shall not have died in vain; that the nation shall, under God, have a new birth of freedom, and that government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth."—Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.

Officers of Ex-Students Organization



Mr. Noble Arthur, shown on the left, was recently re-elected president of the Ex-Students Association. Pictured on the right is Mr. John Windell who was also re-elected secretary of the organization in the business meeting on Homecoming day, May 5th. These men are the officers of the organization that is sending THE EAST TEXAN free to former students now in the service.

"May I print a kiss on your lips?" he asked; She nodded her sweet permission; So they went to press, and I rather guess They printed a large edition."

Women should believe in free speech; they are free enough with theirs.

DRAMA FESTIVAL:

The Speech Dept. will hold a Drama Festival the evenings of May 23, 24, 25.

The program will consist of three three-act plays: "Gabriel, Blow Your Horn," "Time for Romance," and "Wings Over Washington."

Campus Celebrates With Special Program

"My friends, it is with sober, but boundless satisfaction, that we assemble here today in this V-E Day program." These were the first words spoken by Dr. S. H. Whitley, president of the college master of ceremonies, when students faculty members, and friends of the college filled the auditorium to observe the long-awaited V-E Day program on May 8.

As the crowd gathered a mixed program of music was presented. The national anthems of Brazil, China, France, England, the Philippines, and Russia, with the audience singing the words to "God Save the King," and "the Marsellaise," were played.

Members of the VICTORS Club, a campus organization of returned servicemen, in full dress uniforms, bore the stars and stripes along with the dark purple flag of the local post of the American Legion down the aisles to the stage, at the close of the song, "God Bless America."

The audience still standing, Mr. B. C. Tarter stepped to the front to lead the entire assembly in pledging the oath of allegiance to the flag.

"This is a great day for America," Dr. J. E. Franklin stated in a historical resume of the war. He reminded the audience that three years ago America was standing on the sidelines, and England was fighting the battle for democracy alone. Then Russia declared War against Germany. December 7th Pearl Harbor came. America became the arsenal of democracy. Then our soldiers met the foe in Africa, Sicily, Italy, and in France and marched on to complete victory. "Certainly this a day in which we must turn our attentions, our interests, and our sacrifices to

the Pacific." We cannot let them down. "We must whip Japan; God hasten the day," Dr. Franklin concluded.

As Dr. D. C. Butler read the gold star list of thirty-eight former students who made the supreme sacrifice for America, the song "God Be With You" was played softly on the organ. The audience stood in silent tribute as the faint sound of taps closed the memorial services.

Following the moment of silent prayer followed by the reciting of the Lord's Prayer, the group retired to the college oval for the flag ceremony. The VICTORS, who had charge of the flag service, marched before the assembly as the organ finale, "When Johnny Comes Marching Home," was played.

Outside, the college band, directed by Mr. James Richards, stood on the east side of the oval, facing the statue of the lion. Martial music was played until the crowd gathered.

Finally, the band stopped, waiting.

Then came the call, "Attention," and the band struck up the national anthem. The crowd joined in.

The flag, flung full by the breeze, began slowly to rise.

When the flag had reached the top, the program was halted for Dr. Whitley to announce the adjournment of all classes for the day.

Then, as a lone bugle played taps, the flag began to slowly descend to halfmast.

Tears slipped, unheeded, down the faces of the crowd. Then Dr. Whitley led the group in prayer. A volley of shots was fired, and the V-E day program ended. Victory in Europe had been officially celebrated on the campus of East Texas State.

Miss Quinby Named Representative of Alpha Sigma Tau

Upon completing a three-year term as alumnae representative of Xi Chapter of Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, Miss Grace Quinby of the faculty has received an appointment to hold this office permanently. Alpha Sigma Tau is one of the six national educational sororities having charters in many of the teachers colleges over the United States.

The letter to Miss Quinby from Mrs. Carrie Staehle, national president of the sorority, reads in part: "I am hoping you will keep on forever as Alumnae Representative. All your work has been executed promptly and excellently and your News Letters are splendid. When travel conditions again become normal so that we may continue our annual conventions and other meetings, I hope you can attend every one of them."

In addition to life membership in Alpha Sigma Tau sorority, Miss Quinby holds life membership in three honorary Greek letter fraternities: Kappa Delta Pi, national education fraternity; Phi Alpha Theta, national history fraternity; and Sigma Pi Lambda, women's national honorary fraternity. She is also a God Will member of the World Federation of Education Association and a member of the Order of the Eastern Star.

Spring Concert Given Thursday

The East Texas State college orchestra, string ensemble, and string quartet, directed by Gilbert R. Waller, gave their sixth annual spring concert on Thursday evening, May 10, in Ferguson auditorium at 8:00 o'clock.

The program consisted of two parts. The string ensemble, a group including first year college string players and several of the Commerce High School students, played during the first part. The second part of the program was presented by a more advanced group of students.

The string ensemble part of the program included two unusual numbers. The first of these was a Choral Prelude by the great classic composer, Johann Sebastian Bach, arranged in a very unique manner by Eugene Ormandy, the director of the Philadelphia Symphony. The second number was a Six-part Fantasy and Air No. 1, composed by the Englishman, William Lawes, sometime before the year 1645.

Another feature of the concert was the performance of a Sonata, Cello by Bernard Romberg played by Miss Marjean Clark. The string quartet also played two numbers on the program.

Former E. T. Student Reported Missing

Lt. Truman Allen, 21, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. T. Allen, Rt. 1 Greenville, and former student of East Texas State, has been reported missing in action over Italy since April 26, according to a War Department message received by his parents Monday.

A P-47 pilot with the 12th Airforce in Italy, Lieutenant Allen had completed sixty-eight missions over enemy territory. He had been overseas since Oct. 1, 1944. He holds the Air Medal award.

Convocation Held Monday

A general convocation of faculty, students, and townspeople, was held in the auditorium Monday at 2:00 p. m. The meeting was called in order that the group might hear the official announcement of President Truman concerning the war in Europe, which was delayed until 8:00 on Tuesday. President Whitley made announcements concerning the official V-E Day program, and a program of prayer and patriotic songs followed.

BUY WAR BONDS

Plans for Senior Day Announced

The plans for Senior Day which will be held next Wednesday have been announced by Audrey Kelton, president.

A loan fund of \$100 will be presented to the college at an assembly program at 9:40. The Lion, 1945 yearbook, which was sponsored by the senior class, will be issued at that time. The Camp Maxey orchestra will also appear on the program.

Wednesday afternoon the senior class will have a picnic. An all college dance will be held in the Whitley gym that night.

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Here's To Mother

Sunday, May 13th, dawns on another day in which we honor our mothers. It is a day which is devoted to the Mothers of this land who have given their all for the children they love. One day out of the whole year in which we pay special homage to our Mothers— one day seems like a pretty small time in which to give special attention to Mother. She is the one who bore you into this world, she is the one who has spent her entire life doing the little, commonplace things for you. Yes, she is the one who does more in the world for you than any other one person. She signifies home, and all that it can mean. She has been the one who believed in you when no one else cared to bother. Right now she is sacrificing for you so you may go to college, and have all of the joys that come during this period of your life.

While our thoughts are on Mother we think of the many mothers throughout this land who have given sons in the war that is now raging in the Pacific. She is the forgotten mother, the one who sits at home now thinking of past mother's days when her boy helped make her day happy. She isn't really forgotten though, because she has given as much toward the ultimate peace as has any soldier on the fighting front.

Don't forget mother on this, her day, and remember to keep all of her days happy.

V-E Day

The long awaited V-E day has come—the day which we waited and prayed would come—the day which our fighting men and women fought and bled and died for. We are happy in a solemn sort of way that the long awaited day has finally dawned. We are saddened by the thought that the victory is only half won. We have a long way to go. We mustn't let down. The harder we work, and the more bonds we buy the quicker that final day will come. President Roosevelt said, "There is nothing to fear but fear itself." He died as surely in the service of our nation as do the boys who have been battle victims. He did not live to see the final victory, but he knew that the American people and their allies would not fear—they would go on to win. It is our duty to do everything we can toward winning the war, and then the peace. We now fight for victory and peace throughout the entire world.

Teachers Colleges

There has been a good deal of discussion recently among faculty members, students and ex-members of the several State Teachers Colleges as to the advisability of shortening their respective names by omission of the word, teachers. Thus Stephen F. Austin State Teachers College would become Stephen F. Austin State College. The consensus of these groups that have an intimate interest in the colleges is on the side of the change, and informal use of the shortened name has been adopted in two of three instances, but there is reluctance to take any further step without statutory change or a least official approval by the board of regents of this college group. It is reported that the matter is one item on the agenda of the meeting of the heads of these institutions at Austin Monday.

Possibly the question, "What's in a name?" implies the negative as an answer yet a telling influence is often exerted by the name of an institution. And, looking to the future, there are visible some good reasons for dropping the word, teachers. The change would in no degree lessen the effectiveness of the college in this field. (The University of Texas probably trains more teachers than any one of them, yet without any indication in the title of the institution.) And the change would open the way in the public mind to the broader field of educational service into which this college group has logically entered and should enter in greater degree in the future.

We have seven teachers colleges. That is too many, if they are to be limited strictly to teacher training. Their facilities will be increasingly needed during the postwar years for nonteacher training. And this may be a small matter, but the names are simply too long and cumbersome in their present form. Even the abbreviation, SFA-STC is tough on a headline writer, to say nothing of its being a qualified entry in a tongue-twister contest. This is a streamlined age. Our vote is for simplification.—Dallas Morning News.

LIONS IN THE FIGHT

Lt. Martin K. Presswood



Lt. Martin K. Presswood is shown above standing in front of Buckingham Palace in London. Presswood was a student at East Texas State from 1940 to 1943.

First Lieutenant Martin K. Presswood, 23-year old B-17 Flying Fortress pilot, stationed at an Eighth Air Force Bomber Station in England, and son of Mr. and Mrs. L. K. Presswood, 1501 Locust Street, Commerce, has been decorated with an Oak Leaf Cluster to the Air Medal for courage and high achievement in action while paving the way for Allied Armies into the Reich with bombs. His wife, Mrs. Minnie J. Presswood, lives at 109 1-2 East South Street, Lovierville. He is a former student of East Texas State.

Lieutenant Presswood serves with the veteran 390th Bombardment group, crack Eighth Air Force unit, which holds a war record for destruction of enemy aircraft by a lone group in a single engagement, having shot down 3 German fighters over Mustner, Germany, October 10, 1943. The group has been cited by the president and shares in another presidential award for aiding in the Third Air Division's epic shuttle attack on key Messerschmitt plants at Regensburg, Germany.

Presswood, recently promoted the rank of a captain, has been awarded the D. F. C.

Sgt. John Garland Smith, former editor of the East Texan, in a letter to Miss Gretchen Howell of the library staff, described some of his experiences in the Philippines:

"The censor tells me I am permitted to inform you I have been to Manila. The old city, largest in the Philippines, is a wreck from top to bottom, from end to end. According to civilians with whom I talked before we paved the way and other troops entered the city, the Japanese worked for months to prepare explosives and incendiaries to be set off the moment the Americans reached the city limits.

"An army engineer who has seen devastations left by Germans in Europe said damaged cities in France, the low countries and Germany itself are incomparable with Manila. The engineer said between 10 and 15 years will be required to rebuild Manila. Personally, I think it will take longer.

"Since I last wrote to you, I have participated in landings on two more islands in the Philippines. For the present this is a fast moving war. "On the third island I joined a column of tanks pushing from the beach head toward the island's largest city. We advanced 18 miles within six and one-half hours, a gain which is a record in the Philippines."

Fred Wyatt, ex-engineer, was reported missing, but a recent letter to his wife states that he was a prisoner of war and has escaped. He is on his way back to the states, and has lost about forty pounds.

Captain John Ternay Neu, a communications officer on Bataan, from which island B-29's take off to bomb Japan, writes that the weather is hot and rainy.

Ex-engineer Carl Combs has his right leg paralyzed and is in a hospital. He expects to be

moved home soon. It is his third time to be wounded. He was not injured in the fall of the Remagen bridge as was reported, but was blown out of a foxhole.

Ex-engineer Leo Ellinger has lost his left arm and part of his right hand. He is in a Belgium hospital. His wife, Dorothy, was at Temple when their baby was born three weeks ago.

Charles Roberts, now in the navy, was visiting on the campus a few days ago. He was on the E. T. basketball team while here last semester.

Word has been received from Mrs. Solon Follis that her husband, S-Sgt. Follis, has been shot through the hand and is in a hospital in Germany. He is reported to be getting along fine and will return to his company soon. Follis is a mess sergeant with an anti-tank company of the 70th Division.

1st Lt. Vernon H. Malone, former ASTP staff member, is here to visit his wife and son, Harold. Lt. Malone has been stationed at Ft. Sam Houston and will at the expiration of his leave report to Fort Dix, N. J.

S-Sgt. Joseph Branom, U. S. M. C., is home on a 36-day leave visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Branom. Sgt. Branom has been stationed on various islands in the Pacific, having been on Guam before returning to the States. He will report to Cherrypoint, N. C., May 10th.

1st Lt. O. C. Spencer, graduate of E. T. S. T. C., was awarded the Air Medal at Will Rogers Field, Oklahoma City, on April 21. The medal was presented for "meritorious achievement while participating in hurricane reconnaissance flight's last summer off the coast of Florida. Lt. Spencer, pilot on a B-25 weather ship, recently left the States for overseas duty.

Lt. W. C. (Billy) Hollins and his wife, the former Miss Helen Shaver, who attended E. T. S. T. C., visited Tuesday night, with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hollins of this city. Lt. Hollins has been instructing in advanced high altitude flying at the army airbase in Ardmore since his return from France and England in September of last year. He piloted a B-17 over Germany and continental Europe on thirty-two bombing missions before being released from active duty last fall. Lt. Hollins stopped here while enroute to the army air field at Bryar, Texas, where he will take a nine-week course in special instruments. He will then return to Ardmore and resume his duties there as an instructor.

Pfc. Ted Coule, former ASTU member, who has been reported missing in action, has recently been reported a prisoner of war in Germany according to his mother, who lives in Oklahoma City.

George Kelly, who has been in a S. D. yeoman school, has been transferred to Shoemaker, California, for further orders. George,

when, he entered the navy, was a senior, studying for the ministry, here at East Texas State.

AT AN ADVANCED AIR TRANSPORT COMMAND BASE IN INDIA—During an impressive ceremony here, Major Joseph C. Ware, Jr., Birmingham, Ala., commanding officer of this India-China division unit post currently engaged in flying vital war supplies over the Hump of the Himalayan mountain range into China, presented the Air Medal to 1st Lt. Harold T. Cunningham, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Cunningham, Windom, Texas.

Lt. Cunningham was awarded the Air Medal for a period from Dec. 3, 1941 to Feb 6, 1945, when serving as pilot, he attained the meritorious achievement of participating in more than 150 hours of operational flight in transporting aircraft over the dangerous and difficult air routes, into China along which enemy interception and attack were probable and expected.

Lt. Cunningham had a narrow escape in a snow storm recently when the members of his crew were forced to hit the silk, but he found himself unable to jump and finally brought the plane under control only a few thousand feet from the ground and battled the storm to a safe landing at an emergency field.

Lt. Cunningham has been with the Air Transport Command in India since December, 1944. In civilian life he attended East Texas State. His wife, Mrs. Joseph N. Cunningham, resides in Lanesville, Texas.

Warren Binnion, who was in school here last term and is now in the navy, has been transferred from hospital training to actual duty at Corpus Christi.

Lt. John R. Willingham, who is stationed in Santa Fe, New Mexico, is in the hospital convalescing from diphtheria. Up until the time he was taken ill, he was serving as assistant director of the Personnel Division at Bruns General Hospital at Santa Fe.

Pfc James W. Green USMC, former East Texas State student, and son of Mrs. W. A. Green of Greenville, formerly of Commerce, is now stationed in the 6th Tank Battalion with the Marine Division on Okinawa. The following letter was received from his in April.

Dear Mother: Will write a few lines. We are on Okinawa and landed on Easter Sunday. I will not forget that day. There were more ships here than I had ever seen and I also got to see my first Jap plane.

I am getting along fine. We have just about the same kind of weather as you do. Gets pretty chilly at night. We are out in the open and cook our own meals.

We went off on patrol yesterday to get a few souvenirs. Then to cap it all, we had to dog-fight above our camp area this morning. Several Jap planes came in and with our anti-craft fire and our fighters they were taken care of. One crashed about 300 yards east of our camp and it was scattered all over the place.

The flag was raised on the island today. Sure is good to see it. Don't worry and tell everyone hello.

Love always, JAMES

Lt. Col. Harrell

Home on Leave

Lt. Col. H. C. Harrell, 1405 Moore, is home on furlough after twenty months overseas. He has been in Australia, New Guinea and other Pacific combat areas and is just back from the Philippines. He participated in the Bismark campaign, the Netherlands East Indies campaign, and the spearhead landing in New Britain where he was wounded.

Lt. Col. Harrell was at the headquarters of the 6th Army, on Gen. Krueger's staff. He is a doctor and attended the University of Texas.

Mrs. Harrell, daughter of C. A. Deonier, a member of the E. T. faculty, attended school here. Three of his four children, Curtis, Carl, and Jane, are in Training School.

Cub Cut-up

The Lion's Club gave the juniors and seniors of T. S. and Commerce High a dance and game party in the cub gym last Friday night. Refreshments of hamburgers and cokes were served.

DOT, ABIE, and BENNIE are the luckiest seniors! Those watches are beautiful, girls.

If the senior girl had her way, every newspaper in the country would be headlined, BOB GOSSETT COMES HOME.—Seriously Pat, we're all glad to see BOB back for your graduation and we don't blame you a bit for going around with your head in the clouds.

New nicknames for the junior class boys—by Galyon and White. JERRY—"Burrhead" or "Prexie" Allard.

JULIAN—"Sparkie" or "Flash" Biggers.

JOHN—"T. B." Binnion (Timid and Bashful)

BILLY—"Stormy" Galyon. MATT—"Pop Corn," "High Ball," or "Snake" Martin.

HARRY—"Romeo" or "Eight-ball" O'Neil.

WILLIAM—"Russiar" or "Snuffy" Rhew.

CHARLES—"Whizzer" White. We were glad to see HAL BOX back around T. S. for the Lions Club dance with JO SHAW.

It seems to be a race between MARY ANN WINDELL, JESSIE FRANKLIN, and ANNE KNIGHT to see who is going to have the best sultan in T. S.

Mrs. Vera Watkins honored DOT LONG with a breakfast last Sunday morning. The senior class colors of green and white were attractively carried out in the centerpiece, napkins and little "diploma" placecards.

The news that BOB was home ended the breakfast, but everyone really enjoyed it. Those present were: SUE JOHNSON, MARY CORNISH, PATSY CAMP, HELEN HANCE, DOT LONG, BARBARA BUTLER, NANCY LONG, ABIE BRECHEN, and ANNE KNIGHT.

We see that CHARLES WHITE and MARY LINN MILLER are still a steady couple.—Now Charles, don't get excited and go murder you-know-who. She didn't turn in one bit of news about you for once!

You know it's about time BARBARA did some explaining herself in this column. Maybe you could tell us just who you gave a black eye to last Friday night and also how you liked that Sunday trip to Lake Crockett, huh?

Mary, Sue, and a couple of other senior girls seem to have invented a new code. Wherever they go, they're always saying K, T, A, O, B. Anybody who can figure that one out must be a genius—or just plain crazy.

BILLY GAYLON, why were you running after MARY RAN DALL'S car the other day? We wonder—

Even if DZ can't come to Commerce, ANN and he still manage to be together at the Thursday night dances at Camp Maxey.

The girls and boys of the junior class haven't been getting along so well. Could it be because of some college boys? What about that, girls?

Does your cub column look different lately? If so, it's because your own class reporter and yourself haven't been handling in the news. When something happens, why not write it up then instead of waiting till Tuesday morning when everyone's hurried and racking their brains to remember what happened last week?

Training School

P. T. A. To Meet

The T. S. Parent-Teacher Association will hold its final spring session at 3:30 Friday afternoon, May 11. Special music will be given by pupils in the Fourth, Fifth, Sixth, and Seventh grades, under direction of Miss Grace Patton.

The problems of Family Social Life will be discussed, with Mrs. B. P. Bickham leading the discussion.

Mrs. J. G. Smith will preside at the installation of officers.

At the business session plans may be offered by the Room Mothers and others for the affairs of the organization in the fall term.

Campus Snooings

VICTORS, you really looked sharp in those uniforms Tuesday.

Congratulations, Les Choistes, for having such a wonderful annual.

Well, WIMPY, you don't seem to have lost any time since JIM ED left ELOISE.

LEROY FREEMAN has suddenly bestowed his attentions upon the East Dorm. Could JAN STANFORD or MARY KERBOW have anything to do with it?

Does anyone remember the night JOE LOONEY went on a calling spree, with the East Dorm as his object? I'll bet quite a few of the girls remember.

Although CHARLES CAN-TRELL isn't in school anymore, he seems to make it over to Commerce quite regularly to see BESSIE JEAN.

Say, but don't JOE MCKENZIE and BOBBIE RABB make a swell looking couple?

Congratulations, FINLEY, for such a quick recovery. Incidentally, SMILEY, did you enjoy all the excitement caused by your telegram?

DONNA HURST and BILL SORRELLS are seen together quite often lately.

PAULA BYARS, you rated a cute sailor Monday night. Did you decide what to do with the white sailor hat?

GENE BRABHAM, that orchid WES sent you was really a beauty.

CURT is really being faithful with calls from New York and ten page letters to PARK.

MINKIE SALMON seems to be doing okay with a certain HAL from Camp Maxey.

THE PARTY LINE

A Mozart Festival is being presented this week by the School of Music on the campus of North Texas State.

Beginning Sunday, the curtain rang up with the overture to "The Magic Flute" and will continue with various Mozart compositions during the week, to be climaxed by the presentation of "Requiem" sung by the Capella and the Women's choirs Saturday evening.

Dean J. Thomas Davis, administrative head of John Tarleton College, Stevensville, reached the age of retirement last week after 26 years of service.

He will continue to serve until his successor is named.

The Women's Chorus of West Texas State, Canyon, presented its annual concert Wednesday evening, May 2.

The program of varied music was directed by Miss Pauline Brigham, instructor of music in the college.

All-College Day was celebrated Wednesday at Stephen F. Austin in Nacogdoches. Starting at the country club, the day's activities included swimming, dancing, a base-ball game, and a barbecue.

Social highlight of the coming semester on the campus of A. & M. is the annual Senior Ring Dance and Banquet to be held Friday, May 11.

Veterans Should See O. A. S. I. Man

PARIS, Texas, May 9.—Returning veterans who have problems regarding old-age and survivors insurance and who desire information concerning social security should call on Paul J. Files, representative of the Paris office of the Social Security Board, who will be at Greenville on the second and fourth Wednesdays of each month. Mr. Files makes regular visits to Greenville each week for the sole purpose of assisting claimants, wage earners and others seeking information about the program. While in the city, he can be contacted at the U. S. Employment Service office, Corner Oak and Washington Sts.

All field office managers and their representatives are prepared to give information and render personal service to the returning soldier and will be glad to do so, according to Mr. Files, manager of the Paris office, who was here today.

Texan In Cabinet

DALLAS—Robert E. Hannegan, appointed Wednesday as Postmaster General by President Harry S. Truman, is a former Texas professional baseball player. The new cabinet member played centerfield for the Paris team of the East Texas League in 1925.

Cpl. Howard Preminger



Shown above is Cpl. Howard Preminger of Camp Maxey, who gave a concert here Friday night in the First Baptist Church. This performance was his second in Commerce, having appeared here with two other soldier artists last summer.

Les Choisites Have Annual Garden Dance

The Les Choisites club had its Annual Garden Dance Saturday night in the reading room of the library. Pink and red roses, sweet peas, and many other spring flowers were used in decorating. At the east end of the library was a garden scene with artificial grass, a white picket fence, columns, bird bath, table, bench and a goldfish pond surrounded with ivy. Behind the screen was a stone wall also covered with ivy.

The orchestra stands were decorated with shield-shaped emblems of pink and green, the Les Choisites colors, with the letters LC printed on them.

Presiding at the punch bowl were Miss Virginia Mason and Miss Helen Cummings, the Les Choisites sponsor. Mrs. Wanda Beard presided at the register.

Members and their dates were: Billye Margaret Johnson, James E. Wester; Mary Broadfoot, Harold Talley; Mary Randall Wheatley, Bill Swain; Edna Earl Lemons, Curtis Regan; Ava Ashworth, Lewis Endsley; Georgia Cassel, Louis Marshall; Gene Brabham, Wes Alford; Ila Fern Renfro, Bill Hogue; Marie Kerbow, Bob Scott Bartley; Mary Linn Miller, Charles E. White, Jr.; Bobbie Rabb, Joe McKenzie; Sue Tittle, John Brunson; Mary Lynn Brown, Cameron McKinney; Jan Stanford, Bill Rust; Helen Chapman, Lt. Jim Whitcotton; Lillian Jo Ashworth Kenneth Sparks; Kathryn Reaves, Dub Cannon; Ratsy Redwine (an ex-member) T. R. Phillips; Doris Higgins (ex), Harold Higgins. Other members and guests were: Mrs. Frank Banning, Margaret Bell, Margene Clark, Janet Kirkland, Lt. Joe Koop, along with faculty members and other guests.

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U. T. Professor Urges Change In Arithmetic Teaching

From the high school girl who struggles through solid geometry and algebra, and the parents who exclaim in despair over problems with their children, will come hearty approval of a University of Texas professor's theory about the future teaching of algebra and geometry.

"I think it is a great waste of the taxpayer's money to require every boy and girl, regardless of degree of intelligence, or intended occupation, to study algebra and geometry," says Dr. J. G. Umstätt, professor of secondary education.

After the war, the professor believes, the present "epidemic of mathematical madness" should be cured with an antidote of common sense derived from a knowledge of the need of the student for mathematics and his ability to master the field sufficiently to gain more value from it than he could get from any other field with equal effort.

"Certainly the current tendency to apply mathematics to the work of the world should be increased after the war. But, the emphasis upon mathematics and science after the war should be regulated by a peacetime rather than wartime pursuits," he asserted.

Dr. Umstätt believes that the need of arithmetic has been revealed by the war. The need for higher branches of mathematics for skilled workers and technicians has also been awarded.

"After the war, however, I think advanced courses in mathematics through calculus should be given high school pupils of superior ability with technical occupations in view, but no course beyond arithmetic should be required of all students," he said.

I. Q. tests will determine those students of high ability, who will probably need higher mathematics in future work, and only they should be required to study the subject through high school. Associated Collegiate Press.

Two hundred and fifty German prisoners in a Texas camp refused to work because their allowance of cigarettes was two days late reaching them.

T. S. To Honor Twenty Students

Scholarships, honors, medals, awards, and special mentions will be given to prominent pupils at Training School Commencement Thursday night, May 17. D. A. R. Good Citizenship award medals will be given by the local chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution to two pupils in the eighth grade. These medals are offered to the boy and the girl showing best evidence of good school citizenship combined with a patriotic attitude.

Medals will also be given by the Lions Club to the boy and girl who have the best records of all-round accomplishment and outstanding development beyond mere scholarship.

The annual announcement of high scholarship records in American History will indicate emphasis in that subject and will honor several students. The D. A. R. has given special encouragement to this item during recent years.

The selection of the college scholarship winner is based on the complete four-year record of the students. The Texas Legislature provides one such annual scholarship for each accredited high school. In nominating the top student the students of the upper half of the graduating class are also named and honored.

Top-ranking students in the subjects of English, mathematics and industrial arts may be listed in the final bulletins of the year, making the total honor roll of students number more than twenty.

Veterans Return To Government Jobs

DALLAS, May—Veterans returning to government jobs are increasing each month, according to reports reaching A. J. Leach, Regional Director of the Tenth U. S. Civil Service Region, Dallas. Only veterans who get jobs with the U. S. Government are included in this report. Other agencies reporting on veteran re-employment may include these, with men taken into industry or trade.

Some 17,000 veterans were employed through the U. S. Civil Service in February, 1945, an increase of 1,300 over the last month. Of these 759 were employed in Texas and 250 in Louisiana. Most of these were men who returned to government jobs they left to enter the armed forces.

Veterans of World War II comprise about two out of every three veterans employed in February, 1945. An average of 1,790 veterans each month have been so returned to government jobs since July 1, 1944. The commissioner's report shows that 97 out of every 100 veterans are employed in agencies throughout the 48 states.

Many government jobs are now restricted to veterans, which means that so long as qualified veterans apply, non-veterans will not be hired for those jobs. Among these are customs guards certain hospital jobs, and numerous others. For the Tenth U. S. Civil Service Region, Thomas W. Saling is Regional Veterans Employment Representative, with his office at 210 South Harwood Street, Dallas, Texas.

Miss Long Honoree At Breakfast

Mrs. F. R. Watkins and daughter, Caro Sue, honored Miss Dorothy Long, graduate of the Training School, class '45 with a breakfast Sunday morning, May 6, at their home, 1404 Sycamore.

The class colors of green and white were carried out in place cards, which were miniature white diplomas, tied with green ribbons. The centerpiece was of red roses.

The menu consisting of fruit cocktail, poached eggs, bacon strips, sweetbread, jelly, rolls and coffee.

BUY WAR BONDS

THE EAST TEXAN Society Notes

College String Quartet



Pictured above from left to right are Martha Baker, Janie Dawkins, Marjean Clark, and Mary Wheatley, all members of the college string quartet, who will make a tour through northeast Texas high schools on May 16 and 17th.

Phi Mu Psi Has Annual Banquet

Friday, May 4, in the First Baptist Church, Phi Mu Psi had its first formal banquet. The club colors, purple and gold, were accented by scattered candles and the club emblem. Soft classical music was heard in the background during the meal.

After a hearty meal, Miss Ann Humphrey, president gave the welcome address, after which Mr. James E. Richards, master of ceremonies, introduced all the guests: co-sponsor Miss Louise Turner, Dr. Elsie Bodeman, Miss Adelle Clark, Miss Helen Cummings, Miss Potts, The Reverend and Mrs. Duncan, Miss Emma Mary Foote, Mrs. Gilbert Waller, and her sister Mrs. Mullendore, Mrs. A. C. Ferguson, Miss Grace Patton, and the guest of honor, Cpl. Howard E. Premlinger.

Dr. E. N. Saucier, guest speaker, gave a minute account of his "Musical Background". He started at infancy and brought it up to the not to detailed present. The string quartet, Randall Wheatley, Martha Baker, Marjean Clark and Janie Dawkins, played "Allegro Moderato" from The string quartet, Randall by Haydn and "Spanish Bolero" by Pochon.

Mr. Waller gave the closing talk after which Miss Ann Humphrey announced the officers for 1945 and 1946. They are president, Leita Hallman; vice-president, Janie Dawkins; recording secretary, Jo Ann Miller; reporter, Genetty Ballard; corresponding secretary, Mable Laird; treasurer, atty Jones.

The club was honored with several ex-members, Miss Dorothy Drake; Mrs. G. F. Wollcock, nee Mary Jane Overall; Miss Dorris King, and Miss Olna Broadfoot. Miss Mary Linn Miller then presented a farewell token from the club to Mr. Richards with regrets of his leaving.

Everyone then adjourned to the piano recital in the church auditorium.

Killed In Onimawa

Word was received Thursday by Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Bates of Yowell that their son, Pfc. Raymond L. Bates of the Army, was killed on the Island of Okimawa, near Japan, April 11th.

Sgt. Walter Yates who has been home on a 15 day furlough, has returned to Bolling Field, Washington, D. C.

BUY WAR BONDS

Lions Club Gives Medals to Schools

The Commerce Lions Club has restored its offer of two medals in each of the local high schools, giving two through the Commerce High School and two at Training School. These medals are given by the local club to encourage various high qualities in the students of the local schools.

Formerly, considerable weight was given to athletic prowess among these qualities, but during the recent terms there has been a reduction of this item among many schools. Among items that receive consideration in the election and conformation of the medal winners are these: participation in various activities, cooperative citizenship, personal development, and scholarship.

As the effort of the Lions Club is to recognize and honor the most outstanding all-round pupils, the awards are not identical with the high scholarship awards. The awards are not limited to the senior class, but may go to members of other classes also.

Margaret Jo Smith To Marry Soon

Mrs. J. V. Smith of Sulphur Springs, has announced the engagement of her daughter, Margaret Jo, to Lt. Charles J. Balconi of the Army Air Corps.

Miss Smith, a graduate of Sulphur Springs High School, received her B. S. degree from East Texas State in August 1944, majoring in business administration. She was prominent in social activities while on the campus. She is now employed as secretary to the Personnel Officer, Red River Ordnance Depot, Texarkana, Texas.

Lt. Balconi, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Balconi of Bay City, Michigan, entered the Army Air Corps in 1941 and received his basic training in San Antonio. Later he was stationed at Jones Field, Bonham, and Perrin Field, Sherman, receiving his commission in Eagle Pass, Texas, in February, 1944. Recently he returned from eight months in the Aleutian Islands, and is now stationed in Santa Ana, California.

Germany not only murders prisoners, but murders treaties. The Allies will see to it that a nation so devoid of honor will be removed from the international society of decent nations.

BUY WAR BONDS

Eta Epsilon Club Elects Officers

The Eta Epsilon Club met May 3 with Joy Knight and Christine Schudder.

The following officers were elected for the next year:

President—Mary Louise Cox. Vice President—Juanita Kibler. Secretary—Arna Beth Winsett. Treasurer—Mary Lindsey. Reporter—Imogene Dunn. Parliamentarian—Ina Fae Grubbs.

Historian—Betty Jane Tinney. A picnic was planned for May 17 for the installation of officers. It was voted that twenty-five cents should be spent by each member for the food.

Miss Burson directed games, and refreshments were served by the social committee.

Program Set For International Relations Club

The program for the International Relations Club which will meet Wednesday, May 9, will be given by Dr. Margaret Wiley's students in English 112. The group will present a symposium on the subject "Literature and the War." Introduced by Dr. Wiley, the students will appear in the role of several poets of the day. Comments upon the treatment of the Armistice and peace in 1918 and the 1920's, with speculation regarding the poetry of the 1940's will be made.

Students and their roles in the symposium are as follows:

Leta Mae Caldwell—Flight Lt. Henry Treece. Marian Bishop—Capt. John Manifold and Robert P. Tristram Coffin. Mary Nell Williams—Robert Frost. La Verne Mullins—Lt. Herbert Creekmore. Sam Smith—Mr. E. E. Cummings. Bill Swain—Mr. Mark Van Doren. Doris Faires—Mr. Geoffrey Grigson.

Winnie Blakeney Weds I. A. Stone

Announcement has been made of the marriage of Miss Blakeney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Blakeney of Athens, Tex., to I. A. Stone, 1317 N. Fitzhugh, Dallas, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Stone, Mrs. Stone is a former student of East Texas State.

The wedding took place April 22 in Rockwall, with the Rev. Gray DeWeese Seely officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Joe Moore attended the couple. Mr. and Mrs. Stone are at home at 1317 North Fitzhugh, Dallas.

Arthur West Gets Sack of Cocoanuts

Grocer Arthur West received a sack full of fresh cocoanuts Wednesday from his good friend and former Army buddy, 1st Sgt. Lacey Turner, who is stationed in the Marianas Islands in the South Pacific. West says cocoanuts are really scarce and that this is really a valuable gift. The cocoanuts didn't cost Sgt. Turner anything but the parcel post cost was 15c each. He wrote that he drinks the milk from five of them daily; that there are plenty of cigarettes there costing only 5c per pack; that they get only two candy bars per week; but that they get everything else they need.

Mrs. Jess R. King



Janice McClellan Weds Petty Officer Jess King

Miss Janice McClellan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe McClellan of 1808 Stonewall Street Commerce, was married to Jess R. (Buddy) King, 1st class petty officer, son of Mrs. Katie King, at 8 p. m. on Friday evening April 20 at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Ben Rogers, in Dallas. Dr. Wallace Bassett of Cliff Temple Baptist Church officiated. The double ring ceremony was performed in front of a rose banked altar flanked on either side by white candles.

The bride wore an aqua crepe dress, designed with a side draped tunic with black accessories. She wore a corsage of gardenias and carnations. A reception was held immediately after the ceremony with Mrs. Katie King presiding at the double ring cake and Mrs. Rogers pouring coffee. The table was laid with a white linen cover, and white candles in silver candle holders were placed on either side of the bride's cake, which was nestled in a ring of roses.

Mrs. King graduated from Wolfe City and Petty Officer King and attended East Texas State. While at East Texas State she was a member of Eta Epsilon. She is now a teacher in the Wolfe City High School.

The groom graduated from Wolfe City High School in 1939 and entered the Navy in 1940. Petty Officer King wears seven battle stars for action in the south Pacific.

After a short honeymoon, Mrs. King will resume her duties at Wolfe City and ety Officer King will go to New York for assignment.

Attending the wedding from Wolfe City were Mrs. W. R. Hampton and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Dooley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Williams have come home and are back on their farm in the Charity community. He has been working in a Naval war plant at Corpus Christi but gave up the job to go back to the farm and enlist in the battle of weeds and soil. He says the first thing is to plant a feed crop.

Toanoowes Elect Future Officers

At the meeting of Toanoowe, Monday night, May 7, in the home of sponsor Mrs. Bill Mayes on Bonham Street, officers for the coming year were elected. They are as follows:

President—Betty Cagle. Vice President—Martha Holler and Secretary—Jean Gipson. Alumni Secretary—Elizabeth Ann Bunch. Treasurer—Juanita Gossett. Rush Captain—Billie McClaran. Reporter—Mary Louise Cox. Historian—Bill Daniel. Parliamentarian—Frances McWhirter.

Reports from the committees for the hayride and dance were given. A treasurer's report was made by Betty Cagle. Light refreshments were served after which the meeting was adjourned with the singing of the club song.

Frank Potter

Al Potter has received a card from his son, Prof. Frank Potter, of Houston, saying he was leaving for Washington as a representative of the Texas Classroom Teachers' Association. He is one of a group who will appear before the Education Committee of the House of Representatives for a congressional hearing. He said he expected to visit a number of places of interest in the Capitol before returning home. Frank has been a member of the Houston public school faculty for a good many years.

GOING SOFT

Parachute troops tell this tale. During some particularly tough training, they went to an officer with a complaint. "It's the new cook, sir," they explained; "he's trying to make us soft."

"How so?" asked the major. "Well, sir," they said, "every time we have boiled barbed wire he puts sugar in it."

T. S. Graduation Ceremonies Set For Next Week

The commencement season in Commerce will be opened Sunday night, May 13, when the Training School seniors will have their commencement service in the college auditorium. The sermon will be delivered by Dr. D. C. Butler, father of one of the graduating seniors. Various ministers of the city will assist in this service, and special music will be given by the Training School Boys Quartet, pupils of Miss Louise Turner, assisted by Miss Mary Lynn Miller, accompanist. The quartet includes John Lem Binion, Marquē Debenport, William Evans, and Clyde Polk.

The graduation program of Training School will follow on Thursday night, May 17th. This event will be presented in the college auditorium, and will be followed by a reception in the gymnasium of the Education building. The address of the evening will be delivered by Mr. E. O. Box, member of the college faculty, Hal Box, son of the speaker, will receive his diploma at this occasion, though he finished his high school work several months ago and has been in college several terms. Other students who have finished their work but who will get their diplomas Thursday are: Johnella Sparks, Bill Hunt, Mary Broadfoot, and Mildred Franklin. Special music for the program will be given by the Training School Mixed Ensemble, including Patricia Broun, Bertie Ruth Lantrip, Janie Miller, Marquē Debenport, William Evans and Clyde Polk.

An interesting feature of the graduation program is the announcement of various awards of honors and medals. About ten pupils will be named in connection with the various honors of the occasion. Two medals for good citizenship will be given by the Daughters of the American Revolution, and two medals will be given by the Lions Club for the most outstanding boy and girl in Training School. Nominations for all the elective honors are made by the pupils, but the confirming election is concluded by the teachers. As this confirmation is not given until the last school work is completed on graduation day, it is usually not possible to reveal the names of the honored pupils until commencement night.

Candidate for the diplomas are: Will Hill Acker, Hal Box, Ava Ann Brechen, Mary Esther Broadfoot, Barbara Butler, Patsy Camp, Mary Cornish, Benjie Cox, Harold Echert, Mildred Franklin, Helen Hance, Peggy Hendrix, Bill Hunt, Mary Sue Hurt, Sue Johnson, Robert Jones, Anne Knight, Mack Lantrip, Dorothy Long, Will Salmon, Johnella Sparks, and Charles Windell.

Founders' Day Banquet Held May 5

In the Dutch room of the new Beckham Hotel, Greenville, a large number of the members of the Beta Lambda Chapter of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society gathered for the annual Founders' Day banquet May 5, at 7:30 o'clock.

In her calm sweet way, Miss Belle Dept pinned the Delta Kappa Gamma colors on little Susan Jane Smith, young daughter of Cpl. and Mrs. Smith, thus declaring her a junior member and mascot of the Beta Lambda chapter.

As mistress of ceremonies, Mrs. Will N. Harrison, in her most gracious manner introduced Miss Jo Ann Neal, who favored the group with two vocal numbers accompanied by Mrs. Cameron Boone-Tyger and Miss Lugenia Gibbs, who gave a lovely piano solo. Several Delta Kappa Gamma songs, led by Miss Jodie Thompson and accompanied by Mrs. Estelle Erwin, were sung.

Fourteen members then paid great tribute to the twelve founders of the society in a very impressive candle lighting ceremony.

Mrs. W. F. Apperson has returned from a visit with her daughters, Mrs. R. E. Adams, of Greenville, and Mrs. J. A. Nowell, of Blueridge.

Music students on good - will tour to northeast Texas high schools



Shown from left to right are Mabel Laird, pianist from Port Arthur; Leita Hallman, coloratura soprano from Saltville; Anne Humphrey, pianist from Harleton; Faye Skeff, violinist from Port Arthur; and Patty Jones, lyric soprano from El Dorado, Arkansas. This group, accompanied by Mr. Roy Johnson and the college string quartet will present programs at the high schools in Cooper, Paris, and Clarks ville on May 16th and in Texarkana, Naples, and Mt. Vernon on May 17th.

Americans Don't Know History, Says Ohio Professor

COLUMBUS, OHIO—(ACP)—Do Americans know their own history? "No," wrote Henry F. Pringle, who fired another salvo at American educators on this controversial subject in the January 20th issue of the Saturday Evening Post. And "No," reaffirmed members of the Ohio State University department of history who discussed the subject recently at a departmental meeting.

It all started in April, 1943 when the New York Times published the results of a history survey conducted among 7,000 college freshmen in 36 colleges and universities. Boners pulled by freshmen included attributing the New Deal to Theodore Roosevelt, who was identified as a forest ranger and a general in World War I.

The University's historical department is divided on the subject. The majority of its members are agreed on three points: the inadequacy of history teaching lies mainly with the high schools, the questions asked in the New York Times survey were not broad enough in nature, and Ohio State's history requirements are satisfactory.

Dr. Eugene H. Roseboom believes that "history is the worst taught subject in high school with the exception of English." Dr. Marlin K. Farmer states that "on the whole many high school students come unprepared in basic American history." Most of the department members in this camp agree that better preparation of high school history teachers is needed; that coaches and domestic science teachers are not qualified history teachers.

Dr. Frances P. Weisenburger suggests the necessity for a better arrangement whereby the same material will not be duplicated at different levels. He believes that "efforts to interest the student have resulted in the watering down of content. History can be presented in an interesting and vital way without having to dilute it so much."

Dr. Foster R. Dulles pointed out that the universities cannot avoid their responsibility by blaming the secondary schools for inadequate preparation. "What we need," he believes, "is more interpretation of history and less emphasis on detailed content. Detail is important only as it illustrates general principles and underlying trends which have their relevancy today."

In the opposite camp is Dr. Harold J. Grimm, who believes "the high schools are doing a pretty good job." Dr. Grimm points out that teaching history is a matter of good judgement in helping the student to understand it; that perspective should be the most important consideration. He believes that he high school teachers should not be blamed for the details which the students have forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs. James Cherry announce the birth of a baby boy, Jerry Wayne, in Sulphur Springs. Mr. Wayne, who is now in the marines, and his wife, the former Hope Carden, attended East Texas State.

Why Teach Social Dancing?

(An editorial by the department of physical education for women) "Why teach social dancing? Those who like it will dance anyway—just naturally—so why teach it to everyone?" The following explanation is made in an effort to prove the value in teaching social dancing as a part of the curriculum.

In social, as in other forms of dancing, emotions are expressed by means of rhythmic movement through the instrument of one's own body. This statement being true, one would be justified in wondering just what type of emotions could possibly be the basis of the movement often seen on the dance floors, when in reality, lack of knowledge of correct form and of skill would more than likely be the cause of the grotesque positions, and not warped emotions. In teaching social dancing one should realize that some of the first objectives are conditioning the muscles, increasing their responsiveness, perfecting the body balance, relieving tension and increasing relaxation, and correcting poor posture habits and faults. Attaining these objectives is only one part of that answer to the question "Why teach social dancing?"

Local social customs have thus

far ruled that in social dances one's attractiveness and "popularity" too often depends upon one's ability to perform with a partner. Convention forces a couple unwillingly, or unwittingly, to remain together the entire evening or, perhaps worse, for one person to remain alone and "unasked." Socially these people feel a sense of inferiority. A good sound education in social dancing develops a pride in skill, and satisfaction in performance, and the pleasure one derives from the activity is in proportion to one's ability in performing that skill. Thus self-confidence increases, self-consciousness vanishes and a sureness and naturalness appears, resulting in a desire for socialization, in becoming a part of a group, and in contributing to that group. Then is fulfilled a social and recreational value in teaching social dancing.

When we see a large group or class of girls, during the man-shortage period, moving physically, happily unhampered and on the gym floor, their mood and emotions expressed in unrehearsed movements in response to the style and phrasing of the accompanying music, this is an answer to the question, "Why teach social dancing?"

Music Department Observes Music Week

The department of music at East Texas State presented its second student recital Sunday afternoon at 4 p. m. in the college auditorium. The first in the series was given Thursday evening, May 3rd, by the college band. The Sunday concert consisted of group and solo numbers by advanced piano, voice, and organ students in the department.

On May 10th, the series continued with a concert by the college orchestra and on May 20th will conclude with a recital of voice, piano, and organ students at 4 p. m.

In connection with this series of musical events, a piano concert was given on Friday evening, May 4th, by Cpl. Howard E. Preminger at the First Baptist Church at 8 p. m. This concert was sponsored by Phi Mu Psi, the music club of the college.

All the programs given were in connection with National Music Week, which was the first week in May.

Big Drop In Cotton Crop Valuation

AUSTIN, May 9.—The U. S. Department of Agriculture has estimated the value of the 1944 Texas cotton crop at approximately eight million dollars under the 1943 crop. The USDA placed the 1944 crop figure at \$260,583,000.

Cotton seed production was estimated at 1,068,000 tons, or five and six-tenths per cent below the 1943 production. Probable value of last year's cotton seed was \$58,847,000.

Total ginnings in 1944 — in 500-pound bales — was set at 2,658,134 bales.

Young Men Needed By Navy for Radio

Encouraging news from the war zones notwithstanding, the Navy still needs a large number of young men to train for special duties in the radio and radar fields, Commander Dan Henry, officer in charge, emphasized in correspondence this week to recruiters of the North and West Texas recruiting district.

"Parents and friends of men eligible for the services could do their loved ones a good turn by encouraging them to visit Navy recruiting stations for information and then to prepare themselves for the Eddy test by studying the suggested subjects. In several localities, such as Tyler, San Angelo, Abilene, Lubbock, Wichita Falls, Paris, Amarillo, Palestine, Dallas and Fort Worth, parents and teachers have been instrumental in causing high schools and colleges to set up special refresher classes for young men interested in radio and radar as war-time duty and post-war professions. From these classes have come most of the successful applicants for the Navy training programs," the commander pointed out.

"Investigation will show that the radio technician program is the most complete educational course offered Navy volunteers since the V-5 or aviation cadet program was in full swing, and the need for these trainees is most acute at the present time." For additional information the recruiter will be at the Commerce postoffice every Thursday from 1 o'clock until 3. Or write the U. S. Navy Recruiting Station, Post Office Building, Paris Texas.

Miss Geraldine Branom, librarian at North Texas A & M college, Arlington, Texas, has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Branom and brother, S-Sgt. Joseph M. Branom.

Modern Dance Students



Pictured above are Rose Ross and Jan Stanford, who will participate in the modern dance program to be presented Friday, May 25th, by the department of physical education for women. The modern dance program, the culmination feature of Achievement Week, will be preceded in the week by the year's finals in tennis and badminton, a softball game on Wednesday, and archery contests on Thursday. Included on the program Friday will be tap, social, folk, character, and country dances.

MODERN DANCE

Modern dance is a term currently applied to the contemporary dance that employs characteristic and expressive movements by an individual or a group using different time and space elements. It deserves a place in a modern activity curriculum in our schools today because of its close kin to those demands made for power and skill, muscular control and physical vigor, required for all kinds of games and sports of today. It belongs in the curriculum because of its adaptability to act as a means of translating ideas, thought, and feeling into reality according to one's own style and to one's capacities. The creative power, which is an essential part of education, is developed through this kind of dancing. Students working in creative groups demonstrate self-directed democratic living in which is realized a chance to exchange ideas, to exercise leadership and co-operative fellowship, to assume responsibility and to meet obligations. Considering these enumerated values, it is truly met that modern dance should be included in a curriculum of well rounded and balanced activities in our schools.

TAP DANCING

Tap dancing holds a unique place in rhythmic activities because of its exactness in the performance of foot patterns, not stressed in any other form of dancing. It can be enjoyed by everyone from the very beginning since progress can be seen in the passing from the simple pattern to the more complicated ones. Tapping can be performed by an individual with a degree of pleasure but the joy of participating with a group heightens its value ever more. The body development in tap dancing follows the lines of simple, healthy movements, resulting in a natural body swing, and in making relaxation and develops ease in shifting for balance and in making sudden change in direction. The accompanying music for tapping is very often the current popular "swing hits." This fact adds to the fun of the dancing and to its value as it soon passes on, taking with it the idea and the routine, but leaving technique and way for a continuous flow of new ideas and routines, thus developing the creative sense.

FOLK AND COUNTRY DANCING

Folk dancing has been universally popular throughout the ages because of its natural form of technique within the scope of all performers, its genuineness and lack of artificiality, its release of energy in a bodily expression of joy, happiness, and vitality, and because it lends a chance to dance for the sheer joy of dancing, moving, and living. It develops a fine interplay of muscles and nerves which results in quicker body response and co-ordination. Various systems of the body are stimulated resulting in more vigorous bodies and improved health. Folk dancing is a group activity in which joyful moods are aroused. Freedom from the cares of life and unpleasant feelings are cast aside. Self-consciousness and internal inhibitions disappear and tenseness gives way to relaxation and ease. A study of folk dancing of other countries helps one to gain a knowledge of the characteristics and customs of the people of other nations, thereby developing in the individual a more tolerant attitude toward others and a better understanding of his neighbors. In order to reap its greatest values, folk dancing should be entered into gaily and happily, with a feeling of freedom.

Commerce Negro First From Hunt

Very little has been heard about the service of negroes in World War II. Yet on the fighting fronts they have performed nobly in bringing about the downfall of Germany.

Hunt county's first volunteer to serve in the armed forces after the initial Selective Service lot-

tery in 1940, was a negro. He was LeRoy Hamilton of Commerce, who held registration No. 158, the first to be drawn in the lottery. He promptly paid a visit to Draft Board Two headquarters where he offered his services and was accepted.

When Hunt County's first group of draftees boarded a train for the district induction station in Dallas, Hamilton was in their midst.—Greenville Banner.

BUY WAR BONDS

Junked 'Warkawk' Goes Aloft Again in Chennault Film

This is a story of a shark-nosed Curtiss-Wright P-40 Warhawk fighter plane.

She was a ship that had served her usefulness and was lying, along with many other ships, on the scrap-heap in San Francisco. Her vital and salvageable parts had been removed and she was destined for an inglorious end in a melting pot.

However, by a freak of circumstances this ship was to find a more deserving end. A motion picture was being produced in Hollywood, based on the best-selling autobiography of Col. Robert Lee Scott. The film's name was "God Is My Co-Pilot."

Colonel Scott had fought with General Claire Chennault's (Chennault was born in Commerce) Flying Tigers of the A. V. G. in China. He had earned himself the title of "One Man Air Force" with a single P-40 when the Allies were fighting a holding battle for the interior of China. Scott had learned to love the Warhawk.

To film the scene it was necessary to use a real P-40 and the logical step was to find a "war weary" one for the purpose. And so it was that the junked heroine was pulled from the pile of debris and shipped to Hollywood.

The metal shop and the paint shop restored the fighter to a reasonable semblance of its former glory and it was trucked to the Warner Bros. ranch where its immortality would be recorded on film.

One of the important scenes in the picture is when Johnny Petach, an A. V. G. pilot, is shot down over the headquarters of Chennault. Petach manages to crash-land his shark-nosed ship on the home field but dies as he climbs from the cockpit.

At the Palace Theatre Thursday and Friday, you can see Dane Clark, as Johnny Petach, flutter to earth like a wounded hawk. You can also see Dennis Morgan, as Colonel Scott, and Raymond Massey, as Chennault, rush to the aid of the stricken flier. Petach slips, falls on the wing of the ship, dies.

It's an exciting moment as the story is unfolded and in the midst of the setting dust is the P-40 of the scrap pile—the P-40 that lived for its country, died for its country and then lived again to be an actor in Hollywood.

Journal Printer in Philippines

Sgt. George Chumbley, a Commerce, boy who learned the printer's trade in the Commerce Journal office and worked on the paper a long time, is with the armed forces in the Southwest Pacific. He is a nephew of H. H. Hunt of Commerce and has been in the service 38 months with the 41st Infantry Division. The following account of Sgt. Chumbley's outfit was recently published in the Dallas News:

Manila, May 3.—"Jungle-leers" of the 41st Infantry Division, now serving their 37th month in Pacific combat zones, have won a total of 7,512 Purple Hearts and 1,771 decorations for bravery in action against the enemy.

The 41st was the first infantry outfit to reach the Southwest Pacific after Pearl Harbor. It fought through the Buna-Sananda campaign, at Salamaua, Aitape, Hollandia, Wakde and Biak—in brief up the entire length of New Guinea.

Since arriving in the Philippines the "Jungleleers" have landed and crushed the foe at Palawan, Zamboanga, Basilan, Awitawi and Jolo.

The division was made up of National Guard units in the Pacific Northwest.

Wounded by Sniper

S-Sgt. Lloyd L. Smith, U. S. Army, husband of the former Miss Eddie Burson of Commerce, was wounded April 22 on Okinawa. He has written his wife that he was shot in the hip by a Jap sniper as he was "digging in" about 6:30 in the afternoon. He has been evacuated to an army hospital.

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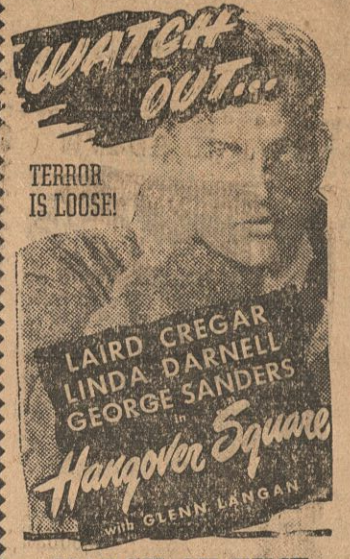


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BRING ON THE GIRLS

Mrs. Howell's Sister Writes From The Philippines

(Ed. Note—The following letter has been received by Mrs. O. C. Howell from her sister, Mrs. Linnie Hodges, who was recently released, along with another sister, from a Jap prison camp. They had been confined by the Japs since Pearl Harbor. Readers will find the letter of interest as it gives some details of their life in the Jap camps.)

Dear Sis: At last we are free, and have received some of those precious letters. Some were two years old but the news from home was "heaven".

We had been living at our ranch six-months when we were captured. It is about 40 miles as you remember your trip here when you were visiting me. It was 5:30 in the afternoon and I was taking a shower when 12 Jap officers and a Philippine guide came at an unexpected hour and took us. I was not allowed to fully dress so: Era and I walked 12 kilometers over mountainous road, bare footed, wade stream and were placed in an old building at Capiz. We stayed there four days with those wet clothes on and then we were taken to Iloilo and put in the school building near my house. We stayed there and existed on a small amount of rice, corn and some salt for one year.

After this sort of torture, we were moved to Manila and placed in Sanot To Mas Camp with 3700 other internees from all over the island. For two and one-half years we starved—ate Jap garbage, leaves, vines, roots—some ate cats and dogs. We didn't do that as we stayed with the veg-

etable kingdom—and lived. Our friends died like flies all around us. Lots of them lost their minds. So, if this letter sounds a little "goofy," please don't be alarmed. We lost every stitch of clothing and valuables we had. But that is so little when we think of life. We lived by the 23 Psalm. The Lord is My Scapegoat."

It was a happy day when Uncle Sam came and brought us good food. Thanks to our American boys and the Red Cross, we do not need for anything now, as this organization, the finest in the world, has charge of us. We are on the road to recovery but it will be sometime before we are ourselves.

LINNIE HODGES

Mrs. Mary Devaney Has 93rd Birthday

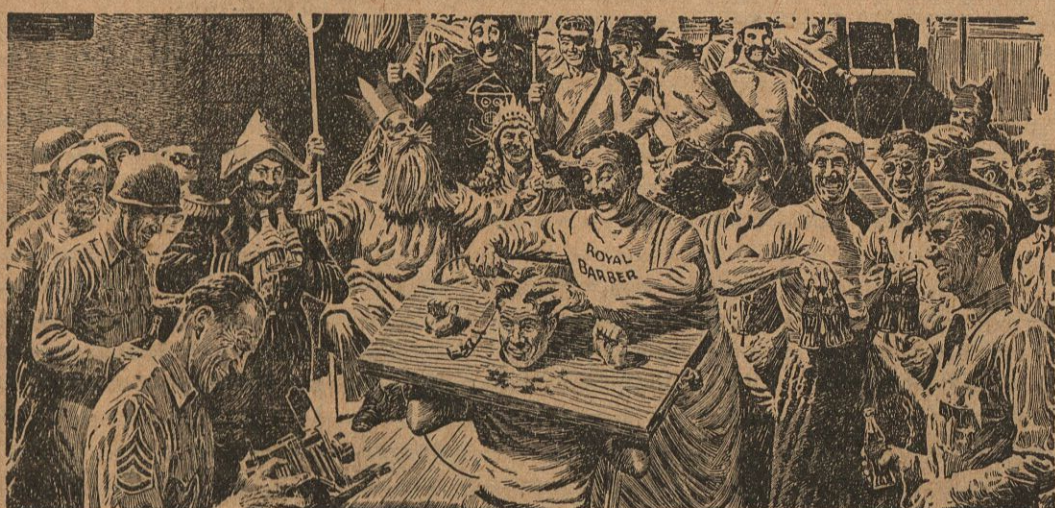
Mrs. Perry Hogue entertained at dinner, April 19, in honor of her mother, Mrs. Mary Devaney, who celebrated her 93rd birthday.

Mrs. Devaney is a pioneer citizen of Commerce, having lived here 55 years. She is still active, makes her own lightbread, once a week cans vegetables and fruits, listens to news broadcasts on the radio and reads the newspapers. Mrs. Devaney is a true American, Texan and Democrat.

Twenty relatives were present for the occasion, included were two other daughters, Mrs. Fred Bedford, Dallas; and Mrs. Dave Langridge, Commerce; and one son, Stephen J. O'Brien. Others present were grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Washington's second inaugural address was the shortest on record—134 words. Lincoln's second address contained 588 words; Johnson's 362; and Arthur's 431.

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