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THE NEW SCHOOL PLANT

One of the many striking features of the newly established East Texas State Normal College is the material improvement and added equipment of the new school plant. Many new rooms have been created by dividing the large rooms of the main building and of the science hall. The Science hall formerly contained six rooms; it now contains twelve. The main building including the basement formerly contained seventeen rooms; it now contains twenty-seven rooms. The increase in the number of rooms is made in order to accommodate the increased number of teachers and classes. It is hoped that the maximum number in any class may not exceed thirty.

A new training school building containing seven recitation rooms with cloak rooms and toilet rooms costing with equipment approximately eight thousand dollars has been built. This accommodates about one hundred children and presents a most excellent opportunity for observation and practice work of students of the college proper. The Science Hall and main building have been repainted inside and out, a steam system guaranteeing comfort and sanitation at all times for the main building and science hall has been installed; a new electric lighting system has been placed in the main building and in Willard Hall; a new plumbing system with running water, or drinking fountains, has been installed on every floor of the main building; new cloak rooms, lavatories, and toilet rooms to accommodate twelve hundred or fifteen hundred students have been built in the basement of the main building; fire escapes are being placed on the main building, and on the Science Hall; new concrete floors have been placed in the basement; and the entrances have been rebuilt, all main doors of the entire plant are made to swing outward in compliance with the fire protection law of Texas.

The first floor of Willard Hall has

been completely overhauled, and rebuilt. On this floor have been built manual training work shop, office, finishing room, and store room, a physical training room with dressing rooms for both boys and girls with shower baths which may be used by either, an agricultural department with work shop, and laboratory, a laboratory for domestic science, a large work room for sewing and designing; have also provided office for Dean of Women, and for other department heads which are found on the first floor of Willard Hall. New roofs have been placed on Science Hall, Main building, and Willard Hall. Between five thousand and six thousand volumes have been added to the library. Approximately five thousand dollars has been spent on work shops and laboratories of our science and industrial departments. A portion of the camps has been piped for water, and will be kept green and beautiful throughout the year. Much, yet remains to be done, but the physical plant is now ready for reception of a large student body in comfort and to offer material advantages of a standard teachers' college. The old students will find upon return the familiar and cordial atmosphere of the old school in the new plant, and at the same time find a number of physical improvements which add greatly to the efficiency of the school work.

THE PRESENT STUDENT BODY.

Full of enthusiasm, one in spirit for the success of the college, morally clean, frankly courteous, full of "pep"—these are the qualities that mark the present student body of the East Texas State Normal College. In the class rooms, in the corridors, on the streets, in their various athletic activities, in their homes, these qualities are evident.

It is true that our present enrollment is not large. This condition, however, is rather fortunate than otherwise, for whatever advantages may come to a student body from the

presence of large numbers are more than offset by the thorough organization and the individual attention to students made possible by this condition. This fact is recognized by both the students and faculty.

Many of the present student body were members of the college before it became a State institution. These young men and women are making their influence for good felt on every occasion possible. They are helping to mould into the best form that spirit of loyalty to principle, and that enthusiasm for the accomplishment of definite ends so essential in every institution of learning where young men and women are being trained for service as efficient members of a great Democracy like our own.

Nor are these former students by themselves in this spirit of helpfulness. There are among us numbers of young men and women from various high schools and colleges throughout the State who say by their attitude: "Show us what we are expected to do toward making this a great and prosperous institution, and we will do that part and more."

This is as it should be. The East Texas State Normal College will without doubt become great. But that greatness will not be due wholly to the moral and financial support of the State. Nor will the faculty be responsible for its success more than the State. Great as are these two forces for the upbuilding of this college, they must share that happy task with the third vertex of this triangle of forces,—the student body.

Happy indeed should be every young man and woman now connected with this institution in the thought that it is to have a share—an unique privilege—in the successful organization of this newest of State Normal Colleges of Texas.

In a brief survey of the situation, it is eminently worth while to note that it is the opinion of those who have observed closely that every man and woman among us is, as the English are saying on the battle front, "trying to do his bit."

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WORDS OF GREETINGS.

This issue of The East Texan is the first of the new school year, and is the initial number of the College under State control. To all the former students and friends of the institution she wishes to extend words of happy greeting and to wish for them abundant opportunities of earnest labor and noble service.

It shall be the policy and effort of The East Texan to furnish a fairly accurate and complete account of the work and progress of the College in-

cluding student body, faculty, and friends of the institution, and to serve as a medium for expressing the wholesome college spirit which is so necessary in the organization and development of a great school.

The loyalty of the friends of the former institution will be a very material factor in the growth and service of the new school and it is the earnest hope of The East Texan that all the former students and friends will render their most hearty support to this enterprise. Such help will make possible more quickly the development of the paper into one of the leading college publications in the South, and assist in advancing the East Texas State Normal College to the front rank of Normal schools in America.

THE FIRST LYCEUM NUMBER.

The first Lyceum Number, Castellucci's Neapolitans, was appreciated by a crowded house of representative citizens, and students and faculty of the East Texas State Normal College, Saturday evening, November 10. It is the consensus of opinion of those who heard the numbers, that the Lyceum Committee deserves credit for securing such excellent talent.

Each member of the company reflected credit upon himself for the excellent manner in which he responded to the many encores. From the first number to the end of the arranged program, each member displayed the talent of the well trained artist. The selections were from the master composer, together with a few selections of Castellucci's own composition. The numbers on the ocarina and xylophone were highly appreciated. In fact, a greater number of encores were given from selections on these musical instruments than from the other instruments.

The finale brought the house to its feet, when the strains of Dixie and the Star Spangled Banner were most excellently rendered. Castellucci softly and rhythmically waved an American Flag to the perfect accompaniment of the music.

The second number will be Chief Caulpoican, an Indian lecturer of great accomplishment. The announcement of his coming is such as to assure the holders of season tickets a rare treat.

Former students, the proposition comes to this, you are willing to give one dollar to keep alive the pleasant memories of your former school days and to hear from your old friends.

This much you will do if you get the spirit you should have received while you were here. You are willing to assist in one of the biggest enterprises of one of the best schools in Texas. You are willing to help keep alive and support one of the best College spirits to be found. You are not willing to let die the memories of the most profitable days of your life, the days you labored and learned the great lessons of life, the days you spent in the old E. T. N. C. Send a dollar now and help us make The East Texas the best college paper in Texas for it represents the best College in Texas.

The East Texan faces a greater financial problem this year than in the past. The cost of material and labor is greater. There is need of a larger subscription list than ever before. The splendid spirit of the present and former students is going to surmount this obstacle we trust. Each friend of the school should act with promptness in helping us to swell our list of subscribers. Help the editorial staff to give this paper one of the widest circulations of any college paper in the State. Send in your subscription and tell others to do the same. Read your copies and pass them on to others.

A wide demand from the present and former students of the East Texas State Normal makes The East Texan a necessity. The experimental stage has been passed. The paper is now as necessary as any other permanent enterprise or activity of the college. The success of this publication in the past has been very pronounced and its wide circulation has given it the support necessary for a permanent college publication.

The East Texan must be issued this year and in the years to come. It is to voice the sentiment, hopes, aspirations, and spirit of the present, former, and future student bodies. It must live and prosper. The spirit of the school is behind it and no better spirit can be found anywhere.

W. L. Mayo Literary Society For Young Men.

The students of the East Texas State Normal College met Wednesday afternoon and perfected the organization of the W. L. Mayo Literary Society for Young Men. The organization was presided over by Prof. Fling until the permanent chairman was selected. Great enthusiasm was shown by every young man present.

When the selection of the name for the society was considered many, many outbursts of oratory greeted the listeners. In fact, every one present wanted to say his part in appreciation of the well chosen name for the organization. Every old student was gratified to know that W. L. Mayo Literary Society was to be instituted. After many excellent talks, the members present went into the election of officers.

W. F. Decker was chosen president.

H. B. Bland was chosen vice president.

James Hiner was chosen secretary.

The other officers will be chosen at the next meeting.

A committee to draft constitution and by-laws was selected. C. H. Salmon was designated as chairman of that committee, with Ira Currie, Lee Moore, H. O. Day, Mr. Samuels as associates. These young men will confer with Mr. Wray and Mr. Fling in the arrangement of the constitution and by-laws.

From the enthusiasm displayed at this initial meeting, great good may be expected from the literary activities of the W. L. Mayo Society.

The following young men signed for membership:

W. F. Decker, H. B. Bland, James Bland, James Hiner, H. O. Day, Lee Moore, Charley Masters, Homer Hood, Lovjce Brown, E. B. Barton, Elmer Minter, R. H. Sparkman, Roy Cass, Glover Evans, Luther Hatcher, Bert H. Bruce, Harvey Laws, Oscar Lawson, J. H. Westbrook, Mack Pruett, I. R. Currie, I. C. Samuels, William Russell, Claude Rainey, Vernon B. Heath, Marvin Stewart, J. A. Frazier, W. R. Bowles, C. H. Salmon, Manza Buzbee, W. C. McKenzie.

You are invited to subscribe for The East Texan.

THE BURLESON GAME.

On Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock Referee Clyde Littlefield of Texas, made the toss-up and it fell to the lot of E. T. S. N. C. to receive. Simultaneously with the kick-off began Burleson's game and the gameness of the Normal.

This gameness on the part of the Normal team, both from the individual point of view and from the team as a unit, was very noticeable from the first down until the last whistle in the fourth quarter. So pronounced, indeed, was this fearlessness and pluck that it behooves the writer of this article not to mention individuals, but to quote the comment of one of the machine itself who was a member of the team of last season that defeated Burleson.

"The boys," said he, "who did their bit for the first time today played a better game than I." This sturdy playing proved that the boys appreciated the backing received at the hands of the faculty and from the ever loyal student body.

The game was of the close order variety and little real football was shown by either team. The Burleson line was heavier, yet the game was marred by injuries to their players principally, only one Normalite being knocked out, and that during the last two minutes of play. Although outplayed to the time of 44 to 0, and outclassed from the standpoint of experience, this is the first game of the season for our fighters for the blue and gold, and the very first game for many of the boys, yet the game was interesting throughout. The big, Burleson, beefy, babies showed signs of fatigue very plainly during the last half. The way they toppled reminded one of the large dolls at a carnival being faced with a shower of base balls.

The officials of the game were excellent. The sportman like spirit and friendly intercourse between the two student bodies was commendable. This game no doubt marks the beginning of a long series of friendly games between the two institutions.

BASKET BALL.

The first match game of basket ball for girls was played Saturday, November 10th. The game was played on the court north of the boys'

dormitory and was between two normal teams, the Blues, and the Reds. From the first whistle to the final, the game was exciting and interesting. The teams were well matched and played well together.

During the first five minutes of the game, Miss Jena Mae Connelly threw a spectacular field goal, scoring the first two points for the Blues. After this both teams fought hard for a score. The ball hovered over the goal of one and then the other, but nothing seemed to induce it to go through the tantalizing basket. During the last six or seven minutes of the game, the tide turned and by the steady goaling of Misses Griffin and Aulsbrook, the Reds scored eight points, making the score 8 to 2 in favor of the Reds.

These two teams will play again Saturday of this week and it is hoped all the students and faculty will be out for the game.

The following were the line-ups for both teams:

Forwards: Blue Team—Jena Mae Connelly, Golda Montgomery, Red Team—Josephine Aulsbrook, Maybelle Griffiths.

Guards: Blue—Bobbie Lavender, Miss Wingo. Red—Erna Carrol, Miss Mora.

Centers: Blue—Lois Bludworth, Red—Lucile Murdaugh.

Captain: Blue—Ola Johnson, Red—Ora Patton.

Referee—Mr. H. D. Phillips.

NEWS ITEMS.

Letters and news items from former students will be published from time to time. General news from former pupils will be greatly appreciated.

Many of the E. T. boys are serving Uncle Sam. We shall give a write up of these in the near future.

The East Texas State Normal College football team will play its second game of the season with the Wesley College team of Greenville next Wednesday, November 21, at the City Park. The team is in good shape and we think we will be able to give you a good game. Everybody should be present to witness the great event, when the Lions shall again get Wesley's goat.

