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Notes On The State Teachers' Association.

The State Teachers' Association which met at Waco, on November 29, to December 1, was a very interesting gathering in many respects. Teachers from every section of the State assembled in the most centrally located city in Texas, and notwithstanding Waco has 15,000 soldiers to care for, the attendance was one of the largest in the history of the association, there being approximately 4,000 teachers in attendance.

One of the distinct features of this meeting was the fact that a lady, Miss Annie Webb Blanton of Denton, presided over the deliberations. This is the first time since the organization of the association thirty-nine years ago, that a woman served as president; however from the business-like manner in which the program was planned and conducted, it is clearly evident to all who attended that women can do some things heretofore conceded (by the men) to be possible only to the male sex; and it is doubted possibly by those that women will take this honor more often during the next thirty-nine years than they have in the past. The principle of democracy is beginning to be tolerated even by the most radical autocrat.

Many excellent programs were given, both in the general and sectional meetings; however, the fact that several of these meetings were in progress during the same hours made it impossible for one to attend all of them. The writer of this article had the privilege of attending three of the sectional sessions and one sectional meeting. The remainder of the time was utilized in visiting and observing some of the interesting places in Waco, including a complete survey of the army and aviation camps at Fort McArthur, and in attending social and business meetings.

It is impossible within a reasonable space and time to give anything like a complete account of what was seen and heard; yet the good derived from the knowledge gained will be worth many times the means and efforts expended. Only a few of the many valuable addresses and papers will be mentioned at this time.

Dr. S. P. Brooks, President of Baylor University, in his address of welcome on behalf of the Waco teachers, gave one of his characteristic speeches in a few well-chosen words which received the hearty response and approval of all.

The 15-minute address of the president, Mrs. Annie Webb Blanton, on the topic "Democracy and the State Teachers' Association," silenced forever the thought that the women teachers of Texas are to remain contented to see the men bear all the burdens and thereby share all the honors of the association, as well as other important duties which they feel themselves capable of performing.

State Superintendent W. F. Doughty gave an able address on "A Constructive Program of Public School Work." Mr. Doughty's careful study of the needs of our public school system enables him to render invaluable service to the schools. One of the things mentioned by him for the betterment of the school system is the creation of a non-official State Board of Education to be composed of

five members and whose duty it will be to devote their entire time to the work of general supervision of the State's higher educational institutions.

Dr. W. H. Bruce, president of the North Texas State Normal, read a very eloquent and patriotic paper on "Ideals of Citizenship and How Instilled." This address was the strongest and most impressive ever heard by the writer on this subject.

The Relation Between Principal and Teacher was discussed by Dr. Frank McMurry of Columbia University. Dr. McMurry has the happy faculty of saying what he wishes to say in a most pleasing and convincing manner; also of using exactly the right number of words to express his thoughts, and no more. He emphasized the educational principle of doing a thing thoroughly and not by piecemeal.

Mrs. Mary C. G. McHardy, State Superintendent of Colorado and president of the National Education Association, delivered one of the most inspiring addresses heard at the association. Her theme was "The Nation and the Public School in the Present Crisis." She emphasized the fact that the school has a tremendous responsibility in teaching the lessons that will prepare citizens capable of performing efficiently the tasks in the present order of things after the present great conflict has closed.

The most spontaneous and hearty response of any speaker was accorded Dr. R. E. Vinson, president of the University of Texas. During his discussion of "The University and the Public School System." There was a great outburst of applause from the vast audience when Miss Blanton, in her introductory remarks said that had Dr. Vinson not been the man that he was, Texas would not now be able to lift her head among her sister states on account of the humiliation and shame which she had suffered. The scientific fact that the energizing power of all educational growth and advancement comes from above, was mentioned and clearly illustrated by Dr. Vinson. Just as the mineral kingdom is incapable of originating by spontaneous creation the elemental form of life found in the protists seed teaching down to transform the minerals, and the digestive system of the animal takes hold of the vegetable product and converts it into flesh; so likewise the elementary school is lifted upward towards the grammar school, the grammar school towards the high school, and the high school towards the college or university; not of their own power and choosing, but because of the inspiration and uplift from the superior power above.

In the Normal School Section excellent papers were read by President C. E. Evans of Southwest Texas Normal, Prof. J. R. Swenson of the North Texas Normal, Prof. J. W. Roemer of Sam Houston Normal and Prof. J. A. Hill of the West Texas Normal. Special mention will be made of two of these.

A very strong paper was given by President Evans on "The History and Development of the Normal Schools in Texas." He stated and showed clearly that the primary purpose of the normal school is the training of teachers; therefore, it is the duty of the State to make the normal schools

the strongest and best possible.

Prof. Roemer submitted a very comprehensive list of facts showing the actual conditions and demands in the normal schools which indicate clearly the rational plan upon which these schools should be reorganized. With seventy per cent of the scholastic children in Texas attending the normal schools, and the institutions in the State undertaking to give special training to prepare teachers for the rural schools and to develop within them a love for the work so they will not immediately upon leaving school seek employment in the city schools, it is evident that the field for the training of teachers for the rural schools is vast and ripe, and that the greatest task for the normal schools is that of training teachers for this great and very essential phase of school work.

Meeting of E. T. N. C. Students at State Teachers' Association.

At the State Teachers' Association which met at Waco, November 29 to December 1, there was held in the assembly room of the Raleigh Hotel, a meeting of the teachers in attendance who had been former students in the East Texas Normal College. A large number of the old students and members of the present faculty were present at this meeting. Interesting talks were made by the following students and faculty members: President R. B. Blinnon, Profs. Wray, Coaling, Stone, Hildes, Miss Johnson; and the former students—H. D. Neff, M. A. Cannon, C. H. Finley, Miss Myrtle Roberts, and L. O. Leathers. Everyone was full of enthusiasm and hope for the success of the new East Texas State Normal College, and all the old students pledged their hearty support towards making the school one of the largest and most useful normal schools in the State.

Steps were taken for the purpose of making the organization of the E. T. S. N. C. students permanent. A committee of three was appointed by President Blinnon to select officers and make whatever recommendations relative to a permanent organization which may seem necessary.

With the Former Students.

J. M. McGee is principal at Memphis, Mo. McGee is working in the same school.

Ray Frank Wilkinson has been stationed at Quinlan for the coming year.

Mr. Frank Kahay, B. S. '17, is principal at Lavaca.

Charles Johnson withdrew from S. M. U. and joined the army about three weeks ago.

C. T. Speed is superintendent at Naples this year. He has held this position for the past four or five years.

J. J. Willson of Ben Franklin sent us a check for one year's subscription for The East Texan. He says it is the best paper in the state. J. J. is a graduate of the E. T. N. C. and is one of the strongest pupils who has ever gone out from the B. S. class. He states that it is coming back here to school just as soon as his school is out next spring.

THE EAST TEXAN BOX

Many have asked about the news box and often times items have not been turned in because the writer failed to see the editor. From this date forward any one having items of any kind will please put them in the East Texan box which is in the library.

Try your hand as a journalist. Write up some items of the faculty or student body for Who's Who Column and put it in the box. Another thing: There are little class jokes pulled every day. Such puts spice in the paper. Write them up as they happen, at the time they write, and put them in the box.

We urge students to write articles for The East Texan for many reasons: This is your paper and you should contribute. We wish to thank those who have favored us with articles in the past for our paper, and ask that every student in school make it a part of his or her duty to contribute something every week. Don't leave it all for the staff to do. Some of them have hard work to do also.

A Wiener Roast.

Mrs. Pickett entertained her psychology classes last Saturday evening with a "Wiener Roast."

At five o'clock a crowd of about thirty-five students, with Mrs. Pickett and Miss Johnson as chaperones, started for the Park. We feel sure that we covered the distance in record-breaking time, as the boys who carried the meat for our paper, and all the staff and everybody seemed unwilling for them to get very far ahead.

On reaching our destination the entire bunch began a search for fuel, and when our fire was lighted the real fun of roasting the wieners began. When we started to eating, some of us declared that our faces were as well cooked as the wieners and bacon, but we managed to consume our share of the meat, bread, pickles, cakes, apples, and bananas, of which the repast consisted.

Both Mrs. Pickett and Miss Johnson emphasized the fact that nothing should be wasted, so we eagerly devoured everything that was edible. Even the cake crumbs, which Mrs. Pickett scattered around so frequently, finally disappeared.

After everybody had finished eating (Miss Johnson said not to tell who ate the longest) we played some old-fashioned games including "Three Dutchmen," "Slap-That," "Three Crooked Answers."

At eight o'clock we reluctantly departed, each of us thanking Mrs. Pickett for an evening of wholesome enjoyment, and in our hearts we hoped that the man who was so fortunate enough to be one of her psychology students.

T. D. Mayo was seen in Waco last week. As he is superintendent at Fort Cav we suppose he was attending the Association. When last seen he was in company with T. C. Brown swapping yarns. We trust both reached home safely.

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NEWS ITEMS.

Prof. B. H. Miller was up from Terry during the Thanksgiving holidays.

The most brilliant member of the fourth year class has joined the Illinois engineering.

Fred Stegall is principal at Hubbard. He has held this place for the past two years.

S. R. Spradlin is teaching in McLellan county, near Waco. He reports a successful year.

N. C. Chaney is a farm demonstrator in a western district at present. He reports his work very pleasant.

A. P. Bolding is an attorney at Bonham. He is a prospective candidate for County Attorney of Fannin county.

Miss Carrie Parton attended the Association last week. She is at Hubbard this year and reports work going on nicely.

Desmit George is located at Century, just north of Commerce. He attended the State Teachers' Association at Waco last week.

George McAllister informs us that he will shortly join the army. Geo. says that he is not nearly so much frightened as he was last spring.

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Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Cleveland are at Falfurrias this year. N. A. is superintendent. They have been in attendance at the University for the past four summers.

T. E. McMillan is just out of the officers' training camp at Leon Springs. He is now a first lieutenant. We are sure he will soon be in line for rapid promotion.

Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Brown were at Waco last week attending the Teachers' Association. T. C. has the usual stock of jokes which he is willing to exchange. He is at Loving this year.

N. A. Costen is now a captain at Camp Travis. Many of the old E. T. boys are serving in important positions in the army. We are sure "Judge," as he was called, will fill his station well.

Mr. W. Z. Bates is superintendent at Fredricksburg. He has held this position for the past several years. He reports his work moving along well. He has been in the University for the past four summers and will soon have his degree.

R. E. Glaze, principal of Childers High School, has sent his \$100 for The East Texan, and added the following encouraging words: "I had been wondering how things were progressing at the college, but had no word until The East Texan reached me. I wish you and the school great success."

A Surprise Wedding.

Tex Redfearn, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Redfearn of this city and Miss Tenny Mae Hill of Gilmer were married in Pittsburg on Saturday night, Nov. 17. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. Redfearn left for Hutchinson, Ia., to take a position as bookkeeper and stenographer for Bayou Blue Lumber Co. and his bride returned to Pine to resume her duties as teacher in the Pine school, thinking their secret was secure, but the good news leaked out, and now the fair bride has resigned her position in the school and has gone to join her husband in Louisiana. The Journal extends congratulations.—Mt. Pleasant Weekly Journal.

Mr. Redfearn is a former student of the E. T. N. C.

Life In The Training Camp.

(Compiled by W. H. Cloherson, a former student of the E. T. N. C.)

At 9:00 o'clock the lights go out. Pull off your clothes and hustle about. Take off your shoes, throw them under the bed. Crawl in the straw and cover up your head.

You must not talk nor laugh nor sing. You know your duty, so be the string. Take up your trousers, your coat and vest.

Wrap them around you and go to rest.

Now I lay me down to sleep
Up through the straw the wind does sweep;

If I get cold before I wake
There's nothing to do but lie and shake.

At the dawning of the day
You're not permitted to leave the hay
Until you hear a familiar sound
Of a military whistle that calls you down.

Fall in line and straighten your back,
Throw up your hands and "bawl the Jack."
Jump up and down until you cry,
Then grab your mess kit and "run in high."

You must reach the dining hall if you have to crawl.

Push your way through and enter your stall.

Then hollow and scream, grab everything in sight,
Satisfy that appetite if you have to fight.

If a bowl or dish should pass your way,

Take the contents of each, don't kneel and pray.
Opportunity knocks once at each person's door.

Then goes away and comes no more.

When you have eaten everything you can,
Take your dirty mess kit to the old dish pan.

Now wash and scrub until it's clean and pure,
For you know inspection is coming sure.

There must be no crumbs no grease,
No rust.

Not even a particle of trash or dust.
Double your blankets, arrange your kits

Or your presiding officer will give you fits.

If on your knife one spot is found
You must take it up and hunt the ground.

Then wash and scour until the kingdom comes,
For this is no place for idle bums.

Now we assemble in the same old line,
And most of the time we are feeling fine.

We receive our orders to promenade the hall,
And pick up rocks, paper, trash and all.

We need six men for kitchen work—
You must wash and scrub, there's no chance to shirk;

Now we need three men on the rear guard,
You must walk your post until you are tired.

But military life is long and sweet;
Many old friends you are sure to meet.

So be of good cheer, don't cry and pout,
For the time is coming when we'll muster out.

Opportunity.

Master of human destinies am I,
Fame, love and fortune, on my footsteps wait.

Cities and fields I walk, I penetrate
Drearths and seas remote and passing by

Hovel and mart and palace, soon or late,
I knock unbidden once at every gate.

If sleeping, wake, if feasting, rise before
I turn away. It is the hour of fate
And they who follow me, reach every state

Mortals desire, and conquer every foe
Save death—but those who doubt or hesitate.

Condemned to fall, penury and woe,
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Miss Myrtle Cockerell,
Alumna! Department,
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My Dear Friend:

I begin my letter this way for the reason that I feel that the friendship of the old E. T. N. C. should be mutual and since I once had the honor and the pleasure of learning with in her walls and sitting at the feet of her great teachers, I still feel that thrill of pleasure at the mention of her name.

It might be interesting to you and your friends of the new regime to know that I was one of the members of the class that matriculated in old E. T. N. C. when she was in her infancy. In September, 1894, the College was established at Commerce after a few years of struggle and handicap at Cooper. I had but little money, but a burning desire for education. Having been associated with this desire, largely through the efforts and the indomitable courage and fearless determination of the late lamented

President W. L. Mayo, and believing in his wise counsel, I was the first to place my name on the roster at the opening of the institution at Commerce. There were thirteen as well as I remember the first day and that number slowly but steadily grew. In my class there were seven. I am pleased today when I find the names of the four men who were members of that class written in the list in the East Texas which you have so kindly sent to cheer me on my way. The seven were as follows: Misses Mollie Lester, Eva Stamp, and Pamie Crowder, Messrs. W. A. Wilson, H. D. Wynn, Dr. E. B. Wheat and the editor, it being somewhat of a coincidence that the names of all four of the men begin with the same letter. It is also gratifying to me that all of the four men are now reasonably successful business men, each in their different vocation serving the world and receiving in return for his service a reasonable portion of this world's goods and chattels. One thing especially I am proud of is the fact that the principles of honesty, sobriety and righteous living and serving his fellow man has never been violated by those four men and today they all stand a living monument to the teachings of our great teacher. The girls of that class were noble young women. Miss Lester became ill from exposure in going to her work as teacher of one of the rural schools and never recovered. She died as it were in the service of humanity. Miss Stamp married soon after graduation and as far as I know made her husband a good and helpful companion for life. I am not sure what became of her. Miss Crowder engaged in teaching and for some reason I have lost trace of her. Here let me say that if there are those who could tell me the address of those noble young women, I would appreciate it.

But I come now to deal with the new College. Acting in harmony with the wishes of my true friend whose very life was given to the College and whose every thought was for its great service to the people, I did my bit to bring about the change to the State Normal. I was delighted that the Legislature did its part. Then when it became necessary for the Board of Regents to select its head, my first thought was of Mr. Binnion, whom I have known from childhood. I felt, however, that the board of regents were wise and capable men and that the choice was safe in their hands. Hence, I asked them for nothing. Yet, I was delighted when the news came that he had been chosen. I congratulate the Institution on his selection for that most responsible place and I also congratulate Mr. Binnion on his good fortune to have such grave responsibilities devolve upon him and to have such a great field for service.

As a loyal supporter of the old institution and an earnest advocate of a system of education that will reach all the masses, without relinquishing my admiration for the old E. T. N. C., I here and now pledge to the new institution my sincerest cooperation and wish for its new matriculates nothing but the success that comes from the efficiency gained by hard study. I trust that the new student body will catch from the ashes of the old, the life, enthusiasm and the high aims that characterized the old. May the time never come when her shadow serve and to save the young people of our land. May her motto ever be as that of old, ceaseless industry, fearless investigation, unfettered thought.

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I am sure you will have the East Texas for you can't afford to let it be idle. We address will be glad to get it.

Army life is O. K. if we could only see our girls. I was transferred up here last week. I am the only one of the five E. T. boys to come. Buzz Cameron, Bridges and Geo. Harrison are at San Antonio. Abe Wright was sent to New Jersey.

This is a new camp, though very rapid progress is being made towards completion. It will be a matter of only a short time until we shall have plenty of good water, streets, etc.

If you hear of any of my old friends asking about me tell them to drop me a few lines. It will be greatly appreciated.

We are busy training at the present and will be busier in the future. Our program this week calls for infantry drills, construction of wireless stations and lantern signals for an hour or so at night.

We now have a Victrola in our building and have plenty of good music. We expect to get a piano tomorrow. We are quarantined on account of the measles. When we are out from under the quarantine we will have a ball.

I certainly would like to see you people.

As ever,
ELMER TAYLOR.

Danabau, Lanao, Philippine Is.

Dear Friend:

This war is a bad thing we have gotten into. But there is only one thing to do—make the best of it. Perhaps you remember my brother, E. N., the ball player. He is second lieutenant now. He and my oldest brother joined the militia and went to the border just after my departure for the Philippines.

The war has affected us over here but not nearly so much as where you are. I imagine there is all kinds of work there and more than twice the amount that men can do. Am I right?

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Sincerely,
W. J. S. SMITH.

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