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# THE EAST TEXAN

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VOL. III.

COMMERCE, TEXAS, THURSDAY, FEB. 7, 1918.

NO. 12.

## Chief Caupolican.

Wednesday evening, Jan. 23, a large audience assembled in the College auditorium to hear Chief Caupolican, the world's greatest Indian orator, singer and entertainer. He appeared in the costume befitting his position as chief of the American Indians of Chilli, South America.

The program was divided into three parts. In the first part he sang a number of songs with a voice hardly to be equaled in volume and melody. Miss Ruth Stoke, a talented musician of the senior class, played his accompaniment. The second part was an intensely interesting lecture on Pan-Americanism. Every person present was brought face to face with that great question, for the chief was vitally interested in the subject and brought his message in such simple, clear and forceful language each one was enabled to see it in its proper proportions. In some respects the last part was most enjoyed. Any question the audience cared to hear his opinion on was considered. This led to further discussion of his people, as well as his opinions on subjects relative to the war.

Taken all in all, the chief gave one of the most inspiring and entertaining programs of the season. He has been a star performer for the last six years in the great vaudeville and lyceum circuits in this and other lands.

## A Letter From Soldier Boy.

Prof. J. M. Bledsoe,  
Commerce, Texas.

I suppose it need not surprise any one to learn that any one person between the age of twenty-one and thirty-one is in some training camp being fashioned for eastern service. This range in age found me to be just half way between the limits. I was called and entered on Oct. 25th.

I found military life to be above the standard that I thought it would be. I admit that it was a little disagreeable at first but as I become more adapted I like it better. I would have never thought that the "Camp System" could have been so successfully used in any place of life. Any one in service can easily see the steps on the "Military Ladder" and all, especially juniors to each step, have to recognize them. It is easy to see the absolute necessity of such a system where such a throng of men from every place are coming together.

I am assigned to the heavy field artillery. We are to use the six inch Howitzer, the heaviest this camp has. I am attending the gunners school and assisting two captains in teaching in this school. It requires a knowledge of geometry and trigonometry, this is the part I teach. I find it quite a rest from the regular routine of work.

I am your friend,  
H. G. GRAY.

Frank Rubarth of the second year class has withdrawn. He left for his home at Gatesville the first of the week. Rubarth has been a very popular student and one of the strongest fighters on the basket ball team. We regret his leaving.

## The Chapel Hour.

Every chapel hour brings some great lesson. President Binion brings some inspirational talk on every morning.

Saturday morning of last week Miss Lottie Hamilton, of the senior class, gave a very interesting talk on the foundation of a library. Miss Houston is a talented young lady, especially gifted with the art of speaking.

On Tuesday of last week a campaign for chapel attendance. Each youth has been assigned a permanent seat in chapel, and at his own will each has agreed that his seat will not be found vacant.

Mr. Bachman was called home last week on account of the illness of his father.

The following students have withdrawn recently: Misses Mary Stoke, Ole Johnson, Robbie Anderson, Marie Ferguson, Pearl Long, Omer Pruett, Messrs. W. M. Gibson, Charles Mayo and Frank Rubarth.

Charles Mayo, one of our most active students, has been notified to meet the Board of Examiners this week. He will probably leave for the training camp soon.

## Second Year Education.

The educational department is doing some effective work for and with the students in the education. Some vital questions have demanded attention and have received careful investigation. Miss Inez Cory gave a very valuable report on canning work as done in her home community. It has resulted in the realizing value of the Home and the School. Miss Cory showed that she understood her theme and gave it with force. Mr. J. C. Samuels made a report on Improvement Clubs for rural communities in which he outlined effectively the work that teachers may do in various communities for stimulating the boys, girls, men, and women for more pleasurable co-operation in the building up the community.

This department will have reports frequently on various activities of the rural life and co-operation which may aid in lifting the burden from the hard worked farming class, and which may enable them to see life in greater usefulness. The special thought for this class is organization, co-operation, and leadership. Happiness and contentment are essential elements which receive attention and frequent discussion in this class. We hope to be able to make a report later on some of the projects worked out by members of this class.

NERVES: One of the most frequent causes of nerve troubles is eye strain and not much is to be wondered at either, when we stop to think that it takes one third of the entire brain force to control the eyes and this amount is correspondingly increased in proportion to any defect we may have. Glasses fit by a Quack is liable to result in permanent injury to the eye. Commerce now has a real Eyesight Specialist, Dr. A. W. Nimmo, who can fit any eye or duplicate any lens. His office is at the Palace Drug Store.

## The Merry Jest of the Airman.

Mr. Irving Heasler, of the Independent, tells a story that strikingly illustrates the light-heartedness with which the defenders of democracy and humanity on the western front look upon the most soul-stirring events that occur daily in the battle zone.

A young British air captain was forced, on account of engine trouble, to land within the German lines where he was made a prisoner. The Germans determined, at once to appropriate the services of the young man and his machine in photographs of the British batteries. A boche with camera, got into the machine and told him to fly over the British lines at a height of not more than two thousand feet. He, the Boche, neglected to tie himself into the machine.

On their way they were fired upon by German guns and forced to ascend rapidly. The remainder of the story is thus told:

"We were near our line and up a thousand feet. He held a sheet of paper before me on which he had scribbled these words, 'high enough, begin to go down.'"

Say, maybe we didn't. I slipped a thousand feet and turned two somersaults and spun down a thousand feet more so quick the old bus groaned and creaked like a ship in a gale. It nearly broke her back. Say, I came within an ace of getting mine."

Did he shoot? "Shoot? I should say he did, but not me—didn't have time. He shot out of the foliage on her second turn over like a bullet and struck a gravel bank head first near the Ypres Comines Canal. I think he was the only man I ever knew who killed and buried himself and erected his own tombstone. Every body in the line has been to look at that boot sticking out of the gravel."

It was the best joke of the summer.

## Commerce Defeats Denton 17 to 4.

Commerce 17.  
Denton 4.  
That was the status of the basket ball game at the middle of the last half January 31, when Denton became discouraged and quit. Coach St. Clair of the Denton team objected to a ruling of referee Fling and withdrew his men from the court, thus forfeiting a game already lost by poor goal throwing.

The victory for the Commerce boys is magnified by the fact that the Denton team claim the championship, having heretofore defeated every team they had met, including the State University team a few days ago.—Daily Journal.

R. A. Eads, who is now teaching at Bonham, and who took the B. S. and B.L. degree here last year, was in town last Thursday and paid the Normal a very pleasant visit. All of his old friends, and he has many, were glad to see him. He is going to leave in a few days for the training camp and said that it was impossible for him to go to the training camp without first coming back for a few days to his dear Alma Mater.

## Red Cross News.

The Red Cross room was open part of the time last week. Owing to the inclemency of the weather many of the students were absent from school, consequently very little work was done. However, increasing and great results are expected. Through the efforts of some, especially Misses Montgomery and Storrie, aprons are being made in order that all workers may wear the uniform while on duty.

The registering for work last week were: Misses Hubbard, Wesley, Gay, Johnson, Terrill, Swindle, Simms, Harriker, Cory, Hagar, Ford, Randolph, Robertson, Wade, Montgomery, Wade, Messers, Rogers, Bland, Lamb, Blayes, Heasler, Gurley, Walker, Lutes, Moore, Giles, Robertson, Perkins, Lawson, Murphree, McLymbe, McJames, Pickett, Jordan, McCollum, Cowling, Binion.

## REPORTS.

Elmer J. Kirkbride of Sulphur Springs, who is a nephew of our own Mr. Brady, entered school here on last Tuesday. He is a promising looking young man and we shall expect him to become one of the leaders in our College in the near future. He plans to remain in the College till he finishes the entire work and is granted his degree.

## The Goat Came Back.

On Thursday afternoon, the thirty-first, the North Texas State Normal College, of Denton, arrived here over the Cotton Belt, and met the local fly at the gym, where they delivered our goat that they had possessed by right of conquest since the seventh, when it was captured at Denton by a score of fourteen to four. The Denton team bears the figures of seventeen to four with a balance due of some ten minutes of actual playing time.

The score at the close of the first half was nine to two in favor of Commerce which indicated that the local boys had the visitors outclassed in open field work. Hood and Dennis did about equal work from placement, but Dennis was more successful with his field goals. Evans anticipated the Denton plays to a very noticeable degree, and succeeded in breaking many of them. He was injured when at Denton, but seemed to be suffering no handicap from his former wounds which had placed him on the sidelines when on tour.

Rubarth and Masters played a fast game and showed much skill in blocking passes.

Prof. Fling was referee and Prof. Lang was umpire. The rulings were fair, and about the same number of fouls were called on both teams, yet two of the visitors had three personal fouls to their credit and four of our boys had two each when the game suddenly closed.

Mr. Rouch going to Paris on the Texas Midland: Nearing a town the porter came through calling Enloe, Enloe.

Mr. Rouch to the porter: I thought we had been running in low all the morning.

Miss Maude Freeman has joined our happy student body recently.

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#### Dr. M. J. Mayo Writes Encouraging Letter.

A very encouraging and sympathetic letter was recently received from Dr. M. J. Mayo of Harris Teachers' College, St. Louis, Missouri, in reply to a letter written by President R. B. Binnion. Dr. M. J. Mayo is a brother of the late President W. L. Mayo, and was a member of the faculty of the East Texas Normal College during the first six or eight years of the college at Commerce. As many of the old students and friends of the college will be glad to hear from Dr. Mayo, and learn of his undying love and devotion for the success of the new institution, his letter and that of President Binnion are given below:

Commerce, Texas, Jan. 4, 1918.

Dr. M. J. Mayo,  
Care of Harris Teachers' College,  
St. Louis, Mo.  
My Dear Mr. Mayo:

You will not remember me, but as the new president of the East Texas State Normal College of this place, I desire to submit to the following proposition in you. Our head teachers in the subjects of mathematics and education will be granted leaves of absence during the summer term of this year. It is necessary that I secure the services of a high grade college man to take the place of each?

The work in education will be work of the summer school proper, and work in a regular Texas summer normal institute. The work in mathematics

will be of like character. Our committee have not yet prepared courses of study for the summer term, nor the schedule for the same. It is probable that every teacher employed will have a full schedule of twenty or more periods per week throughout the summer session, which will begin about June 11, and continue through August. The date of opening of the summer normal, however, will probably be about May 25, and may close about July 25. I very much desire to have you with us either in the summer normal institute, or in both during the coming summer. I shall be glad to give you work in either mathematics or education, but would prefer that you take work in education.

I grant you that this letter is somewhat indefinite as to the character of the work which will be assigned to you; however, I am persuaded that in case you do come, your love for this institution and the traditions and memories of this place which cling to your mind will constitute the principal incentive for your coming. I trust that you can come. Our school is small, but is growing steadily, and will, I am persuaded, be one of the largest State Normal Schools in the South. It is very difficult for me to estimate the summer school attendance but I do know that many of the old pupils are coming back. We need you, and your assistance through the coming summer will be a benefit to us. In case this appeals to you, kindly write me at your earliest convenience and in the meantime I shall try to determine definitely the salary which we can pay, though the exact courses to be given by you may not be determined for some time yet.

Sincerely,  
R. B. BINNION,  
President.

#### HARRIS TEACHERS' COLLEGE

Saint Louis, Mo., Jan. 14, 1918.  
President R. B. Binnion,  
East Texas State Normal College,  
Commerce, Texas.

Dear Sir:

A reply to your highly esteemed favor of January fourth has been delayed by my inability to refer the matter to our President, Dr. Payne. You may not be aware of the fact that Harris Teachers' College has a summer session. That is something rather unusual for city schools for the training of teachers. Still, as it is one of the expressed purposes of Harris Teachers' College to furnish training for teachers already in the service, the city keeps the institution open during the summer for their benefit.

Now, it happens that the members of the faculty of the College are not under contractual obligations to teach for the City during the summer school. If there is no demand for our special work, we are not employed.

But if there is a need for it, we are expected to remain. Dr. Payne has just told me that it will be necessary in all probability, to run three of my classes during the summer session, and that he sees no chance for me to get away.

I have thus gone over the situation in detail that you may see the very serious barriers in the way to my hearty and ready acceptance of the very kindly and complimentary proposition which you have offered me. I assure you that I had rather teach for you this summer than to teach for Columbia, or Chicago or Harvard. The matter of remuneration would be easily adjusted. I would accept without hesitation whatever you felt your school able to offer. The most delightful service is a labor of love.

I hope I duly appreciate the fine sentiment which prompted your offer. I am very happy over the fortunate event of the State's taking over the school founded by my brother. It was crude in many respects, perhaps in some respects pretentious. At the same time it has a great deal of substantial merit, and at heart was thoroughly sound. It was a boon to thousands. My brother and his school were the centre of a great deal of wholesome and enthusiastic educational sentiment, and I am so happy that this is to be preserved rather than dissipated and lost.

I assure you of my great personal interest, and of my deep sympathy with you, in your work. May the East Texas State Normal College long live and greatly prosper.

Most sincerely yours,  
M. J. MAYO.

#### Picked Up About The Campus.

A Spanish pupil asked the English teacher if he would pronounce Gurex for him. After several attempts he got wise and replied. Just because you are is no sign I am.

According to Leslie Clifton, if there were to be a hair party in the East Texas State Normal College, Mr. Lutz, Mr. Bloscoe, Mr. Warren, Mr. Fling, Mr. Roach and Mr. Lange wouldn't even get an invitation.

Miss Malone asked Leslie Clifton to mail several letters for her and afterward asked that he do them but not been interested.

Miss Malone. Why did you mail them when you saw that they were not addressed?

Clifton: I thought you didn't want anyone to know who they were for.

Doctor: If you take this medicine you will sleep like a baby.

Barton: Well, if you mean our baby I guess I won't take it.

Miss Johnson: Piously, you should not use slang so freely. It is positively sacrilegious.

He is suing the company that constructed his artificial limbs.

On what grounds?

Non support.

Have you ever been sentenced to imprisonment?

Never, exclaimed the prisoner bursting into tears.

Well, don't cry my man, said his humor consolingly, you are going to be now.

Miss Ruth Stoke of the fourth year class visited her parents at Greenville the latter part of this week.

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#### Read The East Texan.

While our basket ball boys were coming back home from Dallas they passed through a small town on the Texas Midland and the porter came through calling Cash, Cash. I wonder why Mr. Bland came home broke.

Secretary Smith and Miss Ruby Terrell visited in Dallas the first of the week.

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And all the other people of Commerce  
Had gone to rest.

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And a maiden, very fair,  
Who had kind loving eyes,  
And long silken hair.

The maiden took a powder puff,  
And proceeded to powder her nose  
She thought perhaps in a few hours,  
The gentleman might propose.

He did after a while,  
But it all seemed like a dream,  
For he said, "Darling,  
Let's eat some ice cream."  
—FRAZIER.

Doest thou love life? Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff life is made of.—Franklin.

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### Problem of College Students.

By Hon. Newton D. Baker, Secretary of War.

(From the Patriotic News Service of the National Committee of Patriotic Societies, Washington, D. C.)

When the call to the national service arose, spirited young men everywhere of course wanted to be employed in a patriotic way, and I suppose there is scarcely a young man in any college in the country who has not very anxiously addressed to himself the question: "What can I do?"

I think that there is no general answer to this question. Even in those cases where it would be obviously better for a young man to stay at college and prepare himself for later and fuller usefulness, yet if the young man in so doing acquires a low vein of his own courage, and feels that he was electing the less worthy course, the effect on the young man of that state of mind toward his own actions probably would be so prejudicial that it ought not to be encouraged.

To the extent that the men in college are physically disqualified, or to the extent that they are too young to meet the requirements of the department, it seems quite clear that in the present state of the emergency their major usefulness lies in remaining in the college, going forward with their academic work. The knowledge that the students will acquire at college will equip them for subsequent usefulness if the emergency lasts until their call comes.

But we do not want to chill enthusiasm. We want to preserve enthusiasm and cultivate it and use it; but we do not want to be discriminating in our enthusiasm, and prevent people getting the notion that they are not helping the country unless they do something different, which very often is not the case at all. The largest usefulness may come from doing the same thing. Now, it is not unusual that there should be these ebullitions of feeling, this desire to change occupation as a badge of changed service and devotion to ideals. Our colleges can exercise a steady influence in this regard.

We are going to have losses on the sea; we are going to have losses in battle; our communities are going to be subjected to the rigid discipline of multiplied personal griefs scattered all through the community, and we are going to search the cause of those back to their foundation, and our feelings are going to be torn and our nerves made raw. There is a place for physicians of public opinion to exercise a curative impulse. The young men who are in our colleges, who go to their homes from our colleges and make up a very large part of the direction of public opinion, can exercise a curative influence by preaching the doctrine of tolerance; by exemplifying the fact that it is not necessary for a nation like the United States, which is fighting for the vindication of a great cause, to discolor its purpose by hatreds or by the entertainment of any unworthy emotion.

### Nisogamy?

The man who has three wives, or more is guilty of polygamy.  
But should be merely have a pair.  
His crime is only bigamy.  
And while 'tis not a crime, 'tis said,  
Monogamy is in having one.  
I say, you, single student friends,  
What is it if he should have none?

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There will be diversity of tasks and therefore diversity of talent and training can be used. All our questions now center in food; its production, its distribution, its use, its conservation, its distribution, its use, yato emf ymf. The more you know about these things the more valuable you will be, and the greater will be your service to humanity.

If you have not already done so, we urge you to pursue studies dealing especially with food, but these should be reinforced by courses in chemistry, physiology and economics. It will be well, too, if you have acquired the arts of public presentation of your knowledge to the people who so much need it.

Fortunately most of our educational institutions now offer courses which give the necessary training for this work, but to the others an appeal is being sent to provide such instruction wherever it is possible.

More detailed suggestions and directions will be published soon. Today your country asks you to resolve to do what you can in this hour of extreme peril to the democratic peoples of the world.

Faithfully yours,  
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