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## SHIRLEYS WIN TROPHY

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## WOOD AND REEVES IN TIE UP

Tomlinson Takes Second In Most Spirited Affair of The Year.

The first inter-society contest of the year was held in the University Auditorium Monday evening, Dec. 9. This was the annual Old Men's Declamatory Contest between the Ad-Rans and the Shirleys. Both societies were there in full force and with their sister societies and friends tested the acoustics of the auditorium with a series of ear-splitting yells before the arrival of the contestants. The two factions were pretty well matched in this part of the contest and nothing was gained except that it served as the outlet for a superabundance of pep.

At last Prof. Cockrell called the house to order and in his opening remarks dwelt upon the importance of oratory as a means of expressing personality. He showed how the press could never take the place of oratory because it lacked the power to portray the personality of the thinker. Great orators are usually great thinkers as well, while it is also true that, foremost among the great thinkers of the world have been those men who were able to express themselves in oratory.

The first speaker, E. Carl Tomlinson, had for his subject an anonymous oration called "The American Spirit." His deep, resonant voice offset some-

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## THE SCRUB BANQUET.

It was a happy bunch of erst-while "Scrubs" that met around the festal board last Saturday night. Bruises, knocks, broken noses and cracked craniums were forgotten in the pleasures of the occasion.

The table fairly groaned under the weight of good things placed thereon. Oyster soup, tender loin of trout, French fried potatoes, celery, olives, "prizen" cake, hot chocolate and ice cold lemonade were relished by those who had long been under training. The only serious mishap was that several of the squad were severally penalized for "holding" too much. "Knob" Hunter, the genial scrub coach, acted as toast-master and showed his ability in managing a social affair as well as in handling the "pig-skin." Short but peppery speeches were made by several huskies. Each expressed himself as being well pleased with "scrubdom" but also expressed a desire to leave it for faster company. Varsity will do well to keep a watch out upon that bunch.

After the repast was finished the squad resolved itself into a business organization. Wilbur Brown was elected captain for 1913 and Doyle Cole manager. Each of these men are experienced players and is eminently fitted for his position. The new manager has already announced his intention of arranging a heavy schedule for next season. Credit to whom credit is due! Fifteen loud, lusty rah! rah! rahs for the faithful "scrubs."

## DOUGLAS TOMLINSON WINS HONORED PLACE.

Douglas E. Tomlinson '12, who is a senior law at the State was chosen again this year as a member of the debating team which is to defend T. U. in the regular annual debates with other State schools. Out of over fifty men who entered the preliminaries, Tomlinson won the highest honors. He was a member of the team last year and is considered one of the strongest debaters Texas has produced.

You're not educated unless you know how a real trial is conducted. See the sensational trial of Jennie Brice at the High School Monday night.

## C. W. B. M. NOTES.

The first Sunday in December was observed in the University Church as C. W. B. M. Day. Quite a nice offering was made for missions.

The first regular meeting of the University C. W. B. M. was held the first Friday in December, at the residence of Mrs. C. I. Alexander.

Owing to the inclemency of the weather several of the charter members were absent, but a most interesting and instructive program was carried out. One of the most interesting numbers being a report by Mrs. Terry King of her visit to the Mission Training School at Indianapolis. After the program, dainty refreshments were served, Mrs. Alexander proving herself a most charming hostess.

The next meeting will be had at the home of Mrs. W. M. Williams, the first Friday in January.

## SHIRLEYS ENTERTAIN.

The members of the Shirley Literary Society gave an informal reception to their Walton sisters Monday morning. Expressions of good will and good fellowship were the orders of the day. After Mr. Cox, the vice president of the Shirleys, had welcomed the Waltons with a few words of praise for their loyalty and hearty co-operation, Miss Minnie Proctor, president of the Waltons, responded in a most gracious manner by assuring the Shirley boys that they could depend upon their sisters to lend their hearty support at all times. Shirley victories were Walton victories and Shirley defeats were Walton defeats.

The remainder of the time was taken up with the disposal of chocolate and cake and in practicing yells and songs for the contest Monday evening. It was with a feeling of renewed interest and enthusiasm for better work in the future that guests and hosts exchanged au revoirs when the happy occasion ended.

Mr. Luther Parker was enjoying a little visit in the parlor of Jarvis Hall Sunday evening when, suddenly, he took unceremonious leave. He was engaged in happy conversation with a certain young lady when two young men, with grim determination written upon their countenances entered, and seizing him by ears and arms, marched him out of the room and over to the main building. Up to the present writing no explanation has been forthcoming.

Miss Myrtle Vann has returned to her home to spend the holidays.

## MASSINGILL PICKS ALL-STATE TEAM

Well Known Official Makes His Selection of Texas Team of Stars.

## THREE T.C.U. MEN CHOSEN

Ware, Cox and Rattan Are Given First Places and Bassler Second.

M. L. Massingill, former star back on the State University and Baylor squads, has announced his selection of an all-star Texas football team. He is one of the best known officials in the state.

He says that in selecting the team he has tried to choose those men whose work has been the most consistent throughout the season and who deserve the place because they have delivered the goods.

For left guard our own hefty "Bun" is chosen. Rattan is given an undisputed place at left end and Cox is assigned his place because Massingill puts it, "he played the best game of any fullback in Texas." Bassler was selected as an alternate at left half.

Coach Stewart is in Nashville now arousing interest in a proposal to have a battle royal between all-star teams from Tennessee and Texas to be played on a Fort Worth gridiron New Year's Day. Much interest is being taken in the plan and if it goes through, Fort Worth will see the greatest game ever played in Texas and T. C. U. will be represented.

Here is the Texas All-Star line-up:

THE LINE-UP.	
Regular	Alternate
Murray, Texas	Gray, A. C.
Center	
Ware, T. C. U.	Lyle, A. & M.
Left Guard	
Jordan, Texas	Crow A. & M.
Right Guard	
Coley, D. B.	Lambert A. & M.
Left Tackle	
Bowler, A. & M.	Cooper, Baylor
Right Tackle	
Montgomery, A. & M.	Moseley, Baylor
Left End	
Rattan, T. C. U.	Woodhull, Texas
Right End	
Puett, Texas	Lowe, D. P.
Quarter	
Griggs, A. C.	Bassler, T. C. U.
Left Half	
Bateman, A. & M.	Littlefield, Texas
Right Half	
Cox, T. C. U.	Vesmiroski, A. & M.
Fullback	

## DR. J. B. ESKRIDGE

INAUGURATED.

Former Head of Department of Latin and Greek in T. C. U. Assumes Presidency.

The editor is in receipt of an invitation that will be of interest to many of the Skiff readers. It is an invitation to be present at the inauguration of James Burnette Eskridge, A. M. Ph. D. as president of the Oklahoma College for Women, Monday, December sixteenth, nineteen hundred and twelve at Chickasha, Oklahoma. Dr. Eskridge was for many years head of the Latin and Greek department in Texas Christian University.

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## TEXAS LAUNDRY-PANTORIUM

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Rah! Rah! Rah! The work on Clark Hall has been resumed. Wagon loads of gravel are rolling in and brick is being laid on a foundation which has had ample time to settle. Workmen are swarming over the piles of lumber and cement forms and the entire scene is one of action. Nothing can give the students a better feeling or the school a better boost than the rapid completion of Clark Hall. Hundreds of good people over the state have put their shoulders to the wheel and have started it to moving again. We trust that many more may follow their lead and keep it going. Things look bright for T. C. U.

## Y. M. C. A. REVIVED.

Last Wednesday evening at seven o'clock the Y. M. C. A. met in the parlor of Goode Hall. This was the first meeting that has been had in some time but there was a good number present and a splendid interest taken. Brother Colby D. Hall led the meeting and several of the boys talked on the topic, "Am I my brother's keeper?" From the interest manifested the prospects for a revival of good, earnest Y. M. C. A. work seems especially good. There is no reason why this branch of social work should not appeal to every serious minded student who is at all interested in his fellows. We trust that this renewed effort shall receive the hearty co-operation of all.

## WALTON LIT'RY SOCIETY.

"Life without Literature is death." This motto of the Walton Literary Society has been proven in the last few weeks to be true of the Society's work. They have had a month in reviewing and criticising books of certain good authors, and especially of Browning. The girls are to be congratulated on the interest they have taken in this kind of work.

Next Monday, being the last school Monday before Christmas, the Waltons cordially invite you to be in attendance at their Christmas programme, which is to be:

Fiano Solo, -McXie Mae Mason.  
Christmas Editorial - Fannie Farmer.  
A Christmas Story, -Mertie Dean.  
Vocal Solo, -Joe Murray.  
What Shall "Santy" bring? -Mariana Stiles.  
The Spirit of Christmas is Catching, -Libbie Wade.  
A Gift for all - from the Waltons, -McXie Mae Mason.  
Christmas Trio, -McXie Mae Mason, Grace Mason, Libbie Wade.

Miss Elizabeth Higginbotham and her friend, Miss Meredith of Ennis, were pleasant visitors at the Girls' Home Sunday.

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Feature of the Occasion is Geo. Sutton's Imitation of The Mechanism Man.

Last Saturday evening the art rooms of Texas Christian University furnished the setting for a scene which has been enacted with scrupulous regard for tradition, once each year, as long as Brushes have been Brushes. The Ancient and Independent Order of Brushes has been in existence as long as there have been pigments and restless souls to spread them. Application for membership must be accompanied by proof positive that the applicant is now a wielder of the brush or has at some former time thus laid himself or herself liable by such action.

Saturday evening was chosen by the High Dignitaries of the order as the propitious time for receiving such of those as had signified a desire to become members. Huddled in a little group just outside the doors the intended victims for initiation waited in awed silence as, one by one, the trembling candidates were led, blindfolded, from their midst. As each silent figure passed into the dimly lighted room and the door closed noiselessly behind him, it seemed as if he was being cut off forever from the rest of the world. Soon the awful groans and terrified shrieks of the tortured souls sent a chill to the very hearts of the breathless listeners until the weaker ones had to be supported by the more courageous and all would have fled had not the grim watch interposed a restraining arm.

Relentlessly the terrible ordeal went on, until the last victim had passed within the fatal portals. As the final rites were conferred upon this one, an electric switch was turned somewhere and in the blaze of light that followed the dazed dandies saw spread out before them, what to them was like the oil which was poured on the troubled waters. It was called the second degree of the initiation but it looked like a feast to them and they hardly dared believe their eyes. Timidly they took their places around the table and as timidly began to eat and drink, but this feeling soon wore off in the lively chatter that is always incident to such occasions. Everyone was loud in his praise of the excellent chocolate made by Mrs. Lyon. This was served in the dainty, hand painted cups of the studio. In the center of the table was the huge punch bowl, piled high with

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## RATES.

Subscriptions, \$1.00 a year in advance. Students get one subscription for themselves and one for their parents or friends for \$1.75.

## TO BE A GOOD TALKER.

The first step towards learning to be a good talker is to become a good listener. When any one talks to you, look straight at them, if you are so that this is convenient and listen attentively to every word they say. This will show the person speaking that you are intently interested in what he or she is saying and will do more than anything else to inspire the speaker to talk interestingly and entertainingly. The speaker's enthusiasm which you have given rise to by your attention will influence you in return and you will often be declared to be an entertaining talker, when you feel yourself that you scarcely ever talk.

## OUR GIRLS.

Boys, T. C. U. has the best, prettiest, sweetest girls in the state. You are missing a valuable opportunity when you do not visit the girl's home every time Mrs. McKinney invites you. If you were among those few who failed without a good reason to go to the President's reception,—well you are just a simple "Mutt," that's all.

## OUR GLEE CLUB.

There is no more pleasing or acceptable way for a school to advertise itself than through public concerts given by a well directed and well organized Glee Club. In fact that is a more consistent method of attracting public attention that to send out eleven picked warriors to test their brawn in a medieval "trial by battle," although the importance which is attached to the latter method at present cannot be denied and there is no doubt but that each of these "advertising mediums" accomplishes an end in itself. We have had a good football team, but the season is over and it is up to us to show that we can do something else as well as play football. The older students know what it means for Prof. Hamner to undertake the training of a Glee Club. For the benefit of those who do not know his record along this line let us say that it means an A No. 1 Glee Club if those who have voices will co-operate with him. He should receive every encouragement in his present undertaking and every boy who sings should lend his efforts, both on account of the personal development which the work affords and because the school needs a good Glee Club.

## FORCE OF HABIT.

"I knew Bill's smoking would get him into trouble, and so it has."

"How's that?"

"At his wedding yesterday, when it came to the ring part, he reached into his pocket and handed the minister a match."—Selected

A child was enjoying her first visit to the seashore, and had never before seen a steamboat. "Oh, mamma," she cried, "see there! The locomotives are in swimming!"—Exchange.

Dean Parks: (in chemistry)—"Hydrogen and oxygen act very different with the addition of heat. They resemble, as it were, the Englishman eating oxtail soup. The comment was 'that two extremes meet'."

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## MAKING OF A GLEE CLUB

By those not experienced in the making of a glee club, the whole matter seems simple enough. It is generally thought a very easy task to bring together a number of men who can sing. —Well, it is not such a great undertaking to find men who sing a little, and who have fairly good voices, but when you put those voices together, that most desirable quality, and without which there can be no good music, is wholly wanting.

Men may sing well, may read music well, and yet not be acceptable or valuable as a glee club man, for the reason for the reason that their voices do not harmonize. For good reasons many really good singers are not suited to such work. Glee club work is TEAM work, each voice and each part contributing its part to the work of the whole club. If one voice or one part is too prominent, the whole effect is spoiled. The better the team work the better the music of the club.

For three months we have been trying to get together sufficient number of harmonious voices to form the nucleus of a respectable glee club. So far we have succeeded in bringing together twelve men, with fairly good voices, only a very few of whom have had any previous training. We want to double this number, and just as soon as they can be found they may be added.

We are persuaded that there are a number of good voices in the University which, so far, have not been heard, and which would make desirable material. These should find a place in the Sunday School choir. There could be no better place to develop material, than in this organization. There are a number of voices in this choir which will, in a short time make good.

If there are those having aspirations for glee club honors, we suggest they find a place in the Sunday school choir.

We have always held, that to be a member of the glee club, was to hold a place of honor. We believe its present membership so regards it.

The organization belongs to the University, and while not managed by the Music faculty, is none the less, a part of it. Since it is an organization in the University, it stands ready to assist, at all times, and to contribute what it can to the literary, social, and religious activities of the institution to which it owes its existence.

Personnel of the club—  
First Tenors; Rattan, Ledbetter, and Hefner. Second Tenors; Osburn, Hunter, and Livsey. First Bass; Livsey, Osburn, and Ewell. Second Bass; Parker, Alexander, and Tomlinson. W.T. Hamner, director. Geo. Mabee, pianist.

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## PROF. HALL RESIDENT OF T.C.U. VICINITY

Monday was moving day for Prof. Hall. He and his family now occupy the former home of President Kershner. President Kershner has moved his library into his office in main building.

## T. C. U. STUDENT HONORED FRIDAY

Prof. E. R. Bentley, a student and instructor in T. C. U., was given the honor last Friday afternoon of president at one of the most important meetings of the State teachers' association.

## STUDENTS MAKE CONTRIBUTION

With the \$10.75 contributed by the T. C. U. Spanish class to the Mexican Mission 123 people were served with dinner at the mission and 43 lunches were sent to those who could not be present. Prof. Molino of our Spanish department is in charge of the mission.

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Miss Clara Whitman visited the Commercial department at the High School Monday afternoon.

Several pictures were made of the C. O. B. students last week.

Miss Lottie Brooks of Laport, Ind., was a visitor in the C. O. B. the first of the week.

The C. O. B. students are more interested in the department since the new cash register arrived.

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**NEWS BREVITIES.**

We would be glad to show the young ladies of T. C. U. our many gifts for men. Jamieson-Diggs Co.

Miss Nannette McClintock spent the day with Mrs. Cockrell Monday.

Every one interested in law should see the mock trial of Jennie Brice at the High School auditorium next Monday night, Dec. 16. Tickets on sale at Jamieson-Diggs Co. 25 and 50 cents.

Remember invisible beauty is only the outward sign of interior worth.—Lillian Russell.

Just as the bright rays of the noon-day sun reflect in accelerated strength to the ocean-voyager as to him alone, so does God's infinite love shine out of the heavens to be reflected on the ocean of life with concentrated force for each individual.

What became of Jennie Brice? Everybody wants to know. Everybody can find out by attending her trial at the High School Auditorium next Monday night. Tickets at Jamieson-Diggs Co.

**KIPLING ON THE SALOON.**

Rudyard Kipling has been wont to stigmatize temperance people. He was not and is not a total abstainer. But recently he saw two young men get two girls drunk and then lead them reeling down the street. That started Rudyard Kipling to thinking:

"Then, recanting previous opinions, I became a prohibitionist. Better it is that a man should go without his beer in public places and content himself with swearing at the narrow-mindedness of the majority; better it is to poison the inside with very vile temperance drinks, and to buy lager furtively at back doors, than to bring temptation to the lips of young fools such as the four I had seen. I understand now why the preachers rage against drink. I have said: There is no harm in it, taken moderately; and yet my own demand for beer helped directly to send these two girls reeling down the dark street to—God alone knows what end. If liquor is worth drinking, it is worth taking a little trouble to come at—such as a man will undergo to compass his own desires. It is not good that we should let it lie before the eyes of the children, and I have been a fool in writing to the contrary.—Exchange.

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**Y. W. C. A.**

Last Sunday night a very interesting subject was discussed at the Y. W. C. A. "Doef my every day life truly express my best self?" led by Libbie Wade. At this meeting Willie Thetford sang "Thy Will Be Done." Altogether this meeting was one of the best meetings we have enjoyed this year.

On next Sunday night Mollie Reilly leads. This meeting will be in keeping with Christmas. Miss Carey is to sing and Miss Kinsey to read. This meeting, as all the Y. M. C. A. Christmas meetings, promises to be not only pleasing, but interesting and uplifting.

What became of Jennie Brice?

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### Shirleys Win Trophy

what the lack of fire in his delivery, which was not up to his usual form, and won second place for him.

"Regulus to the Carthaginians," delivered by Mr. Louie E. Miller, is a wonderfully strong piece and Miller was handicapped not a little by the fact that he could not give the proper strength to the interpretation of the passages on account of a severe sore throat.

Mr. James H. Reeves delivered Darrow's "Plea for the Defense in the Haywood Trial." From the stand point of earnestness and purely oratorical style of delivery, Mr. Reeves was plainly entitled to first place. His interpretation was masterful and convincing. He has learned the two chief secrets of the successful speaker,—naturalness and earnestness.

Mr. Twyman, using Henry W. Grady's "The University, the Training Camp of the Future," was hardly up to his usual form, although his use of the deliberate, direct style was very effective.

"Ancestral Ideals," delivered by Mr. Gordon B. McFarland, showed thoroughness of preparation and exhibited a marked improvement in his delivery since his last appearance on a T. C. U. Platform.

Mr. J. Lindley Wood recited "A Typical Hero," by Daniels. His smooth, even delivery won favor with the judges and caused him to share first honors with Mr. Reeves. Mr. Wood is a hard worker and deserves much credit. Heretofore in all the contests in which he has taken part, he has seemed to have an option on second place. He is to be congratulated this time on having finally broken the spell.

After due deliberation the judges rendered a decision in favor of the Shirley representatives and it was announced that the trophy would remain in their hands.

Excellent musical numbers were rendered by the T. C. U. orchestra, both before and after the contest.

### NO MORE "POORHOUSES."

The title of "poorhouse"—suggestive of misery, adversity and ill luck—is being abolished in Illinois through the work of Mrs. James Fesler, of Rochelle, Ill. secretary of the Auxiliary Board of Visitors for the State Charities commission.

Mrs. Fesler began her campaign in her home county and there were no more official references to the almshouse or the poorhouse. Instead it was the "county home." Several other counties were induced to make the change and soon Mrs. Fesler hopes to make her campaign statewide. The state charitable institutions of Illinois are taking care of more wards than before, so that now the title of "county home" is suggestive of the residents—homes for the aged, infirm and unfortunate who are of good character and in genuine need of help.—Christian Herald.

At last some few earnest souls are learning what real charity is.

Bob Lines and Earnest Grissom were looking over a selection of readings. They finally found one that they liked, and looked for the authors name. When Earnest read the name "Anon" he exclaimed, "That fellow sure does produce some good stuff. I am just crazy about his readings."

Clifton Ferguson went to Athens again last Sunday. This is his second visit to that place. He may secure a regular preaching appointment there.

Mr. William Massey Esq., was seen on the campus Sunday.

All the T. C. U. students should see the mock trial of Jennie Brice at the High School Auditorium Monday night, Dec. 16. Tickets at Jamieson-Digg Co. 25 and 50 cents.

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### HONOR SYSTEM APPLIED

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First question: If you see cheating on an examination will you report it? The answers were, yes 117, no 25.

Second question: Will you report mere suspicions of cheating? Answers, yes 6, no 135.

Third: Will you keep a lookout for cheating? Answers, yes 3, no 137.

Fourth: Do you try to avoid evidence the other fellow may give you that he is cheating by his actions? Yes 57, no 84.

#### AN INSTANCE OF ITS WORK

The Texan, the semi-weekly paper of the University of Texas, has the following to say regarding an instance where the honor system was applied to student conduct. This case was a trial of one of the students for passing obscene pictures among the students in his class.

"After all testimony had been admitted and upon acknowledgement of the aforesaid person, the Council found him guilty of said offense. Thereupon the Council passed the following motion: That the Council recommend to the faculty that the student be put on probation for two weeks for drawing and carelessly permitting to be circulated in the Junior Law Class, of which he is a member, pictures of an obscene character, and that he be personally reprimanded by President Mezes and Dean Townes."

George Couch:—Cooper you can't smoke that cigar any longer.

Cooper:—Why not George?

George Couch:—Because you smoke it shorter all of the time.

### MOCK TRIAL BY COURT OFFICERS.

"Have you any conscientious scruples against inflicting your verdict upon the public in the mysterious case of Jenny Brice?"

If you have not, then you should attend the court of secret sessions which will sit in the high school building, Dec. 16, being called to order at 7:30 o'clock p. m. It may be that you will be selected on the jury.

The truth about the matter is that a real court, made up and conducted by those who court, both reputation and a living, in the real courthouse will be in session, and the fate of the man who is charged with being responsible for the disappearance of Jenny Brice will rest heavily in the hands of twelve men "good and true."

Jennie Brice is the mystery in a detective story that has been running for some months in one of the big monthly magazines, and the Sorosis Club has adopted the novel method of finding out her fate by jury trial. You will not have to wait for the last chapter if you attend the court at the high school, for all the facts and circumstances will be threshed out in open court.

Miss Aubrey Fletcher was ill two days last week. The art students are glad to report that she has sufficiently recovered to be able to finish her "masterpiece."

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### The Brushes Initiate

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fruit and surrounded by cakes and other delicacies.

In the general good cheer that followed the attack upon all these good things all sense of time was lost and the initiates entirely forgot that there was still another degree to be conferred upon them,—the third. When it was announced, therefore, that it was time for the "Russian Drill" it was a much surprised bunch that fell into line and toed the mark. But the

greatest surprise of all came with the final exercise when the true significance of the "Drill" was so forcibly impressed upon their minds. Just what that is it a state secret and to find it out you will have to undergo the ordeal of becoming a Brush.

Miss Phyllis Tracht of Ft. Worth, spent Sunday night and Monday as the guest of Miss Frankie Rooney.

Miss Viola Caldwell spent Monday evening and night with friends at Poly.

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