



## 17ERS HAVE PARTY AT BATSON'S HOME DURING DOWNPOUR

Class Professor Entertains Juniors at his Home; Games Are Enjoyed by All

Although it rained hard all day and all night Friday, the band of loyal juniors had their party Friday evening. Only a few failed to make the "voyage" from Jarvis Hall to Prof. and Mrs. Batson's home where a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The amusements of the evening were a geography lesson, the formation of one word from "new door," and the representation by drawings of Mother Goose rhymes which were given to each one. Carrie Cassell and Tom Paul Sweeney received prizes for the best drawings representing these rhymes.

Another mirth-producing event was an "auction sale" of the girls. After partners had been selected in this way, delicious two-course refreshments—salad and ice cream—were served. An impromptu quartet was made up of Tom Paul Sweeney, Shirley Sweeney, Willis McGregor and Harry Bradford. This quartet furnished much pleasure for this occasion.

Those who enjoyed the evening were Misses Una Stark, Carrie Cassell, Ruth McFadin, Grace Bailey, Marguerite Riter, Margaret Kennedy, Marguerite Walker, Irene Carson, Ora Leveridge, Annie Lee Harris, and Messrs. Aubrey Cooper, Willis McGregor, Tom Paul Sweeney, Shirley Sweeney, William Jones, Dave Tudor, Frank Hightower, Homer Tomlinson, Alden Evans, Gayle Scott and Harry Bradford.

## FINE ARTS STUDENTS GIVE RECITAL AT BRYANT SCHOOL

The enjoyment of a reception given for the students of the Bryant Training School in the city last Friday afternoon was greatly enhanced by a program given by three T. C. U. students of the College of Fine Arts.

Miss Erskine Long, student of Miss Leila Powell, gave a delightful reading and Miss Frances Williams and Glenn Hutton entertained the students and their parents and teachers with several musical numbers.

Loy Ledbetter, former student of T. C. U., now a teacher of the Bryant School, arranged for the recital by the fine arts students.

# VARSAITY SPLITS SERIES WITH T. U.; PLAY HERE APRIL 13-14

Varsity split even with Trinity in the two-game series at Waxahachie Monday and Tuesday by taking the first game 4 to 3, and dropping the second game to the Presbyterians.

The Christians showed big league form throughout the thirteen innings of the first game, and despite the phenomenal pitching of Chink Watson, the southpaw who is given up to be one of the best pitchers in the state, came off with the big end of the score. In the second game the boys seemed to lose some of their spiz, probably because of over-confidence, and Trinity unexpectedly turned the tables on them.

Coach Freeland took fourteen men with him on the trip to oppose Coach Boles' squad.

## TEAM WORK WINS FIRST GAME; BLOW UP IN THE SECOND

Consistent pitching by Jo Edens and sensational fielding by the entire team, coupled with the rank errors of Trinity, led to the victory for Varsity in the first game of the season.

The purple and white was represented by one of the best teams in its history and every man was in the game for all he was worth from the first call of the impure to "Play ball."

Chink Watson struck out twenty-six men but failed to get the support necessary to make his slab work count for its full value. Jo Edens pitched a great game for T. C. U. and was beaked up by excellent fielding on the part of his team mates, the men showing rare ability to tighten up in the pinches. The game devolved into a pitching duel between Edens and Watson.

### Second Game.

Overconfidence and slowness in handling chances and running bases are given as the causes of the loss of the second game, played Tuesday afternoon. Vaughn did some good work in the box for T. C. U., as also did Sealy for Trinity.

The story of the games at Waxahachie Monday and Tuesday is best told by the box scores given below. They were prepared by A. W. Irby who made the trip for the purpose of keeping tab on the games.

The part that each man actually played in helping to win or lose the game is here shown in concise form.

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## Box Scores Tell Story of Games in Simplest Form

First Game	
T. C. U.—	AB R H PO A E
Ramsey, 2b.....	6 0 0 1 1 0
Gunter, 1b.....	6 1 0 15 0 0
Nelson, 3b.....	4 2 1 3 1 1
Christenberry, rf.....	3 0 0 1 0 0
Stangl, lf.....	6 0 2 2 0 0
Martin, cf.....	3 0 0 0 0 0
Dickerson, ss.....	5 0 0 3 2 0
Raley, c.....	3 1 1 13 4 1
Edens, p.....	4 0 1 1 9 0
Vaughan, rf.....	3 0 0 0 0 0
Cooper, cf.....	3 0 0 0 0 0
Totals.....	46 4 5 39 18 2

Trinity—	
AB R H PO A E	
Johnson, 2b.....	4 0 0 2 2 0
Rogers, 3b.....	5 1 0 2 0 0
Nowlin, 1b.....	5 0 0 6 0 0
Bryant, c.....	4 1 0 28 1 2
Blanton, cf.....	5 0 1 0 0 0
Ward, rf.....	5 0 0 1 0 0
Alexander, lf.....	3 1 0 0 0 0
Fincher, ss.....	4 0 0 2 1 2
Watson, p.....	4 0 1 0 0 2
*Fuque.....	1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals.....	40 3 3 39 6 6

\*Batted for Fincher in 13th inning.

Score by innings	
T. C. U.....	000 000 021 000 1—4
Trinity.....	000 200 010 000 0—3

Summary: 2 base hits, Nelson, Watson; stolen bases, Ramsey, Nelson, Stangl (2), Edens (1); Rogers, Bryant; BB off Edens (2), Watson (2); struck out, Watson (25), Edens (11); time of game, 2 hours 5 min.; umpire, Curry; scorer, Irby.

Second Game	
T. C. U.—	AB R H PO A E
Cooper, cf.....	5 1 0 1 0 0
Gunter, 1b.....	5 1 0 7 0 0
Nelson, 3b.....	3 1 0 1 0 1
Christenberry, rf.....	4 0 1 0 0 0
Stangl, cf.....	4 0 0 0 0 0
Dickerson, ss.....	4 1 1 2 2 1
Raley, c.....	4 0 0 11 1 3
Ramsey, 2b.....	4 1 1 2 0 0
Vaughn, p.....	2 1 1 0 4 2
*Martin.....	1 0 0 0 0 0
Totals.....	36 5 4 24 7 7

Trinity—	
AB R H PO A E	
Johnson, 2b.....	5 1 1 3 2 1
Rogers, 3b.....	4 1 0 1 1 1
Sealy, p.....	4 2 3 0 1 0
Bryant, c.....	3 2 0 7 0 0
Blanton, cf.....	4 1 2 3 2 1
Nowlin, 1b.....	4 0 1 11 0 1
Ward, R. F.....	4 0 0 2 0 0
Alexander, lf.....	3 0 0 0 0 1
Fincher, ss.....	4 1 1 0 2 3
Totals.....	35 8 8 27 8 8

\*Batted for Vaughn in 9th inning.

Score by innings:	
T. C. U.....	000 050 000—5
Trinity.....	400 020 110—8

Summary Two-base hits, Sealy; three-base hits, Johnson; stolen bases, Dickerson (1), Sealy (1); base on balls, off Edens (2), off Sealy (2); struck out by Edens (11), by Sealy (6); time of game, 2 hours; umpire, Dee Pointdexter.

W. V. Rumph, Jr., will not be in school this term.

## 2 RETURN GAMES WITH TRINITY ON APRIL 13 AND 14

The first home games of the Varsity nine will be staged on the local diamond Thursday and Friday of next week, April 13 and 14 against Trinity University of Waxahachie. These games will follow the game with S. M. U. at Dallas scheduled for Friday, April 7, and will be return games with the Presbyterians.

Pep meetings will be held previous to these games and efforts will be made to have the student body attend the games in a body with the T. C. U. pepper box overflowing.

Support Needed.

General student support and enthusiasm go a long way towards encouraging the men on the diamond and is often responsible for the winning of games. It is this kind of encouragement that the T. C. U. boys need. Every student is called on to do his part by coming out and rooting for the team.

It is expected that Coach Freeland's nine will send Coach Boles' squad home with two defeats marked up against them.

## LIBRARY WILL BE OPEN HEREAFTER, TUESDAY AND THURSDAY NIGHTS

Announcement has been made that the University library will be open hereafter on Tuesday and Thursday nights from 7 to 10 o'clock. Milton E. Daniel will be in charge.

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## INTEREST IS BEING STIRRED UP FOR REED ORATORICAL

Seven Men Have Already Announced Themselves Contestants at Commencement

There promises to be rather keen competition this year in the Reed oratorical contest, which is an annual feature of commencement week. It is at least certain that the man who wins the handsome watch which Mr. Malcolm Reed of Austin gives to the winner of first place will have to work for the prize. Already seven men have indicated their intention of entering the contest and others are expected to try for the honor of capturing the commencement contest.

The men who have announced that they will write speeches for the Reed contest are W. Floyd Sweet, B. S. Smiser, Alden Evans, Willis Stovall, W. B. Higgins, Charles Christenberry and Stilwell Melton.

Miss Leila Powell, head of the oratory department, is anxious to have more men in this contest than in any previous oratorical event of the year. She urges that the new men who have never tried themselves along public speaking lines get into this contest and see what they can do.

Use Same Speeches Again.

Miss Powell suggests that the same speeches which are used in the Reed contest at commencement this year could be worked over and used again in the preliminary to the annual state contest next year. This, she thinks, would insure better manuscripts for the state preliminary.

John Keith is possessor of the watch given last year. It is certainly worth all the work that a man puts into writing an oration.

## New Type and Column Rules Received for Skiff

The new type which was ordered by Milton Dunning, manager of the University print shop, has arrived and is being used in this issue of The Skiff. The new head type improves the typography of the paper considerably.

New column rules, which make the lines between the columns, have also been purchased and will supply a need which has been apparent for several months.

# To Observe Shakespeare Tercentenary by Giving Play with All-Girl Cast

Plans are now on foot to provide for a fitting recognition of the three hundredth anniversary of Shakespeare's death. The main event of the tercentenary will be the presentation of one of the great master's plays.

Miss Leila Powell and Miss Tesse Mosey of the oratory department, who are arranging the celebration, have decided to have "A Midsummer Night's Dream" produced in the University auditorium. The play will be given one night during the last week of April or the first week in May.

### Girls Only in Cast.

The cast for the play will be chosen entirely from among the girls. The larger part of the cast has already been selected but the names of the females heroes have not yet been announced.

As soon as the cast has been completed daily rehearsals will be held under the direction of Miss Powell and Miss Mosey.

## Christian Endeavorers Have Charge of Church Service in Brite College

Instead of meeting at their regular time Sunday afternoon the Christian Endeavorers took charge of the church services in Brite College Sunday night. The meeting was led by Miss Elizabeth Beck, and interesting talks were made by Jennie Mae Dowdy, Jack Hammond, Mollie Jones, Riley Aiken, Dorothy Agee, Berenice Holmes and Dr. Wilson. On account of the absence of the president the business part of the meeting was conducted by Miss Margaret Forsythe, the vice-president. Delegates were elected to attend the Fort Worth District Christian Endeavor Convention at Weatherford April 7 to 9.

Mary Louise Foster spent Friday night and Saturday in Jarvis Hall with Ellen Hartgrove.

Lola McFarland of Jarvis Hall spent Tuesday night in the city with Margaret Kennedy.

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# Preparing for Big Day Here April 21, Date of State Orators' Contest

April 21, 1916, will be a big day in the history of T. C. U.

On that day T. C. U. will have as its guests the eight best college orators in the State of Texas who will participate in the contest to be held that night to decide which of the eight is to be accorded championship honors for the state.

The orations which will be delivered at the state contest were selected by competitive preliminary contests held several weeks ago at each of the colleges of the state. They represent the cream of about thirty manuscripts which were originally entered as tryouts for state honors.

Accompanying the orators will be a business delegate from each of the schools in the association.

### Round of Entertainment.

The general program which will be followed during the meeting of the association here follows:

Thursday night, April 20—banquet in honor of the visitors.

10 o'clock—special patriotic exercises in the auditorium with the visiting delegates as guests of honor.

Friday afternoon—interclass contests postponed from April.

Friday night—annual state oratorical contest.

Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the big banquet which will be the opening feature of the entertainment planned for the visitors. It will be held at the Westbrook Hotel at 8:15 p. m., and will

Friday morning at 9 o'clock—business meeting.

be open to all students who care to attend. Reservations at \$1.00 a plate must be made by April 18.

### Special Chapel Program.

A patriotic celebration will be arranged for chapel on the morning of April 21, which is San Jacinto Day.

Sidney Samuels, prominent Fort Worth attorney, recognized as one of the most finished and polished speakers in Texas, will speak on "Oratory" in the auditorium Friday morning at the chapel exercises.

A half-holiday has been granted for the afternoon of the 21st and the dual track meet, the tug-of-war and other class events formerly scheduled for April Fool's day will be held at that time.

The annual contest, which will be held in the main auditorium, will be one of the biggest events ever held at the University and will afford

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**DOLLAR PITCHING IS VERY POPULAR SPORT WITH S. M. U. STUDES**

The students at S. M. U. are not taking to the compulsory gymnastics rule as a duck takes to water. In fact, they seem to regard the matter about the same as an old hen does the briny deep. The first compulsory gymnastic course was to have been held at the college Tuesday afternoon. Coach Morrison had everything ready for the initial exercise and when time came for the drill everything was in readiness—except the students. Morrison had appointed twenty monitors to watch after each squad of ten men, there being some two hundred who will take the exercise—may be.

About the only exercise that has proven popular at the university so far is the art of pitching dollars—or rather the same dollar.—Dallas Times Herald.

**SCHOOL OF METHODS TO BE CONDUCTED IN FORT WORTH MAY 1 TO MAY 5**

S. W. Hutton has returned from a trip to Shreveport, where he was engaged in organizing Sunday School work with Messrs. Hopkins and Jones.

During the month of March Hutton conducted schools of methods at the following places in Texas: Midland Comanche, Taylor and Memphis. A total enrollment of 155 pupils was present for these institutes. Forty-eight schools were represented and forty-nine persons were graduated.

There is to be a school of methods in Fort Worth May 1 to 5. This will be a school for all the churches in the city and in this district.

**TRAVELING SECRETARY OF MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS SPEAKS TO LOCAL BAND**

Secretary Hounscomb of the Volunteer Movement was in the University Tuesday in the interest of the state convention to be held at Georgetown this spring.

He made a talk on the work in the foreign field Tuesday morning at chapel and afterwards met with a number of students interested in missionary work.

**Parody On "Old T. C. U. Team"**

O, when the dinner bell sends out its clime,  
We know we're gonna meet another time  
In the dining hall we love so well,  
While our appetites they swell, they swell, O—!  
O well, we'll fight, fight, fight for a piece of pie,  
Just eat a biscuit if you want to die,  
O we'll roll the cook in the sod;  
For the meat is raw! raw! raw!

**My Singer Fair**

BY W. FLOYD SWEET

Come! Come! fair maiden, quit thy task!

Into yon woods let's stroll.

We must this day take off the mask

To feed the hungry soul.

Yon woodland now its green resumes

'Neath skies so clear and fair,

The air is filled with faint perfumes

Of flowers, blooming there.

The birds, the grass, the trees and streams

Are teachers for the wise,

So quit your books and stop your dreams

Lest love for Nature dies.

We'll spend a day of real delight

Where rippling riv'lets play,

Where blessed birds in sunshine bright

Sing songs so sweet and gay.

My fair Musician, wilt thou hear

The music of the wood,

Wilt thou incline thy well-trained ear

And learn that life is good?

The wind's soft kiss shall give thee grace,

And feelings of delight

Shall bring a freshness to thy face

And drive old Care to flight.

Then, come with me, my Singer fair

And let's be on our way,

Don't stay here waiting in despair!

Let Nature have her sway.

**Third Floor Girls Mourn the Death of Their Dear Friend**

Much sorrow was felt in Jarvis Hall when news was received that T. R. Pole, a friend of almost every third floor girl, had succumbed after a short but serious attack of indigestion occasioned by over-eating of geranium leaves.

The funeral services took place Tuesday morning, conducted by "Reverend" Mollie Jones. Miss "Peggy" Forsythe made a profound impression upon the mourners by her touching recital of that well-known little poem—

"By the sea and under the sky  
Dig my grave and let me lie  
As I have never lied before."

Verry little is known of Mr. Pole's early life, except that it was mostly spent on the frontier of civilization, where he developed all those rugged(?) qualities which fitted him so well for the struggle with life. So that it is indeed sad to think of such a one cut down in the flower of his youth (he was three weeks old at the time of his death). But in this short time he has lived a life filled to the brim with adventures and brave deeds, a life worthy of remembrance.

Besides the numerous friends which he leaves behind to lament his loss, T. R. Pole is survived by three younger brothers: Theodore, Teddy and Ted Pole.

**Monk at Press Meet**

J. H. Monk left Wednesday night for Abilene where he is representing T. C. U. at the annual college convention of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association which is meeting at Simmon's College this week.

Bess Perry has moved from the dormitory to the home of her sister.

**Student Hiker, Cut off From University by Flood, Treated Hospitably at Farm**

Howard Walker was stranded on a deserted island while out for a jaunt last Sunday. From what could be learned Howard, Eugene Sewell, and Peyton Jones took a walk down to see the river rise. While they were down at the dam old Mother Nature played a prank on them. When they were returning home they found the little creek between here and the river about fifty feet wide, and too swift for man or beast to cross. Sewell and Jones, who were reared in Jack County, and who were used to overcoming difficulties, "swam the river where ford there was none," not leaving poor Howard to his fate but hoping to get a rope and rescue him.

The river rose so fast that all efforts at rescue were futile; so Howard went up on the hill and made friends with the farmer and fared on chicken, fried eggs, sweet milk and bacon. He arrived home Sunday morning safe and sound, saying that he had had the time of his life and was none the worse for his trip. He also said that someone had better watch him during the next big rain for he was going to the river again.

Baldwin Moorehouse returned to his home in Benjamin Monday. He was a student in the business college.

Masal Jeffers has moved to the city and is now living with an aunt.

Colby D. Hall gave an interesting talk to the members of the Ministerial Association in Goode Hall Thursday evening.

**Antique Type Relegated to Hell-Box; Specimens Will Be Preserved in the Museum**

Antiquity is a thing to be commended in a family tree or in wine, but when attached to printing equipment its value becomes negative. The age of the type used in the University print shop has long been a matter of conjecture. It is an indefinite quantity, or perhaps an infinite, like a feminine school-teacher's age.

Certain it is that it has been in use in this shop so long that the memory of man passeth not to the contrary, and the perpetrators must have died of old age (their demise could not have been occasioned by an operation for appendicitis, for this popular malady had not been discovered in their epoch.)

Some antique type faces have been revived on account of their intrinsic beauty and in order to give a classic and distinctive air to fine printing; but among them are NOT Franklin Bold, Railroad Gothic, ditto Condensed, Old-style Monitor and Old Caslon, which comprised the display type used heretofore on The Skiff.

Even if the members of these families had not been battered, bent and broken by long and arduous service under blacksmiths, preachers and apprentices, not a one of the faces appears in the current type catalogues.

All these things being given, it will seem, even to one entirely ignorant of the mechanics of printing, that "there is only one thing left to do": to dump this junk in the "hell-box" and substitute an assortment of harmonious and modern type. This is exactly what is being done.

A series each of Cheltenham Medium, Cheltenham Bold, Cheltenham Bold Condensed and Cheltenham Bold Italic has been received from Barnhart Bros. & Spindler at Dallas. Some new rule and other accessories were also included in the order.

However, it seems impossible that so radical a change as this can escape the eye of the wayfarer, uninitiated in the niceties of the "art preservative of all arts" though he be.

Several specimens of the archaic type faces are to be preserved in the museum in the library for the benefit of present and future generations.

How dear to my heart is the T. C. U. print shop  
Since up-to-date type is presented to view!

With modern new faces in all of our cases

We'll show you, dear readers, what printers can do.

Downcast and dejected, we've long been neglected—

But all of our trials are ended at last; So with type that is new (and with column rule, too)

We will smile at the future and laugh at the past.

—Baldwin Haston.

**Students Hear Karl Lehman**

A large number of the members of the Christian Endeavor attended the mass meeting at the First Christian Church Tuesday night to hear Karl Lehman, national secretary.

Lehman's theme was "The Ideal Endeavorers." Texas is now in the lead in Christian Endeavor work.

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**PERSONALS and LOCALS**

Mrs. Terry King is on the Hill for a short stay.

Inez Hudgins spent the week-end at home in Forney.

Ben Hearn spent the week-end with his home folks.

Marion Baugh has returned from her home in Rogers.

If you are making a business of studying, then work at it.

Gladys Richards spent the week-end at her home in Italy.

Endowment Secretary Weaver will be in Mineral Wells Sunday.

Mrs. Keith has been confined to her home on account of illness.

Tom Dowell in spending a few days in Royce City with home folks.

M. L. Munday and Bert B. Douglass visited friends in Denton Sunday.

Errett Williams has withdrawn from school and returned to his home in Missouri.

Humphrey is now living in the city. His address is 703 E. Weatherford Street.

Varine Varnell, a student before Christmas, has re-entered for the spring term.

Miss Cora Lee Willis is expected to return next week to enter school for this term.

Clyde Tomlinson spent a few days in Hillsboro, his home, with friends and relatives.

Hattilu West and Cleo Self spent a few days at their homes in Cleburne last week.

John Y. Yarbrough of Lubbock was at the University last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Knox.

Miss Ella Moseley missed several days from school this week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Mamie Richards of Big Springs was the guest of Gertrude Davies last week.

Jack Hammond has completely recovered from his illness and is again attending his classes.

Minnie Mae King spent last week at her home in Hamlin. She returned Sunday evening.

Miss G. McFarland visited her sister, Lola, last week. Lola went home with her for the week-end.

Fanny Rankin returned from her home Sunday, where she spent the entire week with her parents.

Muriel Foster, an old T. C. U. student, will visit Ellen Hartgrove and Bethany Overmier next week.

Heavy rains prevented William Jones from filling his appointment at Bacchus Sunday. John Luck and Claude Grady were unable to reach Burleson.

The Brushes had to postpone their outing to Mrs. Jarvis' home north of Fort Worth on account of the bad condition of the roads following the recent flood.

Miss Beulah Henry, who served as assistant librarian during the past term, has returned to her home in Jacksonville. She expects to take up library work there.

Mrs. A. M. Farris has returned from a visit to her parents in Tennessee, where she was called on account of the illness of her mother, who is reported much better now.

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GRADES.

By Robert J. Cantrell.

The above word has been the most frequent in the minds and upon the lips of several hundred people, teachers and students, within the radius of T. C. U. for the last week or two. What do grades mean, and, What should grades signify, are two questions not fully settled in everyone's mind, not even the faculty. There are two viewpoints, the student's and the teacher's. The writer filling both places can see both sides.

Students' Ideas of Grades.

It is seriously felt by quite a number of the teachers that grades do not mean as much to the majority of students as they should. There is one class, unfortunately not very large, composed of mentally active, conscientious students who make all the application possible for the very highest grade in all their work. This class is found in every institution and is the salt of its life. It needs no urging for it will always do its best under most circumstances, only needs encouragement. There is another class, also fortunately small, composed of those who are not in school for mental attainment, consequently care nothing for grades. If they fail, it is well, for they may not attend school next year anyway; and if they do it does not embarrass them to take the same work over. It is useless to urge this class, for urging sounds to them like so much "hot air." The majority of students come under a third class between these two. It is composed of those who are not indifferent concerning their grades, but who never put forth the effort to attain the highest mark of efficiency. As to grades there is only one question with them: "Did I pass or did I flunk?" If they are "flunked" they are slightly stirred and will put forth a little more effort along that particular line next time in order to "get by;" but if they "passed," all is well and it is taken with about the same degree of satisfaction whether the mark is A, B or C. The most serious feature about this fact is, this class being so much in the majority, a student making a low grade does not feel that he is in a class to himself, but that he has much company. So this class is naturally on an alarming increase.

Premium on Scholarship.

I suppose no one would contend that grades are the only objects to be sought in school, a letter or one or two figures upon a piece of paper; yet letter or those figures are more than mere letters or figures. It is what they stand for that counts. If they are what they are supposed to be, they represent a mental attainment. There lies encouched in that small symbol the summary of the work of a term or a year, as the case may be. So if it is worth while to spend the time in school at all, and if grades represent the work done there, it is very evident more consideration should be given these grades, both by teachers and by students, than is given at present. As every educator concedes that the disciplinary value of school life exceeds the intrinsic utilitarian purposes, the quality of the work done should be stressed more than the quantity, and the student should be graded accordingly. There is something radically wrong with the school system that allows the student who averages C in all his work for four years to graduate with the same honors and in the same length of time as the one averaging A. The difference between the average of A and C means the difference between four years of constant, rigid, thorough application and the same time spent almost entirely in idleness. True, there is an award offered the one making the highest grade in

his class, but as only one can do this only a very few compete. A premium should be placed upon the scholarship of each student by allowing the higher grades to count more than the lower ones, or in some way to encourage the good student and to let the one with mediocre or no application feel the sting of disgrace. If this is done, school life will eventually be revolutionized.

Fair Method of Grading.

If this great importance be attached to grades then there should be a thorough understanding between the students and the teacher as to his peculiar method of grading, in order that apparent injustices may not arise. In the first place the method should be used that would compel the very common expression, "He will flunk me," to be changed to "I am about to flunk myself." This can never be done, and the student knows it, by the guess-method of grading; that is, when the time comes to put down a grade for the student the teacher merely puts down what he thinks he ought to have; or do what is about as equally bad: Let the grade of a single test count for a term's work. The only fair method of grading is to put down after each recitation the value of each student's work for that day. If the class is too large for daily recitation of each student then put down his grade when his turn does come. It may be claimed that this is only a "kindergarten" method; but as long as grades are counted we must submit to some just method of computation. If this plan is followed, at the time of reckoning each student can find his own average if he desires, and can see whether or not he has failed himself, and not whether or not he "has been failed." Each teacher should be able to furnish each student his daily average at any time upon request. Better still is the "publicity method" used by some, in which the various grades of each student are placed in some conspicuous place where all may view them. If they are good, all should know it; if bad, likewise all should know it. Also, exemption from examinations is worth working for.

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**DOLLAR PITCHING IS  
VERY POPULAR SPORT  
WITH S. M. U. STUDES**

The students at S. M. U. are not taking to the compulsory gymnastics rule as a duck takes to water. In fact, they seem to regard the matter about the same as an old hen does the briny deep. The first compulsory gymnastic course was to have been held at the college Tuesday afternoon. Coach Morrison had everything ready for the initial exercise and when time came for the drill everything was in readiness—except the students. Morrison had appointed twenty monitors to watch after each squad of ten men, there being some two hundred who will take the exercise—may be.

About the only exercise that has proven popular at the university so far is the art of pitching dollars—or rather the same dollar.—Dallas Times Herald.

**SCHOOL OF METHODS TO  
BE CONDUCTED IN FORT  
WORTH MAY 1 TO MAY 5**

S. W. Hutton has returned from a trip to Shreveport, where he was engaged in organizing Sunday School work with Messrs. Hopkins and Jones.

During the month of March Hutton conducted schools of methods at the following places in Texas: Midland Comanche, Taylor and Memphis. A total enrollment of 155 pupils was present for these institutes. Forty-eight schools were represented and forty-nine persons were graduated.

There is to be a school of methods in Fort Worth May 1 to 5. This will be a school for all the churches in the city and in this district.

**TRAVELING SECRETARY OF  
MISSIONARY VOLUNTEERS  
SPEAKS TO LOCAL BAND**

Secretary Hounsshell of the Volunteer Movement was in the University Tuesday in the interest of the state convention to be held at Georgetown this spring.

He made a talk on the work in the foreign field Tuesday morning at chapel and afterwards met with a number of students interested in missionary work.

Parody On "Old T. C. U. Team"  
O, when the dinner bell sends out its  
clime,  
We know we're gonna meet another  
time  
In the dining hall we love so well,  
While our appetites they swell, they  
swell, O—!  
O well, we'll fight, fight, fight for a  
piece of pie,  
Just eat a biscuit if you want to die,  
O we'll roll the cook in the sod;  
For the meat is raw! raw! raw!

**My Singer Fair**

BY W. FLOYD SWEET

Come! Come! fair maiden, quit thy task!  
Into yon woods let's stroll.  
We must this day take off the mask  
To feed the hungry soul.

Yon woodland now its green resumes  
'Neath skies so clear and fair,  
The air is filled with faint perfumes  
Of flowers, blooming there.

The birds, the grass, the trees and streams  
Are teachers for the wise,  
So quit your books and stop your dreams  
Lest love for Nature dies.

We'll spend a day of real delight  
Where rippling riv'lets play,  
Where blessed birds in sunshine bright  
Sing songs so sweet and gay.

My fair Musician, wilt thou hear  
The music of the wood,  
Wilt thou incline thy well-trained ear  
And learn that life is good?

The wind's soft kiss shall give thee grace,  
And feelings of delight  
Shall bring a freshness to thy face  
And drive old Care to flight.

Then, come with me, my Singer fair  
And let's be on our way,  
Don't stay here waiting in despair!  
Let Nature have her sway.

**Antique Type Relegated to  
Hell-Box; Specimens Will  
Be Preserved in the Museum**

Antiquity is a thing to be commended in a family tree or in wine, but when attached to printing equipment its value becomes negative. The age of the type used in the University print shop has long been a matter of conjecture. It is an indefinite quantity, or perhaps an infinite, like a feminine school-teacher's age.

Certain it is that it has been in use in this shop so long that the memory of man passeth not to the contrary, and the perpetrators must have died of old age (their demise could not have been occasioned by an operation for appendicitis, for this popular malady had not been discovered in their epoch.)

Some antique type faces have been revived on account of their intrinsic beauty and in order to give a classic and distinctive air to fine printing; but among them are NOT Franklin Bold, Railroad Gothic, ditto Condensed, Old-style Monitor and Old Caslon, which comprised the display type used heretofore on The Skiff.

Even if the members of these families had not been battered, bent and broken by long and arduous service under blacksmiths, preachers and apprentices, not a one of the faces appears in the current type catalogues.

All these things being given, it will seem, even to one entirely ignorant of the mechanics of printing, that "there is only one thing left to do": to dump this junk in the "hell-box" and substitute an assortment of harmonious and modern type. This is exactly what is being done.

A series each of Cheltenham Medium, Cheltenham Bold, Cheltenham Bold Condensed and Cheltenham Bold Italic has been received from Barnhart Bros. & Spindler at Dallas. Some new rule and other accessories were also included in the order.

However, it seems impossible that so radical a change as this can escape the eye of the wayfarer, uninitiated in the niceties of the "art preservative of all arts" though he be.

Several specimens of the archaic type faces are to be preserved in the museum in the library for the benefit of present and future generations.

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But all of our trials are ended at last;  
So with type that is new (and with column rule, too)

We will smile at the future and laugh at the past.  
—Baldwin Haston.

**Students Hear Karl Lehman**

A large number of the members of the Christian Endeavor attended the mass meeting at the First Christian Church Tuesday night to hear Karl Lehman, national secretary. Lehman's theme was "The Ideal Endeavorers." Texas is now in the lead in Christian Endeavor work.

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**PERSONALS and LOCALS**

Mrs. Terry King is on the Hill for a short stay.

Inez Hudgins spent the week-end at home in Forney.

Ben Hearn spent the week-end with his home folks.

Marion Baugh has returned from her home in Rogers.

If you are making a business of studying, then work at it.

Gladys Richards spent the week-end at her home in Italy.

Endowment Secretary Weaver will be in Mineral Wells Sunday.

Mrs. Keith has been confined to her home on account of illness.

Tom Dowell in spending a few days in Royce City with home folks.

M. L. Munday and Bert B. Douglass visited friends in Denton Sunday.

Errett Williams has withdrawn from school and returned to his home in Missouri.

Humphrey is now living in the city. His address is 703 E. Weatherford Street.

Varine Varnell, a student before Christmas, has re-entered for the spring term.

Miss Cora Lee Willis is expected to return next week to enter school for this term.

Clyde Tomlinson spent a few days in Hillsboro, his home, with friends and relatives.

Hattilu West and Cleo Self spent a few days at their homes in Cleburne last week.

John Y. Yarbrough of Lubbock was at the University last week visiting his sister, Mrs. Knox.

Miss Ella Moseley missed several days from school this week on account of sickness.

Mrs. Mamie Richards of Big Springs was the guest of Gertrude Davies last week.

Jack Hammond has completely recovered from his illness and is again attending his classes.

Minnie Mae King spent last week at her home in Hamlin. She returned Sunday evening.

Miss G. McFarland visited her sister, Lola, last week. Lola went home with her for the week-end.

Fanny Rankin returned from her home Sunday, where she spent the entire week with her parents.

Muriel Foster, an old T. C. U. student, will visit Ellen Hartgrove and Bethany Overmier next week.

Heavy rains prevented William Jones from filling his appointment at Bacchus Sunday. John Luck and Claude Grady were unable to reach Burleson.

The Brushes had to postpone their outing to Mrs. Jarvis' home north of Fort Worth on account of the bad condition of the roads following the recent flood.

Miss Beulah Henry, who served as assistant librarian during the past term, has returned to her home in Jacksonville. She expects to take up library work there.

Mrs. A. M. Farris has returned from a visit to her parents in Tennessee, where she was called on account of the illness of her mother, who is reported much better now.

**Third Floor Girls  
Mourn the Death of  
Their Dear Friend**

Much sorrow was felt in Jarvis Hall when news was received that T. R. Pole, a friend of almost every third floor girl, had succumbed after a short but serious attack of indigestion occasioned by over-eating of geranium leaves.

The funeral services took place Tuesday morning, conducted by "Reverend" Mollie Jones. Miss "Peggy" Forsythe made a profound impression upon the mourners by her touching recital of that well-known little poem—

"By the sea and under the sky  
Dig my grave and let me lie  
As I have never lied before."

Verry little is known of Mr. Pole's early life, except that it was mostly spent on the frontier of civilization, where he developed all those rugged(?) qualities which fitted him so well for the struggle with life. So that it is indeed sad to think of such a one cut down in the flower of his youth (he was three weeks old at the time of his death). But in this short time he has lived a life filled to the brim with adventures and brave deeds, a life worthy of remembrance.

Besides the numerous friends which he leaves behind to lament his loss, T. R. Pole is survived by three younger brothers: Theodore, Teddy and Ted Pole.

**Monk at Press Meet**

J. H. Monk left Wednesday night for Abilene where he is representing T. C. U. at the annual college convention of the Texas Intercollegiate Press Association which is meeting at Simmon's College this week.

Bess Perry has moved from the dormitory to the home of her sister.

**Student Hiker, Cut  
off From University  
by Flood, Treated  
Hospitably at Farm**

Howard Walker was stranded on a deserted island while out for a jaunt last Sunday. From what could be learned Howard, Eugene Sewell, and Peyton Jones took a walk down to see the river rise. While they were down at the dam old Mother Nature played a prank on them. When they were returning home they found the little creek between here and the river about fifty feet wide, and too swift for man or beast to cross. Sewell and Jones, who were reared in Jack County, and who were used to overcoming difficulties, "swam the river where ford there was none," not leaving poor Howard to his fate but hoping to get a rope and rescue him.

The river rose so fast that all efforts at rescue were futile; so Howard went up on the hill and made friends with the farmer and fared on chicken, fried eggs, sweet milk and bacon. He arrived home Sunday morning safe and sound, saying that he had had the time of his life and was none the worse for his trip. He also said that someone had better watch him during the next big rain for he was going to the river again.

Baldwin Moorehouse returned to his home in Benjamin Monday. He was a student in the business college.

Masal Jeffers has moved to the city and is now living with an aunt.

Colby D. Hall gave an interesting talk to the members of the Ministerial Association in Goode Hall Thursday evening.

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### GRADES.

By Robert J. Cantrell.

The above word has been the most frequent in the minds and upon the lips of several hundred people, teachers and students, within the radius of T. C. U. for the last week or two. What do grades mean, and, What should grades signify, are two questions not fully settled in everyone's mind, not even the faculty. There are two viewpoints, the student's and the teacher's. The writer filling both places can see both sides.

#### Students' Ideas of Grades.

It is seriously felt by quite a number of the teachers that grades do not mean as much to the majority of students as they should. There is one class, unfortunately not very large, composed of mentally active, conscientious students who make all the application possible for the very highest grade in all their work. This class is found in every institution and is the salt of its life. It needs no urging for it will always do its best under most circumstances, only needs encouragement. There is another class, also fortunately small, composed of those who are not in school for mental attainment, consequently care nothing for grades. If they fail, it is well, for they may not attend school next year anyway; and if they do it does not embarrass them to take the same work over. It is useless to urge this class, for urging sounds to them like so much "hot air." The majority of students come under a third class between these two. It is composed of those who are not indifferent concerning their grades, but who never put forth the effort to attain the highest mark of efficiency. As to grades there is only one question with them: "Did I pass or did I flunk?" If they are "flunked" they are slightly stirred and will put forth a little more effort along that particular line next time in order to "get by;" but if they "passed," all is well and it is taken with about the same degree of satisfaction whether the mark is A, B or C. The most serious feature about this fact is, this class being so much in the majority, a student making a low grade does not feel that he is in a class to himself, but that he has much company. So this class is naturally on an alarming increase.

#### Premium on Scholarship.

I suppose no one would contend that grades are the only objects to be sought in school, a letter or one or two figures upon a piece of paper; yet letter or those figures are more than mere letters or figures. It is what they stand for that counts. If they are what they are supposed to be, they represent a mental attainment. There lies encoined in that small symbol the summary of the work of a term or a year, as the case may be. So if it is worth while to spend the time in school at all, and if grades represent the work done there, it is very evident more consideration should be given these grades, both by teachers and by students, than is given at present. As every educator concedes that the disciplinary value of school life exceeds the intrinsic utilitarian purposes, the quality of the work done should be stressed more than the quantity, and the student should be graded accordingly. There is something radically wrong with the school system that allows the student who averages C in all his work for four years to graduate with the same honors and in the same length of time as the one averaging A. The difference between the average of A and C means the difference between four years of constant, rigid, thorough application and the same time spent almost entirely in idleness. True, there is an award offered the one making the highest grade in

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**April 21**

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**NEXT PROGRAM BY GLEE CLUB TO BE AT C.I.A.**

Trip to Weatherford this Week a Big Success; Concert at Amarillo Postponed to 24th

Members of the University Glee Club were regular attendants at their classes this week, not being absent from school any day on account of concerts at other towns.

Only one date was filled during the week, that being at Weatherford Tuesday night. The trip was made in automobiles, the crowd leaving in the afternoon and returning the next meeting.

The boys report an enjoyable time at Weatherford and a pleasant journey both ways.

The next appearance of the club is scheduled for the College of Industrial Arts at Denton Saturday, April 15. Every member of the company is determined to be in this recital, even if he has to pay his own expenses on the trip.

The Amarillo concert which had to be postponed, is now billed for April 24.

**MUSIC STUDY CLUB HEARS PAPERS ON MODERN COMPOSERS**

The Music Study Club met Wednesday afternoon with a large number of members answering to roll call. The subject for the afternoon was "Present Day Composers."

Papers were read by Ruth Trueblood, Inez Hudgins, Franc Watkins, Johnnie Rylie. Beulah Bell gave a piano solo, Vestal Tompkins sang a vocal solo, and Erskine Long and Lucille Durrett gave a piano duet.

A short business session was held at the close of the meeting. The treasurer's report was given and it was found that the club had secured the money necessary for the Musical Encyclopedia. Miss Wilson was appointed to order it at once and place it in the library at the disposal of the members.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, April 12, with an open program in the auditorium at 3:30 p. m. All members and friends of the club are cordially invited.

**Boys Should Make Better Use Sunday Privileges, Thinks Girls' Head Matron**

Miss Tyler Wilkinson, head matron of Jarvis Hall, is wondering why the boys do not take greater advantage of their rights to visit the girls' home on "privilege" nights.

Sunday nights, for instance, she doesn't see why every girl in Jarvis Hall hasn't a date for church, etc. It's the boys' fault, she feels sure. She believes that she has the finest bunch of girls in the world, and wants it known that the boys are welcome to call on them; of course, she realizes that her permission is secondary to that of the girls' themselves.

**First of April Was Quiet Day on Hill; Rained Entire Day**

April Fool's day was a quiet one on the campus this year—the most uneventful that has been known in the past history of T. C. U.

This was due to the fact that all of the night preceding was marked by a continual downpour of rain which lasted practically all day Saturday.

The program of interclass events which had been planned for the holiday was impossible of execution because of the weather and the stored-up spirit and enthusiasm of the fish and sops will remain stored up until San Jacinto Day, April 21, which is the day set for the postponed celebration.

Mrs. Lawrence Brown visited Johnnie Rylie during the week.

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**"DADDY" HAMNER, FORMER PROFESSOR AND PROCTOR, DEAD**  
Graduate in Class of '19; Connected With School Since; Left Because of Ill Health

News was received here Wednesday of the death of Prof. W. T. Hamner, former teacher of English in the University and later proctor of Clark Hall. Prof. Hamner resigned as proctor a year and a half ago because of ill health and since then had been at various health resorts in the West. He died in Kansas City. T. C. U. is Prof. Hamner's alma mater, he having been a member of the class of '99. He had been connected with the University practically ever since his graduation.

While a professor Mr. Hamner had been dubbed "Daddy" Hamner by his students. He was 60 years of age and unmarried.

Mrs. J. A. Crain is at home after spending several days in the hospital. She is recovering from a severe operation for appendicitis.

**WILL INAUGURATE ANNUAL STAG BANQUET**

Shirleys Planning to Hold First Society Affair Next Month; to be at Westbrook

A distinctively new and novel event will be introduced into T. C. U. life sometime in May by the Shirley Literary Society. It is planned to inaugurate this affair this year and establish a tradition in the society that it shall be an annual function.

This event is to be something out of the usual course of events at so strong a coeducational school as T. C. U. It is to be a stag banquet—open only to members of the Shirley Literary Society.

At the meeting Monday night a motion that a Shirley banquet be held was unanimously ratified and plans are now being worked out for the occasion. Willis M. McGregor was appointed chairman of the arrangement committee; he will select two other members to assist him.

For several years the Walton Society, sister society to the Shirleys, has held an annual feast for its members. The intention is to make the Shirley banquet more formal. It will probably be held at the Westbrook Hotel.

**BASEBALL SCRUBS SCORE VICTORY ON NORTH SIDE BOYS**

While the Varsity nine was battling Trinity last Tuesday Coach Daniel's second string men walloped North Side High to the tune of five to four.

The field was very heavy and as the result errors and boneheads were plentiful. The game was spectacular as well as interesting; several sensational plays were pulled off, the chief one, however, was that of Jones stealing second when a man was on. Haden looked especially good in the outfield pulling down several good ones. Douglass and Fireball McNamara did the twirling for the home team and Minton and Donahue for High School.

**Keith and Frizzell Will Pitch Camp on Trinity While in Summer School**

It's not such a far look into the future but what two of our worthy seniors have already planned their summer vacation on T. C. U. Hill. This will consist of camping on the banks of the Trinity River and attending classes in the summer school each morning of the week.

John Keith and Tom Paul Frizzell, both seniors, are the students who expect to enjoy the hot summer days in this manner. Their program will include a swim early in the morning before hiking down to the classroom. The afternoon will be spent in fishing, reading and sleeping.

**Preparing for State Orators, Here April 21**

the students of T. C. U. an opportunity which they will not have again for eight years to hear the choice orators of Texas speak.

The University Orchestra will furnish music at both the banquet and contest. Director Cahoon will also have the band out Friday afternoon to play during the class activities.

The colleges and universities which comprise the association are Simon's College, Abilene; Daniel Baker College, Brownwood; Trinity University, Waxahachie; Baylor University, Waco; University of Texas, Austin; Austin College, Sherman; Southwestern University, Georgetown; Texas Christian University.

**Team Work Wins First Game**

It will be interesting to note the form displaying by the Christians in their opening games and then to compare it with the way they show up in later contests.