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## TEXAS COLLEGES CLASSIFIED T. C. U. HAS HIGH STANDING

### T. C. U. Has Eleven Thoroughly Equipped and Well Organ- ized Departments

The Classification Committee of the college section of the State Teachers' Association, appointed last Thanksgiving to make a new classification of the Texas colleges and universities according to standards of scholarship, equipment, and general all-round efficiency, made its report last Friday, July 7th. The standard of grading was based on the grades "A plus," A, B, and C. After thorough investigation, the committee included eleven colleges and universities in the "A plus" group; and among the highest of this eleven stands Texas Christian University.

This high ranking does not come as a surprise to the directors or faculty of T. C. U. Ever since the old T. C. U. of Waco burned, and its removal to Fort Worth, improvements and enlargements have been made each year. The university now consists of five large fire-proof buildings, and courses are offered in eleven different departments, or colleges. These departments are: The College of Arts and Sciences, which includes such courses as mathematics, languages, history and English; The College of the Bible, a training school for young ministers; The Education Department, The Domestic Science Department, the Preparatory Department, or Academy; The Science Department, which includes biology, physics and chemistry; The College of Business, the Political Science Department, the Department of Law, the College of Medicine, and the Fine Arts Department, which includes oratory, painting, piano, violin, and voice.

The next building to be erected will be a gymnasium, a new arts building, and a domestic science building.

### C. W. B. M. (COLORED) MEETS IN T. C. U. DINING HALL.

On the afternoon of the tenth of this month, the Christian Woman's Board of Missions of the city met in the dining hall in an interesting conference. Miss Wilkinson, Mrs. Sweeney, and Mrs. King were the guests of the colored women's meeting and Mrs. King and Miss Tyler were the speakers of the affair. Elaborate preparations were made for the conference and ice cream and cake was served.

## SPANISH DEPT. HEAD STUDYING IN COLORADO.

Mrs. W. B. Parks is spending the summer in Colorado, taking advanced work in Spanish at Colorado University. As announced in a former issue of the Skiff, Mrs. Parks will be head of the Spanish department during 1916-17. She studied in Chicago University last year, and is well prepared for her position.

Dean Parks tells us that a splendid vacation is being enjoyed by his wife and his two little daughters, Elizabeth and Gladys. The two girls are by now "expert" mountain climbers. In their last letter to Dean, they told him of a "fine donkey ride."

Ava Lee Mars has returned from her visit to Holland, and is making arrangements to enter the second term of the summer school. Ava Lee and Francis Van Zandt have already reserved a room in Jarvis Hall for next year.

## MISS ADELINE FERGUSON IS MARRIED AT ALPINE

### Former T. C. U. Woman Has Short Romance That Leads to a Quiet Wedding

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Ferguson announce the marriage of their daughter

MARY ADELINE  
to

MR. ROY AUGUSTUS WHITESIDE  
on Wednesday, July the twelfth,  
nineteen hundred and sixteen  
Alpine, Texas

At Home  
after July twentieth  
Imperial, Texas.

The above announcement received on the campus last week was the first information to most T. C. U. people that there was such a romance a-going down at Alpine.

From the meager facts that we can get in the case, it seems that a real romance began at Girvin, Texas, some time about last December where Miss Ferguson, one of the principals, was teaching. There was for several months a quiet rumor to the effect that this love story was in the making, and that it would likely terminate as it has, but to almost everybody here the affair is a genuine surprise.

The wedding was a quiet, formal one. Only a small company of friends was present. The ceremony was said by Rev. H. M. Bandy of the Alpine Christian church, at the home of the

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## LELA RAY BENTLEY AGE TWENTY-ONE DAYS.

Miss Lela Ray Bentley, age twenty-one days, is now living with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Bentley at Alpine, Texas. Miss Bentley arrived July 1, according to the announcements that reached the campus last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Bentley, the parents of the little brat, were popular T. C. U. people for several years. Many of the students here remember Mrs. Bentley as a capable and worthy instructor in the commercial department, and Mr. Bentley as professor of physics. Mr. Bentley graduated with the class of '15, after which he took up his duties as superintendent of city schools at Alpine. Little Miss Bentley is fortunate in her parentage, so we expect her, in due time, to rise up and call them blessed.

We'd like to see "Dad" Bentley strut.

## MISS FAY WILCOXSON WEDS ERNEST ALLEN

### Bride and Groom Are Former Texas Christian University Students

A beautiful home wedding of much interest to many T. C. U. people took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. H. E. Wilcoxson of Alston Ave., when Miss Vera Faye Wilcoxson and Mr. Ernest Allen were united in marriage.

The pretty home was made more attractive with palms and ferns. The bride descended the stairs, accompanied by the maid of honor, Miss Chole Harris of Des Moines, Iowa. There they were met in front of a bank of palms in the living room by the groom and best man, Lewis Wilcoxson, brother of the bride. Here a beautiful ring ceremony was performed by Prof. R. J. Cantrell of T. C. U.

The bride wore a lovely gown of white organdie, trimmed with dainty lace, and she carried a bridal bouquet of white roses. After an ice course was served, the young couple left for a cross-country motor trip.

Both bride and groom are former students of T. C. U., Miss Wilcoxson having studied extensively in art as well as taking some literary work. The groom is a member of the Allen & Wilcoxson Motor Car Co., a thriving business establishment of this city. On their return they will be at home to their many friends, 1131 Alston avenue.

## VALUABLE PRIZES OFFERED WINNERS OF CONTESTS

### Over Eight Hundred Dollars Given Away Annually to T. C. U. Students

The fact that T. C. U. gives away annually in medals and cash more than eight hundred dollars, is proof that she has interests other than her own. But the value of these prizes is the least thing to be considered by the winners. The fact that one has outstripped his classmates and has really done something worthy of honorable mention is ample remuneration and should be a consolation to him worth far more than the material prizes offered. In order that the prospective and new students might be better informed and consequently better prepared to enter as competitors for these various prizes, a complete list of them follows:

Among the most valuable of these prizes other than the scholarships, is a beautiful solid gold sixty-dollar watch. This is given by Mr. M. H. Reed, of Austin, to the winner of an inter-society oratorical contest, known as the "Reed Oratorical Contest." A twenty-five dollar gold medal is given to the successful contestant for the honor of representing T. C. U. in the Inter-Collegiate State Oratorical Contest. This medal is given by Dr. R. H. Gough, of Fort Worth. Our representative in the last contest, in addition to this handsome medal, received the honor of being second in the state contest, falling only five points below the winner. Another twenty-five dollar gold medal, known as "The Boyd-Head Medal," is offered by Drs. Frank Boyd and Wesley J. Head, of Fort Worth. This medal goes to the person doing the most efficient debating throughout the year's contests.

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## CHEMISTRY DEPARTMENT POPULAR THIS SUMMER.

There are students from five Texas colleges and universities taking Chemistry "11" during the first term of the summer school. There are two men from Agricultural and Mechanical College, a young woman from Trinity University, a man from Southern Methodist University, a man and a young woman from Texas University, and six students of Texas Christian University. Prof. Dabbs reports that every one of these institutions is ably represented.



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#### WRONG IDEA CORRECTED

Although Texas Christian University is denominational, it is a university most broad and tolerant in its management and supervision. Some people have the mistaken idea that, because a college or university is supported and managed by one of the Christian churches, it is necessarily

narrow and bigoted in its method of advancing education. This is no means so. The purpose of the church in establishing colleges is not to teach religion, but to promote education in the proper environment. The church rightly takes the stand that the only true education is the Christian education. The student of T. C. U., or of any good denominational school, is not required to accept or stand upon any narrow creed. He is only encouraged and taught by example, to live an upright Christian life. No, Texas Christian University is not a narrow, sectarian school. It is as broad in its principles as any university can be. As long as the conduct of a T. C. U. student is that of a lady or gentleman, the fact that he interprets the Scripture in some special way will prove no disadvantage whatever.

#### By Thouhts

Riley Aiken

Great whales and little pollywogs!  
Great seas and little pools!  
The more we see of some wise men  
The more we think of fools.

We invariably evade the Woman Suffrage question by a pet phrase which serves for either side of it. When they ask whether or not we believe in it, we simply say: "Why what do you take us for."

If a slander-monger besets your path,  
Walk a half a mile around him;  
For the walk, it will surely be good  
for you,  
And 'twill serve him right, confound  
him.

The calamity howler who speaks  
all-wisely and in vulgar epithetic  
terms of the Mexicans, is, as a general  
rule, an ignoramus who knows as little  
about the Mexican people as a hog  
does the side-saddle.

A fly upon a stage coach,  
A little ride a taking;  
He said: (about the wheel dirt,)  
"Oh what a dust I'm making."

It was a dark and dreary night.  
The streets were cold and as still as  
death. The midnight was hanging  
low and it gave the tall buildings the  
appearance of ghosts. Someone came  
from somewhere in the mistic region,  
walked into the shade and gloom  
of the news stand on the corner,  
touched the dreaming newsboy with  
an icy hand and said: "Is there a  
'Life' around here anywhere?" "Only  
one", yawned the newsboy. "I'll take  
it", said the infernal stranger."  
(We hustled ourself over to the next  
corner for to catch a car.)

Oh, 'tis strange, it is strange, when a  
poet is great,  
'Tis the ignorant ones who apall  
him.  
Instead of his name—I'm sad to relate,  
They call him "Old Whatcherma-  
call,im."

A coquet is a person to be admired,  
not on account of her purposes in  
life, but for the simple reason that  
she is a rare bird. Oh, of course we  
know that most girls think that they  
can play the coquet, but as a general  
rule they are shameful failures. Crude  
coquetry is so closely akin to "rough-  
neckism" that it takes a lion among  
ladies to tell them apart.

A flirty skirt wobbled to a candy store,

Where a wishy-washy waiter slung  
slop;  
And seated herself with a sickening  
sigh,

And sang for a soda-pop.  
With a sissy-prissy slide and a buggy-  
wuggy pose

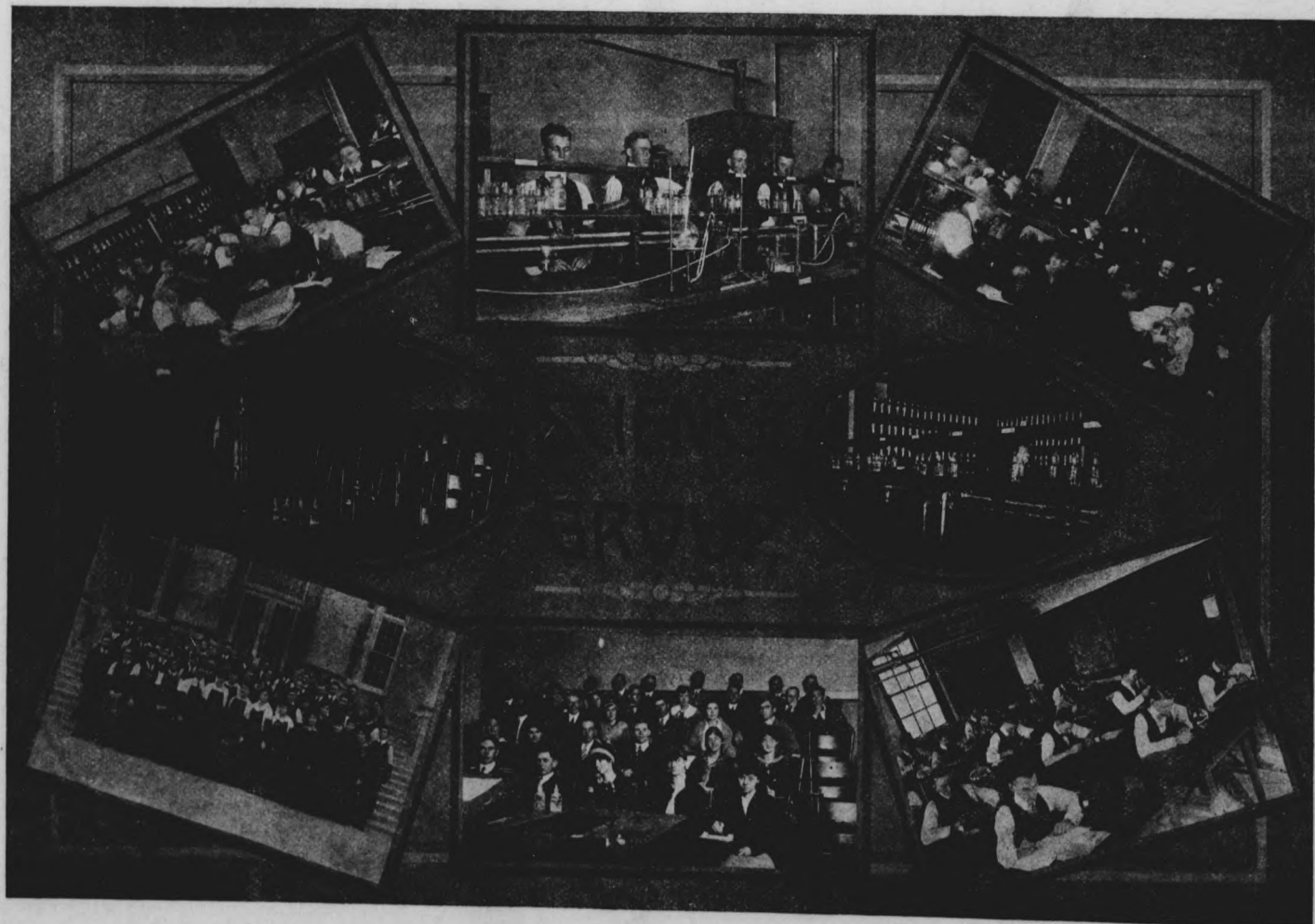
The cheap little chappie chirped out:  
"Pop-ee, twenty-three, five-fortyfour,  
No syrup and ze carbo quite stout."  
The dudine drank of the dazzling dope  
And died ere the dawning of day.  
The flunkey from fear fled far to the  
fields

And hid in the harvesting hay.  
He was sought by a force of fifty-five  
friends

And hung with a horse-hair rope  
"On the level", laughed the devil;  
a well done day,  
A dudine and a disher of dope.

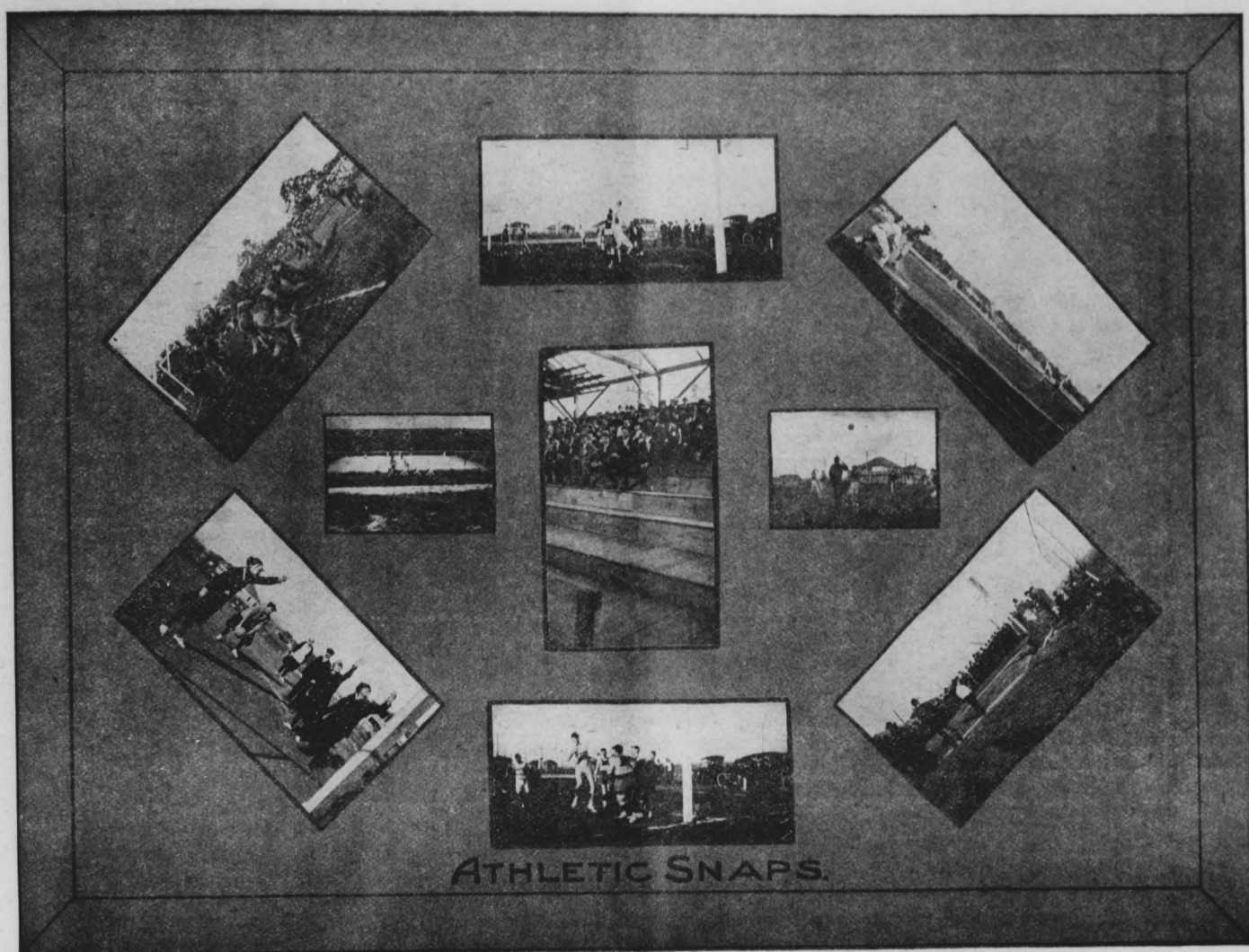
President F. G. Jones of Midland  
College was on the campus at the end  
of last week.

Mr. Cahoon and the T.C. U. quartett  
will make a trip to Weatherford next  
Monday. That evening the quartett will  
go "serenading".



He would wonder just whur in the world He wuz at.





ATHLETIC SNAPS.

## ATHLETIC GROUNDS Texas Christian University

### Locals and Personals

(J. N. S.)

M. S. Dunning, alias "Dugan," sends his compliments and menu to his friends and others on the hill-top. Though his bill of fare is an enviable one, none of the boys here threaten to leave home to partake of his luxuries,—salt bacon, frijoles, corn pone, Oklahoma sunshine, and seven miles of dirt road into town every Saturday night. A late report comes from him that he is "vegitating and reminating" at Kiowa, Okla., where he is pulling down a respectable "honorarium of iron men every seven days" in the printing business. Dugan will make good, for he has that kind of stuff in him. He's one of the best printers that ever suffered in the T. C. U. print shop.

Judge Isaacks and family of Midland drove by the university for a brief visit Sunday afternoon. They made the trip from Midland into central Texas in their automobile, proceeding on their return trip home Monday morning of this week. Miss Inez Isaacks of the party, was a student of T. C. U. during 1913-1914.

Miss George Hirt, T. C. U. art student of Cleburne, visited the University Tuesday.

Roy Jones dropped in from Springtown toward the end of last week. He didn't stay long.

Some men are considered great because there is no real leader in the community in which they live.

It has been said there is a thief in every community. And this even applies to schools. There are a few students who would steal everything in the school they attended but an education.

Roberta Scott, ex-'16, writes to us from Austin, where she is attending University of Texas summer school. Roberta taught in the schools at Palestine last year. We are glad that she has made a success this far in her career.

Saturday, Mrs. Eubanks turned over to Craig Dryden her portfolio as private secretary to Business Manager Durrett, while she and Mr. Eubanks take their annual vacation. They will spend a week in De Leon, visiting Mrs. Eubank's mother.

### TENNIS IMPROVEMENTS.

Tennis is very popular among the summer school students, and for the last week or two has crowded even swimming parties for attention. The courts are in splendid condition,—better than they have ever been before. Each member of the Summer Tennis Association has been assessed a fee of \$1.00, and the money thus raised is used for additional improvements. A marker, the best to be had, has been purchased by Mr. Cahoon, and has proven a great time-saver. Both courts may now be marked off in about fifteen minutes.

Have you reserved your room? Better attend to that matter right now, by sending H. M. Durrett (business manager) a \$5 deposit. Mrs. Tyler Wilkinson, matron of Jarvis Hall, reports that every room on the first floor is reserved, and about half of those on the other two floors.

### PICNIC SUPPER.

Miss Loeta Blasingame entertained with a delightful supper at Forest Park last Saturday honoring her sister, who is visiting her. Lovely hand-painted cards done in purple and white and bearing the design of a spring chicken, marked the places for

the guests. After the supper was finished the party returned to the hill and spent the remainder of the evening in games and music at the home of Judge and Mrs. F. O. McKinsey. Those who enjoyed the occasion were: Misses Annie Lily and Loeta Blasingame, Annie Faris, Myrtle Ingram, Varine Varnell and Beulah Bell, Messrs. Raymond Fox, Harry Bradford, Aubrey Leveridge, Laurence Cheek, Earl Walker and Green. Mms. Wilson and Doyle were chaperones.

Next summer school term begins Monday, the 24th. What course do you need?

### NOT FIT FOR THE PLACE.

Last year Professor Cahoon, head of the music department, was asked to decide upon the relative powers of two young men who were trying out for the Glee Club, whose talents in this particular line existed entirely in their own imagination.

Said Cahoon to one of them, "You are the worst singer I ever heard in my life!"

"Then," exclaimed the other, "I win!"

"No," said Mr. Cahoon, scathingly, "You can't sing at all!"



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### Valuable Prizes Offered Winners of Contests

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The Oratorical Association offers a number of cash prizes both to the new and old students. Twenty-five dollars is given to the winner of first place and fifteen dollars to the winner of second place in the "Old Men's Contests." This contest is open to the three best declaimers from each Literary Society who has not previously been a contestant. Fifteen and ten dollars are offered to the winners of the first and second places, respectively, in the "Prohibition Contest." This contest is open to any boy in the university, and during these hot summer vacation months is a good time for some energetic boy to work up a winning speech. Twenty-five dollars is given to the winner of the preliminary to the State Oratorical Contest. This is in addition to the twenty-five dollar gold medal mentioned above.

There are a number of very valuable medals offered for work done in the different Literary Societies. Mr. T. E. Shirley, former president of the board of directors, offers annually a twenty dollar gold medal to the student in the Shirley Literary Society making the best grade in scholarship and general work. Mr. J. T. McKissick offers ten dollars to the best general worker in the Add-Ran Literary Society. Mr. Van Zandt Jarvis offers a ten dollar gold medal to the student doing the best work in the Walton Literary Society. Thus one sees that outside of the benefits derived from the different literary societies there is the extra incentive of winning one of these valuable prizes.

As a great incentive to promote efficiency in a competitive manner, the university offers free one literary scholarship, to the student making the highest record in Senior class of the academy, and to the student making the highest record in each year's work of the College of Arts and Sciences, making an aggregate sum of three hundred and seventy-five dollars.

The friends of the Brite Bible College offer in prizes for themes written on various subjects the total sum of one hundred twenty-five dollars. These prizes have created a great interest in this department among the Ministerial students.

To the donors of these prizes, T. C. U. is greatly indebted. It is through the generosity of these good people that many a boy or girl is inspired to work harder and through the effort to gain one of these prizes sees the real value beyond the prize. To the new or prospective student, I would suggest that you look over this list of valuable prizes and pick out the one or more for which you would like to work and begin making plans to accomplish the same.

M. L. M.

Dorothy Agee has come to town. She is spending the week with Marguerite Forsythe while she, Dot, makes up her mind to enroll for work in the second half of summer school.

A knocker in a university or college is most often one who has received the worst of it because of his incapability. Be a booster!

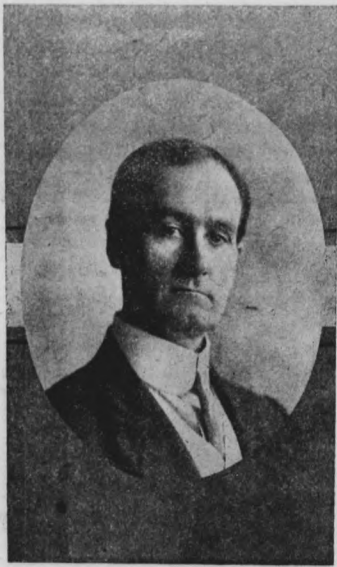
### CAHOON VISITS WEATHERFORD IN INTEREST OF T. C. U.

On Friday of last week, Mr. Cahoon took a flying trip to Weatherford. Upon his return "Coach" had great things to report. In his usual "peppery" manner boosted T. C. U. so well that ten of Weatherford's choicest students were signed up for us.

It certainly sounds good to hear of so many students coming from one town, especially as there is a very great likelihood, according to Mr. Cahoon, of getting two or three more. T. C. U. certainly extends her heartiest thanks to Weatherford for sending such a goodly portion of her best young men and women to us for the coming year; and we are to congratulate ourselves that we are so fortunate as to have in our student body that group of Weatherford students.

We wish to let all our prospective students know that we are eagerly awaiting their arrival, and that we are wishing them a most pleasant summer until September.

Here's hoping that we find many towns as enthusiastic as Weatherford in regard to sending students to T. C. U.



C. I. ALEXANDER.  
Instructor of Mathematics, T.C.U.  
Now studying in Chicago.

### T. C. U. STUDENT EDITS JEWISH PAPER IN ABSENCE OF RABBI FOX.

David Bronstein, a student of Texas Christian University, is editor-in-chief of "The Jewish Monitor," in the absence of Rabbi George Fox, the regular editor. The Monitor is a live, up-to-date publication, and Mr. Bronstein is proving himself thoroughly capable of handling the editorial department. A copy of the paper reaches the T. C. U. library each week.

Mr. Bronstein has served on the editorial staff for some time, and has shown himself so capable, that Rabbi Fox felt no hesitancy in leaving the responsible work in such efficient hands.

Mr. Bronstein expects to continue his literary courses in T. C. U. this coming year.

Jesse Martin was on the hill last Monday evening. It sure sounds good to hear the "T. C. U. quartett" once more.

### Miss Adeline Ferguson Is Married at Alpine

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bride's parents at Alpine.

The marriage of Miss Ferguson is of interest to old students because of her close connection to the institution for two years. She was a member of the '16 class, but dropped out of school two years ago just after gaining junior standing. Adeline, T. C. U. always knew her that way—was a capable student, ever an ardent supporter of the institution in all of its functions, and thoroughly filled with the college spirit on all occasions. She was a Walton, and worked at it, Adeline will be remembered as an all 'round college woman. Everybody that knows her loves her, because she is genuine, and is faithful as a friend. The Skiff congratulates Mr. Whiteside in that he gained one of T. C. U.'s fairest.

Mr. Whiteside is a well-to-do lumber man of Girvin, and Imperial, Texas. He was active manager of his interests at Girvin during the part year, but has recently assumed control of his yards at Imperial, where he and Mrs. Whiteside are now making their home.

All T. C. U. wishes this new cup of happiness to be a deep one, always completely filled, and of the richest colour. Amen.

### FIRST TERM CLOSES SECOND TERM OPENS.

The first term of the summer school closes this next Saturday. About 175 students have completed courses in this time, and present indications show that almost the same number will take work during the next term.

The courses offered are as follows:

History, under Prof. Knight, will consist of one course, "Institutional History and Teaching," and will come from 8:30 to 9:30. This course satisfies requirements for the nine credits mentioned in the catalogue.

Bible, under Prof. Lockhart, consists of three courses, "Messianic Prophecy," "Old Testament Outline," and "New Testament Outline," six credits and six credits and three credits respectively.

Latin, under Prof. Cantrell, includes "Cicero," and brief courses in Latin forms and Syntax. Dr. Lockhart will also offer "Livy."

Science, under Prof. Dabbs, takes in Physics 17, Chemistry 11 (Freshmen chem.) and Spectroscopy, a three credit course which consists wholly of laboratory work. Prof. Winton will not offer biology this term.

Mr. Munday will offer all academy mathematics, and Mrs. Gardner will offer academy English. Prof. Roberts principal of the Academy, will offer preparatory history on demand.

Mrs. Sargent will teach German at her home in the city.

Dr. Batson will offer no education courses this term.

E. B. Sewell, T. C. U. student of Jacksboro, passed through the city last Friday. He visited the university, and incidentally reserved his room for the coming term. Sewell also reserved room for his room-mate, J. A. Raley. Raley made his letter in baseball this last year.

### New Tennis Courts No Longer a Dream

Tennis has become so popular in T. C. U., that there has been for some time need for more courts. Several movements have been made in the last two years towards putting in the real clay and back stops. These movements have been more or less a dream around T. C. U., and so this summer, under the guidance of Frederick Cahoon, the man who does things around T. C. U. hill, this dream will become a realization. The men who are going to work on the courts are men who are directly interested in tennis. Ben and Kirk Parks, John Pettus, Paul Pirkle, and even Charles Christenberry, the man who has the heart to attempt anything, have already broken the ground, and Coach Cahoon is constantly on the job. There are several other men who have not yet paid their summer tennis fee who express their intentions of doing their turn. M. L. Munday will have charge of all such men, and a medal will be given him if anything is accomplished.

Next year T. C. U. is going to have its greatest year in tennis. There are four or five men who are already in the city championship class. These



JAMES A. CRAIN.  
Head of History Department, T.C.U.

men are the two Parks youngsters who gave some of the highly reputed state tournament men a merry chase for their honors. Others who have shown up well and in the limelight are Pettus, Pirkle, Dutton, Munday, Smiser, Sweeney and Cantrell. There are other men who are going to surprise tennis followers this next year. They are Ray Skaggs, Haywood Leveridge, W. B. Higgins, Jas. Crane, Dudley Smith, Homer Tomlinson, Fred Harold and Dave Tudor. The only thing needed to develop such men as Dutton, Skaggs, Leveridge and others into championship class is the necessary courts to play on. We are expecting all these men back next fall with several new men, and promise them at least two new courts.

It is also the plan of the management to build two clay courts in front of Jarvis Hall, for the young ladies.

P. P.

Circumstances are nails, upon which the weak hang their failures and with which the strong build their successes.