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Baccalaureate Services Sunday In Auditorium

Rev. A. A. Carter Will Preach Sermon to Graduates

Seventeen members of the 1945 graduating class of Ozona High School will be honored at baccalaureate services to be held in the high school auditorium Sunday morning, beginning at 11 o'clock.

The class will march in the procession played by Mrs. Alvin Harrell. "Come Thou Almighty King" will be sung by the congregation, after which Rev. Wm. B. Waldrop, pastor of the First Baptist Church, will offer a "Victory Day Prayer."

A choir, directed by Mrs. H. B. Tandy will sing "Sanctus and Benedictus," from "St. Cecilia Mass," by Gounod, and Rev. Waldrop will give the scripture reading.

Rev. A. A. Carter, pastor of the Methodist church, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon to the graduates. The sermon title will be "I Got a Glory." Another anthem by the choir, "Send out Thy Light," will be sung by the choir, followed by the benediction by the Rev. Carter.

Graduating exercises for the class will be Thursday night of next week in the auditorium. Class members include Larry Arledge, Louise Arledge, Ada Ballard, Joy Hubbard, Rosalie Lemmons, Daphne Meinecke, Bill McWilliams, Elaine Oathout, Byrd Phillips, Jimmy Read, Lowell Sweeten, Nan Tandy, Ruth Townsend, Joyce West, Barbara White, Marie Williams and Bill Womack.

For its graduating program, the class will present a patriotic pageant, "We Pledge Allegiance."

Promotion program for the eighth grade will be held Wednesday evening of next week at 9 o'clock. The class of twenty candidates for promotion to high school will present a pageant "To Make Men Free," under the direction of Miss Katie Sue Good and Miss Mary Frances Bradley.

Candidates for promotion from Junior High School are Donald Hoover, Sadie Cook, Charles Manikin, Agnes Wood, Marian Dryden, Charlie Davidson, Rosalie Friend, Eda Goodson, Billy Graves, Patsy Harris, Ann Harvick, Lin Hicks, Armond Hoover, J. G. Hufstelder, Guida Sue Meinecke, Ray Piner, Jr., Chris Perner, Betty Jane Schwalbe, Merle Senne and Betty Jo Thompson.

Mary E. Gray Wins Tennis Championship At Hardin-Simmons

Mary Elizabeth Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Gray of Ozona, a student at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene, won the University championship in girls' tennis singles in a tournament on the campus last week, according to a report in the H-SU Brand, student newspaper.

The final game of the series was played against Jean Shahan, the Ozona girl winning 6-0, 6-1, according to the Brand's report.

Mary Elizabeth drew a bye in the first round and then eliminated a first-round winner, Ira Pearl Gunn, 6-1, 6-0. In semi-final play, the Ozona girl edged out Lucille Martin, 6-4, 6-1, and then carried through to win the tourney championship.

4,000 Pounds Relief Clothing Ready for Shipment from Ozona

An estimated 4,000 pounds of usable clothing, donated by Ozona residents for the United National Clothing Drive for the relief of war sufferers throughout the allied world, was ready for shipment from Ozona this week.

Clothing collected in the drive was packaged and labeled by volunteer workers and made ready for shipment Wednesday. It will be shipped by truck to San Antonio, assembly point for Texas.

Mrs. Bascomb Cox left this week for Dallas to visit her daughter, Miss Ora Louise Cox.

17 Ozona Scouts Attend Camporee Of Ranch District

Seventeen Scouts of Ozona Boy Scout Troop 53, with Lee Wilson, Ray Piner and Frank James in charge, attended the Ranch District Camporee on Clear Creek, near Menard Friday night and Saturday.

The Ozona boys participated in the Camporee activities along with 15 patrols from other troops in the district. The Hawk Patrol from Troop 53 won fourth place in Camporee activities and the Eagle Patrol won second place in camp site.

Scouts making the trip were Joe Perry, Armond Hoover, James Carter, Ralph Carden, Sam Perner, Chris Perner, Charlie Boy Davidson, Lin Hicks, Ray Piner, Jr., Scoot Smith, Kerry Tandy, Bernard Lemmons, Tommy Laxson, Charles Cunningham, J. G. Hufstelder, William Meinecke and Max Word.

New Officers Woman's Club Installed at Final Meet Tuesday

New officers for the coming year were installed and new committees announced when the Ozona Woman's Club met for its final meeting of the season Tuesday afternoon at the home of Mrs. Neal Hannah, with Mrs. Stephen Perner assisting hostess.

Mrs. Hubert Baker, new president gave a report on the recent Sixth District convention in Brownwood. Mrs. Stephen Perner, retiring president, presented each member with a personal gift, with an appropriate message.

Mrs. Perner installed the new officers who will take over with the opening of the new club season in the fall. They are Mrs. Hubert Baker, president; Mrs. P. T. Robinson, first vice president; Mrs. A. E. Deland, second vice president; Miss Elizabeth Fussell, treasurer; Mrs. Joe Pierce, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Lowell Littleton, recording secretary; Mrs. N. W. Graham, historian, and Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., parliamentarian.

After the installation, Mrs. Baker presided at a business meeting and announced the following committees: Program, Mrs. P. T. Robinson, Mrs. L. B. Cox, Jr., Mrs. J. M. Dudley and Mrs. Carl Colwick; entertainment, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. W. R. Baggett, Mrs. J. W. Henderson, Mrs. O. L. Simms; civic, Mrs. S. M. Harvick, Mrs. N. W. Graham, Mrs. John Bailey, Mrs. Ira Carson, Mrs. Joe Oberkamp, Miss Elizabeth Fussell, Mrs. B. E. Ingham, Mrs. Joe Pierce; courtesy, Miss Elizabeth Fussell; war service, Mrs. Charles Williams, Mrs. Lee Childress, Mrs. Bert Couch and Mrs. Vic Pierce; Red Cross, Mrs. Hugh Childress, Mrs. A. A. Carter, Mrs. Hillery Phillips, Mrs. A. C. Hoover, Mrs. W. E. West; press reporter, Mrs. Stephen Perner; Federation counselor, Mrs. Carl Colwick; contact chairman, Junior Woman's Club, Mrs. Max Schneemann; music director, Mrs. Neal Hannah.

Present for the final meeting were Mrs. Lee Childress, Mrs. J. W. Henderson, Mrs. Hubert Baker, Mrs. Hillery Phillips, Mrs. A. A. Carter, Mrs. A. C. Hoover, Mrs. J. M. Dudley, Mrs. B. E. Ingham, Mrs. Carl Colwick, Mrs. P. T. Robinson, Mrs. Joe Pierce, Mrs. O. L. Simms, Mrs. Stephen Perner, Mrs. A. E. Deland, Miss Elizabeth Fussell, Mrs. Harry Perner, Mrs. Neal Hannah and Mrs. Charles Williams.

Ozona Girl Listed On Texas U. Winter Semester Honor Roll

AUSTIN, Texas. — Six hundred students enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Texas have been cited for their scholastic standing in the winter semester honor roll recently issued by Dean H. T. Parlin.

The honor students include: Ampla Cum Laude, Gem Ella Dudley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Dudley of Ozona.

A daughter, named Robin Esther, was born Sunday in a San Angelo hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Dempster Jones.

Day of Prayer For Victory to Be Observed Sun.

Evening Services Dedicated to Thanksgiving for V-E

In conformity with the V-E Day proclamation of President Harry S. Truman, designating Sunday, May 13, as a day of prayer and thanksgiving for the successful end of the war in Europe, Ozona churches have laid plans for such services in the respective churches next Sunday evening.

Since the baccalaureate service for members of the 1945 graduating class of Ozona High School will be held at the morning worship hour, in the high school auditorium, the Methodist and Baptist churches have designated their evening services for observance of the Day of Prayer and Thanksgiving.

Rev. A. A. Carter, pastor of the Methodist church, has announced that the special prayer service will be held in the Methodist Center at the regular evening hour, 8:30 p.m., and Rev. Wm. B. Waldrop, pastor of the First Baptist Church, has announced services in the Baptist church at the same hour. The victory services will consist of prayer, song service and brief messages by the pastors.

Members of the Church of Christ, now without a pastor, will join the other churches in the special victory services.

Latin-American School Exercises Tuesday Evening

Three High School, Ten Grade School Graduates for '45

With three candidates for graduation from high school and ten from junior grades into high school, closing exercises at the Latin-American school will be held Tuesday evening of next week, beginning at 9 o'clock.

The high school commencement program will open with the invocation by the Rev. A. A. Carter, followed by "America" by the audience. The salutatory address will be given by Eloisa Sanchez and a girls' trio will sing "La Golondrina." Felipe Castro will give the valedictory address, "God Bless America" sung by the audience will be followed by the presentation of diplomas by Judge Houston Smith. The trio will sing "Parting Song" and the benediction will be pronounced by the Rev. Wm. B. Waldrop. The trio will be composed of Edna Martinez, Edna Garcia and Eloisa Sanchez.

High school graduates include Felipe Castro, Eloisa Sanchez and Carmen Castillo. Grade pupils who will be awarded certificates of promotion to high school include Roberta Ortiz, Santiago Rodriguez, Ramon Gonzales, Diamantina Guerra, Esperanza Lara, Teodora Lara, Ernesto Martinez, Amalia Vargas, Porfiria Vargas and Pedro Zapata.

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Musical Program And Observance of V-E Day by Rotary

Ozona Rotarians enjoyed a musical program at their regular luncheon hour Tuesday noon. Miss Katie Sue Good and Miss Mary Frances Bradley entertained the group with a program of songs and piano music. Hubert Baker was pressed into the program for a duet number with Miss Bradley, "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot."

Rotarians observed V-E Day with a brief talk by President Royal Caswell and a victory day prayer by the Rev. A. A. Carter.

Mrs. Brock Jones of Houston, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Bailey of Ozona, underwent an emergency appendectomy in a Houston hospital Monday. She is reported recovering satisfactorily.

Ozona POW Honored In Absentia When Unit Wins Citation

With the 30th Infantry Division in Germany. — "I think you are the best fighting battalion in this Army and I'm proud of you."

Lieutenant Colonel Robert Ernest Franklin of Jackson, Tennessee, commander of the First Battalion, 117th Infantry, was addressing his men after the battalion had received formal presentation of the Distinguished Unit, at an impressive ceremony with a color guard and a military band. Receiving the award in absentia was Pfc. Lucio S. Diaz of Ozona who was captured by the Germans in the fierce fighting in France.

Col. Frankland's pride in the battalion is justified. It was being honored at this ceremony for "outstanding performance of duty in action against the enemy during the battle of Mortain, in the vicinity of St. Barthelemy, France," but it had also distinguished itself in the cracking of the Siegfried Line north of Aachen and the sensational Stavelot defense — the "little Verdun" in the battle of the Belgian bulge.

The Distinguished Unit Citation was awarded for the battalion's heroic stand against Germany's finest panzer divisions attempting to drive to the sea at Avranches to split the American First and Third armies.

Agricultural Census In Sixth District Nearing Completion

The field work of collecting data and information in the Agricultural Census, 1945, is nearing completion in the 6th Census District, Texas. Capt. M. L. Swinehart, supervisor, reports field work in ten of the nineteen counties as completed and preliminary reports sent to Washington. It is expected the work in six or seven more counties will be finished this week. In addition to office staff, twenty one women and twenty men were employed as enumerators. "Because of the man-woman power shortage in the area, considerable difficulty was experienced in securing these workers," Capt. Swinehart said, "but those who volunteered did so largely from patriotic reasons, and were conscientious and diligent in their work."

Mr. F. W. Whitney, Ysleta, Ass't. Supervisor and H. M. Fennell, Marfa, Field Inspector have assisted in directing the undertaking.

"Take Me Back to Texas" Jim Dudley's Plea from Germany

In a V-Mail letter from Germany dated just twelve days before official declaration of Victory Day in Europe, Pfc. James M. Dudley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Morris Dudley of Ozona, expresses the longing for home that is doubtless in the hearts of all American boys abroad today.

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"I've seen enough of this country to tell that it can't compare with ours. However, it is quite pretty in places — very rich farming land and good soil conservation. In fact, the farmers seem to be much better off than most of the city folk in every way. Few, if any, use modern farm equipment though — just one of the many instances which show that they are still behind us in standards of living. Take me back to Texas!"

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Sgt. Joe Couch Member Twice-Cited Unit of 15th AAF in Italy

15TH AAF IN ITALY: Sgt. Joseph B. Couch, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Couch of Ozona, Texas, now wears a cluster to the Distinguished Unit Badge, as a member of the twice-cited 450th B-24 Liberator bomber group, popularly known as the "Cottontails."

This veteran group was recently awarded a second Distinguished Unit Citation, for heroic leadership and outstanding performance of duty in striking the initial blow in the Battle of Ploesti, April 5, 1944. The first citation was granted last January for the group's attack on the Regensburg Puffing Factory, Germany.

On the historic Ploesti mission, the 450th's formation, leading the entire 15th Air Force, was subjected to aggressive attack by more than 100 ME 109s, FW 190s and JU 88s. 450th gunners engaged the fighters in a savage air battle and were officially credited with destroying 27 of Goering's yellow noses. Hundreds of Ploesti flak guns opened up with an accurate barrage over the target at the same time as the Luftwaffe closed in, firing rockets into the formation during "bombs away."

Despite these defenses, photo reconnaissance reports stated that "enormous destruction and irreparable damage" had been inflicted.

The 450th, now commanded by Col. Ellsworth R. Jacoby, Kansas City, Mo., has flown more than 250 combat missions and has participated in every major strategic bombing operation in the Mediterranean Theatre since December, 1943.

Sgt. Couch is an aircraft engine specialist with the group. In civilian life, he was engaged in ranching.

His wife, Mrs. Virginia Couch, resides at 303 West Pemming, Roswell, N. M.

H. C. Noelke, 59, Dies of Heart Attack in Angelo

Widely Known Ranchman Operated Holdings in Crockett Co.

Funeral services for Herbert C. Noelke, well known West Texas ranchman who operated ranch holdings in Crockett county, were held from the First Baptist Church in San Angelo Tuesday afternoon, with the Rev. K. P. Barton and the Rev. George C. Baker, Jr., officiating.

Mr. Noelke died of a heart attack at 11 o'clock Monday morning. He had become ill while downtown.

Widely known in ranching circles, Mr. Noelke was a director of the West Texas Wool & Mohair Association at Mertzon, had served on the executive committee of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association from 1932-39, and was active in the Western Reserve Life Insurance Co. He was active in the work of the Rotary Club of San Angelo and often visited with that group to the Ozona Club programs.

A native Texan, Mr. Noelke was born at Cuero on Sept. 23, 1885. He was married to Miss Jennie Holmes at Sheffield on January 3, 1913. Mr. and Mrs. Noelke had lived in San Angelo since 1924.

A son, Capt. H. C. Noelke, Jr., an A & M graduate, is in military service in England. Other survivors include the widow, a daughter, Jacquelyn, now Mrs. Thomas Thigpin of San Angelo and two brothers, Emmett and Will Noelke, who also are major ranch operators.

Mary Jeannette and Betty Grimmer, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Grimmer of Winfield, Iowa, and granddaughters of Mrs. Chas. E. Davidson and the late Judge Davidson, are here for a visit with their grandmother and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Earle Chandler are parents of a daughter born Monday in a San Angelo hospital. She has been named Mary Grace Chandler.

Ozonans Observe V-E Day in Spirit Of Thanksgiving

No Display of Gaiety; Evening Program in School Auditorium

Official day of victory over the Hun in Europe — Tuesday, May 8, — was not an occasion for wild celebration in Ozona.

It was, on the other hand, a more than usually quiet day, with the people exchanging bits of information gathered in early-morning vigils at their radio receiving sets and discussing the final phases of the end of the war in Europe. The sobering thought that there still may be months and even years of war in the Pacific against the treacherous Jap, and contemplation of the terrible cost of the victory over the Germans, seemed to preclude in the minds of Ozonans any idea of shouting over the end of the European phase of the war.

The day was observed with a special program in the high school auditorium starting at 8 p.m., arranged and sponsored by the Crockett County War Service Committee, Mrs. Carl Colwick, chairman.

The program opened with the congregation singing "America" followed by the invocation by the Rev. A. A. Carter, pastor of the Methodist Church. Joe E. Ripple, principal of the Junior High School, presided and in a brief introductory talk, stated the purpose of the meeting to be to offer thanks to God for successful conclusion of the war against the European aggressors. Mr. Ripple gave a brief summary of highlights of the most destructive war in human history, and warned the audience that "only half the war is over" — that we must continue to back our armed forces and our government to the successful end of the war in the Pacific.

Judge Houston Smith delivered the address of the evening, also calling upon the people to continue their war effort until final victory is achieved in the Pacific. Judge Smith pointed out America's aims in this war — to stop a power-mad nation bent on world domination and destruction of freedom in the world, and called for a peace plan that would forever destroy Germany's ability to make war.

A group of Boy Scouts of Troop 53 led the audience in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. A special community choir, directed by Mrs. H. B. Tandy sang the anthem, "Peace Be unto You" and the choir and audience joined in singing "The Star Spangled Banner" to close the program. The dismissal prayer was by the Rev. Carter.

Ozona schools were dismissed at the noon hour Tuesday in observance of V-E Day.

Former Ozona Teacher Becomes Dietician at University of Indiana

SPECIAL TO THE OZONA STOCKMAN
DENTON, Tex., (Special) May 8. — A former teacher in the Ozona public schools, Miss Lula Mae Starnes of Greenville will take up duties as a dietician intern in August. A graduate student currently studying at North Texas State College, Miss Starnes has accepted the position of internship at the University of Indiana at Indianapolis, Ind.

Daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Warren E. Starnes of Greenville, Miss Starnes is a complete dietetics major at NTSC and was included on the dean's list, campus honor roll.

Ten Blocks of Paving Retopped

Approximately ten blocks of paved streets in the downtown area of Ozona were given a seal coating of asphalt and crushed rock this week.

Through an arrangement with a road building crew in the area, the county secured the topping work on the selected streets, renews the surfacing on those blocks which showed most wear.

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SENIORS ENJOY TRIP

Christoval park on the South Concho river, was the scene for the annual Senior outing for the Ozona High School Seniors of 1945, last week-end. Members of the class, with their sponsor, Miss Virginia Craven, and Mr. and Mrs. Massie West, Mrs. Elmo Arledge, Mrs. Madden Read, Mrs. Evert White and Supt. C. S. Denham, left Thursday at noon and enjoyed boating, swimming, skating, dancing and fishing at the camp until Sunday afternoon. Good food for the three-day outing was prepared and served to the group by Rex Halydier, assisted by Van Alexander.

BAPTIST W. M. S. MEETS

The W. M. S. of the First Baptist Church met in the home of Mrs. Cecil Hubbard Wednesday afternoon. Mrs. T. J. Bailey led the Bible study. Refreshments were served to Mrs. Roy Thompson, Mrs. C. C. Webb, Mrs. S. L. Butler, Mrs. Fred Wright, Mrs. Wm. E. Waldrop, Mrs. Jim Patrick, Mrs. Green Mankin, Mrs. H. A. Gustavus, Mrs. John Mitchell, Mrs. A. C. Hoover, Mrs. T. J. Bailey and th ehostess.

Announcing

SATURDAY CLOSING

Beginning Saturday, May 5, we will change our closing day from Fridays to Saturdays of each week.

We will appreciate your keeping in mind this change to Saturday closing and adjusting your laundry and cleaning orders accordingly.

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SENIOR EDITION

Nan Tandy - Editor Joyce West and Jimmy Read - Assistant Editors

Senior Class - Rosalie Lemmons, Ruth Townsend, Joy Hubbard, Barbara White, Bill Womack, Joyce West, Ada Ballard, Lowell Sweeten, Jimmy Read, Larry Arledge, Bill McWilliams, Byrd Phillips, Louise Arledge, Nan Tandy, Elaine Oathout, Daphne Meinecke, Marie Williams.

We wish to express our appreciation to Baby Hokit, a Junior, for so kindly permitting us to use the class prophecy, which she wrote for the Junior-Senior Banquet. - Ed.

CLASS ACTIVITIES

The Seniors have really had lots of fun with the parties and other activities that have been given for them and by them this year. We would like to recall momentarily some of the things we liked best during our Senior year.

Of course, no one of us will ever forget football season. There wasn't a Senior that didn't belong to the pep squad or the football team. We were especially proud of Bill McWilliams and Byrd Phillips when they were placed on the first all-district team and Larry and Joe on the second team again. We all were terribly disappointed when it was over and we realized that it would never happen again - to us.

We also remember our class election at the beginning of the year. We re-elected Daphne - who was in bed with pneumonia - as our class president. Nan was chosen vice president and we committed another of our original (?) mistakes and elected Jimmy Read secretary. Rosalie was class bouncer. Miss Craven, the beautiful new History teacher, dazzled us all with her dark enchantment and was elected sponsor by an overwhelming majority of the male

section of the class.

We were given our first example of the good times to come when our room mothers entertained with a breakfast at Barbara's house.

Basketball season was fun galore. Our Seniors again showed the way as Jimmy, Lowell, Byrd and Bill had to fight along with Carlton, a Junior, to win the tournament at Eldorado and Ozona, losing the district by two points to that eternally stinky Mason team. Daphne, Louise, Nan, Barbara, Joyce and most of the time, Ruth, went right along to cheer the boys through at Eldorado and Rooksprings.

The Christmas dance was fun like everything - even though it wasn't just for the Seniors.

The Senior play - oh will we ever forget? Larry saying, "I am so anxious to see you," Larry's not saying, "I am so anxious to see you," Ruth's boogie-woogie furnishing dance music at rehearsals, Byrd's insane juggling of lines, Jimmy's goatee, Barbara's and Joyce's glamor and all the rest of the fun and troubles - oh what a swell time we had!

Close on the heels of the Senior play came the trip to Christoval. Boat rides, skating - more fun! We met so many people and ate 'til we gained at least five pounds apiece. Joy, Nan, Ruth, Marie and Louise got the good old-fashioned blister. Byrd fell out of a tree with a branch on top of him, Jimmy and Lefty went fishing and rescued gals - in - distress who couldn't run motor boats. Ada got the prize for the most bruises and Elaine, Joy and Rosalie, for the earliest to bed and to rise. Daphne and Louise attracted everyone's attention with their jitterbug style and boys and girls alike came back with "Caledonia" in their hearts.

Now, as school is closing, we want to thank everyone for their interest in us. We do appreciate it and as we go out into the various roads of life, we will always remember the people that made O. H. S. an unforgettable memory in our hearts.

Commencement is our next and final activity together. We'll be seein' you.

Nan Tandy

CLASS HISTORY by Barbara White

The Class of '45 began as a class in 1933 in the little white kindergarten. We were a class of girls except for one boy, Milton T., but we didn't mind; he didn't know he was a boy and we didn't have the heart to tell him.

Milton T. didn't come to the first grade with us, neither did a little girl with short brown hair named Joyce Mc Intire who moved to San Angelo but we sympathize with them for having to leave us for we know they had no choice.

It was in the first grade, too, that little curly headed blonde girl - favorite of all of us - left the class - to be missed even to the day of graduation. Betty Henderson must now be graduating from the school of angels - and surely with the highest honors.

I'm afraid I can't go on and set down a chronological history in cold black and white, my memory is too short. Only the little things stick in my mind, like Jimmy Read being the "baddest boy in the first grade" because he got a spanking when he turned a cartwheel in the middle of our reading circle, and our oldest and most famous class romance, the Joyce and Chappo affair.

One of the clearest pictures in my mind is little Byrd Phillips diligently sawing a board in two and telling Charlene Williams (another ex) to egt her finger out of the way. Upon her refusal he just went on and sawed the end of it off. Luckily, it was only the tip and grew back but it did cause some excitement. I remember Lowell, always the mathematical genius of our class and Ruth Townsend as the "leading lady" in many of our numerous "theatrical productions."

There was little Daphne who always got a certificate for never being late or tardy and Ada, the baseball player of our feminine section. I remember Marie's dignity and Nan's male interest and Joy Hubbard with little gold wings being the queen bee in a pageant and Elaine with her soft yellow hair and Rosalie's cute baby talk.

I don't suppose I'll ever forget the first time I ever saw the new little freshman boy. His name was Billy and we were all convinced he was in the wrong building

and belonged about three grades below us. However he soon proved himself our equal in just about everything but size and even managed that in time.

We acquired two new members as Sophomores. Louise's immediate popularity and Larry's football interest (He's the lad who played in the second game he ever saw. To quote Coach McCook, "He didn't know exactly what he was doing, but he liked it.") impressed us.

Our last permanent acquisition was "Billy Tom Womack from Baird." Because of a surplus of Bills in O.H.S., Bill Womack became "Lefty," and Lefty has been a valuable member ever since.

We have always been, though not a good class, a different one. Every teacher we have ever had has remarked on it - and many have tried to do something about it but we are glad they couldn't. We like us as we are.

THE CLASS WILL by Nan Tandy

Louise Arledge wills her widely publicized figure to the already publicized, especially in a bathing suit, Baby Hokit.

Barbara White wills her special interests in Eldorado and her ability to "fence them in" to Viola Downs.

Bill McWilliams wills his ability to ad-lib in Senior play practice to Carlton.

Jimmy wills his creative ability, note paper and wide vocabulary to Bill Wilkins with his old textbook, "How to Write Love Letters" included.

Dilly wills her magnetic personality and strong right arm to Dorothy Strickland with the understanding that she is not to use it on Carlton - the strong right arm - we mean.

Ada Ballard wills her poise and wonderful disposition to Billy Rose.

Joyce wills her jewelry collection and favorite name to Bennie Gail.

Lowell wills his physique to Ira Yancy with the comment, "You could have waited til I got out of High School," to which Ira replied, "What good would it do me in the grave?"

Ruth wills her smoothness on the dance floor to Muggs - if she will agree to lend it out every time her cousin has a furlough.

Bill Womack wills his wise cracks and laugh to Buddy Russell, and warns him to beware of the - English class!

Rosalie wills her typewritten English assignments and collection of correspondents (along with her writer's cramp) to Betty Martin.

Larry wills his (ahem) enormous good looks and lazy nature to Charles Snyder - also his preference for blondes.

Byrd wills his long athletic record and many feminine acquaintances in towns around and about to Leon Atkins with the condition that he will stop eating olives.

Joy wills her cute clothes to Mوزelle, and her Army interest to Laverne Tillery - if she will promise to care for him as faithfully as she does her own.

Joe Corbell wills his remarkable grades in English to Charles Raliff - his happy disposition might go with it if he finds a job with his Uncle Sam.

Marie wills the speed in her fingers to Jo Nell - she would will the fingers but she doesn't know what she would do without them.

Elaine wills her blonde hair to John Fussell so he will be one step closer to Jo Nell.

And I, Nan Tandy, will my extra ambitions and uncontrollable temper to the first person who will have them - and with the sincere wish that he will do more with them than I did.

Respectfully submitted, signed and witnessed by my voice - due to the sudden absence of my conscience.

WERE SENIORS by Joy Hubbard

We're Seniors, people, this is it, our last year of high school. Sorta proud of us, aren't you, mon and dad? Yes, it's really happened, we're going to graduate. Sometimes we've had our doubts about it, but we think we'll all pull through together.

Remember at the first of the year when we got our Senior rings? Our chests expanded about six inches. The doors practically had to be widened because our heads expanded so much. When a teacher said, "Now you Seniors are old enough to know better," our heads expanded a little more.

Then that day we finished the last mid-term exam. We get exempt on a C anyway. Most of us started working.

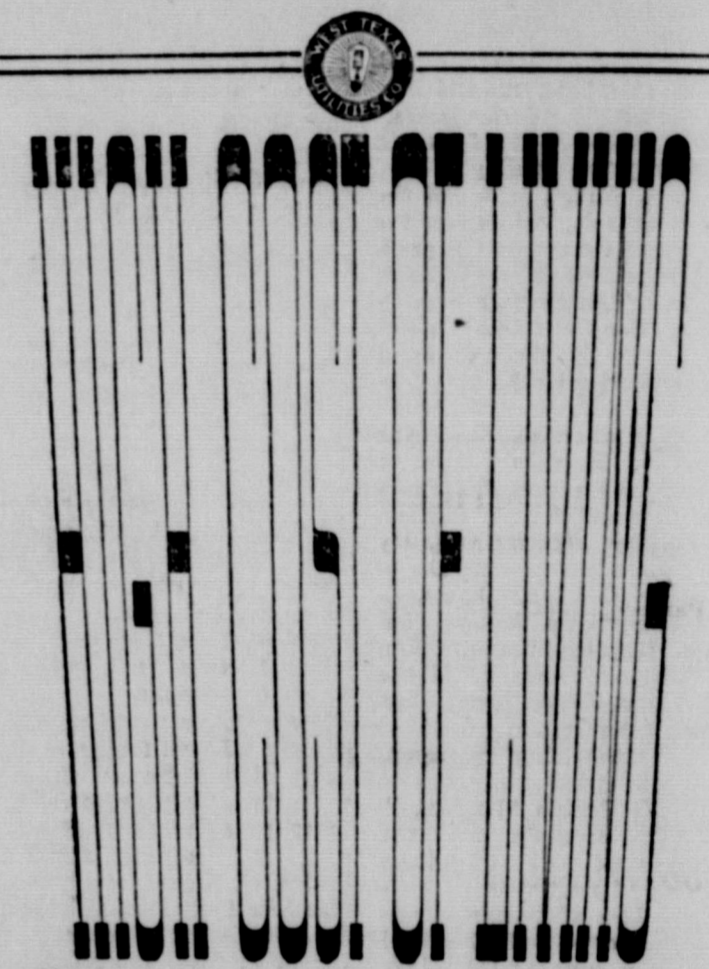
These twelve years haven't been easy, they haven't all been hard either. Things like teachers, grades, other kids and detention have caused quite a few ups and downs. I'd hate to see the report on detention for the last four years. It would take up quite a few pages.

I remember when the exes told us we would feel sad about graduating we laughed at the idea. Now that the time is drawing nearer day by day, I know what they meant. I hate to leave high school because of the good times I've had. Of course there have been heartaches and incidents that weren't fun but we've enjoyed it all.

We regretted the initiation when we were freshmen, but I wouldn't trade any of it for anything. We had a lot of fun doing the initiation ourselves when we were Sophs.

Then there was that geometry class in our Junior year. I wonder if Mr. Sikes ever noticed that most of the problems in our notebooks were all alike, right or wrong. We had a hard time of it all, but we emerged successful and with a credit in geometry.

We had a wonderful time preparing for the Junior - Senior (Continued on Page 3)



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 Banquet. We were determined to have the best yet. We think we did, too.

Today I got my invitation for the Junior-Senior Banquet this year. It made me realize that the time is getting closer and closer. Yes, I'm sad about graduating but I'm also glad because it will start all over again at college.

Yes, we're Seniors this year. This is our last year. Yes, mom and dad, you are proud of the class of 1945.

CLASS PROPHECY
 by Myrtastine Hokit

That day in Study Hall, I had the very best of good intentions, but they, like the best-laid plans of mice and men went astray, so I cushioned my head on an American Lit. book, closed my eyes, just to rest them a second — and wish! I landed smack on the most beautiful Hawaiian island imaginable. Complete with sweet smelling azaleas, music from hidden guitars, gaudy birds, and luxuriant foliage. I tell you Dorothy Lamour couldn't have done better. Besides this paradise, Rainbow Island looked like a barren wasteland.

I slipped off my shoes so I could pad around on the sand, and then started down a little bit of path, expecting any moment to find Van Johnson with a lei around his neck, and love in his heart — just for me. Instead I came upon an old crone huddled against a tree as old and gnarled as herself. She was making a wreath out of the flowers piled in the hand woven basket beside her. "What a spot for a hothouse," I thought. I came closer to hear what she was mumbling. As she wove each flower into its place in the wreath, she named it. "Well," I said, "here's where I may get an idea for that class prophecy." Then I heard her

say as if she were talking directly to me. "See this one. I can read the life of Larry Arledge by the petals. This must be a new racket. I had heard of tea leaves and coffee grounds but never flower petals." "All the colors have a meaning," she said. "Yep," I thought, "That's Larry all right — colors — His hair has been nine different shades, from sorrel to a drab brown." But she went on — "In this petal I see the fleecy clouds of prosperity." (Fleecy clouds nothing, those aren't clouds; that fleece is on the lambs of those Pandale sheep that he is going to raise.) "This blue is the color of the uniform that he is to wear." (UMMM — Sailor) "And this White" — Woops, hold it — anyone can figure out that White deal).

She picked up another — I could have sworn that I had something just like it; yet I did not recognize the name she gave it. Touching one of the clusters, she said, "In this I see the colors and initials of a university. In this one the colors of a nationally known sorority — and in this color —" but then it dawned on me; those clusters of flowers looked like the balls that Joyce West wears around her neck.

The next flower was a bell-shaped one — school bells, sleigh bells, wedding bells. — This, she interpreted meant that after a year at

college, Rosalie would marry a very rich young man and they would live in the North.

I picked up another for her to weave into its place. She looked at it closely. "Yes, this girl comes of good stock, has been taught the meaning of responsibility. She will utilize her natural efficiency plus the knowledge that she gains at Lubbock to win for herself a prominent place among the "Business Women of the World." I see her as the business manager of a large concern, perhaps a magazine, or as an abstractor in an oil firm — but this position will be conveniently located, should I say — in Boston, Mass. She picked up another flower. "But," I said, "you haven't told me her name."

"Don't you know?" she almost accused me. I was so sure that I could almost see Daphne Meinecke's name on the letterhead of very impressive stationery.

She already had another shape-ly flower in its place. For this model, both Earl Carrol and John Powers have been bickering. It really doesn't matter to her that she is the "Cover Girl" for all the leading magazines, lives in a penthouse in New York, and has all the world at her feet, for in her heart, Louise is sad and lonesome. She really yearns for a quiet place in the country, a ranch, and a man — She wouldn't even object to his

goatee. *
 "Let me choose one," I begged. I selected a small vivid bud. "This must be Ruth."

Yes it was, and it was told in the petals of her untiring energy that will lead her through college with a high record, voted to be in "Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities." And finally to use that same energy, not so untiring, in managing a home, a husband and three children — Charles, little Ruthie LaVerne and Mackie.

The next flower was an all white one. Before she started talking I could almost see the perky nursing cap. Ada finished her Cadet Training and goes into the Army of occupation as a lieutenant. After three years in the European countries, she renounced her American citizenship by marrying a Frenchman of worth and distinction. However, not to give up her career, she organized a nurse's aide course for the French girls in connection with their high school work in Paris.

Closely associated with Ada is Doctor Nan Tandy. She startled the world in 1960 by her scientific discoveries in the field of Abnormal Psychology. (Umm — thought I — wonder if she got her first experience while going with some of the Ozona boys — could be) She is to give her entire life to her work and although pursued by ma-

ny eligible men, does not choose to marry.

The old woman wove another flower in the wreath to match one on the opposite side — a cluster of flowers — the colors and initials of a university, on this one the colors of a nationally known familiar — after that, he has a career in politics as understudy of

Mayor La Guardia — You know, he, like Mill Mc, is small of body, but wound awfully tight.

She was ready to put another flower in. The wreath was nearing completion. This blossom was a hardy, sturdy sort that suggested height, brawn and why finish — Byrd is to perfect a bump gate (Continued On Last Page)

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that swings on a pulley. This is worked by a rocking chair placed on the front porch of his home. Naturally he will be unable to patent this so it will never be a help to mankind — but Byrd likes it. In the meantime, he improves his mind by reading the "Economic Principles of the Soviet Government" and "I Make a Man of You in Seven Days" by Charles Atlas.

Then the soothsayer asked me if I knew anything about the "House of David" cult. I had remembered seeing their pictures in the paper — men wearing long beards who were excellent basketball and baseball players. It was written in the petals that Jimmy Read for years will be the captain of this team, elected both for his prowess on the court and also for the length and growth of his beard. After that, he gives up his athletic career, but not his beard, to retire to his ranch near Ozona.

Joy Hubbard is to receive ovations for her book based on the trials and tribulations of a secretary that will exceed those given "Gone with the Wind." She does not let her career as a writer interfere with her career as Mrs. Harold Yates. Pupils in high school will study her works under the pen name of the rather sophisticated by-line of Norma.

The next flower was the bleeding heart. Ah, Lowell, he, although extremely successful as a New York gigolo and night club playboy and gambler has pined away his life because the girl of his dreams chose a career instead. (Well, I thought, it would be sorta humiliating to play second fiddle to a test-tube.)

Here is another name that will go down in the history of the world, that of Elaine Oathout, on a par with Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell. Elaine carries on the work begun by Sister Kenny in the curing of paralysis.

The flowers are woven faster and faster. Joe Corbell starts at the bottom as the projection op-

erator of the Ozona Theatre and doesn't stop until he is at the top. Even Daryl Zanuck has to move over to give him room. Because of his former association he was able to secure the contract to produce the movie of the century, David Crockett.

I watched her choose another. This, I thought, must be Marie and when she spoke of the Baptist Seminary at Chicago I knew that I was right. Marie, using her talent as a metropolitan pianist and her devoted zeal in the church, rises to a height envied by all. Nevertheless she never loses that quiet beauty and serenity that was so much a part of her in high school.

The next flower had those same symbols of fleecy clouds that the first one did. (That's a high school romance that wasn't nipped in the bud and I still wasn't fooled by that wool pulled over my eyes.) But when I noticed a little more closely I could see dark specks around the edge of each and the old woman said that this was printers ink. Barbara White is to have her fling in the journalistic world only to find that she had rather use her talent of story telling to entertain her children on her ranch in Pandale. (I always knew that girl would give Dorothy Dix a run for her money.)

"But what about Lefty," I asked. "You mean General Billy Womack. He is deciding to remain in the Army after the World War II ends and in his later life sits in a prominent chair in the League of Nations.

She fastened the last flower in its place and there on her lap lay a wreath of unbelievable beauty and fragrance. I reached out my hands for it for I wanted to bring it back to you as my gift this night when — Kerplunk!! Something landed on my head. All this may have been a dream, but waking up was certainly a night mare. Miss Kirbie, pencil upraised, giving me one of those grave-yard looks — you know the rest.

But gosh — what a bee-utiful dream while it lasted.

WHAT I ENJOYED MOST IN HIGH SCHOOL
By The Seniors

More than anything about high school, the people in it are the best. The hardest thing I shall ever do will be to leave them.

Barbara White

The things that I enjoyed most in high school were the — girls. (Naturally)

Lowell Sweten

I guess the things that I liked best were the cute sayings and happy smiles of the kids and teachers that contributed more than anything to the fun I had in high school.

Nan Tandy

I liked the many hard and trying games of football and basketball. That much cooperation and teamwork is seldom seen. I doubt if I will ever again be one of a group like that.

Byrd Phillips

In high school I have enjoyed more than anything else doing things with the school kids. I surely will miss all of them and the fun we have shared together.

Marie Williams

I enjoyed most the gossip column. I didn't have much to do with them but I'll never forget them.

Rosalie Lemmons

I want to go but I feared I'll stay, no kidding though, this is the best old school in the U.S.A.

Louise Arledge

The thing I enjoyed most in high school was the Bi-District

football game with the McCamey Badgers. P. S. We won.

Jimmy Read

I guess the thing I enjoyed most was the Senior trip.

Elaine Oathout

More than anything else I appreciated and enjoyed the visits from the kids and teachers during my sick spells all year.

Daphne Meinecke

D. C. Ratliff Promoted To Chief Machinists Mate in Navy Seabees

D. C. Ratliff, former Crockett county road maintenance foreman, who volunteered for service in the U. S. Naval Seabees and is now stationed in the Admiralty Islands, has been promoted to a Chief Petty Officer rating.

Chief Ratliff has been advanced to the rating of Chief Machinists Mate and is chief in charge of transportation and automotive and heavy equipment lubrication and repair for his company, he wrote Mrs. Ratliff in a letter dated April 30.

Miss Eudora Hawkins and Miss Verna Westbrook, home economists with the West Texas Utilities Co., presented a lecture and demonstration on how to prepare foods for frozen foods lockers to a group of Ozona women at the Methodist Center Monday afternoon. The program was presented as a public service by the West Texas Utilities Co. in the interest of better food preservation.

Permit Must Be Obtained for Farm Slaughter for Sale

As part of the government's big new meat control program, designed to break up the black market and bring about better distribution of supplies, the Crockett County War Price and Rationing Board will register farm slaughterers, who now must obtain permits.

"Farmers who expect to sell or transfer meat after May 13, 1945, are now required to register with the local War Price and Rationing Board before they market the meat," Mr. John R. Bailey, board chairman, said. "Forms are available at the board office for this registration."

While the absolute "deadline" for registering at the board is July 1, farm slaughterers may not sell meat after May 14 unless they have obtained a permit.

A farm slaughterer is a "resident operator of a farm who, in 1944, sold not more than 5,000 pounds of meat produced from the slaughter of his own livestock." There is no restriction on the slaughter of livestock which the farmer has raised to obtain meat for his own family.

APRON, BONNET SALE

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LETTERS To The Editor

OPEN LETTER TO THE OPA

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