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Foster Comes Into His Own!

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY has announced the election of Stephen Collins Foster to its celebrated campus Hall of Fame. The university does not honor Foster so much as it honors itself.

Much lesser men have been chosen in past times. Foster is the first musician to be selected and the one most deserving.

He calls to mind the famous words of Andrew Fletcher of Saltoun, who flourished in the latter part of the 17th century.

"Give me the making of the songs of a nation and I care not who makes its laws."

MANY laws have been written in the United States, but it is doubtful whether the authors of any of them will ever reach the immortality that is Foster's. A whole nation sang his songs just before the Civil War. A whole nation is still singing them, even in this age of jazz and swing. His compositions

have attained the one guarantee of lasting life—they have become genuine folk songs. And the wonder is that it was Foster who wrote them. Not that he did not have musical genius. In fact, like most musical and literary geniuses, he started young, his first song being published when he was only 16. Foster was born in the north near Pittsburgh but he became the veritable poet laureate of the slave days in the south.

When he drifted down to Kentucky he seemed to breathe in the very soul of the colored folk. He had musical rhythms like theirs. He had sentiments often like theirs. He understood their deep love of the very country in which they were enslaved.

MAYBE Foster had his happy days, but many of his songs are mournful. And the chances are that this sadness came from the mishaps of his own life, a life which he himself helped to spoil by his improvidence. There were nights when he did not know where he would lay his head. There were days when he was threadbare. There were mealtimes when he went hungry. This, in spite of the fact that many of his published songs brought him in good revenue. There were nights when he sat on park benches with shabby down-and-outs.

But nothing spoiled the natural decency of his mind and heart. His melodies remained refined. His songs remained clean. So they captured the fancy of both young and old. So they gave their author, who died at 36, a sure immortality and a hold on the affection of the plain people that is hard to match.

It's well to remember that if you have a good past you can save it for future reference.

Maybe the doctor will be glad to hear that Washington's apple crop is one-fifth less than last year.

U. of Minnesota faculty ruled that shoes must be worn at dances in new student union building, but the school will continue to help students get on their feet.

Folks used to make their own clothing on spinning wheels. Now they lose their shirts on 'em.

So Pardon Us if We Aren't Impressed



DESEMONA

The "42" club met Monday night with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jones. The regular members were present.

Miss Mignon Whitworth who is teaching her second year at Dimmitt, came home and spent the Thanksgiving holidays with her mother, Mrs. W. H. Whitworth, and her sister, Miss Valla Whitworth. She returned to Dimmitt Sunday.

J. H. Rushing, Sam Jones, Jack Powers, Calvin Williams and Earl Parks went to Brownwood Thursday and saw the football game in which Stephenville defeated Brownwood by a score of 26 to 6.

Miss Lou Clark, who is attending Abilene Christian college, came home to spend Thanksgiving with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Clark.

Mrs. Charles Lee spent Thanksgiving at Cisco with her nephew and niece, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cutting.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Putty and little son of Goldsmith, near Odessa, visited his father, Charlie Putty, and family here and her mother, Mrs. Hilliard, at Stephenville, during the holidays.

As a result of the observance of book week, the Desdemona high school library has received 40 books and a large number of government bulletins for the special reference work of the class in agriculture. These bulletins were secured through the efforts of Hon. Clyde L. Garrett, congressman from the 17th district. Among the number who have donated books to the library are: Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hughes, Kansas City, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. N. D. Gallagher and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Cutting, Cisco; Clay McCoy, Tahoka; Mrs. G. W. Rose, Fort

Stockton; Mrs. Allie Yarnell Fitzhugh, Augusta, Arkansas; Rev. W. E. Anderson, formerly of Desdemona, but now of Rising Star; Marlow Salter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Davis, J. E. Derrick, Mrs. Chas. Lee, Mrs. Sadie Bedford, all of the Methodist Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Parks and daughter, Gay Nell, visited Mrs. Amos Keith, the former Louise Cole, and family at Brownwood, Thursday when they went to the football game. Leslie Williams went with them and also, Mrs. Travis Wilcoxson and baby, who remained with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Maltby of Freeport came Thursday for a few days' visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Maltby, and family. This is Glenn's first visit here since his marriage about three months ago. His bride is a very attractive young lady whose home was at Freer, Texas. Glenn's many friends are extending congratulations and good wishes to him and to his bride.

James Lemaster went to Fort Worth Tuesday of last week to take some cattle to the market.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Hilliard and children of Kilgore visited her sister, Mrs. Herb Gregory, and family Friday. Her step-sister, Miss Mollie Nabors, went home with them for an extended visit. Mrs. Mollie Ende also went with them, and will visit her son, Charlie Ende, and his wife, at Kilgore, and her other son, Clay Ende, and his wife and New London.

Supt. and Mrs. C. A. Skipping and their two sons went to Eastland on business Friday.

Whit Richards was in Eastland on business Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Moore and children went to the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dyson, who

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Under the Courthouse Roof

NINETY-FIFTH DISTRICT COURT

(Geo. L. Davenport, Judge)
D. W. Caswell vs. Thelma Caswell, petition for divorce, was the only case filed in the district clerk's office the past week.

Mistrial Ordered

The State of Texas vs. Jeff Norton, charged with driving while intoxicated, was called for a jury trial Tuesday in the 91st court, but the case was passed and a mistrial ordered by Judge Davenport when one of the jurors became suddenly ill. No setting was made for a second trial.

EIGHTY-EIGHTH DISTRICT COURT

(B. W. Patterson, Judge)
Judgments and Orders
The following orders were had in the 88th court last week:

C. H. Hutchinson vs. Mrs. M. Bronstein, dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

Willis Duggan vs. Clifford C. Duggan, divorce and custody. Judgment for plaintiff annulling her marriage and custody of minor children. It was the decree of the court that defendant make periodical payments once each month of \$10, to the plaintiff or to the district clerk for the support and maintenance of the minor children until they become 16 years of age, or until further orders of the court, which restrains defendant from seeking to change this order in this respect. These payments to begin Dec. 1.

Johnnie O'Brien vs. Elmer O'Brien, motion of plaintiff to reform the judgment decreed Nov. 18, granting the plaintiff in former hearing divorce, custody of minor children and payments monthly for their support. Nov. 22 Judge Patterson called the case for hearing on plaintiff's motion, who, after hearing the evidence took matters under advisement, when the court issued the following orders:

Unless and until this or another court of competent jurisdiction shall otherwise decree, it is decreed that subject to the exceptions and conditions hereafter set forth, control, custody and management of Glennie Marie and Kenneth Elmer O'Brien, children of the parties, the plaintiff, Johnny O'Brien, shall have exclusive custody, control and management of their person until they arrive at the age of 16 years; provided, defendant, at his option, shall have exclusive control of the minor children for two successive days in each month, at such times as shall be mutually agreed upon

Bertha Boyd, Strawn, E. D. Nash, Eastland, and Freida Burke, Olden.

Matters in Probate

The following business was had in the probate court last week: Lois Simmons, petition to probate will of J. W. Simmons, deceased, and for letters testamentary as independent executrix. Approved after hearing Nov. 18, will ordered probated and letters testamentary issued. It appearing to the court that no other action is necessary in the proceedings other than to appraise the property of the estate, Dr. R. C. Ferguson, Dr. J. H. Caton and D. L. Kinnaird were named and ordered to return an inventory of the property. Report of appraisers, showing a valuation of \$5,250.79, was approved.

Petition of Marie Gilman, executrix of the estate of R. F. Gilman, deceased, to execute assignment to the Texas Power & Light Co. to erect poles for transmission of power over a part of the W. P. Mosley survey, in Brown county, was authorized after hearing Nov. 18.

Road Machine Purchased

The commissioners court announced the acceptance of the bid of the Benson-Shaw Equipment Co. of Dallas of \$2,400 for one Midei "25" Gar Wood-Continental wagon scraper complete adapter and hydraulic equipment for

Eastland National bank vs. Arnold Kirk et al plea of privilege. Plea by defendant overruled.

C. C. Capers vs. Aaron Bryant, damages, was called in 88th court Monday, and resigned to Wednesday, the jury being notified to report for service on that date.

Mandate of court of civil appeals, in the case of City of Ranger et al. and Howard Gholson, was on file in the 88th court Tuesday, in which the judgment of the trial court was affirmed as reformed by the appellate court, in which it was decreed that the city of Ranger, and the Lend & Title Bank & Trust Co., trustee, take nothing by reason of their suit, and that cost of entire litigation must be taxed against the City of Ranger et al.

The mandate of the state criminal court is on file in the 88th court, in which T. J. Barron, appellant, appealed from the verdict of guilty, which was affirmed by the criminal appeals court.

DEPARTMENT OF COUNTY COURT

(W. S. Adamson, Judge; R. V. Galloway, Clerk)

Marriage Licenses

The following couples were issued licenses to marry by the county clerk last week: Lloyd Moore, Eastland, and Evelyn Gard, Strawn; Edgar Noell and Waurena McGuire, Cisco; Charles Ebbesol and Mrs.

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