

TC Faculty Club Sponsors Akin Appreciation Dinner

The Texarkana College Faculty Association honored W. P. Akin, Vice-President and Dean of the College, with an appreciation and testimonial dinner in the TC Student Center Thursday evening, December 14. Approximately 250 persons were in attendance.

Having been a teacher several years before coming to Texarkana, Dean Akin has been an administrator at Texarkana College ever since its establishment in 1927. Although he has served the Texarkana College as an interim President, and although he has been for the past two years the Administrative Vice-President, it is the title of Dean that has settled on him so thoroughly that it seems to be a part of his name. Any name other than DEAN seems unnatural. He is not only the Dean of Texarkana College, but may be referred to as the Dean of Education in northeast Texas and the Four-States area. It is doubtful that the life of any other person living in this area has touched directly the education of as many men and women as has the life of Dean Akin.

Editor J. Q. Mahaffey of the Texarkana Gazette was Master of Ceremonies for the occasion. After the invocation by Dr. T. J. Wilbanks, Pastor Emeritus of the Pine Street Presbyterian Church, Editor Mahaffey introduced the numerous specially invited guests.

Of the six speakers who gave testimonials honoring Dean Akin, Superintendent Bill K. Copeland of Mt. Vernon was first. Copeland, a former instructor at Texarkana College, speaking of the Dean as an administrator, praised him for his diligence, his thoroughness, his loyalty, and his dependability.

Taking the measure of the Dean from the point of view of the student, former student, Dr.

GOING STEADY SUBJECT OF DEBATE BY ALPHA BETA NU

The Alpha Beta Nu home-making club held a debate at its last November meeting, with Charlotte Rackley and June Cornett taking the affirmative on the subject of "going steady." Mary Pat Hackett (substituting for Bill Shipp) and Lewis LaGrone took the negative. Mrs. Mary Ann Duke, sponsor of the organization, acted as moderator.

The affirmative gave such arguments as "Going steady provides one an assurance of a date; it provides a better opportunity for one to choose a mate; and it likewise provides security."

The most important points brought out by the negative were that going steady is a social hindrance; it shows an admittance of insecurity and dependence; and it gives a better opportunity for undesirable relationships to result. LaGrone further mentioned that going steady destroys an objective basis for choosing a mate, and said that if two persons love each other enough they will not have to rely on this "unwritten contract."

Following a discussion of the pros and cons of the topic by the audience, Mrs. Duke judged that the negative had won the debate and said that in most cases it is not good for teenagers to go steady.

William R. Patterson, now a member of the Board of Regents, referred to him as a man of "intellectual honesty and sincerity of purpose," but most of all as "a dean with an educated heart."

President Pearson Walsh of Walsh-Lumpkin Drug Company, telling of Dean Akin's work as a Rotarian, called him "The Grand Old Man of Rotary," and said "When we need any information concerning Rotary, we can always rely on Porter for the answer."

W. N. Patterson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the First Methodist Church, commenting on Dean Akin's work in the church, spoke of his "quiet, unassuming, Christian love which earned the respect of his pastor and fellow laymen, which made it possible for his church to go forward, and which contributed greatly to the well-being of the entire area."

Dr. W. H. Hinton, President of Texarkana College, relating the present administration's view of the Dean, mentioned his "great strength to me for his knowledge of our local situation, and for his ability to fill in as various situations arise."

J. H. Calvert, President of the

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TC Faculty Association, lauded the Dean for his "remarkable skill developed through the years in evaluating an instruc-

tor's work, with no obvious intent to criticize or evaluate. This," Calvert went on to say, (Continued on Page Six)

College Stage Band "Gives With Swing"

A large Texarkana College audience thrilled to the swing music of the TC Stage Band under the direction of Dr. Tom Jenkins, chairman of the music department, on November 22. The stage band has made numerous appearances at high schools throughout this area.

The first number was a ballad called "Pathways"; next was an arrangement for Stan Kenton titled "Jump for Joy"; "Tenderly", made popular during the Second World War, came next; the fourth selection was "This Will Be My Shining Hour", which featured Bill Carr on tenor sax and John Fooks on trombone. John Hickman was featured as head alto sax in the arrangement "Alto Soliloquy". "Autumn Leaves" was worked up into a special rendition, and the students left the auditorium to the tune of 'Blue Blues'.

After introduction of the band members, Dr. Jenkins expressed his gratitude to the audience for the wonderful cooperation and devoted interest of the entire stage band and thanked George Kyer, director of the College Chorus, for "filling in" on the (Continued on Page Six)

Rampant Football Rumors Run Riot

JACKIE SHULTZ

A runaway rumor that Texarkana College was dropping football from its athletic program recently prompted a meeting of the Bulldog Booster Club with the college Board of Regents and other interested persons. Statements by the college administrative officials bore out that it was just a rumor, although much concern was expressed over the continuously rising costs of the football program.

The group, consisting of about 50 persons, heard a report by Mark Soderquist, President of the Texarkana Chamber of Commerce, who headed a businessmen's committee that investigated junior college football at other schools and made a survey of the sentiment of local businessmen concerning football at Texarkana College. The extensive research of the committee carried all the way to Austin, Texas, where Mr. Soderquist met with Dr. C. C. Colvert, junior college consultant at the University of Texas.

Financial Problems

The findings of the committee centered mainly around the financial problems facing junior colleges that maintain a football program. The football programs in some of the junior colleges investigated bore deficits of up to nearly \$60,000 per year. Last year San Angelo, Victoria, and Del Mar junior colleges dropped football from their athletic agendas. At the close of this season Paris Junior College, a member of the TEC, announced that it was dropping football in

the face of a \$57,000 deficit and dying student support. At Texarkana College, costs of the football program over the past seven years have shown deficits of these amounts: 1955 — \$16,000; 1956 — \$13,000; 1957 — \$22,000; 1958 — \$30,000; 1959 — \$26,000; 1960 — \$28,000; and 1961 — \$26,000 (estimate). Notably, Texarkana College lost the most money in the seasons when the teams posted the best records and drew the biggest crowds.

Texarkana Wants TC Football

However, interviews with local businessmen showed that football for TC is still wanted. Most of them felt that football is a very important part of the college curriculum and should be continued if at all possible. Many of them felt that if football were to be dropped at TC it would tend to reflect that the college would be "second rate."

John Dunn, president of the Bulldog Booster Club, stated that the purpose of the meeting was to seek a way to extend further financial aid to the football program and to scotch the rumors about football being dropped at TC. He pointed out that to have a successful football program money must be available for things such as scholarships.

Jim Evans, chairman of the Board of Regents, declared that any rumors of football being dropped at TC were entirely without grounds, and that the Board had never even discussed dropping football. He stated, however, that there was great concern over the financial problems of the football program.

Mr. Evans summed up the board's feelings by saying, "We will keep football at Texarkana College as long as the people of Texarkana want it and support it."

Gazette Statement Refuted

L. I. Aycock, local wholesaler and Booster Club member, declared "completely untrue" a statement appearing in the Texarkana Gazette which he stated "implies that Coach Fox blamed cuts in football scholarships for the record of the Bulldogs this season." Aycock emphatically stated that he did not know of anyone who heard Coach Fox "alibiing."

Jim Evans stated that there had been no cuts in the number of football scholarships at TC, and that the college was awarding 25 fulltime football scholarships, the maximum allowed by the Texas Eastern Conference rules. He stated further that if the Booster Club sold 500 season basketball tickets there would be no cut in athletic scholarships next year. Fulltime basketball scholarships were discontinued earlier. However, boys who already have them promised will be allowed to receive them this year.

TC Recruiting Criticized

Mr. Aycock said that better and larger crowds would come to the Bulldog games if more boys in Texarkana and the outlying towns were recruited. He stated that Bulldog recruiting should be concentrated in the outlying towns such as Ashdown, DeKalb, Atlanta, Nashville, and New Boston. "People in these towns will flock to see

players from their towns, where they don't care too much about seeing boys from across the country."

Former TC coach Kenneth Braden said that most of the recruiting by the college is carried on in this area. But he added, "Have you ever tried to recruit against the University of Arkansas? Every good football player in Arkansas wants to play at the U of A. This is not the case in Texas, though."

TEC—Where Now?

Braden questioned the future of the Texas Eastern Conference now that Paris is out. C. C. Burrus, TC chemistry instructor and President of the TEC, answered that conference play will continue on the round-robin schedule as it did this year. He stated that the loss of Paris was "regrettable," and added that this posed a problem to the TEC colleges because they are becoming isolated and travel is becoming an increasing expense to the schools, especially when they have to schedule new opponents who will undoubtedly be from another part of the state.

With the drop of Paris, only Texarkana, Tyler, Kilgore, and Henderson County remain in the conference. It is rumored that Navarro County and Wharton may seek to join the conference.

At any rate, football will be at TC for a while. Whether costs continue to rise and necessitate dropping of football at the college depends largely on the efforts of the fans of Texarkana College and the support they show for the Bulldogs.

Speaking of "Extremists"

Presently the people of this nation are being bombarded with an avalanche of propaganda apparently aimed at destroying the mounting influence of the so-called "conservatives" or "right-wingers." These propagandists either ignore the existence of a left-wing movement or are a part of it.

Most notable among the proponents of this campaign are former President Eisenhower and President John F. Kennedy. Both have played prominent parts recently in this drive supposedly aimed at right-wing "extremists" but in reality aimed at right-wingers in general. In all the talk about the right-wing "extremists", not a word has been mentioned of the left-wing "extremists," who control a major portion of the federal government.

Eisenhower said "We don't need these "super-patriots." Kennedy termed the right-wing John Birch Society ridiculous and even harmful. Both Ike and JFK say this country needs more trust of government officials and less criticism.

But just who has the balance of power between these "extremists" groups? What member of the John Birch Society holds a high government position? Does Robert Welch swing any influence in the State Department?

The answer, of course, is no. But what about the extremely "liberal" organization, the Americans for Democratic Action? Here it is a different case. Three cabinet members have close ties with the group. Secretary of Agriculture Orville Freeman is an active member of the ADA; Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, Abraham Ribicoff, and Secretary of Labor Arthur Goldberg are former members and still demonstrate the ADA philosophies in political matters. Thirty top administrative officials belong to the ADA! In almost every branch of the government ADA wields power and influence.

Yet what mention is made of the left-wing "extremists" in this country? Apparently, President Kennedy feels that only the "right-wing extremists" pose an internal threat to this country. While the ADA opposes all Communist control bills, seeks admission of Red China to the UN, opposes military aid to Nationalist China, attempts to discredit the FBI, defends the Communist student groups, repeatedly attacks the House Un-American Activities Committee, defends fifth-amendment teachers, defends the Institute of Pacific Relations (found to be an instrument of Soviet policy by a Senate committee), condemns loyalty oaths, opposes a bill requiring Communists to testify, called for an investigation of the American Legion—while its influence is in every branch of the government,* President Kennedy says the internal threat to this nation is right-wing "extremists."

For certain, men like Patrick Henry, Nathan Hale, and maybe even Thomas Jefferson would be labeled "extremists" if they were to appear on the political scene today. What a shame that men who want to preserve some of the principles on which this country was founded are rebuked by the top members of the government, while a "pinkish", ultra-leftist group like the ADA breeds and reproduces within the very body of the national government without even the least criticism by the top members of the Administration!

But who could expect the President to criticize the organization when his top assistant and advisor, Arthur Schlesinger, Jr., is a former national ADA chairman, a current vice chairman, a founder of the organization and one of its most active and articulate prophets?

*(The facts about the ADA were obtained from the Congressional Record and the Legislative Reference Service of the Library of Congress.)

—Jack Shultz

STRAY BONES

AUBREY ADCOCK

So you want a college education, eh? Well, what type would you prefer—rare, medium, or well done?

It would be wonderful if a bachelor's degree were a consumer item. That seems to be the opinion of a large majority of us nowadays, anyhow. Work is a thing of the past; it is as old-fashioned as Grandma's scrub board or the old ward cookstove. We as young Americans no longer think of ways to improve our work, ways to increase our capacity for work, or ways to enjoy our work; we think only of ways to get out of work.

What a generation of dreamers we are! Let's be realistic and face a few facts based on the laws of physics. Work is defined as a force times the distance through which it acts.

Now, if there is no force or distance, there is no work. Without work, there is no progress. How, then, do we expect to progress without first applying a force?

I wrote these things mostly as a reprimand to myself upon taking note of my nine-weeks grades, but if the shoe fits you, wear it. Let's see how much shoe leather we can wear out before the semester is over.

The season of joy and glad tidings is swiftly approaching. What will it be like this year? Close your eyes and think along with me:

The time is 6:30 A.M., Christmas Day. Visions of sugar plums dreamily float through your mind as you recall a Christmas Eve well spent in revelry. (For revelry, you may



Off the Leash

DICK ROBERTSON

One hears these days much beating of drums and doom predicting that we are fast on the road to ruin via socialism, or, rather, "creeping socialism." I must take issue with these "ruin-mongers." We are not on the road to ruin. We are on the road, we are at the new frontier, of a great new day in our history.

Let me outline this good life for these "ruin-mongers" in that day when present policies and tendencies of the federal government reach their logical conclusion. Let me take you twenty-five years hence and describe that life for you.

If we were to find ourselves in Texarkana twenty-five years hence, we would notice many changes. All of the residential districts would have been condemned by the Urban Renewal and beautiful new government housing projects would have taken their place. On closer inspection some will be noticed to have been rather shoddily built—yet the government can build some more in a couple of years to replace them.

Now everyone is equal, living in the same type efficiency apartment in the same type government housing unit.

Education has been touched with the magic wand, too. It is completely under federal control. Now the education one would receive at the Texarkana High School (there is no Texarkana Arkansas or Texarkana Texas High School, as states for all practical purposes no longer are needed) is the same one would receive in New York. Absolutely no variation, no difference. But equal! Yes, now it is geared to the mediocre student completely. It is exactly the same, completely democratic!

Is there no protest? There was some discussion about loss of "academic freedom." However, the little objection was immediately quelled by a small increase in teacher salaries.

Sickness, too, is being effectively combatted by a modern National Health Service, which is the descendant of the Social Security Medical Payment plan

(insert your favorite sin or sins.) Suddenly you are aroused from your sound slumber by the sounds of gunfire. Yes, it's only little brother running through the house with the quietness of a Tarzan movie during an elephant stampede. He hops gingerly over to your bedside (where you lie in a state of shock), raises his brand new "fanner 50" and kills you dead on the spot. He then becomes aware that you have likewise plans for him, and rides away into the sunrise.

You try to repair the arms of Morpheus, but foul odors begin to fill the air as Mother puts the holiday bird into the oven. Soon the smells become unbearable and you lazily pull your dirty garb on again, trip through Christmas wrappings, (Continued on Page Six)

of the '60s. Although the care of doctors is somewhat sloppy and unconcerned, it is, at least, free.

Many other advances, too, have been made, too numerous to mention. However, the greatest breakthrough has been made in employment. A benefit of a practice developed first in agriculture in the '50s and '60s is being applied to everyone. Then farmers were paid for not farming. Now they are paid for not working — the banker for not banking, the teacher for not teaching, the judge for not judging, and so on interminably. Only the government is working . . . working . . . working.

NEWS and VIEWS From Other Campuses

At North Texas State nine girls from Kendall Hall challenged men from Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity and walloped them 36-6 in a football game.

Also at North Texas State, Charles Hall has for the past four years earned his way through college by cutting Christmas trees in New Mexico during Thanksgiving holidays and hauling them back to Denton for sale.

South Plains College, Levelland, Texas, has scheduled a class in Gift Wrapping, for those who want to do their own wrapping.

Tyler Junior College has added a foreign language laboratory, somewhat like the one at TC, which has 30 recording booths.



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How Strong?

The Voice of Protest

Recently the Supreme Court agreed to make a ruling on whether or not it is Constitutional to have state-sanctioned prayer in public schools. The Court is acting on the protest of some half dozen parents of pupils in the New Hyde Park school district in New York.

The protest stemmed from the use in the schools of that district of a prayer, known as the "Regents Prayer," which reads: "Almighty God, we acknowledge our dependence on Thee, and we beg Thy blessings upon us, our parents, our teachers, and our country."

The fact that the highest court in this nation even considers such a ridiculous protest is beyond all reason. Belief and dependence upon God is the one principle that has made this country what it is. This principle is the basic difference between democracy and communism.

Just where is this country headed when belief in God is questioned or denied? What hope is there left for America when we discontinue teaching that God is the most important thing in our lives?

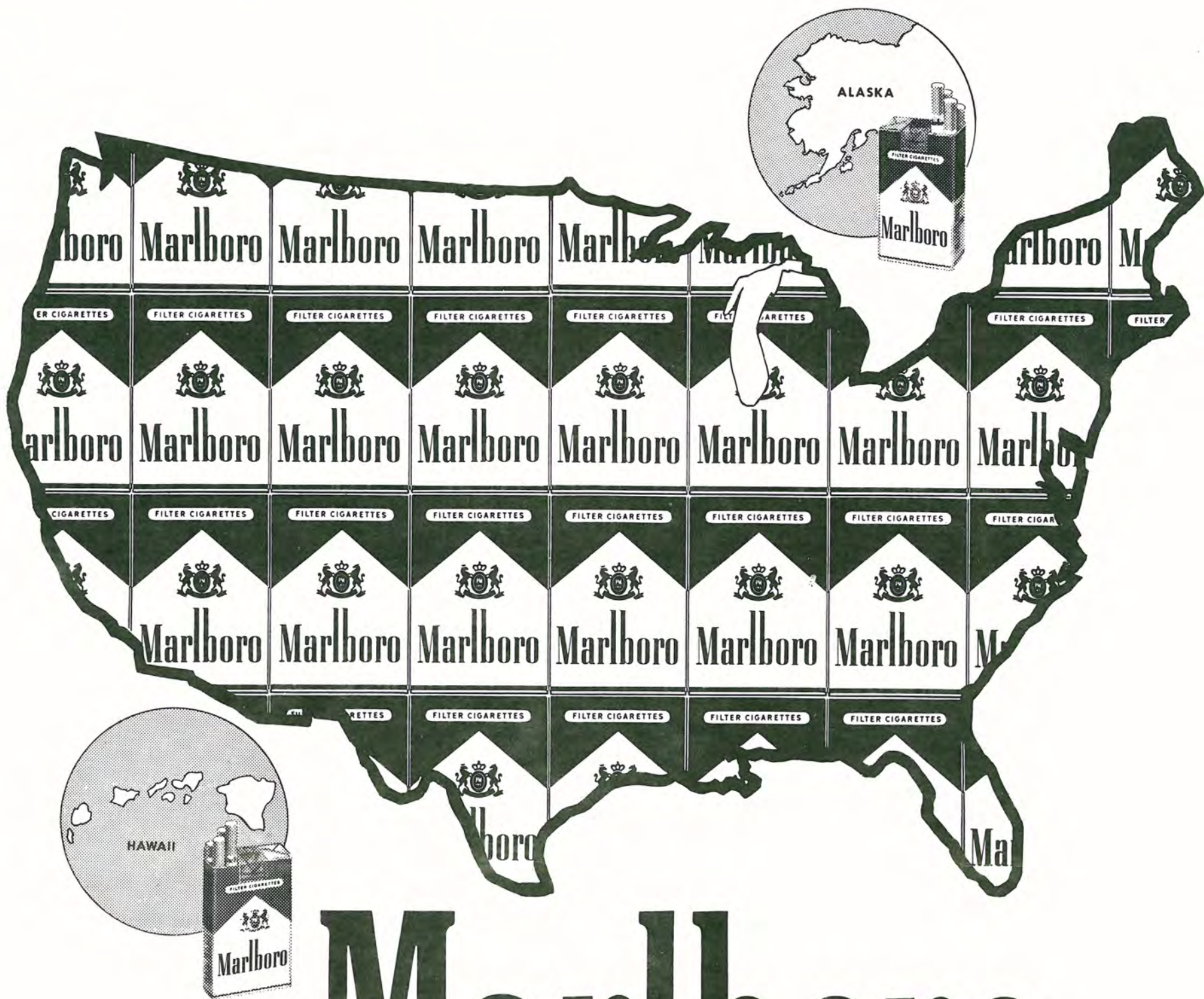
Next to the home (and in some cases, more than the home), our schools exert possibly the most profound influence upon the beliefs of the youth in this nation. It used to be that schools devoted much attention to creating within the students a respect and love for "God and Country." But what are the cries of today? "Academic freedom!" "Education for Broadmindedness!" "Ban the Bible! Teach Darwin!" . . . and so on.

Take God out of the schools and you invite communism. What a shame and disgrace it is that to even mention God in schools is frowned upon, while to talk of Marx, Lenin, Voltaire, and other atheists is viewed as "intellectual!"

If we must take God out of the schools, why don't we take the phrase, "Under God," out of the Pledge of Allegiance? It's "discriminatory." Why don't we stop using the Bible in courts and start using "Origin of Species" or a copy of "Zen Buddhism?" They are much more "intellectual." If we must rid ourselves of all "prejudice" let's stop this biased opposition to communism. And while we're busy at the task of being "broadminded" why don't we move to do away with all these religious educational institutions who deny atheists "academic freedom"?

What is it going to take to wake this nation up?

—Jack Shultz



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Response Good

ROARING '20s ROARING SUCCESS

By JACKIE SHULTZ

The Student Senate-sponsored "Roaring '20's Day" went down as perhaps the most successful social activities affair of the year. Participation, both of students and teachers, was considerably better than expected.

Part of a program designed by the Senate to stimulate student interest in the campus life at TC, the Roaring '20's Day provided a scope of activities broad enough to provide everyone, students and teachers alike, with opportunities to participate.

Another purpose of the program was to bring about more coordination between the various clubs and organizations on campus. In what Senate President Dick Robertson feels will set a precedent for future campus-wide activities, several of the clubs on campus were called upon to help with carrying out the plans of the program. Reported response of the organizations was termed exceptional in many areas by Robertson.

The organizations and the parts they played in the program were: *Decorations*—Circle K Club, Bluejackets, Phi Theta Kappa; *Publicity*—Delta Sigma Delta fraternity; *Refreshments*—Alpha Beta Nu and Women's Athletic Association; *Entertainment*—French Club; *Charleston Contest Prizes*—Tee Cee Club.

Financial assistance for the party was provided by the ad-

ministration through the courtesy of Business Manager Troy Womack. In addition, Student Center Manager Dick Akens donated prizes to the contest winners consisting of one week's free meals in the cafeteria or the choice of ten free games of pool for the boys or a doll from the bookstore for the girl winners.

The winners of the contest for Most Appropriately Dressed were Mollien Patterson and Jim Bell. Taking first place in the Charleston Dance Contest were Judy Bell and Joe Martin. Judges were members of the faculty, consisting of Mrs. Margaret Montgomery, Mrs. Mary Ann Duke, Mrs. Lucille Elgin, Mrs. Ruth Fomby, and Mr. Joel McGee.

A Word of Thanks

Senate President Robertson, commenting on the results of the program, said: "I would like to thank all the organizations who helped make the Roaring Twenties Day a success. Thanks to your efforts, I believe it to be one of the most successful affairs of the year. With the splendid co-operation shown in this project we hope to use the same idea with other organizations later in the year."

The dance, held in the Student Center Ballroom the night of December 1, climaxed the day's activities and drew one of the largest crowds of students of all the evening social activities of the year. Estimated attendance was over 200.



HOLD-UP—Lynn Farr, Max Elrod, Wayne Harmon and Tommy Thomas stage a holdup of Dick Akens during Roaring '20s Day.

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Evening School Slates Third Course In Rapid Reading

The third rapid reading course offered by the TC Evening School will begin January 16. The course, designed to increase the student's speed in reading, is a non-credit, self-improvement course. It is being set up for the benefit of those who were unable to enroll in the first two courses. The enrollment is limited to 25 students, and of course the first 25 who register will be the ones who are enrolled.

Mr. Leon Hardin, Professor

of Education in charge of the reading development program at Southern State College at Magnolia, Arkansas, will be in charge of the course. Classes are two hours and forty minutes long, and several tests are given to determine the student's reading rate. Many students double or triple their reading rate during the course, depending of course on the students themselves.

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Sports Spotting

Victory-wise, the basketball team of TC is taking quite a different shape from the football team. Under Coach Tom Collins the Bulldog netmen are currently racing along with only one loss against their record—that a one-pointer to Ft. Smith Junior College in which TC scored five more field goals than Ft. Smith but was beaten via the foul line.

In their most convincing win of the year the 'Dogs lashed out at the University of Arkansas Freshmen 74-66 in Fayetteville.

TEC coaches have picked Lon Morris to take the top spot in the conference with Texarkana picked to finish only fifth.

Texarkana has four lettermen and two starters back this year from last year's team which posted a 16-10 record. Leading the charges are Alton Weiner, a 6'6½" center and Delbert Garner, a 6-2 forward. Don Messersmith, 6-4, and Jack Warren, 6-2, are the other lettermen. Harvey Harris, a 6-5 forward, has been outstanding so far in the season. Coach Collins also has made much use of Sonny Grubb and Mac Wheat.

The Canines meet the East Texas Baptist College "B" Team tonight and will open their conference play January 8 against Henderson County.

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Tackle George Willege and Safety Ray Chancellor were named to first team berths on the All-Texas Eastern Conference team which was chosen by players. This was the first time for an all-conference team to be named from the TEC.

Both were chosen for the defensive team. Chancellor also received honorable mention as an offensive halfback.

Seven Bulldog players received honorable mention to the team. Dale Dupree was mentioned as both an offensive and defensive guard. Tex Williamson was mentioned as an offensive halfback. Others named to the defensive honorable mention list were: Safety Larry McCord, Tackle Doug Farrell, Guard James Henderson, Linebacker Piti Vasquez, and Halfback George Tanoos.

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TC's girls volleyball team is nearing the end of a very successful season which has seen Texarkana College establish itself as a leader in women's athletics among Texas junior colleges.

Under the able tutoring of Miss Norma Nelson, TC Womens Athletics Director, the team has swept to single victories over Henderson State Teachers College, and Texas High, and twice over Ouachita Baptist College. The single defeat was at the hands of a very powerful Stephen F. Austin team in what was the closest and hardest fought game of the year.

Leading the TC team have been Pat Williams, Anita Jones, Judy Purdy, Betty Lou McDowell, Linda May, Ann Morrow, and Carolyn Terrell. All drew praise from their coach as being outstanding women athletes.

According to Miss Nelson, volleyball is coming into its own in the physical education departments of many of the schools in Texas as a standard women's sport. Organized play is also on the increase.

TC's team will finish the season on January 13 when it enters the Area II Volleyball Tournament at Texas Women's University in Denton. Sixteen colleges have received invitations to enter, with Texarkana being one of the few junior colleges drawing a bid.

Basketball is next on the women's athletics agenda. TC's girls' opening game will be today at 2:00 p.m. here against Queen City. There will be no admission and all are invited to attend.

Circle K Erects Flagpole In Front Of Student Center

The Circle K Club on December 7 completed their main project of the year by erecting a 40-foot flagpole on the mall in front of the TC Student Center.

The three-section pole, sunk six feet into the ground, was constructed from steel pipe which was donated to the project by Ideal Plumbing Company of Texarkana. The flagpole is set in a four-foot-square base of



BASKETBALL TEAM—Seated: Garner, Harris, Weiner, Messersmith, Parham. Standing: Grubbs, Alford, Warren, Wheat, Boozer, Watts.

concrete given by Smith Concrete Products, and the concrete work was done by a county crew under the direction of Matt Knight, Bowie County Commissioner.

R. M. Merritt, TC employe, did the welding. Members of the Circle K Club painted the pole silver with paint donated by Sears-Roebuck and Company.

A dragline handled by some 30 Circle K members hoisted the pole into position, where guylines held it until the concrete base hardened.

Further plans call for a plaque to be erected at the base of the pole which will bear the emblem of the Circle K. The club also has solicited Congressman Wright Patman to obtain a United States flag which has flown over the Capitol in Washington, D. C.

Circle K President Bill Tate had this comment: "We feel that this service rendered by the Circle K is one that should have been rendered long before now. This school has not had a flagpole since moving to the present campus."

Circle K is an international service organization for young men in college. It is affiliated with the Kiwanis Club. The club at TC is the college's largest club, with 33 members.

Blue Jackets Initiate Three

The Texarkana College Blue Jackets, an honorary organization for TC women students, recently initiated three new members following a dinner at Bryce's Cafeteria. Students initiated were Jeanie Hall, Diana Martin and Lela Ann Tidwell.

The Blue Jackets, organized in 1932, advocate comradeship and good will. They foster high ideals and help maintain a spirit of loyalty to each other as members and to the college. Blue Jacket membership requires each girl to have a "C" average, to carry a minimum of 12 semester hours, and have at least one semester of school.

Membership in this elite group is limited to 30 women or

10 per cent of the women enrolled at the Texarkana College at the time of election.

Miss Lucile Couch is faculty sponsor for the organization. Officers for 1961-62 school year are Jane Aycock, president; Linda Stropeni, vice president; Sandra Blue, secretary; Linda Roberts, treasurer; Suzie Gray, reporter; and Mary Ann Howell, keeper of the scrapbook.

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Organization News

Alpha Beta Nu

Members of the Alpha Beta Nu Home and Family Life organization presented their annual Christmas Tea December 14. Members of the faculty and friends of the club members were invited guests.

The tea followed the installation of new officers and initiation of new members. Peggy Burleson, Betty Crowder, and Charlotte Rackley served during the tea.

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Miss Carolyn Adams, graduate of the University of Tennessee, recently visited the TC Homemaking department and illustrated a series of recipes on corn meal and self-rising flour.

NEA

Superintendent Truitt Ingram of the Atlanta, Texas schools, discussed the qualifications of a god teacher at a meeting of the W. P. Akin chapter of TC's Student National Education Association. He also em-

phasized the responsibilities of teachers and their many rewarding experiences. Ingram was introduced by Prof. C. C. Burrus of the science department.

The TC Choir, directed by George Kyer of the music department, sang several appropriate numbers for the occasion, and the NEA officers served refreshments from a Christmas-decorated table during the social hour.

Mary Rainey, president, introduced Will Ann Farr, assistant to the club sponsor, Mrs. Lois Duck, and other officers of the club.

English Club

The English Club met Dec. 5 at the home of Mary Ann Howell to select new officers. Elected were John Musselman, pres.; Diana Martin, v-p.; Barbara Hedgecock, reporter; Mary Ann Howell, sec. Plans were made for a Christmas party and Diana Martin gave an interesting discussion of poetry.

FACULTY FANFARE

Mrs. Lucille Cunningham spoke to the seniors of New Boston High School November 30. She also spoke to the seniors of Liberty-Eylau High School December 6.

Miss Norma Lindblad attended a faculty workshop of the Texas League for Nursing December 1-3 at the Jack Tar Hotel in Galveston, Texas. On December 6 she attended a meeting of the Texas Graduate Nurses Association in Paris, Texas.

Dr. W. H. Hinton was the speaker for the Bowie County 4-H Achievement Award Banquet at New Boston, November 27; for the Stamps C. of C. breakfast meeting, November 28; for the Texas High assembly program, November 29; and for the revival at the First Baptist Church in Maud, November 30.

Dr. Jenkins and his TC Stage Band presented a program for the Texas High assembly on November 29.

Dean Akin and Dr. Hinton attended the Southern Association conference in Miami Beach, Florida December 4-7.

Mrs. Dottie Taylor and some professional nursing students counseled with students at Paul Pewitt High School December 6.

Bob Williams, acting as administrative assistant to Congressman Wright Patman, recently completed a tour of all county and city leaders in Northeast Texas to educate and promote interest in the new Area Development Act designed to revitalize the economy of the declining sections of the North East Texas area. Patman, leader of a committee which wrote the bill, has unusual interest in its adaptability, acceptance, and utilization.

Professors Burrus and Paul McFerran of the Science Department attended the Second Aerospace Education Symposium at Louisiana Polytechnic Institute at Ruston November 30 and December 1. The Aerospace Education Foundation sponsored the symposium.

Half of Campus Gets Face Lifting

Nearly 45 acres of the campus at Texarkana College is taking on a new face. The land on the eastern side of the campus has been cleared and is being landscaped in an effort to beautify the campus as well as to provide a site for the construction of the proposed science and library buildings.

Cleared, graded, and planted in clover will be the land bordered by Tucker Street, College Drive, Coolidge Street, and Cowhorn Creek. Purchased by the school recently, the area was a virtual slum district. Yet when the new buildings come, it will comprise probably the most beautiful section of the campus.

Plans for the buildings call for the library building to face east on Coolidge Street and the science building to be across the street. The buildings are, however, still only future plans because funds for their construction are still unavailable.

College Stage Band—

(Continued from Page One) bass fiddle. Jenkins himself accompanied the band on several arrangements.

"Jazz in America used to be regarded as garbage", stated Jenkins, "but today this is definitely not the case." He said the era of fur coats and deep freezes, the John Birch Society, and extreme-viewed people are responsible for the development of jazz. He further mentioned that the American people have finally awakened to the fact that jazz is as American as the hot dog. Finally, Dr. Jenkins expressed his desire that students will be able to understand jazz intelligently.

Dean Akin—

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"has had an impact on teachers under his supervision, because they realize that he knows what they are doing." At the close of his remarks Calvert presented the Dean with a console stereo record player.

Entertainment for the dinner consisted of some close harmony by a faculty foursome—Kenneth Keathley, C. O. Fowler, Henry Wood and Tom Jenkins; a violin duet, "Petite Sonata" by Instructor Frank Payne and Student Andrew Clingan, accompanied by Mrs. H. E. Tye; and a piano solo, Brahms' "Hummeresque," by Glenda Thompson, a TC student.

The benediction was by Rev. Lamar S. Clark, Pastor of the First Methodist Church.

Stray Bones—

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and find shockingly-colored packages with your name attached. Upon opening same, you find usual shirts, socks, ties, and underwear, and decide that noise or no noise, smells or no smells, you will go back to bed. You then declotte, and assume a pre-natal position beneath the warm covers just in time to hear the gay, happy voices of kin . . . need I go further?

I'm just kidding, of course. I love Christmas like no other time of the year. It's a wonderful time—a time to meditate, to rejoice, to be thankful. It is a time especially to forget yourself and to think about others. May I take this opportunity to wish everyone (teachers included) a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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