TO EVERY EX-STUDENT-GREETING

You are hereby invited Requested and Urged to Attend the First Home Coming Festivities of this Normal Saturday-noon, May 13th to Tuesday, May 16th.

More than this. you are hereby constituted a special committee, with plenary powers to see to it that every former student of this institution is apprised of this invitation and urged to attend. Those who have charge of the arrangements for this celebration have spared no pains to make it a memorable occasion. If you fail to take advantage of the opportunity, you will miss what is coming to you. Things will get under way in earnest Saturday May 13. At 4 p. m. with a grand series of consolidated stunts—formal, informal and impromptu—by the different literary societies, which will be pulled off at the Fish Hatcheries. At eight o'clock that night in the auditorium the Home Coming Celebration proper will take place, the detailed program of which will be found elsewhere.

Sunday May 14 At 11 a. m.
The Commencement Sermon will be preached by Rev. W. D. Bradford of Austin.

At eight o'clock that night
The Organized Sunday School Classes of all the churches will hold a union service at the Baptist Tabernacle. If you do not receive a notice of the service personally you will know that your address has been lost. You are urged to drop a card anyway to your old teacher, saying where you are. what you are doing, and that you will be on hand.

Monday, May 15
At 10:00 a. m. the Senior Class will render the following program for class day.

Class Day Program
Monday, May 15th.
1. President's Address, Miss Seuberth.
2. Dedication of Ivy, Miss Mabel Gaines.
3. Class Song—Original words.
5. Class Prophhecy, Miss Pocahontas Sullivan.
6. Class Will to Juniors, John Ridout.
7. Farewell Song.
12:00 m.---A Barbecue
Will be tendered to students, ex-students, visitors and faculty by the citizens of San Marcos, at which there will be plenty of good things to eat, and to hear and to laugh over.
4:00 p. m.---Baseball Game Normal vs. Baptist Academy on the Academy field.
At 8:00 p. m.---The German Play, which is given annually by the students in the German classes, will be put on in the auditorium.

Tuesday, May 16.
At 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium will be held the Annual Graduation Day exercises, the presentation of diplomas and certificates. This will complete the regular program for the Home Coming.

Remember that every former student of this institution is cordially invited to be present and help us make the occasion a memorable one in the history of this school. The Committee.

Changes.

When the old students return they will find us mostly the same that we were eight years ago, but bigger. If Mr. Blair and Mr. Palmer are here as they hope to be and when Mrs. Fos-ter-Hons takes her fold place on the rostrum there will be all the old faces of the faculty except Mr. Freshney, and eight new ones—Mr. Miller, Mr. Fletcher (how we ever even started out without those two nobody can understand.) Mr. Vernon, Mr. Nelson, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Birdwell, Mr. Coxen and Miss Halm.

Those who remember the el­bow spaces of the old library may find themselves lost in the new, but Mrs. Burleson's matu­rity calmness will soon reassure them; and those who compounded precipitants during the first year, or did P. C. for several thereafter will be surprised to see what ease the "shanty" has moved down hill to adapt itself to Domestic Science, for which latter may the Great State be thanked. The thanks will also be given for the Manual Training and Agriculture which do things anybody can see.

From the President
Of The Alumni.

The Southwest Texas State Normal School which, until the present scholastic year has been the "Baby Normal" (in age only) among the state institutions that bear this name, now dons its swaddling clothes and celebrates the event with a genuine Home Coming Reunion. We look with longing eyes for a glimpse of our former classmates. We await with eagerness the hearty handshake which thrills the soul and makes the world grow brighter. This renewal of half-forgotten friendship is viewed as the morning sun of a new day, whose morn­day splendor will shed its rays over a world of success and a sea of happiness.

The time seems short since we climbed the rocky hills and looked down upon the limped waters below. The time seems long since we heard the chime of the chapel bell and the sweet strains of music that followed. Still the associations formed are not forgotten. They have helped us over many a rough path along the highways of progress.

Whether the incentive for good has come from the Chat­qua Literary Society, the Har­ris-Blair, The Shakespeare club, the Plerian, the Idyllic, the Ca­menian, or the Every Day; the result is the same. Once more we desire to mingle with the Germanistische Gesellschaft and Mandelsohn club, that we may be made young again.

But above all things we wish to renew the inspiration imparted by the very atmosphere of the Southwest Texas State Normal School, and be imbued with the love of work and the spirit of progress of this institution. We love it and will never fail to uphold it.

The Fellow classmates, members of the Alumni association, and all former students, come on May eleventh, and help us make the first "Home Coming" the great­est event in the history of the Southwest Texas State Normal.

Random Thoughts

From the Fields.

I am asked for "a little letter or article of some kind" for The Normal Star.

When I recall the five happy years spent in San Marcos, with the thousands of delightful friendships formed, I am not afflicted with a paucity of ideas, but with such a rambling multiplicity of suggestions that it is difficult to classify or put them into definite form.

I note with pleasure that the Normal Star has been shining with increasing brilliancy and far-reaching radiance. May its flight never grow dim.

The work of life may be conceived as gathering about two centers of activity. The one is home, which Ruskin calls "the place of peace," the sheltered haven from which all disorder, annoyance and vexation should be excluded. The other is the busy, bustling, out-side world, where the battles of life are fought and won, where the conflicts are sometimes severe, and the burdens and cares exacting. Happy is the toiler who, when his day's labor is finished, finds awaiting him a joyous reception into the bosom of a happy home, where the cares and worries of the out-world's strife are buried in the forgetfulness of domestic comfort and affection.

A Home-coming: What a charming word. My eldest son is now, for a time, in the far away island of Cuba. What a glad day it will be in our home when his task is completed and the time for his return arrives.

You ex-students who have enjoyed the tutoring care of the old Normal on the hill, and have since gone out into the work-a-day world to seek your fortunes, what a happy hour it will be when you can again climb the hill you so often toiled up in former days, and again clasp the hand of teacher, classmate, fellow-student, friend, and recount the experience of days gone by.

But the man who would be of service to the world may not spend all the time within the confines of his home, however happy it may be. There is work to be done. Duties call out and away.

"Downward the voice of duty call—
Downward to toil and be mixed with the mire,
The dry fields burn, and the mills are to turn,
And a final flow of the long day's stream
And the lordly morn comes again.
Call's o'er the hills a commerce,
Calls through the valleys of Hali-
—The Song of the Chattahoochee.

Sometimes these duties are hard, sometimes discouragement and disappointments come, sometimes our labors seem unappreciated. At such times the consciousness that the "folks at home" love as, are interested in us, are "praying for our success," is a mighty stimulus to high endeavor and untiring effort.

You have been meeting the engagements of life, on the firing-line. Perhaps you have sometimes been discouraged, have sometimes felt that your work has failed, and that you are poorly appreciated. Let the fact that you have loyal friends at the old school and scattered here and there throughout the bounds of this great State be a source of inspiration and encouragement to you in every trying hour, and make you worthy of the place you occupy in the upbuilding and development of this imperial commonwealth, and in the uplift and guidance of her young life.

The manifold duties of a school superintendent rest abundantly but lightly upon me. Though busy, I can sing at my work, and feel that I am one of a multitude of humble Texas workers who are contributing something to the advancement of the intellectual and moral welfare of our State.

With good wishes to every reader of the Star.

Very Truly,
J. E. Blair.
Corsicana, Texas, April 6, 1911.

An Entertainment

On Saturday afternoon the Harris-Blairs were royally entertained by the Idyllics. Each chose a partner, and all went to the fish-hatchery, where the ever interesting game of mumble-peg was enthusiastically played after which refreshments were served. All report a delightful time, and the Harris-Blairs wish to extend a vote of thanks to the Idyllics for the charming way in which they were entertained.

Wanted--A good preventive for breaking test tubes. Best suggestion will be amply rewarded. John Ridout and Clyde Barnes.

For Souvenir Spoons see
Harrison & Merrill

Delenda Est San Marco (?)

Facing a long banner bearing the above legend (with out the question mark,) in the presence of a large audience in sympathy with their opponents; our debating team for the third successive time defeated the North Texas Normal team. Denton had decided that "San Marcos must be destroyed." Denton was the appropriate place for our finish and Saturday night, April 8th was the fateful hour for our undoing. Only the mighty onslaught of oratory and argument hurled at them by our champions, Zellers and Byers, saved us from destruction. The Denton boys had some prowess in the onslaught business themselves, and only the superior organization of material, better team work and more effective delivery enabled our team to save the day. We did not have things entirely our own way, that we had a foe worthy of our steel is shown by the fact that Denton received the decision of one of the judges.

Both the faculty and student of the Denton Normal showed us every courtesy that their hospitality could devise; and, while we are glad and proud to win there is a little regret that it had to be at the cost of our generous foe.

For Jewelry we are headquarters. Harrison & Merrill.

Good Things to eat- B. Bailey & Son

The Shoe
for Men

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Very Smart High-class Stunning Dresses at a moderate cost. Women naturally look well in this type of dress, especially when made on approved lines. Prices range from $3.00 to $35.00. An early selection is suggested.

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**Easter Millinery**

This week—the last week before Easter—we are offering unequaled values in exquisite Easter Millinery. A glorious array of all that is new in the fashion world to choose from. Many new arrivals will be on display this week for the first time. Included in the showing are scores of late models in dress and street hats for ladies, misses and children. The most complete stock of popular-priced hats in the city. You are invited to inspect this magnificent showing of Easter Millinery.

Mrs. H. Arenstein

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I carry a full line of Toilet and Natha Soaps. Domestic and imported Potted Meats, a fancy line of Cakes and Crackers, Etc. We want your business.

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Tailer - made clothing a specialty, also cleaning and pressing neatly and promptly done.

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**TO San Marcos, Texas**

**Cellar to Garrett**

**GO TO**

**HUTCHINGS HARDWARE and FURNITURE STORE.**

San Marcos, Texas

The people in addition to the special features provided for the entertainment of the visitor should open their homes to them and entertain them well in the city, without any cost of hotel bills and such expenses. The Normal means a great deal to this city, and this home-coming of the old students should be fully appreciated.

This occasion is also very opportune at this time from the fact that it is the closing of the work of Principal T. G. Harris with this institution.

**RATES.**

Mr. Pritchett is arranging rates with all the railroad stations and hotels to open their homes to them and entertain them well in the city, without any cost of hotel bills and such expenses.

The Normal Star, the publicity organ of the students and faculty, will next week issue a three thousand edition devoted to this feature. This will be mailed out to every ex-student at the school as far as his address is known.

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**New Shoes, Hats, Hosiery, Etc.**

Arriving Daily at the NEW STORE

DeSHIELDS BROTHERS SAN MARCOS

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**Society Greetings.**

The Literary Societies are preparing for great reunions at the Home Coming. What they will have they do not authorize the Star to publish, but there is much in the air.

The Societies still play a big part in Normal life, still giving it the “spice,” which is the principal letter of the girls’ societies. We expect to hear the old Chautauqua song of solid grace, the Harris-Pitney yell of triumph as we have never heard it before; and who can imagine a limit to the good times when Shakespeare, Pierian Idyllic, Comedians, and Everyday sense and Amusements are lumped together in a neat stunt? We hope to see all of you and not only the ladies and gentlemen and the young folks, but all the folks together in this great event.

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**McNaughton’s First Addition**

To San Marcos, Texas

For prices and terms see owner.

G. A. McNABU TGHT DAILY TIMES.
GERMAN EVENING--Mon-
day, May 15th

Die 'Germanistische Gesells-
chaft' is planning to vary the
usual program of German Even-
ing at Commencement this ses-
sion in a very pleasant and in-
teresting way. Not only will a
short play be produced and good
old German songs sung, but the
splendid reflectoscope recently
purchased by the school will be
used to display beautiful views of
German life, scenery, and
places of historical interest.

The region of Lake Lucerne in
Switzerland, made famous by
Schiller in his 'Wilhelm Tell';
the old university town of Heid-
elberg with its interesting stu-
dent life and far-famed castle;
the Rhine with its varied tradi-
tions; the picturesque old city of
Nuremberg, the home of Hans
Sachs and Albrecht Durer; and
some of the splendid public build-
ings and other interesting sights
of Munich, Hamburg, Dresden,
Leipzig, and Berlin will all be
shown in a way that will give all
students a better understanding
and deeper appreciation of Ger-
many and Germans.

A cordial welcome will be ex-
tended to all former students of
German and seats will be reserv-
ed for them with the present
members of the 'Germanistische
Gesellschaft'.

FOR THE "HOME COMING."

Be sure that your ticket reads
via the I. & G. N. R. R., operat-
ing four passenger trains daily
each way through San Marcos
with through cars from Texar-
kann, Marshall, Palestine, Lone
Ranger via Santa Fe from Dal-
las, Fort Worth, Gainesville, etc.

From W. A. Palmer, For-
er Teacher in History

Ind cordial greetings to the
Home Coming Commencemen-
t at the dear Old Normal. How
my heart goes out to one and
of the old students whom I
low as well as to the students
later days. I greet you as the
finest student body I ever
knew and am very anxious to
meet you May 13-15, and shall
do so if I possibly can. How hap-
py it will make me if I can only
see you again in the beautiful
land on the mountain side! The
Home Coming with
W. A. Palmer.

ALUMNI ASSOCIATION:
Southwest Texas State No-
mal School

Meeting held May 15, 1910

MINUTES

The Alumni Association held
annual meeting May 15, 1910,
in the Science Building. The
house was called to order by the
Sergeant at-arms, H. A. Nelson.
Section V. of the Constitution
was amended as follows:

(1) Treasurer shall keep money
in San Marcos banks. (2) Secre-
tary shall make duplicate copies
of minutes and file one copy with
the Librarian.

After the initiation of new
members and the rendition of the
regular program, a resolution
was passed to invite Mr.
Fletcher all names of the Alum-
ni members, giving address, ex-
perience in teaching, and other
information to aid in securing
better positions for San Marcos
Normal graduates.

The following officers were
elected for the ensuing year
after which the meeting adjourn-
ed:

President, H. A. Nelson, San
Marcos; First vice-president, J.
L. Hall, Robert Lee; Second vice-
president, Frank Brown, San
Marcos; Third vice-president,
Mrs. D. T. Kirksey, San Marcos;
Recording secretary, Miss Ade-
line White, Matador; Correspond-
ing secretary and treasurer, Mrs.
W. C. Vernon, San Marcos.

H. A. Nelson, Chairman
Miss Adeline White, Sec'y

Student Letter

Matador, Texas,
April 7, 1911.
To Normal Students, Greeting:
We, five-sevenths of the
Matador Faculty and ex-students
of the Southwest Texas Normal,
wish to express our undying loy-
alty to the whole faculty, ex stu-
dents and students; and above all
to our most worthy principal,
Mr. T. G. Harris.
We assure you that we are heart
and soul in the plan of the Home
Coming. We shall make a great
effort to be present at that time.
Yours cordially,
Samuel Thompson
W. A. Graham
Mrs. Bertha Turner
Stella Berry
Adeline White.

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around and make our store headquarters
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portunity to serve you.

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Farm Implements, Hardware, Leader
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The only place in the town that sells
Kodaks and
Kodak Films

Funkt's Drug Store

Southern Grocery Co.
WHOLESALE GROCERS
AND IMPORTERS

A. L. Davis, President; J. P. Taylor, Vice-president;
H. D. Holcombe, Vice-president; H. R. Blair, Sec-Treas.

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