BASKETBALL

Basketball is assuming a very popular place among the athletic work now being done. However, due to the fact that this past week was the last week of the first term, not as many players have been out as is expected from now on. The courts are being worked over and put into better shape and one new one is being made.

BOYS

Since the football season closed many of the football boys, being without something to do, have taken up basketball. There are some good ones among the boys too. It is particularly noticed that they sure out wind the other players that have been out for only a few evenings. We are expecting to have as good a basketball team as we have had a football team. That means we intend to have the best one in the Southwest.

GIRLS

The boys are not outclassing the girls in their playing in any way. The hardest job that the coaches have run up against in some time is to really try to pick out what they think is the best team among the girls. Players who played on the southwest Texas championship team of last year as well as those from some high standing High Schools are some of the material from which a team is to be chosen.

CHRISTMAS TREE

On Friday, December 17, at 4 p.m. in the auditorium, the Y. W. C. A. will give a Christmas tree to children whom Santa Claus might otherwise fail to find. All those who wish to share in this event are requested to bring candy, fruit, or toys to the Rest Room next Thursday and Friday.

Everyone is cordially invited to attend the service at 4 p.m.

Exchange—Little Bobbie was pulling the dog's tail, when his aunt said: "You must not do that Bobbie, he will bite you." "Oh, no," said Bobbie; "dogs don't bite at this end."

TO THE S. W. T. N. S.

To the S. W. T. N.'s: Deer boiz an' gyrls, hav ben reeding yore paper an' lak yoreshootsticks fere. the boi from the cornfields an' the cow puncher from the range need jest that too keep his livin actin an' his musstles stout sos his mudder no hin him when he feneshes. the soft kettele fener needs it sos his mudder no hin him when he gits bom. then air fine sports to tak the place of the bo an' cultivator and brand-in and sech things that don't make a feller gri.

now there's smthing i wanter to no. I see minny societs in yore catalog but none have them seenkyterries hav the sperre to present a thing that is done but the lection of oficers an enter-tainments doins. u nster hav a debatin societ an i wanter no than air questions hav done been debated sos that thers know more subjekes left.

the boi in ther manual trainer aughter let his pa no what he is doin. i never see anything about what any of them fellers is doin. Domestic cleese what air u doin? spilin yer finger and pealin yer kakes an never tell anybody at all what ye are doin. nr a Miss faculty ain't there harry a word ever to say about yer classes? peers to like that nr. Coach is the only one that's a working.

nr. children i am best to give out but ye can bet that i am interested in u an yore schools doins. golly i am put smthing in the Star that'll make yore ma an pa proud of ye. Woop up now an i'll try ter see sandy kaws and speel a good word for ye. yore frind, Wa bali.

Pos Skrip — when the all in? haint they no runmunchses er tales ter tell us off?

One Wednesday morning Miss White called August Kinir to give an original song. After thinking a few minutes August went to the board and made the following proof:

To prove that a rotten potato is a bee hive.

Proof: A rotten potato is a speck-tater (specie tater).

A speck tater is a be-holder. A be holder is a bee-hive. Therefore a rotten potato is a bee-hive.

August made an "A."

PEDAGOGUE STAFF COMPLETED

The Pedagogue staff was completed with the appointment of Mr. H. H. Goodman for business manager and Mr. J. T. H. Bickley as assistant. We now believe that we are sure going to have some Pedagogue. What is to keep us from it? We have one of the best possible staffs and if student does his part they will have the best of support. Including the class and society editors the present staff now is:

STAFF

A. W. Swinebread, Editor; Lucy Wales, Ass't Ed.; Esther Patton, Art Editor; H. H. Goodman, Business Mgr.; J. T. H. Bickley, Ass't.; Katherine Dick, Secretary; Gladys Swarts, Junior Editor; N. B. Beard, Soph. Editor; Leon O'Neil, Fresh. Editor; D. O. Saunders, Chaucerian; Thomas Barnett, Harris-Blair, Bessey-Nowlin, Colman; Gladys Aver, Edylic; Beatrice Wade, Pierians; Mary Ramsey, Shakespeare. (Every-day's not elected.)

NEW STUDENTS

We are glad to know that our school is growing all the time. If not in one way it grows in another. Of the first two days of this term twenty-five names were added to the enrollment book. Of the number there were seven boys. This makes the total enrollment now 500. Poor boys are still being overwhelmed at rate of three or more to one. Wonder how the girls feel about it?

Among those entered this term are several students that have been here before. Some being here the whole of last year and others being here a part of the summer and a part of last year. We wish them a good start off and hope that the list of next term will not find them in the condition many of us are now in.

Call and see the Old Boot Black and water carrier coach. I can also shine your shoes, at Nesbit's Barber Shop.

You can buy suits 1 3/8 off at Harrison & Deselle.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO READ

In the English Journal: Debating in the College Cur.

In the South Atlantic Quarterly: Sidney Lanier — A Study, French Criticism on Poe.

Progress on Economical Review of the War.

In the Educational Review: Educational Possibilities of the Motion Pictures.

Part Time and Principle in Education.

In Education of October: Redness in Teaching.

In the Edinburgh Review: Christianity and War.

TENNIS NOTES

Since Coach Smith decided to have a tennis tournament at the end of each term instead of examination there has been some difference in the appearance and spirit about the tennis courts. Much more interest is being taken in the sport and a very decided change is noted in that the players are sure to see there at the time they are to play.

So far only the preliminary games have been played. However opinions are being expressed very rapidly as to who the winners are to be in the final contest. We hope these winners, who ever they may be, will not stop with the honors of being the best players in the Normal but will send out a few challenges to the neighboring schools. Tennis is, as most of us know, a fine game. However, it has not been played with much notice in this place only because there was no one to start the movement off right.

SO TRUE

The Pedagogue will soon remind us we can have our pictures took. And departing leave behind as Just exactly how we look.

A big supply of tennis shoes on hand at Harrison & Deselle all the time.
The Normal Star

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WHAT?

Who gave you license to run about Normal Hill with that long drawn out face. Sorry that little card Mr. — handed you the other day had that effect on you. I am sure that if he had known that such was going to be the outcome he would have never dreamed of it. Come on and tell us just how many you really did FLUNK in!

METHOD OF GRADING

The faculty of this Normal have changed the method of grading a little and as a result there are being quite a number of misconceptions made in regard to it. Some think that the standards required to making a passing grade are lowered. Perhaps after a few flunks, this fact will not be so easily misunderstood. In fact, the standards of passing grades have not been lowered. If anything they have been raised a little.

Instead of having the eight passing grades as used heretofore, there are now only four namely, A, R, C, D. The relation of the new grades to the old one is about as follows:

The present A means A and A plus of the old method.
The present B means A minus and B plus of the old method.
The present C means B and B minus of the old method.
The present D means C and C plus of the old method.

It is also required that a full course of D’s will not give any one a pass. This however is not anything new to the grading for before this, a full course of C minus would not give anyone a pass.

SUBSCRIBE

The first term of the Normal Star has been published. There has been some question as to whether the paper will be published through the entire year. We are gladly to announce that there is no doubt at all but what the paper will be published the whole school term. How we are to meet the expenses is still a problem of some consideration. It just depends upon the student body to either “dig in” and next May, subscribe now, or leave it to the Staff to pay it out. Well, maybe we can do this, but who can tell us how?

CLUB RATES

In order to get more subscriptions so that the expense of the paper will not come too heavy on anybody, the business manager offers these rates: To a club of five, who will subscribe for the paper at the rate of fifty cents for the rest of the year, one free subscription will be given. The same proposition in another form will be that to every one who will secure five subscriptions, one free subscription will be given. That this is the same thing as paying each solicitor ten cents for every subscription.

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Lying in the gutter there;
But now I’ve raised to something higher
So I take the Normal Star.

Hereafter Mrs. Gillespie will show her embroidered and crocheted work at her home, 704 N. Austin St., Normal Hill.

Clarence Denman (in English class studying “Two Years Before the Mast”)—Mr. Shaver what would you call the athmosphere of “Two Years Before the Mast?”

Mrs. Shaver—“What is it called?”

Miss H.—“Dry!”

See Hofheinz’s Christmas Display.

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She was back on the dear old farm,
In that land so broad and fair,
Where the scent of new mown hay
Wafts softly in the summer air.
She could hear the dairies singing
As in the days gone by;
She could see her darling lover,
And could hear his gentle sigh.
Then—an alarm clock sounded loud
And the Normal girl woke and groaned;
'Twas six o'clock of a winter's morn,
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The Training School Basketball team played a practice game with the Scrub team of the Normal last Wednesday afternoon. The score was 14 to 2 in favor of the Training School. We feel encouraged by this practice game and hope soon to be able to defeat the regular team.

**TRAINING SCHOOL REPORTER**

**THE Y. W. C. A. MITE BOXES**

We made some little mite boxes for the Y. W. C. A. this week. One of the Y. W. C. A. members asked us if we would like to make boxes for them, and we were all glad to do so. These boxes are for the members of the Y. W. C. A. to put some pennies in to help pay the secretary to go to China. We made them of this cardboard and two inches square, and decorated them with Chinese letters. On the top we wrote "China Pledge."

Beatrice Dene.

Third Grade.

I'm going home at Christmas. Says each Normal girl and boy.

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Why, Ma, them kids are allowed to prorl around them books like a gnat among the turnip greens.

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As I started to say, you can't fool me, Ma. Them air great days for them boys and gals.

Why in my days, we played town ball and read from the Blue Backed Speller full of dog leaves.

Why in twenty years from now that chap up thar will be telling his Grandma and P's how to go to China. We usta think we knewed, but the coming generation is puttin' it all over us with that haunted high-falutin college education. Sorry Ma, that we are back numbers, but glad, too, that the kids have got a chance. From now on I'm four square for the Normal and all she does.

I will meet you at Harrison & Dezelle.

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