HELEN AND JACK

Mary and Helen were the two oldest girls of the Smith family. Mary was twenty, a brunette, and rather tall. Helen was sixteen, a blond, and small for her age. Mary was very dignified and modest, while Helen, though she was very pretty, was so active that one could not overlook the tomboyish playfulness still in her. They lived in the country. Their nearest neighbors, the Jones, lived about a mile away, and the two families had always been very intimate. Charlie, aged twenty-one, was a very handsome brunette and thought a great deal of Helen.

Jack and Alice Brown, Charlie's cousins, came to visit the Jones', The Smith family were invited down, and Jack, being a school night, Helen could not go. However, she received a good mental picture of Jack whom Mary thought simply "it." "Helen," she said, "he is the best looking, politest boy you ever saw." And so he was. "He was my partner at five hundred and he was so nice." Helen was very busy at school where all of her interests were centered. Therefore, this description of Jack did not bother her much. She did not think of "beau" as most 16-year-old high school girls do. She was pretty, active, and winsome, and, what increased her loneliness was the fact that she did not know it.

The next week the Jones and Browns attended a party at the Smiths. Well, they played all kinds of games in which Charlie, who had become fond of his cousin, showed her preference. By the close of the evening Jack was constantly Helen's partner. So things went on until the end of the month when Jack and Alice went home. Jack hated to leave for he was most in love with Helen. Helen thought of Jack very often, but love never entered her mind. Her feelings toward Jack were as innocent as toward her girl friends. In her mind he was "nice and a good sport, willing and capable of playing any game, indoor or out."

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PROF. GATES THOMAS WINS FERGU-SON CUP

The students and faculty of the W. S. T. N. feel honored in having in their midst the best corn producer in the largest state of the Union. It is a rare thing to find the head of the English department of a school, one of the best field product producers of the state.

At the exhibition of the Texas Field Product Association, just held in Waco, Mr. Thomas won the Blue Ribbon for having presented the best ten ears of corn. He also won the second prize for having produced the best single ear of corn in the state.

Said to be the most valuable, and the prize that carries with it the greatest honors, was the Ferguson cup. This is given to the one who has the best grade of corn produced. Mr. Thomas won this and was entirely surprised since he did not know that he had any corn trying out for that particular prize. Last year at the close of the exhibition instead of returning his corn to him, the government officials took it and sent it to the various experimental stations of the state and had it planted. This year it brought fourth the best qualities of any that was planted. It is a good thing to be a good farmer as well as a good English teacher.

GIRLS

Look at this Y. W. C. A. program for January 14, 1916, and be at the meeting.

Leader: Miss Frances Brown

Song: 218 Scripture Reading

Vocal Solo: Miss Rosina Dobinson

Speaker: Rev. Lopez y Lopez

WHAT'S THE USE

Weep and you're called a baby; Laugh and you're called a fool;
Yield and you're called a coward; Stand and you're called a mole;
Smile and they call you silly;
Frown and they'll call you gruff;
Put on a front like a millionaire; And some guy will call you a bluff.

HARRES-BLAIL TRYOUTS

The Harris-Blair Literary Society will hold their annual preliminary debating contest to determine the speaker to represent the society in the inter-collegiate debate, next Monday evening at 7:30 o'clock, January 17, in the auditorium. The members of the H. B. L. S. are showing a great deal of interest in this contest and a good lively debate will be the result.

The question to be debated is the same as the one to be debated in the inter-collegiate debates i.e. Resolved: That Immigration Into the United States Should be Further Restricted by the Imposition of an Illiteracy Test." The members who are to be a candidate for a position on one of these teams are: Maxwell, Barnett, Paris, Hall, Stroman, Caviness, Ridegeway, Porter and Harrison.

This preliminary contest will be public and the entire student body and public are invited to be present.

PLAIN AND FANCY GEOMETRY

Five cents and a hamburger stand determine a straight line. A plain (plane) figure is a Freshman.

A Soph. is a variable approaching the limit.

Two boys walking with the same girl are either equal or competitive. Rivals are everywhere equally distant. H. L. (Junior).

SCHOOL FUNCTIONS

When in the course of Normal events it becomes necessary to call young people's attention to the social function privileges it is so done. That is just what has happened to some of the present Normal students. It is a very fine thing to have a good time all the time, but we all must agree that we can't do this and do the best for ourselves. As a general view of the matter from the present assignment of work will not permit a fellow to have more social time than the LAW permits.

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The one thing that should be uppermost in the minds of every one in this school now, is the inter-collegiate debate. What are you doing to help the boys who are to assume the responsibility of representing this Normal against the other two? This must be a record year for our school in the debating question for we are on the advancing road in all other activities that we have undertaken yet.

Since the selection of the debaters from the Chautauqua Literary Society and the good selection that will no doubt come from the Harris-Blair Society, there is no reason to doubt that we have not as good men as could have been selected from this school. There is no reason to think other than these men are capable to compete with any men chosen from other schools. What now remains for the students to do is to get together and be able to pull in every possible way for the success of these men which is necessary to the honor of our school.

EXCHANGE

Last Saturday evening in the Normal Chapel about a hundred people heard the boys in their preliminary debate. The purpose of the debate was to select the best speakers to represent S. H. N. I. in the tri-normal contests which will take place in April. The subject of the debate was "Resolved, That Inter School Athletics as now Conducted Are Detrimental to the Best Interest of the School." Good speeches were made on both sides. The victors were: Ledbetter, Ellis, Stadler, Dickey, White and Allen. White and Allen were alternatives. We believe these young men represent the strongest debating team the S. H. N. I. has ever had.

THE OXFORD COMPANY

The treat the Oxford Company gave to the people of San Marcos and the Students of S. W. T. N. Saturday night, Jan. 8, was one of the best the Lyceum course has afforded this season. The music and song selections were appreciated by all and who is it that did not enjoy the Jap play? Due to the bad weather the attendance was not as large as it has been at the previous Lyceum numbers. If all who were not present had known what a good entertainment it was, there is no doubt but what they would have gone thru worse weather than that to see it. The next Lyceum number you have a chance to attend you had better do so regardless of the weather - you never know what you miss if you are not there.

BEARD-COOK WEDDING

Students who were here last year will be interested to know that during the holidays Miss Zada Cook and Mr. G. C. Beard were married. Both were very prominent students. Mr. Beard it will be remembered, was the Business Manager of the Pedagogue last year, while Miss Cook took active work among the societies and especially with the Y. W. C. A.

Before the holidays Miss Cook was teaching in the public school of Port Arthur. Since the wedding the couple is at Amarillo. Mr. Beard is principal in the public schools there. The Star in behalf of the student body wishes them the best success that may be had.

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

The enrollment list now has exceeded the six hundred mark. We have now enrolled since the fifteenth of September, a total of six hundred-five students. This is some increase over the enrollment last year which did not double the whole year exceed four hundred.

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**Y. M. C. A.**

We, the members of the Y. M. C. A., are not altogether proud of our record up to this time, but we hope to make a better one in the near future. Our chief aim now is to increase the attendance at the regular meetings. The blessings that we get out of them must be passed on to our fellow students. Let us all members be resolved to make a record this year of which we will not be ashamed. Remember, we as true Christians must be about our Master's work.

The Y. M. C. A. extends a cordial invitation to all young men of the S. W. T. N. to come and occupy the place we have reserved for you. Every meeting will give you something that will be of personal benefit. The organization is here for you, not SOME-ONE-ELSE. A word of cheer and brotherly love awaits all who come.

Come to the Y. M. C. A. Surely no one is yet too great; Truly no one can there meet fate;

So put on your best thinking mood,

And come after your share of the food.

**SENIOR CLASS PLAY**

The Senior class had a meeting last Saturday and decided to have a Senior play. We are glad to note that the class this year are trying to gain establish the record that was established by the classes of the years past. If you are a Senior put all you have in any action taken by the class. It can't do you any harm and will certainly do good for the school.

At the meeting a committee was appointed to confer with a faculty committee in selecting the play to be played. This faculty committee will also select the students who they think best to take the various parts of the play. We are all looking forward to the time when actual work will begin on the play proper.

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HELEN AND JACK

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The following summer Jack and Alice and their parents came again to spend a month in the country with the Joneses. Helen had grown prettier—she was beginning to pay more attention to herself. She did not see very much of Jack, nor Jack of her. But what little she saw of her was enough. He loved her as truly and deeply as he could, and determined to some day make her his bride. To do this, he would have to work very hard for he would not ask her to share his life until he was really "on his feet." The month passed and the Browns went home again.

While Jack was carrying out his resolve, Mary was working hard at her last year in high school. She had many admirers now, but like the good student she was, gave her first and best interests to her school work. For this, she was well repaid, for the following May she was graduated at the head of her class. How proud she was, and how pretty she looked that night! Had Jack been there—well, no telling what. But he wasn't.

What was Jack doing? Charlie told Helen how hard he was working on an invention which anyone to manufacture the following summer again. During this time Charlie's oldest brother, a bachelot, but a good friend of Helen, went to California and joined Jack. Soon after Helen received a card from Jack and answered it, of course.

Helen, knowing that she needed a good rest after her long continued next week.

SHAKESPEARE GIRLS ENTERTAIN

Miss Hines entertained the Shakespeare girls last Saturday evening in the basement of the Library building. After the girls had enjoyed quite a number of tete-a-tete they were served delicious ice cream and angel food cake.

The room was prettily decorated in the society colors; green and white. The tables on which the refreshments were served were decorated with ivy. The evening was most enjoyably spent by everyone and all regretted the departure time.

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Mr. Arnold (in English Hist.)—"Miss F. can you give us any reasons why Spain went to war with England?"

Miss F.—"No, not any from the book."

Mr. Arnold—"Perhaps you can give us some original ones then."

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I bought my head wrap at Harrison & Denez.

Ferguson (in English)—"Mr. R., what is the nature of John's constitution when he was a young man?"

Mr. R.—"He was strong physically, but I don't know much about his constitution."

I will meet you at Harrison & Denez.

Mr. Christian (in Hist. 19)—"Mr. Zeal, which party was in favor of the National Bank?"

Zeal—"The one that was not opposed to it."

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Mr. Harrison (in English)—"Miss Tips, what is the secret of long?"

Miss Tips—"I don't believe I know."

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