OUR ACADEMIC RECORD

In the game with Coronal last Thursday the Normal had even nine men out in suits. Every member present played every inning, nobody got grouchy, and all had a good time, coming home, as we did, with a 12 to 1 victory. Most consistent among the absentees was Captain Shelton, who was in Germany with the fire boys. The game was hotly contested until the ninth, a remarkable performance until Normal went to the bat by the last time. At the beginning of the ninth, Mike Hornsby, first man up, got a long three bagger to right center. But the case still looked hopeless, for Coronal had a four-to-three lead, and Henning and Harsin were easy prey. Then Deviney started the rally with a clean single, scoring Hornsby. Then the entire batting order took a "lam" at Pat, with the result that nine runs were added in the ninth. Deviney held Coronal, and the game ended.

That reminds us that our record for the season has been quite successful. Though the town team, in their best condition at the time we played them, defeated our chances for the cup, our academic record is certainly unquestioned. For we defeated Academy in three out of five in the series games and won the same proportion of games from Coronal, thus coming out with a percentage of .600 as far as the schools are concerned. With one more game to play with the town team, we have fair chances of closing with a percentage of more than .500 and of tying Academy for second place in the pennant race. Taking all games into consideration, we have to date won eleven out of twenty. Indeed this has been a good season, in that the management gave the team a good schedule, and the team responded by furnishing the spectators some interesting baseball.

If anybody happens to extrapolate with a true Normalite on the success of this season, let him retell with a few rhetorical questions, thus: Who in the entire city has stolen more bases than Captain Shelton? Who has batted better in the pinch than Mayhew? Who has pitched better ball or done more with the stick to win his own games than Deviney? Who has covered more ground than Zimmerman? Who has accepted more hard chances than Henning? Who has caught more thives for second than Lloyd? Who has got more walks than Ridgway? Who has created greater sensation than Hening? Who has shown more remarkable development than Hornsby? Who has been more willing than Harvison? Another question could be asked, namely, who has been more faithful than the Normal royal rooters? On many occasions the spirit of the grandstand has started the rally for Normal. And do not forget that the girls, the beloved co-eds, were foremost and forever in the lead.

CHAUTAUQUA

The Chautauqua Literary Society, by the election of officers for next year, closed the thirteenth and one of the most prosperous years in her career. The membership during the whole year reached as high as sixty. Twice during the year we united with our sister society making a social success. The Society has contributed her full share to Athletics this year and cooperated with the Harris-Blair in defeating our old enemies, Denton and Huntsville. We have thirty members expecting to be back next year ready to set a new standard of work and results in 1916-17. The new season will start with the following officers: W. H. Miller, President; W. D. Partlow, Vice-President; E. G. Lloyd, Secretary; August Meule- ler, Treasurer; E. J. Hollet, Chaplain; E. M. Higie, Critic; Geo. Lanier, Sergeant-at-arms; H. S. Chapman, Chairman Program Committee; Frank Swadeneau, Star Reporter.

PRESIDENT TAKES FIRST DRINK

Tuesday morning, a beautiful drinking fountain was presented to the school by the literary societies. The speech of presentation was made by Mr. N. H. Miller, and the fountain was unveiled by President Evans, who took the first drink from its spring. The entire school then sang the school song.

We are indeed proud of the gift, but "the gift without the giver is bare," and we are proud of the spirit which prompted the students to do the deed.

THE SENIOR PICNIC

After being postponed several times, the annual senior picnic occurred Monday afternoon at the Wimberley Crossing on the Blanco and all along the road from San Marcos to said place and back. About three o'clock all seniors who wished to go back to "the forks of the creek" and several members of the faculty who had the right attitude and no fear of red bugs left Normal Hill in picnic wagon. Women's rights prevailed, the girls were about seven to one and the faculty representatives (mostly of the whiskered class) were even more popular than usual.

Umbrellas kept a hot sun off the ladies at first (the men preferred sunshine but clouds soon made the weather real pleasant. Algifacts were served as refreshments along the road. The scenery is always beautiful and vegetation is now its greenest and flowers in full bloom.

Supper, "delightful," of course and A 1 in quality and quantity was eaten at the crossing. Some also ate onions.

As it was getting dark, we soon started back, going by way of Wren's ranch. Songs were sung, yells were yelled and chaperons were chaperoned. There was a full moon and few clouds now. We reached town about 10:30. All said that they had had a good time (and they looked it).

Things we won't forget: The dewberries we didn't find; the rabbit (not the cartridge) Mr. Harrison and Mr. Marsh didn't shoot; the seniors who didn't go.

FEDERATED MEETING OF THE NORMAL SOCIETIES

The Federated Meeting of the Normal Societies, met in the Normal Auditorium, Saturday May 18. Each society had a place reserved for their members. A desk was trimmed in each of the different societies, colors for their presidents. Mr. Beard, President of Harris-Blair Society presided, Miss Era Yates, secretary of Every Day Society acted as secretary of the meeting.

After songs and yells from the different societies the meeting was called to order. The purpose of the meeting being stated by the President. After the reading of the minutes and the reports of the Secretaries and Treasurers of the Societies, the President of each of the societies made a speech on the work that their Society had carried on this year. Of course it is understood that their society was the very best society "and that society is the best in the best Normal is the best State in the best Country.

The Every Day Society proved to be the best Society as they won honors for having the largest percentage present.

The business being transacted the meeting adjourned to the West side of the Normal, where the members enjoyed a social hour. Being the last meeting of the Societies there was a feeling of regret. All present enjoyed the meeting, and one that will long be remembered.

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IMPORTANCE OF THE STAR AND WHY IT SHOULD BE PUBLISHED NEXT YEAR

Is the Star an important factor of the school? No one will doubt that a Pedagogue is not a necessity. So is the Star. The Annual gives us a summary of the past year. It deals only with the past and is truly a pleasant reminder. It is brought from the bottom of the trunk once or twice a year.

The Star is read every week. People can buy a Star when it is not possible to get a Pedagogue. The Star contains every week present, past and future happenings. Suppose each weekly copy is filed away, which is the more pleasure? See a yearly calendar of events or turn and read an account of each event. Is it better to see only a base ball or foot ball schedule for the past year or see the schedule and read the events. Both annual and weekly are necessary but which can most pleasure be found in, at the present or in the past?

Remember the importance of the Star and help it to be published every week at S. W. T. N.

Mr. Wilson (in Rural Economics) — Mr. Burkholder what is that word at the back of your head?

Mr. Burkholder: — I haven't any idea; I haven't any eyes in the back of my head.

“WHY LINGER?”

I was lying in the shadow
Of that old State Normal wall,
Looking outward o'er the city,
But seeing nothing at all.

Nature’s little messenger of happiness,
Chirping in the bushes below,
Singing of the world and its brightness,
But why, why didn’t I know?

Why did I lie and ponder?

My stillness and silence will show,
Why did that little river,
Thru happiness and sorrow flow?

Why did those towers of ages,
Where fame and ambition had grown,
Why stand on that hill of cedars,
Alone; yes, all, all alone?

There ‘twixt those walls of ages,
Where many a lad gained fame,
Played his part on the stage,
and departed,
Never to return again.

But why did I lie there waiting?
The last, last bell rang to go,
But why did I tarry and linger?
Oh, why, why couldn’t I go

If you are a student of this Normal,
And love every crag, just so,
Have witnessed the farewell partings,
As your friends were preparing to go.

But still you stand there thinking,
And wandering why I didn’t go,
God pity your sense of feeling,
And I’ll tell you—"I couldn’t go."

— Sid.

MEMORIES

(Tune—My Little Girl)
Oh, dear old Normal!
You know we love you
And we long for each day.
Oh dear old Normal!
We’re dreaming of you
The we’re—many miles away,
Down in San Marcos
Upon a hill top
Where we revel and never stop.
Oh dear old Normal.
You know that we’re faithful
And we’re coming back to you
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Senior Reception

One of the most delightful affairs in the history of the Senior class of 1915-16 took place last Saturday night when a reception was given by President and Mrs. Evans, at their home on Normal Hill. The lawns were beautifully lighted by Japanese lanterns. In the receiving line were Mr. and Mrs. Evans, Supt. and Mrs. W. P. Doughty, the members of the faculty and their wives. After meeting everyone in the official receiving line the Seniors passed into the next room and held a receiving line of their own until there was no one else to receive. Music and singing were enjoyed as well as rope walking with a telescope—at which Mr. Bosich, holder was quite proficient. Refreshments of mint ice and coconut kisses were served. The guests took their leave after expressing themselves as having had a most enjoyable time.

Our Future

When our last lesson is recited We pass through all these And those that have passed shall press against all that we did. When the hardest test has been passed And the last long lesson is learned, We shall rest, and Oh! how we'll need it. Quit work for a summer or two Till the ringing of autumn school-bells Shall call us to our work. And those that have passed shall be happy And each in response to his call Will model from his former teachers Woodson, Evans, Hines, and all, And each in his own little school Will teach all things as he sees them And not by precept or rule. —O. G.

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To the Sophomores

Dear Sophomores, we hate to leave you, We hate to say good bye, And leave you all the troubles That have caused us to cry.

We passed through all these troubles, We had to bear them all, But now, poor souls, they're left to you, Prepared lest ye fall. You'll have to study hard And be present every day. Although you'll have some privileges, You'll never have your way.

Take the advice of a Junior, And do the things that are right, And you'll come out on the home stretch, Although, with many a fight.

So now, good bye, dear Sophomores You poor little innocent lambs! You don't know what you've entered Till you have passed these Junior exams. —L. B. M.

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