THE SENIOR PLAY.
Decision Unanimous to Put on The Play.

At a meeting of the Senior Class Thursday, Jan. 11, several things of importance were attended to. Miss Opal Gardener was elected class editor, and Mr. Mapp chosen as class yell leader. Then after a short talk by Mr. Thomas on the possibilities of a Senior Play the class voted unanimously to have the play. Accordingly a committee of three was appointed to confer with Mr. Thomas, under whose management the play will be got up. It is the purpose of the senior class of '17 to give the best play ever staged on our campus.

Opal Gardener, Reporter.

Idyllies Entertain.
Saturday evening in the Manual Arts Building, the Idyllic Literary Society and their guests enjoyed the annual Idyllic party. The rooms were prettily decorated in the club colors, green and white, and the food was scrumptious—a contrast to the wintry weather outside. The President, Miss Lucy Waldo, and Mr. W. D. Partlow, began an evening of merriment in which there was not one dragging minute.

In some of the contests not only was the ability to sing and dance tested but in respect to the building, a lesson in “H. E.” was given the boys.

Towards the close of the evening, the hearts of all were made happy to find that there was a boy on the string for every girl and a girl on the string for every boy.

The green and white effect was carried out in the refreshments of ice cream, angel cakes, and mints.

Opal Gardener, Reporter.

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Harris-Blair Hav Try-out.
Debates Selected for Inter Normal Debates.

At the regular meeting of The Harris-Blair Literary Society last Monday morning the try-out debate was held. There were five speakers contesting for places. The judges were composed of the society members together with the following outside men: Rev. McFarland, of the Christian Church; Rev. Neal of the Baptist Church; Pres. Brown of Baptist Academy, and Coach Bradfield of Coronal Institute. And the representatives chosen were: Roger H. Porter, Thos. B. Barmente, W. S. Oliphant, and H. S. Pa'ker, for first, second, third, and fourth places respectively. A live spirit was manifested in the selection of these speakers, who will begin work as soon as possible on the Inter-Normal debates.

C. Hall, Reporter.

Prof. Stanfield Gives Information on Small-pox.

Small-pox (Variola) is raging now in many parts of Texas. The mortality is about sixty per cent. vaccine is not compulsory in Belgium and Germany. The year twenty per cent. of the cases were fatal. In Mexico Africa, and certain towns in Texas, where, unfortunately, vaccination is not compulsory, the fatal cases are sixty per cent. Toxoa small-pox is always fatal. Halmorrhagia is sixty-six and two thirds per cent. Varioloid is seldom fatal. Louis XV of France had small-pox at fourteen, and died with halmorrhagia small-pox at the ripe age of sixty-four.

Rainy weather means overcoats, raincoats and hats, why not get them at Harrisons. E. side Plaza.

Instructive Lectures Given.
Young Men and Women Hav Unusual Opportunity.

Among the many opportunities that come the way of the young men and women of our school none deserves, so much importance as the series of lectures being given during this week. By cutting each period down five minutes school is out at 3:15. Then the girls assemble in the auditorium, and the boys in a room in the Science Building. These lectures began on Tuesday afternoon, and will continue through the week.

As this issue of The Star goes to press but two lectures have been given—one by Dr. Ulrich, to the young ladies, and one by Prof. Birdwell, to the young men. Dr. Ulrich's talk was both interesting and instructive. Her lectures will continue through the week. If the rap! attention of his audience counted for anything Mr. Birdwell, whose subject was “Care for Lawlessness,” made a “tremendously interesting speech.”

Others who will address the young men are Prof. C. S. Smith, on Vital Physiology; Dr. Shave of San Marcos, Vital Health Problems; Dr. Terrell, of Temple, Double Standard; and Dr. Godbey, of Coronal Institute—his subject is not known.

The proper way to show your appreciation for these worthwhile lectures is by being present at them.

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- Pure Ice Cream, Hofheinz Soda Fountain.
- Every student vote for Pedagog Staff Tuesday. This is of special interest to every student.

S. W. T. N. Puts One Over Lockhart High.

Last Thursday afternoon the boys' basketball team "jilted" it over to Lockhart to encounter their past High School quintet. It is avowed by the boys that high was at least a fitting name for their center, for he was somewhere between six and eight feet tall. Owing to faults in the goal posts which were being in several official regulations, our men missed lots of shots which should have gone in. All the same, everyone would occasionally follow through the game. The game ended 28 to 11 in Normal's favor.

Individual playing was not so very evident, but the team as a whole did very credible work.

The line-up for S. W. T. N. was as follows: Capt. Lamberi, R. F.; DeVinney, L. F.; Rossen, C.; Gibson, L. G.; Fishour, L. J.

Miss Hines Entertains Shakespeare Club.

As a result of an invitation extended to the club on Saturday afternoon, the Shakespeare girls met at the beautiful home of Miss Hines on Monday afternoon. While sitting around bright cheer fires with Mrs. Scott, Miss White, Miss Baker, Miss Nelson, Miss Johnson, Miss Harsoby and the hostess, Miss Hines, it was soon forgotten that the day was cold and dreary outside.

Of the several kinds of entertainment indulged in was the taking of a trip thru Texas, and the singing of spirited college songs. After this trip thru Texas was completed another picnic was set out upon, and happily, the destination was found in the dining room, where many good things were waiting to be eaten. "It was one of the most delightful afternoons I've spent in San Marcos," says one of the fortunate company.
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Posted in the lobby adjoining the President’s office is this information: “Beginning Jan. 1, 1917, official publication and correspondence of the Southwest Texas State Normal will use simplified spelling as adopted by the National Educational Association for the following words: catalog, decalog, pedagog, demagog, prolog, program, tho, altho, thoroare, tho, thru, throut.

Possessing a nature that is not wholly averse to progress, The Star heartily endorses this move of our President. Certainly all thinking minds are aware of the imperativeness of a reform in our present system of spelling; as will admit that it is an integral and thoroughly vital part of education. The President has taken the right step to bring in a reform which will tend to make educators, as well as pupils, spell better. At any rate, the change in the dictionary is expected to do much to make our spelling better.

A review of this week’s issue of the Star appears on page two. It is printed in simplified spelling.

In using this system, the editor has been careful to avoid introducing any errors that might cause confusion. It is hoped that the students will give the new system a fair trial and that they will be willing to use it in their work. The Star will be glad to hear of any suggestions that the students may have on this subject.

The following is a list of the words that have been simplified:

Catalog, decalog, pedagog, demagog, prolog, program, tho, altho, thoroare, tho, thru, throut.

It was with a feeling of disappointment that the Star reviews its first work. Besides a few mis-spelled words and some disregard for capitalization, in many instances the punctuation seemed to have been done indiscriminately. These errors were made largely, if not entirely, by printer. It is hoped that the printer will take care of these mistakes in future issues.

Advertisement for the Summer Session of 1917 is being prepared for the mails. It is expected that the enrollment for this term will reach 1000.

The forges, anvils, and other equipment for the forge shop will be completely set up by the beginning of the Spring Term.

Those registered for courses in Forge Work, or Manual Training 9, will take such work at this time.

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school wear.

One term for a wedding cer-
emony,” explain Mr. Burkh-
holder, “is jumping the broom-
stick.”

“Ha, ha,” exploded Mr. Bar-
con, “you been jumping
the broom-stick, Mr. Burkhol-
der?”

“Well—not exactly,” replied
Mr. B., “I’ve been jumping
from a broom-stick.”

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Itineraries of Week-end Trip of
Mr. Gates Thomas.

Midnight Saturday, Jan. 13,
left San Marcos for farm.
Sunday Morning, 2:00 a.m.,
arrived in Smithville; found
train late; took nap; got left.
4:00; 4:00 a.m. to 8:00 a.m.
hiked ten miles to farm encoun-
tering sleet en-route. Roads
reported rough for pedestrians
Tuesday, 8:00 a.m. slight
limp detected, but met classes
as usual, and happily jovial
disposition not affected by
hardships of journey.

We the following members
of the S. O. R. Club express our
sincere grief at the misfortune
that has befallen to our fellow
member Mr. L. J. Culpepper
and wish him a speedy recov-
ery.

(Signed)
Henry Day,
Curtis Day,
Bob Yarrington,
Ronnie Burnett.

Shakespearean Play.
The Eminent actor
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assisted by the Celebrated Star
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ford as Antonio and St. Alba-
s as Portia.
This should appeal to every
student. Seats at Powell's.

Idyllies Elect New Officers.
At a meeting of the Idylli-
society, Saturday, Jan. 6, the
following officers were elected
for the second term: Lucv
Wal do, president; Penny
Franks, vice president; Evelyn
Davidson, secretary; Mary
Alexander, treasurer; Gladys
Bump, critic; Jeanette
and Rosa Perry. Wardens; Gladys
Thompson Star reporter: Sarah
Lee, Pedagogue editor.
The society is beginning the
new year with fresh enthu-
iasm, and is anticipating much
pleasure and profit from the
course of study planned.

FACTS. The Normal Ex-
change will make special effort
to serve you. Kindly present
your desires for alteration.
Mr. Burney, on being stung
by one of the fair sex, rem-
ained indifferently, "There are
plenty more fish in the sea."
"Yea," suggested Gamlik,
"but you don't seem to have
the bait to catch 'em."

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Chautauquas Entertained
By the Pierians.

On Saturday night, January the thirteenth the Pierian Literary Society entertained the Chautauqua Society with a masquerade party. The party was given in room sixteen of the Library building. There were about seventy-five or one hundred present and many new and pretty costumes worn. All were masked until ten o’clock. While masked many games were played and enjoyed immensely by everyone.

The grand march led by Mr. and Mrs. Burkholer, was the last on the program before the crowd unmasked. More games were then played and prizes awarded to the best masked girl and to the best masked boy. The prizes were pound boxes of chocolates. Mr. Watkins, our new English teacher, received the one for the boy. He was dressed as a sailor, a very successfully masked. Miss Lorinne Gray received the candy for the best masked girl. She was dressed very becomingly as America.

The two body prizes fell to Warner Rasco and Arlyn Johnson. In one of the contests Mr. Otto Sykes and “Blaze” Chapman so their prize, some candy, was divided. Mr. Irving Woodson and Miss —— received a prize in the “proposing contest.” After some recitations, songs, etc., very delightful refreshments were served.

Everyone had a most enjoyable time, even though the company was mixed. There were Indians, hayseed farmers and lasses, fairies, Spaniards, Egyptians, clowns, Greeks, friends of George Washington, butterflies, and many more delightful people present.

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Out in the Fields.
The little curses that fretted me,
I lost them yesterday;
Among the fields, above the sea,
Among the winds that play;
Among the loving of the herbs
The rustling of the trees,
Among the singing of the birds,
The humming of the bees.
The foolish fears of what may happen,
I cast them all away,
Among the clover-scented grass
Among the new mown hay,
Among the rustling of the corn,
Where drowsy poppies nod,
Where ill thoughts die and good are born,
Out in the fields with God.

Selected.

Gold Foot Balls Arrive.
The gold foot balls which were awarded to the letter men of last season have finally arrived. The foot balls are unique in that the letter “T” in maroon, instead of the customary “N” in engraved on them. On each man’s foot ball also is his name, the position in which he played and the year 1916.

Normal Plays Long Horns.
Last Monday evening at Austin the boys from Normal played the University basketball team. This was the first game played between the two schools. Altoth the score seemed one-sided, the game was interesting. Normal however, was somewhat handicapped by playing for the first time on a floor, and also by the loss of Lawe, who is one of the fastest men on the team.

The stars for “Texas” were Ditmar, guard; Thompson, forward; Barnes, center. Lambert starred for Normal. The final score was 15 to 52 in favor of “Texas.” Normal is proud of the boys, because they made such a good showing against what is probably the strongest team in the State.

Surely So.
This world that we’re living in
Is mighty hard to beat,
For you get a thorn with every rose
But ain’t the roses sweet!
Toaster’s Handbook.

Shakespeare Elect New Officers
At a meeting Saturday afternoon, after roll call which was answered by a quotation from Shakespeare, the Society elected the following officers:

Myrtle Park, president;
Mattie Stricklen, vice president;
Vera Roberts, secretary;
Reba Hays, senior warden;
Mattie Wright, treasurer;
Veda Maxwell, parliamentarian;
Jean Lee Brown, junior warden;
Zada Maxwell, reporter.

Z. M., Reporter.

Personalities.

Personalities is wealth within ourselves. It is rare wealth which few have the patience to acquire; that some possess but have the weakness to lose, tempted as they are by life to mold themselves according to the common herd.

Personalities is a noble quality for to exist at all it requires mighty effort at self control, great self sacrifice before others.

Choose your personality and the straight road to reach it. Do not follow the shortest way when there are so many obstacles to overcome. Don’t spoil anything. Remember there are two ways to attain it; the forceful way and this gentle way. The second is more difficult than the first; and it is the one that must be chosen.

Choose a good guide for your way, will-power; and a good stout rope to hold you up on the edge of the precipices of discouragement, regret, and despair—or perseverance.

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Miss Mary Ramsay of the Normal taught in the place: Mrs. Miller last Thursday, Miss Ramsay is a graduate of the high school, and is working on her senior course at the Normal this winter.

Cards are out announcing the marriage of Mr. O. P. Schoolfield of Stoney, Texas. Mr. Schoolfield was a former teacher in the high school.

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