Scene:—The crest of a hill which aspire to be a peak, crowned with a bording whose style of architecture, "turrets pointing upward to the sky," was popular during the first five years of the twentieth century. From the hill are seen alluring stretches of pastoral beauty.

1st Man—Twilight hour just before library's closing.

2nd Man—(condescendingly) Have you not heard, in "The Florist Shop."" 3rd Man—(ignoring the interruption; dolorously) The phenomena I have observed in this pottery scheme of things, make me long to "Fale far away, dissolve and quite forget...."

4th Man—The weariness, the fever and the fret, Here, where we sit and hear each other drone.

5th Man—(comprehending) Well, what would you prescribe for the souls of the studends? This is not dogmatic, it's demonstrable repudiation. 

6th Man—(appalled but quickly recovering) Man, you busting in Ed 212!

7th Man—A lamb? Rather, a ram butting every-... over and around in the sheepfold! And what Mary could take five years "to school with her one day and a possible six!"

8th Man—(ignoring the plesantry) But we cannot all be exiles. For instance, a few might qualify very sweetly as mocking birds, nightingales, and, possibly, meadow larks. Such types of course ar made up of the soulful ones who have temperamental tendencies toward emotional expression. There would be a respectable number of scots—those who talk too much to talk and get by with the bluf.

9th Man—(quoting) "Why can't we all be like that bird?"

1oth Man—And then comes the great class of little neutral-toned birds. "Their names?" I don't know; neither do the high-brows. These un-offensive browns-and-greys seldom occupy top most branches or front sprays, seldom flood the world with a golden song of divine melody, seldom preen their plumage with docility, but in conscientious persevering effort in exterminating certain pestiferous insects in the psychological garden—the bug is one of the least enemies, or pretenders, men never weary. No doubt it is aesthetically offensive to the delicate sensibilities of a canary to bear of bugs and worms; therefore I crave the canary's indulgence and present a peace offering in the form of a retortical posy.

11th Man—(cuffing in) Why not birdseed and cutel?

12th Man—(continuing) Picture the ordinary bird and a college professor going down to the edge of the pool of knowledge. The bird seeks a point of vantage; the professor gets in a boat, rows out to a landing station, hermetically incases himself in his favored diving suit, plunges in and remains under for forty-five minutes, unless some time has been lost in adjusting the suit or in commenting on its structure or texture, or in describing the aquatic growths to be found at the bottom of the pool. The professor comes up, rows ashore, and petulantly inquires if the bird got it. The bird dubiously acquiesces and says "Y."
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CONTRIBUTING TO THE STAR
We wish to take this means of extending a general invitation to all students and such faculty members as feel the urge toward communication to contribute in any one kind or another to our columns. We intend to extend this invitation sooner, but it was crowded out of last week's issue by the pressure of more timely copy. We felt would not keep. We have so far had an unusually good supply of student material need but rather by The Harris-Blair Literary Society completely passed. They wish to take this means to share the privilege in a meeting Monday morning in its first meeting, Miss Mary Bartholome, the teacher, found that they missed a great part of Nor- rim, Assembly. the Wee k previous to today, but it was Teacher. ...

BASEBALL PROSPECTS FOR THE SUMMER
According to the present outlook, the senior baseball team will have a fairly easy season this summer. Here is a good nucleus to build on. Four letter men, Wallace Perkins, Cavness, Deviney, Hennig, at back, Perkins, the old third baseman and captain of the team for two seasons, is serving this summer as captain. Cavness, first base for two seasons and captain last season, is on the job as usual. Deviney, the old reliable twirler, is good for a number of innings yet. Hennig has been pitching all for an army team, for the past four months, and is in fine form with lots of smoke. Behind the bat, we have a good man in Sam Gardner, who is able to hold the pil when it is humid to him and hit it when it is flung by him. Some other promising material out are: K. C., Stroman, Kode, Johnson. The men at practising hard and a good team is being whipped into shape by an able man, Coach Marsh. The team does not expect to meet with a hard time this summer. Hence students may come out to the games with plenty of pep. Your blackest tax collector will admit you at the gate. Watch for bulletin board and listen in chapel for announcements of the games. Come out and be rewarded by the spectacle of good exhibitions of the national game.

Y. W. C. A.
The first regular meeting of the Y. W. C. A. for the summer was held Thursday, Mrs. Hooper presided. After a beautiful solo by Miss Lucille Garrett, the Harris-Blair red the scripture lesson of the meeting, St. Mark II, 1-2. Then words of welcome were given the students by Miss Mary Bartholome, the President, of the Y. W. C. A. for the summer term. The beautiful solo by Miss Hope, Miss Mabel Gainez, the regular Y. W. C. A. secretary for the Normal, was on vacation, spoke a few words of welcome and encouragement. Following this came Mrs. Shaver's address. Her subject was the cooperation on the part of all the members that is necessary to make the Y. W. C. A. successful. No society, she held, had risen higher than the standards of women composing it. Hence the standard of this society would be judged largely by the standards of the students of the summer session. After this talk came a pleasant social hour, which was held indoors in the main building on account of the rainy weather. The pleasures of the hour were enhanced by Miss Raines.

For the next meeting the following program has been arranged: Thursday: The Florist Shop and of giving near the end of the summer, at least one drama or farce that will occupy a fairly regular time. The following programs now is for "Believe Me Zantippe", a rollicking dramatic farce, which is funny but requires a good deal of scenic and property preparation. If this difficulty can be surmounted, the club will perhaps be organized this week.

RURAL LIFE CONFERENCE
A program of unusual interest will be rendered by the Rural Life Conference Committee. The Auditorium of the Education Building on Monday and Tuesday, June 24 and 25. These conferences are being held by the State Department of Education in cooperation with the schools of the state in the interest of rural life and education. The program below indicates that some of the best educators of the state and nation will deliver interesting messages. Every wide awake student who is interested in the upbuilding of our educational system and especially those who intend to teach in the rural schools can not afford to miss these meetings. The program will be as follows: Tuesday, June 24.

Morning:
Miss Blanton, "Educational Conditions in Texas."
Dr. H. E. Jackson, the "Practice of Citizenship."
Wednesday, June 25:
Morning:
Miss Katherine Cook, "Outlook in Rural Education."
Dr. H. E. Jackson, "The Practice of Citizenship."
Miss Edith Lathrop, "Conference on Rural Education in Rural Schools."
J. L. McBee, "Conference in Rural Education and Rural Life."
Night:
J. L. McBee, "The Ideal Rural Teacher."
Miss Edith Lathrop, "Education, a National Emergency."

HARRIS-BLAIR'S HAVE FIRST MEETING
The Harris-Blair Literary Society met Monday morning in its first meeting of the summer session. A large enthusiastic crowd was present, forming a most successful summer organization. The following officers were elected: L. C. McDonald, President; C. T. Blocker, Vice-President; Gattie, Secretary; H. Cavness; Little Cavness sergeant-at-arms; Phillips, critic. There was an unusual amount of interest in the fact that the Society was to be again organized this summer, and it was definitely decided that not only the work would be of a literary nature but the social side would also be stressed. This has always been the side of life that has made the Harris-Blair the most popular society in school. There will be several picnics, a few outings parties, and probably a banquet, not to mention the many little parties that are always held. The society is planning a great summer work. The men that have not joined some society will find this a very good method of making many friends and of giving a few days of enjoyment to others. They will return to you after a few days in the form of dividends of good cheer and good spirit.

A DRAMATIC CLUB
As practically all of the cast of "The Florist Shop" is available for the summer, and as a number of the participants in other plays are back for the summer, a good deal of pressure is being brought to bear on Mr. Thomas to organize a dramatic club, with the purpose of experimenting a little more in community drama and of giving near the end of the summer, at least one drama or farce that will occupy a fairly regular time. The following programs now is for "Believe Me Zantippe", a rollicking dramatic farce, which is funny but requires a good deal of scenic and property preparation. If this difficulty can be surmounted, the club will perhaps be organized this week.

The normal Star met and organized during the chapel period Saturday. The meeting was lively and full of pep. Of course we met in our regular chapel, and installed. The meeting was called to order by Johnson, and an able president was elected, Cavness. Other officers elected were:

Vice-President, Miss Lee Dale.
Secretary-Treasurer, Miss Hester Ferguson.
Sergeants-at-arms, Misses Bridges and Scott.
The Sergeants-at-arms were elected on the coupon plan, the class thinking that there would be need of two. No definite plans for the summer were made, but the class expects to be freed from several ways during the session.

R. J.

MAIL, NO BLUE TO CHAU-DAUDANS
Monday, June 16, the C.L.S. met for the first time for the summer session. Of course, a goodly number of the members of the board was a goodly number present, with President Faulk in the chair. All of the old members were present except one, who was called on for short talks, after which H. A. Handlerek, who is leaving for Bradley Polytechnic, Indiana, made a farewell talk which was Thorpy enough by all present.
The society held its first regular meeting June 25. As there was much business on hand, a motion was made to postpone the program and go into the executive session. The following was elected:
President, H. P. Faulk.
Vice-President, J. N. Knudsen.
Secretary, H. F. Kuehn.
Treasurer, R. A. Smith.
Sergeants-at-Arms, S. A. Kromer.
Critic, R. C. Harrison.
Chaplain, H. F. Ralston.
Star Reporter, J. M. Johnson.
Chairman, Program Committee, L. F. Garrett.

While the other necessary committees were being appointed, the society indulged in an interesting and exciting parliamentary drill. Before adjournment, some new members were received into the society, as follows: K. E. Pruit, W. O. Niff, C. H. Bagley.
GREETINGS TO SUMMER STUDENTS

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PERSONALS

H. H. Handrick, Instructor in Manual Training in the Training School, left this week for a course at Bradley Polytechnic, Floria, Ill.

Earl Cochran, J. M. Jones, W. B. Eleyker, all having just returned from overseas servies and been mustered out at Camp Travis were circulating among us this week.

"President Evans has been out of the office several afternoons this week, on business with legislativ committees at Austin."

FROTH

It was the sixth period of a sultry day. Room 23 was crowded, and the temperature was high and rising. Mr. Thomas was seeking to alleviate partly the distressing thermal conditions, by seating several students in chairs near his desk at the front. "Ya'll find that the front seats are cooler than those in the far corners," he said, "in spite of the fact that the "radiator" (meaning himself) is in this end of the room.

This "radiator" is like one of those patent heaters you see advertised in school journals, in which a current of cool air coming in constantly from the outside is warmed a little before it circulates thru the room."

"Hutto—(taking a front seat; very agreeably) Yes, sir; it is surprisingly cool up here."

Minister—( exemplifying the theory of emphasis in composition, by repeating his text several times) Now Absalom had emplaced himself a pillow; for he said, "I have no son to keep my name in remembrance."

Sleepy Student—(at the fifth repetition; trying to keep awake) Lucky Absalom! Wonder if he brought it with him.

"Mr. Brown—(Math, 28) What is the locus of a point equidistant from three planes drawn thru a point?"

Pupil—(in disperation) Couldn’t it be a circle?

Mr. Brown—(emphatically) Not in Texas.

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FROTH
Proof Against Reproof
(Being a rimed reaction to the well-known saw that an ounce of foreign speech is sometimes worth a pound of explanation and then some)

One G. T. owned a motor car.
Its gait was bouncing, rocking;
And when he took the hill in high,
The noise it made was shocking.

He rattled up the hill one day,
It is against the rule
To pick up Normal girls, they say,
When on their way to school.

Unmindful of this stubborn fact,
He picked up some one time;
The Dean in lectures did rectify—
He found "was" near a crime.

And since that day we students know
Why we never get a ride;
He plays the game safe now, and so
Some "faculty" is by his side.
—W. R. & J. T.

Faulk and Simon, on the road to town, while flirting with two trailing Normal girls, were approached by Coach Marsh:
Coach—"What do you two boys mean by trying to rob the cradle?"

Faulk—"That's nothing; Simon's robbed it once already."

Overheard in Freshman Class—"I've paid blanket tax. Where do I get my blanket?"

Johnson—(in a discussion) Freshman, have you any real conception of purgatory?

Freshman—(meditatively) Well, I have been to church two or three times. That's the only way I can get the girls away from the boarding houses.

A New One's Conception of a Yel Rally

New one—Is that strange noise I hear louder at the stock pens?
Old one—Oh, no; that's the booster signal on Normal hill.

New one—It reminds me of when our boys volunteered, or when the armistice was signed. What is the occasion?
Old one—(warming up) Oh, nothing but the ordinary. You hear it daily—"all thru the session; on the grounds, in the corridors, in the auditorium, in the rooms; in your ears, old or young, sick or well. It is the escape valve of surplus energy the taking up of mental slack, or linguistic lost motion, left over from the work periods.

New one—(in a small voice) Oh, I see.

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