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DEDICATION

In appreciation of services graciously rendered, in the knowledge of her wonderful ability as an instructor and of her splendid worth as a comrade, and in recognition of her influence among the students for higher ideals and more stirring ambitions, the senior class of nineteen hundred and sixteen of the Laredo High School lovingly dedicate to Miss Katherine Tarver, this our first issue of L.A. PITAYA.



Miss Katherine Field Tarver



Mr. L. J. Christen, Superintendent of Public Schools of Laredo.

FOREWORD

In the endeavor to win for the High School greater recognition as an institution worthy of the name, and in order to make for its students a storehouse of memories to which they may go in the near or far distant future to recall ¹⁹⁰⁸ the many events that fill our glorious High School days, we have compiled this work and issued it as the first volume of LA PITAYA.

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SIXTEEN'S SIXTEEN

Good-Bye, High. We're Through

We have often read in poems and romances
That some day, in some way, if we but wait,
The thing we seek both far and wide,
The one for which we've ever sighed
Will come to us. 'Tis so decreed by fate.
And so its coming true as in a story;
This graduation like a golden sun
Has risen in our sight in all its glory.
And now there'll never be another one.
And so we say without a sigh
For the books we've had in the days gone bye.

CHORUS

Good-Bye, High. We're through!
Each book that we have had,
We say "Good-Bye" to you
Although it makes us sad.
We're through examinations.
They've no more fascinations,
But to "green and white" we're true.
Good-Bye, High. Good-Bye, High.
Good-Bye, High. We're through.

In this fast moving age, we are so busy with the present, or so ambitious for the future that we are apt not to give the past due consideration. In order to keep it before us and to strengthen us for the future, we must have history, consequently I am writing a history of this class which needs no eulogy to emphasize its distinction.

September nineteen hundred and twelve is a memorable and eventful month, for at that time Class Sixteen came into existence. Twenty-one enthusiastic freshmen assembled at the L. H. S. and "solemnly swore" not to stop until the goal had been reached. We were as "green" as any of our predecessors, but we possessed such marvelous characteristics of strength and determination that the High School faculty realized our importance and at once gave us their heartiest support. On the whole it was a very prosperous year and when the term ended, the "green" of our earliest days had worn off.

True to their word, all but four of us returned the following term. The class was energetic and anxious to do the things that would count, but "sophomore age" is one of temptation and trial; so we put on dignified little airs of superiority and self-consciousness with various effects. The freshmen looked up to us as examples of PERFECTION; the juniors were heard to remark scornfully, "Those children really believe they are somebody," while the seniors christened us, "The Climbers(?)".

However, we bravely overcame all difficulties and with joyous enthusiasm and the loss of only one of our band, attained the rank of juniors. Now there were only the seniors to patronize us. But with "Jack" and some of the other girls to keep the boys of that class in order, we suffered very little. As regards the difficult work of the junior course, we lived up to our motto, "In Omnia Paratus," and were promoted, everyone of us, at the end of the term.

And now, we sixteen dignified seniors of nineteen sixteen realize that the movement begun in nineteen hundred and twelve is nearing its climax. We have had our trials and disappointments as well as our joys and triumphs, but they have only served to strengthen us so that our class, now standing on the verge of victory, thanks to the High School faculty, is splendidly started towards its mission in this big world of ours.

Senior Class Officers

PRESIDENT

Howell Burnette

SECRETARY-TREASURER

Raul de la Garza

REPORTER

A. May Netzer

EDITOR

Irene Moser

COLOR

American Beauty Red

FLOWER

American Beauty Rose

MOTTO

In Omnia Paratus

YELL

Lalla Palooose!

Calla Papoose!

Sixteen! Sixteen!

Turn 'em loose!

4. Raul de la Garza

"Raul," When anyone wants anything done, he goes to Raul, and Miss Kate has warned the seniors that they cannot pass in Solid on Raul's knowledge.



2. Howell Burnette

"Patty," Will be a good meal for some cruel carnivore some day, but while on this earth, Patty must always occupy a large space both mentally and physically.



1. A. May Netzer

"A. May"

There was a high school girl named May
Who knew all her lessons each day.
She scorned at the boys
And other such toys
And always had plenty to say.

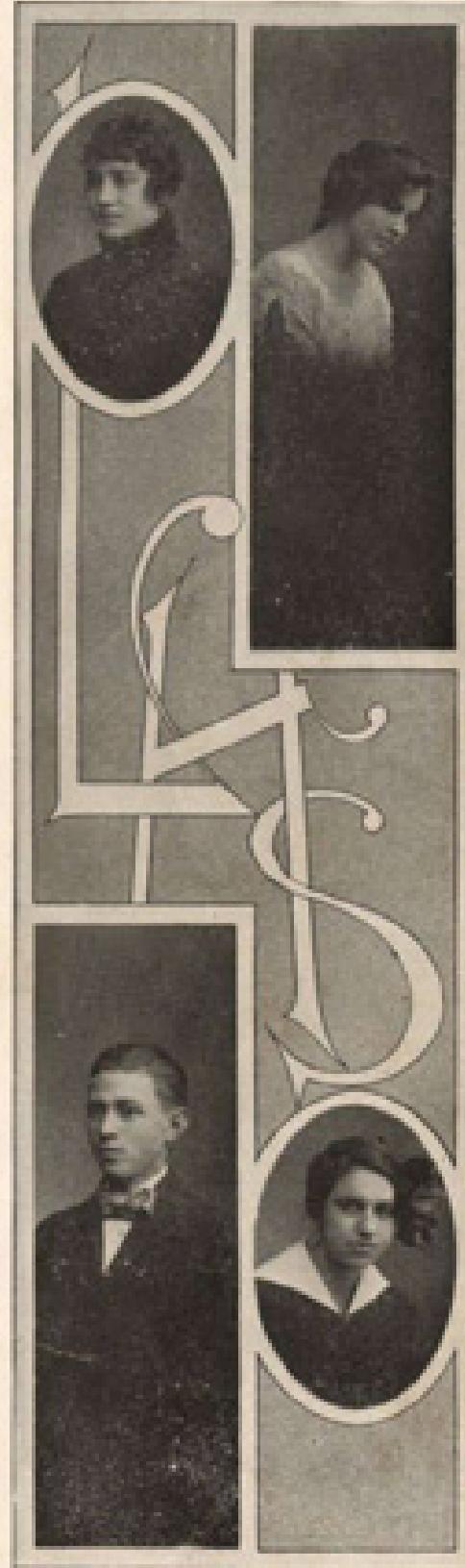


3. Irene Moser

"Sis," By her giggles we shall know her, Irene spells society with a capital S and her one asset for life is her knowledge of making fudge.

2. Zella de la Garza

"Zella." She is most pleasant at just meeting and improves each time. She is one of those girls whom you are always glad to see.



4. Robert Gallagher

"Maleta." Has more nicknames than any boy in school. Robert only lacks about two feet of height of making one of the star basket-ball guards of the country.

3. Rosalia Garcia

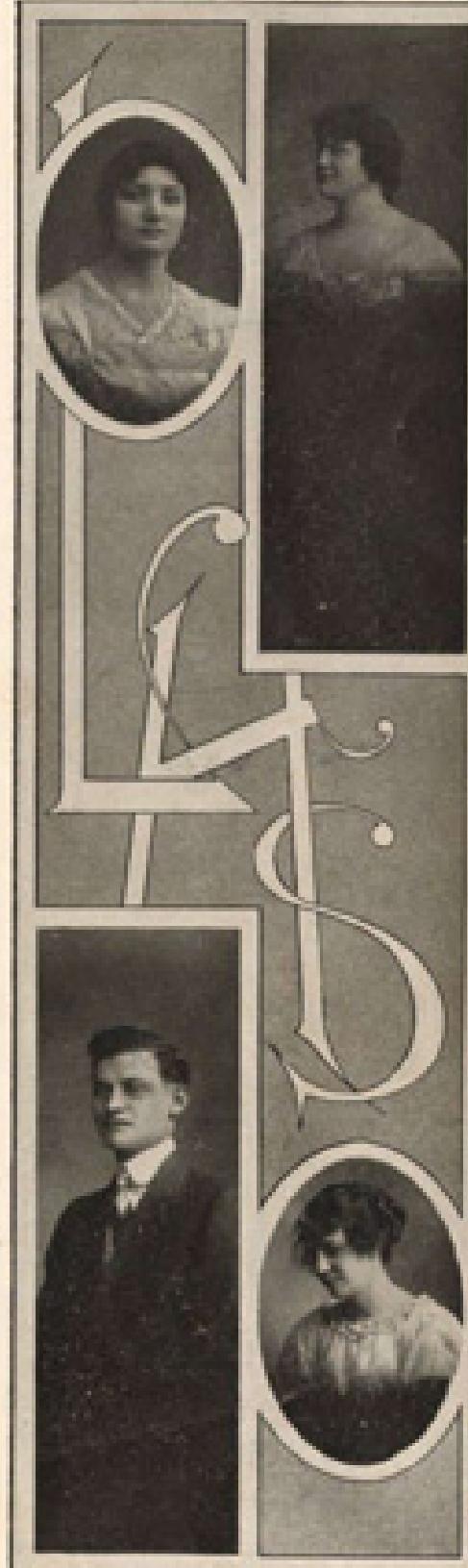
"Roselia." A maid she is of quiet days.
A student of old books and days.

1. Elizabeth Bunn

"Jack." Still waters run deep. Jack takes to love affairs like a duck to water but has always kept up a good appetite for Trout.

2. Hermelinda Orches

"Hermelinda." Is an excellent student yet she proposes making domestic science her life work, meaning —



1. Eugenia Lalone

"Kena." The good die young. Here's hoping you live to a ripe old age. Man figures largely in Kena's horizon and she firmly believes that girls should marry young.



4. Enrique Martinez

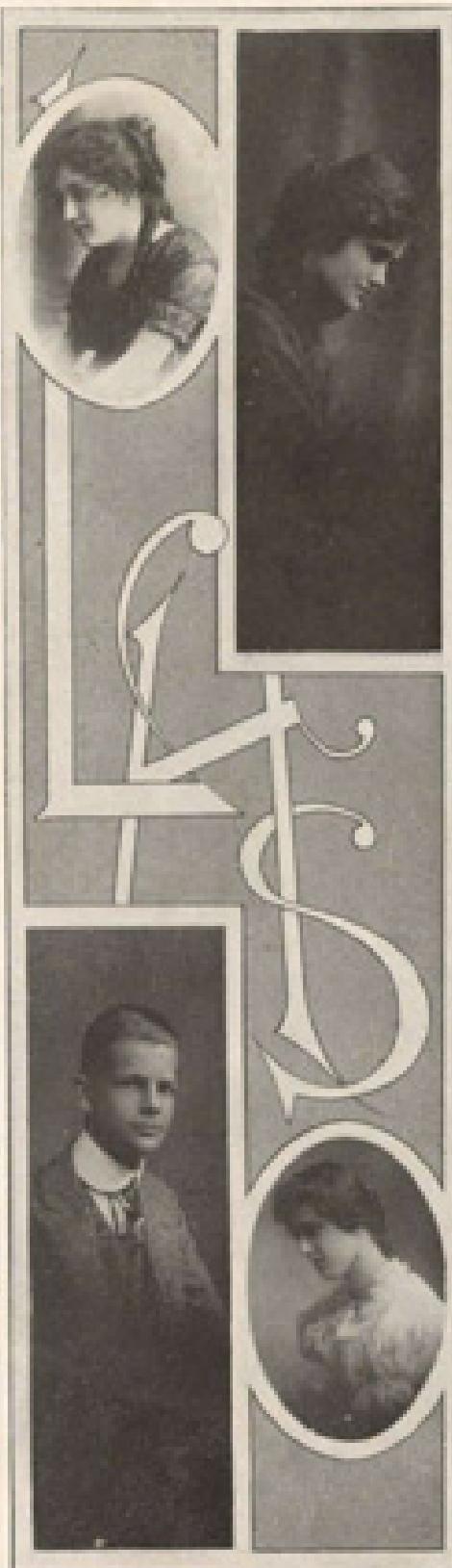
"Henry." He smiles when he's praised
He smiles at a frown,
He smiles at the girls
Going up stairs and down,
He smiles at an F,
He smiles at a P,
And he laughed out loud
When he once got an E.

3. Concepcion Rodriguez

"Concha." She is charming indeed; what more shall I say?

2. Melitta Villareal

"Tuna." Her voice is ever low and sweet, an excellent thing in woman. Rumor says that she is seriously contemplating matrimony and has always been ambitious to live in the North.



4. Edward Mihailly

"Ed." What's the use of making ninety when seventy-five will pass you? Ed. has the name of Special Disturber of Class except when installing electric bells or constructing great circles.

2. Vesta Sutton

"Vestit." She is musical and also very interesting which is saying a good deal—but it is so. She is one of the quiet kind who works away silently but none the less effectively.

1. Anita Shockey

"Coon." Her favorite maxim is "I should worry" and she practices it to perfection. Coon will work splendidly in double harness.

Junior Class History

In the seventh grade we looked forward with both delight and dread to the most important event in our school lives so far: our entrance into high school. We passed the whole summer waiting impatiently for the time to come. However, as September drew near, we heard so much about terrible things to be done to the freshmen, and the words "algebra" and "history," that we awaited the rest of the time with chills and thrills.

Finally the time came when we were "Freshies." We got through with the initiations safely, not finding them so terrible as we had anticipated. We mastered the "difficult" algebra and history, and found that our high school friends had been talking to frighten us. However, notwithstanding all this, we passed the greater part of the year in fear of the vicious little sophomores, who delighted in reminding us of our "greeness," and of the lofty superiority of the seniors and in longing to enter the various literary and athletic clubs. Finally we became members of the clubs and won notice in the basket ball teams. As the year progressed, we received praises from all the teachers and soon became known as one of the best classes in the high school.

We passed into the ninth grade with our heads high, feeling ourselves a superior class of sophomores. With remembrances of our freshman year, we soon began to inflict tortures on the new "Freshies." However, "Pride goeth before a fall" as we soon learned. Our averages lost the high standard of the year before and we were said to have degenerated.

With our pride in our pockets, we have now become juniors. Despite the fact that we have won the fame of being the only class who knows how to study a history outline, and the fact that one of our number won first prize for the best slogan for Laredo, we no longer consider ourselves a class of geniuses. We walk in squares, dream of angles, draw lines on our hands and circles over our heads, and are altogether deep in the mysteries of geometry and filled with expectancy for another important event in our school lives; our entrance into the senior class.

JUNIOR CLASS

Junior Class

PRESIDENT

Edward Mann.

EDITOR

Anna Sutton.

COLORS

Royal purple and white

FLOWER

White carnation

MOTTO

Labor omnia vincit.

YELL

Stand 'em on their heads!
Stand 'em on their feet!

Juniors! Juniors!
Can't be beat!

CLASS ROLL

Alice Adami.
Refugio Benavides.
George Bigden.
Edward Brewster.
Larline Davis.
Refugio Diaz.
Julia Hopkins.
Rowena Lotus.
Ed Mann.
Josefa Martinez.
Aaron Moser.
Josephine Roberts.
Lou Vena Sirois.
Anna Sutton.
Maxine Taylor.
Sara Vidaurri.



History of the Sophomore Class

1898
It was the last day of School, and we were assembled in our class room, anxiously waiting for our reports. After we had received them and found that most of us had passed, we were congratulated by our teacher and also by the superintendent. Yes, we did feel our importance and we knew we were brighter than any other pupils in the whole School. The sixteenth of September came "slow but sure" and we found ourselves assembled at the High School door.

We asked every one where our classroom was, but no one paid any attention to us. It was kind of the other pupils, especially the Sophomores to greet us in the following manner: "Hello there, barbarians, how are you this morning?" The Sophomores were anxious to get hold of our boys and initiate them. This they did. They made them get down on their hands and knees and roll chalk with their nose, and that was not enough—they even threw them into the air and caught them in blankets. In about a week, we got down to real hard study and we soon found out that "if we did not all hang together, we would all hang separately." No one seemed to care for us; not even the teachers. We had heard great tales about the High School teachers—especially Miss Tarver and Miss Gray. When we heard their foot steps coming slowly towards our room, we just put on our "innocent faces" and pretended to be studying. The seniors, juniors and "Sophs" treated us very cruelly, but we could not worry about a little thing like that. Even if they did not envy us as the "grammar school kids" did, we thought a great deal of our selves. At last, examinations came and we soon found ourselves enjoying summer vacation, but not so anxious for school to begin again. We knew what "high" was like by now.

When we entered school last fall, we felt our importance at being called "Sophomores." It was so much more expressive than "Freshmen." This year we began to feel as if we belonged to the "Laredo High" and we knew how hard we had to study in order to win the approval of our teachers. There was the same programme to carry out each day which was very tiresome and monotonous to us. Our one and only amusement was to make fun of and tease the "Freshies" and repay them for all the ill-treatment we had received the previous year.

We will be juniors next year and then seniors. We feel sure that the nineteen eighteen graduating class will be record breaking! We hope that we shall graduate with higher honors than have ever been won in the Laredo High School and that our teachers will rue the day they thought us blades of grass in both number and color.

Now sophomores, just one word of advice from one of your number. The only way to establish a good reputation among the teachers and our friends is; study hard, be true to everyone, and make as many friends as possible. Heed this advice and, with your present possibilities, I feel sure that we shall win success.

Class Roll

Ernest Buenz,
Katharine Brennan,
Sue Brennan,
Vida Burn,
Hilton Cline,
Frank Eistetter,
Marion Gray,
Marcia D. Jarratt,
Cecilia Leyendecker,
Lamar Leyendecker,
Olivette Landrum,
Emilie Merriweather,
Ernestina Salazar,
Joe Strain,
Alice Thompson,
Esther Vidaurri,
Graham Woods,
Melton Worsham.

CLASS PRESIDENT Ernest Buenz.
CLASS EDITOR Alice Thompson.
CLASS FLOWER Marshneil Rose.
CLASS MOTTO

To strive, to seek, to find, but not to yield.
CLASS COLORS White and Gold.
CLASS YELL
Zoobera! Zoobera! Zoobera -- Zoot!
Viva the class of 1918!

SOPHOMORE CLASS



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History of the Freshman Class

During the first week of our freshmen year, we felt out of place on account of our first entrance into high school. A new method of teaching—five or six teachers instead of the customary grammar school two and many other changes—caused an abrupt break in our School life.

At the end of the first week came the preliminary examinations. This was very exciting as we expected to be put back. Finally we got settled and began to get accustomed to the new school, and all went on very smoothly.

The first, second, and third months passed by without anything unusual. About this time, we organized the "Freshmen Fun Club" to unite the class socially and provide us recreation. The class officers were elected officers of the club. This organization was greatly enjoyed for two months but, unfortunately, by common consent, it was dissolved later.

At the beginning of the fifth month, we began to hear about the semi-annual examinations and the difficulty of passing them. Naturally, that gave us a hint that we had to study. Adding to our excitement, the teachers began to tell us about our bad grades and intimidated us. Finally the dreaded examinations came and, by the end of the week, we found we had come out victorious.

With this start, we do not intend to stop until we have finished "high" with banners flying.

FRESHMAN CLASS OFFICERS

President—Shelby Cotulla
Vice-President—Mary Hall
Treasurer—Victor Bourgnet
Editor—Pablo Martinez
Sergeant-at-Arms—Francesca Gutierrez
Tall Leader—Clyde Brennan
Colors—Orange and Black
Flower—Black-Eye Susan

MOTTO—"Be Sharp, be natural, but never be fat."

CLASS YELL

Rah! Rah! Rah!
Rah! Rah! Rah!
Nineteen! Nineteen!
The Class of True Blue!
Freshman!

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FRESHMAN CLASS

Freshmen Roll Call

Ruth Everett.
Francisca Gutierrez.
Mary Hall.
Teresa Henry.
Hortense Hebron.
Kidia Laurel.
Emma Medina.
Lucy Mandt.
Gladys O'Brien.
Francisca Rubio.
Genevieve Sharkey.
Mildred Spurrier.
Courtney Slaughter.
Will Austin.
Gus Becker.
Clyde Brennans.
Shelby Cotulla.
S. L. Dublin.
George Denson.
Seymour Ferguson.
Daniel Boone Lowry.
Joseph Lowry.
William Lake.
William Merriman.
James Moore.
Pablo Martinez.
Victor Sauvignet.
Cristobal Sanchez.
Tom Savey.
St. Elmo Trout.
August Wormser.



HIGH SCHOOL.**BEAUTIES**

Katherine Brennan



Melitta Villareal

Gladys O'Brien

ON THE ROAD TO TRIUMPH

The first Friday of October of nineteen hundred and fourteen, thirty-four girls under the leadership of Mrs. Threadgill met to organize a club, with the purpose of creating a spirit of loyalty and cooperation among the girls and of improving themselves along musical, literary, and parliamentary lines. The first officers elected were: President, Ruth Simpson; Vice-president, Irene Moser; Secretary and Treasurer, Ruth French; Sergeant-at-arms, Eugenia Lafon. Under this corps of officers, the girls began to enter into high school matters and to realize that they were a part in the great scheme of affairs. They entertained the visiting basket-ball teams and gave a moving picture benefit to buy books for the school library.

From that band of enthusiastic girls, the club has grown to be an important factor in the social life of the high school. Not only has it regularly entertained visiting teams in conjunction with the Boy's athletic club, but it has also held many social joint meetings which have tended not a little to promote a spirit of loyalty and cooperation among the members of both clubs. Besides the usual bi-monthly social meetings, the club held a kangaroo court, a burlesque trial greatly enjoyed by all the girls.

Now with a club membership of forty-five, the girls no longer feel that they have been neglected in athletic and social affairs. As it is a known tendency of human nature to fulfill, more or less, the estimate made of one, now that they begin to feel themselves appreciated and considered, there may be decidedly more achievement among them.

GIRLS' CLUB



FIRST TERM

| | |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| President | Eugenia Lafon |
| Vice-President | Lorraine Davis |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Alice Adams |
| Sergeant-at-arms | Mrs. Threadgill |

SECOND TERM

| | |
|---------------------|--------------------|
| President | A. May Nettie |
| Vice-President | Josephine Roberts |
| Secretary-Treasurer | Anna Sutton |
| Sergeant-at-arms | Courtney Slaughter |
| Parliamentarian | Miss Joe Gray |

FIVE YEARS OF ATHLETICS IN HIGH SCHOOL

The Laredo High School Athletic Club was organized on October the thirteenth of 1911 with a membership of twelve boys. The first president was Tom Austin, now a law student at the University of Texas. Miss Katherine Tarver was selected as Advisor, whose duties she has ably performed up to date. The club's rapid growth is largely due to her good judgement and hard work. The avowed purpose of the club was to "promote an interest in clean amateur athletic sports in the Laredo High School." The club has also stood for the good conduct and the right living which goes with all first class athletics, having prohibited the use of tobacco and rough language among its members. In material things, the club has built, equipped, and lighted the basket-ball court at its own expense, and has always paid the bills for basket-ball and base-ball supplies.

The chief sport has been basket-ball, teams having been pitted against the Holding Institute and Army Post teams. The record in basket-ball has been very satisfactory in spite of the fact that, owing to disabilities among the players, the 1913-1916 team has met with several defeats. The Corpus Christi High School five has always been the keenest rival, but Laredo, holds the championship, having won five out of eight games played with that team. The Laredo Team has also won the majority of games against the Holding Institute, the Soldiers, and the "Blue Ribbons", composed of ex-college boys. The victories of the last two years are largely due to the excellent coaching of the Reverend L. H. Wharton.

The club also takes a lively part in social affairs. The annual picnic given in conjunction with the girl's club is one of the great events of the school term. The yearly entertainment held in honor of the graduates is another enjoyable occasion. This year the club has joined the girl's organization in literary meetings and in a party honoring the visiting teams from Corpus Christi and Cotulla.

During its five years of vigorous life, the club has made an enviable record. It has always stood for the highest standards in conduct and scholarship. A number of its former members are now successful students at the University of Texas and at the A. and M. College. Greer of the 1913 class was a strong aspirant for the position of third baseman on this year's University Team. The present membership of the club numbers twenty-six, showing a healthy growth that promises a long and useful activity.

BOYS' ATHLETIC CLUB



FIRST TERM

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| President | Howell Barnette |
| Vice President | Aaron Moyer |
| Secretary | Edward Brewster |
| Treasurer | Earl de la Garga |
| Sergeant-at-arms | Melton Worsham |

LAST TERM

| | |
|------------------|------------------|
| President | Aaron Moyer |
| Vice President | J. S. Lowry |
| Secretary | Ernest Baenz |
| Treasurer | Hilton Cline |
| Sergeant-at-arms | William Morrison |

GIRLS' BASKET BALL TEAM



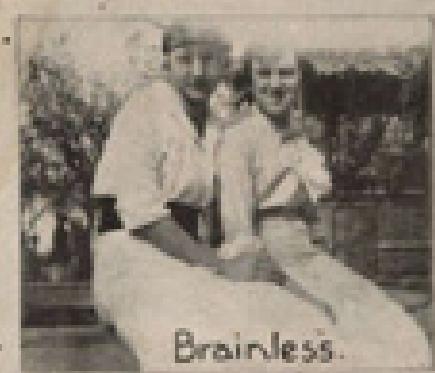
Top row: Marcia D. Jarrett
 Second row; left to right, Sue Brennan, Irene Moser, Larine Davis, Katherine Brennan Captain, Courtney Slaughter, Mary Hall, Olivette Landrum.
 Third row: Cecilia Leyendecker, Emilie Merrivweather, Genevieve Sharkey.

BOYS' BASKET BALL TEAM

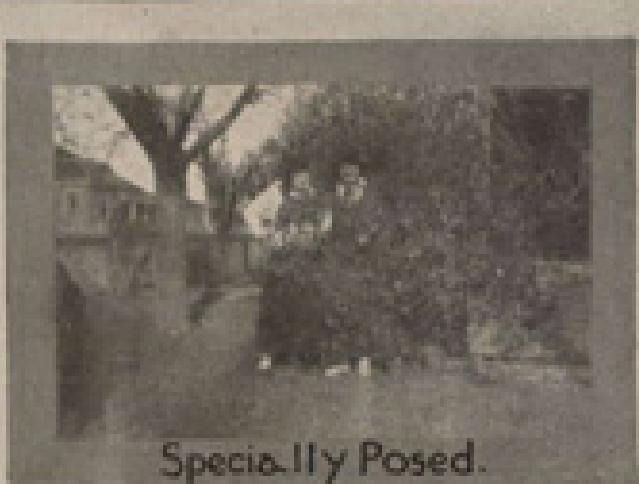


First row: left to right Wareham, Berrette, Captain Mann, Martineet.
Second row: Bigden, Brewster.





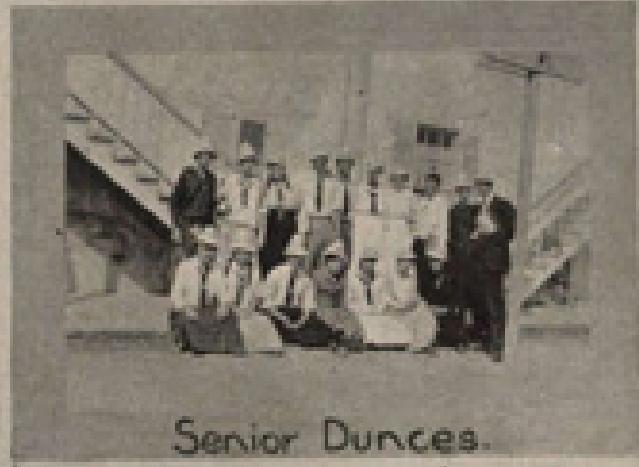
Brainless.



Specially Posed.

Puzzle: Which Is A
Mellins Food Product?

Senior Dunces.

**THE SENIOR BOYS**

In a quiet little School-room
Down near the Rio Grande
Live a few high school seniors,
A lively little band.

Of hard and earnest workers
Who learn their lessons well
Of some of these bright students
A few things now I'll tell.

There's Ed, both tall and slender,
Who thinks it safe and wise
To joke at all the small boys
Because they're not his size.

These jokes are quite the limit,
They are sometimes really funny,
But unlike his clothes and movies
They cost him little money.

There's Raul, the lad so studious,
The boy who's always right,
He studies in the mornings
And studies late at night

And Henry, you all know him
For he is quite a tease,
But he's not so bad for all that
For he sometimes tries to please.

The next we will call in right now
For fear that you'll forget.
He's a big and husky fellow,
His last name is Burnette.

He'll some day be director
Of one great big concern,
He'll grow to great dimensions
And money have to burn.

Dear Raul, Ed, and Burnette,
And my good friend Henry
Now you tell all the girls and boys
Just what you think of me.

— Robert Gallahan.

"WORK"

Who can escape the great game of work in life? The rich, the poor, the wise, and the dull must all be pushed at some time into one of the two kinds of work-contests, namely the work-to play or the work which has to be done and which has usually a determined and definite end.

Now the idle and the rich might think that they escape the common game of the working people but do they not eat, play cards, play tennis, and various other things that amount to work in the end? Just because they are being amused, they think that they are free from that grinding mill called "Work": but they are only deceiving themselves, for if they were compelled to do these things that they take in the form of recreations, they would quickly shrink from them when they recognized them to be "Work."

Now the people who have to work sometimes shrink also from the labor but they know that they have to work; so they toil on often wearily. There are all kinds of people who are forced to labor. There are those who selfishly toil and toil for money, those who work with their brains, perhaps, for good and honorable aims, and those who struggle for an existence. Many of the persons who consider themselves unfortunate because they have to work make themselves miserable by doing their duties just half way instead of getting pleasure out of them by doing them thoroughly.

Now, this game of "Work" should be looked on in an entirely different light. There is no harm in a person's being rich, but there is harm in wasting good energy. Since all men were made to work in some way, even though the labor might seem like play, everybody, whether at work or at play, should put their whole strength into their occupations so as to make use of the energy that was given them, in order to make the world an interesting industrious, and progressive place.

Vesta Sutton.

A Little Nonsense

Seven Wonders of the High School

The height of Maxine Taylor's social ambitions,
Howell Burnette,
Rogelia Garcia's ceaseless chatter,
Lorraine Davis' headache band,
How Marcia D. Jarratt manages to make long curls from her bobbed hair,

Edward Mallally in a basket-ball suit,
The way Courtney slaughter's trout. (Labeled: a Poo.)

Kingly Notice

My studiousness-Henry Martinez,
My slim tallness-Daniel Boone Lowry,
McGladys O'Brien,
My existence-Edward Brewster,
My Classic beauty-Melton Worsham,
My Roman profile-Robert Gallahan.

Exhibits in the Junior Class side show

Ed Mann, the nine year old wonder,
Edward Brewster, the only human rooster in the world,
Josephine Roberts, the only walking dictionary in existence,
George Bigden, performing monkey of the class,
Josefa Martinez, the inimitable personification of a talking machine.

Advice to the geometry class

Do not loiter or shirk,
Do not falter or shrink,
But think out your work,
Then work out your think.

Want Ads

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Wanted: A date, Apply at any time. | Marcia D. Jarratt. |
| Wanted: A Man. | Mary Hall. |
| Wanted-To sell or trade school pins; have an over supply-good bargains. | Sisay Moser. |
| Wanted-A Cozy corner. | Vida Bunn. |



Our Queen of the May, Julia Mae of the house of Smith and her Court of the Lilies.



Princess Ruth of the house of Simpson and her Court of the Yellow Chrysanthemum.

Our New High School

"The time has come, the walrus said"—and it has! We long have been hoping for some promising sign of a better school house. Perhaps we ought not to have complained. Perhaps we ought to have been content with our old adobe institute of higher learning, centuries ago, condemned as a jail. But our complaints have brought forth results. We are to have a new high school building! The plans are being drawn, the bids are in process. There is no doubt about it, Laredo is becoming surprisingly awake. We owe our thanks to \$30,000 worth of bonds which were almost unanimously voted by the citizens to build better schools.

May all the students enjoy the new building as much as we have enjoyed the hope of one!

The May Day Fete

The May Day Fete is becoming a local institution. At first launched to secure funds for an enlargement of the school library, it has become an established celebration, still however, with the same laudable purpose. The high school played a prominent part in the festivities of nineteen hundred and fifteen providing both a queen and princess, Julia Mae of the house of Smith, surrounded by the court of the Lilies, was crowned queen of the day by crown bearer Reuben Cotulla and was given her insignia of royalty by Guy Trout. Ruth of the house of Simpson led the procession followed by her escort, the court of the Yellow Chrysanthemum. In every way the fete was a signal success, and it would be hard to overpraise the energetic teachers of the city for their work.

Mexico

As in my English class I sit,
A view of Mexico fair
Have I, which with the sun is lit
Like jewels in the air.

The first of all to meet my gaze,
The Grande winding on,
A ribbon green in morning haze
Goes out of view anon.

And next I see the building storm
By Huerta's cruel hand
And they present a view forlorn
Seen frequent through the land.

At last and furthest sight of all,
The hills and mountains far,
Whose stately distant figures tall
Dispel all thoughts of war.

Joe Strain

In The Classroom

Miss Kline: "From what college did Shakespeare graduate?"

Rowena: "From Harvard."

Miss Kline, in botany class: "What is an annual plant?"

Josefa, looking wise: "Why it is a plant that bears an annual ring!"

Miss Kline in English class: "What are the dates of the birth and death of Robert Louis Stevenson?"

Maxine, "He was born in 1850 and died in 1894, why, if he were not dead, he'd still be alive!"

Miss Gray in history class: "What is the most important event during the reign of Edward II?"

Lou Vena: "His running away."

"When you do not have long rhyme, you have what?" asked Miss Tarrer to the English class.

"Well, you have short rhyme," replied Olivette.

"If you should compare a Northerner and a Southerner, you would find that the Northerner has by far more energy," Was the information Mrs. Threadgill gave the physiography class.

"The Northerners did not have so much energy at Bell Run," argued Melton.

Miss Gray: Where did the plebeians come from?

Olivette: "From Piebeia, of course."

Speaking of the governors of Texas, Mrs. Threadgill said, "Take the Hogg, for instance, there are plenty of them."

The class had just had an English lesson on the different kinds of feet in poetry.

"Now I know what kind of feet I have—spondee—two strong" remarked Vida.

"Where did you say we could find the old governors of Texas, Mrs. Threadgill?" questioned one of the pupils.

"I think you will be able to find most of them in their graves now," answered Melton brilliantly.

"How else, except by its color, can you tell that a snake is poisonous?"

"Let it bite you," replied Vida.

Ernest's description of a gentleman, found in a theme.

"He had a tie around his neck, a hat on his head, and brown leggings on legs."

Miss Pierce, in a noisy study period: "Please do not forget to speak without permission."

"What is the object of this class?" asked the Freshman vice-president.

"To graduate in 1919," answered some one in the back of the room.

A Leap Year Letter

Dearest Robert:

I guess this letter will surprise you more than anything else in the world. But I am going to ask you a question that I have thought of many times but have never dared to question you face to face. This question has been uppermost in my mind ever since I met you but, fearing you would only say, "I do not know," I withheld the few words that could have made me the most blissful person in the world. In this letter, I trust my future happiness to you. If your answer will not be favorable, my life will be wrecked. Your dear face and lovable manner won my heart and prompted me to write and ask you this before I wilt away with the suspense of it. When I am with you, the world seems rosy hues. Will you try to make me happy by giving me an affirmative answer? Some day when dreams come true, I will show you how your happiness depends on the way you answer my question. I am almost afraid to ask it for fear you will think me forward. Now tell me from the very depths of your heart, "Do you think Jeff will ever be as tall as Mutt?"

Ever thy own,

C. L.

School Calendar

- Sept. 20-School takes in.
Sept. 25-Boy's Club holds its first meeting.
Oct. 1-Seniors organize.
Oct. 5-The Freshmen have at last learned their programs.
Oct. 8-Seniors have learned one Latin phrase, "In Omnia Paratus."
Oct. 13-Base-ball game between "High" and Laredo Seminary." Score -13-3 in favor of High School.
Oct. 14-The annual is launched.
The Physics class install an electric bell between buildings.
Oct. 15-Girl's Club holds its first meeting.
Oct. 18-Nothing like a marriage next door to attract attention.
Oct. 22-Basket ball game between senior boys and Junior boys. Victory for Seniors, 6-5.
Nov. 1-Buffalo Bill's Wild West Show comes to town. No school, and Miss Tarrer feeds the elephants peanuts.
Nov. 5—"Nigger" minstrels come to town.
Nov. 9-Jack comes to school with a broken heart. It takes the curiosity of the girls to get the cat out of the bag.
Nov. 19-Seniors realize the importance of an emblem to distinguish them from the "common herd."
Nov. 19-Governor Ferguson comes to confer with General Carranza.
Dec. 2-Mr. Taylor of the U. of T. gives us a lecture.
Dec. 23-H. S. old timers talk to the athletic club.
Dec. 24-H. S. defeated college basket ball team. Score 25-24.
Jan. 15-According to May, Longfellow was the household pet of the American people.
Jan. 17-Jack declared that she was tired of living and would be glad to end it all.
Oh, crook, crook world! Someone volunteer an explanation.
Jan. 21-Anita says "Veni, vidi, vici" means "Twinkle, twinkle, little star."
Feb. 20-Seniors entertain at a box party at the Royal Theatre.
Feb. 22-The visiting basket ball teams are entertained.
Feb. 23-They were not escaped lunatics; only the Seniors in their new class hats.
Mch. 12-Seniors discuss matrimony.
Mch. 31-Lecture by Dr. J. B. Wharey of U. of T.

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The Last Word

The compilation of this volume has been no simple task, and to those who have given their loyal cooperation and invaluable aid, I wish to express my appreciation. Eugenia Laton has shown true school loyalty in always staying at her post and giving of her best. Raúl de la Garza has proved himself a capable and efficient manager. Without the aid of the generous business men of the city, this volume would not have been realized.

In this book I have tried to convey an image of our life at high school but I leave you to be our judge and jury.

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