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### *Foreword*

WE, the Staff of '27, know that there are many mistakes which are to be corrected in the future years, but we trust that they will be overlooked in this volume of the Lair. Our aim is to record scenes and incidents on the campus, which are so dear to the hearts of ol' Rockdale students. If in later years, you, the Reader, can turn these pages and be stirred by the familiar scenes and faces, we will feel that our purpose has been accomplished.



### *Dedication*

TO OUR beloved Superintendent, who has made our annual possible and who stands for better and higher ideals in school life, being a "good fellow," participating in all activities, and under all circumstances endeavoring to be just, we affectionately dedicate this, the first volume of the "Lair."



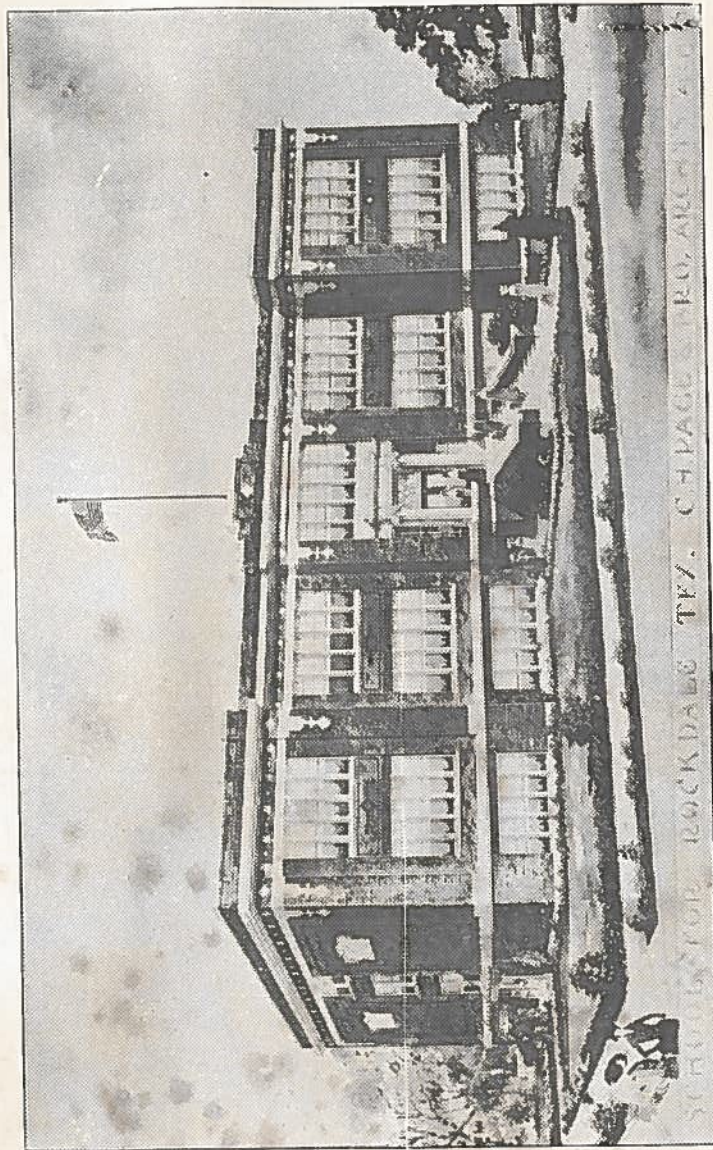
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THE SCHOOL





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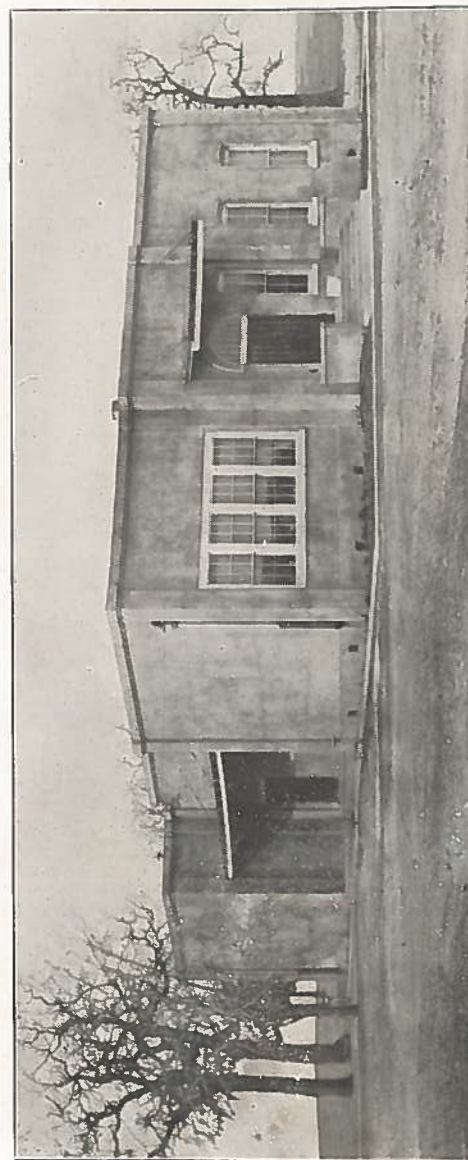
### To the Students of '26 and '27

The "Lair," the first annual ever issued by the students of Rockdale High School, is both a picture and story of our school life of '26-'27, and to some extent a history of the school's past.

Those who turn through these pages twenty-five or thirty years hence, may find many things that seem strange and perhaps even crude, but to the present student body, the book will always be a pleasant reminder of a happy and useful school year spent within the walls of our splendid high school building.

The board of education and citizens of Rockdale have provided well for the education of the children of this town and surrounding community. The pupils, themselves, are, I feel, above the average in scholarship, in conduct and above all in the friendly relation and good fellowship which they hold for the teachers. It is an inspiration as well as a benediction and an opportunity to be superintendent of such a school.

J. C. WILKERSON, Superintendent

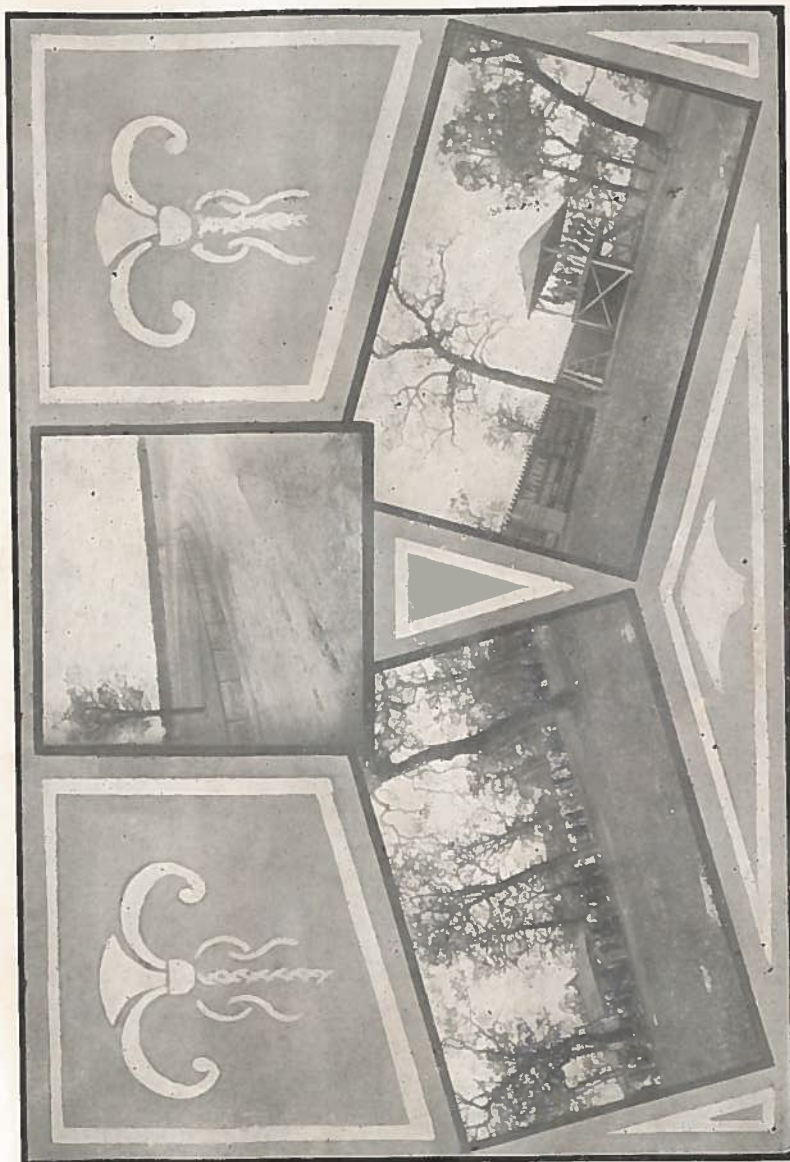


### Our Primary School

Above is the picture of our splendid primary school. It is modern in every respect and has all kinds of equipment for beginners. There are four class rooms, a spacious hall, and a book room. Here the children of the first three grades are taught. It is quite an advantage to have these little people in a separate building from the influence of the older children.

Here some of the best work in the entire system is done. Mrs. Jim Lanning, familiarly known as Miss Fredonia, is principal and has charge of the second grade. The other teachers are Miss Gladys Brannon, who teaches the beginners; Miss Lella Brightman, who has charge of the third grade; and Miss Ophela Estell, who teaches part of the high third and the low fourth.

Some days the little people in this building will be Rockdale High School students and we predict that you will hear good reports from them.



Scenes from the Fair Park, in which is located the famous gridiron of the Rockdale High School Tigers. Here on last Armistice Day thousands of people from all parts of Milam County gathered to witness the annual grudge battle between the Tigers and the Yoemen from Cameron.



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Science and Math.

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Principal and Coach  
Science and Math.

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Sam Houston  
Seventh Grade

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John Tarleton  
Expression





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Fifth Grade

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Sixth Grade

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Fourth Grade

MISS LELLA BRIGHTMAN  
Texas University  
Second Grade

MRS. JAMES LANNING  
Sam Houston  
Principal of Ward School  
Second Grade

MISS OPHELIA ESTELL  
Southwestern  
Third Grade

MISS GLADYS BRANNON  
Howard-Payne  
First Grade



## An Appreciation

TO Mrs. T. V. Montgomery who in her loving unselfishness has devoted her time and care to the publishing of the "Lair." She has entered into all student activities wholeheartedly and through her earnest endeavor has benefitted, not only the students, but the development of school spirit. The greater part of the work on the "Lair" has been accomplished by her skillful and ready hands. Always Mrs. Monty has had the interest of the annual at heart and has graciously agreed to aid in carrying out the ideals of the Staff. Her clear sighted wise voice of judgment has influenced a great many students toward the right and happy way of life.

EDITOR-IN-CHIEF.



### *Staff's Alibi*

When the printer blows the whistle  
 For the "Lair's" work to stop,  
 Deal justly with the Staff, folks,  
 If 'tis perfect or 'tis not.

Tho' we know that our poor judgement  
 Has imprinted errors sad,  
 We have left work with a fond hope  
 That the good out-weighs the bad.

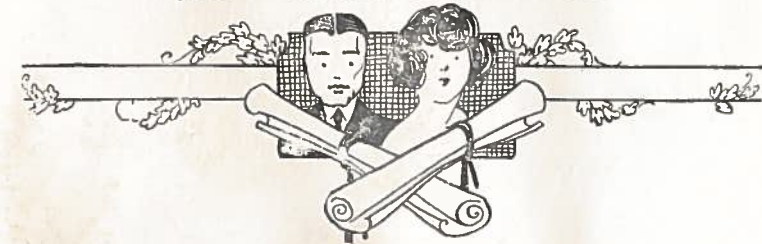
What abilities and good ideas  
 Might have been within our view,  
 Takes the money to put them before us  
 So all our dreams cannot come true.

If in future days which are inevitable  
 These pages show how happy hours have stayed,  
 And bring back pleasant mem'ries forgotten,  
 Our labor then shall have been repaid.



## CLASSES

# Senior





## Class of '27

### OFFICERS

MARTIN BLACKBURN - - - President  
 GEORGE V. PERRY - - - - Treasurer  
 WILMA HILLYER - - - - - Secretary  
 MYRTLE OFFIELD - - - - - Reporter

### MOTTO:

" 'Tis evening yet dawn "

### COLORS:

Pink and Lavender

### FLOWER:

Pink Rosebuds



### WILMA HILLYER

Philo; Spanish Club; Pres. of Jr. Class; Sec. of Senior Class; Pep Leader; Editor of "Tiger Tales"; Editor of "Lair"; Jr. Play '26; Giddings Trip; Glee Club; Tennis '27.  
 A-A-A—sure, those are her grades. Wilma is the master mind of the class and we depend on her for every responsible undertaking.

### MYRTLE OFFIELD

Philo; "Tiger Tales" Staff; Glee Club; Spanish Club.

A friendly, clever girl who is much given to strong opinions and if she once decides she is right—well, Hercules himself could not move her.

### MARTIN BLACKBURN

"Tenus"  
 Pres. of Aths. '27; Football '26; Jr. Play '26; "Arizona Cowboy" '27; "Lair" Staff; "Tiger Tales" Staff; Pres. of Senior Class; Giddings Trip; Glee Club; I. P. T.  
 "The Sheik of the Seniors" is the title deserved by Martin in spite of the fact that he is one of our best athletes and all-round boys.

### GEORGE PERRY

Ath.; Football '26; "Arizona Cowboy" '27; Giddings Trip "flunky"; "Tiger Tales" Staff; Bus. Man. "Lair" Staff; Treas. Senior Class; Glee Club; I. P. T.

So far in life George has had only two serious thoughts—football and his numerous love affairs.

Wilma Hillyer: "I hear Boyd Worley is getting thrifty and saving up for a rainy day."

Myrtle Offield: "A 'wet' night, most likely."



EDYTHE CURREY  
"Stumpy"

Sec. of Philos '27; "Arizona Cowboy" '27; Capt. of Basketball '26; Basketball '27; High School Beauty '27.

Since becoming the High School Beauty Edythe does not believe so strongly in the concentration of love affairs.

CALVIN SCOTT

Football '25, '26; Basketball '26, '27; Baseball '26; Ath.; "Arizona Cowboy" '27; I. P. T.

Everybody loves a tall man, but anyway, who could help loving such a good-natured fellow as Scott.

ANNA MARIE BARNES  
"Venus"

Pres. of Philos. '27; Jr. Reporter; Play '26; "Arizona Cowboy" '27; Giddings Trip; Glee Club.

Not only beauty but determination was conceded her by the gods; if in doubt, just start her talking.

AARON GREEN  
"Babe"

Ath.; "Arizona Cowboy" '27; Baseball '26; Basketball '26, '27; Football '26; Glee Club; I. P. T.

Babe is a quiet, reserved fellow, a friend to all, but "still waters run deep," you know.

J. P. is so dumb that he thinks you have to work in a post-office before you belong to a male-quartet.



DOROTHEA LEE  
"Dot"

Ath.; Jr. Play; "Arizona Cowboy"; "Lair" Staff; Giddings Trip; Glee Club.

A member of the vampish three—and in spite of her many heavy crushes, she manages to make the Honor Roll.

J. P. SPARKS  
"Spuds"

Philo; Football '25, '26; I. P. T.; Jr. Play; Giddings Trip; Debater '26, '27; "Lair" Staff.

Spuds is no exception to the rule that all fat men are jolly, but we won't say another word for fear he would argue us out of it.

ANITA VOGEL

Ath.; Spanish Club; Glee Club.

Her clear eyes gaze steadfastly, enhancing the beauty of her winning smile.

THOMAS CRUMP  
"T"

Jr. Play; Track '26, '27; Football '25, '26; Giddings Trip; Debater '27; Spanish Club; Glee Club.

Nothing ever excites T, he just ambles along making friends of everyone.

Lois Ferguson: "Do you think Wendell could maintain a wife?"

Thomas: "Why, he can't even maintain a conversation!"



## ELIZABETH UNDERWOOD

She was pierced by cupid's dart, and won her "Mrs." degree before receiving her diploma from R. H. S.

## RUTH HAMILTON

Philo; Spanish Club.

A girl with lots of fun and good judgment about her is a girl to be envied.

## MEL SUMMERS

Philo; Football '26; Tennis '26, '27; Track '26, '27; Jr. Play; Glee Club; "Arizona Cowboy" '27; Giddings Trip.

Science arguments are his Jonah, but who cares about science when he is so wicked he carries burned matches?

## LAWRENCE KEEN

Philo; Track '26, '27; Basketball '27; Glee Club.

What thou art we know not, but often success lies in silence.

George P: "It's sure going to be hard to leave dear old R. H. S."

Martin: "Hard! Almost impossible!"



## RAYE CURREY

Treas. of Philo; Basketball '26; Capt. of Basketball '27.

A careful student—careful not to over-do; Raye just looks wise and fools the faculty.

## GLENNA SPIEGEL

Ath.; Debater '26, '27.

She has dark eyes; beware! beware! She is bewitching; take care; take care!

## WILMER RINN

Football '26; Basketball '27; Track '27; Ath.; "Arizona Cowboy" '27; I. P. T.

You never can convince any Senior that Wilmer is anything but "the biggest liar since '89."

## VIRGINIA THWEATT

Ath.; Spanish Club; Glee Club.

Frank, friendly and full of fun and according to her teachers she is bound to land in politics.

Ruth Kirk: "I think L. C. talks so sensible."

Virginia Thweatt: "What does he talk about?"

Ruth: "Me."



ORENE ANDERSON

Basketball '27; Glee Club; Ath.  
She's a good sport, level-headed  
and a good reasoner.

EVANGELINE BEVERS

Ath.; Spanish Club '27.  
She likes solid geometry and her  
dog, but can't she tell a joke?

CLYDE GRIFFIN

Philo.  
A quiet, friendly fellow for whom  
the future holds untold blessings.

BARNEY WATSON

Ath.; Glee Club; Track '27; Bas-  
ketball '27.  
He says little but every act shows  
courage and strength of character.

Calvin Scott: "Have you a date for  
tonight?"

Myrtle Offield (hopefully): "No, I am  
not doing a thing."

Calvin: "Fine! I have a good book for  
you to read."



LILLIAN WALLIS  
"Lil"

Ath.; Jr. Play; Giddings Trip;  
Spanish Club.  
Cares to her shall be as light as  
bubbles in the air, so long as she  
has her vanity and lipstick.

LUCILLE LANDIS  
"Cille"

Sec. of Aths.; Jr. Play; "Arizona  
Cowboy" '27; Glee Club; Giddings  
Tr.p; Debater '27.  
If gab can get one anywhere,  
Shell never be guilty of paying  
fare.

ELLIE MAE LYNCH

Philo.  
An earnest student who knows only  
the first letter of the alphabet  
when it comes to grades.

BERTIE SMITH

Ath.  
I must be dignified for the whole  
Senior Class—a model of proprie-  
ty.

Ellie Mae Lynch is such a modest girl that  
she won't do improper-fractions.



## EULA STILES

Ath; Spanish Club; Glee Club.  
 "Gentlemen prefer blondes," and  
 Eula does not prove an exception.

## GLADYS SIMMONS

Ath.; "Arizona Cowboy" '27; Glee  
 Club.

Despite Gladys' serious countenance she has a merry smile which lends attractiveness to her many curls.

## KIRBY SIMMONS

Philo; Football '26; Basketball '27;  
 "Lair" Staff; Jr. Play; "Arizona  
 Cowboy"; I. P. T.; Debater '27;  
 Track '27.

"I thank the gods no serious  
 thoughts approach me." Kirby  
 has been the class jester since we  
 were in the first grade.

RUTH KIRK  
"Red"

Philo; Pres. of Spanish Club;  
 "Lair" Staff; "Tiger Tales" Staff;  
 Glee Club; Tennis '27.

Here's another A-A-A student, one  
 whose warm-hearted generosity  
 shines forth even in her hair.

## LOIS FERGESON

Ath.; Spanish Club; Glee Club.

One of our class beauties who  
 makes good in her studies and ad-  
 mires underclassmen.



## Class History

Eleven years ago the present seniors entered upon their school career—the first few years were spent in the "little school building," but since then a new building has been the center of activities. Our class has striven for two things, first to uphold our former honor, and second to set a new pace for the coming classes. Time alone will be the judge as to whether or not we have succeeded in upholding our ideal, but we at least have this consolation that we have tried to the utmost of our ability.

Now, we have only one regret, and that is we are soon to leave the portals of R. H. S. Most of us feel that it would be sarcasm if we were to say that we wish we had studied more diligently.

We trust that the seniors of '27 will meet the battles of Life in the same steadfast, and serious manner as they have in overcoming their school problems.





## Class Poem

### LOOKING BACKWARD

As we leave the old halls of high school  
 There's something we must leave behind,  
 Then there's something that ever clings to us  
 And grows fonder with passing of time.

Our best wishes will be here forever  
 For our teachers with patience untold,  
 And the classes that follow our footsteps,  
 May their efforts reward them tenfold.

With us we'll keep the memory  
 Of the pleasures we did enjoy,  
 And the feeling of being proud Seniors,  
 And of finishing high school, Oh Boy!

We'll remember our teachers by classes;  
 Our Latin was taught by a man  
 Who bossed the whole school, but yet  
 He never gave real hard exams.

Now Physics was sort of a Jonah  
 But nobody failed just the same,  
 For our "Lab" and some of our classes  
 Were used for re-playing some game.

Such fun we had in "Solid" and "Trig";  
 Mr. Laurence gave us Math;  
 Miss Knopp just rattled off Spanish,  
 We listened but all could not quaff.

Miss Noble and Mrs. Gillespie  
 Taught History and English with zest;  
 We learned of the Romans and Germans,  
 Of Plato and Edgar A. Guest.

Our study periods always were lovely,  
 With never a thing to do  
 But look at the funny papers,  
 And keep plenty of gum to chew.

And listen to George 'bout the annual,  
 J. P. and Lucille fuss and fight;  
 To keep Martin seated and busy,  
 Would not have been treating him right.

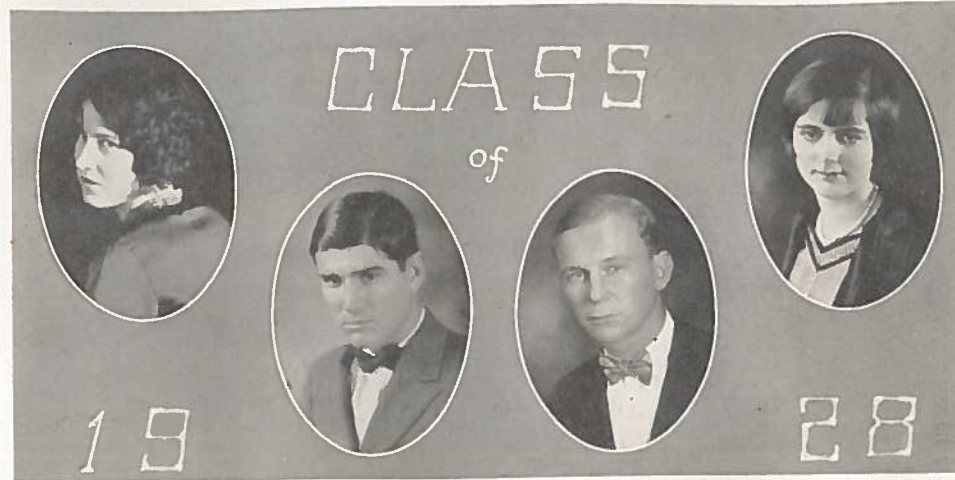
But all in all, when it's over,  
 And the time is when we must part,  
 Tho' the finish is great, this old high school  
 Will forever have room in our hearts.



# Junior







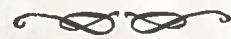
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OPAL TAYLOR  
Secretary-Treasurer

EDNA KIRK  
Reporter

NEWTON DANIELS  
President

LOUIS RINN  
Vice-President



MOTTO:

"B<sup>2</sup>"

COLORS:  
Purple and White

FLOWER:  
Sweet Peas



*Class Roll*

- |                    |                     |                   |
|--------------------|---------------------|-------------------|
| BOYD WORLEY        | ALFRED BAILEY       | BERNADINE CHILDS  |
| IRENE PHILLIPS     | RAIFORD FOSTER      | ANGELINE FERGUSON |
| TERRY MOSES        | ANNIE MAE SHECKLES  | JENNIE BELL CONE  |
| LLOYD DYER         | WILLIE MAE CLAMPETT | NEWTON DANIELS    |
| JACK WILLIAMS      | LOIS CLARE          | OPAL TAYLOR       |
| CORA LANGSTON      | LOIS DYER           | MRS. GILLESPIE    |
| HERBERT LIGHTFOOT  | L. C. FRANKLIN      | LOUIS RINN        |
| ARA FAYE EDMUNDSON | RUTH RALEY          | EDNA KIRK         |
| FAYE LINDER        | RAYE VINTON         | PEARL HARRISS     |
|                    | WILLARD CLYMORE     |                   |



## Class History

In '25 when we entered the vast field of knowledge, known as high school, we were only "Fish" with 36 members. Our first year was very successful. We boasted of two honor students, Edna Kirk and Cora Langston.

In September of '26 we were again ready to enter the portals of this school as Sophomores with 14 originals and 16 additionals. That year we were again successful in reaping our rewards as Cora Langston, Edna Kirk and Terry Moses were honor students.

This year many new students have added to the laurels of the class. The Juniors were well represented in all branches of athletics.

We are determined to be the liveliest and most energetic Senior Class graduated by R. H. S.

Newt. D.: "It took me almost 2 yrs. to learn to play football."

Mr. Monty: "And what did U get for your pains?"

Newt.: "Sloan's liniment."

Mrs. G.: "I just can't stop coughing. I must have a straw caught in my throat."

Herbert L.: "Straw nothing! You've got lint on your lungs from chewing the rag so much."



## Sophomore





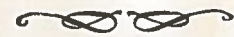
### Officers

MIGNON GRAVES  
Secretary-Treasurer

LOIS GUNN  
Reporter

LEROY HILLYER  
President

FLORINE SMITH  
Vice-President



MOTTO:

"Before us lies the timber, let us build."

COLORS:  
Gold and White

FLOWER:  
Shasta Daisy



### Class Roll

- |                   |                      |                     |
|-------------------|----------------------|---------------------|
| Mayes Sparks      | Allegra Yoakum       | Mary Alice Gohman   |
| Paris Murray      | Mervyn Offield       | Margaret Lengert    |
| Willie Brown      | Rodney Monatgue      | Katherine Alexander |
| Bob Ryan          | Wendell Dyer         | Mignon Smith        |
| Don Luckey        | Leo Cone             | Janie Ruth Sikes    |
| Sumner Foster     | Ruby Lee Raley       | Mr. Reid Laurence   |
| Clifton Wade      | Nona Smith           | Edith Porter        |
| Katherine Green   | Mary Frances Thweatt | Cleone Sikes        |
| Alice Keen        | Billie Orr           | Ardis Clare         |
| Charles Newton    | Elizabeth Ryan       | Florine Smith       |
| Lillie Mae Dean   | Marion Bodiford      | Mignon Graves       |
| Della Stein       | Esther Lynch         | Miss Mary Noble     |
| Willie Mae McLeod | Mildred Dunham       | Lois Gunn           |
| Dixie Barnes      | Johnnie Richards     | Leroy Hillyer       |
| Erma Doss         | Maud Aldridge        |                     |

Miss Noble: "Well, Mr. Laurence, how were your exams?"

Mr. L.: "A complete success; everybody failed."



## Class History

The biggest class that ever entered Rockdale High School is the class of 1929. It is not only the largest but also, according to all the authorities, the most brilliant.

During the year 1925-26, we had as sponsors, Misses Lois Glass and Pearl Fletcher. This year our overseers are Mr. Wendell Reid Laurence and Miss Mary Elizabeth Noble. Thru their untiring efforts our class has so developed that it is doubtful whether or not another such class will ever be entered in R. H. S.

Our class has well been represented in athletic contests. In football we furnished the gridiron John Richards, Charles Thomas Newton, Wells Allen, Marion Bodiford and Emory Pickens. The sophs on our championship basket ball team were Mary Alice Gohman, Maud Aldridge, Erma Doss, Ruby Raley and Louise Martin.

We were not only strong in athletics but also in the literary events, Lois Gunn and Kate Alexander representing us in Junior spelling with Mary Thweatt in declamation. Among our class are several noted singers, members of the High School Glee Club, Lois Gunn, Sue Davis Allen, Edith Porter, Cleone Sikes, Charles Newton, Mignon Graves, and Mildred Dunham. On the Tiger Tales Staff is L. Gunn and on the annual staff, M. Graves. On the Honor Roll we see the familiar names of Don Carter Luckey, Lois Imogene Gunn, Margaret Lengert, Mary Alice Gohman and Mignon Graves.

We aren't only smart in studies but also we have our part of the fun. Harry Wayne Phillips wrecked some of the members of the soph class at the foot of Lover's Hill, on our first picnic, but we recovered and have enjoyed two more.

As the years roll by, we hope to progress in knowledge and to fill well our stations in life, also to retain our good reputation that we've always had.



## Freshmen





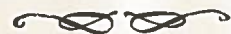
Officers

LOWENE LEWIS  
Secretary-Treasurer

AVIS WILLIAMS  
Reporter

ELIZABETH PICKENS  
President

FRED GRAVES  
Vice-President



MOTTO:

"Perpetual effort is the price of gain."

COLORS:  
Blue and White

FLOWER:  
Blue Bonnet



Class Roll

CARROL HARDIE  
LENNEL WALKER  
JESSIE LEE BANKSTON  
BUFORD DOBBS  
WARREN BUNTING  
SHELBY SMITH  
JESSIE MAE LINDER  
ALMA SCARBROUGH  
JEWEL PETERSON  
JIMMIE TALLEY  
VERA POSEY  
IRIS FLEMING  
EUNICE SWEAKS

BLANCHE UNDERWOOD  
ANNA LAURIE HUTSON  
ZELLA WINSLETT  
ELZIE MIDDLETON  
EDNA ATCHINSON  
HARRY WAYNE PHILLIPS  
WINNIE CHILDS  
AVIS WILLIAMS  
FRED H. GRAVES  
MISS KNOPP  
ELIZABETH PICKENS  
LOUINE LEWIS



## Class History

The Freshman class of R. H. S. began their new work with a determination to accomplish great things so that they would not have to be Fish very long. We were delighted when Miss Irene Knopp was assigned to us as room teacher.

Our class was organized during the first few weeks of school. The following officers were elected: Elizabeth Pickens, president; Fred H. Graves, vice-president; Avis Williams, secretary; Lowene Lewis, treasurer. They have been very capable and have taken part in all activities. The Seniors put on a beauty contest for the annual. Our candidate, Elzie Middleton, received a great vote thereby winning a page in the beauty section.

Since our Freshman year is almost over we are looking forward to the time when we will be Sophomores, Juniors and then—the goal which every one hopes to reach—high and mighty Seniors. Then we will have accomplished our aim.

### SOME FISH ARE SO DUMB THEY THINK

1. A hurricane is a walking cane.
2. An aspirin tablet is something to write on.
3. Rex Beach is a summer resort.
4. Joan of Arc was Noah's wife.
5. Scotland yard is a playground.
6. That a river can lose its head.
7. They can mend the break of day.
8. Ships have eyes when they go to sea.
9. An elephant has a key to his trunk.
10. There are springs in the ocean's bed.
11. A baker is rich when he's making dough.
12. If a lemon were drowning, they could throw it a rope and give that lemonade.
13. If they eat a square meal the corners will hurt.
14. Longfellow was funny because he made Minnihaha.

### A FISH GIRL'S COMPOSITION

Boys are men who have not got as big as their papas and girls are women who will be ladies by and by.

Boys are a terrible nuisance. They wear out everything but soap and hairbrushes. If I had my way half the world would be girls and the other half dollars. My papa is so nice that he must have been a little girl when he was a little boy.

Man was made and on the seventh day he rested. Woman was made and she's never rested since. When I grow up I'm going to marry a lady husband and all my little girls and boys are going to be girls and dogs.



## ORGANIZATIONS







GLEE CLUB



SPANISH CLUB



PHIOMATHEAN LITERARY SOCIETY



ATHENAEUM LITERARY SOCIETY





### *I. P. T.*

The "I Phelta Thi" was organized January 17. This club was started by Martin Blackburn, George Perry and Kirby Simmons. These charter members chose the candidates and this club became the most exclusive organization on the campus. The full membership consists of Martin Blackburn, George Perry, Kirby Simmons, Calvin Scott, J. P. Sparks, Wilmer Rinn, and Babe Green.

The club won the championship in basketball from an all star high school team.

Furthermore the I. P. T.'s are the black sheep of the Senior class. Scott and Babe were the originators of a not very original quiz formation in solid geometry, which luckily escaped the eyes of old hard boiled. Martin and George, partners in disgrace, specialize in the art of theme writing but they never seem to get anywhere. Wilmer, if needs be, can turn his talents into money by taking up the profession of "brunette" feminine impersonator. J. P. and Kirby, taken together or separately, can make enough noise to run any teacher out of the study hall.

But in spite of their many faults, the Senior class would feel lost without these seven imps of Satan.



### *Manual Training Class*

This is the first year that R. H. S. has had manual training in its curriculum. But the class, under the leadership of Mr. Montgomery, who has had several years' experience along this line, has made wonderful progress. The work has been done under a disadvantage, owing to the fact that there has been no machinery in the class room. But, working altogether with hand tools, the boys have turned out some really good specimens of work.

The shop is well equipped with hand tools which the boys have brought from their homes. We are hoping that next year the school will install some machinery so that this work can go forward and rank with other first class manual training classes in Texas High Schools.

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Mrs. Summers: "Mel is the cleverest boy in school. He made this chair out of his own head and he has enough wood left to make a table!"



*Our Debating Teams*

Our debating teams this year were among the strongest ever turned out by the school. Those on the squad this year were: Aaron Green, Kirby Simmons, J. P. Sparks, Thomas Crump, Lucile Landis and Glenna Spiegle. The last four were the ones to represent us at the county meet.

Debates were held with Hearne, Caldwell, Belton, University of Texas, Thorndale and Cameron.

Our boys weathered all opposition at the county meet and will represent this district at Waco, April 16. Our girls won their way to the finals at the county meet and following a brilliant argument by both teams the right to represent this county at the district meet was awarded to the Thorndale girls by the close vote of one judge.

Mrs. Georgia Gillespie, the English teacher, coached both teams and to her belongs much of the honor for the remarkable record made by both teams.

This is the second year in succession that the boys debate has been won by Rockdale, J. P. Sparks being a member of the team both years.

FEATURES





HIGH SCHOOL  
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SENIOR CLASS  
BEAUTY

ANNA MARIE BARNES



ELZIE MIDDLETON



*"An Arizona Cowboy"*

Farley Gante (The Cowboy Sheriff).....	Martin Blackburn
Paul Quillan (Farley's Partner).....	George V. Perry
Hezikiah Bugg (The Biggest Liar Since '89).....	Wilmer Rinn
Duke Blackshear (The Villian From Frisco).....	Mel Summers
Grizzly Grimm (Duke's Cowboy Friend).....	Calvin Scott
Big Elk (The Navajo Chief).....	Aaron Green
Yow Kee (The Heathen Chineese).....	Kirby Simmons
Marguerite Moore (The Pretty Ranch Owner).....	Lucille Landis
Coralie Blackshear (The Vamping Villianess).....	Doratheia Lee
Mrs. Bugg (Hezikiah's Better Half).....	Gladys Simmons
Fawn Afraid (Big Elk's daughter).....	Edythe Currey
Young'un (Not Much of Anybody).....	Annie Marie Barnes



## Friends of the School

Every institution that is worthwhile has a number of friends, who has stood by it for many years during its ups and downs. Such friends of Rockdale High School are not few and it will be impossible to mention even a fractional part of them here, but the men and women whose photos appear on the following pages have had much to do with the building of Rockdale High to the degree of perfection that it has today.



MR. GREEN

Mr. C. G. Green, now superintendent of the Hamlin Public Schools, was for eleven years at the head of our public school and served in that capacity probably longer than any other person. He was not only active in school work while here, but took a leading part in church work and social affairs. Not only many of the present seniors went to school to him, but many young women and men of the town can point with pride to the fact that he had a part in their education. He will never forget Rockdale and we will not forget him.

MR. HUGHES

Bailey Hughes, the famous Tiger Athletic coach whose football team humbled Cameron in the good year 1921, was our first real athletic director and to him goes the credit of first placing us on the map athletically. He not only turned out a championship football team, but was also unbeatable in baseball and track. He was also known as the wizard of finance and was responsible for raising funds to buy us all kinds of equipment. He was here for three years and since leaving here in 1924 has been engaged as a traveling salesman. He is a graduate of Meridian College.



MISS MARY CATHERINE HILL

All of us who have been in Rockdale high school as long as three years will remember Miss Mary Catherine Hill. She was our regular Latin teacher, but in addition to this she taught at different times, history, French, and some English. Thoroughness was her motto, a pupil could put nothing by her; she knew her subject and would accept nothing but the best efforts from her pupils. Her efforts in Rockdale high school had much to do with our school attaining its present high ranking. She was directly responsible for securing affiliation in Latin and in French. She is a graduate of the local high school and holds a degree from the University of Texas. She is now teaching in Houston.



MISS IRMA PORTER

Miss Irma Porter is one of the real teachers that Rockdale has produced. She is not only a Rockdale product, but a graduate of this institution. She has made a careful study of education and is recognized as an authority on primary teaching. For many years she was head of the primary department in our school and most of us learned our first letters from her. We feel that the good start she gave us has helped us over many rough places.



MISS PEARL FLETCHER

Miss Pearl Fletcher is not only an honor graduate of our own school but at the University of Texas made a record in scholarship excelled only by a few. Last year she came back to us as our high school English teacher and made an enviable record for both herself and us. Under her direction we secured the fourth unit in English, and that alone would entitle her to a place in our year book. We are sorry that her stay with us was only for one year.

MISS MARY ALICE PORTER

Miss Mary Alice Porter is another one of our high school graduates who after obtaining her degree from the University of Texas, came back to her Alma Mater as a teacher. For five years she was head of the Spanish department in this high school and in addition taught much of the history. She resigned last summer to continue her education. Probably every member of the senior class has taken some work from her and our Annual would be incomplete if we did not acknowledge what she has done for us and towards building a bigger and better R. H. S.



WESLEY BLACKBURN

Wesley Blackburn. How that name used to fill the hearts of the opponents of the Rockdale Tigers with fear. Their was well founded, too, for on the gridiron, on the track, on the court, and on the diamond, he was one of the greatest stars that ever represented this high school. Since leaving here two years ago, he has been one of the leading athletes of the Southwestern Pirates, and he still has two years of college competition.

As a small token of our appreciation of the many honors he has brought to old R. H. S., we are glad to give him space in our Lair.



## Rockdale Public School

Rockdale High School is recognized by the State Department of Education as a high school of the first class and is fully affiliated with the various colleges and universities of the state. The school has 21 1-2 accredited units as follows: English 4, history 4, algebra 2, plane geometry 1, solid geometry 1-2, trigonometry 1-2, commercial arithmetic 1-2, civics 1-2, economics 1-2, Latin 3, Spanish 2, physics 1, general science 1, and physiology and physiology 1.

Sixteen units are required for graduation, although most of our graduates finish with more than that number. The following units are required and the others elective: English 4 units, algebra 2 units, plane geometry 1 unit, early history, modern history and beginning with next session, American history.

The enrollment in the high school department is about 175, while the total enrollment in the white schools is over 500. Fifteen teachers in addition to the music teacher, the expression teacher and the substitutes are employed. Six of these teach in the high school, five in the intermediate grades, and four in the primary school.

Rockdale has two splendid modern and well equipped school buildings. The main building, erected in 1923, is one of the best in this section of the state. It has 16 class rooms, an auditorium, a library, a laboratory, and two athletic rooms. It is steam heated. In this building is housed the high school and intermediate departments. The primary school building was remodeled in 1924 and is constructed of brick and stucco. It has four class rooms, an assembly hall, and is modern in every respect.

In addition to the white schools, Rockdale has one of the best colored schools in central Texas. It enrolls nearly 200 pupils and five teachers are employed. The building is modern and well equipped.

The citizens of Rockdale have provided well for the education of their children and they extend an invitation to the children of the surrounding rural schools to come to Rockdale to finish their high school education.



### *The Old School Building*

Above is a picture of the old Rockdale High School building, which was torn down and remodeled a few years ago to make our splendid primary building.

The photo doubtless brings to many, memories of the school days of long ago. Here for many years the Rockdale youth were educated under the instruction of many different teachers. Perhaps its walls, if they had the power of speech, could tell many a story of the ups and downs of school life. The building has been torn down but its work will go on for years.





OUR FIRST SCHOOL BOARD

During the many years of the life of Rockdale High School, many different school boards have directed its destiny. Above is the likeness of the first board. They are, reading from right: Front row—Rev. W. E. Copeland, J. H. Stribling, B. Loewenstein. Back row—James H. Hill, C. H. Coffield, R. H. Hicks, A. E. Fullinwider.



## ATHLETICS





## Foot Ball

Football has been one of the leading sports of R. H. S. for several years. It has been a great help in keeping alive the spirit of the school. Rockdale's alumni still recall with pleasure the games of '17, '18 and '19. And will anyone ever forget that Cameron game of Nov. 11, 1921, when the score stood 16-0 in our favor? The valor of the Tigers who played in that game will always linger in the minds of Tiger fans.

That game has been an incentive to each successive squad, but this year we bowed our heads in defeat to the Yoemen. However, after the Armistice Day game, every Yoeman fully realized that he had been in a real gridiron battle. Rockdale lost to the more experienced team but as each Tiger had done his best, neither the coach, the squad nor the fans was as disappointed as one would imagine. The game was a real football classic, each team playing good, clean football from the first to the last whistle.

The other games were just as hard fought, and usually our losses were to a more experienced or a heavier team. We had an exceptionally strong defensive team, but in spite of our heavy line, we were a little weak on the offensive. Although we lose several letter men by graduation, we are expecting great things of next year's Tiger squad. We lose two four-year men, Scott and Martin Blackburn, and it will have to be two good men who will fill their shoes. We also lose several other good men, George Perry, T. Crump, Babe Green, Spuds Sparks, Wilmer Rinn, Kirby Simmons and Mel Summers and their loss will be keenly felt.

This year's captain, Newton Daniels, proved so valuable that he was re-elected to the captaincy for next year. And under Newt's leadership, we are expecting the light and fast team of next year to be one of the best in the history of the school.



## Football

WILMER RINN—End

Senior—Time, 1 year—Weight 135 pounds

Wilmer was fast, tackled hard, and played the game square. On a pass he was always open and ready to grab the ball.

WILLIE BROWN—Guard

Sophomore—Second year—Weight 158 pounds

Although handicapped, at the first of the season, by an injured shoulder, Willie tackled hard and always did his work well in the line.

MELVILLE SUMMERS (Mel)—Tackle

Senior—Second year—Weight 168 pounds

Mel showed up well at the beginning of the season, but later was forced to lay out by disabilities.

KIRBY SIMMONS—End

Senior—Two years—Weight 129 pounds

Simmons was one of the headiest men on the team. He was excellent on passes and did exceedingly well in the Caldwell game.

FLOYD ALLEN (Flat)—Tackle

Sophomore—Two years—Weight 160 pounds

"Flat" will long be remembered by Rockdale fans as being one of the hardest fighting men that ever played in Blue and Gold. His specialty was downing opponents on punts.





**JESSE PORTER SPARKS—Guard**

Senior—Two years—Weight 220 pounds

"Spuds" was the Jackson of the line; he stood like a stone wall. He was called back to do the place kicking.

**WARREN BUNTING—Guard**

Sophomore—One year—Weight 160 pounds

Bunting's playing was hampered by a bad leg. He showed up better toward the last of the season. We hope that Warren will be back next year.

**COACH MONTGOMERY**

Mr. Montgomery came to us from Wichita Falls Junior High, where he had been coaching for several successful seasons. "Monty" made a real team out of green material. Here's hoping for a successful season in '27 with the same coach.

**WELLS ALLEN—End**

Sophomore—Two years—Weight 138 pounds

"Mugs" was best on defense. He tackled low and hard and sent his opponents for many yards of loss.

**CHARLES NEWTON—Center**

Sophomore—One year—Weight 136 pounds

"Tip" filled his big bud's shoes fairly well. He will be one of the best little men in our line next year.

**EMORY PICKENS—Halfback**

Sophomore—Two years—Weight 142 pounds

"Pick" was a fast, side-stepping little man. His "educated toe" will help us over many a rough place next year.

**CALVIN SCOTT—Center**

Senior—Three years—Weight 196 pounds

Ox was an excellent center and tackle. It was no easy task to take him out of a play for he was a fair, hard-hitting player.

**JOHNNY RICHARDS—Half**

Sophomore—One year—Weight 130 pounds

Johnny was one of the hardest tacklers, as well as the fastest man on the team. We look forward to Johnny as being our star in '27.

**HERBERT LIGHTFOOT—Half**

Junior—Two years—Weight 141 pounds

Herbert was a shifty runner but was slow on account of injured feet. He ranked with Johnny as a tackler and we are expecting great things of him next year.

**LOUIS RINN—Half**

Junior—One year—Weight 158 pounds

As the season advanced Louis showed up better and better, and soon became one of the fastest side-stepping men.

**BOYD WORLEY—Half**

Junior—One year—Weight 130 pounds

A little man full of grit, ready to step into any man's game. Because of this he will prove to be a valuable man next year.

**AARON GREEN—Center**

Senior—Two years—Weight 166 pounds

Babe started out as center but later changed to end. He was never known to loaf and was a hard scrapper.



**THOMAS CRUMP—Tackle**

Senior—Two years—Weight 168 pounds

T. was a good all-round man. He went into every game with a "do or die" spirit and was in every place.

**L. C. FRANKLIN**

Junior—One year—Weight 157 pounds

"Goofy" was a man upon whom all opponents cast a wary eye. He never quit until the last whistle.

**NEWTON DANIELS, Captain—Fullback (Captain-Elect)**

Junior—Three years—Weight 197 pounds

"Dan" backed up the defensive line and was one of the strongest punters R. H. S. has ever known. Newt's line plunging was a great factor on the offensive.

**GEORGE PERRY—Guard**

Senior—One year—Weight 165 pounds

"Puffy's" handicap, his lack of experience, was made up by his "never give-up" fighting spirit. He was a lineman of merit.

**MARTIN BLACKBURN**

Senior—Three years—Weight 164 pounds

"Tenus" was always a clear thinker, and seldom ever called the wrong play. When playing defensive end he was always the mainstay of our team.

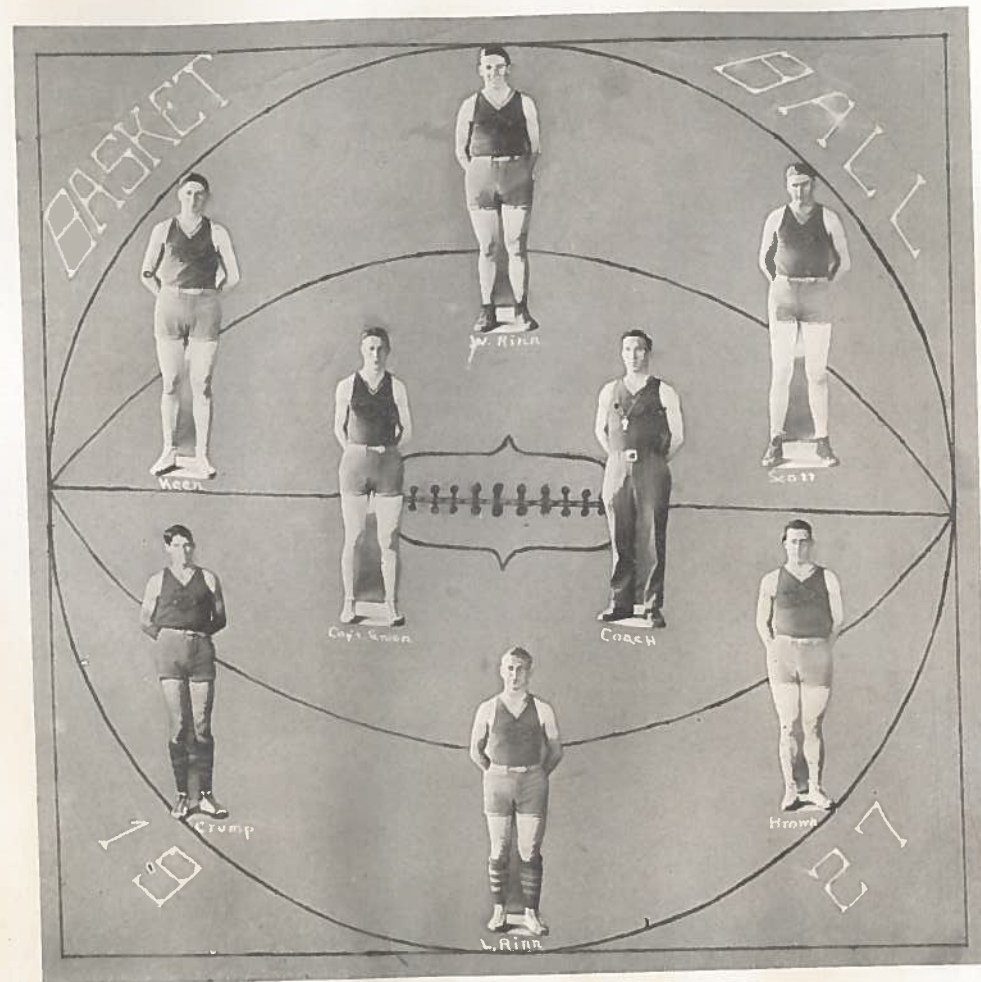
**SHELBY SMITH—End**

Sophomore—One year—Weight 160 pounds

"Duck" played his best in every game, throwing the opposition for losses on every play around his side. He was one of the best defensive ends in this district.



Green      Pickens      Richards      Daniels      Lightfoot  
Blackburn      Franklin      Scott      Perry      Allen      Rinn



### T. V. MONTGOMERY

Coach—one year

Mr. "Monty" made a team out of a handful of boys eager to learn the game. He welded together a combination that tasted defeat only twice during the season. Coach endeared himself to all his men by his clean sportmanship. His creed was "put all you've got into every game but play fair and square."



A. GREEN—(Cap't)—Guard  
Senior—2 years

"Babe" more than won his place on the Tiger team, being one of our hardest fighting men. He was unanimously chosen as all county guard.

W. RINN—Forward  
Senior—1 year

Wilmer came to us from Sharp which was their loss and our gain. Fast as lightning, playing everywhere and a good goal tosser put him on the all-county team.

T. CRUMP—Forward  
Senior—2 years

"Hongry" played a fast game and was a fair goal shooter. As a defensive player he has no superior.

L. RINN—Forward  
Junior—1 year

Louis also came to us from Sharp and he lived up to our expectations. He could dribble down the court and get more shots than any man on the team.

C. SCOTT—Center  
Senior—4 years

Over six feet of real man, "Ox" was clean playing and hard fighting to the last. He was the oldest man on the team, but it takes an old head to make things a success. Calvin was picked as second all-county center.

L. KEEN—Guard  
Senior—1 year

A bit quiet in speech but very clearly spoken on the court with a basketball in his hands. Lawrence was good natured and hard fighting which made him a valuable asset to the squad.

W. BROWN—Guard  
Sophomore—1 year

Willie came to us from Millerton and has proved our gain, especially in basketball. He covered his man all the time during every game.



*Girls' Basket Ball Team Wins  
Championship*

The Rockdale High School girls basket ball team won the Milam County championship at the County tournament held at Rockdale, March 4 and 5, 1927.

The team was coached by W. R. Laurence and was one of the best teams to ever represent the Blue and Gold and the only one to win the official county championship. Previous to the tournament, the team made an enviable record, winning 13 out of 15 games, and in the tournament won three straight games, each of the opponents being among the strongest in the county.

As a token of appreciation of their good work, the teachers and citizens of Rockdale presented each of the girls who played on the regular team a silver basket ball properly engraved, which we feel sure they will be pleased to wear for many years.

The usual starting line up was as follows: forwards, Edith Curry and Ruby Lee Raley; centers, Maude Aldridge and Williard Raye Clymore;



guards, Raye Currey (Captain) and Angeline Ferguson; subs, Pearl Harriss, Mary Alice Gohman, and Ruth Raley. Other members of the squad were, Erma Doss, Ara Faye Edmondson, Nettie Lee Ledwell, Faye Linder, Vera Posey and Jimmie Talley.

The record for the season was:

Rockdale .....	25	Thorndale .....	22
Rockdale .....	14	Thrall .....	16
Rockdale .....	26	Thorndale .....	14
Rockdale .....	24	Caldwell .....	18
Rockdale .....	22	Sharp .....	16
Rockdale .....	35	Yarrelton .....	5
Rockdale .....	8	Bethlehem .....	8
Rockdale .....	15	Buckholts .....	16
Rockdale .....	34	Sharp .....	18
Rockdale .....	25	Bethlehem .....	14
Rockdale .....	20	San Gabriel .....	12
Rockdale .....	26	Gay Hill .....	5
Rockdale .....	25	Oak Hill .....	2
Rockdale .....	27	Oak Hill .....	2
Rockdale .....	20	Davilla .....	6
Rockdale .....	23	Buckholts .....	17
Rockdale .....	17	San Gabriel .....	16
Rockdale .....	23	Yarrelton .....	3





### Track Team

Our track team got off to a flying start this year and although we did not cop the cup we made a very good showing against our rival, Cameron. We were only a few points behind Cameron when the meet ended. We won first place in shot and discus, high jump, mile run and the mile relay, and second and third place in almost every other event.

Shot—Crump, Daniels and Lightfoot.

Discus—Daniels, Crump and Summers.

Javelin—Daniels, Lightfoot and Crump.

High jump—Crump, Simmons and Summers.

Broad jump—Richards, Foster and Crump.

Pole vault—L. Dyer, Lightfoot and Richards.

High hurdles—L. Rinn and L. Dyer.

Low hurdles—L. Rinn, and Foster.

100 yard dash—Richards, Keen, and Foster.

220 yard dash—Richards and Foster.

440 yard dash—Keen and Watson.

880 yard run—Crump.

Mile run—W. Rinn, Clare.

Mile relay—Keen, L. Rinn, Crump and W. Rinn.



### TENNIS

Tennis has been one of the most popular sports on the R. H.S. campus this year and some real good teams were developed. Almost every afternoon finds the court occupied and others waiting to play.

Among those who have enjoyed the sport are: Miss Lella Brightman, Coach; Ruth Kirk, Edna Kirk, Wilma Hillyer, Dorothea Lee, Anna Marie Barnes, Mignon Graves, Herbert Lightfoot, Mel Summers, Thomas Crump, John Richards, Marian Bodiford, Kirby Simmons, Mr. Montgomery, Mr. Wilkerson and Miss Estell.

In the elimination contest begun Feb. 14 to select our representatives to the county meet the results were as follows: Richards and Lightfoot defeated Perry and Summers 6-2, 6-1. In boys singles Lightfoot defeated Perry 2-6, 6-2, 6-3; Lightfoot defeated Summers, 6-3, 4-6, 6-1. In girls singles R. Kirk defeated Hillyer 4-6, 6-3, 6-4. E. Kirk and Hillyer won the girls doubles by default.

In addition to the county tournament our girls met and defeated Taylor High School in both doubles and singles.

At the county meet the score was as follows: Rockdale vs Cameron in boys doubles 4-6, 2-6. In singles Lightfoot defeated Milano 7-5, 7-5 and was eliminated in the finals by Cameron 6-2, 8-6, 6-1. In girls doubles our team after getting off to a good start lost to Jones Prairie who eventually won the championship. The score was 6-4, 3-6, 6-2. Ruth Kirk won her first match in singles beating Milano 6-3, 6-2 and lost a hard fought match to Jones Prairie 6-4, 2-6, 6-4.



## Rockdale Scores Heavily at County Meet

Rockdale High School entered every phase of the county meet which was held this year at Cameron and made a remarkable showing, amassing a total of 107 points. Our school registered more points in the literary events than any other school in the county.

Among the victories won at this meet were: J. P. Sparks and Thomas Crump first in boys' debate; Lucille Landis and Glenna Spiegel second in girls' debate; Polly Anna Allen second in girls' declamation; Alice Eloie Barkley, Bertha Luckey, and Josie Palmer first in music memory; Grace Marie Birdwell and Doris Simms first in sub-junior spelling; Billie Gaither and Jessie Rae Gray second in junior spelling; Lois Gunn and Katherine Alexander second in senior spelling; Elwood Smith, Myrel Moses and Lois Scheihing first in arithmetic; L. C. Franklin third in senior boys' declamation; Bernadine Childs third in ex-temporaneous speaking; and Ruth Kirk second in the essay contest.

In track we had only two men, Thomas Crump and Newton Daniels, who lettered last year. Starting the season with a green squad, Coach Montgomery developed a good team that scored 56 points to Cameron's 88. Newton took first in the shot put, discus, and second in the javelin, while Thomas was first in the high jump and Wilmer Rinn won the mile with ease.



## Literary





## Our School Board

Rockdale Public School is fortunate in the personnel of its board of education. It is not only composed of seven capable and successful business men, but it is versatile. It has a preacher who can pray for its success, a newspaper man who can give the proper publicity, a college graduate who can judge even the scholarship of the teachers, two ex-teachers who can see that all things scholastic are as they should be and two railroad men who can see that our books, library and laboratory material reach us promptly. One might think that a board possessing all these qualities might meddle too much with school affairs but such is not the case. They lend only such co-operation as is needed and at the same time are always loyal to the school and willing to do all in their power for its progress.

Mr. E. B. Phillips, the president, is a former teacher, although he never publishes the fact, and this information is gained only from his friends who knew him in his earlier life. He has been a member of the school board for over twenty years and during this time has taken a deep interest in school affairs. He is not much for taking part in programs, but is always ready when something is needed for the school in the way of new equipment, or furnishing conveniences for the teachers as well as the students. He has served continuously since April 1919.

Judge Ed Gunn, the vice-president of the board, is an exteacher as well as the legal advisor of the board. He is an able speaker and takes a great interest in the public speaking activities among the students. He is always ready to help us when we call upon him for an address. He has been a member of the board since April 27, 1923.

Mr. C. M. Sessions, secretary of the school board, is a graduate of Southwestern University and has been a member of the board for four years. During all this time he has missed only a few of its meetings. He is an expert at writing up the proceedings of the board and the checks he has signed have amounted to more than \$60,000. He has also signed more than a hundred school diplomas. We consider him a true friend of the school.

Mr. John E. Cooke has been a member of the school board since April 9, 1919, and during a large part of that time was its president. As editor of the Rockdale Reporter, he has always befriended the school by giving us freely of his space. For the last three years the school through his kindness has had a full page, known as The Tiger Tales in his paper. For the last four years Mr. Cooke has presented the high school diplomas to the seniors and his characteristic and unique way of doing this attracted attention among the schools of this section of the State. He has always been the students' friend. They have missed him much this year, as he has been unable to visit the school as much as common.

Mr. L. A. Baxter, has been a member of the school board since September 1, 1926, having been appointed to take the place of E. R. Wolfe, resigned. He is a member of the building and grounds committee and has taken a great interest in seeing that things are kept up in shape at the school building. Mr. Baxter has been a citizen of Rockdale for about a dozen years and always took active interest in school affairs even before he became a member of the board. He is a native Texan and was educated in the Beeville schools.

Mr. R. D. Barnes was appointed a member of the school board September 1, 1925, and since that time has taken an active interest in school affairs. This is not his first experience in educational work, however, as he was a member of the board of education in Oakwood before he removed to Rockdale. We feel that he is a true friend of the school.

Rev. R. E. Roberts, pastor of the local Christian Church, was appointed a member of the school board February 22, 1926, but even before this he took a deep interest in school affairs. His addresses and talks to the students in chapel are always a source of inspiration.



## Our Faculty

Mr. J. C. Wilkerson, our superintendent, is serving his second year as head of our schools. He is a graduate of the North Texas State Teachers College at Denton, holds a B. A. degree from the University of Texas, has done graduate work in the University of Chicago, and holds a permanent certificate. He has had seventeen years experience as teacher, principal, and superintendent in the public schools of this state. He is teaching Caesar and Cicero this session. He takes a great interest in our work.

Mr. T. V. Montgomery, our principal, attended the North Texas State Teachers College at Denton one year, and is a graduate of John Tarleton College at Stephenville, Texas. At the latter institution he was a star athlete, lettering in football, baseball, basketball and track. He came to us last fall from the Wichita Falls Junior High School where he had been coach and head of the manual training department for four years. Besides being principal, he is this session acting as mathematics and science teacher and coaching all boys athletics and directing the Glee Club. Mr. Montgomery is beloved by all the students.

Mrs. Georgia Gillespie is a native of Texas and received her early education in the public schools of Blanco, Texas. She holds a degree from the University of Oklahoma and has done graduate work in the University of Texas, and at the University of Oklahoma. She has also attended Baylor College. Mrs. Gillespie has had seven or eight years experience as a teacher in some of the better high schools of Texas and Oklahoma, having taught last, before she came to Rockdale last September at Guthrie, Oklahoma. She is head of the English department in our high school and coach of debate.

Mr. Wendell Reed Lawrence is a graduate of Thorndale High School and of Marion Military Institute, of Marion, Alabama. He is also an ex-student of Vanderbilt University at Nashville, Tennessee and of Baylor University at Waco. This is Mr. Lawrence's first year as a teacher. He teaches science and mathematics. Mr. Lawrence also acted as coach of girls basketball this session and turned out a championship team. He is not only generally recognized over the county as one of the best coaches, but many predict that within a few years he will be coaching championship teams in boys athletics.

Miss Mary E. Noble is a graduate of Taylor High School and has had two years college work at Texas Christian University and one year at University of Texas. For four years preceding this she taught in the grammar school but the trustees found her work so efficient that they promoted her to high school where, this year she is teaching history and civics. The pupils recognize her as an extra-ordinary teacher.

Miss Irene Knopp is a graduate of Georgetown High School and has a B. A. degree from Baylor College. She also attended Southwestern University. She holds a permanent certificate and before coming to Rockdale had two years experience as a teacher in her home town, Leander. This year she is teaching successfully Latin, Spanish, history, and English. She is also director of the Spanish Club, assistant in Glee Club, and an advisor of one of the literary societies. Miss Knopp is a strong supporter of student activities and has more pep than two average persons.

Mrs. T. V. Montgomery is not a regular member of our faculty, but we have adopted her and our annual would not be complete without featuring her, for she has been a large part of our school life this year and largely through her untiring efforts, this annual was made possible. She is an ex-student of John Tarleton and has had several years experience as a teacher. This year she is teacher of expression, substitute teacher, faculty advisor for the annual, director of high school plays, et cetera.

What would be a school or home without music? Mrs. C. M. Perry is our piano teacher who so efficiently teaches this art that has "charms the savage breast to subdue." Many of the high school pupils have taken lessons from her during the last few years and they will vouch for the fact that no more capable teacher can be found.



## High School Dramatics

Under the leadership of Mrs. Montgomery, Rockdale High School has had an exceptionally good year along dramatic lines. In order to raise money for the athletic association and the annual the students have put on several plays, and even the faculty appeared in one on Friday, May 13th.

The seniors have done the most work along dramatic lines, chief among their productions being "An Arizona Cowboy." This was a four-act comedy-drama of life in the Southwest, and was given at the City Hall auditorium, December the tenth. On the following day a matinee performance of the same play was given. This play was very ably presented by the following cast: Martin Blackburn, George Perry, Aaron Green, Calvin Scott, Wilmer Rinn, Mel Summers, Kirby Simmons, Lucille Landis, Gladys Simmons, Edythe Currey, Dorothea Lee and Anna Marie Barnes (and her chicken, Jupiter?)

"Curses, What a Night!" a short nonsensical farce was the next play produced by the seniors. This was a burlesque on the old time "Meller-drammer" and was well received by the audience at the Dixie Theater. The cast was composed of Glenna Spiegel, Raye Currey, Thomas Crump, Kirby Simmons, and J. P. Sparks, as the "deep, dense, double-eyed villain."

Mr. Montgomery and Martin Blackburn next presented a very funny black-face sketch at the Dixie. It was entitled "Safety Razors First" and Martin played the salesman while Mr. Monty was the dumb interruption who was not so dumb after all! The audience roared with laughter from the beginning to the end of this sketch.

Probably the best of all the one-act plays given was "Pa's New Housekeeper," which was presented at the Dixie, in February. It was extremely well produced by Anna Marie Barnes, Ruth Kirk, our old friend, Spuds Sparks, Martin Blackburn, and George Perry. This was a clever little play, which dealt with the joke two collegiate chums played on the father of one of the boys. When the new housekeeper, Mrs. O. I. Pounce, failed to appear one of the boys (George) decided to impersonate the said housekeeper. This he did so charmingly that Pa Jackson fell in love at first sight, proposed marriage and was accepted. Things became more and more complicated until at just the proper moment the identity of the make believe widow was revealed then of course it ended as good plays should, "they all lived happily ever after." Will anyone who witnessed this play ever forget George as a feminine impersonator? He was a dream in his red, marcelled wig and his rose linen dress (until he forgot and smoked a stogie!)

The juniors were the next to appear on the stage, their production being "Deacon Dubbs" a three-act comedy of village life. The juniors received many compliments and much cash for their night's work. There



were several big scenes in this play, an auction scene, a husking bee and the old time Virginia Reel. The numbers rendered by the male quartet, Mr. Montgomery, Barney Watson, Wendell Dyer and Herbert Lightfoot, and those rendered by the mixed quartet composed of Virginia Thweatt, Winnie Childs, Mr. Monty and Barney Watson, were especially well received by the audience. The following juniors had a part in "Deacon Dubbs": Louis Rinn, L. C. Franklin, Raiford Foster, Jack Williams, Herbert Lightfoot, Angeline Ferguson, Edna Kirk, Faye Linder, Bernadine Childs, and Pearl Harriss.

Another very good one-act play, and the only play given which was not coached by Mrs. Montgomery was "Elizabeth's Young Man," which was presented at the Dixie in April. This playlet was under the supervision of Miss Irene Knopp, and was both well presented and well received by the audience. The characters were, Wilma Hillyer, Ruth Kirk, Lucille Landis and Le Roy Hillyer.

The long talked of presentation of the faculty play, "A Poor Married Man" will be presented on May 13th. (Evidently we haven't a superstitious faculty!) The teachers are busily working on this, and Mrs. Monty assures us that several of them have professional ability as actors, therefore the play is an assured success. The play selected is a three-act comedy dealing with the trials of a poor professor who was cursed with entirely too much mother-in-law. After getting rid of her, her dog and her daughter, he marries again and to his horror his father-in-law marries his ex-mother-in-law. But at last her long lost husband, Socrates Ford, alias Smith, alias Dean, alias Clark, is found in China and everything ends well. Mr. Monty has the part of Professor John B. Wise, the poor married man, and Miss Irene Knopp is the harassing mother-in-law, Mrs. Iona Ford, Misses Lella Brightman, Gladys Brannon, and Ophelia Estell, Mrs. Gore, Mr. Lawrence and Martin Blackburn each have star roles also.

After a battle royal the seniors decided on "Am I Intruding?" a three-act royalty society comedy for the official class play. This will be presented, May 24th at the High School auditorium and as it is an exceptionally good play, the seniors are eagerly looking forward to this date. These seniors will take part in this play which will close the best year Rockdale High school has ever had in dramatics: Lois Fergeson, Wilma Hillyer, Anna Marie Barnes, Glenna Spiegel, Dorothea Lee, Lucille Landis, Kirby Simmons, Mel Summers, Wilmer Rinn, Clyde Griffin, Barney Watson and Thomas Crump.





## Calendar

### September

- 13—School opens. Students greet new teachers.
- 14—Football practice for '26 starts with 26 men.
- 22—Senior class organized. Martin elected president.
- 24—Tigers 6, Bartlett 0. Rah! Rah! Rah!

### October

- 1—For the first time in athletic history Rockdale loses to Thorndale 6-13.
- Mr. Montgomery broaches the subject of putting out an annual.
- 8—Squad journeys to Belton. Much hard luck, lost the game, coach's dog, and had to buy three new tires.
- 11—Will wonders never cease? Spuds got to school on time.
- 15—Hearne invades the Tiger Lair. A double revenge next year!
- 20—First six weeks exams begin.
- 27—We get our first report cards. Mel makes a 100 (50 in solid and 50 in physics.)
- 29—Georgetown and Rockdale have desperate mud battle. Martin loses his temper and most of the game.
- Juniors entertain seniors with spooks, punch, sandwiches, etc. at city hall.

### November

- 2—Seniors start work on "Arizona Cowboy."
- 5—Taylor vs Rockdale. George holds his cousin while Martin redeems his Taylor error!
- 8—Beat Cameron! Beat Cameron!! Beat Cameron!!!
- 11—Sad but true—Rockdale loses to her old rival.
- 18—George proves a theorem in geometry. Luckily L. C. catches Mr. Monty as he swoons.
- 2—Raye elected captain of girls basketball team.
- 24—Mrs. Gillespie goes to Austin—oh-la-la.
- 25—Turkey and pumkin pie and four whole days of rest.

### December

- 2—Oh, if holidays only came as often as exams. Scott and Babe get their ink mixed in solid geometry exam.
- 7—Why can't the teachers forget all the alphabet but A's and B's when making out our reports.
- 10-11—Seniors present "Arizona Cowboy" with great success. Anna Marie proves her ability as an actress.
- 13—Class beauties are nominated.
- 17—George introduces a "dark horse" in the beauty contest.



- 22—Edith wins first place, with Anna Marie "the dark horse" second and Elzie a close third.
- School dismisses for holidays.

### January

- 3—Back at school with many good resolutions to be broken.
- 7—Glee Club organized under leadership of Mr. Montgomery and Miss Knopp.
- 8—Both basketball girls and boys continue to win from everyone.
- 10—Annual staff meets with Mr. Cooke and begins to realize what it doesn't know about publishing an annual.
- 15—Several members of Lair staff go to Southwestern Engraving Company at Fort Worth and learn much annual lore.
- 17—Said members finally thaw out enough to resume their school work.
- I Phelta Thi's organize.
- 19—Mid-term exams. We're quaking in our boots.
- 21—Yarrelton hands our boys first defeat of the season.
- 23—Philo and Ath. girls have game. Ask Mr. Lawrence who won.
- 24—Oh, those term themes!
- 27—Who broke Ruth's tennis racket???
- 31—Mrs. Monty serves doughnuts to manual training class.

### February

- 1—Attention, please! Dorothea has a new permanent.
- 4-5—County basketball tournament held at Rockdale. We lose to Yarrelton 10-11.
- 14-15—Herbert Lightfoot wins boy's singles. "Red" Kirk wins girls singles.
- 16—Mrs. Gillespie goes to Oklahoma. Mrs. Monty proves popular English teacher.
- 25—Basketball picnic. Gobs of fun.
- 26—Track team organized.

### March

- 4-5 Girl's basketball tournament. We defeat Yarrelton for county championship.
- 12—Tennis tournament in Cameron. R. H. S. makes good showing.
- 18-19—Big event of year—track meet in Cameron.
- 24—Another interesting field trip.
- 27—Lair staff makes one last desperate effort to get work to printer.

### April

- 1—All fools' day! Seniors go on picnic. Lois feeds George soapy fudge???
- 4—Seniors go on weinie roast.
- 5—"Lair" goes to press. Amen!





## Poem to the Tigers

(November 11, 1926)

Did you ever hear of Cameron—  
It's a wide place in the road,  
And their players, known as "Yoemen,"  
Are kinda funny like a toad.

On the girdiron of the Yoemen  
In the year of '21,  
The "Tigers" snatched a victory  
Full of peppy life and fun.

Then the Yoemen full of anger,  
Came upon us like a storm;  
Alas! We lost the game to Cameron  
And our Tigers felt forlorn.

Twice we fell in the estimation  
Of our fans and sideline friends,  
But we'll fight for life on Thursday,  
Just to win by odds and ends.

Come on, Rockdale, let's support them,  
Help them make a brilliant name—  
You can be a gracious helper  
By attending Thursday's game .

—LUCILLE LANDIS



## Tiger Tales Ads

WANTED—An airship that will run on hot air. J. P. Sparks.

FOR SALE—A head of second hand brains. Very little used. Mel Summers.

WANTED—Any superfluous flesh anyone has. Kirby Simmons.

WANTED—Someone, perferably a boy, to listen while I rave. Lucille Landis.

LOST—All my dignity when I discovered my tennis racquet broken. Ruth C. Kirk.

FOUND—The way to manage a husband and a high school course at the same time. Elizabeth Underwood.

WANTED—A horse that is able to pull a worn out Chevrolet. Mr. Monty

WANTED—More gasoline. Virginia Thweatt.

ADVICE TO LOVELORN—Send for booklet, "How to Succeed in Love Affairs." Enclose stamps. Miss Noble.

WANTED—Five hundred bushels of wild oats seed. George Perry.

WANTED—A way to remove permanent, kissproof lipstick. Kissing failed. Lillian Wallis.

WANTED—A long dress to wear while having my picture made with the freshmen. Miss Knopp.

FOR SALE—A model for an up-to-date love letter. Free to beginners. Dorothea Lee.

LOST—The way to manage a Senior class. Finder please return to Martin Blackburn.

WANTED—A good brunette hair dye. Eula Stiles.

WANTED—Two more years in Rockdale High School so that I may graduate with a certain Soph. boy. Lois Ferguson .

FOR SALE—A nice flourishing mustache consisting of three hairs on right side, and three on the left. Mr. Lawrence.

LOST—My height reducer. Calvin Scott.

WANTED—An experienced blacksmith to help me make out English questions. Mrs. Gillespie.

WANTED—A few more plays, annuals, etc., to work on during my spare time. Mrs. Monty.

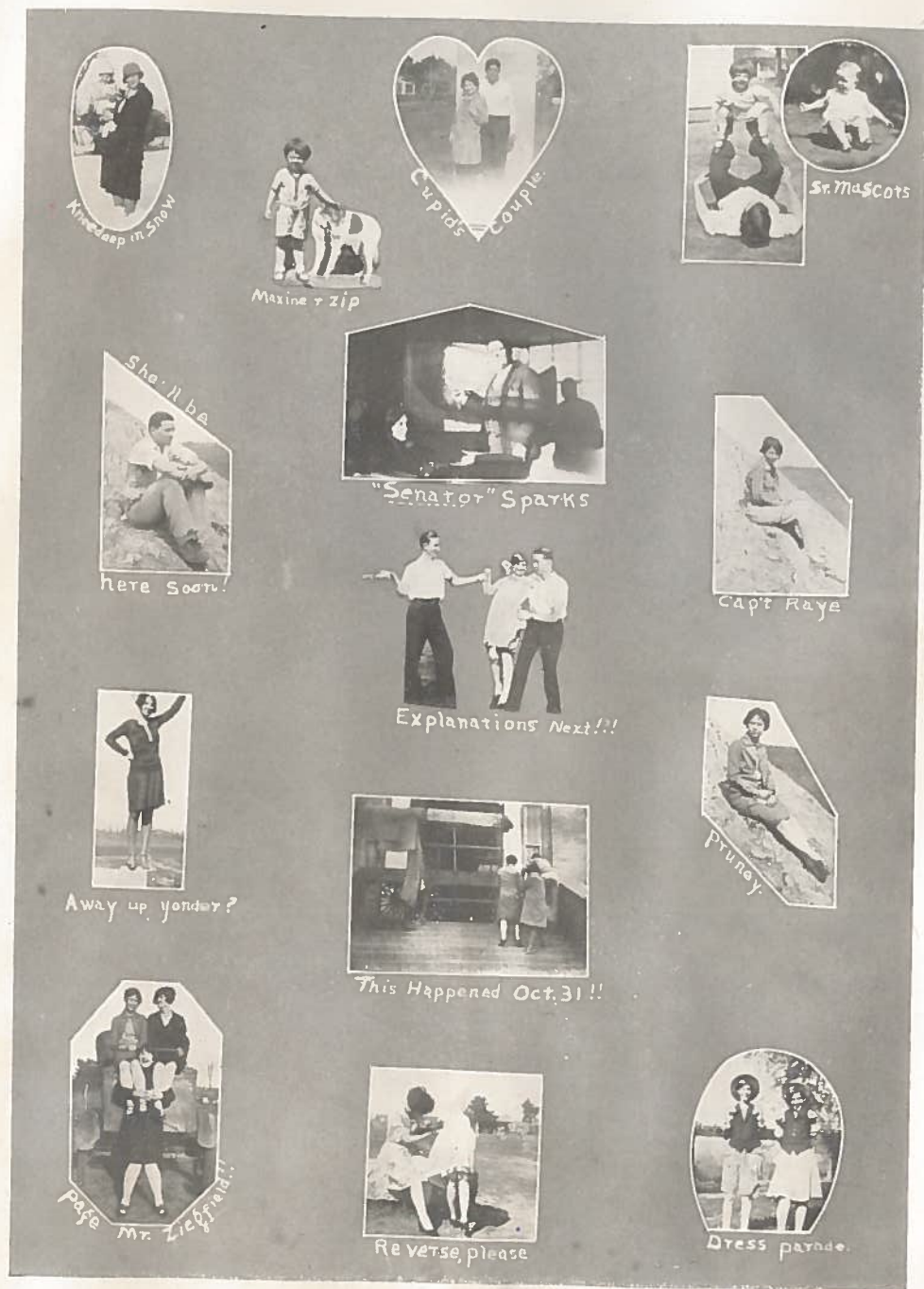
FOUND—The way to acquire a beautiful form. Send ten cents for particulars. Anna Marie Barnes.

WANTED—A sure cure for absent-mindedness. Mr. Wilkerson.

FOUND—A way to vamp red-headed tailors, even in the presence of a certain dignified (?) faculty member. Edythe Currey.

WANTED—A machine that will work geometry problems. Newton Daniels.

FOUND—A way to keep up with Kate. Boyd Worley.





JOKES

Upon Mr. Monty's twisting his head queerly, Louis Rinn inquired: "Have you water in your ear?"

Mr. Monty: "No, I've a crick (creek) in my neck."

Dorothea Lee after listening to one of Mr. Laurence's lectures on "How to Increase the Milk Flow" asked: "How long would you have to beat a cow to make her give whipped cream?"

It is understood that a certain family in Cameron is blessed with twins. Both being boys, they were named "Pete" and "Re-Pete." We wonder if, had they been girls, they would have been burdened through life with names of "Kate" and "Dupli-Kate?"

Mrs. Gillespie, in English class: "Leroy, what tense is 'I am beautiful'?"

Leroy: "Pretense."

One morning George V. Perry was passing Martin Blackburn's home. Upon seeing Martin sitting on the steps crying heart-brokenly, he advanced and asked gently: "Martin, ole man, what's the matter?"

Martin (sniffing): "I—I've—got—a—a—toothache and (boo, hoo) this b—b—being Saturday, th—there ain't no school to stay home from!!!"

Barney Watson (entering a Men's Furnishing Dep't): "I'd like to try that suit on in the window."

Salesman Tip: "Sorry, but you'll have to go in the dressing room."

Anna Marie: "I've been two periods trying to pass a Latin Quarter!"

Kirby: "That's nothing; I've been trying to pass a Canadian Dime all day."

Edna Kirk: "Did you ever hear the story of the 'Golden Fleece'?"

Kate: "No, did they bite?"

Willie Brown: "What's on your mind?"

Willie Mae Clampet: "Thoughts."  
Willie: "Treat them kindly; they're in a strange place."

Miss Estell: "Little boy did you fall down in your Sunday pants?"

Little boy: "Yes ma'am, I didn't have time to take 'em off."

Cleone Sikes (speaking to Mayes Sparks): "You don't chew tobacco do you, little boy?"

Mayes: "No, ma'am but I can give you a cigarette if that'll do."

Mrs. Monty (wishing for a \$25 hat): "I cook and cook and what do I get? Nothing."

Mr. Monty: "Well, I declare you're lucky, I always get indigestion."

Lois Dyer: "What were those blood curdling yells I heard at your home last night?"

Miss Brightman: "Oh, Mr. Wilkerson was just quieting Nancy Joe; you see he can't sing a note so he was giving some college yells."

Miss Knopp: "What lesson do we learn from the attack of the Dardanelles."

Fred Graves: "That a straight (strait) beat three kings."

Edyth: "Bill, where will we eat to-night?"

Bill: "Let's eat up the street."  
Edyth: "Let's don't—I don't like gravel."

No matter how fast a clock runs it always winds up in the same place.

Harry Wayne: "Bing! we went in a ditch and after that everything was blank."

Mrs. Phillips: "Yes, I can imagine just what you were saying."



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To you, our readers, let us say that you should remember our motto, "we trade with those who trade with us." We sincerely hope that each student of Rockdale High will do his utmost to live up to this motto.

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