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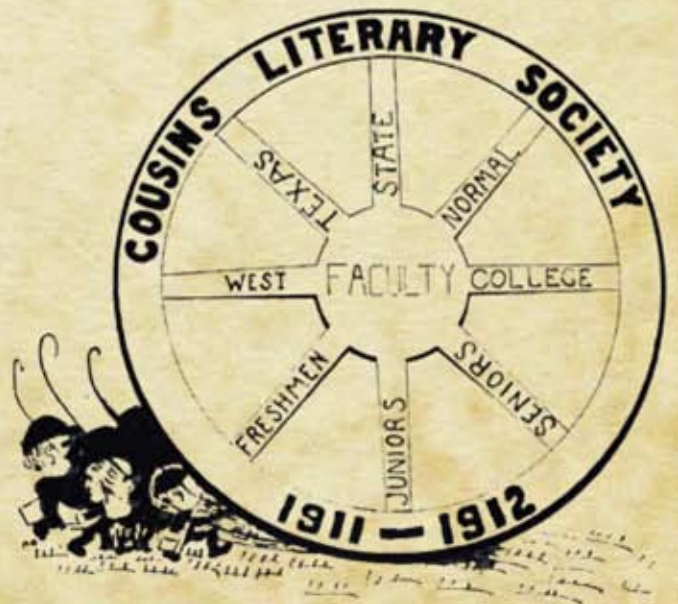


WEST TEXAS NORMAL COLLEGE

1912 | 1916 | 1918



In the early 1900s, students at West Texas State Normal College belonged to literary groups called societies. These societies were formed to maintain the art of debate. Most literary societies were limited to gender. Seen are women from the Sesame Society. Another all female group was the Barrett Browning Society. Popular men's groups were the Cousins Literary Society and the Palo Duro Literary Society.



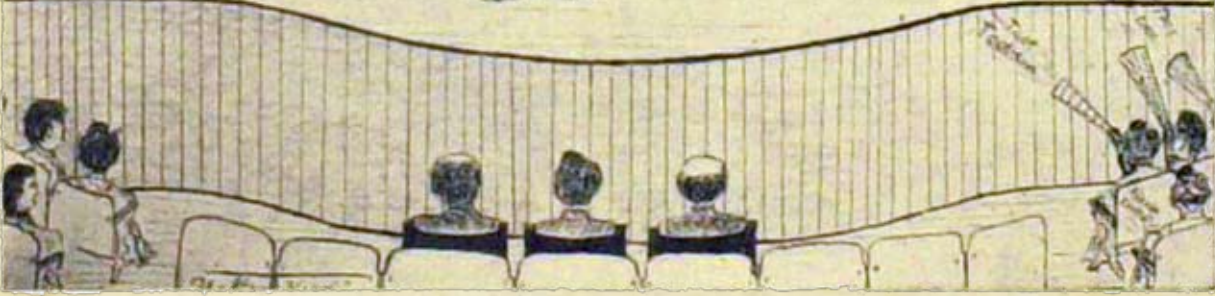
# PALO DURO SOCIETY

The question for discussion tonight is resolved that the Initiative, Referendum and Recall would be for the best interest of the people of the State of Texas.

PALO DURO COUSINS

BARRETT  
BROWNING

SESAME





## Equal Suffrage League

Equal suffrage, we beg for thee;  
 May we hide our wrongs in thee.  
 May the ballot men have stole  
 From their soiled hands be removed;  
 If polluted, here's the cure:  
 Equal suffrage 'll make it pure.

"Vote for women," is our cry;  
 We will scream it till we die.  
 When we pass this earthly pole,  
 We may go to heaven or—well,  
 Matters not our lot may be—  
 Equal suffrage makes us free.

—C. E. M.



## BARRETT BROWNING SOCIETY

### OFFICERS

#### SPRING TERM

KATE COURNS	President
RUBY McGEHEE	Vice-President
GRACE GREENWALD	Treasurer
ADDIE HOBAN	Secretary
KATH McLEER	Supervisor of Affairs
WILLIE J. ECKMAN	Critic





**Physical Laboratory  
Lecture Room**  
A classroom setting typical  
of the early 1900s

**Z HOME S  
ECONOMICS**



MAKING HOSPITAL GARMENTS.



CLASS IN DRESSMAKING.

What we call “Home Ec.” or “Home Economics” was referred to as “Domestic Science” where students learned to cook and sew.



The First Faculty  
Before Adam 6400

Instructors in the Higher Branches

# 1918 Events

**Sept. 29** – We hear Captain Saer tell about “over there.”

**Oct. 3** – The boys have a stag party. So unselfish.

**Oct. 11** – Oh Joy! We go to the Panhandle Fair. “Did you see Mr. Shaw’s horse run?”

**Oct. 16** – Our new Music Teacher, Miss Brigham, arrives.

**Dec. 10** – Miss Ritchie feeds marshmallows to the soldier boys and their friends.

**Dec. 20** – Mr. Hill, Miss Brown, and Miss O’Keefe (world renowned artist Georgia O’Keefe) attend State Teachers’ Association.

**Dec. 23** – Miss O’Keefe secures an art exhibit for us.

**Feb. 12** – The seniors urge us to buy War Savings Stamps.

**Feb. 17** – A report on the birthday of the University – Today we’re eight years old.



GEORGIE O'KEEFE  
*Drawing.*

Each class, freshman through seniors, had their own class motto, colors, officers, and yell.

### Seniors of 1912 Yell:

“Hippity Hip! Hippity Hah! Seniors! Seniors! Rah! Rah! Rah! Dig and Delve! Dig and Delve! Seniors! Seniors! 1912!”

### Seniors of 1918 Motto:

“If you Don’t know it guess it.”

## Popular Names of the Decade

### Men

Cleveland, Easton, Ernest, Elmer, Wayland, Walter, Lawrence, Bain, Leslie, Price, Beverly, Arless, Henry, Ollie, Clarence, Clifford

### Women

Nell, Inez, Irene, Gracie, Eula, Pearl, Edna, Gladys, Virgie, Ruth, Myrtle, Fanny, Lillie, Ona, May, Hattie, Birdie.



Seniors taught in training schools,  
much like student teachers of today.  
Some comments from the training  
school pupils about their Teachers:

Frank M. McLaughlin - "He's a sport! You can  
tell by his red necktie."

Eva Parsell - "She's a good runner and a  
suffragette."

Mary Mendenhall - "She's a pretty teacher - she  
wears tan shoes."

E.L. Henderson - "He kept me in so much I am  
afraid to say anything about him."

Wash Storm - "Thinks he's a sport, but he's  
not."

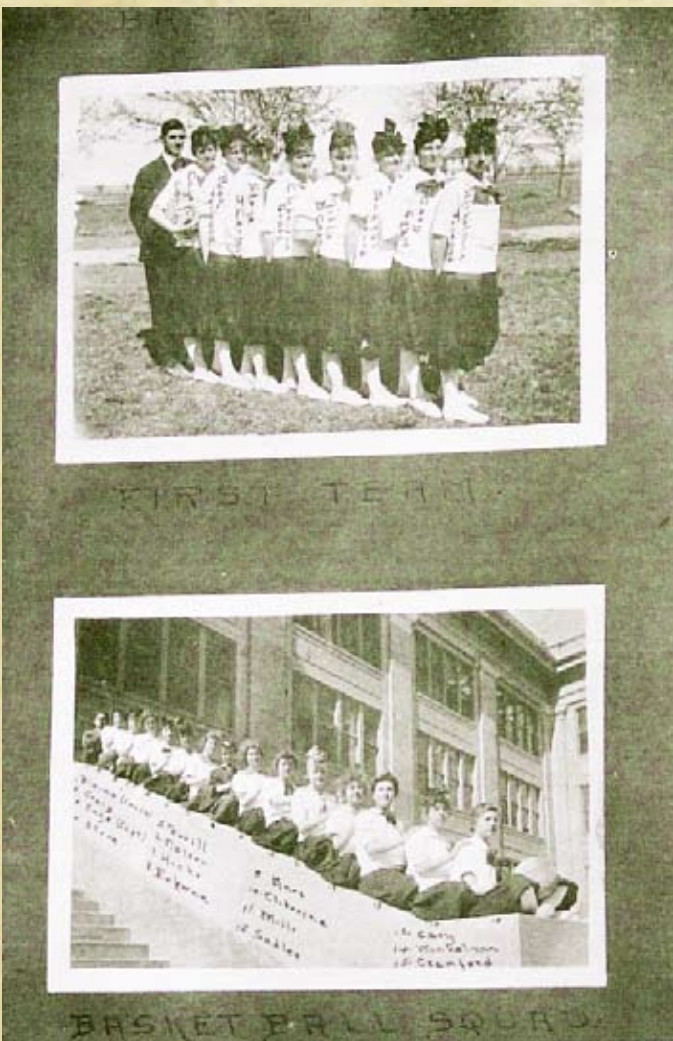
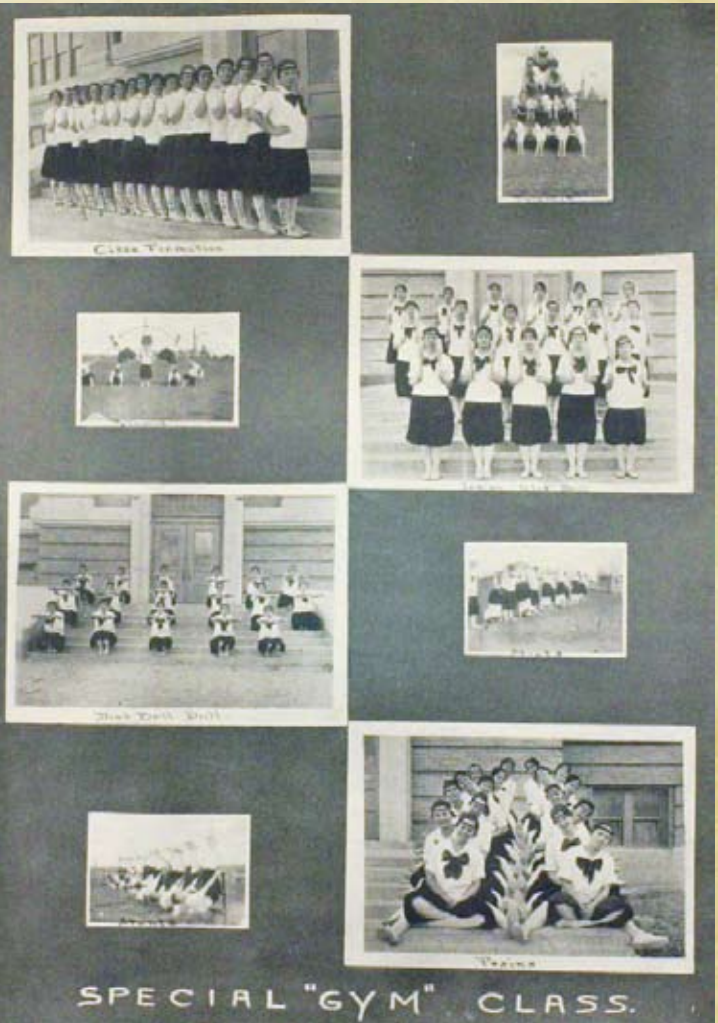
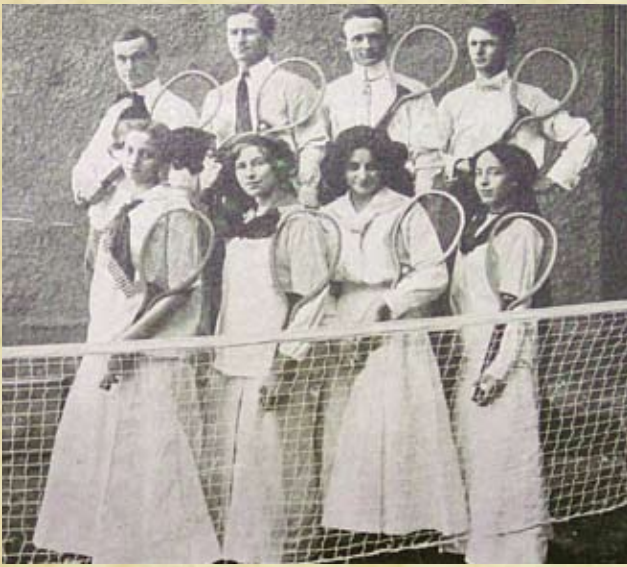
Elmer B. Brown - "I like him 'cause I think he is  
pretty."

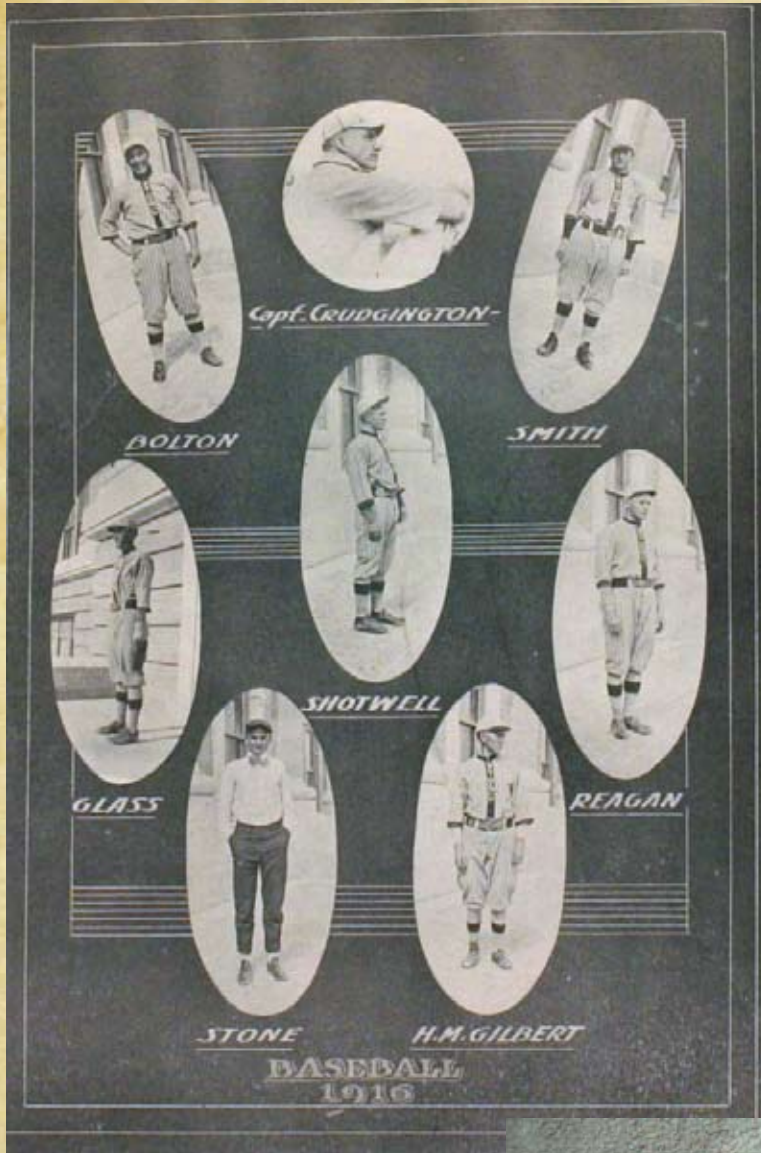
Hollis O. Childress - "Mr. Childress' hair is too  
curly - he doesn't care what we do."

Maude Jenkins - "We can't play with our pencils  
when she is around."

L.N. George - "The man who tried to shake  
Paul's head off."







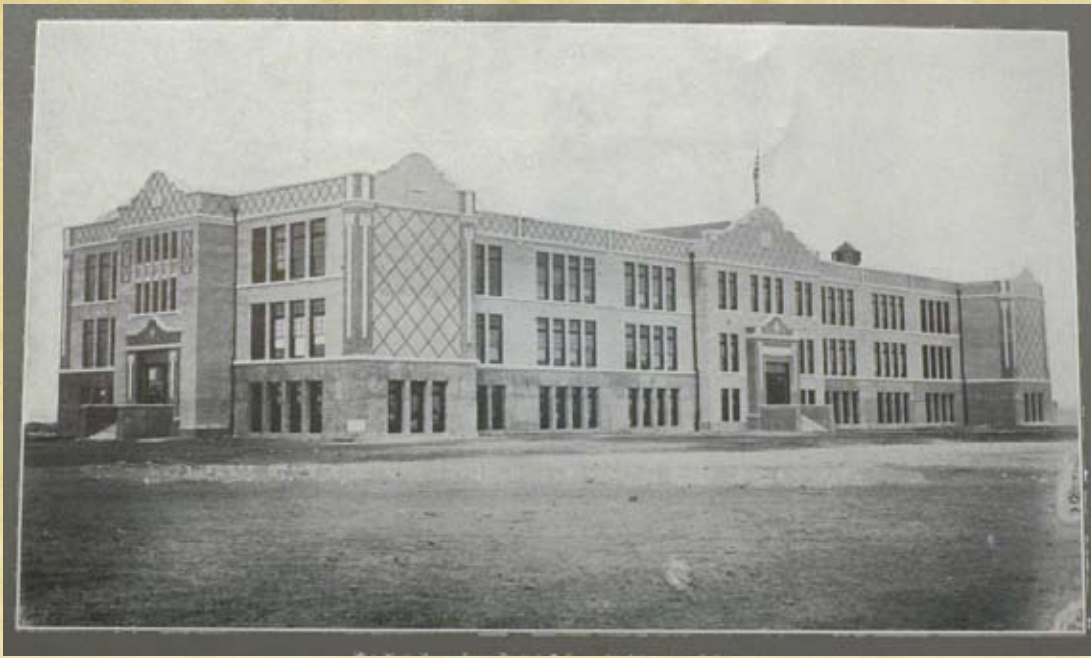
Not exactly the most successful season in West Texas State history.



Hereford vs. Normal College	8 - 0
Seth Ward College vs. Normal College	16 - 0
Hereford vs. Normal College	5 - 3
Seth Ward College vs. Normal College	47 - 0
Goodnight College vs. Normal College	0 - 3
Amarillo High School vs. Normal College	5 - 15
Hereford vs. Normal College	5 - 0



The first President of West Texas State, President R. B. Cousins. With iPhones yet to be invented, notice the hand - held telephone device on Cousin's desk.



What was referred to as the Administration Building could easily be called “Old, Old Main” today. The original administration building, seen here in 1912, was burned in 1914 at the hands of a workman’s torch. New construction soon began on the “Main Building,” what we know today as Old Main. Notice the similarities in the architecture of both buildings.





### Father's Advice

A father once said to his sons, "Boys, you are about to start for yourselves, and I want you ever to keep in mind that if you cultivate the habit of saving that your paths will be less thorny." Life is made up largely of habits and by cultivating the savings habit the undesirable habits will not find ground in which to sprout. Make the start today, with a deposit in

## The Canyon National Bank

Capital \$50,000.00

Surplus \$25,000.00

ATTEND THE MEETINGS OF

## "THE SUFFRAGETTES"

They meet at all hours, reasonable, or unreasonable.

Everybody invited, especially the bachelors.

== Come Early and Avoid the Rush ==



### Regent Shoes

Fit Better  
Wear Longer

## Regent Shoe Store

Largest Stock of Shoes

in West Texas

Amarillo - - Texas

## Cassles Drug Co.

We carry a complete line of Normal Supplies

**We are Headquarters for Normal Students**

We have the nicest line of Toilet Articles in town. We invite one and all to our store. We serve the Nicest Drinks in town.

## Cassles Drug Co.

The Leading Druggist East Side of Square

(Business Manager's Note: We couldn't sell this space because no one wanted to be next to the above ad.)

ENGRAVINGS OF THE HIGHEST  
QUALITY  
SERVICE  
THE VERY BEST

**A ZEESE ENGRAVING CO.**  
DALLAS TEXAS

# Le Mirage

To you, golden book, record of past happiness. I chant these lines. For you a thousand voices chime out a single praise. Silent as the footfalls of time, but pure as the morning dew, you hold the record of our past. A beacon light you are, ever directing those whose names you hold to nobler deeds. A bright star that has no setting. Happiness have you brought to many; sorrow to none. You represent the thoughts, the ideals, and the aspirations of the hundreds of youths who have gone from the doors of our beloved institution to sacrifice their lives upon the altar of service. You beckon us to pause in this mad rush of life, to recall the names we love. You bring us home on this occasion to sip the sweet wines of friendship and make merry with classmates of years gone by. You hold in keep the memory of our beloved instructors – men and women whose efforts were untiring for us, men and women whose ideals fixed in us a greater purpose.

Here's to the book that for six years has been the pride and inspiration of many classes. And we hope that each succeeding year shall bring to you greater glory. Though only in the morning of your infancy, you deserve more than the tribute we now pay. And we can hear the clear call of your noble volume assembling a thousand classes yet unborn to drink to the happiness of those who have gone before. Here's to Le Mirage!

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All photos taken from Le Mirage, the University's now defunct annual yearbook - years 1912, 1916, and 1918

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