

## THE JUNIOR BANQUET

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whose mission in life is to be fruitful and multiply. We also have the ones who sit at the electrical throne and listen to the teachings of a king. Each man has a head on him like a cell, but this cell cannot be kept from polarizing when the king gives a quiz. We also have the mechanical wonders who have a department that can not be excelled for lack of equipment. In that department there is a "lab." which is equipped with a twentieth century gas engine, several barrels, a pair of scales, a bucket, an oil can and a vacuum machine which is operated by suction. Uncle "Pike" is usually at the machine. With the equipment these men have it is not a prophecy to say they will be well developed in their line some day. Next we have the C. E.'s who in the future will ruin many railroads and probably injure several more walking over them hunting for jobs. Last, but not least, are the textile men who with their genius will soon be making fabric out of sand, or will corner the cotton market.

Thus we are all tonight until, so let us partake of the pleasures of this occasion to our fill. Let each man get closer to the other by this coming together. Let every experience be a happy one and every thought be a pleasant one so that when we have long since departed from our Alma Mater we may let our minds run back to this night's pleasure and live it all over again.

Fellow classmates, it will not take the wings of time long to bring '08 to us, so let us, the remainder of the time be closer together than we have ever been before. We shall soon be scattered to the four winds of heaven, filling our mission in life. Whether we succeed or whether we fail may we not forget our old classmates who went side by side with us for four years in life's preparation. In this our Southland—there is a place for us—every one—in developing its boundless resources. So let us drink to the health of '08. Only a few simple numbers. But dear to the class of naught eight.

Taken as a sacred symbol  
Of the year we graduate;  
Bringing to fond recollections  
Old memories ever new—  
The college life, the fellowship—  
Well, naught eight, here's to you!

### Class Future.

Mr. Toastmaster and other full members of the Class: There can be no doubt that there is a bright and splendid future before many of the members of the class of 1908. Every member has some rose tinted vision before him and castles in the air not less splendid than those which loomed before the vivid imagination of the Knights of the Round Table. In June, 1908 we intend to don the armor and go forth as some modern Don Quixote to wage war against the windmills. It is barely possible that some of us may not reach the high position in the financial world now held by Uncle John D. Oilyfeller while others may fail to become president of the United States. However, there is one thing certain and that is that some of us will follow the paths of glory while still more of us will follow the paths of the plow.

A few nights ago after partaking of Sbis's beautiful repast I sat down to peruse Carhart's epileptics of physics. Loathed by the internal feeling of satisfaction I was soon wafted away by the magnetic effect of the ether waves into the distant future.

It is 1909 and I am attending the

Great World's Fair held at San Francisco. Just to pass the time away I entered a very cheap circus. Two of our old classmates constituted the larger part of their attractions. They were Telfair, the fat man and Crockett, the wise guy. I might add that Crockett can count to ten while Telfair is still one hundred and two in the waist.

On the center pole in a glass case there hung a leather medal. It read like this: Donated by Chas. Furryear to George Earnest Skaggs as a slight remembrance of the many years that we spent together in the section room and as a souvenir of his final triumph over trigonometry in June, 1905.

On my way back to the city I stopped at a Chinese laundry. The proprietor who had a long white pig-tail and a mouthful of tobacco greeted me with a smile and I felt the firm hand-grasp of Teddy Maedgen of Model Laundry fame. Passing on down the street I heard a familiar voice calling, "Don't you never get hungry? A whole hog and a biscuit, all for a dime." I could hardly believe my eyes for there with a loaf of bread in one hand and a ham in the other stood Sbis's right hand man, "Civilized" Heller.

The fair was over and on my way home I had occasion to inspect some mining property in the Rocky Mountains. One of the holes in the ground which resembled an old mine was sending forth large clouds of smoke from the bowels of hades. I instantly recognized the scent of our Textile Engineering section.

I arrived at home at last and as I was behind on the news I picked up a paper and began to read. The first article I glanced at caught my eye. It read as follows: College Station, Texas, Feb. 31, 1949. Special to the Houston Post.—The faculty of the A. and M. College today passed a regulation setting aside a pension fund for the benefit of aged employes of the college and students of long standing. Those who receive the benefits of this first fund are two of our highly esteemed class mates, J. A. and J. L. Cobolini.

Fellows: I have slighted some of you, I know, many worth conspicuous mention; but I awoke from my dream too soon and I must humbly apologize to those who have been slighted. However there is one man whom I wanted to load but I could not find anything to exactly fit the case, so I simply ask you to look at him. "Pike" Neatherwood. Let us drink, not to what "Pike" may be, nor to what he may not be, but to what he and the rest of us will be. \* \* \*

### "Our Sweethearts."

There are our sweethearts at home especially those of seventeen years or more who put our company, mail carriers in the limelight; then there are the girls of Bryan who foster the tender affections of this mighty class. Though neither are represented among us tonight we cherish sweet thoughts of them during these flying moments so dear to us all.

To our sweethearts at home we give our sincerest regard and affection. To these who encourage us on to overcome the "resistance" of his royal highness "King Lear" and to march forward to that goal so coveted by us which bears those invincible figures '08.

To our sweethearts in Bryan whose occasional presence breaks the monotony of continuous stag parties and kindles our pride we pledge our sincere admiration.

It is here, in one of the happiest hours of our lives we clink our glasses together in good fellowship and drink to our sweethearts.

After the toasts were over there was a name pronounced by some one—not loud, but distinct; this call was Huff-Huff! In-

stantly the hall rang with the loud calls for a speech from the class president.

Mr. Huff gave us a short, but long-to-be-remembered brotherly talk.

At the close of the last speech we all joined in nine hearty raps for the class of '08, and while the distant hills gave back echo we parted for the night.

The banquet was not only a success in the way of a feast, but it had a far reaching effect on the class spirit. The different members were drawn closer together by a bond of fellowship and good will which will make the class more a unit in its future work. A Junior.

### IN THE FARM HUSBANDRY DEPARTMENT.

The Farm Husbandry Juniors have two and one-half hours practice per week for two terms in the Farm Machinery Department.

This practice is made more practical by three hours of theory per week which consists of lectures. These embraces the principles upon which farm machinery is constructed, such as the names of the different parts, the kind of work it is capable of doing and manner of doing it. The points to be considered in selecting a machine, such as strength of material, simplicity of structure, ease of draft, quality of work and labor involved in running it both from the standpoint of the team and the operator. For example it takes up a harvester, giving the names of the different parts, the principles upon which it is constructed, nature of the work done, and details as to putting up and operating.

The practice you might say is putting into operation the theory. In fact, theory would be of little benefit without the practice, hence the department has farm implements of all kinds, such as gasoline engines, binders, harvesters, shredders, grinders, mowers, rakes, harrows, seeders, etc., of various makes. A shaft runs through the center of the building and each machine can be put in operation by the use of one of the gasoline engines. Two student are assigned to a machine, say a harvester. They first put it in operation to see if everything is running smooth and then take it apart noticing how the pieces fit together. After having had the theory one can readily see the connection, but could not without taking it to pieces. They are not allowed to leave a machine until every piece is put together and the machine in operation. In case something goes wrong they have to find the trouble, which soon develops an understanding of the construction of the machine. When they have finished one machine they are assigned to another and so on throughout the course. Also the students have practice with windmills of different power. Water is provided for from beneath which enables one to see the exact power of pumping water, as if the mill was placed on a farm. When one finishes the farm machinery course he has a fair knowledge of the average machines used on the modern equipped farm.

Purdee has been sending out a seed corn special train over Indiana lately. The object is to bring directly before the farmers' notice the results of experiment station work, thereby benefitting a class of people which take little interest in published bulletins. The train stops at scheduled stations along the way and short lectures are delivered by experts upon the selection of seed corn, etc. This method of instruction has proven to be very efficient in the northern states and should be taken up in the southland.

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