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## Integration Should Be Simple

"What is going to happen next year when the Rockdale Schools are integrated? What are we going to do?" These were some words of two students conversing in the hall the other day.

The answer is simple. Just act as you always have done. Why shouldn't you?

The Negroes have been free over a hundred years. But, have they ever really received their equal right? Many colored people are still looked down on just because their skin is darker in color. Is this right?

The Negro has finally been given equal rights. Now it is up to us to accept this fact. They too desire to learn, but some have not received the best opportunities, as we have. Are we going to deny them this learning which would help them to improve their lives? Surely there will be differences of opinion in classrooms. But, isn't a classroom filled with different opinions anyway?

Next school term will be no different from the ones in the past if every student and teacher will take it upon himself to treat the Negro as a student striving for more learning and a better future.

## Drinking Age On Way Down?

A New England minister is currently supporting a campaign to lower the drinking age to 18. The minister holds the theory that if the sale of liquor to eighteen-year-olds were made legal, teens would not be so anxious to "booze up."

This theory seems to be sound. Human nature causes it to be reliable, but who has said anything about the teens under age eighteen?

Seniors holding the right to buy alcoholic beverages will soon be viewed in the same way twenty-one-year-olds are presently. And, as a result, those younger students will be just as anxious to drink as older teens are now.

Look at the idea from these points of view: First, before legislation is passed to lower the drinking age, you will probably be of voting age—in a position to think that younger people should not be able to drink legally; second, you will soon be a parent. Would you want your children to drink before they are 21?

## Bride-to-be Honored By FHA Chapter

Miss Melonie Simpson, home-making teacher, was honored with a surprise bridal shower, April 29, in the Homemaking department.

The junior and senior chapters of FHA with sponsor Mrs. Lohma Davis gave the bride-to-be of Robert Stringer a corsage of pink roses.

Miss Simpson was presented a scrapbook of her life by Bonnie Armstrong. The guests were given magazines and told to choose pictures that best fit each phase of her life. When the pictures were chosen, they were pasted into the scrapbook which was to be a memory album for the bride-to-be. Judy Holmes read a "Toast to the Bride."

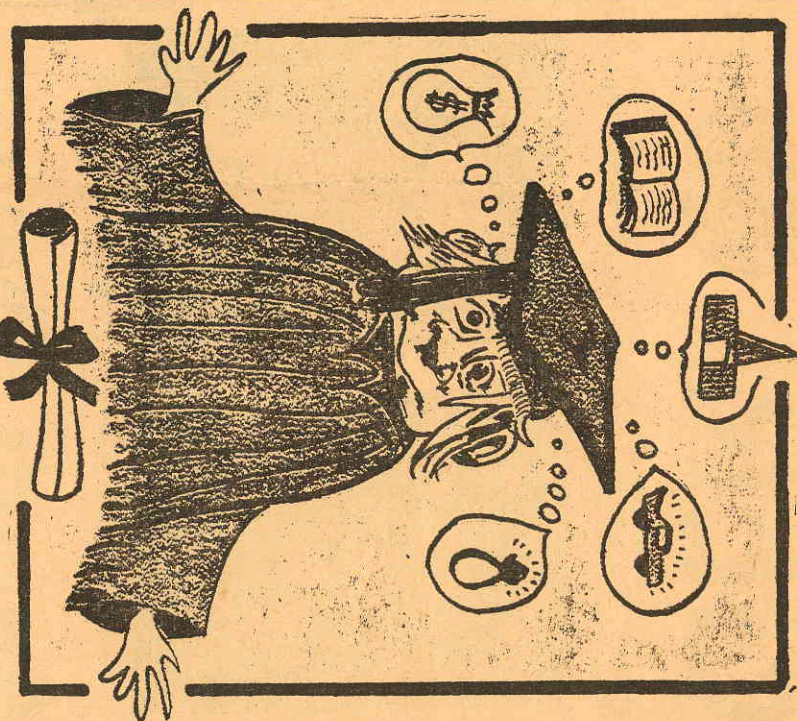
As wedding gifts, a set of floral sheets and pillow cases was given to her by the senior

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## Sr. Year is Expensive

By STEVE TUCKER  
And TIM CURTIS

The time of graduation is fast approaching when the seniors will leave the so-called free school and he and his parents will be faced with the cost of college.

But think back. Free school? Hardly! Suppose you, future seniors decide to pay all your school and school-related expenses at the beginning of school next fall.

Okay, first of all, let's list and add up all the direct school fees and expenses. First? What else—the "ever-popular" activity fee for "paper and ink"—\$2.50 worth! Next come fees—chemistry, physics and typing, \$3 for chemistry and physics and \$9 for typing. Shop students pay for the materials going into their projects, usually averaging around \$10.

Oh! And don't forget those P. E. shorts—\$2.50. Buying of books has also become quite popular. Novels for English classes, manuals for science labs, and advanced books for math classes—not that they aren't needed, because they are.

Now let's take into consideration the "extra-but-needed" items. First, and most important, to every senior is the senior ring—about \$30. Others would include the buying of annuities, Tiger Tales subscriptions, club dues and fees, such as pins and charms.

And, toward the end of the year, seniors almost always buy their graduation announcements, record books, and name cards. Usually, the cost ranges from \$8 to \$30, depending on the number of relatives one has.

Then we come to an item that depends on whether or not one chooses to go to college. If so, then a \$20 room reservation is required, plus the price of entrance exams, averaging about \$7.50. Many choose to visit a college and this is another \$10 at least. Since the

cost will vary with the individual, there can be no set standard, but it will probably be somewhere between \$200 and \$300.

Which costs more, a boy or a girl? Boys are faced with paying for 4 or 5 corsages per year, plus paying for their 'dates' and their own way into the ballgames and dances. Counting football and all the other activities, this soon adds up. Of course, the girls usually have to buy 4 or 5 new dresses, plus special hair-dos to go with them.

So Juniors—face the facts and pinch those pennies!



The Tiger Tales staff takes a break to re-live the "Roaring Twenties" during Senior Week. Steve Tucker, Roger Stracener, Dolle Buerk, Diane Wilcox, Tim (Al Capone) Curtis, and Barbara Jackson pose for their sponsor Mrs. Maline Caraway in the homemaking living room. (See story page one).

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## Civics Teacher's Mother Injured

The mother of Mr. Robert Downtain, civics and math teacher, fell in her home on May 11 and broke her hip.

Mrs. Mary Belle Downtain was carried to Harris Hospital in Fort Worth where she was operated on May 13. The doctors report that she will probably be dismissed in two weeks.

Mr. Downtain left for his home town, Ranger, Tuesday evening and went from there to Fort Worth. He did not return to school until Monday morning.

## HE I Students Observe Tots In Play School

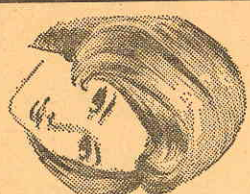
The HE I girls, in their unit on child care and development, offered a play school for pre-school age children from Monday through Friday, May 17-21. The living room of the HE Department was converted into a play room for the children. The girls brought toys and other play things for the pre-schoolers.

The HE girls were divided into three different groups in order to share the responsibility. The first group was to get acquainted with the children, and the third provided music for their entertainment.

Children ranging from the age of two to four were brought the first part of the week, then the five and six year-olds were brought the last of the week. Refreshments were served toward the end of the period.

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