

Leonard De Bennett scrapbook, 1923-1925

A Guide

Descriptive Summary

Creator: Leonard De Bennett

Title: Leonard De Bennett scrapbook, 1923-1925

Inclusive Dates: 1923-1925

Abstract: This is the personal scrapbook of Leonard Bennett showing his time as a student at John Tarleton College from 1923 to 1925.

Identification: AR 4

Extent: 1 folder

Shelf location: Small Collections Box 1, Folder 1

Language: English

Repository: Tarleton State University, Dick Smith Library, Archives. Stephenville, TX.

Biographical Note

Leonard De Bennett was born in Weston, Collin County, Texas on October 1, 1903 to Frank Micajah and Dorcie Lee (McCoy) Bennett. He attended John Tarleton Agricultural College from 1923 to 1925. Bennett played on the championship basketball team of 1923 to 1924 under the direction of coach Wisdom. He was also a member of the J. T. Actors Club, 1923; Officers' Club, 1924; and the Lucky 13.

Bennett married Florence Jane Yarbrough in Weatherford, Texas on December 23, 1926. His early professional years were spent teaching in a rural two room schoolhouse with his wife. Their salary frequently consisted of gifts of meat and vegetables from their students' parents. During the war years, Bennett taught industrial arts in Seagraves High School in Seagraves, Texas. He also spent evenings and weekends conducting workshops for local farmers in the repair and construction of parts for their farm equipment as the war effort made such parts unavailable on the home front. After the war, Bennett joined an oil well servicing company as Industrial Engineer and remained with The Western Company in Texas until his death.

Bennett died on August 11, 1967 in Fort Worth, Texas and is interred at Cottage Hill Cemetery in Celina, Texas.

Sources:

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John Tarleton Agricultural College. *The Grassburr*, Yearbook of John Tarleton Agricultural College, 1924, yearbook, Spring 1924; Stephenville, Texas. (texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph541982/: accessed October 6, 2017), University

of North Texas Libraries, The Portal to Texas History, texashistory.unt.edu; crediting Tarleton State University.

Scope and Contents

The collection is the personal scrapbook of Leonard Bennett showing his time as a student at John Tarleton Agricultural College from 1923 to 1925. The collection consists of ten unbound scrapbook leaves of various sizes containing photographs and newspaper clippings, twelve loose photographs, one loose clipping from the *Southwestern Sportsman* magazine, and an April 8, 1925 *J-TAC*. The photographs are of basketball teams, football games, cadets on the drill field, students, and campus scenes.

A digital copy of the J-TAC may be accessed at <https://texashistory.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metaph139920/?q=April%208%2C%201925>.

Physical Access Restrictions

Physical access is restricted due to the fragile condition of the materials. Special permission from the archivist must be obtained to view the original materials.

Index Terms

Persons

Bennett, Leonard De, 1903-1967

Organizations

John Tarleton Agricultural College

Subjects

Basketball

Football

Students

Places

Stephenville (Tex.)

Administrative Information

Provenance

Donated to the Dick Smith Library at Tarleton State University by Janice L. Bennett in 1999.

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Processing Information

Finding aid prepared by Phyllis Kinnison, 2017. Revised by Phyllis Kinnison, June 8, 2018 and by Amanda Pape, July 12, 2018.

Note to the Researcher

The collection is processed, but advance notice is required before conducting research. Some materials originally housed in binders have been placed in folders and boxes. For more information, contact Librarian/Archivist Phyllis Kinnison at pkinnison@tarleton.edu.