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Wayne Poucher Brings National Title To F. H. C.

Brother and Sister George Pepperdine Pay Visit To F. H. C.

Brother and Sister George Pepperdine of Los Angeles, California, visited Freed-Hardeman College October 30 and 31. In order to acquaint Freed-Hardeman students better with our visitors, the Sky Rocket reporters sought and were granted an interview.

The Pepperdines are an entertaining couple who have the ability of putting people at ease and we found ourselves chatting easily. Their enthusiasm for the Cause and their genuine interest in others held the reporters' wholehearted attention while time flew.

Brother and Sister Pepperdine with their children, Marilyn, aged four, and George II, aged three, are on a six weeks' trip, which began October 1. When one of your reporters commented that Marilyn is a rare name here, Mrs. Pepperdine said it is quite common on the coast where several of the movie stars wear that name. "But," they both affirmed at once, "we did not name our daughter for a movie star." Sister Pepperdine has always liked the name.

Starting from a five-dollar business, Brother Pepperdine has built a \$35,000,000 concern—the Western Auto Supply Company. Even so, he still remembers his boyhood pleasure in setting rabbit traps at night and making the rounds to get his "catch" in the morning before school.

Always his purpose has been to humanity service, and now that his resources are so immense he feels he has just that large a responsibility to use it for others. He has decided that helping the next generation to a more abundant life is the best use of his money he can make. Accomplishing this task involves spiritual training, cultural training, and training to help others in later years—hence, George Pepperdine College.

Sister Pepperdine is heartily in sympathy with that cause, and together they have watched the birth and growth of the important college which bears their name. Now in its third year, George Pepperdine College is well on the way to becoming one of the most important and well-known in the United States.

Although their present tour has taken them to visit friends and relatives, the New York World's Fair, and Washington, the most important reason for it was to enable the travelers to visit schools and colleges of the Church of Christ returning home. Antioch College in Ohio, Berea College in Kentucky, Madison College near Nashville, Vanderbilt and Peabody in Nashville have also been studied to learn what they are doing to help students work their way through school. The Pepperdines' interest in the different methods used was apparent.

Although the Western Auto Supply Company's founder did not profess to know the social and economic conditions here, when asked how they compare with those on the Coast, he replied that people in the West seemingly live on a higher economic plane than those in this section. However, we are apparently more happy, according to our visitor, which he thinks is another argument for the principle that happiness is not a result of money but of contentment of conscience, which comes of duty well performed.

Brother Pepperdine spoke to the student body in chapel. The avowed purpose of his talk was to leave

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"THE COVERED WAGON"

I'm afraid I looked quite astonished when I stepped into the residential trailer home of Brother and Sister O. S. Lanham on Monday afternoon. It was so much more complete, convenient, and spacious than I thought a trailer could be, to say nothing of its beauty.

"This is 'The Covered Wagon'," Sister Lanham told me, which on approaching I had already observed, from the big silver-colored plaque on the back of the trailer. The plaque pictured the covered wagon of pioneer days, drawn by a yoke of oxen and under it were the words, "The Covered Wagon". The trailer is thus named after its makers, The Covered Wagon Company, of Mt. Clemens, Michigan.

Upon entering, I noticed at once the lovely studio couch, of strictly modern design, which occupies the end of the trailer nearest the door. It is upholstered in a lively pattern of black and gold on a light-buff background, this accenting the buff color scheme used throughout the trailer.

Just back of the couch above the window, a built-in bookcase and wall lamp lend much to the color of the room as do several interesting pictures.

Near the couch are another bookcase and a radio, while on the opposite side is an end table above which is a long built-in mirror. Two large wardrobes on either side of the trailer partially separate the living room from the dinette and kitchen. From one of the wardrobes, built-in cabinets stretch to the end of the trailer, fully equipped with a sink, enclosed refrigerator of 50 pounds capacity, and storage space. For cooking, an electric stove with two cooking units is used. Nothing seems to be lacking, not even to running water, which is pumped in by means of a double-action suction pump.

Across the back is storage space for linen and another bed which has been converted into sleeping quarters for little Susanna Lanham, baby daughter of the Lanhams. She ought to be quite proud of her cozy bed, too, because it is covered with the same material as the couch, which also opens into a full-size bed.

Next and latest comes the dinette, consisting of a table and a long seat similar to the most modern breakfast nook.

Besides its strictly modern furnishings, the trailer is well insulated, making it a desirable place in which to live in both summer and winter. A roof ventilator helps regulate the temperature, and a beautiful Alexander linoleum of colorful pattern covers the floor. In winter, a fuel oil heater is used, and it really keeps things warm.

After having shown and explained the furnishings to me, Sister Lanham said that they moved here from Pontias, Mich., where she spent last Halloween. She went on to say that they had been in nearly every state in the Union, and I'm hoping that they will like Henderson as well or even better than their past homes.

It came time for me to leave, but as I departed, I cast one more look at the huge trailer with its two-tone color effect of dark burgundy and silver. It is truly a modern home on wheels—"The Covered Wagon" of today.

Halloween Party Holds Spotlight At Freed-Hardeman

There's big black cats and witches
There's big black cats and witches
There's big black cats and witches
On jolly Halloween . . .

And those who attended the Halloween costume party found many more spectres to haunt them. As the zero hour for the sprites' gathering drew nigh, all waited impatiently outside the gymnasium. Under the pale light of the moon, ghosts moved to and fro, moaning low. Then the doors were opened and we were commanded to accompany a weird creature through the hall of terrors. Finally the guests managed to thread their ways up the flight of stairs to the gymnasium, transformed with its corn shocks, pumpkins, and boughs from the autumn-leaved trees.

When the gymnasium was filled, William Hull announced the costume contest. The judges decided that the best dressed girl was Frances Williams, disguised as a witch; the boy was Carl Hutchison, representing a robot ghost; and the funniest-dressed was Wyman Nettles, a decrepit old man on crutches.

The guests then found their ways to the various booths. Many thronged to the fortune-tellers to find what the immediate future holds and then to delve further into the realm of imagination. The Morgue came next. Shrouded in gloom, a huge ghost showed the visitor what his image will be after the spirit has departed from his body. They were grinning, even laughing, old images.

As the Halloween photographer snapped the picture of the masked

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Students Hold Annual Outing At Chickasaw Park

With the noon-tide gong of the school clock on October 21, books were cast away and the doors to classrooms closed, for the entire school was going to Chickasaw for our Annual Weiner Roast.

Promptly at two, five buses were loaded to capacity and with songs, laughter, and happy chatter, off to the Park we went. No better day could have been chosen, as even Nature was in accord with our carefree spirit. When the buses halted, the prattling groups went hither and yon, each bent on getting the most out of the outing.

No one was lacking for something to do. Those with tennis racquets spied two excellent clay courts. Beyond these were a croquet court, volley ball courts, horse shoe boxes, swings, and boats—all ready for players.

Those who enjoyed indoor sports went to Sagamore Lodge, a beautiful rustic building overlooking the lake, where indoor games were plentiful. Others who were attracted by the lure of nature went for long hikes over hill and vale and around the many inlets of the lake. All the while, candid camera fiends were finding, much to their enjoyment, nature and their friends for good shots.

When our muscles began to sag with fatigue and appetites grew larger and larger, a welcome shout of "Food!" reached our ears. From every spot fellow "outingers" moved toward the picnic pavillion, its long tables laden abundantly with wieners, buns, apples and marshmallows.

Around the fires could be heard

FRESHMAN BOY WINS NATIONAL F. F. A. SPEECH CONTEST

Wayne Poucher, a member of the Freshman Class and a native of Largo, Fla., has brought national recognition to the campus of Freed-Hardeman by winning first place in the National FFA Speech Contest which was held in Kansas City, Missouri, Monday, October 16.

Baird And Cary Elected Leaders Of Senior Class

One of the most trying elections in the history of the school was held October 4, 1939, when the Senior Class organized. Parliamentary rules were almost revolutionized before James Baird finally won the election for president over John Sam Cary, who was then chosen by acclamation to fill the post of vice-president. This action gave the two officers the identical places of honor and responsibility which they held as leaders of the Junior Class of 1938-39.

From three candidates nominated for secretary, Dawn Poston was selected.

Our officers hail from the states of Kentucky and Tennessee. James Baird, a native of middle Tennessee, was valedictorian of his graduating class at Lebanon. He had practice in class leadership throughout his high school career. Upon graduating in 1937, he went abroad, visiting thirteen countries, including Germany, the Holy Lands, India, China, and Japan. He returned home in time to attend the last semester of Cumberland University in his home town. In the fall of last year, James entered Freed-Hardeman College and has returned to the work this year. He is an inspiring leader.

John Sam Cary graduated from the Burksville High School, Burksville, Ky., with salutatory honors. In that year he was in the finals of the Kentucky State Oratorical Contest and received a rating of excellent and was regional winner in Public Discussion. John Sam is now co-editor of the Sky Rocket, and took prominent part in the activities of the College in 1938-39, being on the College varsity team. John Sam's broad capabilities make him a valuable classmate.

Our class secretary-treasurer graduated as salutatorian from her high school at Maury City, Tenn. She was given a medal for the best all-around student in school and won third place in the dramatic reading contest in Crockett County in her senior year. She was presented a basketball by the County for her good sportsmanship in the County Basketball Tournament. Her talents and leadership are evident.

With above fifty members and these officers, the Senior Class of 1939-40 is making history.

the "Ahs!" and "Ohs!" of the various roasters. Whether it was the delight of the fastidious or the disgust of some unfortunate who had charcoaled his wiener beyond recognition we were too busy to investigate.

Best of all were the marshmallows, and for technique worth accomplishment in getting all the toasted delicacy off the stick without using one's fingers, see Sister W. C. Hall.

As the camp fires began to burn low and dusk fell, the horns sounded and "All Aboard" and we clambered in without a bark.

Wayne, representing the Southern Region, which includes twelve states, was pitted against four speakers, representing Hawaii and the other three Regions of the United States. Each speaker was allowed from eight to ten minutes for presentation of an entirely original speech. The speeches dealt with the problems that the future farmers of today are facing, such as soil erosion.

The contest, which was held during the National Future Farmers' Convention, was attended by 6400 registered Future Farmers. In the selection of the best speech, the composition and content counted 40 per cent and the delivery 60 per cent. Wayne had the honor of speaking four times over the NBC network, one time for delivery of his speech and three times for interviews.

This is Wayne's third year as a member of the FFA and the second year that he has entered the FFA speaking contest. Last year he was defeated in the Florida State Finals after having been victorious in his local chapter, his sub-district, and his district. This year he brought honor to himself and his associates by winning not only the Florida State Contest but also the Tri-State, Southern Regional, and then the National.

Wayne has also been honored by serving in numerous official capacities in the FFA. He has been president and vice-president of his local chapter as well as secretary of the State Association. Moreover, he is not the only member of the Poucher family that has gained national recognition in the FFA, as his brother, Lester Poucher, was National FFA President in 1937 and 1938.

Although Wayne had the privilege of enjoying an educational, entertaining, and unusual trip, he declared that his greatest joy was in getting back to F-H. C. He intends to graduate here and his chief objective in life is to preach the pure and unadulterated Word of God. His interest in agriculture will not, however, be forgotten, as he intends to make that his chief hobby.

Freed-Hardeman salutes Wayne for his grand accomplishment and trusts that it will serve only as an incentive to do even greater and nobler things.

EXCHANGES

There are 1,400,000 students enrolled in the various colleges and universities of our nation and there is nothing more interesting than observing the activities on other college campuses by reading other college papers. The following interesting material was chosen from this source:

Of the 333 University of Oklahoma co-eds answering a questionnaire, 313 checked "to make friends" as the reason for coming to college, which should suggest something to us. Why did we come to college?

A student at Texas Technological College enrolled for a total of 11 hours. Finding that his load was too heavy he dropped one of these. When the quarter was over he had flunked nine of these and received so many cuts that he lost the one he had passed. And so he was back where he started, even with the college—or was he?

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THE VALUE OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

George W. Dehoff, a member of the graduating class of '35, has recently completed a book of great intrinsic value, "Why We Believe The Bible." It is dedicated to Dr. and Mrs. C. E. Byler and Bonnie Beth, all of whom are intimately connected with Freed-Hardeman. This book, written by a graduate of our institution, is a great argument in favor of Christian education—instruction that hews to the line laid down by Divinity. In it the author shows with conciseness and clarity how thoroughly reasonable is the acceptance of the scriptures as the divinely inspired Word of God. He discusses in an authoritative manner the contributions made by the sciences, fulfilled prophecy, and the historical records of early secular writers to the argument for the authenticity and integrity of the Bible. The author's familiarity with the Scriptures, and his acquaintance with the various fields of human knowledge represent a good that it behooves all of us to strive for.

George Dehoff, as well as all others who have sat at the feet of our unquestionably safe Bible teachers, is capable of successfully defending the Word of God even to the complete annihilation of the skeptic's arguments.

Incidentally, this is not the only time George Dehoff has brought attention to himself and thus indirectly to Freed-Hardeman. He is one of the editors of the Twentieth Century Christian, a magazine published at Nashville, and his many contributions have brought much praise to him. He is staff contributor on the Bible Banner, in the October number of which he has a most penetrating article on "How 'They' Fight". He also has published a book of radio sermons which sold widely. Recently he was awarded a scholarship by the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

—JOHN SAM CARY

THAT THERE BE NO REGRETS

My, but last issue of Sky Rocket was popular—well, at least in one family. Vera and Vital Davis, the twin members of last year's student body, tore the object of our labors in two, according to their letter. Neither could wait until the other had finished it. Well, school, that's just what we want, isn't it?

Maybe we'd better not sit back on our laurels though (don't anybody say "What laurels") because even though we did write and rewrite to get the paper readable and check and double-check trying to catch every error (which we did not), we have to admit the incident is better proof of how we feel about a thing after we leave it than it is of the popularity of our masterful edition of the Sky Rocket.

According to reports from the students of last year, and all the other years, no matter how much we think we appreciate our school now, present enthusiasm is only a small measure of that to come after we leave. In order that there will be no regrets after we leave, about "what we might have done", we should add our best to this spiritual environment, hold high the ideals of this institution, follow the worthy examples set before us, and treasure the Christian friendships we are forming.

—FREDA CROMWELL

A. C. E.

As a flower emerges from a tiny seed, so the A. C. E. enters its second year of growth in F. H. C.

A. C. E. means "Association of Childhood Education." To help children to more abundant education, and to enrich its members in that they may serve the education field to greater capacity, is the two-fold purpose of the Club.

The initial meeting of the organization was on Wednesday afternoon, October 18, at the home of its advisor, Mrs. Oscar Foy. With only three charter members back, the association has almost doubled its enrollment of last year. Officers for the ensuing year are: Lois Swisher, president; Aileen Bailey, vice-president; Delphia Hudson, secretary; and Sara Jo Bass, treasurer. Meetings are to be held the first Friday in each month at 7:30 p. m. in Room B.

Plans for "39-40" are well under way, with the hope of having representatives to the state meeting at Memphis in December, and to the national meeting in Milwaukee this Spring. Trusting that these aims may materialize, we shall be proud to carry this department of F. H. C. far.

Sincere appreciation goes out to those who encouraged the renewal of this organization. May it ever be a worthwhile group, striving to give its successors a good heritage.

Alumni News

(Being Largely Wedding News)

Freed-Hardeman is well represented in the senior colleges of our land, as our 1939 seniors are enrolled in many different sections of the country.

J. B. Watson is at the University of Florida, Elizabeth Martin and Martha Lou Austin at University of Florida for Women, Wayne Hemingway at University of Michigan and Thelma Kleyn at Wayne University, Detroit. Frances Huff, Robert Jones and William Allen are at George Pepperdine.

Bonnie Beth Byler is at University of Arkansas and Johnny Greenway at Harding. Bonna Tarpley is at Bowling Green Business University. Marvin Pigg is attending University of Oklahoma and John Hall, A. & M. College, at Stillwater, Oklahoma. Leonard Tyler is our representative in the Lone Star state. He is attending Abilene College and writes us that he held 13 meetings during the summer vacation.

In our own state we have Altha Dodd at State Teachers, Memphis, Doris Hardeman at Vanderbilt and Mary Sue Taylor at Lambuth.

Otha Wade was a recent visitor to school.

Flavil Nichols is beginning work with the Church in Tuckerman, Arkansas.

J. Buford Hollis has a position in Boston, Mass.

Mary Duanne McDonald is sec-

SPORT SPECTRUM

BY BUDDY AKIN

Sports have been very stirring on the campus at Freed-Hardeman during the past two weeks with the Freshman and Senior softball artists fighting it out to see who is the undisputed champion on the campus. To date the standing is at a deadlock with the Seniors and Freshmen each winning two games and tying one. Thus the championship game is yet to be played and it promises to be a terrific battle, with both teams out for blood.

The tournaments in the various sports which have been going on among the different societies have thus far been very evenly distributed. The Sigma Rhos were victors in softball, the Phi Kappa Alphas in tennis, and the Philos in "unofficial football". In baseball the Philos and the Phi Kappas played the first game. This was a hard-fought game, with the Philos eking out a scant marginal victory after a hard duel. Then in the play-off between the Philos and the Sigma Rhos, the Sigma Rho team poured it all over the Philo team, displaying a hard-fighting well-organized aggregation, with Captain Red Holloway and the Moore boys showing outstanding performance. The tennis champion of the societies was determined last week with James Baird taking the honors. He first came through with a stunning upset victory over J. S. Cary, taking him 6-2, 6-4, 5-7, 6-4. Baird then went on to defeat Cloyce Purdom in three straight sets, 6-2, 6-3, 6-0. Baird, Purdom, and Cary, representing the Phi Kappas, Philos, and Sigma Rhos respectively, gained their right to play in the finals after many hard-fought battles with numerous contestants. Baird came through as a "dark horse", since Cary and Purdom were seeded in last year's tournament. Judging from the stuff these boys showed in the tournament, Freed-Hardeman can rest assured that her tennis standing will be in good hands and handled in such a manner that it will bring laurels of victory from the M. V. C. tournament next Spring. The Pigskin Parade is well under way and marching in all its glory. The football strategists of the nation are launching their power-house combines against each other in all their fury. To prophecy a perfect record even for such teams as Cornell, Tennessee, Michigan, and Texas A. & M., seems precarious. While the football fanatics of the nation are arguing over the superiority of Tennessee and Cornell, the ardent supporters of the gridiron classic of Freed-Hardeman are arguing over the superiority of the Philos, Sigma Rhos, and the Phi Kappas. However, this argument was settled in a recent series of games in which the Philos completely dominated the praise of all by stunning victories over the Sigma Rho and Phi Kappa aggregations.

The Philos first emerged victorious over the Sigma Rhos in a rout with score 20-6. Then the next game between the Philos and the Phi Kappas was fought to a 6-6 deadlock; but this did not stop the aggressive Philos, because in their next game with the Phi Kappas they were on the long end of a 2-0 score. It was not until after a gruelling battle with these Phi Kappas that the Philos emerged as "football" champions of Freed-Hardeman. As to how this deadlock will turn out among the societies, your guess is as good as mine, so we will only have to wait for further developments along that line.

The basketball outlook for F. H. C. is greater this year than in any year previous. There will be approximately thirty-five athletes on hand for the first practice of the season next Monday night, November 6, to attempt the "giant-killing" job of wearing the maroon and white. Casual observation reveals plenty of potential varsity talent on hand from last year. From last year's aggregation there will be Brock and Harris, all M. V. C. forwards, Cary, Kelley, Holloway, and Bastin. These boys are being depended on really to deliver the goods, and with the help of Bates, the Moore boys, Weir, and Alexander, should be the constituent elements of a championship team. The LIONS are going to roar! Are you behind them?

retary for Mr. D. E. Mitchell, one of our local lawyers.

James Bucy is with us again, taking a business course.

Evelyn Mingle is in Washington, D. C. She is working in the House Building just across from our Capitol. She is secretary for Rep. Gore from Tennessee.

Doris Shore is taking a course in X-Ray at John Gaston Hospital, Memphis.

Among our last year graduates we find the following teachers: Morrel Hatcher, Edna Speece, Ewell Scott, Koelle Martindale, Martha Henry, Hazel Hardin, Irene Hadcock, and Melvin Dugger. These are all teaching at or near their homes.

Weddings continue to be the theme of most of our alumni story, with October furnishing its quota of F. H. C. brides and grooms. Sevens alums have taken the important step in the last few weeks, and another is busily making plans for a November marriage.

Josephine Banks, of Dyer, and Lurla B. Daniels, of Milan, were great friends in school here in '34 and '35. Back in September, Lurla B., who has been teaching in her home county annexed herself a husband, Robert Keith, of Milan. Not to be outdone, soon thereafter Josephine made up her mind in the same direction. Accompanied by the Keiths, Josephine and Stacy McGuire, of Poplar Bluff, Mo., motored down to Henderson on October 14, and were united in marriage by Brother W. C. Hall. Mrs. McGuire plans to finish the term of school she had started teaching in Gibson County, Tenn.

News had trickled from Antlers, Okla., to the effect that Edith Wheeler, of the lovely red head, senior of '39, finally said yes to her childhood sweetheart and is now Mrs. Robert Allison, of Oklahoma City.

The second week of October was the occasion of much matrimonial talk in the Girls' Home, since two of our attractive co-eds were participating in nuptials back home. Verle Douthit was a bridesmaid in the Lankford-Owen wedding at Union Avenue Church in Memphis, while Dot Poston was maid of honor at the marriage of her cousin, Virginia Pittman of Alamo, to Horace Colvett (who is an F. H. C. alum of 1929). We didn't attend these two affairs but we know that there was at least one lovely thing about each one of them.

Ruth Bobbitt, formerly of Lexington, F. H. C. co-ed in 1933-4-5, an honor student, has been since October 6, Mrs. W. H. French, of Byhalia, Miss. Ruth gave her wedding another Freed-Hardeman touch by going to Brother Ross Spears in Memphis for the ceremony.

Alton H. Maner, of Mobile, is the latest addition to the ranks. He and Miss Ruth Hudson, of Anniston, Ala., were married the last of October. He is one of our most prized alums, and was very popular on the campus back in '29, '30, '31, and '32. He has done an outstanding work for the Church in Mobile, having gone there on leaving school and labored most faithfully for the Cause.

Camille Hardeman's wedding to Emmett Guy, Superintendent of Chickasaw Park, occurred on Saturday afternoon, October 21, at her lovely home here. Doris Hardeman came home from Vanderbilt, where she is a Junior, for the occasion. The groom's brother, Cal Guy, of Jackson, said the ceremony in the presence of the immediate families, amid a beautiful decorative scheme of white chrysanthemums, white tapers, and ferns. A reception followed the ceremony.

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Here And There

Fred Walker of Lakeland and Largo, Florida, visited F. H. C. the last of September and brought with him Wayne Poucher, of Largo, and J. J. Crews of McClenny, who are enrolled in the freshman class.

Sister K. M. Kelly of Alamo, Tenn., visited F. H. C. recently. Susan Morgan of Benton, Ky., was a guest of Sarah Stilley and Elizabeth Mohundro the second week of October.

Steve Patterson of Fort Worth, Texas, recently joined the "Akin Boys".

Brother Douglas Perkins of North Little Rock congregation visited F. H. C. on October 17. He was accompanied by his brother-in-law, Bertram Husband of Wawota, Saskatchewan, Canada, who is enrolled in the freshman class.

Sister N. B. Hardeman spent several days the first of October in the Baptist Hospital at Memphis.

Bonna Tarpley, who is now attending Bowling Green Business University, returned home October 14. Bonna was editor of the "Sky Rocket" in '38-'39 and was an honor graduate of the class of '39.

Brother and Sister Hardeman spent Sunday, October 15, in Acton, Miss., where Brother Hardeman preached the initial sermons in the new church building.

Billie McClellan and Verdelle Page spent the week-end of the 28th at Billie's home in Lepanto, Arkansas.

Doris Hardeman, class of '39, who is now at Vanderbilt doing her third year of college work, came to F. H. C. on the morning of October 21 and attended the wedding of her sister, Camille, to Emmett Guy that afternoon.

Brother Archie Neal, of Nashville, visited the college on October 15.

Otha Wade of Adamsville, class of '39, renewed old acquaintances here over the week-end of the 28th.

Mrs. Don Hamilton (Mildred Tate, '36) of Brownsville, spent October 25 with Mrs. Ruth Hamilton in Paul Gray home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Scott and son, Billy, spent the week-end of October 14th with their daughter, Anita.

Christine Tidwell of Lambuth College recently visited Louise Carothers.

Faye Poston of Maury City spent the week-end of the 21st with her sister, Dawn.

Judge Martin and Mrs. Sue Toles of Memphis were dinner guests of Mrs. Edwina Wilson, October 17.

Eugenia Frost spent the week-end of October 28th at her home in Memphis.

Bro. F. C. Sowell, Sr., of Columbia, and Mrs. H. S. Pogue of Bemis, visited the school recently.

Miss Flora Roberts, class of '30, of Chester County schools, recently visited the Demonstration School.

Bonnie Brooks Brinn spent the week-end of October 28 at her home in Dell, Ark. On her return she was accompanied by her sister, Burline, who has joined the freshman class.

Fannie Sue Reagan spent the week-end of October 28 at her home in Red Bay, Alabama.

Jean Green spent the week-end of the 28th at her home in Corinth, Miss.

Brother and Sister George Pepperdine, founders of Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, Calif., were guests of Brother and Sister Hardeman and F. H. C. October 30 and 31.

Mrs. Ralph Webb (Dorothy Brigrance, '27) and little son, of Decatur, Ala., and Fred Brigrance, '37, dentistry student at the University of Tennessee at Memphis, spent the week-end of October 25 with their parents, Brother and Sister L. L. Brigrance.

Myrtle Fuller, '37, of Middleton spent the last week-end in October here with Maynard ('40) and Faye Fuller, ('41).

Geneva Hall, '25, librarian at Athens College, Athens, Ala., spent the week-end with her family, Brother and Sister W. C. Hall.

Hon. W. C. Rodgers, 14, of Memphis and Mrs. Rodgers (Lora Ellis, '08-'12) spent October 28 in Henderson.

Notes From A Gossiper's Diary

Six may be early but I had to get the dope on all the dopes, so I climbed out of bed this morning, dragged on my garb, and before I fully realized I was awake, found myself seated at one of the little green tables. Same thing—Eggs and bacon and toast. I was lucky in selecting my companions for the morning, for what should I hear but gossip, and plenty of it. Last night Razor was caught out of his room, and finding the nearest hiding place to be a clothes closet, deposited as much of himself as he could in the same. The logical thing to have done was to be afraid; but quite to the contrary, he got tickled as usual and the door moved in and out.

To classes once again, and yes, without my lessons prepared. Met Brother Rivenbark at the foot of the stairs combing his hair as usual. That next class—Psychology—must be a hair-raising class.

I seated myself at a comfortable desk in room D with ears open and my mind alert. Heard someone say Eugenia was practicing up on leap-year technique, and they thought it must involve the financial side of things. It hasn't soaked through yet; maybe it will before Christmas.

Lived until Chapel time without falling from grace, so I fell in line and marched with the other erect forms along the wail of the memorable auditorium. I saw Dot Diggins pass and noticed a large fever blister adorning her lips. Happened to think about her boy friend that left a few days ago. No connections.

Was aroused from my slumber by the tap of the chord and politely wound my way around the seats. I got to the bottom of the stairs and what should I spy but a small notebook lying on the radiator as I tried to worm my way to the mailbox. I noticed that it belonged to Josephine Roland and, meddlesome as usual, opened it to see what it contained. The page of most interest was one containing the names of Harold Hardman and

Sonny Hall with letters cancelled in each corresponding with letters cancelled in her own name—just as six-year-olds do to find their true loves.

I met Margaret and Helen with eyes fixed on me at the library door. In the last issue of the Sky Rocket something was said about their not having their minds made up. They informed me that their minds had been made up, so all I could do was to mumble hastily I was sorry and pass on into the library.

As I sat looking at my book with my mind two thousand miles away, I was quite amused to hear Anita ask Harold if anyone had ever told him how wonderful he was. Through modesty, I suppose, he said, "No". All tuned up to hear something good, I was given a big letdown when she said, "Well, where did you get the idea?"

Stepped over to the dorm to rearrange my curls and met Ruth and Lois cleaning up room 206. The occupants were away and Ruth and Lois were hurrying up things so that they would be through before the owners returned. Apparently the room was in a terrible mess when the girls found it, for when they finished they left a note pinned to the bed saying, "This is not characteristic of you girls," and signed it "Mrs. Wilson". To carry the joke along, they made arrangements with Mrs. Wilson. The fun started when Freda came in shortly afterwards. Apologies were made and forgiveness given on the condition that it never happen again. Louise practically got down on her knees when asking Mrs. Wilson to excuse them for that one time. Snickers from Ruth and Lois were noticeable enough to give the thing away but the girls didn't get the drift. But that didn't get my curls fixed so I had to leave.

To dinner and saw Jimmie and Ruth reading and re-reading a letter that seemed to be most interesting. Also saw a letter to Miss Dora Bell—written by Glendon, but I was self-controlled enough to refrain from reading it. What an opportunity to pass up!

Physical Ed again and had to get myself to the ballfield, although it was all I could put up with—that Coach is one more trial. Saw Betty Ann playing with a little dirty boy who looked to be four or five year old. Her motherly instinct compelled her to take him to the dorm and wash his face and hands and comb his hair. He came back to the ballfield all spic and span and smelling like Shanghai perfume. Will keep my eyes open for a few days and see if I can tell whom she is trying to impress.

'Tis bruited about the campus that Brother Hall has gone surgical. He can remove, painlessly, up to four-inch splinters from beneath finger nails, but the last one he removed was not so long as the joke on the maitre that Wyman Nettles had prepared with the aid of a trusty broom-straw.

Shades of Robin Hood! Brother Hardeman had to request, publicly, that the budding archers on the campus spare the meek and gentle cows and not confuse them with the sprightly stags of Sherwood Forest. It is suggested that our campus quadrupeds be equipped with banners inscribed "This Is A Cow", to preclude any such mistakes. After all, what are those red,

white and blue targets for?

Mayo and Jean Johnson came strolling across the campus deeply absorbed in each other. Jean said he was telling her about his love affairs. I wondered if it concerned Arizona or West Virginia, but was glad to know of his talking about someone besides himself for a change.

The most amusing things in my busybody day came at night. Just for the novelty of the thing, I visited several rooms and politely removed the boy friends' pictures, carried them up to my room and waited for the fun. It wasn't long until things started happening, and my lessons were punctuated with interruptions of all sizes, shapes, and descriptions. Delphia was the first to miss her dear treasure. She came in looking for it and upon finding it, made a few pointed comments and left. Esther came in about seven o'clock, and carried away her prized possession. Margaret dropped by to see the collection but didn't get the ugly thing because she didn't want to be a baby. She could stand it if the rest could, she said. Dawn made a short visit supposedly about lessons, but asked for the sweet thing before she left. She evidently told Dot about hers being taken, for shortly afterwards Dot poked her nose in the door and wanted to know if I really had it—said she hadn't missed it. Freda really came in on business and got a great deal of fun out of the situation until she found stolen goods belonging to her. In the meantime Freda Sornson and Louise Bailey added to the disorder by hunting around for food, and upon not finding any, asked why we didn't bring some up for them because we knew they would be around sooner or later. How true! How true! Then Kay came in like a storm and pulled the window all the way up before we could get an explanation. Then we didn't need one, for about that time, "Whispering" came floating across from the Ad Building and we realized that orchestra practice was at an end and we would get a little relief. Bedtime soon came and I had to return the pictures that weren't missed at all—namely, those belonging to Bill, Sally, Verle, Evelyn, and Lois. And then Lois only thought it cute and wanted to lend me another one. Its ten wonders I didn't meet Mrs. Wilson somewhere in the halls, but I didn't, so here's luck for another day as the lights blink.

Dear Miss Lemme Straten It:

What should I do when a boy takes all of his time at the dinner table to discuss literature (about which I am ignorant) with another girl?

Yours in hope,
Louise Foster

Dear Louise:

You have a difficult situation here, but I think I can solve the problem. First, I would tactfully turn the conversation into a channel of literature familiar to me. Try asking him if he has read Baby Ray. If he affirms, ask him about some important literary character like Mortimer Snerd. Then if you are in a mooning mood, comment on one of the great romances like Lil Abner and Daisy May. If he laughs at you, he is probably covering his embarrassment at not being able to cope with real literary authorities. You might add a little variety by asking him if he knows the great tragedy, "Lucy Locket Lost Her Pocket."

If he does not speak to you again, just remember the comforting words of the old saying, "the graveyards are full of old maids. You won't be lonesome."

Ever your helpful servant,
Lemme Straten It

Mrs. Hilda Robbs Cawthon, supervisor of Madison County schools brought a committee of teachers to observe the Demonstration School recently. Mrs. Cawthon made plans while there to have her teachers make observations throughout the year. A committee of teachers of Bemis elementary schools spent Wednesday, October 25, here observing the splendid work in Mrs. Foy's department.

A PREACHER'S NOTES

The aging Paul exhorted youthful Timothy: "Preach the word," and in face of tribulation's weight and persecution's hindrance, Timothy obeyed the will of his father in the Gospel. However this plea was not made to Timothy alone, but to all Timothys that were to follow to all young preachers who yearn to preach the Gospel. Every week several such young men leave the campus of Freed-Hardeman to obey this age-old command of preaching the Word.

Hoyt Bailey preached twice at Copperhill, Tennessee during October, and journeyed southward on the third Sunday to preach at New Albany, Mississippi. As his sermon there came to a close an eighty-year old man came forward to be restored.

Mason Emde, James Finney, Reginald Rogers, Preston Cotham and Lewis Casey preached at Lucyville during the month of October. The conscientious zeal of these young men in preaching there was equalled only by the attention their talks received.

On October 22, William Geer preached at Bridgeport, Alabama. Brother Parker preached at Huntsville, Alabama, on the second and fifth Sundays. One of his sermon subjects, "Will a Man Rob God?" should make us all question whether we are figurative thieves of Him who gave so much or have allowed other things to steal our attention, means and love away.

Leroy Garret preached in Hackleburg, Alabama; Selmer, Leapwood, Rives and Henderson, Tennessee, during last month.

Jean Thornton baptized two at Falkner, Mississippi, after preaching there on the fourth Sunday.

These young men and others who have not been mentioned deserve a word of commendation for their faithfulness to the Cause. We regret the departure of one

of our number, who has taken a place in Tuckerman, Arkansas, preaching for the Church there; however, we are made glad, since we know that his knowledge of the Bible, ability, and wide experience have fitted him for his work. Flavil came here in 1937 from Jasper, Alabama, and has been with us since, completing the College's graduation requirements and taking extensive Bible work, and, incidentally endearing himself to Freed-Hardeman as all good Nicholas do.

Mrs. W. O. Baird recently visited with her cousin, Mrs. Ida Kendrick Meek, class of 1902, of Covina, Calif., in Corinth, Miss. Mrs. Meek was en route home after accompanying her husband to a National Postmasters Convention in Washington.

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BROTHER AND SISTER GEORGE PEPPERDINE PAY VISIT TO F. H. C.

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something that would stay with us even though we may not ever meet him again. He took as his theme "The Right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness."

In the possession of the three rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," we have a three-fold responsibility. We have the responsibility to use our lives to the glory of God. "We are not our own, we are bought with a price," our speaker said. And he continued, "We do not have the right to take away the life or liberty of others in order to get them ourselves. . . . We are our brother's keeper."

Liberty brings with it duty to God, man and to ourselves in preserving a clear conscience, the speech brought out.

Commenting on the "pursuit of happiness," the multi-millionaire said, "It is the greatest fallacy in the world to think that happiness comes from the accumulation of wealth. Happiness is a by-product of service to other people."

"God has given you more than you can ever repay," said Brother Pepperdine, concluding his speech. "When you realize this wonderful world with the wonderful friends and opportunities is a gift, then you will want to go out and serve. Do something that will make a living for yourself but help humanity while you do it."

The founder of Pepperdine College expressed his appreciation of the presence of seven Freed-Hardeman alumni who are attending school in the college that wears his name. "They are a foundation or backlog of Christian experience which will help create the right atmosphere for our school," he said.

We shall remember our visitors as people who "have kept their means as servants instead of letting them become their masters," as Brother Hardeman expressed it, and as people who are able to say with authority, "Happiness is a by-product of service to other people."

SIGMA RHO

We, the Sigma Rhos, with both quantity and quality to our credit, look forward to making 1939-40 the banner year in the history of the Society.

At a recent meeting of the Society, elections were held and the following officers will serve for the coming six weeks:

President, Leroy Garret; First Vice-President, Ronelle Caldwell; Second Vice-President, Juanita Treece; Secretary-Treasurer, Nell Daniels; Sergeant-at-Arms, Doyle Banta; Reporter, Mildred Kerr.

Again the Sigma Rhos are showing great interest and ability in the sports activities of F. H. C. Their fighting spirit is evidenced by their participation and interest in the various contests between them and the other Societies on the campus.

In "unofficial football" the Sigma Rhos were not so successful. Although it was a hard-fought game, they lost to the Philos by a score of 20 to 6. However, the softball game with the Philomatheans resulted in a sweeping victory for the Sigma Rhos, the score being 8 to 1.

HALLOWEEN PARTY HOLDS SPOTLIGHT

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patrons, many found their hidden personalities revealed.

Next was the Dark Room, the thrill of the evening. For those who did not care for the Airplane Ride, there was the somewhat tamer Goat Ride.

As another feature, each Society had appointed two representatives for an egg race, the egg to be propelled by the contestants' noses. The Phi Kappa representative won first place, Sigma Rho second, and Philos third.

After the carnival feeling had had quite a reign inside the building, the bright flames of a big bonfire out in the quad drew the guests outside. With the wind blowing briskly, every one gathered around the fire, singing songs and giving school cheers until the leaping flames died to smoldering coals. Then large cartons of marshmallows were brought out to be toasted.

The last marshmallow vanished, and the coals burned lower and lower until the time came for the Halloweeners to trek to their native haunts—the ghost back to the grave; the witch on her broom to the moon; the goblins to their hovels; the black cat to his regular role of plain alley tom; the pirates, the Gold-Dust Twins, Huckleberry Finn, the Backward Man, Hitler, the Sleepy Beauty, and the rest of the jumbled personalities, to the closets and chests and trunks where they will repose for another year.

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PHILOMATHEAN

Gangway! The jolly Philos you all know about had a happy meeting in the Chapel Hall Monday, October 23. Everyone entered into the devotional service. Then Society pins were discussed by our ex-president, Claude Counselman.

Do you know? Certainly, you know that Wayne Poucher, a Philo, won the national speech contest of the "Future Farmers of America" held recently in Kansas City. Did you hear? Of course you heard him speak on the National Farm and Home Hour and two other programs.

The Philo ball has been placed in new hands, which are: President, Cloyce Purdum; First Vice-President, Claude Counselman; Second Vice-President, Paul Kelly; Secretary-Treasurer, Dawn Poston; Reporter, Helen McGuire.

On Monday, October 30, the Philos had a short meeting. After the devotional service we enjoyed a reading by Betty Sue Gilliam and Professor Quiz by James Finney. The meeting adjourned until Monday, November 6.

Come one! Come all! Let's make this year the best of them all!

20TH. CENTURY COMMERCE CLUB

A new club on the campus! What is it? The 20th Century Commerce Club!

For several years, commercial work has played an important part in the activities of Freed-Hardeman, but not until this year was there organized a club to include all commercial students interested in all phases of business activity.

A group of students met Wednesday afternoon, October 11, 1939, to form this club, electing the following officers for the fall quarter: Freda Cromwell, president; Arie Evans, vice-president; Sally Washburn, secretary-treasurer.

This club was organized for the purpose of giving its members a more definite idea of the complexity of the business world and to prepare each member better for his particular line of work. With this purpose in view, we are planning to have prominent businessmen speak to us at various meetings throughout the year.

For the convenience of the members of the club, a list is being made of reputable business firms that are hiring new employees from time to time.

Our programs are worthwhile as well as entertaining, and we invite you to attend our meetings, held every two weeks on Wednesdays at 4:30 p. m. in the Commercial Room.

With Bro. Anderson as our advisor, we are anticipating a successful year in this newly organized club.

Laverne and Mary Ruth Roberts enjoyed a visit on the 28th from their family, Brother and Sister J. W. Roberts, Evelyn, Don, Ralph, Anne, and Etha Roberts, of Trenton.

Albert Dillahunt, of Henry, Tenn., '37, motored to Freed-Hardeman the 28th, chummed around with old friends, and then, accompanied by the Roy Traverses, drove to Memphis on Sunday afternoon to see Jacqueline Travis, '37, co-ed at State Teachers' College.

LaVerne Travillion and Alma Dyer, both of '39 and of Lexington, Tenn., were visitors on the campus Sunday, the 28th.

Brother C. L. Wilkerson joined Sister Wilkerson and Janice here the last week in October for a short visit before starting out for a meeting in Carlsbad, New Mexico, and three other meetings. Sister Wilkerson also entertained her mother, Sister Ollie Freeman, and her sister, Miss Christie Freeman of Springfield, Mo., for a few days the middle of October.

Mrs. J. L. Talliaferro and Mrs. Harris Travis of Memphis, spent October 30 with Lewis Talliaferro. Sister Talliaferro has a double welcome on the Freed-Hardeman campus, for in addition to being Lewis's mother, she herself is an alumna, of the class of 1908.

PHI KAPPA

Sailing ever onward with renewed enthusiasm as our ship changes crew, we have Thomas Page as our Captain; Bud Whitten, First Vice-President; Bessie May Tackett, Second Vice-President; Glenn Parrie, Secretary-Treasurer, and Sally Washburn, Sergeant-at-Arms.

The past six weeks have proved successful for the Phi Kappas. Our membership has increased considerably, and variety has been the keynote of our weekly programs. Talented speakers, debaters and musicians are fellow-passengers, all co-operating with the determination to make this year's voyage even better than the maiden one in 1938-39.

Do you thirst for knowledge? Our speakers can impart some worthwhile thoughts. Are your ears in tune for argumentation? Phi Kappa debaters are second to none. For champions in the field of sports, keep your eye on the Phi Kappa Alphas.

ALUMNI NEWS

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Maymi Walker, '32, of Atlanta, formerly of Lakeland, Fla., will be married to Dr. C. L. Chandler, also of Atlanta, Thanksgiving. The nuptials will take place in the chapel of Southern College, at Lakeland. Maymi has been connected with the H. O. L. C. for several years, and at the same time attended night college classes, graduating last spring. Maymi was the first of the Lakeland Walkers in Freed-Hardeman, and was followed by Fred, '35, by Mildred, '36, and more recently by Howard, who is our present representative of a highly treasured family group.

Brother Herbert Brinn, of Dell, Ark., John Brinn, '37, and Mrs. John Brinn (Orvis Payne, '38) visited F. H. C. on October 31, and brought Burline Brinn back to school with us. Burline was forced to leave during the first quarter last year on account of ill health.

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