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## BROCK TABS 83 TO BREAK WORLD'S RECORD

### Hardeman Opens Valley Meeting

Sunday, February 18, Bro. Hardeman began a great meeting in the Lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas. He and Sister Hardeman left Wednesday afternoon by auto on the 1,100-mile journey southwestward. They went first to Longview, to visit Bro. and Sister Akin, who accompanied them on the remainder of the trip and will stay throughout the meeting.

The Lower Valley of Texas is a section apart, semi-tropical and highly agricultural in nature. The expansive citrus groves and vegetable farms and the tall palm trees waving in the Gulf breezes offer inducement to hundreds of tourists, who flock to this section annually during the winter months. This fact makes a winter meeting especially desirable. The Valley boasts a permanent population of some 200,000 people living in a chain of 27 small cities within a radius of about thirty-five miles.

The meeting is being held in Harlingen, one of the larger and more centrally located of Valley towns, in the Municipal Auditorium. The auditorium is a large, new building surrounded by tall palms and with a seating capacity of 3,000. It is the Valley's biggest and best edifice for public gatherings and has reverberated to the voices of many famous people of other fields, including Nino Martini, Gladys Swarthout, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

The meeting is being sponsored by the twenty congregations of the Church in this section. The effort is unique in this respect in that no cooperative gesture has ever before been attempted by these congregations in expanding the borders of Christ's Kingdom in this locality. Though the Church there is comparatively well established, denominationalism has erected strongholds of religious error. With the courageous, experienced, and powerful efforts of Bro. Hardeman, however, it is certain that the roots of denominational absciss shall be loosened by the mighty forceps of the gospel in his hands. The churches of the section, too, will be encouraged, uplifted and inspired with the spirit of cooperation and self-confidence.

### Alumnus Honored At Pepperdine

Word reaches us from Los Angeles, California, that William "Doc" Allen is the new president of the junior class of George Pepperdine College.

He was elected to fill the position left vacant by Cory Wilson. Allen's election was with the complete accord of the class, coming by acclamation. He took over the position immediately. He stated that he felt the real man for the position had left school, but since the class felt enough confidence in him to give him the position, he would do all he could to justify that confidence. He is a member of the Bachelors and plays guard on the varsity ball team.

"Doc" was last year a member of the Freed-Hardeman graduating class and finished here with one of the best records ever made. He was one of the five honor students selected from the senior class and was a member of the Sky-Rocket and Treasure Chest staffs. He was president of the freshman class in his first year here and declined the

### These Names Are Familiar

We have a Freed-Hardeman heritage that we're proud of. It consists of the "little" brothers, sisters, cousins, sons and daughters of F-H. C. students of former years. It always awakens a pleasant memory and strengthens a bond to have younger generations come to take the place of boys and girls we've known but were forced to give up by the perpetual laws of graduation, marriage, and other changes. Many of the present boys and girls bear names and looks that are familiar to our college halls.

Annie and Carter Bain, Edwin Black, Christine Caldwell, Louise Carothers, Janice Hardeman, Brodie Henson, Netha McCorkle, Josephine Roland, Juanita Stewart, Lewis Tallaferro, Martha Criner Tillman, Dempster Weeks, and Janice Wilkerson are all children of alumni. They remind us forcibly of the college days of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Bain, R. E. Black, Hugh Caldwell, Henry and Reatie Carothers, John B. Hardeman, R. E. Henson, Will McCorkle, C. P. Roland, Pattie Suggs, Ruby Mae Taylor, Susie Holmes, Jim Weeks, and C. L. Wilkerson.

There is another splendid group, of nieces and nephews and cousins, who recall the names in parenthesis in the following list: Lloyd Armour (Quinnie and Gola Armour), Sara Jo Bass (Albert and Ruby Baugus), Evelyn Bomar (Guy N. Woods), Billy Craig (Lois Flippo), Nell Daniels (Lurla B. Daniels), Geraldine Farrar (Farrar Lee Allmon), Betty Sue Gilliam (James Faulkner), Carl Hutchison (the Priestly family), Mildred Kerr (A. J. Kerr), Wayne Kirby (Annis and Jimmie Dean Kirby), Katherine Norton (Delmar Stewart), Elmer Lee Phillips (Raymond Phillips), Crolin Plunk (Lula, Arless, and Prince Plunk), Murdo Sharp (the Sisco family), Earl Shelley (Charles, Thomas, James, and Perrine Shelley), Hazel Smith (Irene and Gladis Smith), Clyde Sutton (Lena and Harry Sutton), Jean Tharnton (Clarence and Wilford Hopper), Neldred Vernon (T. A., Stansell, Ava Nelle and Eileen Vernon), Roy Wilson (Don Hamilton), Vadeen Yopp (Carl and Lola Yopp, and Vadeen's sister, Rodgie Yopp).

Then the "little brothers and sisters" and their predecessors are: Philip Allen (William "Doc" Allen), Rachel Bethune (Davis Bethune), (continued on page three)

### DEBATES PLANNED FOR 1941 COURSE

The preachers' short course to be held next January will deviate in one respect from its predecessors to include a series of interesting discussions. This series, beginning according to present arrangements on January 14, 1941, will comprise eight nightly debates.

The meeting this year, as all the previous ones, was outstandingly successful in excellence of the lessons, caliber of the teachers and lectures, and the large, regular, attendance. Over one hundred preaching brethren participated in the courses. Next year's plan to have a debate each night, on vital religious topics, by some of the ablest men in the Church, is attracting extraordinary interest.

The program of discussion in prospect is as follows:

Operation of the Spirit—C. D. Plum and Gus Nichols.

Instrumental Music in Worship—G. A. Dunn and C. D. Plum.

Baptism Essential to Salvation—B. L. Douthitt and Gus Nichols.

Saved in Denominationalism—B. L. Douthitt and E. G. Creacy.

Premillennialism—E. G. Creacy and Roy Cogdill.

Should Christians Go to War?—Roy Cogdill and John T. Lewis.

Is The Sabbath Binding?—John T. Lewis and G. K. Wallace.

The Pastor System—G. K. Wallace and G. A. Dunn.

We extend sympathy to Mary Nell Wilborn, who was called home January 24 due to the death of her grandfather, Bro. J. T. Wilborn. Bro. Wilborn's wife, to whom he was married in 1930 in the living-room of the Girls' Home, was Sister Edna Belle Jones, former girls' matron in F-H. C.

nomination during his senior year due to an excess of work.

"Doc" was captain of our varsity basketball team which compiled an enviable record of hardwood play and he was one of the leaders in everything he attempted.

We congratulate you, "Doc", and also congratulate the junior class of George Pepperdine for having such a worthy and competent president.

### COMMERCE CLUB PRESENTS CHAMPION

Barney Stapert, 1938 World's Amateur Champion Typist, entertained students at Freed-Hardeman Wednesday, January 31, at the invitation of the 20th Century Commerce Club.

Bro. Vernon Anderson, sponsor of the Club, introduced the manager of the Memphis Underwood Typewriter District, who in turn presented Mr. Stapert to the packed commercial room.

The program was a series of acrobatic performances by those flying fingers of the Champion. After typing at his normal rate for a few minutes, he slowed to a painful 50 words a minute.

Later he typed from copy while at the same time he added mentally a column of seven three-digit numbers called out to him. His last skillful act was answering all questions the audience cared to ask while he typed at a maddening rate with perplexing ease.

Mr. Stapert rose to fame by the rough road of typing four hours a day for six years. At the International Typists' Contest, held at Toronto, Canada, in 1938, he made 136 net words a minute for one hour. He says striving for accuracy is the best way to get speed.

### GIRLS HELP UNFORTUNATES

This time, "charity begins at the Girls' Home".

Last Sunday just after church it was announced that one of the members of the congregation had just lost his home and all furnishings and clothing by fire. He himself is in poor health, his wife is an invalid, and the family has been victims of a good deal of bad luck. The congregation is making a donation of household necessities, money and clothing. Mrs. Wilson and the girls decided also to contribute, so they are collecting such items of clothing and other things as they can spare and as will be useful.

### BASKETBALL ACE TOPPLES MURDAUGH'S RECORD OF 78

#### LIONS NOSED OUT, SUNFLOWER WINS

On Monday and Tuesday nights the hardwood fans of Freed-Hardeman, Chester County, and surrounding counties and states were treated to the most spectacular basketball in a decade as the Lions fell before Sunflower's Trojans in successive evenings 45-39 and 38-37.

The two contests exhibited the height of friendly rivalry as the ancient rivals met with all their power and deception. Sunflower is leading the conference and Freed-Hardeman second.

The Trojans were recently selected out of all the Mississippi Valley to meet the champion New York Celtics in Memphis, where they lost by only two points. They boast the best team in their history and the Lions have been the only ones able to put their backs to the wall.

The two frays were staged before a capacity gymnasium, and pandemonium reigned supreme the majority of the time. In the first encounter the Trojans really outplayed the Lions and although they won by six points, the game was never out of reach of the Lions.

The second evening presented the most thrilling basketball in many a season. Sunflower scored the first field goal and led briefly but then the Lions took the lead and commanded the game until the last five seconds of play. They very vividly outplayed the Trojans and the frown of Lady Luck was all that snatched the game from their grasp.

The Lions led at the end of the initial period 11-8; at the half, 17-16; at the third quarter 31-28.

In the last five second of play, Martin, Trojan guard, sacked one from far out and gave the Trojans the olive leaf of victory. However, there was much discussion over the decision as it was doubtful if the last goal was shot before the game ended.

All ardent fans are now looking forward to the M. V. C. tournament, where they hope to see the champions clash in the finals.

### "Heart" Reception Given Seniors

The faculty entertained the seniors at an informal Valentine reception in the Home Economics Department, February 13.

Those receiving the seniors were: President and Mrs. Hardeman, Dean and Mrs. Roland, Mrs. Oscar Foy, the L. L. Brigances, W. C. Halls, J. R. Endsleys, and V. A. Andersons. Other faculty members mingled with the guests in congenial chats.

Mrs. Wilson and Mrs. Hamilton presided at the tea table.

The lace-covered table was arrayed with four tall red candles skirted with green fern, around which was a symmetrical arrangement of trays, laden with tea sandwiches, red-frosted heart cookies, and tiny red candies.

After the refreshments, the seniors and faculty exchanged pet stories and favorite class incidents, which are soon forgotten in the daily routine of school affairs, but were found most interesting for the occasion.

Sandy-headed Ulysses Brock, six-foot, 135-pound hardwood sharpshooter, laid claim to the entire world's scoring record in a single fray, after burning the immense total of 83 points through the hoops as Freed-Hardeman Lions roared to triumph over Bethel College of McKenzie, Tenn., 101 to 21, in an M. V. C. game.

Brock is known to his teammates as "Useless" and has, since his basketball days in Junior High School, been known far and wide for his scoring ability. This record shoves into the background the claim Big Jim Murdaugh, another Freed-Hardeman player, now in Memphis, made in 1937 when he collected 78 markers.

Coincidental as it is, Big Jim scored his 78 against this same Bethel team. However, the setting changed some as Big Jim scored his at Bethel College, whereas, Brock tallied his on home soil. Brock, like Big Jim, is coached by Richard Stewart, who has been the Lion mentor for the past six years.

Brock set the new world's record with from three to five guards hanging about his neck and was kicked in the ribs and temporarily disabled during the third period.

Brock's scoring by quarters: First—22 points; second—16; third—28, and fourth—17. Brock accounted for 38 points of the 50 to 16 advantage the Lions held at the half. He scored 17 of his second half total at the foul line and this remarkable record was achieved in spite of being benched for two minutes in the final frame. Although he tallied 38 points on free shots, he finished the game without a personal checked against him.

Brock is a member of the senior class and very popular with all the students.

### Plays Presented; Cary, Page, Star

The Speech Department of Freed-Hardeman College proved to the students and the citizens of Henderson Friday night, February 9, that under the direction of W. O. Davis it is able to put on production worthy of the acclaim of the most critical observers.

Damp, rainy weather often comes in handy as an excuse for staying by the fireside; however, such was not the case this time, for the "first-nighters" in twos, threes and fours hastened to their places. As the hour approached, the F-H. C. band entertained the incoming crowd with several fine selections.

As the curtain went up, the audience settled back in their seats to enjoy the first play, a comedy, entitled "The Wedding Present". Judging from the almost continuous peals of laughter, this well-enacted play was a hilarious success.

The cast for the comedy was: Wayne Poucher, the young groom; Bessie Mae Tackett, his wife; and Dennis Cecil, the bachelor friend. Bessie Mae and Wayne proved themselves to be as good comedians on stage as in natural role, which is something; and, as was expected, Brother Cecil's support was professional in caliber.

There was no lull in the entertainment between the plays. Two readings, "Romantic Love of 1940," and "It Takes," as musical one accompanied by Sara Jo Bass, were given by Mary Nell Wilborn and Freda Cromwell respectively.

The characters in the tense (continued on back page)



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## HAIL! STEWART

Success is something attained only after labor and perseverance. It can be gained, in any field, only by keeping one's shoulder to the wheel. Thus when one succeeds in his occupation he deserves the praise of his fellowman. One deserving such praise is Richard (Dick) Stewart, basketball coach of the Freed-Hardeman Lions. This is his sixth consecutive season as the Lion mentor and during that time he has produced quintets that have gained the respect of champions far and wide. Freed-Hardeman is a member of the Mississippi Valley Conference and during six years of conference play Stewart's team has never failed to go as far as the semi-finals in the conference tournament. He has captured one championship crown, tasted defeat in the finals twice, and been beaten in the semi-finals three times. In six years of competition his teams have won 130 contests and dropped only 15. For five consecutive years his teams were undefeated on their home floor. A member of his team, Big Jim Murdaugh, gained the world's individual scoring record in 1937 when he tabbed 78 points in a single game. Unbelievable as it sounds, Ulyss Brock, a member of Stewart's present team, tabbed 83 points in a recent game to even set a new world's record. Stewart's quintets have scored over the one-hundred mark in numerous encounters and his teams have always been known for their offensive ability. This season Coach Stewart has one of the best teams he has ever had, which is second in the M. V. C. race. His team is expected to be seeded for tournament play and his offensive ace, Brock, is leading the conference in scoring. Coach Stewart, we salute you for your enviable record, and offer you our heart-felt cooperation in every respect.

—JOHN SAM CARY.

## TEAMWORK

When Ulyss Brock beat the world's record for forwards by making 83 points in that exciting game with Bethel College, the world realized not only that Freed-Hardeman College has a super-forward but also that there is a wonderful team here cooperating in every way.

That teamwork means everything is best evidenced in the realm of sports. But somehow we do not bring it into our other affairs. We refuse to forget ourselves and our hobbies and promote someone else's. Without followers there would not be leaders, so followers are important.

Fellow students, let's back and help improve our societies. Seniors, let's practice a little teamwork in our class activities.

The fellow who is appreciated is the one who says, "I'll do all I can," and does.

—FREDA CROMWELL.

## MORE LIBERTY?

Do we really want more freedom and laxity than we have? This question has decided point in the face of news we heard last week from one of the colleges in the state.

There, two of its students, out in an automobile at night, were instantly killed in a railroad collision. Both the young man and the girl were handsome and intelligent and were leaders on the campus. Of course, one can never know all the threads that weave together to occasion such a disaster, but it is fairly accurate to say that if car-riding had been prohibited in that college, that particular accident would not have occurred, and the families of those two young people would have been spared the deep grief that such a needless happening indicates.

The engineer of the train testified that he was running at only 20 to 25 miles an hour, and of long range. It seems that no solution can be offered save the heedlessness of youth, its utter absorption in the present moment, its thoughtless daring. And this young couple was not exceptional in that respect—it's in the nature of young people.

This fact throws on a faculty a heavy burden. If a faculty CARES what becomes of its pupils, it can not even think of granting them such "liberties" as may endanger their welfare—physical or mental or spiritual. If such students had the ripeness and experience of age—and they can't have such—they would need no guidance from faculties. If the toddler realized the agony that could result from that entrancing fire on the hearth, and he can't—he wouldn't need the watchful mother's eye. But young folks are young folks, with the limitations of their age, and so there is no dispensing with the guiding hand of love and solicitude for them. And it doesn't have to be so conspicuous an event as a fatal automobile accident to evidence this need of direction.

It is a constant thing—whether to keep a young man from an ungentlemanly trick, or to keep a girl from exposing herself to the damaging finger of suspicion, or to prevent any pupil from riding off on a hobby instead of a thoroughbred.

In the place of complaining at any restriction, let us hug to ourselves the thought that our faculty CARES, that those regulations have our protection as their purposes, that they are aimed at keeping us free of mistakes we might make, and that no one of them is ever imposed unless experience has shown it to be the nearest path to the manhood and womanhood that we want to be able to show to our children. To be sure, if our mothers and fathers, teachers and matrons turned us loose with all the liberty we'd take, they'd have more time to sleep and rest, but could they sleep with that neglect on their consciences? And could we sleep later on, when maturity began to teach at what a shockingly high price youthful folly is bought?

Brother Hardeman summed up Freed-Hardeman's attitude toward license and unrestricted liberty when he commented feelingly on the tragedy of the young couple: "I wouldn't have one of you killed for ALL the pleasure that could be brought to ALL of you by automobiles on this campus". Obedience to a college regulation does cost something: the gratification of the whim of the moment. Does it not buy something too—the margin of safety, the wisdom that years of experience have accumulated?

# SPORT SPECTRUM

BY BUDDY AKIN

Despite the fact that the mighty Sunflower Trojans took the fighting Freed-Hardeman Lions two straight on their own court, we still have great hope of taking the Mississippi Valley Conference.

In the first game with the fast shooting Trojans, the score was 45-39, and the Lions were thoroughly outplayed; but a new shooting star was dubbed. The boy of which I am speaking is Buddy Weir, who in the past games has been noted for his wonderful passing and guarding ability, but while the Trojans were trying to hold Ulyss Brock down, Buddy really went to town. He shot six times and only once did he miss, scoring a total of 10 points. Weir is being hailed as the best ball handler that F-H. C. has ever had and that is saying a lot when you think of such stars as "The Great Dolly Lambert," Robert Jones and Virgil Cox.

The second game was probably one of the best games ever to be played in the South. In this game the Lions really showed that they had a great ball club by outplaying the Trojans in every phase of the game; it was a nip and tuck affair throughout the whole contest but despite the superb playing of the Lions, the Trojans emerged victors with a score of 38-37. Due to the error of one of the score keepers the game lasted 10 seconds longer than it was supposed to, and in these last 10 seconds the Trojans scored the winning point which won the game for them. This was the third game that Coach Dick Stewart has lost by this means. The first game was between Union and F-H. C. and the Lions won, but the Union officials thought different so the game was ruled a tie. While the Lions were playing in Moorhead, Miss., in the second game with Sunflower, the game ended 35-33 in favor of the Trojans and this time it was the referee who ruled Brock's tying two points no goal.

We think that F-H. C. has the best team in the South, and we know that we have the grandest Coach in the world in Dick Stewart. He has lost three games in nine years on the F-H. C. court, and two of these three games were lost to Sunflower this year. Any man who can turn out a record like this certainly deserves the credit of the sporting world.

More news in the world of sports; or maybe I should say history, because the fact is known far and wide of Ulyss Brock's breaking the world's scoring record in one game. Brock led his teammates to 101-26 victory over Bethel College of McKenzie. Brock better the record of a former F-H. C. basketball player, great Jim Murdaugh, who in 1937 against the same team scored 78 points.

The Lion quintet will be present at Nashville where the M. V. C. tournament is to be held on March 4 and 5; and from all reports from the players and coach, we, the students think that they will win.

## Notes From A Gossiper's Diary

When in the course of human events it becomes necessary for a newspaper reporter, suffering from long and continued hours of research, to rouse himself from an apathetic indifference to other people's business—I, the Sky-Rocket gossip editor, do solemnly declare that I will use all lawful and peaceful means to free myself from all past conversations and turn to more useful channels of thought, so that the readers of these pages can delve more into the thoughts and intents of our beloved fellow students.

To do this to the best advantage, I'd like for the readers to inform me along a few points on which I am deficient at the present.

Don't you think we would be a lot better off if we would take our troubles and hardships with as much ease and happiness as John Roy did the measles? Take Verdelle for an example. Now she doesn't wait all year to get over her troubles. What is it I hear about her boy friend back home? And who said it that said, "East is east, and West is west and never the twain shall meet?"

And talk about absent-minded professors! I'd like to know what Hastings had on his mind several nights ago when he forgot an important dinner engagement at the Foy's!

Is a black eye not a black eye when it has a white patch over it? What do you say, Martha Criner? Why does Kroger's have a monopoly on Virginia McAdams' marketing these days? Why are there few pedestrians about when Martha Lee goes for a spin in her father's "ottomobile"? Is there any reason for McPherson's version of "South of the Border—Down Mississippi Way"?

Has "Stick" Henson thought of a plan to pass Political Science, now that the quail season has closed? Remember Coach doesn't like rabbit. What's this I hear about Lud and Confucius being in cahoots?

When Nubbins and Pie-Face get to preaching at Montezuma and Bonnie Brinn breaks down two beds at once, most anything is likely to happen. Coach says we are having terrible weather . . . people are dying that never have

died before. As Lula told Sage Wade, "What's this younger generation coming to?"

What was Nell thinking about when she told Bro. Endsley that respiration was a study in plant psychology? What did George mean when he asked the nurse at the hospital when "she" was coming? Is Brother Brigance wanting to join the liar's club? With whom is Redner in love? Jean Thornton, we blame you for bungling that date between Morris Bailey and Pauline Davis. Why does Dot Dwiggins think veal is sheep meat? What has happened to all the paper sacks and whistles on second and third floors of Oakland Home and why has Sally quit whistling to Dody?

Does Carl Hutchison still believe in the saying, "Go west, young man, go west," especially on Sunday nights? Is it just a coincidence that Brother Endsley started croaking before Zoology class studied the frog? Whom has Vance been bringing to the ball games? Talley, how close can a girl sit to you and not drive? Was Wyman chagrined when he made that long-distance phone call to Jewell Wilson and had, "Who dat you have a date with" so strong on his mind he said it before he found out who was on the receiver.

Who does Phil have reference to when he goes home on Sunday nights and says, "Gosh! Isn't she sweet?" Is Carter as jealous as I hear he is? Watch out, Leroy! Carter's the biggest.

Why is our drummer always whistling "Sweet Sue"? Why doesn't our trumpet player give the girls a break? If that girl back home was ever going to write, she would have done so before now, or is it that you run to be first at the mailbox just for the exercise?

What is this I hear about Winston being married? If you want to know how red-peppered-cake tastes, just ask Charlie Bailey and Curtis Flatt. I hear they know. And what has Louise Ledbetter got to do with Brock?

Plaid shirts are not all that the ice and snow brought to F-H. C. It brought Harry Moore a date with Juanita, and Nell thrown in, with a nice slide down the Ad Building steps and Nell on top. I'm bashful and I'm not going to tell you the rest. What I want to know is what

## PREACHERS' NOTES

James Burrows had his first opportunity to preach over the radio two weeks ago as his sermon to the church at Blytheville was broadcast over that West Arkansas station.

In a recent talk before the Preachers' Club, Leroy Garret emphasized the poor attendance characteristic of that group. He's right . . . and we're wrong; but let's do our bit in increasing interest and attendance. What do you say?

William Hull preached at Rienzi, Miss., Sunday, the 15th. of January. At the same date Earl West preached in Lynn, Ala.

There was one restored from the Christian church at Leepwood, as Leroy Garret preached there on the 21st of January. Leroy also preaches at Selmer each month.

Brother Parker journeys to Rives, Tenn., two Sundays a month to preach for the congregation there. The Church at Rives has recently bought a house near the church building in which Brother Parker is to live as soon as school is out.

Preston Cotham preached for a congregation near Tusculum, Ala., on the first Sunday, taking the regular appointment of George Jones, who was ill.

Others who are busy preaching from Sunday to Sunday are: Brethren Fulmer, Lanham, Marlin, Adams, and Lusby.

As Brother Hardeman makes the long trek to the Rio Grande Valley, may our prayers be for the success of his meeting.

has this picture of Dot and Verdelle got to do with it?

Did Lloyd Armour's riding the bus with Hardin have anything to do with the split-up with his girl?

If you want some real old-fashioned fun, just ask Sonny what connections there are between these words: Bob, emotions, Saturday night, Jo, love, and "That girl back home". There might be more than you'd think for.

Who is this boy "that is being liked so much by the Senior Class, especially one member of it" as the class president called him? And why have Violette and Louise been reading books on women men like and ideal housewives? And what's this I hear about Freda going to the printing shop for purposes other than Sky-Rocket business. Has that got anything to do with her and Mark not corresponding?

Is there going to be a triangle, or is it a square? Bucy and Billy have their outs. Bucy asks Louise for a date, his only excuse being to keep her from dating Earl. Louise thinks she's Bucy's girl.

Why does James Finney keep the radio running after eleven?

Brother Hastings has an algebraic way of getting a heart which he showed his class the other day. "Oh, I know an easier way than that," Josephine asserted.

Did Mrs. Foy (Carrie Neal) mean to add a purse-onal touch where her pocketbook came in contact with the man's head at the Sunflower game?

P. S. Who sent that unsigned Valentine, "To My Sweetheart" to the gossip editor?—another staff member.

It is quite evident that Margaret Pasche is "seeing Red" these days. Can that account for the sparkle in the lovely brown eyes?

Now that the cheering squad is functioning well (and they are stunning to look at in their becoming maroon and white) we are open for nominations for the coughing squad. Don't we need some cough leaders, so that we'll have rhythm in chapel and classes? We have the talent. One hears the whole scale—from the gallant bass boom to the delicate soprano hack-hack-. Better hurry too for spring's right over the hedge and the position may vanish.



## Students' Hymns Sung By Octet

Two religious songs—one written by Dennis Cecil and the other by A. C. Carpenter and Palmer Wheeler, director of vocal music—made their debut Saturday morning, February 10, when the Freed-Hardeman octet sang them for the student body.

Brother Dennis Cecil's composition, "O Wretched Soul," was the last of many he has been writing since "Dreams of Mother" at the age of 15. "O Wretched Soul" was inspired by the Scriptures. The words and music came to him almost simultaneously as he was in his room at Paul Gray Hall. He went to the piano in the lobby, played it over and wrote it down.

The song by A. C. and Brother Wheeler has quite a different history. While on their tour through Arkansas and Oklahoma during the Christmas holidays, Brother Wheeler hummed off a tune. He dropped a hint to A. C. to write some words; and when they returned to Henderson, Bro. Wheeler wrote the tune down, and A. C. composed the lines.

## Dear Miss Fixit:

I'm thoroughly convinced that I have a new problem for you. In fact, I've thought of terming it a predilemma (having somewhat of affection for five cylinders in a word). Here 'tis: I was in a class in literature one morning recently. It was a 7:30 class, and really I was in it only in the body—my mind had not even heard the "Arise" bell. The lad—er—woman who was having the class had said something about a man named Kipling—that he wrote "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep." Then she asked whether anyone had read it. Of course, I like to be accommodating, as well as learned in appearance, and so I upped my hand. My chest swelled as I noticed that nobody else was responding, so I raised my hand higher. Then the la—er—woman ill-manneredly asked me to tell something of the story. I responded with "Baa, Baa, Black Sheep. Have you any wool?" To be sure, it had been some years since I first learned that selection and I didn't care who wrote it, really. To my she-grin (they all grinned) the class became hilarious at my answer. I seems there was a story-writer named Kipling copied only the name of the jingle—but how could I know it? What ought I to do in such an uncomfortable situation?

Yours—in suspenders,  
Doc. Mayo

DEAR MAYO:

Hmm, Hmm! It seems that you have been wool-gathering again. Of course, you ought to know better than to hold up your rhand when nobody else does. First, there is the disaster you have experienced, that the teacher will call on you; and second, undoubtedly the question is a hard one, since nobody else is responding. Of course, the teacher should have known, like all the rest of us, that you don't know anything about literature. Futher, unless you are more sheepish question. There are several attitudes you might assume to finish out the class hour. You might first put on a look of J. W. (justifiable wrath—a little practice before the mirror while you're shaving should be effective). If nobody notices J. W., then try I. S. E. (injured self-esteem). If it isn't recognized, express U. I. (utter indifference) until your face muscles get tired, then start scratching through your book (hitherto lying unused in your lap) as if you were going to find something to prove your ill-timed remark (that may scare the teacher, so don't be too violent). If

## PHI KAPPA ALPHAS PRESENT "BOWES"

Major Bowes has nothing on the Phi Kappas. In an amateur contest Thursday morning in chapel, six eager young performers put forth their best in an effort to escape the dreaded gong of Major Bowes (Earl West).

Particularly novel was Mason Emde's rendition of "America", given by blowing into a set of Coca-Cola bottles lined up on a table. Christine Caldwell sang, Louise Carothers played the piano, and Williams and Raymond Whittington played the accordion and guitar as other highlights of the program.

The only one so unfortunate as to receive the gong was Earnest Boone, who attempted to play a harmonica solo.

## Here And There

Virginia Hardin and Imogene Fike spent the week-end of February 10 at Virginia's home in Senath, Missouri.

Ray Evelyn Franks (class of '38), Vivian Pharr (class of '39), Edna Yarber, all of Belmont, and Glenn Williams (class of '38), of Dennis, Miss., visited F-H. C. February 12.

Mrs. Roy Travis of Henderson has been called to the bedside of her husband, who is critically ill in Veterans' Hospital, Memphis, Tenn.

Jean Johnson and Louise Caruthers spent January 27-28 with Evelyn Bomar and Eugenia Frost at their homes in Memphis.

Martha Vandevere of State Teachers College, Florence, Ala., was the guest of Jean Johnson, February 10.

Brothers and Sister Williams of Texas, arrived in Henderson a few weeks ago, just in time for the second snow of the season and the second visit of the stork to their family. The bundle left by the latter is a splendid seven-pounds son, Steven Daniel Williams II. Bro. Williams is a member of the "Akin Boys".

Mrs. Alexander of Linden was over here on the night of the 12th to see her son, Russell, and the Sunflower-Lion game.

James Gibbs, '33, of Fulton, Miss., was on the campus the afternoon of January 27 with old friends, and with his two brothers, Paul and Cobb, who are in Freed-Hardeman.

the class-period still isn't consumed, start making notes vigorously. (If you can't think of anything to write, try "Thirty days hath September"—but don't make the mistake of thinking Shakespeare wrote it!) These trivia ought to carry you on through till 8:30, when, having come into notice with the lamb business (really sheep), you should go out like a lion.

Yours understandingly, (should I say fondly?)

Lettus Fixit

And that reminds us:

The scene was the 7:30 session of Preacher's Grammar back in January Mrs. Powers was attempting to get "Moses was the daughter of Pharaoh's son" across to the class. One Bright Young Man couldn't see it (we won't say how many more than one). So she said: "Well, I'll illustrate by using your name in a similar sentence. What was your maternal grandfather's name, Brother —?" The B. Y. M. replied briskly, "On which side?" She gave up.

And speaking of sides, who was the amateur, who when inquiring of a friend whether he'd had measles and getting an affirmative reply, pursued the matter, "On both sides?" he insisted.

## These Names Are Familiar

Bonnie Brooks Brinn (John and Burlean Brinn), Eloise Buffington (Clarence Buffington, Jr.), Martha Lee Burkhead (Rebecca, Kate, and Edwin Burkhead), James Burorw (Katherine Burrow), Preston Cotham (Perry Cotham), Allen and Julia Craft (Monteen, Pauline and Eloise Craft), Vance Crouse (Deurelle Crouse), Mary Sue Cummins (Lucinda Cummins), Ruth Edgar (Kenneth Edgar), Arie and Jewel Evans (Ezra and Dona Evans), Imogene Fike (Leon Fike), Maynard and Faye Fuller (Myrtle Fuller), Paul and Cobb Gibbs (James Gibbs), Jewell Gibson (Janice, Merle, and Faye Gibson), Jean Green (Mrs. Byrd Moore), Delphia Hudson (Willie Hudson), Talmadge Hudson (Anderson and Gaytha Hudson), Bert Husband (Douglas Perkins), Jean Johnson (Waldrep, Nell, and Joe Johnson), Cyril Kleyn (Thelma Kleyn), Louise Luttrell (Mamie Luttrell), John Morris (Ludelle Morris), Flavil Nichols (Gracie, Vodie and Bertha Nichols), Collis Patterson (Arrie Patterson), Lois Swisher (Grace, Gladys and Ruth Swisher), Howard Walker (Mamie, Fred, and Mildred Walker), Mattie Lou Ward (Myrtle and Leonard Ward), Mary Nelle Wilborn (La Faun "Doc" Wilborn), Frances Williams (Glenn B. Williams).

Virginia Snodgrass is the only wife-on-an-alum (Homer Snodgrass) in school now, while Virginia Hardin holds a record. She is the seventh member of the "Hardin dynasty" whose names (Georgia, Price, Minnie Mae, Howard, Nell, Hazel and Virginia) have been familiar on the campus from 1924 to the present.

(Note: This article was to have been written by Dora Simmons, our feature editor, but she was prevented by a rather serious illness, much regretted by all of us, and so other members of the staff substituted for her.)

## Intramural Tilts Scheduled

The basketball teams of each literary society and the boys' team of the Preachers' Club will clash for the title on succeeding Thursday nights, beginning March 7 at 6:30 p. m. and continuing until the winners are decided, according to announcement of plans formulated by Coach Dick Stewart and Dean C. P. Roland.

The teams winning the greatest number of games will, of course, be the victors, a tie necessitating a play-off.

Both a girls' and a boys' contest will take place each Thursday evening. Those eligible will be all members of the societies who have attended the two meetings of the organizations preceding each conflict and who are not among the ten main players on the varsity team. Any person transferring membership to another society will be automatically eliminated from participation in the events.

On Monday, February 19, each organization will select a coach among its number to train its team and will also elect a board member for a council of control to act with Coach Stewart in all matters pertaining to the series. On the same day, the coaches are to investigate the time most suitable for their teams to practice so that there will be no conflict in the use of the gymnasium.

Don Hamilton, '36, has lost his appendix (in an operation at Brownsville, Tenn., Jan. 22) and doesn't want it back. Mrs. Ruth Hamilton made several visits to his bedside. He seems fully recovered now.

## JUNIOR CLASS ORGANIZES

The first meeting of the Junior Class as such was called on February 15 for the purpose of organizing. Officers chosen were: Claude Counselman, president; J. J. Crews, vice-president; and Juanita Trecse, secretary. This was one of the rare occasions when leaders in a movement here are all representatives of the southern states—Alabama, Florida, and Tennessee being the home states of the officers.

The secretary is compiling an official list of junior students and has announced that a meeting will be called by the president in a few days to present business matters to the class.

## Exchanges

Here are the very latest slang expressions developed by the students of Ohio State University: campus glomr boy—male with \$5; campus girl—coed with a late model car; swing—organized disorganization; friend—anybody who will loan you money; civilization—a collection of modern inconveniences.

A conscience is a still, small voice which has a tendency to become stiller and smaller.—The Normal College News.

"What passes for woman's intuition is often nothing more man's transparency."—George Nathan.

Of the 435 departments of engineering in U. S. college, 75 per cent do not require theses for bachelor degrees.

Someone has said, "When a student goes through a large college he goes through more college, but when he goes through a small college more college goes through him."

Confucius says: It is better to have halitosis than no breath at all.

He that thinketh by the inch and speaketh by the yard should be kicked by the foot.—Parley-Voo.

Die when I may, I want it said of me by those who knew me best, that I always plucked a thistle and planted a flower where I thought a flower would grow.

### POEM 1

I know my face ain't no star;  
I know how ugly I are,  
But I don't mind it,  
'Cause I'm behind it,  
It's the folks in front that gets the jar.

### POEM 2

She laid her head upon his  
shoulder,  
The light of love in her eyes  
smoulder,  
He pushed her away with an im-  
patient shrug,  
Go' way cow, you'll get your grub.

Harvard University's eight libraries contain 4,079,541 books and pamphlets.

## JOURNALISM CLASS GOES PRACTICAL

Today the Journalism Class at 2 o'clock is to visit the Chester County Independent office to get a "student's-eye" view of a paper from the time the news come in until it rolls off the press. Owner and Editor H. B. Davenport is to conduct a tour through his plant, where practically every type of work done on the metropolitan paper is carried on. He will lecture informally on all the processes involved. Practical application to the theories they have been study will be seen by the class.

## Pep Squad Stages Gigantic Rally

The Freed-Hardeman cheering squad is to be commended on its effective yelling at the recent hardwood encounters. With special reference to the Lion-Trojans games, it can be said that we were proud to call it our own.

The cheering squad, under the direction of cheer leaders Claude Counselman, Phil Allen, Verdelle Page, and Helen McGulre, has gradually developed from an unorganized mass of excited humanity into a competent and coordinated group which exhibits more and more school spirit as the hardwood season progresses. There is nothing more inspirational to an athletic team than the lusty yells of students of the Alma Mater, and in noticing the excellent record of the Lions we cannot overlook the enthusiastic backing of our loyal cheering squad.

At the Trojan-Lion encounters the vibrations from their piercing yells nearly shook the rafters and with the cheering squad and the orchestra co-operating, one could not even understand the words of his nearest neighbor—it is no wonder the referee couldn't hear himself or the players.

We felt even more proud of our cheering squad when some members of the Trojan team, who have played in a diversity of settings, remarked that ours was the best organized and more effective than any they had heard all season.

Cheer leaders and squad, we commend you on your support and urge you to keep coming even stronger and with your loyal backing we'll bring home the M. V. C. crown in March—then Sunflower will know that a stellar F-H. C. team and cheering squad cooperating can't be stopped.

## PHILOS ELECT NEW OFFICIALS

The Philomathean Society boasts its ownership of many of our campus leaders. All four of Freed-Hardeman's leather-lunged cheer leaders are children of our own dear Philomathean society.

In the Junior Class our Philos take very prominent positions. Claude Counselman and J. J. Crews were elected president and vice-president respectively of the Junior Class. All of you basketball fans can look forward to the intra-mural tournaments which are due to be held in the near future. The Philos will be represented in these games by both boys' and girls' hard-fighting ball clubs.

In a very recent election of officers in our weekly meeting, we chose the following competent leaders: President—James Finney, First Vice-President—Josephine Roland, Second Vice-President—Dawn Poston, Secretary—Aileen Bailey, News Reporter—Paul Kelley.

We love our society, but perhaps we were a little hasty in boasting our talent. We recognize your talent also fellow-societies, and salute you, but we Philos are proud of our society and want you all to know it.

## A. C. E.

Thursday night, February 8, the meeting of the A. C. E. was held in the commercial room.

The program consisted of two major talks: "Arts in the Modern School" by Mary Ruth Roberts, and "Music and Children" by Sara Jo Bass. A round-table discussion developed new interest and a vote for semi-monthly meetings.

Trips, guest speakers and special activities will characterize the rest of the year.

To receive the most benefits from a procedure of this type, we must have heart-felt cooperation from each member. So let's all come out for our next meeting, Friday night, February 23. There is much work to be done and a great deal to be gained.



## Sigma Rhos Make News

Are you watching the Sigma Rhos make news?

Ulyss Brock, that world's champion basketball player, who came to the top with 83 points in a single game, is one of our number. Other Sigma Rho members on the basketball team are Holloway, W. R. Moore, Willard Moore, Cary, Harris, Bastin, and Weir.

Brother Dennis Cecil, that great comedian, has gotten serious and written both words and music to "O Wretched Soul", a stirring religious song that was sung recently for the college. Among those selected to introduce his song were the Sigma Rho Quartette.

John Sam Cary acted as spokesman for a "March of Time" program, February 3, telling the important events in the month of February, with the College Orchestra furnishing the music.

Brother Cecil, as comedian in the play, "The Wedding Present", brought the house down and boosted the Sigma Rhos up in the program presented by the Speech Department Friday night.

John Sam Cary again showed expert acting in the difficult role of Czar of Russia on the same evening. The Sigma Rhos are in the news!

## FICTION STORY. COLOR TOO

Mrs. Mary Travis, dining hall supervisor, is not turning away any stray dogs or cats these days.

Last week James Bucy, her student assistant, wanted to feed a dirty, mangy-looking dog that was at the back door. Mrs. Travis emphatically stated that they could not start feeding every dog that came to the door, and ordered James to chase the dog away. He obediently threw rocks at the dog until it slunk out of sight around the Science Building.

Later Mrs. Travis was very much chagrined when Bucy pointed the animal out to her. It was her own dog.

## PLAY ARTISTS GIVEN RECEPTION

Brother W. O. Davis, head of the Speech Department, entertained the cast and assistants of the plays presented Friday night, February 9, with a pleasant gathering in the Home Economics Department.

Although still in costume and grease paint, the characters for the time forgot their "Sock and Buskin" roles and enjoyed the relaxation and the refreshments of punch and cookies.

Sara Jo Bass acted as hostess of the occasion.

## Patron's Letter Praises College

The following message, dated February 7, 1940, came unsolicited from one of our most esteemed patrons. We appreciate it so deeply that we want others to share it.

"Dear Bro. Hardeman:

"We appreciate very much the progress our son is making in your school. We are well pleased with the environment and believe you have the best Junior College in 'Our Proud Southland'. We understand too, that this attainment did not come about automatically. We know that it has required years and years of study, planning, hardships and sacrifice and many other things, to bring about the present condition.

"Too often many of us look upon the finished product, thinking nothing of expenditures, work, study and the many things that have had to be done before these splendid conditions became a reality. So in my own way, I want to thank you and everyone that has had any part in making and maintaining Freed-Hardeman College. We also want this to date back to its very beginning.

"Good things do not come to us because we desire them. We must have a goal, and work toward that goal. We have the most elaborate beauty parlor next door to our store in our city. This did not come about by luck, but because we worked six months to bring this about. Now we are collecting the rent and all the occupants are customers of ours, to say nothing of women they have made pretty that may trade with us. Being a druggist we understand full well that prescriptions do not automatically fall together in the right way.

"If you will pardon this deviation and the personality connected in the following: when our boy was six, he recited this over the radio—

"Daddy says that Giant Oaks  
From little acorns grow  
And that proper training for the boy

When he begins to grow  
Is just the the thing for boys  
like me.

Mother says little drops of water  
And little grains of sand  
Make the mighty ocean  
And the beautiful land.  
And if I be a good boy  
I'll make a fine man.

Goodbye listeners I've done the best I can."

"My son has the original of the little poem in his possession today.

"Bro. Hardeman, this is written to you to have you realize that we know what you have done, and are doing and what you have meant to the Church."

## PLAYS PRESENTED: CARY, PAGE, STAR

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drama, "The Game of Chess," were John Sam Cary as Alexis Alexandrovitch; Thomas Nelson Page as Boris Ivanovitch Shamrayeff; Earl West as Constantine; and J. J. Crews, a footman. Both Cary and Page made history in the performance of their difficult roles, ably supported by Earl and J. J.

As the drama moved to its tragic end, the atmosphere hung heavy with a sense of foreboding; and when the curtain fell on the blood-curdling laught of Alexandrovitch loud applause rang forth. The band struck out on the Victory March to conclude the program.

Bro. Vester Daugherty was delighted on the week-end of February 17 by a visit from his wife and young daughter, who are living at their home in Chattanooga, while he is a student at F-H. C.

## TRUE STORY. PLENTY COLORFUL

For several days D. J. Blount and Nelms Boone, classmates at Freed-Hardeman College, had been playing pranks of different kinds on each other.

Nelms seemed to be getting the upper hand, so D. J. planned to soak him, literally.

A bucket of water was placed over the door of Nelms' room so that he would "get" it when he came in.

Several of the other boys, who were wise to the plan, hid in a room across the hall to wait and watch the fun.

After a little, Nelms came in. Ker-plunk! Splash! Out came the boys, laughing with all their might. He was soaked all right—but he had on D. J.'s suit.

—Bessie Mae Tackett

## Sky-Rocket Staff Turns Modern

Notice the flush left heads today? This is just one of the results of nearly a quarter's study of journalism in all its phases. We, the staff, are determined to have a progressively better paper; and with the aid of the course offered by our faculty advisor and the support of the student body, we will have.

Two color stories—D. J.'s pouring water on his own suit, fact; and Mrs. Travis' refusing to feed her own dog, fiction—are products of this class. The authors are Bessie Mae Tackett and Sally Washburn, respectively.

Brother Holt of Alabama is another young preacher who has brought his family (Sister Holt) and has joined our classes.

Myra Batron (class of '39) of Lynn, Ark., visited F-H. C. the latter part of January.

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