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## Debate Teams Gain Recognition

The speech department of Freed-Hardeman College gained much recognition when the returns of the Southern Intercollegiate Debate Tournament of Jackson, Tennessee, were announced. The college was represented by three teams, debating three different questions. The berths on these three teams were occupied by only six students, who performed the gruelling task of debating both sides of the question.

The first team, composed of John Sam Cary and William Geer, debated the 1939-40 college question, isolation. This team, meeting experienced college and university representatives in the most crowded division of the tournament, was rated as the second best team in the tournament and the team rated above them, Union University, defeated them only in a 2-1 decision. Our team gained distinction when John Sam Cary, one of its members, was rated as the best debater in his division.

The second team, composed of James Burrow and J. J. Crews, debated Government Ownership of Railroads. This team, after winning two of its three debates in the first round, advanced to the finals and was then defeated only by a close 2-1 decision favoring the strong Murray State Thorobreds. This team is to be highly complimented on its commendable achievement.

The third team, composed of Earl West and Bud Whitten, debated Conscription of Capital during war. Although they did not reach the elimination rounds, they won fifty per cent of their debates and made a commendable showing in each of them.

This success, due to the fact that  
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## Bemis Cotton Mill Seen By Students

Members of the 20th Century Commercial Club spent an educational as well as interesting morning, April 22, visiting the great Bemis Cotton Mill, at Bemis, Tennessee, about 15 miles northwest of us.

In the company of Bro. Anderson, our sponsor, and a guest, Mrs. C. L. Wilkerson, we were taken first by a guide to a building outside the main mill where the cotton was being taken from the bales and put through a process of cleaning. From here we went into the mill proper where we were taken from one department to the other. First we saw the cotton coming in from a huge suction pipe, from the first building visited. It was then put into a machine where the line was picked up by a brush roller and cut from the roller with a knife. The film of lint was then drawn through a hole in the machine, making a twisted rope of cotton.

The next set of machines took six of these little ropes and made one smaller and stronger rope of cotton. Similar processes continued, each one making the rope smaller and stronger until it became a thread. We saw these threads put through a steam process of starch and chemicals and come out dry, ready for making cloth.

A machine of much interest to us was the tying machine. It did in six minutes the work that would take a skillful worker an hour and a half. It tied the threads on the harness of the weaving machine to those on the roller of threads to be made into cloth. The company has two of these tying machines,  
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## ILLUSTRIOUS ALUMNI

On Thursday, April 4, the Board of Directors of the Freed-Hardeman College Alumni met here for the purpose of planning the annual Alumni Day. Brother R. E. Black, president of the association, and Mrs. Ruby Morton, secretary, were also present.

Of the Board of Directors, composed of seven members, only four were able to be present. Bro. Gilbert Shaffer of Jacksonville, Florida, was the first to arrive. Bro. Shaffer was a graduate of the class of '28 and later married Miss Mary Gresham of Smyrna, who was a member of our faculty from 1925 to 1927. Since completing his Bachelor's and Master's Degrees at Delta State College in Cleveland, Mississippi, he has been connected with church work in St. Petersburg, Jacksonville, and at present, Miami.

Bro. E. H. Smith, now connected with the Murray Teachers College at Murray, Kentucky, was also present.

Bro. B. G. Hope, graduate of the class of '28, now minister of the Church in Paragould, Arkansas, came, too. In addition to attending the meeting, he enjoyed a visit with his sister, Mrs. Chloe Finley, while here.

Bro. W. C. Rodgers, a prominent Memphis attorney, and Brother R. E. Black, Principal of the Maury City High School, completed the group.

Bro. H. L. Shook of Belmont, Mississippi, Bro. Elmer Smith of Pulaski, Tennessee, Bro. C. C. Burns of Alabama; and Bro. L. R. Wilson from San Antonio, Texas, were unable to be present.

The meeting was called to order, and before its adjournment, Wednesday, May 29, was chosen as Alumni Day. It was agreed that there would be little formal business for the day—the purpose, instead, to be of social nature.

After the meeting, which included Brethren Hardeman and Roland, they were joined by Mrs. Hardeman and Mrs. Roland for a delightful five o'clock dinner served in the Home Economics Department under the supervision of Mrs. Finley. This meeting, together with friendly chats, brought to a close a well-spent day.

## Baird Takes Crown Again In Tennis

James Baird, that left-handed, hard-hitting tennis champion of last fall's tournament, has scored again, winning over the Sigma Rho champion, John Sam Cary, last Friday and the Phi Kappa champion, Wayne Poucher, last Saturday. All three players are experts in this sports field, but a boy who has a knack for sliding across the court with the speed of lightning, of knocking balls over his head when necessary as well as before him, and who always hits the ground coming up is hard to beat.

The competition between the societies is as strong and interesting in tennis as in any other sport on the campus. The spring tennis elimination tournament began in the societies.

In the Phi Kappa Alpha Society, James Baird of Lebanon, Tennessee, emerged the victor. Those who fell before his racquet-wielding ability were Ira Williams, Sonny Hall, and John Crunk. Baird defeated Crunk in the finals in a hard fought match 6-2, 6-3, 8-6.

In the Sigma Rho Society the player winning the tournament was John Sam Cary of Burkesville, Kentucky. Players toppled by him  
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## CHICKASAW PARK SCENE OF PICNIC

Monday afternoon, April 22, the amateur scientists and their guests started to Lake Placid for their annual picnic.

The afternoon was spent in tramping about the lake to the most picturesque spots, playing indoor games at the lodge, and taking pictures. Rain drove the picnickers to shelter for a brief while, but soon the sun was again peeking from behind the grey clouds.

Cloyce Purdom, chairman of the outing, called time for supper. A huge fire was built and all gathered about to toast wieners and marshmallows. The wieners were soon "hot dogs of the past," and the most famished picnickers experimented with toasted buns and mustard, finally to perfect a new sandwich which was called a mustard-burger.

After the mustard jar was entirely empty, Mary Ruth and Carter came strolling back from a long hike about the lake. All they had to show for their afternoon's adventure was a bit of a frog which

## Visitors From Sister Colleges

Freed-Hardeman has recently entertained three outstanding representatives from two of our colleges, Abilene Christian College at Abilene, Texas, and George Pepperdine College, of Los Angeles. The first, Brother Don Morris, is president-elect of Abilene, after having been connected there as pupil and then as dean since 1928. He and Brother Roland attended together the meeting of the Southern Association of Colleges at Atlanta on April 8-10, and returned here together. Brother Morris stayed on our campus, interviewing some of our seniors who are interested in pursuing their college work further.

President and Sister Hugh Tiner of George Pepperdine College, Los Angeles, California, came on the 21st and stayed with us until the 23rd. Seniors contemplating joining the F-H. C. group now in Pepperdine interviewed Brother Tiner Monday afternoon after a most inspirational talk on false and true reasons for going on to college.

Brother and Sister Tiner brought glowing reports of such Freed-Hardeman representatives as William Allen, now president of his (junior) class; Frances Huff, honor student of '39; Robert Jones, basketball ace here for three years; and Elmore Price and Tillman Hall, treasured members of our team and class of '38.

## Pageant Announced

"The Land Where Dreams Come True", a pageant under the direction of the A. C. E., will be presented here in the near future. America, the land where dreams come true, will be contrasted with war-torn Europe and Asia. A migration of the unfortunate people to our peace-loving, Christian country will be portrayed in a dramatic manner.

The exact date for this production is as yet unannounced, but be watching in anticipation of a worthwhile program.

was too small for a pair of appetizing frog legs.

Brother Endsley has almost decided that he is going to have to employ a private life guard for persons who fall in the lake and special rangers or guides for those who start around the lake and get lost on the way.

## Jones, Cary, Jones Are Honor Students

### Children Perform In Music Recital

The Children's Division of the Freed-Hardeman College Music Department under the supervision of Mrs. N. B. Hardeman, assisted by Miss Rubye Caldwell, will present a music recital at 7:30 P. M. tonight in the college auditorium. The program will be presented entirely by the children and a gratis invitation is extended to everyone.

The program is as follows:

Solo—Swaying Daffodils—Richter Nick Powers

Duet—Merry-Go-Round—Gaynor Jimmy McClendon, Esker Wheeler

Solo—Banjo Song—Ketterer Jo Anne Adams

Solo—The Cello—Mattingly Jimmy McClendon

Trio—The Contented Fairy—Spaulding Nick Powers, Barbara Finley, Patsy Stewart

Solo—Fairy Kisses—Johnson Joanne Powers

Quartette—Circus Day—Benson Piano I: Jimmy McClendon, Jo Anne Adams. Piano II: Nick Powers, Patsy Stewart

Solo—Jolly Darkies—Bechter Barbara Finley

Vocal Solo—Boogy Man Boo—Ann Steward Jo Anne Adams

Trio—In Hanging Gardens—Davies Piano I: Esker Wheeler. Piano II: Barbara Finley, Jo Anne Adams

Solo—Balloons—Arlen Patsy Stewart

Quartette—Taps—Englemann Patsy Stewart, Barbara Finley, Joanne Powers, Jo Anne Adams

Duet—Minuet in G—Paderewski Joanne Powers, Sara Jo Bass

Rhythm Drill—Patsy Stewart, Joanne Powers, Barbara Finley, Nitzi Moffitt, Jo Anne Adams

Solo—Minuet in G—Beethoven Esker Wheeler

Grandmother's Rose Jar—Patsy Stewart, Joanne Powers, Barbara Finley, Nitzi Moffitt, Jeanine Bolton, Jo Anne Adams, Peggy Stewart, Shirley Bolton.

OYSTERS MEET DOOM AS BALL BOYS SCORE

The annual oyster supper for the basketball players was held the last of March at Brother Hardeman's home. The first and second quintet; Dempster Weeks, student manager; Buddy Akin, sports editor; and Coach Stewart were guests of honor.

Supper was served in the summer dining-room. Two long tables were filled with huge platters of crispy brown oysters, accompanied by big bowls of French-fried potatoes, and cole slaw, with coffee to finish the meal. All the Lions ate with hearty appetites and the unofficial count of the oysters consumed was about 750.

This was also the farewell party for five team-mates: "Red" Holway, "Useless" Brock, John S. Cary, Roy Bastin, and Lloyd Harris.

Content thyself to be obscurely good.

When vice prevails and impious men bear sway,

The post of honor is a private station.—Addison.

Interested speculations among students as to who would be the recipients of the six honor places of the graduates of '40 ended in the announcement, April 16, that the winners are: Lewis Jones, valedictorian; John Sam Cary, salutatorian; and Katherine Jones, historian. Honorable mention goes to Bessie Mae Tackett, Lois Swisher, and Ruth Edgar.

Lewis Jones, son of Squire and Mrs. Ernest Jones of Jacks Creek, Tennessee, is in the habit of making good grades, his all-time low being B plus. He was valedictorian of his high school graduating class in 1938, graduating at the early age of 16. His plan is to teach a while and finish school, majoring in mathematics at either University of Tennessee or Union University. While attending school Lewis has also been active in the farm work at his home.

John Sam Cary, son of Attorney and Mrs. S. A. Cary of Burkesville, Ky., is one of those well-rounded students who has taken active part in a variety of school undertakings. He is editor of the 1939-40 Treasure Chest, the college annual, and co-editor of The Sky Rocket, which he served as sports editor last year. He has been vice-president of both the junior and senior classes, and has been president of the Sigma Rho Society six times.

John Sam has been a member of the basketball team for two years. Furthermore, he was recently rated the best debater in the division of the Southern Inter-Collegiate Invitational Debate Tournament in which the team entered.

He is making tentative plans to  
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## Blytheville Host To F-H. C. Alumni

The handsome Blue Room of Hotel Noble in Blytheville, Arkansas, saw an interesting gathering on the evening of April 5. The occasion was the annual banquet of the Arkansas-Missouri alumni of F-H. C. and was the first one to be held in Blytheville, the preceding functions having taken place in Paragould, Arkansas. Brother Denton Neal, '37, now with the Blytheville congregation, is also president of that alumni group and acted as toastmaster for the banquet. Old students began to gather in the lobby of the hotel by seven P. M. exchanging greetings, memories, and experiences shared on the Freed-Hardeman campus. In spite of rather inclement weather and conflicting engagements in nearby towns, by the time to take places at the table, between seventy-five and a hundred alums and guests were there, everyone trying to talk at once.

On entering the beautiful modern dining room, the guests took their seats at long tables adorned with vases of narcissus. A splendid menu was served, consisting of tomato bisque, fried spring chicken, green peas in ramekins, baked Idaho potatoes, celery, olives, hot rolls, a congealed salad in deep red and white, fresh strawberry parfait, and coffee. Between the first two courses two local musicians gave the entertainment. Miss Cleo Garner, a soprano who broadcasts regularly from the Blytheville station, sang "One Day" from "The Great Waltz" and "The Singing Hills".

At the conclusion of the meal, Bro. Neal had each person present  
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### "THE LAST LAP COUNTS"

All of us have read of the ancient Marathon races and probably have witnessed our modern track teams in action on the cinders. Of course the fundamental characteristics necessary in this type of race, which of necessity must belong to the victor, are speed and endurance. The speed cannot be under-estimated but in all probability the deciding factor in such a race is the endurance. And the distinctive thing about the endurance is that it must be there during the last lap. We have seen so many races lost and won in the last lap. It is common knowledge that "The Last Lap Counts."

This same principle can be applied to all of us. No, I do not mean that we are Marathon runners or track men, but rather we are all in the race of school and of life. In this race of life we encounter many problems and pursue many courses. Each of these courses can be compared to a Marathon race. "It is the last lap" that counts. So many times we have a brilliant record, but in the last few paces we lose our grip—so to speak—and do something that mars the whole course and loses the race. This slip in the last lap may be only for a brief moment, but in that time alone we can mar our whole course of work. So no matter how bright our escutcheon may be up to the present stage of our school work, it behoves each of us to keep himself intact and not lose his grip in the remaining time. Let us always remember that "The Last Lap Counts."

—JOHN SAM CARY

### THE VISION OF SOMETHING LASTING

This six weeks a new course, "Christian Education for Women," was organized in Freed-Hardeman. Its purpose is to inspire young women to desire to live beautiful lives in the way of Christ. The increase in attendance from the first conference on Tuesday to the one on Friday is indicative of the crying need young women feel for spiritual food and their earnestness in getting all the help available in growing towards the ideal.

It is doubted if there exists anywhere a class bearing college credit and, at the same time, conducted for the sole purpose of preparing young women to desire the life of service here and fitting them for eternal life in the world to come. This class will tend to counteract many false ideas prevalent today, among them the erroneous training of girls away from the home—the most honorable of those professions allotted to them.

In this realistic age, we are influenced to think in terms of books, money, and worldly goals. Our standards are man's ways; but, before we progress, we must take the Bible as our standard, faith as our support, and the perfect Christian life as our goal. Young people cannot see this unless someone guides them. Those schools which offer the vision of real values to students are offering infinitely more than quarter or semester hours.

Once any young person thoroughly gets the picture of the serviceable, beautiful life, it is no sacrifice to eliminate sinful practices from his life and conform to the way of God. Would that all of us could get vision that loses self in service!

—FREDA CROMWELL

### JONES, CARY, JONES ARE HONOR STUDENTS

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enter George Pepperdine College in Los Angeles, Cal., to work toward a degree in public speaking.

Katherine Jones is a native of Indianapolis, Indiana, a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Jones, and granddaughter of our beloved Sister Belle Cozzie. She is the girl who has so ably supported the Sky Rocket as society editor this year. She graduated from George Washington High School, Indianapolis, and was assistant editor of the annual of that school. During her senior year, she was chosen a member of the National Honor Society by the faculty, after having been in the large student body only two years. She also won the higher French award in her school.

Katherine is very talented in science and art and her ambition is to be a microbe-hunter or a dress designer. She hopes to enter George Pepperdine College in September.

Bessie Mae is the daughter of the Isaac E. Tacketts, of Troup, Texas; she has "gossiped" in the Sky Rocket staff and sung in the Glee Club while doing splendid work in her classes. Lois is the diminutive youngest child of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Swisher, of Danville, Illinois, a family that has three F-H. C. alumnae—Grace, Ruth, and Gladys Swisher; she was a leader

### BEMIS COTTON MILL SEEN BY STUDENTS

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each valued at \$17,000.

Last, we visited the room where cloth was actually being made. This room was very large, filled with row upon row of machines which were weaving cloth. The cloth made at this mill is used mostly for sacks, and it is put up and sold in 2000-yard bolts. The mill runs day and night and about 28,000 bales of cotton a week are manufactured into cloth. About 800 men are employed in this mill, which is valued at around \$8,000,000.

After leaving the mill we drove about the town, which is considered a model in planning and upkeep, before starting for F-H. C.

Contentment opens the source of every joy.—Beattie.

Virtue, though in rags, will keep me warm.—Dryden.

in her high school days, and has been particularly active in the A. C. E. here. Ruth Edgar is the sister of Kenneth Edgar, honor student of 1937, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Edgar, of Bedford, Ohio. She has been a treasured member of the Treasure Chest staff during both years of her stay in Freed-Hardeman, as well as active in various other groups.

## SPORT SPECTRUM

BY BUDDY AKIN

Society basketball season, with full representation from four societies, ended April. The highly touted Sigma Rhos completely dominated the tournament by emerging victorious in both boys' and girls' competition. The tournaments ended as follows:

#### GIRLS:

1. Sigma Rho
2. Phi Kappa Alpha
3. Philomathean

#### BOYS:

1. Sigma Rho
2. Philomathean
3. Phi Kappa Alpha
4. Preachers Club

As spring comes along so does tennis. The tennis tournament is well under way with winners already decided in all of the societies. Cary of the Sigma Rhos, Baird of the Phi Kappas, and Bailey of the Philos. These three boys will play in a two round tournament to decide the champion of Freed-Hardeman. James Baird, last year's champion, is highly favored because of his consistent and outstanding playing. Sam Cary, who in last year's tournament was a runner up, is given a good chance in knocking down the defending champion, James Baird. Charlie Bailey, more or less of the dark horse of the race, is also given a good chance because of his steady and tenacious game.

After this tournament there will be a tournament following in which doubles will compete. This tournament is scheduled to start the last of April, and everyone who participates in tennis is urged to enter it.

A softball league is well under way and who will be the winners is undecided because the weather has not permitted enough playing for an opinion to be formed. There has been one game played between the Sigma Rho and Philomathean teams, which the Sigma Rhos won by a close count of 9 to 7.

### Vital Statistics Of Alumni

The marriage of Frank Van Dyke, valedictorian of '37, formerly of Alamo, to Julia White of Humboldt united two popular alumni of Freed-Hardeman. Stanley and Sarah Elizabeth Lovett came down from Danville, Illinois, in order that Stanley might perform the ceremony. The wedding occurred on March 21; and, on the following day, the couple left to make their home in Crawfordsville, Indiana, where Frank is minister for the Church.

Cupid has been very busy among F-H. C. alumni lately. A wedding which dates back to January, but which was revealed to us only recently is that of Morrel Hatcher, '39, to Vivian Pharr. The bride has recently reentered school with us, after having taught near her home in Belmont, Mississippi, the past session.

Annis Kirby, '37, has taken a new husband but decided she couldn't improve her own name so she married Lloyd Kirby (no relation however) and is housekeeping at Bethel Springs.

Mayme Chambers, of Hornbeak, Tennessee, '34, was recently wed to Vernie Bolen, and the couple went to Wolf Lake, Illinois, to make their home.

The announcement of Annie Margaret Pearson's engagement to John Rascoff came out a few days back. Annie Margaret is from Bells, Tenn., was an F-H. C. graduate of '35 and has been teaching since in her home county. The groom attended University of Montana and University of Tennessee, and is now connected with the latter institution. Our Brother K. M. Kelly will perform their ceremony on May 1.

News trickles in that Fred Dukes, of Middleton, class of '36, was recently wed to Cecil Ann Fortune.

Brooks McCain of Henry, class of '38, married early in April, at the home of Bro. Hugo Allmond in Paris. The groom is Harry Willard Milam, of Milan and Detroit. They will make their home in Detroit.

On the evening of April 20, Verle Douthit of Memphis, '39, became Mrs. Tommy Parker, in a beautiful ceremony in Memphis, in which Evelyn Bomar participated as maid of honor.

Willie Hudson, basketball ace of '34, '35, '36, has scored again in wedding Miss Elizabeth Sparks, also of Linden. The nuptials occurred on April 14.

Last week's Chester County Independent bore news of Virginia McAdams's marriage to Talton Enoch, of Aberdeen, Mississippi. The bride is a current F-H. C. co-ed and plans to complete her year's college work before joining her husband in Aberdeen, where he is connected with the Kroger Company.

It isn't all weddings, however. The recent vital statistics contain the

birth of Wallace Reid, a son, to Leo and Celia Alice (Reid) Swearingen, of Milan, Tennessee, on April 22. Both parents were in F-H. C. in 1938-39. Celia graduated with the class of '38, and we are entering young Wallace on the roll books of 1938.

A recent letter from Kermit Nichols, '39, of Armona, California, says: "The term at Freed-Hardeman has been the most valuable period of my life, and I feel sure that another one would be more so. . . I could probably do better work than was done last year." We are hoping Kermit can be back with us for another session.

Invitations were received last week among old friends of Mrs. Albert Holland (Lena Sisco) to her third and last post-graduate concert required for the Artist Certificate awarded by the DeShazo College of Music in Memphis, which occurred on April 29. This is interesting to F-H. C. inasmuch as both Bro. and Mrs. Holland are alums, she had her first music lessons with Mrs. Hardeman in the college here; and Bro. Holland, now preacher for McKellar Avenue congregation in Memphis, was a member of the class of '26. The program consisted of three movements from Beethoven Sonata, Opus 53, Chopin's Ballade in A Flat, Mendelssohn—Liszt's On Wings of Song, Liszt's Naples, and two movements from Tchaikovsky's Concerto in B Flat Minor.

### DEBATE TEAMS GAIN RECOGNITION

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the teams had enjoyed hardly any intercollegiate competition, is nearly unbelievable; also, practically all the opposition in this tournament was from four-year colleges and universities.

Bro. W. O. Davis is to be highly complimented on his brilliant debate-coaching. Considering the brief time he had to prepare his teams and their lack of experience in debating, his achievement can nearly be classed in the realm of the phenomenal.

Long pains are light ones,  
Cruel ones are brief!—J. G. Saxe

Great things thro' greatest hazards are achiev'd,  
And then they shine.  
—Beaumont and Fletcher

Conceit in weakest bodies strongest works.—Hamlet.

Be true to your word and your work and your friends.—O'Reilly.

The great theatre for virtue is conscience.—Cicero.

### Preacher's Notes

The Preacher's Club meeting of last Friday night brought us a splendid opportunity, when Brother John Moody, alumnus of F-H. C. and a present elder of the Paris Church of Christ, Paris, Tenn., uncovered a golden mine of thought for us as he spoke in his impressive way of the value of experience in a young preacher's life.

He made us seriously conscious of the fact that neither hard study, nor youthful zeal can instill this precious ingredient into a minister's being; but that it is bought only with determination for action, the slowly passing years, and the ability to grasp past incidents and place them as stepping stones leading to a brighter future.

Plans for the summer's work are already drifting from classroom to classroom, propelled by the common curiosity that one preacher has for another's affairs. Bud Whitten goes back to McAllen, Texas, for work with the congregation for which he preached before entering F-H. C. Wayne Poucher will be near Tampa, Fla., as he preaches for the Plant City congregation. William Hull and Kenneth Adams go back to West Virginia to preach and hold meetings. Mason Emde's summer is also about filled with numerous protracted meetings. Brother Page will preach for two months in Springfield, Mo., in the congregation where Brother Anthony Emmons regularly preaches. George Jones, as well as others, has vision for holding mission meetings this summer in the neighborhood of Tulsa, Okla.

The unusual preacher of our group is Brother Lanham who, instead of leaving Henderson for the summer's preaching work, is to remain "betrailed" in Henderson, preaching for nearby congregations while waiting for next fall and a new school year.

#### A word:

of thanks for Brother Davis's recent Friday night speech which stamped such a good lesson upon our hearts.

of prayer for the success of Bertram Husband's work, as he leaves us to go back home to far-away Canada.

of best wishes for our genial, jovial Harry Moore who has gone recently to Lansing, Michigan, to work with several Michigan congregations.

### BLYTHEVILLE HOST TO F-H. C. ALUMNI

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to introduce himself and then entered into the speaking program planned for the occasion. He had had all speeches built around the theme of "Perspectives of Freed-Hardeman College." The first phase was Brother C. P. Roland's presentation of "Freed-Hardeman from the Perspective of Authority," which was followed by Mrs. Powers on "From the Perspective of the Teacher." Then Brother Frank Puckett, of Jonesboro, spoke from the angle of the minister. Brother C. L. Purdom made some splendid remarks from the standpoint of the member of our Board of Directors; John Sam Cary presented a students-eye view of life in F-H. C.; Bro. R. E. Black of Maury City, Tennessee, spoke both as an alum and a patron; while Bro. Noble Davis of Jonesboro, though not an alumnus, entertained the assembly with his impressions of F-H. C. as a visitor and friend.

Other musical numbers were interspersed among the speeches, making a varied and thoroughly enjoyable and profitable evening. At the conclusion of the social program, a short business meeting was held for election of officers for the ensuing year. The incumbents were re-elected: Denton Neal, president; Irene McCaleb, corresponding secretary; Bennie Cook, secretary-treasurer. It was also voted to have next year's banquet again at Blytheville's Hotel Noble.



## Superb Program Presented Friday

Last Friday night, the college orchestra, chorus, and quartet presented an enjoyable and brilliant program in the auditorium of the College. This was the first time the chorus has made a public appearance, and a good appearance they made as well as a good performance they gave us.

The program was well attended by the student body as a whole and friends who live in Henderson.

It consisted of:

The Glow Worm	Lincke
Chorus	
His Honor	Fillmore
Orchestra	
For You Alone	O'Reilly
Palmer Wheeler	
Trombone Solo—Blue Bells of	
Scotland—Air & Variation—Pryor	
Mason Emde	
Asleep in the Deep	Petrie
Men's Chorus	
I'll Take You Home Again Kathleen	
—Westerndorff	
Chorus	
Cupid's Appeal	Englemann
Orchestra	
In My Garden	Firestone
Christine Caldwell	
Come Where The Lilies Bloom	
—Thompson	
Somewhere a Voice is Calling—Tate	
Billie Geer Thomas N. Page	
Robert Welch Bud Whitten	
Priest's March	Mendelssohn
Orchestra	
Ciribiribin	Pestalozza—Gore
Girls' Chorus	
On the Road to Mandalay	Speaks
Thomas N. Page	
Love Sends a Little Gift of Roses	
—Openshaw	
Christine Caldwell Aileen Bailey	
Charles Bailey Thomas N. Page	
Stars and Stripes	Sousa
Orchestra	
Come Where My Love Lies	
Dreaming	Foster
Sweet and Low	Barnly
Chorus	

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## Memphis Is Host To A. C. E. Girls

On March 18, a group of A. C. E. girls with their sponsor, Mrs. Foy spent a very enjoyable day in Memphis. The trip was the culmination of one phase of the year's program. Our prime purpose was to visit the Training School at State Teachers' College, and acquire first-hand information as to their method of teaching and to gain ideas that will be useful to us when we become teachers. Now, a brief resume of our trip:

We left our campus at 6 a. m. in two groups—one group in a car driven by Mr. Foy, the other by Mrs. Foy.

Upon arriving at Memphis, we proceeded directly to State Teachers. At the Training School we were immediately shown to the fifth-grade room for our first observation. We arrived in time to hear the pupils' opening exercises, which consisted of the chanting of a few of the Psalms in perfect unison. Also, for our special benefit and pleasure, they recited in chorus and solo some poems that they had perfected.

Next, we visited the first-grade room. We were all deeply impressed at the informality there. All the students were gathered around their instructor who was reading poetry to them. Another form of exercise was the recognition of a certain poem after a line from it had been quoted to them.

After lunch downtown, the remainder of the afternoon was spent viewing some interesting sights in the city. Among the outstanding features was the Pink Palace, the city museum. We spent a good portion of the afternoon browsing around it and studying the many interesting things on display.

About four o'clock, we turned our faces homeward after an enjoyable day, well spent.

## PHILOMATHEANS ELECT OFFICERS

The Philomathean Society met April 15 for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing six weeks. The officers selected were as follows:

President—William Geer, First Vice-President—D. J. Blount, Second Vice-President—Verdelle Page, Secretary—Geraldine Farrar, Reporter—Wyman Nettles, Society Editor—annual—Cloyce Purdom.

Merciful Father, I will not complain.  
I know that the sunshine shall follow the rain.—Joaquin Miller

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## News In Brief

Bert Husband left for his home in Wawota, Saskatchewan, Canada, on April 9, to help his family in the spring farm work. We are looking forward to his return in the fall.

Easter week-end and a few days prior found a numerous group of alums and visitors on the campus. Among these were: Josephine Larkin and Mrs. Vivian Duke of Dickson; Clarence Buffington, of Montgomery, but now attending Vanderbilt; James and Anna Belle Dempster, also of Vanderbilt; Stanley and Sarah Elizabeth Lovett, of Danville, Illinois; Frank and Julia Van Dyke, of Crawfordsville, Indiana, Brother and Sister Hubert Hall and Bobby, as well as Martha and Ruth Swisher, all of Danville; Bonnie Beth Byler, now in University of Arkansas; Fred Brigrance, from U. T. in Memphis; John Hall, from Oklahoma A. & M. at Stillwater; Bonna Tarpley, now in Bowling Green Business University; Otha Wade of Adamsville; Brother and Sister W. R. Overton of Dell, Arkansas.

The week-end of March 23 also saw a good deal of travel from the campus. Doyle Banta spent it at his home in Tulsa, Miss Ruby Caldwell went to Little Rock, Carl Hutchison accompanied Harvey Martin to the latter's home in Georgetown, Illinois, and Quentin McCay went to his home in Decatur, Alabama, for the week-end.

Brother Don Morris, president-elect of Abilene Christian College, was on the campus April 11.

John Jumper, of Ripley, Mississippi, paid us a visit on April 10.

Mardelle Lynch, of Memphis, spent April 11 at F-H. C.

Harry Moore left school April 20, to go by his home in Cincinnati and on to his new position in Lansing, Mich., as preacher and editor.

Maxe and Marjorie Winn, of Memphis, visited us the week-end of March 30.

On the week-end of April 6, Hubert Hall (gone with the Winn) went with Louis Taliaferro to his home in Memphis.

Thurman Lovell, of Chattanooga, renewed old acquaintances among Freed-Hardeman students the week-end of March 30.

Mrs. Oscar Foy, Bro. and Mrs. Vernon Anderson, and Bro. W. O. Davis all attended the State Teachers' Meeting in Nashville, March 22 and 23. Bro. Roland went on March 20 and 21 to the Tennessee College Association Meeting in Nashville and on April 7 to Atlanta, for the meeting of the Southern Association.

Evelyn Bomar went to Memphis, April 19, to visit her people and act as maid of honor in the wedding of Verle Douthit to Tommy Parker, on April 20.

Sister Vester Daugherty and Monty Gale, of Chattanooga, spent the week-end of April 13, here with Brother Daugherty.

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Humphreys, of Savannah, visited Sue Stone, April 14.

J. T. Cayce, of San Benito, Texas, visited on the campus the week-end of April 6.

Bro. Roland, Mrs. Powers, Bro. R. E. Black, John Sam Cary, Cloyce Purdom, Virginia Hardin, Leroy Garrett represented F-H C. of 1940 at the annual banquet given by our Arkansas-Missouri Alumni, on April 5, at Blytheville, Arkansas.

Glenn B. Williams and his father, Bro. O. H. Williams were on the campus April 9.

The McClung Quartet, of Hartford, Arkansas, visited the Palmer Wheelers on April 20, and gave a delightful program in chapel.

Brother and Sister Hardeman went to Senath, Mo., on April 7, where he preached morning and afternoon. Bro. Hardeman went to Loretto, Tennessee, to deliver a class address on the night of April 12, and began a week's meeting at Lewisburg, Tennessee, on April 14.

Julia Craft recently received a call from Baptist Hospital, in Memphis, to enter training for nurses.

## Treasure Chest Closed By Staff

The annual staff did much overtime work last week in an effort to get the complete copy of the 1940 Treasure Chest in the hands of the publishers before the close of the month of April.

It is the purpose of the staff to edit a yearbook that will be entirely representative of the college. With this end in view, it is presenting the activities and organizations of the college in photographs and exposition.

The staff is trying to present the student body with an annual that will carry a few innovations. The 1940 "Treasures" will contain one hundred pages, twenty more than last year, and will be printed on different paper with different color ink. The jewel theme is being used throughout the yearbook and the inside covers and fly leaves will be covered with snapshots of college life and activities.

## JAYBIRD ORCHESTRA PLAYS FOR STUDENTS

The Phi Kappa Alphas have turned their sails toward the last lap of a successful voyage with a new captain at the helm. At the last meeting James Woodard was elected president; Earl West, vice-president; Sally Washburn, secretary; and Jiggs Boone, sergeant-at-arms.

On our chapel program, the Phi Kappas were glad to present, for the first time at F-H. C., a negro orchestra. The wind 'em up and mow 'em down colored orchestra from Jaybird, directed by Mason Emde, favored us with some selections. Also on the program, Thomas Page rendered a vocal solo and, in the battle of the states, Earl West defended Indiana nobly.

We are being represented in the tennis tournament by Kay Jones and Jim Baird. Jim has already defeated the Sigma Rhos and now has only to meet the Philos.

With our faces toward the mast we are sailing full-steam ahead for greater victories.

She has postponed her entrance until fall, however, preferring to finish out her year's college work.

Marjorie Conyers spent the week-end of April 27 in Columbus, Miss.

The Thomas Pages went to Nashville on March 29, where Brother Page preached for Trinity Lane Congregation on the 31st. They remained for several days visiting relatives.

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## Friends Entertain Dormitory Girls

"Put on your Sunday best, hat, and gloves; but hurry or we'll be late!" was the exclamation heard in the girls' dormitory, April 5.

Mrs. D. E. Mitchell, Mrs. O. Foy and Mrs. Chloe Finley had invited the dormitory girls to Mrs. Foy's home for a social gathering to get acquainted with some of the Henderson girls.

Mrs. Finley and Mrs. Foy received the guests as they arrived. They were entertained by violin, accordion and piano music, furnished by Mrs. C. M. Foy, Miss Ruby Caldwell, and Joanne Powers.

The tea table was arranged in the dining room where the shades were drawn and the light was only from candelabra. The flickering candles patterned interesting shapes on the wall and on the silver tea service. The table was covered with a creamy white linen fillet cloth. On either side of the table were trays of dainty cucumber and French dressing sandwiches, cracker tid-bits spread with Philadelphia cream cheese and olives, and an assorted variety of tea cakes. Disks of spiced lemon added an emphatic color note.

Mrs. Morton, Mrs. Anderson and Miss Caldwell assisted Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Wilson in serving refreshments.

We deeply regretted Mrs. D. E. Mitchell's illness which prevented her being present.

## LAST ELECTION HELD FOR SIGMA RHOS

The Sigma Rhos, carrying out the "someone old, someone new" idea, elected the following officers on April 15:

President—John Sam Cary, First Vice-President—L. W. Mayo, Second Vice-President—Freda Cromwell, Secretary—Kathleen Hallmark, Reporter—Mildred Kerr, Society Editor—annual—Eldred Stevens.

The tennis tournament has created much interest on the part of the students. The Sigma Rhos, represented by John Sam Cary, have again put forth some keen competition in the field of athletics. John Sam was victorious until the semi-finals where he was defeated by James Baird.

He who surpasses or subdues mankind,  
Must look down on the hate of those below.—Byron.

If she undervalue me,  
What care I how fair she be?  
—Sir Walter Raleigh

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## BAIRD TAKES CROWN AGAIN IN TENNIS

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included Doyle Banta, Eldred Stevens, and Buddy Weir. Cary defeated Weir in the finals in a gruelling match with set scoring standing 7-5, 6-4, 9-7.

In the Philomathean Society Wayne Poucher of Largo, Florida, gained the honor of being his society's best. He was the only society winner who was not among the seeded players. In the course of his winning he defeated Buddy Akin, Redner Bates, and Charles Bailey. Bailey was the finalist opposing him and he fell before Poucher's driving in a 1-3 decision.

Society representatives are also being selected in the girls' division, Katherine Jones having already won the Phi Kappa Alpha tournament. As soon as the complete teams are selected matches in doubles, and mixed doubles will be played between the societies.

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## LOCALS

Ruth Edgar spent the week-end of March 16 at the home of Brother and Sister Charlie Taylor in Chattanooga.

Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Johnson of Indianapolis, Indiana, visited their nieces, Betty Sue Gilliam and Jean Johnson, March 21.

Ruth and Martha Swisher of Danville, Illinois, were guests of their sister Lois, March 22.

Billie McClellan, accompanied by Verdelle Page, enjoyed the week-end of March 22 at Billie's home in Lepanto, Arkansas.

Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Overton and family of Roseland, Arkansas, visited their daughter Jean, March 22.

Misses Zada Burks, Helen Williams, Charlene Wright and Bessie Hill of Booneville, Mississippi, were guests of Frances Williams, March 9.

Christine Caldwell, Sara Washburn, Virginia Hardin and Louise Caruthers spent March 30-31 at Louise's home in Adamsville.

Mrs. Wayne Poston and daughter Carolyn, and Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Poston and daughter Nell, visited their daughters, Dot and Dawn, April 20.

Mary Nell Welburn, accompanied by Jean Johnson, spent the week-end of April 11 at Mary Nell's home in Senatobia, Mississippi.

Mamie Luttrell ('38) and Hattie Idell McBride, of Middleton, visited Louise Luttrell recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Martin and daughters Maxine and Wilma and Mary Brumley of Georgetown, Illinois, visited Harvey, April 20.

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## Gossiper's Diary

Blaine Freeman may think the twilight zone is June but if it's the kind he is thinking about it must be April, the way things seem to be working out lately. One, two, three, four, they seem to be adding up. And talk about sunrise breakfasts? Who said we didn't have any excitement in Freed-Hardeman?

Just think, four more weeks and we will be fixing to get ready to commence to start to leave our dear Alma Mater. Baccalaureate, Recital, and Commencement, and then it's all gone. The sad part of it is that some of us are leaving for good.

I guess Jean Thornton will be able to appreciate the Baccalaureate sermon more than he ever has one before. You know, or maybe you don't, but anyway Jean's kinda been doing some work like that himself.

With spring comes green gardens. If you want to see a real nice example, just look over the fence and see Bro. Wheeler's. The tin cans are coming up nicely, although some of them have grown more than others.

When Curtis gets so mixed up he introduces Eloise as being from Jasper, somethin's rotten in the state of Denmark, besides Hitler's putrefaction. I noticed that he went home last week-end. Just think, the very same week-end Jewel visited Mildred! It's just one of those profound mysteries.

And have you noticed Sally lately? Oh, but don't rub it in because I don't see that I blame Redner. Hasn't Carter fallen off a lot lately? Wonder why? Maybe the Science Club can explain.

The oncoming banquet is bringing many things to light. Ask Freda Sornson whom she is going to sit by, or rather whom she isn't going to sit by. And Lois, could she by any chance be turning musical-minded, along the line of beating rhythm, et cetera? I could say something about Josephine's being musical-minded, about orchestra jazz and orchestra razz and blushing in general, but I'm not going to. I promised not to and far be it from me to break my promise.

James Finney has a book we should all read. It's entitled "Success and Failure in Marriage". Leroy has another book with some good information in it. I picked it up the other day and saw a dirty streak over in the last part of the book and turned to see what must be so interesting to such a young man and his associates. Guess what I found, "How to Choose Your Companion."

One of the suggestions was to choose one with a fairly equal amount of intelligence. I heard that when Bob Welsh read it, he remarked that he and Frances had the same I. Q. Which only explains why Edward gave away the picture he had made with Frances, back in the fall.

But of all people, just look at Preston and Mary Ruth. They say the spring weather has something to do with it.

It wasn't many days ago when people served apple cider quite frequently, yet I've never before heard of anyone's serving vinegar right out. But I think Mrs. Finley's guests understood that spring is nearly here and girls are not always thinking of what they are going to drink.

James Bucy seems to be reaching the maximum again. A new pair of trousers spells something as well as races around the ball field with Miss Mary. Or was that for Miss Mary's benefit? I'll admit it won't hurt either one of them. But it won't be long until summer when they can reduce again, along with Mrs. Wilson.

Only another five weeks—and it's really going to hurt Maxine to see Steve go back to Texas. If she could only go with him, he could bring her Texas bluebonnets every day.

I want to let you in on a little secret. Something most interesting came to light the other day. Lula

## LOCALS

Martha Holloway, Betty Sue Gilliam and Eugenia Frost spent March 30-31 at Eugenia's home in Memphis.

Mary Sue Cummins had as her guest her sister Lucinda, of Cookeville, April 20.

Laverne and Mary Ruth Roberts visited their home in Trenton, March 21.

Lois Conder of Enville, accompanied by Lulu Testers, spent the week-end of April 20 at her home.

Mrs. Alice Hanna of Peabody College, Nashville, was guest of Eloise Buffington, March 31.

Ophelia Hamilton of Union City spent the week-end of April 6 with Juanita Treece and Ronelle Caldwell.

Bonnie Brooks Brinn enjoyed the weekend of March 30 at her home in Dell, Arkansas.

Eloise Buffington spent a pleasant week-end, March 20-21, at the home

of Josephine Larkin, in Dickson, Tennessee.

has a high school annual named The Purple Sage.

You've always heard of the school teacher that couldn't do anything but teach school. But I'm glad to let you know that we at least have one that is not of that character. Our faculty advisor seems to be turning out some delicious bread. Maybe we should make an appointment and drop in sometime.

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Mrs. W. M. Belue of Holcut, Mississippi, visited her daughter Maxine, March 22.

Mrs. R. E. Black and small son Ralph visited Edwin, April 20.

Clifton Griffin and Edward Rinehart of Union City were guests of Juanita Treece, April 21.

On Wednesday evening, April 14, a party of Freed-Hardeman students, who had spent the day doing research at Cossitt Library, went to Union Avenue Church of Christ in Memphis to have a part in the prayer meeting service of one of the largest Churches of Christ in the world. James Baird, Bill Geer, Earl West and Freda Cromwell spent two very pleasant hours with the congregation.

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