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Silver Anniversaries Of 3 Great Events

With this issue, the Sky Rocket begins its second span of twenty-five years. In October, 1923, the very first number appeared, and it has continued without intermission since. The staff of that infant volume was: Knox Summitt, Geneva Waller, Gaines Lynch, Mary Nelle Hardeman, J. R. Endsley, S. H. Biggerstaff, and Noel B. Cuff.

September, 1923, was also the date of the addition of two beloved members to the F. H. C. faculty. In that month Brother W. C. Hall and Brother J. T. Rivenbark first took up work as faculty members here. Brother Hall was away during ten of the years since, but in 1935 came back to stay. Brother Rivenbark has scarcely missed a day at his work in all that time, and his fidelity and dependability have been among Freed-Hardeman's greater assets.

Brother N. B. Hardeman had a brilliant year in 1923. In April he repeated the famous Tabernacle Meeting of the preceding year; in May, he met Ira M. Boswell, of the Christian Church, in one of the greatest debates in the history of the church. It too was held in the great Ryman Auditorium in Nashville and was on the subject of instrumental music in church worship. Then, in June, he sailed from New York on his trip through several countries of Europe, Egypt, and the Holy Land. During his absence, Tabernacle Sermons, Vol. I came from the press. In the fall and winter, his lectures on the Holy Land became famous, and they were published later under the title "The Bible Searchlight and the Holy Land".

IN MEMORIAM

JUDGE J. I. GALBRAITH

On June 22, one of our very distinguished alumni, Judge Jere I. Galbraith, of Henderson, died in a Memphis hospital at the age of 68. He was an alumnus of the "G.R.C.C." period in our history, and enjoyed a wide acquaintance and numberless friends. At the time of his death, he was justice of the 12th Judicial Circuit of Tennessee, and had just announced for re-election. He was Mayor of his home town for 20 years, was City Attorney for 30, and had practiced law for over 40 years.

He is survived by his wife, formerly Miss Bennie Bondurant, an alumna; also by two sons and two daughters, all of them F.H.C. alumni: Jere, Jr., and Ben Galbraith, Mary Anne Galbraith Heron and Sarah Ethel Galbraith Smith. Brother N. B. Hardeman preached the funeral sermon at Judge Galbraith's home here.

JOHN McDONALD III

On July 13, John (Buddy) McDonald III was instantly killed in an automobile wreck near Brownsville, Tennessee. He was grandson of the late Brother John McDonald, long-time friend and patron of the College; son of John, Jr. and Oda Ellis McDonald, both alumni; brother of Mary Duanne McDonald Braden and Julia Mitchell McDonald McAdams, both alumnae, and was himself a member of our commercial class in '42.

A veteran of World War II, he had recently begun traveling for the wholesale clothing firm operated by his grandfather and father. He was buried the day after the tragic accident in the Henderson cemetery.

CHARLES PRIESTLEY

Alumnus "Charlie" Priestley died early in July at his home in (Continued on Page 4)

Get-Acquainted and Welcome Party

The college faculty entertained on Monday evening, Sept. 20, with a break-the-ice gathering for all the students. The affair was held in Chapel Hall, and everyone who attended wore his name and state boldly displayed.

Song-coach Jack Frost led the group in all four stanzas of the College song, then a boy from each of the four societies made a "sales-talk" about his society and led his group in their own special song.

Brother Hall then divided the assembly alphabetically and conducted an animated spelling bee, with words spelled out by "letters" that ran to the front to beat Dick Weaver's stop-watch.

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F. H. C. Progeny

Twenty-four young ladies and gentlemen have arrived during the summer to gladden the homes of their Freed-Hardeman parents. The latest additions to the nursery set are these:

Dennis Dale Swearingen, third son of Leo '39 and Celia Alice Read '39 Swearingen.

Richard Gaylen Amrein, son of Herman Amrein '49 and Mrs. Amrein.

William Mark Merrell, second son of Gerald Merrell '48 and Mrs. Merrell (and nephew of Elaine Merrell '50).

John William Roberts, son of "Buster" Roberts '37 and Mrs. Roberts.

Donna Jean Curd, daughter of Bruce Curd '48 and Mrs. Curd.

Shawn Edward Johnston, second son of H. E. Johnston '47 and Mrs. Johnston.

Howard R. Oliver, Jr., son of Howard '50 and Dorothea Jones '47 Oliver (and nephew of Billy Jones '49).

Winston Freeman Sharp, son of Lillie May Taylor Sharp '44 and Freeman Sharp (and grandson of Brother Olin Taylor '21).

Myra Diane Logsdon, daughter of Myra Jean Bunnell Logsdon '47 and Roy E. Logsdon, Jr.

Tommy McClure, Jr., son of Tommy '47 and Janette Lumpkin '47 McClure.

Paul Bailey, son of Charlie '41 and Bessie May Tackett '40 Bailey.

Jonathan Marlin, son of Montyne Brock Payne '46 and Marlin Payne.

Richard, son of Virginia Perkins Davis '46 and Bill Davis.

Phyllis Anne, daughter of Claude '44 and Delores Tatum '45 Gardner.

Sarah Nell, daughter of Sidney Roper '43 and Mrs. Roper (and granddaughter of "Miss Bonnie" Chandler).

Lynda Dianne, daughter of Mary Duanne McDonald Braden '41 and Dr. Spencer Braden.

John, son of Geneva Anne Mulone Nagle '43 and John Nagle '47.

Mary Elizabeth (Betty) Brigrance, second daughter of Fred Brigrance '38 and Mary Mae Morgan Brigrance '43 (and granddaughter of Brother L. L. Brigrance).

William Baxter Jett, second son of Ruby Turbeville '31 Jett and J. C. Jett.

Mollie Ann Van Dyke, daughter of Joe Pierce Van Dyke '37 and Marjorie Conyers Van Dyke '40.

Ethelle Louise Vick, daughter of Ben and Ettie North Vick, both '47.

David, son of Arthur Spaeth '50, and Mrs. Spaeth.

Danny Ray, son of Grady Woody '49 and Mrs. Woody.

Randall Allen, son of Bill Scott '48 and Mrs. Scott.

Fifty Alums Wed In 33 Marriages

As usual, the summer months were filled with Freed-Hardeman weddings. Two of the thirty nuptials here mentioned occurred before the summer months, however, but did not reach the Sky Rocket in time for the last issue, in May. One of these was the marriage of Queen Ann Dees '48 to James Anderson '47, which occurred in January, but was not announced until later.

On April 10, lovely Jean E. Anderson, our "ideal girl of 1945," was married to Theron Williams, of Hakoda, Ala. The ceremony was performed by A. H. Maner '31 at the home of Jean's brother in Moundsville, W. Va. Jean wore a suit of oyster white, carried a white Bible with a spray of orchids. She completed nurses' training in September at the Ohio Valley General Hospital at Wheeling and joined her husband in Pensacola, Florida. Jean is by marriage now the cousin of Willeen Peters King '45.

Sunday, May 30, was the wedding date of Laverne Maness '48 to Lloyd Rogers, of Luray, Tennessee. The wedding took place in Corinth, Mississippi.

The first day of June was the time of three F.H.C. weddings. One was that of James Taylor '39 to Anne Loftin, of Trout, La., where the rites occurred. The couple is living in Memphis.

Mary Jane Bragg and Gene Frost both graduated May 26 in the class of '48, and Mary Jane sang the role of heroine in our commencement operetta, "The Lady of the Terrace". On June 1 they were married at her home near Huntsville, Ala., and left immediately for Gene's home in San Francisco. Barbara Watt '48 and Bobby Owen '49 were attendants. At the conclusion of the ceremony, another bridal party entered the scene and Margaret Broughton, Mary Jane's half-sister, became the bride of Edwin Boggs '49. Ralph Smith '48 served as best man.

June third was the big day for four more alums. At six in the afternoon Eloise Griffin '48 became Mrs. Raymond Muncy, both being in last year's group of students. Eloise wore white satin and a white orchid, and was attended by Willodyne Campbell '49. Joe Hope '49 was best man and Charles Gibson '49, the officiating minister. Pat Gibbons '48 served as usher, and the College friends in attendance were: Elva Hargett, Joanne Powers, Marilyn Cooke, Jimmy Potts, Jimmy Mills, Travis McMinn and Jere Via.

Joanna McClellan, our College "beauty" of 1945, chose five o'clock the same afternoon for her marriage to Wade Thomson '43. It was a formal wedding at her (Continued on Page 4)

Brother Akin Visits

Bro. John W. Akin, accompanied by Bro. Seymour Wagner, came early in September to visit Bro. Hardeman and other friends here. They arrived on the fourth and stayed till the seventh, attending the first day and night sessions of the Cope-Brown debate, held in Huntington, Tennessee.

Brother Akin appears in splendid health, as vital and alert as ever, driving his handsome Buick Roadmaster with ease, and taking the long motor trip to and from Dallas in his stride.

Brother and Sister Akin are the founders and donors of the "Akin Fund", which since 1938 has had such good and far-reaching influence, by giving hundreds of boys and men the privilege of being in the Bible classes at Freed-Hardeman.

65th F. H. C. Session Represents Hawaii, Canada, 26 States

Mason-Dixon Line Binds New Staff

The Solid South is in the lead again and no better proof can be offered of this than the SKY ROCKET staff for the twenty-sixth year of its publication. It is headed by a student co-ed who comes from Alabama, Willodyne Campbell, as its Editor-in-Chief, who is assisted by the Northern-er, Donald Daugherty from West Virginia and by Paige Corzine, from Illinois.

But that the North and South can cooperate is evidenced by Bobby Owen, from Tennessee, and Dick Dewhirst, from Ohio, who labor together on the financial end as Business Managers.

Tennessee can again claim its Sports Editor — Bob Lifsey — and its Gossip Editors, Clinton Cooper and Barbara Munn are from Tennessee and Florida. Thus on down the line it goes as we find an Alabaman, Jo Bullington, as the reporter for Freed-Hardeman's organizations and a boy who hails from the State of Kentucky as Religious Editor — better known as Roy Hooper.

The North gets one more chance at being represented in the person of Annabelle Lemon as the Feature Editor, from West Virginia; but on the last two members the staff really goes into the deep South: Mary Emma Marshall, from Florida, as the reporter on Locals, and Jamie Usery, from Mississippi, as Typist.

With such a rare combination of staff members from all parts of the country the SKY ROCKET in its 26th year reminds one of a national brand of coffee which boasts it is a blend of five choice flavors. However it is outdone by the staff in number of flavors and like it, we too can boast of the paper as being (to coin a phrase) "good to the last drip-er-drop."

West Virginia Alums Banquet, Reminisce

Parkersburg, West Virginia, was the place and June 11 the date of a good time, when alumni and friends from that city and others nearby got together in their annual banquet. The program-favors were very clever and original, and bespeak the loyalty and talent of some of our cherished co-eds of a few years back. They were hand-made clock faces fastened in the center to another circle of paper, which revolved. The "hands" pointed to 6:30 and a window cut in the dial just below "6:30" exposed one at a time the items on program, numbered in order on the lower revolving circle of paper.

The Parkersburg Sentinel for June 17 gave the following account:

Freed-Hardeman College Alumni Dinner Is Held

A group of Freed-Hardeman college alumni, faculty members and prospective students met in the Wilmar for the annual dinner meeting Friday evening.

After dinner a program was enjoyed with alumnus Ross Swindler, president of the group in this section, acting as master of ceremonies.

Speakers were Prof. J. R. Endsley, head of the science department of Freed-Hardeman College at Henderson, Tenn., and Prof. W. Claud Hall, head of the English department of the school.

Piano music was furnished by (Continued on Page 2)

The sixty-fifth college year in Henderson began auspiciously on the morning of September 15, when Freed-Hardeman formally opened her hospitable doors. Forty years ago this month, the Administration Building started its long career, having been built in 1907-8. This month at the College furnishes several silver anniversaries, among them the faithful efficient service of Prof. J. T. Rivenbark; the first publication of the Sky Rocket, the College newspaper; and the completion of a summer of travels in Europe and the Holy Lands, by President N. B. Hardeman.

Students have come this year from over half the Union and from two of our national neighbors. Thomas Silva, who is blind but very alert, came from Honolulu to be one of the College boys. Cameron Sinclair came from Manitoba, Canada, Fred Johnson from Yakima, Washington, a couple from Idaho, and a nice group from California and Arizona. The other states represented are Maryland, Wisconsin, Arkansas, Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, West Virginia, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Alabama, Tennessee, Mississippi, Louisiana, Kansas, Michigan and Pennsylvania.

The opening chapel program followed the traditional pattern — group singing, led by Tommie Nicks of Nashville, a visitor, a prayer by Maurice Howell of Tusculumbia, Ala., and an address of welcome and general statement of policies by the President.

Several visitors were than asked for short talks. They were all alumni or parents of alumni and their remarks were most complimentary to the College. They were Perry Cotham of Paris, Texas, class of '31; John Iverson, now of Milan, Tenn., class of '47; Maurice Howell, class of '35; Orbra Johns, now of Jackson, class of '44; and Tommy Nicks, father of Billie Nicks, class of '43.

New faculty members were introduced; Mrs. A. B. Chandler, recently of Searcy, Ark., now working with Mrs. Roy Travis as co-dietitian in the College cafeteria; Miss Jeanne Moore of Elba, Ala., an addition to the history and Education departments; and Jack Frost of San Francisco, chorus and orchestra.

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High School Class '22 Presents New Fountain

As usual, many improvements were made all about the Freed-Hardeman plant during the summer. Leading off was the installation of an electric drinking fountain in the Administration Building, donated by the generous high-school class of 1922, at its class reunion, held on Commencement Sunday, and the donors permitted no delay, for the fountain was installed the next day, to be enjoyed during Commencement exercises.

The twin apartment houses on White Street were papered early in the summer, adding much to their attractiveness.

The splendid hardwood floor in the lobby of the Girl's Home was sanded and refinished to a state of gleaming beauty.

The kitchens at the cafeteria were redecorated and a large new electric meat saw, a meat slicer, and an oversized mixer added to (Continued on Page 2)

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TO THE FRESHMEN

Few are the students who graduate from high school without regrets. Most of these regrets are about the poor progress that was made during those four years. Too much time was spent on trivial things, and the more important things were overlooked.

This year many of us as freshmen are making a new start. We have a clean slate. The way we begin work here at Freed-Hardeman may affect our whole lives. Why not raise those high school standards to something to be proud of?

Don't be idle! It has been said that an idle mind is the devil's workshop. Are we to furnish the devil with equipment? Why clutter the mind with things of no

importance? Realizing the value of time, we must begin to work for higher standards today.

Learn to have patience! Complaining about homework never accomplished a thing. Teachers are human; try to understand them. Perhaps in return they will better understand us.

After graduating from Freed-Hardeman will we be able to say, "I did my best"? Or will we say, "If I could go to college again I would surely do better"? Let us all have an eye for the future! Remember that the things we do today will make the memories of tomorrow. With effort we can make our memories pleasant ones, and minus all regrets.

Cope-Brown Debate

Just before school started, an interesting event took place over at Huntingdon, Tennessee. It was a six-day debate held at the courthouse there, between Brother Jim Cope, of our faculty, and L. H. Brown, of the Baptists. The discussion lasted from September 6th through the 11th, with a session each day at 2:00 and each evening at 7:00.

Three topics were under discussion during the week, namely, the establishment of the church, the plan of salvation, and apostasy. As one result, a number of people are known to have been converted.

The audience ranged from 300 people to around 700 on the last day. They included brethren from Texas, Oklahoma, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama, California, Louisiana, and Tennessee. W. H. Hopper moderated for Mr. Brown; Alumni James P. Miller and G. E. Woods served in that capacity for Brother Cope.

WEST VIRGINIA ALUMS

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Miss Betty Miller.

At the business session held at the conclusion of the meeting the following officers were elected: President, Kenneth B. Adams; vice president, Kenneth Franklin; and secretary, Dorothy Hancock.

At the close of the evening everyone joined in singing the college song.

Those present were: Pauline Nida, Huntington; Joanne Adams, Parkersburg; Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Burns, Clarkburg; Virginia Montgomery, Moundsville; Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Wilson, Clarkburg; Edward White, Athens, O.; Launa Flesher, Clarkburg; Glen Graham, Huntington; Greta Lou McFrederick, Moundsville; Lawrence Taylor, Clarkburg; Edna Speece, Parkersburg; Jo Heck, Mineral Wells; David Flanagan, Clarkburg; Mary Veyon, Grafton; Betty Nichols, Ashland, O.; Anna Belle Lemon, Jane Lew; Norma Lawson, Clarkburg; Virginia Veyon, Grafton; Jackie Wilson, Clarkburg; Mrs. Glen Graham, Huntington; Joann Lafon, Chesapeake, O.; Donald Fugate, Huntington; Mrs. Lottie Petty, Lubeck.

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HIGH SCHOOL CLASS '22

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make it one of the most modernly equipped cooking departments to be found anywhere. A washing machine was also added to its abundance of electrical devices.

The rooms on the lower level of Paul Gray Hall were painted and redecorated.

An outstanding addition to the campus is the picturesque College Inn, which is nearly ready for use. It is a low, brown-stained building, with many casement windows, nestled on the west edge of our campus, and destined to become the most popular spot, as soon as the ice cream, cokes and other "necessities" can be dispensed there.

Out on Comer Farm, at the edge of Henderson, bulldozers cleaned and ditched odd waste spots, reclaiming for use around 26 acres of good land.

The church building of the Henderson congregation is showing decided progress. With the arrival of long-overdue steel window and door frames, the brickwork has resumed. It is to be a large and handsome building, well equipped for comfort, beauty, and usefulness. The contractors expect to finish it by the first of 1949.

Husband of Alumna Drowned At Sea

Tragedy struck at the C. P. Roland family during the summer, when William H. Stewart, husband of Josephine Roland Stewart '41, was lost from the fishing yacht, Jesse A., off the coast of lower California. Josephine was in Henderson visiting her parents when the accident occurred, on June 19. It was several weeks before the body was found on the beach, and yet longer before the Coast Guard was able to make arrangements to return it for burial. Josephine and Mr. Stewart's family met in San Diego for the funeral on August 16, and burial in Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery.

In and OUT

Eleanor Willbanks '48, her father, Bro. Myris Willbanks, and her uncle, M. B. Leeper '27 were on the campus September 17.

Newlyweds James and Hazel Cook Cannon, both '48, visited us September 17.

John Fant '48 was a visitor on September 17 and 18.

On September 18 Alumnae Mary Jo Sewell, Dolly Henley, Carolyn Taylor, and Nannette Johnson (Sky Rocket staff '47 and '48) were welcomed on the campus.

Brother Clark Burns '47, Sister Burns, and Jerry were visitors to F.H.C. and son, Charles, the first week of school.

James Cooper and Bonna Lee Cheshire, both '48 were College visitors September 23.

Mrs. F. W. Loden, Woody Loden '48, and Mrs. Newman of Batesville, Miss. visited us September 21.

Harold Trimble '48 paid us a short visit September 24.

Sister Rogers Cope, of Sparta, Tenn., spent the weekend of Sept. 25 with the Jim Copes.

O. D. McKendree '47 was a chapel visitor Oct. 1.

Brother Loyce Pearce '46 and Harold Trimble '48 were on the campus Oct. 1.

Robert (Monk) and Sue Kelley Camp, both '48, were chumming around with old friends on Oct. 1.

Martha Jean Malone '46 was at chapel assembly on October 2. She is a member of the Greenfield, Tenn., High School faculty, as also is Dorothy Archer '48.

Doris Sue Cagle '48 was welcomed at her alma mater on Oct. 2. She is connected with Southern Bell Telephone Company at Jackson.

History Repeats In Second Generation

It is a pleasant and interesting thing to see replicas of the names and faces that were familiar on the campus a mere 20 to 25 years ago. The decade of the twenties lives again at Freed-Hardeman when we contemplate the sons and daughters of the boys and girls of that period, now moving about in the places left, but yet warm in memory. Charles C. Burns, Jr. son of Clark Burns '27; Robert Colley, son of R. L. Colley '26; Joe Hope, son of B. G. Hope '28; Harry Shelley, son of James Shelley '26 (and Lucille Dobbs Shelley '26); Joe Williams, son of Eural Williams '26; W. Wilford Heflin, son of W.W. Heflin '32; and Margie Parker, daughter of Milton Parker '27 (and Mertie Parker); Margaret Long, daughter of Waldo Long '21. All recall in a delightful way an outstanding group of F.H.C. Alumni.

Brother Clyde Doggett, having no son to send back, came back himself after an absence of more than 20 years, bringing Sister Doggett with him, and enrolled in some of the very courses he took as a boy — with perhaps more serious intent.

Alumnews

A very gratifying development of last summer was the attainment, by James Williams, of the principalship of the Chester County High School, in Henderson. The position was much sought after, but James came out the winner and started his first year in that capacity on July 19, with an enrollment of 850 in high and grammar schools combined. He is a member of our class of '30, is married to alumna Sue McBride '31 and has two children.

Nadine Stevens '48 will enter nurses' training at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, in January.

Carolyn Taylor '48 has just received her cap in her nurses' training course.

Pam and Grover Bucy '47 and '48, Carolyn and Stanley Lockhart '48 and '47 and Winford Claiborne '46, Joe McKissick '47 and Gerald Merrell '48 are all on the campus of Murray, Kentucky, State Teachers' College. Paul

Hodges '47 is teaching in nearby Benton, Kentucky.

Paul Gene Randolph '48 is in the University of Illinois, keeping such good company as Pat Hardeman '45 and James Burrow '41.

Robert Darnall '45 is attending Vanderbilt University in Nashville working on his doctor's degree.

Joe H. Foy '44 is in the midst of his first year in Vanderbilt Law School, having received his A.B. there in June.

Hugh Sliger '47 is in the University of Tennessee Medical School at Memphis.

A notice in the Commercial Appeal, of June 11, said: "Lewis Hale, a graduate of Freed-Hardeman College of Henderson, has been named minister of the Somerville, (Tennessee) Church of Christ. He has served churches in Alabama, California, Louisiana, and Oklahoma." Lewis is a member of the class of '48.

Bonnie B. B. Phillips Writes from Holland

Bonnie Brooks Brinn, now Mrs. Billy Phillips, is not only a new F. H. C. bride. She is also a new resident of Haarlem, Holland, whence she sends the following interesting description in a letter of mid-September:

"Bill and I left Dell (Arkansas) July 28th and sailed from Houston on August 1st. The trip was rather slow but the ocean was beautiful and I thoroughly enjoyed it the first week. The second week it began to get very cool and rainy and the boat rolled much too much to suit me. With a mixture of seasickness and boredom the second week, we were definitely glad to see land again. We landed in Le Havre, went from there to Paris for a five-hour layover, and arrived in Holland the next day, August 19th. I didn't like France — the people, that is. I did think the countryside was beautiful and the homes quaint, but I was anxious to get out of France. Holland is different. The war ruins are cleared up. The people are nice looking and are happy. They are beginning to get on their feet again. "Brother Vandervis had an apartment rented for us when we got here. It is two rooms, kitchen, and bath, and is about a fifteen minute walk from the place where he and Bill Richardson (class of '44) live.

"Last week there was quite a celebration for the fiftieth anniversary of the old queen. Today is the celebration of the crowning of the new queen. And quite a celebration it is! There are flags flying everywhere; orange ribbons are tied on everything. There are bands and parades, concerts, radio programs, etc.

"The Dutch people have been very friendly to me. The church members gave us a welcome party and since then have been hospitable, helpful and friendly. Bill does right well with the Dutch language, but of course I know only a few things so far. I hope it won't be too difficult. Bill preached Sunday and did all right. However, he said his Dutch had gone backward a lot during the time that he was in America. Bill Richardson has preached three times since we've been here and he does fine. They have Sunday and Thursday services and two nights a week Bible study in homes. The work here seems to be moving forward slowly but, seemingly, surely."

THOMAS PAGE INTERPETS NEW ENGLAND ATMOSPHERE

A nice surprise came at chapel on the morning of October first, when Brother and Sister Thomas N. Page, both '41, appeared at chapel, accompanied by Brethren Tommie and Billie '44 Nicks.

Brother Page charmed the chapel group with his account of New England, the people, traditions, and eccentricities. He referred to the two years he and his talented wife spent at Freed-Hardeman as "the happiest years of our lives". He also affirmed that "this is one place I can come

Mrs. Hamilton Receives Shower

It seems as though the water situation around here is becoming quite a problem. First we don't have any and then — well — it's water, water, everywhere. Isn't that right, Bill and Neil?

Perhaps there are a few who know nothing of this escapade or is that possible?

Anyway it seems as though the water was off the other day in the boys' dormitory when Bill Heinselman came in and turned the faucet on. Naturally, there was no results so he turned it off made it tight — or so he thought — and left. Sometime later his roommate, Neil Lightfoot, came in. What a sorry sight confronted him! Water! All over the floor about a foot deep. Unfortunately, Mrs. Hamilton's room is located directly beneath Bill and Neil's room. The water ran through the floor and dripped from the ceiling of her room. I don't why, but for some reason we got the impression that Mrs. Hamilton was very much displeased with the situation. However, we are glad to know that her belongings escaped damage even though she was quite upset over the whole episode.

By the time Bill got back to the room Neil had most of the water mopped up, but at two o'clock this morning Neil was still soaking his damaged shirts in chlorax.

and not be called a Yankee, with a prefix." (The Pages are originally from Rochester, New York, but are working with the congregation in Worcester, Massachusetts.)

Some of the highlights of his address are these: New England is solid, and is sacred from the standpoint of United States history. It contains the oldest schools in the land, some of the greatest schools, but "it is difficult to find a New England College that believes the Bible is better than, or as good as, any other book".

The Puritans of old days have become the Unitarians and Congregationalists of today — and they no longer believe anything — except perhaps God in a measure.

There is only one Church of Christ in New England that is self-supporting and has its own building. The Church in that area comprises about 250 members in a population of nine million.

New England delights in peculiar names and mispronunciations. Examples of the former are the places: Hogback Mountain, Satan's Kingdom, Purgatory, Ipswich, Sodam, Nineveh, Nod, Zoar, and the lake whose name has 41 letters.

New Englanders glory in the past and are suspicious of anything new. Converts to the Cause of Christ are few but very faithful.

Brother Page added a very humorous discussion of some New England epitaphs he had seen over the dead. Among them were a couplet, dated 1842, about a man who "has finished catching cod, and gone to meet his God," and another, "To all my friends I bid adieu, The suddenest death you ever knew, As I was leading the old mare to drink, She kicked and killed me quick as a wink", and another "She couldn't stay, She had to go, Praise God from whom all blessings flow".

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Sports Highspots

The first sports activity on the campus of FHC was that of tennis fans. There aren't any exceptional players this year, much to the disappointment of Bro. Witt, but there are a large number, and one finds it almost impossible to walk into the courts in the afternoon, without having to wait.

The sports of this year have started slowly because of the loss of numerous second-year boys but it appears as though the first-year boys will make up for this loss. But, of course thees boys must be trained to work together and this will take some time.

Because of this, all of the football and softball teams of the societies have been practicing very strenuously for the past two weeks. Evidence points to the fact that the teams are more evenly divided than last year.

Philomathean

The Philos are reported to have a strong football team this year, but they have suffered the loss of many of last year's team. Returning to play for the Philos are "Red" Reid, Ike Roland, Jack Crews, and Gyle Workman, the captain, who was the speed threat last year. Some of the new players who show definite possibilities are Clinton Cooper, end, Pat Stephenson, guard, and Max Deming, end, as well as Harry Puffenburger, Harry Pipken and Roy Curley.

The Philo Softball team hasn't worked out much, but it has several good players. "Red" says he thinks he has improved his arm. "Shorty" Cooper is an excellent first baseman as is "Shorty" Watson behind the plate. Several of the old players are back, including Ike Roland, Gyle Workman, and Jack Crews.

Sigma Rho

The Sigma Rho society has the largest membership this year, and, having so large a group from which to choose, should have excellent teams in all fields of sport this year.

There are in all about twenty-five workers for the football team. Among these are Charles Andrews, Paul Ayers, Dean Beagle, Buddy Belue, Resa Blackwell, Dick Daughtry, Pat Gibbons, Huey Hartsell, Bill Heinzelman, Huey Holcomb, Manley Key, Bill Jones, Dick Osborne, Oles and Dwaine Pinson, David Underwood and Doug Waters. With this fine group of sportsmen, led by their able captain, King Buchanan, this team promises to be one of the leading contenders for the football championship.

The Sigma Rho softball team likewise has a large number of applicants. Among these are numerous first-year boys, Ray Beggs, Tommy Kelton, King Buchanan, Buddy Belue, and Manley Key. Second-year boys returning to play for the team are Dean Beagle, Huey Hartsell, Pat Gibbons, Dick Osborn, and Oles Pinson. Their pitcher of last year, Bruce Jackson, is still with them, as is their captain, Jess Wilcoxson.

Alpha Tau Lambda

The Alpha Taus again have their heart set on the sports crowns, having won top honors in all divisions except basketball last year. But they are seriously hurt because of the loss of several of their outstanding stars. Nevertheless, their able captain, Jimmy Moffett, is working hard with the boys and promises to have an excellent team regardless. The team is composed almost entirely of new players, however, Joe Hope, Bobby Owen, and Jim Potts are still with it. Among the new players are Ronnie Agee, Neil Clark, George Elkins, Bill Dorriety, Rees Bryant, Bob Oliver, Leon Matheny, Jack Sparks, Max Taylor, Dean and Don Thoroman, Bill Threet, Don Taylor, Joe and Roy Williams.

The Alpha Tau softball team under the guidance of their captain, Bob Owen, has worked some, but does not have any outstanding players as it did last year. It appears as though they are going

to have to depend upon field work rather than pitching this year. However, they do have an excellent catcher in the person of Don Kester. Among other players are Max Taylor, Dean and Don Thoroman, Joe Williams, Jesse Porter, Rees Bryant, Bill Threet, and Ronnie Agee.

Phi Kappa Alpha

The Phi Kappa team in football started playing as though they were well trained in the art, by defeating the Philo nine 18-0 October 1, in the first game of the season. Although they have only one second-year player, these boys work together with accurate precision. Dick Dewhirst has done an excellent job in training these boys. Among the newcomers there are in the backfield Doyle Mills, an excellent runner, Rob Wilson, King Lucas, and Dick Dewhirst. The other players are James Loden, Tip Nelms, Robert Colley, Harold Hinds, Sonny Moss and Alfred Lee.

The Phi Kappa softball team hasn't been planned definitely but most of the players for the football team will probably play on this team. They are going to have to start working soon if they are to equal last year's team.

Football

The football season started on October 1, with the Phi Kappa nine showing promising possibilities by defeating the Philos 18-0. The game started very slowly with a scoreless first half. The Philos however, came very close to a score in the last minute of the half, driving from their own 15 to the opponents 2-yard line. But luck was against them and a fumble cost them about 15 yards as the half ended.

The Phi Kappas came onto the field in the second half full of determination to take the game. After a spectacular pass from Mills to Nelms, which carried the ball to the eight, Doyle made a beautiful run behind strong blocking and carried the ball over for the first touchdown. The other two touchdowns were made in the fourth quarter by King Lucas and Doyle Mills.

The Sigma Rhos and Alpha Taus are to meet in a game October 7, and until that time no one can know definitely of the strength of these teams.

GOSSIP

CHOO, CHOO, WHOO, WHOO — The train has just come in with a shipment of Junior and Senior boys and girls. To the new we extend a hearty welcome! We plead with you to lay aside your worries of English Comp., Grammar, Algebra, Chemistry, etc. and join us in the uncovering of the deep dark secrets of the guys and gals of F.H.C. Sh-h-h, don't let a soul know about it.

Some of the romances that budded last year stood the summer tests and at the present time are in full bloom. They are Dickey and Cochran, Willie and Pat, Marty and Jesse.

Gene Turnbow, the withered twig of last year, has suddenly taken new life. The twig is now in bloom and is expected to chum with a Georgia Peach — Chick-amauga.

It takes more than rotten eggs to break Sam Stewart's high spirits, especially if the postman was kind to him that day.

Jack Crews is having a difficult time in choosing between blondes and brunettes.

Someone wishes to know how George Elkins can get such nice girl friends.

Bob Lifsey believes in starting this year in high gear by speeding 'mongst the girls.

Our Texas Tom has been looking "over" the girl situation and has reached the conclusion that variety is the spice of life — love 'em and leave 'em.

Is the desire for higher learning the reason for Jimmy Mills' return to F.H.C.? Or could it be because of his "Powers"???

We are wondering why Peggy Billingsley has stars in her eyes these days. Is she holding out on us?

Someone's skies have turned to Gray — Jack, that is!

Paul Ayers, you haven't told us what happened to Ollie Dodd.

Marjorie Riggs is convinced that Neil Lightfoot's name should be changed to Lightwolfe.

Some people's philosophy is — all, or nothing at all — we wonder if Jim Sellers adopts this one. Remember, Jim, opportunity only knocks once. Ask Imogene Canady.

Canada has become a favorite spot with campus coeds! Marilyn Cooke was seen in the library looking at the world almanac. Could it be possible that she wishes to know about Canadian citizenship??

Anybody wishing to take a course in Campusology please enroll in Miss Anderson's class. Brother Rivenbark has resigned. The report is that Milton Simmons is interested.

Has Tommy Kelton learned yet what girl he talked to on the phone at the Girls' Dormitory? That reminds me — did he succeed in renting the apartment recently mentioned by Brother Harde-
deman?

Congratulations, Dean, we miss Sue too.

Rumor has it that the Senior boys have been waiting for the Junior crop.

We hear that Douglas Waters can't sleep any more for seeing "Dots" before his eyes. It seems that other fellows might be suffering from the same.

John Bessire eagerly waits for the Postman to make his rounds

each day. It is whispered by a few that John is waiting for the Louisville train to come in.

We wonder why there has been such a sudden burst of popularity for "By The Light of the Silver Moon" from the strings of the Hawaiian guitar.

Couples we like to see 'Round N' 'Bout are Sonny Moss 'N Emilly Elton, Rob Wilson 'N Glenda Meadows, Bud Vick 'N Fanna Bell McKinnzie, Dick Dewhirst 'N Joyce Wiseman.

The girls have a "Lemon" in the Dormitory this year. It differs from most lemons. If you are in doubt, ask Ray Smith.

Whose picture is it that sits on Waneta Daniels' dresser? What beautiful blonde hair he has!

Is it true that Martha Dean has been trying to smooth out "Wrinkle"?

David Underwood is having no trouble in finding his way 'round — especially among the fairer sex!

"Beautiful Ohio" seems to like other states.

Is it Nell Meeks' charming smile that has won her a place in the hearts of all the boys?

Well, we'll be seeing you at the College Inn. Be sure and meet us there. Bye now . . .

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Flint, Michigan. He was married to Miss Verna Flynt, of Texas, whom he met in college here, and she survives him. He was a member of a large and pleasant family of brothers and sister, all of whom are alumni: Brents, Paul, and Herschel J. Priestley, Virginia Priestley Smith, Kate Priestley Blanchard, and Ruth Priestley Lockhart.

Charlie Priestley will long be remembered in Henderson, for in his school days here, aided by his brother Paul and a chum, A. C. Lloyd, he installed and operated the first electric light plant in the town — fueled by wood and installed about 1908.

T. B. THOMPSON

The church on earth suffered a severe loss when Brother T. B. (Tannie) Thompson died, quite suddenly, of a heart attack on September 2, in Dallas, Texas. He was one of our outstanding alumni of the "N.T.N. & B.C." period, in the early teens of the century. He had been a faithful preacher for many years, working with several of the larger Texas congregations, and conducting meetings in many localities. He is remembered here not only for his preaching, but for his singing voice.

Talks were made at his funeral by five of his long-time friends; Brother E. R. Harper led in prayer. Interment was in Denton, Texas.

MAJOR CREED WALKER

Funeral services for Creed Walker '32 were held on the afternoon of July 16, at the home of his mother, in Savannah, Tennessee. Major Walker was a flight surgeon with the 91st Bombardment Group, Eighth Air Force, in England, and was killed in an airplane crash in England in April 12, 1945. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Air Medal.

LIEUT. JAMES A. EASON

The body of Lieut. James E. Eason was returned to his home near Adamsville, Tenn., in mid-summer and was buried at Mars Hill Church there on July 25, the funeral services being conducted by Brother J. R. Endsley. James, who was 23, was killed in action in England, November 1, 1943.

He was born and reared at Leapwood, Tenn., was a graduate of Adamsville High School, and attended F.H.C. in '41. He was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal with three Oak Leaf Clusters. He is survived by his parents, a brother, and a sister, Joan Eason, alumna of '43.

GET ACQUAINTED PARTY

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With Brother Robert Witt as master of ceremonies, six groups, assorted by states, presented stunts, with the "Yankees" esteemed winners by the judges. Members of the gang were awarded individual packages of Freed-Hardeman stickers.

The Yankee bunch from "North of the Ohio and East of the Mississippi" presented the prize-winning stunt — a quite realistic trolley-car. Dick Dewhirst was the adventurous and hardy conductor; among the bouncing passenger victims were giggling Lenita, Waneta, and Rheba Daniels; rotund "Miss" Charles Burns who had considerable difficulty in attaining and maintaining equilibrium and two seats; stylish and chilly Miss Joanne Hoffman; Helen Krumrei with her overgrown brat, Charles Cochran; Jean Newberry, Dean Beagle, Annabelle Lemon; and Don Daugherty, with an endless letter he insisted on reading to all passengers.

The last one or two items of the last stunt were omitted for lack of time. Gallons of cold fruit punch and hundreds of cookies were waiting out on the concrete terrace, where the faculty ladies dispersed firsts and seconds to all comers.

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home in Leapwood, Ark. with Joana beautiful in white satin, veil of illusion, white orchid and gardenias. Mrs. Richard Burke (Bonnie Beth Byler '39) sang; Billie McClellan '41 was maid of honor; Edna McClellan '42 and Jean Wylie Foy '44 assisted in receiving, and George DeHoff '35 said the ceremony. Wade's mother, formerly Miss Rebecca Branch, an F.H.C. alumna, was present, and so were Wallace Foy '43 and Max Hefley '42.

June 3 was the day when Robert Blackwell '49 was married to Lorilla Devin, at Canyon, Texas, and thereby became the brother-in-law of William and Mary Ruth Devin Lemmons, both '48.

Dennis Rogers '48 was married on June 5 to Florence Williams at the home of Brother Alonzo Williams in Paducah, Kentucky. G. C. '48 and Pamela Lundy '47 Bucy were the attendants.

The very next day saw a lovely wedding up at Bandana, Ky. when Carolyn Randolph '48 became the bride of Stanley Lockhart '47. Evelyn Randolph Maples '47 was her sister's matron of honor, and bridesmaids were Jean Newberry '49 and Pam Lundy Bucy '47. Fred Dinkler '47 was best man, Paul Gene Randolph '48 and Lewis Randolph were ushers. Marjorie Haliburton '48 and John Maples '46 sang. The young Lockharts are now enrolled in Murray (Ky.) State College.

June 17 was a busy F.H.C. day. On that date Mainel Raines '48 became Mrs. Billy Cavender at the Bemis, Tenn., Church of Christ, with Harold Trimble '48 officiating. Frances Jarrett '45 sang, best man was R. V. Scott '48, and the bride's father, N. L. Raines, is an F. H. C. alumnus. Jimmy Alford '48 was down from Kentucky for the occasion.

The same Thursday saw the nuptials of Ann Barnes '47 to Charles Scott, also '47. The wedding took place at Fourteenth Street Church of Christ in Washington, D. C.

On Friday the 18th, Cal Arquitt '49 went down to Jackson, Miss., and claimed as his bride Almedia Hart '48. Owen Freeman '45 performed the ceremony; Reba Hart Freeman '45 was matron of honor; Norman Whitehorn '48 was best man; Carolyn Taylor and June Hart, both '48, were among the guests.

On Saturday, the 19th, Phil Hefley '47, also claimed a Mississippi girl, Mary Frances Burleson, of Tupelo. Betty Belue '48 was a bridesmaid.

On Sunday, the 20th, Elma Lee Hall '46 became Mrs. Edward Oliver, of Decatur, Illinois, in a formal wedding at North Side Church in Abilene, Texas. She wore white satin and lace with full train, and carried white stephanotis surrounding an Imperial orchid. Betty Record '46 and Willie Warren '47 were among the attendants, and Orval Filbeck '36 performed the ceremony.

Franklin, Ky., was the scene, on June 25, of the marriage of Marjorie Haliburton '48 to Louis Garrett '47. Harvey Carter '47 was best man; Louise Garrett '46 was a bridesmaid; Eleanor Wilbanks '48 sang; Robert Orville Wilson '47 said the ceremony; Pamela Lundy Bucy '47 lighted the candles; and among the guests were Paul '45 and Dorothy Branch Hall '45 and Maxine Mercer '45.

Two redheads in white participated in the Kelly-Camp nuptials on June 29, when Jo Kelly and Robert (Monk) Camp were married, with sister Sue as maid of honor, and Jere Via as best man.

The last day of June was the marriage date of Lorraine Talley '46 to Royce Reddin, the event taking place in the Cumberland Presbyterian Church in Memphis.

July 1 saw Bonnie Brooks Brinn '41 become the bride of Billy Leslie Phillips '32 at the home of her parents, Alumnus John Hubert Brinn, and Mrs. Brinn, at Dell, Ark. John H. Brinn '36 performed the ceremony, Burlene Brinn '40 was maid of honor, and Orvis Payne Brinn '38 assisted at the reception. Bonnie wore white linen

and carried fuchsia-throated orchids and lilies of the valley. The young Phillips left the last of July for Haarlem, Holland, where he is a missionary.

Newman Leonard '49 and Mary Louise Greene went to the altar on July 22 at Clarksville, Tenn. The bride came from Indian Mound, Tenn.

Bob Meyers '43 was married on July 30 to Billie Louise Bearden at the Church of Christ in Oklahoma City. It was a formal wedding, with color scheme of yellow and white, and with the bride in white satin and veil. Mrs. Caleb Todd (Alumna Lessie Tipler) served at the reception. The bride and groom are now attending the University of Oklahoma.

Nine F. H. C. weddings took place in August. On the fourth Hardeman Nichols '47 and Virginia Nell Montgomery '47 became Mr. and Mrs. at a pretty church wedding in Moundsville, W. Va. The bride wore white satin; Marie Nash '48, in blue organdy, was maid of honor; Eleanor Wilbanks '48 and Stanley Lockhart '47 sang; Robert Tennant '47 was an usher; Sue Gray '48 and Dean Beagle '49 were among the guests.

August 7 was the wedding date of Nellie Wilkes and Nils Williams, both '48 in Fayetteville, Tenn., with Bro. O. S. Lanham '42 as minister. They are living in Atlanta, where Nils is in Georgia Tech.

On August 18, Eugene Carroll '49 wed Zola Marie Workman, sister of Gyle '49. Charles Cochran '49 was the minister and the wedding occurred in New Martinsville, W. Va.

Freda Ross was married on August 21 to Sammie O'Neal, Jr., of Henderson. The wedding took place at Corinth, Miss. Freda is a member of the class of '47 and taught in Chester County last year.

A beautiful double wedding on August 21 united Ralph Stout '49 and Martha Love '47 and also Louise Stout '47 and Leland Jarrett. The event was solemnized at Haldeman Avenue Church in Louisville. Both brides were lovely in white satin and veils; each couple had its own set of attendants and each had its own tiered wedding cake at the reception which followed. James Alford '48 was an usher.

August 24 saw the marriage rites of Bill Humble, honor student of '46, and Jerry Carrington, also '46, at the Preston Road Church of Christ in Dallas. Jerry was a white-satin bride, with roses and gardenias; Beverly Yates Jones '46 was matron of honor; Sue Nash '45, in aqua taffeta, served as maid of honor; Wesley

Jones '46 was best man, and Orval Filbeck '36 performed the ceremony. The Humbles are now in Boulder, Col., where Bill is doing graduate work.

Two weddings occurred on August 29. James Cannon and Hazel Cook both '48, were married at Bradshaw Avenue Church of Christ in East Liverpool, Ohio, and Bruce Jackson took Lydia Burgin '47, as his bride at her home in Bardstown, Ky. The Cannon-Cook nuptials had Lois Farley '48 as maid of honor, Woody Loden '48 as best man, and Bill Cannon '47 as minister. The young Jacksons were married in the afternoon, with Lydia in white crepe and roses, and Philip Allen '41 officiating. They are both in F.H.C.

On the last day of August, John Burnett '49 was married to Mary Parnell '48.

September had two weddings of interest. On the fifth, Charles D. Ary, Jr. '44 and Carrie Elizabeth Fitzgerald were married at the Church of Christ in Toy, Tenn. They are living in Fayetteville, Tenn., where Charles is one of the pharmacists in Standard Drug Company.

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