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## Brilliant Additions To Freed-Hardeman Faculty

### Srygley, Kester Lead Honor Students

On Friday, April 8, Bro. Roland made the announcement that many had been waiting a long time to hear — the honor students of the Senior class. Those winning top honors were:

Edgar V. Srygley — Valedictorian.

Don Kester — Salutatorian.

Mary Jane Cason — Historian.

These will be the class speakers on graduation day.

The other honor students in order of their standing were:

1. Neil Lightfoot
2. Joanne Powers
3. Ruth Daniel
4. Robert Fulmer
5. Basil Overton
6. John Makin
7. Howard Oliver

We extend our sincere congratulations to all these top-grade students, and we feel perfectly sure that they are worthy of the honor bestowed upon them.

### Alum Perkins Heads Rocky Mt. School

The last two days of March found a very welcome visitor on the campus, in the person of Brother Douglas H. Perkins, who spent four years in our classes, finishing our high-school department in '29 and our junior-college work in '31. He was a classmate of a number of other outstanding alumni, including J. B. McCaleb, Alton Maner, Alton McNutt, Robert Witt, Stoy Pate, Floyd Horton, Hugo McCord, Arnett Dreaden, Denton Neal, and others.

Brother Perkins has had a successful career as a preacher of the gospel. He is now located with the South Lincoln Street congregation in Denver, Colorado. This year he and several other brethren there have begun the Rocky Mountain Christian School — the only one between Abilene, Texas and Portland, Oregon. It opened on September 7, 1948, using the classrooms of the South Lincoln Building, and has had 46 pupils this session. At present it is a grade school only, but plans are to build it into a junior high school, then a high school, and eventually a college.

Right now the faculty is receiving practically no pay, but is sacrificing to accomplish its work.

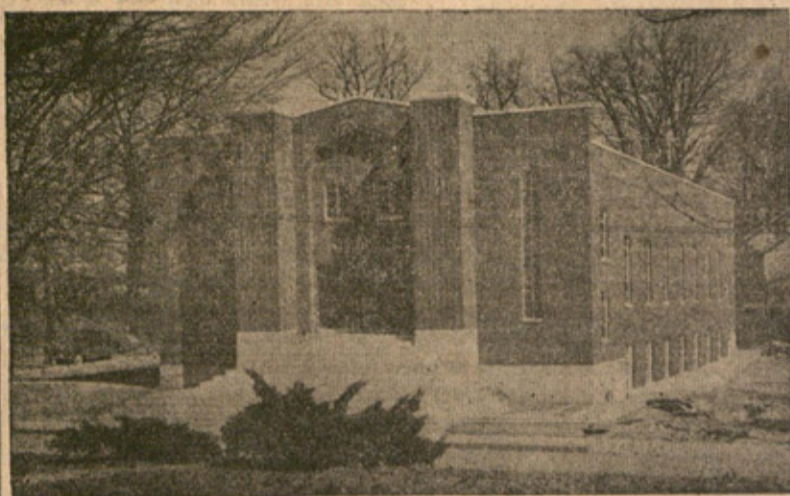
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### Alumnews

Brother L. R. Wilson '25 has recently resigned the presidency of Florida Christian College to become president of Oklahoma Christian College.

Thursday, April 21, was a big day in the life of Roberta Willbanks, for on that evening she graduated from Fort Sanders Hospital Training School at Knoxville with high rating and now wears the coveted "R. N." after her name. She was an outstanding member of our class of '46.

Ruth Meeks, class of '47, revealed some interesting plans late in March, when her parents, Brother Howard Meeks '21 and Sister Meeks announced her engagement to Robert Wade Shappley. An account of the wedding will be given in our next issue.



### Henderson Church In New Building With Brother Hardeman in 1st Sermon

April 17, 1949, is an unforgettable day in the history of the Henderson Church, for on that day the new church building was opened for its first service with Brother N. B. Hardeman preaching the first sermon. An audience of between six and seven hundred people gathered for the initial service, with another large crowd present for the first evening sermon, delivered by Brother L. L. Brigrance.

The new church is a handsome edifice of red brick, with massive, square lines, located at the corner of White and Second streets. It cost around \$75,000 and most visitors agree that the church got seventy-five thousand dollars of value, even in an era of inflation. Brother Henry Johnson, a deacon of the local congregation, and his son, Raymond, were the contractors and builders.

Every hearer at the first service waited with anxious expectancy to find out about the hearing qualities of the new building. A great thrill ran through the audience as Brother James Williams led the first songs, then the golden voice of Brother Hardeman filled the great auditorium to every corner, proving the excellent acoustics of the church.

Never was Brother Hardeman in finer fettle. His marvelous memory, effortless grace and unequalled delivery charmed this audience, as they have the multiplied thousands who have heard him in the five Tabernacle meetings in Nashville, in Dallas, the Music Hall meetings at Houston, and the countless other sermons he has preached. His subject was "The Glory of This Latter House Shall Be Greater Than the Former", and he first repeated Ephesians 3:8-21, then Haggai 2:9, whence came the text. The gist of the magnificent sermon was that the glory of the second temple was greater than that of the

first, by virtue of the fact that the Savior honored it with his presence and his teachings. There followed then an explanation of Christ's attitude, doctrine, and spirit, by which we can determine if he is present in worship today.

At the close of the sermon there was one restoration and two confessions; another confession took place at the evening service, after which Brother Hardeman baptized the three.

#### L. L. Brigrance At Night

At the first evening meeting in the church building, Brother L. L. Brigrance preached a powerful sermon on "Where Are the Nine?" with his text from Luke 17. He described the loathsome disease with which the ten were afflicted and drew a number of splendid there is no snobbishness in disease. "The ten were saved from disease at the time of obedience, not before or after." "Does the proportion of one in ten represent the number of those grateful for blessings?"

#### Interior Of Building

The auditorium is reached by two broad sets of concrete steps, with a platform between, facing on White Street. At the top of the steps, two double doors open on the foyer, then two more sets of swinging doors admit to the main auditorium. At the east end of this hall is the rostrum, with a wincoated wall at its back, which serves as the retaining wall of the baptistry, and from which doors on each side lead to dressing rooms and basement. The inside wall finish is off-white plaster and soft light-brown woodwork, with one end and ceiling finished in composition ceiling squares. Gleaming hardwood floors, handsome modern light fixtures, aqua-tinted pebbled glass in the many large windows, and rich copper hardware make it

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### New Greenboards Given By Brother Cox

The eyes have it, when it comes to the new green "blackboards" in Room D. Although there has been much controversy as to whether they should be called blackboards or greenboards, the fact remains that they are one of the newest and most useful additions to Freed-Hardeman physical facilities. Both Rooms S and D have been equipped with new blackboards.

A gift from Alumnus Jewel B. Cox, the blackboards have

just recently arrived and were installed by Mr. O'Dair. Both students and faculty appreciate these fine gifts from friends of the college. The recent contribution is an expression of the esteem in which Brother Cox holds F. H. C. — an esteem that is quite mutual. No visitor is more appreciated than he, with his splendid voice and leading ability, his vivacious personality, and his devotion to the great Cause.

### Six Celebrity Numbers On Menu for 1949-50

At least a half dozen, perhaps more, imported programs of high merit will furnish diversion for F. H. C. students next year. Brother Hardeman only recently signed a contract for three hand-picked personages from a celebrity bureau, to appear next fall and winter; and about the same time, Brother Roland bought membership again for all our students in the three or more programs of the Jackson Civic Music Association, which are scattered throughout the year.

Cost is not the criterion for the choice of the three celebrities to appear in our own College Auditorium. Rather, outstanding skill, unusual talents, wide and favorable reputation, made up the standards. In the latter part of October or first of November, Mr. John C. Metcalfe will lecture on "Where Are We Going in Washington?" He is one of America's ace newspapermen, former Washington diplomatic correspondent of Time Magazine and the New York Herald Tribune. He has 12 seasons behind him and 1500 lectures already given. Goodwyn Institute of Memphis, refers to his appearance there as "The greatest address we have ever heard."

Beautiful Mary Hutchinson is a gifted young American actress, who has appeared in a number of Broadway productions, in summer stock, in theatrical tours and radio

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### Quartet of Nuptials

Four weddings have occurred among our alumni in recent weeks. The first in time-order is one that should have reached us sooner but the account was lost, evidently in the mail. We are indebted for this story to Ida Faye Boone '46, now of Knoxville.

Miss Geneva Brock '46 became the bride of Mr. Stanley B. Harris of Oak Ridge, December 23, 1948, at Laurel Avenue Church of Christ in Knoxville. Billy Norris, Minister for the Maryville Church of Christ, performed the ceremony before the altar which was banked with huckleberry greenery and Boston fern, interspersed with candelabra holding burning white tapers.

Miss Glenda Pipkin sang, "I Love You Truly", "Because," and "Ah, Sweet Mystery of Life". The traditional wedding marches and other music was recorded.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, wore a gown of white faille taffeta made with a sweetheart neckline, inserted with net. Long, fitted sleeves ended in points with ruffles over the hands. The gown had a tight-fitting bodice with the skirt gathered on and tapering into a train. Her fingertip veil of illusion fell from a tiara of seed pearls and her only jewelry was a strand of pearls, gift of the groom. She carried a colonial bouquet of lilies of the valley, roses, and centered with a white orchid.

Miss Ida Faye Boone ('46), maid of honor, wore an aqua faille taffeta gown fashioned after the bride's dress with tiny puff sleeves and wearing mitts to match.

The bridesmaids were Miss Ro-

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On April 14, in Chapel, Brother Hardeman made one of the most thrilling announcements ever to emanate therefrom, when he named the young men and women who are to take their places on the Freed-Hardeman faculty next session. Of the six mentioned, five are alumni, with splendid records here and in the other places they have studied and worked.

First named was Brother George DeHoff, of our class of '35, for the past several years located in Murfreesboro, Tenn., and preaching for the East Main congregation there. He needs small introduction to the student body and to the brotherhood, as he is in the top rank of our younger generation of preachers and teachers. George DeHoff has depth, and scholarliness, a most affable personality and a keen and delightful sense of humor. We have no young man of 35 who has accomplished more. He has preached in 25 states and Canada, is a staff writer for the Gospel Advocate, is the author and publisher of the well-known "Why I Believe the Bible" and of the forthcoming "Alleged Contradictions," to appear in September.

George DeHoff is also highly respected for his business acumen and his ability in other lines as well as his chosen work. He can speak well without preaching a sermon. In a recent address to the Tennessee State Press Club and General Assembly, including the governor and his staff, Brother DeHoff charmed that audience with the topic "Profits in Business." A railroad president who was in attendance promptly ordered 200,000 copies of that speech, to distribute among his employees and friends. With great pride we add George DeHoff to the sound and tried and true men who have built the esteem and traditions and confidence that F. H. C. enjoys.

For those who like statistics: Brother DeHoff had baptized two thousand persons before he was 25 in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri alone.

#### Robert Darnall Returns

Another great source of pride is the return of Robert Darnall to his alma mater as teacher in history and political science. Robert spent three years on our campus, doing superior work in his classes and earning the title "Most Handsome Boy" in '44. In the succeeding years he won his Bachelor's degree at Murray (Ky.) State College, his M. A. at Vanderbilt, and is now completing an additional year of graduate work at Vanderbilt. He is the son of our Brother Joel Darnall, who spent the year '46-'47 in our classes, one of the most popular students ever to attend F. H. C. Brother Darnall is a polished speaker and will be a great asset to our Debaters Club next fall.

#### New Alum Secretary

Brother Willie Bradfield, alumnus of '34, is another prime acquisition of Freed-Hardeman. He has been very successful in his school work, both as a student (M. A. George Peabody College) and as a teacher. He is resigning the principalship of White Bluff, Tenn. High School, to become our field representative. He and his charming wife (Alumna Hazel Wallace

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## Chapel Doings

### Podunk University Graduates

On March 30, the Philomatheans presented a delightful "graduation rehearsal", in which "Professor I Knew", Jimmy Rodgers, carried each candidate through an examination to determine his eligibility to receive a diploma.

The accounting major, Clinton Cooper, passed his test with very little effort, at least to the satisfaction of the professor. Harry Puffenberger certainly earned his diploma if a hard struggle is all that is required for a major in spelling. Everyone agreed that Pat Stephenson deserved his diploma in music as he sang "Tarra Ta-Larra Ta-Lar", accompanied at the piano by Joanne Powers. The election major surprised everyone with a very brief reading — in fact it was so brief the professor could not determine her worthiness and Mary Jane was compelled to give another reading. Next came Charles Hess, the Bible major, followed by Ike Roland, the logic major. After hearing Ike's logical conclusion, who cares whether he have logic or not? The last two were Ben Baldwin, the English major, and Bob Atkinson, the composition major, who read one of his own poems — which proved very worthy of a diploma.

A novel finale was produced by paying tribute to an old lady, who was an accomplished pianist: Joanne Powers impersonated the great pianist as she played in the different stages of her life. We all agreed that the playing was characteristic of the old lady's name — "Miss Take."

### "He Got The Job"

On April 7, the Business Council presented in the chapel the playlet called "He Got the Job." It depicted a business man (Arthur Spaeth) and his secretary (Lillian Wells) interviewing applicants: Bobby Sue Counts, Fannie Belle Kinsey, George Elkins, Dorothy Welch and Ray Smith. It was well acted and presented an excellent and vivid lesson.

### Sigma Rhos' Musicale

The Sigma Rhos presented a series of musical selections in their chapel program on April 6. The first number was a piano solo "Claire de Lune", played by Rose Castellaw. Ruby Ellen Williams and Joyce Wiseman played a duet, "Dance of the Firefly." Garnet Baker gave a nice rendition of "Hark, Hark, the Lark."

Lynn Cook provided many a laugh as he came on the stage dressed in black tails, top hat and gloves, and took his place at the piano, impersonating the great pianist — Oscar Levant. A very comical effect was produced by having a phonograph behind the piano and as it played "Malaguena" Lynn went through exaggerated motions as though he were producing beautiful music.

### Variety of Preacher's Talent

Paul Ayers announced the program for Preachers' Club in Chapel

on March 23. The first appearance was that of Carroll Wrinkle, who played an original composition which he called "Birds in the Wild-wood."

Kenneth Reed made a talk on the subject of Honesty, which he defined as "freedom from fraud and deception." He elaborated on the importance of honesty with oneself, with fellow-man and toward God. "Honesty is a fundamental virtue which gives us courage and confidence to face the world with a smile."

Donald Daugherty turned to the ridiculous side of thought when he presented "Evolution in all Things" as seen through the eyes of three monkeys.

Our famous Boys' Quartet did so well in singing "When I Come to the End of My Journey" that they were called back for an encore. For this last number they chose "Climbing Up the Mountain, Children."

### A Pleasant Surprise

In chapel on March 24 everyone settled back in his seat for a good nap through what he thought would be a speech by Brother Frost, the chorus director. It took only a few words from him, however, and everyone was wide-awake eagerly awaiting what was to follow. Instead of making a speech, he decided to let our most famous Boys' Quartet have the program.

They selected for their numbers "Lead Me to That Rock" with Dick Dewhirst singing the tenor lead, "Old Mac Donald Had a Farm", "There's a Hole in the Bottom of the Sea" and "Asleep in the Deep" with Pat Stephenson receiving most of the attention for his thrilling bass lead.

### Song Leaders Group

Brother Greer Hendon and his song leaders class conducted chapel March 31, with various pupils demonstrating their ability in leading a song. The ones chosen for the occasion were Roy Hooper, Clyde Moore, Lewis Savage, Virgil Henthorn, James Coburn, Melvin Krumrei, Manley Key and Lewis Greenwalt.

### Five New Babies

Victor Sellers '36 was a visitor on the campus April 5. He brought us news of his infant daughter, Patricia Ann, born on Feb. 18, at her home in Valparaiso, Ind.

In late March a new little girl joined the family of Elmo '44 and Ruth Piety Hazelwood. She has two sisters and a brother.

On March 28, Rebecca Sue came to brighten the home of Hubert Showalter '46 and Mrs. Showalter up at Martins Ferry, Ohio.

And in early April, a second young son was born to Natalie Powers Thompson '44 and Mr. Thompson, of Nashville.

Edwin Boggs is proud father of a nine-pound daughter, born on the morning of April 17 and named Leah Ruth.

## Bro. J. C. Shepherd, Three Other Deaths

With regret we announce the passing of four who have been closely bound to F. H. C. in years past. On April 7, Brother J. C. Shepherd, of Berry, Alabama, went to his reward. A banker and financial genius, Brother Shepherd was one of Alabama's better known citizens. He served on the F. H. C. Board of Trustees for over fifteen years, retiring when his poor health forced him to. He has been a complete invalid since last summer. In the course of his trusteeship, he made many and repeated visits to our campus, always being a pleasant and affable guest, appreciative of the hospitality received. He is survived by his widow and by a son, Brother Phelan Shepherd, of Berry, a brother, and a grandson.

On March 18, funeral services were held at the family burial plot near Rives, Tenn., for Carey Stovall, whose body had just been returned from Italy. Carey, a graduate of our high school class of '28, served during the recent war in an important capacity with the Communications service. His death occurred when his plane crashed in July, 1946, as he was on his way home to the states. He is survived only by his sister, Lanelle Stovall Boone, who came from Dallas for the funeral.

In late March came other sad news that had failed to reach us prior. It was that of the death of Mary Chandler '37 (Mrs. Herman Crews), who died in January at the Baptist Hospital in Memphis and was buried in West Shiloh Cemetery, near her home at Stationville, Tennessee.

On March 28, in Henderson, occurred the death of Mrs. J. E. Ledbetter, born Amanda Hardeman, sister of our Brother N. B. Hardeman. Although not an alumna, she has been connected with Freed-Hardeman since the eighteen-nineties. She opened her home to a number of boarding students, was the mother of seven children, all of them alumni, as well as four of her grandchildren. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Bond Anderson, Sr. (Ora Ledbetter), Mrs. Ben Thompson (Kate Ledbetter), Mrs. Kirby Farrell (Nell Ledbetter), and two sons, Claude and Glenn Ledbetter.

Funeral services were conducted by Brother Melvin Wise, of Memphis, and Brother L. L. Brigrance. The College boys' quartet furnished beautiful music.

## Temperance Pictures Shown For Students

On April 5th in the chapel two temperance pictures were shown the entire student body.

The first was an unveiling of alcohol under the chemist's microscope. Various on-the-spot pictures of tests were shown, which laid bare the effects of alcohol on the human body. It was shown that alcohol retards growth, affects the nervous system, slows down reactions, affects digestion and other body functions and cuts longevity. The second movie was one which portrayed the effect of alcohol on a man's career and social and married life. This picture presented the life of Stephen Foster, great American troubadour, and how alcohol ruined the career of one of America's greatest composers — how it destroyed his home and drove him to an early grave.

Both movies were appreciated by the students and faculty.

The clock was striking ten, Nell was with Lynn, What happened then? Miss Sophie called 'em in!

## Bouquets For DeHoff

Letters and messages of congratulations have been pouring in since Bro. Hardeman announced the addition of Bro. George DeHoff to the Freed-Hardeman faculty. Among the first was a letter from Bro. B. G. Hope, who said: "I rejoice to learn that Bro. DeHoff is to be with you in Freed-Hardeman next year. I do not think a wiser selection could be made. You and I talked of him more than two years ago and I have not changed my mind since. I truly believe that every alumnus will be happy that he is to be connected with the school."

Brother Frank Van Dyke, valedictorian of '37, past president of our Alumni Association and now with the church at Albuquerque, N. M., wrote: "Bro. George DeHoff has written me about plans for him to become Vice-President of Freed-Hardeman College. I am delighted with this news, for I believe George has what the school will need when you are gone."

"I shall always have a keen interest in the school and it is good to know that steps are being taken to guarantee that it will continue in good hands. George has the confidence of brethren, . . . executive ability, courage and conviction, all of which will be a great asset."

Bro. C. W. Brannam '39 now of Clarksville, Tenn., wrote: "I rejoice to learn that Brother George W. DeHoff has been made a permanent part of the working force of Freed-Hardeman College."

"I have known Brother DeHoff most of his life and I consider him both 'Faithful' and 'Able'. It would be difficult indeed to find one who might fill the important position which he is to fill better than he, in my judgement."

Bro. C. W. Scott '36, now of Bryan, Texas, expresses himself thus: "I am pleased to learn of the invitation tendered George W. DeHoff to become associated with Freed-Hardeman College. He is truly among the finest and best qualified of gospel preachers and instructors." Brother Scott adds a bouquet to Brother Hardeman: "There are hundreds, if not thousands, who are very largely what they are for having associated with you and the others of F. H. C. and stand as fruit to your labors."

## PAIR GONE FOR WEEKEND ALMOST GONE WITH WIND

It all began when Ruby Ellen took "Tubby" home with her for one of those weekend "blowouts" — but they got a bigger one than they had bargained for.

Over the weekend of April 2, Ruby Ellen Williams was accompanied by Mary Ellen Hardin to the former's home in Marietta, Mississippi.

All was quiet until Saturday night when the girls were preparing for bed. A steady wind had been blowing all evening but it was not heavy enough to cause any alarm. Suddenly, according to Ruby Ellen, the house began to rock and the very foundation trembled. Her father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Williams, were in the living room at the time and Tubby was around Ruby Ellen's neck. The only other person in the house at the time was her grandfather. Suddenly the roof was whisked away and heavy torrents of rain began to soak the living room. Everyone in the house by this time was duly scared.

After the storm had subsided the stricken family took refuge with a nearby neighbor. Ruby Ellen told of how by flashes of lightning she could see the destruction and havoc that the storm had wreaked upon the surrounding community. Neighbors' homes were demolished; their own barn was so completely torn up that

few pieces could be found. After a night of rain and wind they returned to determine what damage had been done. The living room furniture was almost a complete loss, along with other household articles — not to mention the barn and most of their home.

Bro. Williams had been planning since last summer to build a new home but its construction was delayed until next summer. The spot on which he had planned to build was swept clean by the tornado. It is believed that the home can be repaired for use until the new home is finished.

## Henderson Church

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a truly beautiful interior. Deep-red carpeting for the two broad aisles and pulpit area is on order, but as yet not obtained.

Five hundred and eighty-eight separate seats furnish the auditorium, and their position, done in a patented staggered arrangement, plus the floor elevation, makes every seat a choice one, with unobstructed view of the pulpit. Loud-speakers carry the worship sounds over the building. One is connected to the "bawling-room," a convenient nursery overlooking the main hall from an upper story (in the back only,) equipped with furniture for children and mothers, bathroom conveniences, and three large clear-glass windows which give an excellent view of the hall.

### Basement Comfortable

The commodious basement contains 12 classrooms, of varied sizes, rest rooms, furnace room, and service areas for the manual tasks connected with the worship and housekeeping. A loud-speaker to the lower level makes it available as an overflow-room from the main hall. The whole building is warmed by a circulating heating system, fueled by propane gas. Another desirable feature is an easy ramp, built from Second Street into the church, for the convenience of those who find climbing steps a burden.

### First Meeting

Opening day at the new building was followed by a week of evening services, with the men on the College faculty doing the preaching, in turn. On the 18th, Brother Robert L. Witt delivered an excellent lesson on "Seek, Do and Teach"; Brother C. P. Roland gave another on the 19th, "Come Thou With Us And We Will Do Thee Good"; On Wednesday evening Brother Jim Cope preached on "Dangers Confronting The Church"; on Thursday, Brother M. K. Moody, on "The Master Callee For Thee"; on Friday, Brother Clinton Hamilton on "The Love of God"; on Saturday, Brother J. R. Endsley on "Salvation Is from the Jews"; Sunday morning, Brother Cope on "Undenominational Christianity", and Brother W. C. Hall concluded the series on Sunday night with "The True Values of Life."

## Bro. Tant Pays Visit In January

"On January 26, Bro. J. D. Tant was a welcome visitor at Freed-Hardeman College. He gave us a witty and excellent talk in chapel on Life. Life, according to Brother Tant, is a round circle with three corners; planning, adjustment, contentment. He showed first the necessity of planning it, with the following comments, in substance: Too many people never get anywhere because they fail to plan. After the life is planned, one should begin to adjust himself to the situation. If that is impossible others plans should be made. After planning and adjustment comes contentment. Wherever we are we should learn to be content."

## SPRING SPORTS

### Phi Kappas Shutout Philos In Spring Opener

In the first game of the 1949 softball season the Phi Kappa nine dropped the last place Philos 5-0. The Phi Kappa squad was paced by the brilliant 1-hit pitching of "Rapid" Robert Wilson. Contributing to the Phi Kappa win was a plague of errors that struck the Philo infield during the first five innings of the game.

### Sigma Rhos Stomp

Scoring in three out of five innings the Sigma Rho Swatters pounded Max Taylor, Alpha Tau twirler for four runs in the opening game. The flashy Sigma Rhos scored twice in the first frame and added to the number in the second and fourth innings. In a play at the plate resulting in a collision, "team pacing" Jesse Wilcoxson, Sigma Rho second baseman, suffered an injured shoulder. This loss may mean doom to the championship-seeking Sigma Rhos.

### Alpha Taus Drop Phi Kappas

In the second round of the spring softball season the Alpha Tau "triple trio" trounced the Phi Kappas five to three. Despite a well-played game and a last-inning rally the Phi Kappas surged ahead as many times to take a well-earned victory in this tension-laden game.

### Cellar-Dwelling Philos Astound College Sports World

In their second game of the season, nine of the unpredictable Philos dropped by the ball field to edge the champion-chasing Sigma Rhos 4-3. Taking the lead 1-0 in the first inning and adding 2 more tallies in the third, the Philos were unchallenged until the first of the fifth when the never-quit Sigma Rhos tied the score 3-3.

Reaching second base by virtue of a hit and steal, Charles "Red" Reid was scored with the game-clinching run by Eural Bingham with a stinging single into deep left field. The Philo victory made the spring season a general mix-up with a four-way tie now standing.

### Philo Six Romp

#### In F. H. C. Volley Ball

The invincible Philo sextet has taken three straight games in as many starts. Seemingly without a weak spot, the "Owls" are predicted to take the championship with all ease. The Philos are pacing the pack with a two-game lead, followed by the other societies with a two-win two-loss record.

## Music Students Enjoy Own Party

The members of the A Cappella chorus and the private piano and voice students were honored with a party, April 5, given them by their teachers, Brother Jack Frost and Miss Ruby Caldwell. A majority of the music students attended the party and many guests were present.

Brother Frost entertained first with a question and answer game, then Norma Trout started a game of Gossip. Tommy Kelton, a guest, and Mack Langford were entertaining too, as they fed each other, while blindfolded, marshmallows covered with charcoal. To end the evening's games, a liar's contest was conducted by Brother Frost with Jimmy Moffett, another guest, carrying away the prize.

Everyone reported a very enjoyable evening, and the music students are, without a doubt, looking forward to a "repeat".

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## IN and OUT

A great many visitors have enlivened our campus in the last few weeks. The last of March, a number of alums now attending David Lipscomb College were here, among them Carl Matheny, Ernest Krumrei, James Cooper, Bruce Veveo, and Harold Hazelip. At the same time Lola Giddens and Elda Lucas and Joanne Hoffman were visitors here.

Sister Terry Corzine and Alta Mae Morgan visited Paige Corzine the last week-end in March. The Arthur Spaeths had as guests the last of March, his mother, Mrs. Josephine Spaeth of Franklin, Ohio, and Miss Martha Burch, sister of Sister Arthur Spaeth.

The Dan Davises and the Leland Jarretts (Louise Stout '47), of Louisville, Ky. were recent guests of Ralph and Martha Love Stout.

Jean Headley spent the week of April 10th with big sister, Juanita, in the Girls' Home.

Howard and Juana Mae Travillion McTee '38, of New Orleans, were here one day early in April. Demetria Hopper '45 and the charming Harwell twins, of Corinth, paid a welcome visit on April 16.

The Thomas Turleys and Caroline Turley and Mrs. Mary Billingsley and Jon, all of Memphis, were campus visitors April 10 and April 17.

The James Usserys and Jack, of Doddsville, Miss., surprised Jamie with a visit on April 17.

Flo Howard, of Detroit, joined twin sister, Fran, for the week of April 16-23.

Alumnae Nita Mitchell and Kathryn Phillips, of Memphis, chummed with old friends here the week-end of the 16th.

Mrs. Mildred Youngblood and Miss Rebecca Tapp, of Chattanooga, visited Reita Martin recently.

The Stewart Tylers, Anna Eskridge and Mack Langford spent the week-end of April 16 at Mack's home in Chattanooga.

### FHC STUDENTS ENJOY JOSE ECHANIZ CONCERT

On the evening of April 11, a sizable group of our boys and girls assembled in the buses chartered to go to nearby Jackson. There the attraction was a concert by Jose Echaniz, eminent Cuban-American pianist and conductor.

The program was a feast for the lover of fine music. It was brought to Jackson by the Civic Music Association, of which Freed-Hardeman is a member. The numbers presented were: Four Sonatas, by Scarlatti; Rondo in G Major, by Beethoven; Variations on a theme of Paganini, by Brahms; Two Mazurkas by Chopin; Scherzo in C sharp minor, by Chopin; La Cathedrale engloutie, by Debussy; Les Jardins sous la pluie, by Debussy; Toccato, by Ravel; Dance of Shepherdess, by Halffter; Polichinelle, by Villa-Lobos; Ritual Dance of Fire, by de Falla.

### Paul Gray Artists Paint Up Dorm

The reappearance of bloom and bud around our campus has awakened several urges in us all — among them the artist impulse in the boys of Paul Gray Hall. At their own desire, they have procured paint, brushes, and rags, and have brought the rainbow inside — on the walls of their rooms. Jerry Cook and Dick Bishop smeared (evenly) what they call dusty rose on theirs; Jim Potts and Joe Hope voted yellow; Don Daugherty is still planning to paint polka dots; Buddy Lucas and Mack Langford chose an appropriate green.

## Alumni Meetings

In the last few weeks, Freed-Hardeman alumni groups have assembled in four places to enjoy a meal, reunion with old friends and acquaintances with new ones, and programs of music and speeches.

On March 18, a group of faculty members — Brother Endsley, Brother Witt, Miss Galloway, together with Basil Overton '49 and our boys' quartet, went to Union City, Tenn., there to have a banquet with the North-Tennessee and West-Kentucky alumni. John H. Brinn was toastmaster; the quartet sang, and there were speeches from Bro. Witt, Bro. Endsley, Basil Overton and Bro. Charles Houser. New officers chosen were: G. E. Woods, president; J. E. Williams, vice-president; Robert Usrey, secretary.

On the same, Brother Hall, Brother Hamilton, Brother Moody, Miss Caldwell and Mrs. Powers went to Mars Hill Bible School at Florence, Alabama, to get together with the Alabama and the Middle-Tennessee alumni. A lovely meal, prepared by the ladies immediately interested in the Mars Hill School, was served in the School Cafeteria, the former barn of Brother T. B. Larimore, "in the very place", said Brother Virgil Larimore that night, "where I fed my father's mules forty years ago".

Bro. Maurice Howell was master of ceremonies. He called for speeches from the faculty men present and Mrs. Powers. The Mars Hill chorus rendered several splendid numbers, and Sister Lewis, of the Mars Hill Music Department, played a piano solo. Charles Burns '50 made an excellent talk "from the student's viewpoint."

About a hundred and twenty friends and alumni enjoyed the evening, and near the close, Brother Jim Beck was chosen president of the group, Brother Harley Stone, vice-president, and Mrs. Ralph Webb (Dorothy Brigrance) secretary.

### Paragould Banquet

April 8 marked another link in the chain of alumni banquets held in Northeast Arkansas since May, 1937, (with two years' intermission during the war period). It was held in the cafeteria of Greene County High School and attended by an enthusiastic group of friends and alumni. Bro. Alton McNutt was master of ceremonies. He called on Bro. J. C. Green for a prayer, Brother C. L. Purdom for a welcome address, Mrs. Worth Powers for the response. Our boys' quartet, which had broadcast during the day from the Paragould radio station, rendered 4 numbers, to the great delight of the audience; Nancy Underwood played Rachmaninoff's "Humoresque" quite well; Ivan Jamison '50 delighted the group with the "Student's Point of View", and Bro. N. B. Hardeman made the main speech of the evening on purposes and prospects of Freed-Hardeman.

Alums Tom Watson and Paul Summitt nominated and later installed as new officers: J. E. Summitt, president; Cloyce Purdom, vice-president; Kathryn Hatman, secretary; Truman House, treasurer; and then Harry Pickup, Jr., gave the invocation.

### Abilene Alums

During the first week in April, Brother Jim Cope went to Abilene, Texas, to hold a meeting for the College congregation. One night the large group of loyal F. H. C. alums there gave a party for him. Ernestine Hooker '47 was thoughtful enough to send an account to the Sky Rocket. She reported a gay time, with a feast of pie, ice cream and cake. She sent a list of those who attended.

"Brother Cope made a talk on

the future of Florida Christian College," she wrote. The meeting concluded with the singing of "Loyal songs of tribute. We will sing to thee, Dearest Alma Mater, Cherished F. H. C."

Those who attended were: Orval Filbeck '36, Harry Payne '36, Kay Burrow Payne '36, Lowell Perry '42, Robert Stewart '45, Roy Willingham '43, Ralph Edmunson '47, Sue Cocke Edmunson '46, Glenn Annear '47.

Orlan Miller '48, Alvin Hamilton '48, Lois Hamilton '48, Morris Womack '47, Ada Harms Womack '47, Lewis Hale '48, Ruth Mallett Hale '48, Bill Gibson '48, Yvett Gibson '48, John Hamilton '48, Doyle Cannon '48.

Harry Matthews '48, Stanley Lockhart '48, Carolyn Randolph Lockhart '47, Bill Lemons '48, Herbert Swinney '48, Florence Swinney '48, Melvin Anderson '48, Iva Rinehart Anderson '48, Idus England '47, Winifred England '47, Robert Bond '46, Ernestine Hooker '47.

Jim Oldham '47, Howard Mitchell '48, Russell Bankes '47, Bill Cannon '47, Walter Billingsley '48, Betty Record '46, Tommy Shaver '46, Jere Via '48, Ray Chester '48, Norman Whitehorn '48, Joy Boutwell '47, Vernon McQuistian '47, Cecil P. Stewart '48, Eugene Winter '47, C. B. Henry '48, Lindell Smith '48, and Carroll Smith '47.

### IT'S PICNIC SEASON AND OFF WE GO!

Spring is sprung, the grass is riz; I wonder where the people is — gone on a picnic. Yes, spring is in the air and the picnic fever has taken a firm hold on everyone.

To start the activities, the Sigma Rhos, realizing that things were getting sorta slack, decided on the spur of the moment to liven up the atmosphere by having a picnic. After much hurrying around notifying the members and gathering up food, everyone was ready to go about 5 o'clock that afternoon.

Taking along Bro. Witt, his family and their dog "Midnight" as chaperons, all the members hiked out to Hardeman's Grove. A big bonfire was made and everyone was soon engaged in roasting wieners and filling up on all the other good things to eat. As soon as everyone was full and content, all gathered around the fire and sang songs and told jokes. The evening was swiftly passing away, and soon the trip back to school was started. It was the end of a perfect day.

It wasn't long until the Phi Kappas got the feeling, and on the afternoon of April 4, they, too, started to Hardeman's Grove. They encountered a little difficulty there, but Bro. Frost soon had everyone on the road back to school. Everything turned out all right and they finished up a delightful time on the football field.

On Saturday afternoon, April 9, at approximately 4:15 o'clock a large group of happy boys and girls assembled between the Ad building and Cafeteria eagerly awaiting the words, "Let's Go." What and Who were those excited creatures? They were the Cafeteria workers, off to the College Farm for a "first-rate" picnic.

At last Miss Mary said, "Go" and "go" we did, off through Crook Avenue for two blocks and to the left unto a gravel road until at last we saw the farm. Up across the drive into one pasture past the barn and into the far corner of another pasture among a clump of trees and we were there!

Some were ready to eat by the time we arrived, but others chose to work up an appetite by such things as climbing trees, turning flips and finally playing a big game of softball.

The thought of food didn't allow this to last very long though, and when someone at last suggested eating, everyone agreed. There was an abundance of wieners, slaw, potato chips, deviled eggs, pickles and coca colas for everyone and if anybody left hungry it was only because he was too bashful to go back for seconds.

After stuffing ourselves to satisfaction, off we went into another softball game, in which everyone joined. When it grew too dark to see the ball, we decided to play "Farmer in the Dell" and last of all "Too Late for Supper." The games ended and Miss Mary came up the hill to tell us it was time to go. Upon leaving everyone shouted his approval and burst into the song "For She's A Jolly Good Lady," while two boys lifted our supervisor up and bore her back to the car between them.

And so as the day ended they returned to the dorm tired and happy, able to write this down as one of their best times at F. H. C.

## SEEN and HEARD

Special from telephone and television —

Wayne must've been supportin' Ben Franklin, or was it Henderson Variety? G'win blew Belue's bloomin' blues bluey.

Spring has sprung  
The grass has riz,  
I wonder who  
Everett's dream girl is!

The Easter bunny brought visitors to our campus and Jean Headley to Bob Oliver. Julia and Carolyn also seem to have a visitor from "clothes" by.

Dody's cute,  
Dody's sweet.  
Why? No wonder —  
She's got Threeth!

Orchids to Jean Newberry, Nell Meeks, Mignon and Mary Archie, and we do mean ORCHIDS!

Somebody ask Pat and Bob what Jackson girls have that we don't have.

Paggie wants to know where Jean gets all her chewing gum. Seems lately Paggie's been "stuck up".

Found together — two Yankees in the South — Cam and Fran.

What is it that lures Priestly Scott to the F. H. C. Parrish?

Wonder who that was Rosemary Taylor was out with Sunday, Monday and — ? We can't find out — we mean really!

Marilyn, have you made up your mind? ? ? ?

David Davidson has a 'Countess' now.

George and Audrey meeting at the Inn on Sunday night — date or no?

Wheah did the Easter bunny take Mack and his "dahling"?

"Come June it's bound to come true," right, Jo Bullington?

Was it the new church that Dot Giddens and Max Taylor enjoyed or was it jus' bein' together?

Doyle is trying to keep up with his cousin only he doesn't stop with one — and both blondes at that!

Was Miss Galloway trying to kid us when she said in the cafeteria that she was available?

Alas! the signal's getting weak, so are we — get the sniffygnance?

BRILLIANT ADDITIONS  
TO FHC FACULTY

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'35) and their young daughter will move to Henderson next month and he will take up his work, with a large portion of his time devoted to our Alumni Association.

## Gardner, Mercer

Brother Claude Gardner came to F. H. C. from Marmaduke, Arkansas, in 1942. He made an outstanding student, won a lovely wife (Delores Tatum '45) and then went on to Abilene for his Bachelor's degree then to Southwest Texas State Teachers' College. We welcome him back to Freed-Hardeman, where he will teach in the Education and Psychology Department, along with Brother Rivenbark.

Miss Maxine Mercer is a "Yankee" from Volant, Pennsylvania, who spent two lively years with us '43-'44, '44-'45, then graduated from Harding College, then went to Nashville, Tenn., where she has been teaching at David Lipscomb College and working toward her B. S. in L. S. degree at Peabody College. Her gay spirits and pleasant disposition will be as welcome as the efficient work she will do in the library.

## Miss Downey in Home Ec

Miss Magdalene Downey is a newcomer — or was until her visit on March 17, when she immediately made a group of friends. She is a middle Tennessean, from Hohenwald, a graduate of the University of Tennessee, and in the next few weeks will receive her Master's degree from Peabody College. She is a charming personality and will receive a cordial welcome to our faculty as head of the Home Economics department.

## QUARTET OF NUPTIALS

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berta Willbanks ('46) Miss Beatrice Nelson, sister of Charles Nelson ('49) and cousin of the bride; Miss Marie Hart, Knoxville; and Mrs. B. M. King, Knoxville. Their dresses were of melon faille taffeta and identical to the maid of honor's. All the attendants carried colonial bouquets of Picardy gladioli centered with pink roses.

Mr. George Harris of Oak Ridge served as his brother's best man, and ushers were Mr. Lytton and Glenn Harris of Corbin, brothers of the groom; Mr. Eugene Mauney of Corbin, nephew of the groom, and Mr. Charles Brock, brother of the bride.

After the ceremony, a reception was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Willbanks, Maryville, parents of Miss Roberta Willbanks ('46) and Miss Eleanor Willbanks ('48). Assisting in the serving were Misses Barbara Jean Bush, Glenda Giles, Betty Giles, and Eleanor Willbanks.

After a southern wedding trip the couple now reside at 105 Elliott Circle, Oak Ridge.

## Glenn Sheumaker Weds

Glenn R. Sheumaker, class of '41, was a welcome visitor at our last January Special Courses. With him then was Miss Delilah Gladden, of Leesburg, Ala., and they then revealed the secret which culminated in a beautiful marriage ceremony on March 11. Glenn even sent us his picture and that of the bride, as well as a newspaper picture of Mrs. Sheumaker in her lovely bridal attire.

The wedding took place at the Central Church of Christ at Gadsden, Ala. with Bro. J. B. Rasbury officiating. White gladioli, white candles, white satin bows and a wealth of greenery supplied the decorations. A matron of honor in white net and lavender flowers and four maids, two in green taffeta and two in yellow taffeta, and a flower girl in white taffeta, attended the bride. Among the masculine attendants were Van-

derbilt Black '42, W. A. Black '27 and Leon Sheumaker '42.

The bride wore white satin with full train and finger-tip veil attached to a pearl and rhinestone coronet. She carried a lacy white fan adorned with white hyacinths, a white orchid and a shower of satin ribbons.

The young Sheumakers are now living in Hollywood, Florida, where Glenn is minister of the church.

## Stainback-Anderson

The Chester County Independent published the following wedding story early in April:

Miss Katherine Stainback of Holly Springs, Miss., became the bride of Neal Anderson of Henderson on Friday afternoon, March 25 at 5:00 o'clock in the First Methodist Parsonage at Hernando, Miss.

The bride is the daughter of the late Mr. W. E. Stainback and Mrs. Stainback of Holly Springs. The groom is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Anderson of Henderson.

Mrs. Anderson wore a navy suit with white accessories and carried a bouquet of gardenias.

The bride is a graduate of Columbia Institute, Columbia, Tenn. She served for a number of years with the blood donor service of the American Red Cross during World War II.

Mr. Anderson is a graduate of Chester County High School and Freed-Hardeman College and served with the Air Force during the war.

## Billingsley - Hope

Announcements recently appearing in the campus bear the inscription: "Mr. and Mrs. Thajo Billingsley, Sr. announces the marriage of their daughter Margaret Jane to Mr. Joe White Hope on Friday the first of April, nineteen hundred and forty-nine, Memphis, Tenn." In translation, that means that Peggy Billingsley and Joe Hope married on April Fool's Day. Both were in Freed-Hardeman from September '47 till early this quarter, and a number of visitors from the College attended. Our boys' quartet furnished the wedding music and Bro. Cope performed the ceremony. Peggy wore an eggshell suit with brown accessories, and a purple orchid at her shoulder.

Both bride and groom have well-known alumni fathers, Brother T. Billingsley '46 and now a member of our Board of Trustees, and Bro. B. G. Hope '28, widely known preacher, now at Anniston, Alabama.

SIX CELEBRITY NUMBERS  
ON MENU FOR '49 - 50

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shows in New York. She presents an evening of great ladies from great plays, each one telling a complete story. Her three distinctive, full-evening programs are "Dramatic Portraits", including "The Rivals", "The Maid of Orleans", "Salome", "Stephis' Story" and "Lady Isabel of East Lynne"; "Shakespeare's Heroines", including Portia, Lady Macbeth, Rosalind, Juliet, Cleopatra, and Puck; "Careers" a complete modern play. She will present one of these "evenings" at Freed-Hardeman in early December.

A matchless opportunity for those who love music and the impossible is the evening of entertainment presented by the marvelous Dr. Harlan Tarbell. He is called a "world-famous mystery scientist". Lowell Thomas said of him, "I have seen strange mysteries around the world but for real mystery I could sit at Dr. Tarbell's feet all night." His supreme feat is called "Eyeless Vision", but he is also master of the Hindu "rope miracles" and other "impossibilities". Freed-Hardeman is proud to schedule Dr. Tarbell for the latter part of February,

1950.

In addition to these three "big-time" entertainments (furnished us by the same bureau that provided Ruth Bryan Rohde last February) are the three or more concerts made available to our students by F. H. C.'s block purchase of membership in the Jackson Civic Music Association Concerts.

ALUM PERKINS HEADS  
ROCKY MT. SCHOOL

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We salute Rocky Mountain Christian School at the beginning of its career, as well as Brother Perkins and his faithful colleagues, who are working not for money or personal glory, but to train young folks to be more useful in the Kingdom. In the school year of 1949-50 they propose to have five full-time teachers, with each salary approximately \$150.00 per month. Freed-Hardeman has been built just that way, by Christians willing to work and to sacrifice.

State Group Honors  
Our Bro. Roland

A the recent meeting of the Tennessee College Association held at the Andrew Jackson Hotel on April 8th, Dean C. P. Roland was elected Vice President of the T. C. A. for the ensuing year — the first such honor ever to be bestowed upon a member of Freed-Hardeman's faculty.

The Association, composed of all Junior and Senior Colleges of Tennessee, with a membership of about forty colleges, was first organized in 1920. Freed-Hardeman was accepted into membership in 1925. This was the first step the college had ever taken in changing its policy of remaining independent of standardizing organizations. Upon the basis of its membership, F. H. C. was approved as a teacher training institution and its graduates have been accepted since then by all leading Senior colleges and Universities in the United States.

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