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Commencement Exercises Begin May 24

Sky Rocket Essay Contest Winners Are Announced

Neale Pryor and Frances Brummitt are the winners of the first and second places, respectively, in the recent essay contest sponsored by the Sky Rocket staff.

The theme for the contest was "The Christian and Other Races".

Prizes of \$5.00 and \$2.50 were awarded. The contest was judged by a Sky Rocket staff committee.

Pryor's prize-winning essay appears below:

In considering the attitude that a Christian should have toward races other than his own, it would be well to take as an example the white Christian and the Negro. This issue has caused no little disturbance in the brotherhood and it should merit our very closest attention.

Remember that all men came from Adam; no one race can boast a more noble ancestry than any other. Every man has a soul, and no particular race has a more precious soul than any other. Even in the Bible we can learn that God is no respecter of persons. The United States of America was founded and dedicated to the proposition that all men are created equal. The Civil War was fought in order to obtain for the Negro an equal station with the white man. In summary we see that in the Bible all men are equal, and in this nation all are considered on equality.

Now that we have noticed the ideal aspect of the issue, let us turn to the realistic view of the matter. All people will not be convinced that the Negro is equal with the white man. Regardless of the teaching on the matter, some will still have prejudice against the colored man. Scientists are able to distinguish between the blood of a horse and the blood of a man, but they have not, cannot, and will not find any

difference between the blood of the Negro and that of the white man. It has been proven time and again that the intellect of an educated Negro is on par with the intellect of an educated white. Suppose you had been born with dark skin. Would you not resent this inexcusable barrier of prejudice between you and the rest of the world? If a Christian is to live by the golden rule, he must of necessity treat his colored brother as his equal.

Since there is so much prejudice against our colored friends, it would be advisable for the whites and the Negroes to remain segregated. However, the colored people should have opportunities equal with the whites. We as Christians should treat our colored friends with due respect and realize that they are truly equals. So let us all, whether black or white, join hands in brotherly love and work in a united effort to save the souls of men regardless of whether their skins be red, white, yellow, or black.

ALPHA GAMMA DELTA PRESENTS TALENT SHOW

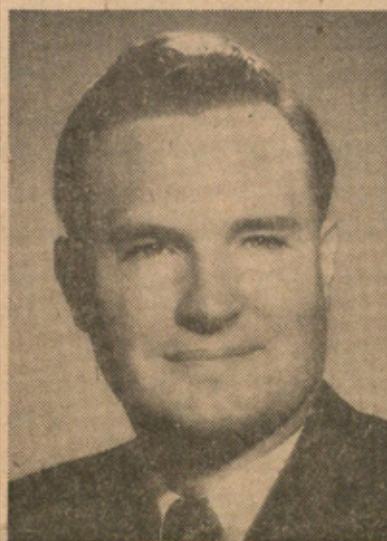
By Berdyne Henry

On Friday evening, May 8, the Alpha Gamma Delta displayed an entertaining program consisting of talent displayed by the various members of the organization.

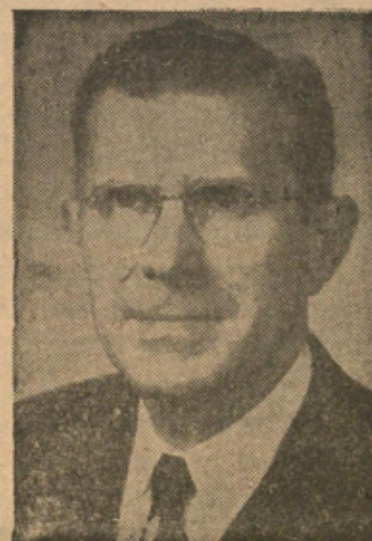
John Hollingsworth served as Master of Ceremonies for "talent show", which consisted of vocal and instrumental numbers, readings, faculty impersonations, art, baton twirling, and other features.

William Woodson related a hair raising tale the conclusion of which frightened a multitude of the spellbound audience.

To the delight of all, "Tennessee Bill" Ringold entertained the



Alonzo Welch



B. G. Hope

SEVENTY-THREE STUDENTS WILL RECEIVE DIPLOMAS

B. G. Hope of Bowling Green, Kentucky, will be the speaker for the 1953 Freed-Hardeman baccalaureate sermon which will be delivered on Sunday night, May 24, at 8:00 p.m. at the church building.

Alonzo Welch, minister of the Union Avenue Church of Christ, Memphis, Tennessee, will be the speaker for the graduation exercises which will be held at the church building on Wednesday morning, May 27, at 10:00 a.m.

This year there are 73 graduating seniors who come from 17 states. These seniors will be honored with a Faculty-Senior Reception at President H. A. Dixon's home on May 22.

On Tuesday night, May 26, the Freed-Hardeman College Alumni Association will hold another of its semi-annual meetings in the college cafeteria. A barbecue dinner will be served at 7:00 p.m. After the meal, Gordon H. Tur-

students "Grand-ole-Opry" style with a number of folk songs.

Brother Gardner, sponsor of the Alpha Gamma Delta, did an excellent job in directing the show.

ner, Roving Reporter and Goodwill Ambassador of the Nashville Tennessean will speak. The graduating class who will attend as guests of the college will also have a part in the program. After the program new officers will be elected for the coming year.

The commencement exercises of the college will really begin with a music recital in which Miss Bettye White and Kelly B. Doyle will present a number of their music students. The recital will be given on May 21 at 8:00 p.m., in the college auditorium.

Prejudice is being down on something which you are not up on.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

By Bobby Joe Sims

Pearl Harbor! Korea! — The youth of our generation have had their plans and cherished hopes torn asunder with the rumbling of war years. In a short while some will be leaving Freed-Hardeman never to return as students. The world situation is truly a dark cloud hovering over the distant horizon. What are your plans for the future? Whatever they be God must not be left out. Jehova alone holds the demanding answer for peaceful, restful souls.

Ours is a great heritage. The minds of the world are developed as never before to grasp truths our forefathers were not able to visualize in their wildest, speculative, dreams. With all our atomic power and mechanized accomplishments there is a vacuum — a vacuum responsible for wars, thousands of broken homes, with a rising divorce rate, filled penal institutions. The vacuum we have reference to is faith in the living God and complete submission to his will.

In order to face the situation, so dramatically played before us by our daily newspapers, we must include God in every plan. His Son, Christ, must be so closely woven into our personality that it can be said of us what Paul said of the Philippian brethren; "That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world." Phil. 2:15.

Truly, as never before, "Time is filled with swift transition — naught of earth unmoved can stand—Build your hopes on things eternal, Hold to God's unchanging hand." Let us all do as David, when encompassed with enemies, he said: "I looked on my right hand, and beheld, but there was no man that would know me: refuge failed me; no man cared for my soul. I cried unto thee, O, Lord; I said Thou art my refuge. . . ." The walk with God leads through the cares and storms of this life unerringly to the "house not made with hands."

DEAR FREED-HARDEMAN

I came here two years ago with apprehension in my mind and but a few dollars in my billfold, and to my delight you found a place for me. A lot of things have happened to me since I came to you then . . .

You may be wondering why I'm writing to you about it. Well as I rested in your dormitory one Sunday afternoon, looking at the green trees in the bright sunshine, the notion came to me that I would soon be leaving you in a short time, and perhaps it might help you to know how I feel about

the time I have spent within your portals.

I have sat daily at the feet of your Bible instructors and heard God's Word taught with love and sincerity. I have attended your chapel exercises every school day and have received inspiration from the unexcelled singing and the speeches.

And, of course, I have been given some things to file under "unforgettable memories" — namely, society chapel programs.

It is your students, your faculty, your board of directors, your



Miss Clarice Cummins



Mrs. Harry P. Campbell

NEW TEACHERS ARE ADDED TO F-H COLLEGE FACULTY

With the opening of the fall quarter on September 15th three new teachers will be on hand.

Brother Earl West of Indianapolis, Indiana, will head the Religious Education Department. Brother West attended Abilene and George Pepperdine Colleges, receiving the A.B. degree from the latter. While preaching in Indianapolis over the past ten years, he has obtained the M.A., B.D., and Th.M. degrees from Butler University. He has prepared himself with Christian education as his aim, and should add much to the strength of our Bible training program.

Miss Clarice Cummins of Cookeville, Tennessee, will be in charge of piano instruction, and will also teach various classes in our Music Department. Miss Cummins holds a B.S. degree from Tennessee Polytechnic Institute, and an M.A. from Peabody College. In obtaining these degrees, she majored in music. She has taught piano, chorus and public school music in Hornbeak (Tennessee) High School, as well as piano and music education in Morris-Harvey College at Charleston, West Virginia, from which position she comes to us. We are expecting our Music Department to grow with her assistance.

Mrs. Harry P. Campbell of Jackson, Tennessee, comes to help us in English and modern languages. Her English field will include English and American literature, Shakespeare, Milton, etc. She will offer courses in French and Spanish, being well qualified academically in all of these fields. Sister Campbell holds the B.S. and M. A. degrees from Peabody College.

She has taught in the Manchester (Tennessee) High School for two years; two years in the Decherd-Winchester (Tennessee) school system; one year in Ward-Belmont College (Nashville); and one year at Greenville (Mississippi) High School.

In these three we have added some well qualified instructors. We know that they will help us to carry on the good work at Freed-Hardeman College and will add to the fine Christian environment of our campus, as each is first and foremost and excellent follower of our Lord.

Our sincere good wishes will go with Brother Randolph and Miss Bettye White. We hope that Brother Randolph may return to us as planned when he completes the work he has in mind. Since Miss White has no plan to return, we will pray that our Lord will smile upon her graciously.

time-honored traditions, that make you what you are.

It will be hard leaving. We seniors will congregate for a baccalaureate sermon, then for a graduation exercise, and it will be all over. We'll sign our names on each other's hearts, then depart, perhaps never to meet again. But

time cannot erase the many wonderful memories of the time we have spent together with you.

To these buildings, these traditions, these people—to Freed-Hardeman—I write this meager expression of appreciation. God bless you.

Jackie Harvey.



CHATTER BOX

Dear Reader: So you thought that the last time was the last, well are you ever more fooled. Cause it wasn't the last time but don't you wish it was, because you well know that your name might even be in it this time just on account of the fact that you were missed the other times. Any way, now to get on with just what you are waiting for—the gossip!!

Our last edition predicted Woodson and Creasey a lasting couple, but we didn't really compel him to give her a diamond. No kidding, kids, we wish you the best of everything because we think you are two of the most wonderful people on the campus.

Does everyone know that Waylon Lawrence and Velma Fox are going steady? Why wait so late to get started, Waylon? It may be strange but true, but Robert Williams and Annete Parrish are just now starting off on the "steady road". Miracles will happen, even at Freed-Hardeman. Bobby Joe Sims made one trip up here that really amounted to something, because you see now Margaret Ann is wearing one of those sparklers, also.

Wonder why Ann Lucy, Jeanne Creasey and Myrt Darnall were singing "I'll Walk Alone" so boastfully like tonight? Could it be that the D.C. had a hand in this. Well, all things work out for the best and you'll soon be strolling hand in hand again.

Our wonder boy from Texas has finally lassoed one of the Mississippi lassies. Of course this couple is none other than Joe Johnston and Zane Lawson.

May you have a wonderful summer, and we'll be looking forward to nabbing you again next year for this column. Although I won't be back, it will be just about as good because you can rest assured that the gossip column will be just as good. It is not the author that counts. It's the characters in it.

MR. SUNSHINE

Hey, Mr. Sunshine, have you run away?

We would love to have you visit us today.

Old Mr. Graycloud, crying all the while,

Makes us very anxious for your sunny smile.

Come, Mr. Southwind, blow the cloud away,

Then Mr. Sunshine will visit us today.



RENE THORNTON IS BUSINESS MANAGER OF TREASURE CHEST

Rene Thornton, from Montgomery, Alabama, has been selected as business manager for the Treasure Chest next year.

She is well qualified for this position because she has worked for the state of Alabama, a law firm, for the Veteran's Administration and for the Department of Air Force.

Rene graduated from Walker County High School in Alabama in 1947. She is a member of the Sigma Rho and Homemakers.

NEW BOARD MEMBERS

R. O. Downey of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, has been named a member of the Board of Directors of Freed-Hardeman College, succeeding John W. Anderson who resigned because of ill health. Brother Downey had served for several years on the Board.

R. G. Hibbett of Florence, Alabama, has been selected to fill the place left vacant by the death of E. G. Prosser more than a year ago.

Both of these men are great boosters of FHC.

A plain bar of iron is worth about \$5.00. This same bar of iron when made into horse shoes is worth \$10.50. If made into needles, it is worth \$3,285, and if turned into balance springs for watches, it becomes worth \$250,000.00. The same is true of another kind of material—man. Your value is determined by what you make of yourself. So says James Hughes, educator, of Evanston, Illinois.

JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET AT NEW SOUTHERN HOTEL WAS VERY GALA AFFAIR

WRITERS WANTED FOR NEXT YEAR'S SKYROCKET STAFF

If you have had previous experience in journalism or if you think that you would be interested in working on the Sky Rocket next year please write to us so that we can begin to make plans for next year.

There will be vacancies in every department, plus many openings in the reporting staff due to the graduation of a number of the present staff. Among these vacancies will be positions as News Editor, Feature Editor, Sports Editor and business manager. If you would like to work on the paper next year we would like to know as soon as possible. These are much sought after positions and they will go to the best qualified. Freshmen and Seniors are eligible.

Write now to Paul Kidwell, Box 205, Sweetwater, Tenn. Please state past experience and any qualifications. Also give the field in which you would be especially interested.

A nickel goes a long ways today. You can carry it around for weeks and weeks before you can find something you can buy with it.

Gasoline cost the equivalent of 70 to 80 cents a gallon in Europe.

The gala festivity of the annual Junior-Senior banquet was most successful. The gold room of the lovely New Southern Hotel of Jackson, provided a romantic and beautiful atmosphere for the occasion.

Lovely arrangements of fruits and candelabra made the centerpiece of the tables. Food and fun were abundant.

The theme of the banquet was "Aloha Oe."

A student arrangement Arthur Godfrey and his Talent Sprouts furnished the entertainment after a speech by the presidents of the Junior and Senior classes, Don Osborne and William Wilder, respectively.

Jerrell Dean Hill strummed a ukulele; Betsy Gately and Doug James sang 'Abba Dabba Honeymoon'; Sylvia Dunn and Leo Powers sang a Hawaiian number; Max Patterson, a solo, "Once In a While." Billy Ray Davidson and James Garlrott sang a duet, "Don't Get Around Much Any More". Everyone joined in "Aloha Oe" after the dinner. After the banquet, there was a period for various entertainments before going back to the dorms.

Passenger cars actually are working tools for two-thirds of the households in this country. Some 200,000 service stations exist to keep them running.

Read the Sky Rocket.

SIDELINE SLANTS

By Paul Kidwell

It seems that the weather is definitely patterned for such sports as checkers, tiddlewinks, etc. (Editor's note . . . the spelling of tiddlewinks was furnished by Miss Hawkins) At any rate it has been too wet to throw a horsehide or bat that fuzzy little sphere.

However the Lion netmen did find a day of sunshine and turned it into a real day of joy by defeating the Lambuth Eagles. As it finally ended up we see that Downey came out in the number one spot followed by Bowers in number two. To these two boys goes the credit for the win over Lambuth. Both of them won their single matches and then teamed up to win their doubles match.

The girls also turned in a commendable performance with a win and a loss. Oconee Henry won her match to give F.H. our only victory in that department.

On the softball scene we see . . . the Alpha Taus are still on top but that league has been at a virtual standstill due to wet ground. If the rain continues it seems that the Alpha Taus will be crowned on the basis of games

played thus far.

The baseball team has also been idle and that's putting it mildly, due to wet grounds. I guess you will just have to pack up the team, equipment, manager, coach and sports writer and head for a Florida spring training camp.

Perhaps more of us should take up fishing if we could have the success which McCullough had the other day. He came in with two bass weighing four and two and one-half pounds respectively.

After all though we have had a good year of sports here, at FHC and our athletic teams have been successful when we realize that emphasis is placed on sports at Freed-Hardeman only as a means of recreation and not on a profit basis.

Next year we want to have an even brighter sports picture and with the end of this year drawing near we look back to memories and ahead to dreams. As students you can do much to determine the success of the teams. Participate in every sport in which you have ability and if you don't participate then back the ones who are out there representing your school.

meet the Eagle duo and soundly drub them 6-4, 6-3. So the Lions had a day of victory and proved themselves to be very formidable opponents.

In the girls division the lassies of FHC were also proving themselves by winning one and dropping one while the doubles match was called because of rain. Oconee Henry defeated her opponent while Betty Smotherman was dropping her match to the tune of 6-4, 4-6, 6-4.

The doubles match was called because of rain with the F.H. lassies out front by scores of 6-2, 5-2 so we feel reasonably sure that had the match continued we would have had even more decisive a victory.

Things you never regret: Showing kindness to an aged person. Destroying the letter written in anger. Offering the apology that saves a friendship. Stopping a scandal that is ruining a reputation. Taking time to show consideration to your parents. Remembering God in all things.

When you take responsibility on your shoulders, there's not much room left for chips.



SPECIAL AWARD WINNERS NAMED

Individual Awards

With the end of another school year drawing near we feel that we should take this opportunity to honor those who have proven themselves to be the best in indoors sports. Each of the contestants have been chosen for their stamina, love for the sport, and their record with the disciplinary committee.

First of all is the champ of the water battles. This includes all methods of throwing, spraying or any way of wetting the opponent. We feel that the champ in this field is Bob Young. He challenges all comers.

Then comes the division of room stacking. This honor will have to be awarded to two boys as they work inseparably as a team. Hartsell and Smotherman won this by a landslide.

In the pillow fighting division it seems that each floor of the dorm boasts a victor but after careful consideration we have chosen Elmer Lusk.

The wrestling crown is still undecided but it seems that Raymond Harville is the logical contender for that crown.

The award for the loudest mouth in the boys dorm is one that could have no doubt connected with it. Leo "Loudmouth" Powers wins this in a walk.

The award for being able to slip up and down the stairs quietly was an easy victory . . . much to the dismay of those hapless

boys caught in the halls. Mrs. Griffey wins this title.

The final award is the award for the champion singer of the dormitory. Of course this award was based on the quantity and not the quality of the singing. Billy Davidson was the winner in this division due to those "after lights" performances.

Please note . . . this information comes from unreliable sources and may be entirely false . . . therefore anything mentioned in the above story may not be used by the D. C. or any other such organization for the arrest or conviction of the above mentioned. Editor.

THESPIANS ELECT NEW OFFICERS

The Thespians recently elected the following officers to serve for next fall:

President, Don Osborne; vice-president, Jerrel Dean Hill; secretary, Nancy Patterson and treasurer, Doug James.

The club has enjoyed a very active year, having presented several interesting and entertaining plays.

From their profits they intend to buy new stage equipment.

A calendar is something to remember, even if it does go in one year and out the other.

The best year-round thermometer is a warm heart and a cool head.

Lion Netmen Defeat Lambuth

The Freed-Hardeman Lions defeated the Lambuth Eagles in a recent battle of the courts played here on the Lion campus. Downey and Bowers led the Lion attack in winning the number one and number two positions respectively.

Downey, the number one man in the Lion attack had little trouble in defeating the number one Eagle by a very decisive score of 6-1, 6-1 Downey was in full command all throughout the match and was never pressed at any time.

Bowers, number two for the Lions was also having a comparatively easy day in defeating his opponent by a score of 6-3, 6-4.

McCullough had it a bit tough as he dropped the playoff in his match by a heart-breaking score of 8-6. The first two sets had gone 6-4, 4-6.

Yates was unable to find the range as he dropped two straight sets by scores of 6-3, 6-4.

In the doubles division Downey and Bowers coupled together to